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Mike Hobbs, Principal of Kuranda Primary School ringing in the festive season.

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COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4872

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Joan Dods has helped the Kuranda community for many years in many ways. Thank you Joan for the sterling service you gave us on the Kuranda paper. Joan is now about to help Kuranda residents in another sphere of voluntary labour. Thanks again Joan.

Marjorie Spear

Dear Kuranda Paper

We would like to say: Thank you to the volunteer staff of this paper, past & present, for all your time & effort. With so many different facets in this small community, it is nice to feel that there is a thread that helps tie us all together. It is particularly reassuring for us to feel that we can communicate with our community. Because of you, we have this opportunity to also thank our local customers for their continued support and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Millennium!

Jill & Luke from NEW TO YOU

Dear Kuranda Paper

Recently we had the pleasure to visit Kuranda, as part of our tourist agenda. When we alighted from the skyway we decided to walk to the shopping centre, to see what Kuranda had to offer. We all looked around for a while and then got talking to other tourists who couldn't believe that this was it. Until we spoke to a local lad who told us about more craft and local stalls around the end of the main street. Even some of the shopkeepers we spoke to didn't provide any on going information to its existence. So my argument is: (1) If you took the bus from either the railway or skyway it dropped you where you had access to both. (2) But if you chose to walk which many did there were not enough large signs to tell you that there was still more local markets to see of the main street. These we found were of very good quality to suit even the most modest pocket. So could you please explain why such a quaint and historical little village can't work as a team to promote each other? We ended up directing Asian visitors also who like us had walked up. Since being in Calms for our holiday we found out that Tourism is one of their main money-spinners. But as far as I'm concerned Kuranda is the Jewel in the Crown, because of what it has to offer, with its Skyway, Historical Railway and Village. So come on Council as far as tourists are concerned you should be hands on bosses helping all to work together promoting each other. For show and tell benefits all, its what helps to give a place character and word of mouth is the greatest advertisement of all. We felt so strongly about this, that is why I decided to write. Concerned Tourist

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BARRON RIVER at lowest ebb. The lowering of the Barron River has exposed the old crossing,. Exposure of the river bed allowed the hydro power inlet to be checked and the sand which has accumulated to be assessed .

Photo J. Dods.

Show Time

Surprising how a spot of rain and cold weather can make Sydneysiders book a holiday in the sun. The recent Sydney Getaway Travel Show proved a huge event thanks mainly to the onset of cold weather. 21,000 people over 3 days packed the Darling Harbour Exhibition Centre, and I think I spoke to each one. On the 2nd day I was tempted to offer a prize for the visitor who hadn't been to Kuranda, so many had stopped to say how they loved our Village, most wanted to come back. Surprisingly Skyrail waGetaway s not as well known as I had imagined but that changed by the time the Melbourne Show opened. The previous week Skyrail had won the Australian Tourism Award and everyone in Melbourne had read or seen a media report on this great attraction. To Melbournians who sometimes have a problem with North Queensland's heat I sold the secret that Kuranda is always a few degrees cooler. What was very obvious at the two shows was the interest in conserving our heritage buildings; the rest of the world promotes their heritage we need to keep aware of this trend.

Recover & Disc. Her name is Sally and she comes to us from **over on us** Make sure you keep 2 January to recover from Christmas and New Year celebrations in Kuranda. The town will be open to locals to revisit their favourite attraction or perhaps one you never thought of visiting. See the advertisement in this paper for details.

A better entry The KVP has begun negotiations on how to up grade the entry to Kuranda from the Kennedy Highway. White ants have attacked the signs and the short-lived shrubs are beginning to look tatty. We need to make the very best of this first impression (not helped by lots of concrete). You should start to see a difference before Christmas. Anyone one with ideas on plantings please call Sue Marshall, co-ordinator KVPP



Sue Marshall promoting the Village

SES

Are you prepared for the next cyclone?

If not, now is the time to get prepared. You should check around your property now and clean it up. Clear your property of any potential missile, especially loose sheet iron, as these can kill. Make sure your house is sound, especially the roof. Ensure you have an emergency kit available consisting of tinned food, candles, matches, torch, radio, spare batteries, can opener, water containers, 1st aid kit and any necessary personal medication. Fill your gas bottle and get fuel for your generators. The emergency kit must have enough supplies in it to last you a MINIMUM of 1 week. If you have any pets from a budgie to a horse, don't forget to get food in for them. When you hear a cyclone warning, listen carefully and follow instructions. Secure doors, tape windows, store loose items inside, fill water containers, fuel car and place under cover and lock up your pets. After the cyclone has passed, please do not go sightseeing, as you will be hampering the emergency vehicles on the roads. Don't ignore warnings. You will be putting yourself in danger. Should you have to evacuate, you will need to take your emergency kit, so keep it in plastic bags. You should wear strong clothing and shoes to protect yourself from debris.

If you need medical attention, **please phone 000**. For assistance after the cyclone, ring the Disaster Co-ordination Centre **4092 4566**. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is for the people who know that heavy rain and cyclones to act now and have all their supplies on hand cut them off. It costs \$3,500 per hour to keep the Dept. Emergency Services chopper in the air. After any cyclone, they are kept very busy. If Cairns has the same amount of flooding as it did after cyclone Rona, the chopper will be busy servicing entire communities, so it may be very hard to access it for a few days after the event for a handful of residents in the Kuranda area. The members of the S.E.S would like to wish all the readers a happy Xmas and a peaceful and safe New Year. May the next century see peace and happiness throughout the world. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Kaye Moule, 4093 7188.

Recover & Discover 2000

Birdworld

Butterfly Sanctuary

River Cruise

Sunday

January 2nd 2000

The Aviary

Re-discover Kuranda

Free entry to these attractions for locals with Kuranda ID
Subject to availability

Re visit attractions – see some for the first time

Entertainment in the Park – for Kids & grown ups

Free kids party food

Hummer

Insect World



Mareeba Shire Council

WART-A-WHOLE

Report By Dr Lesley Clark State Member For Barron River

After much planning and tendering, two major construction projects are underway in the Barron Gorge National Park, creating local employment and world-class visitor facilities. The first is a track linking the Barron Falls lookout to the railway bridge at the station below. This \$600,000 boardwalk will provide a wonderful rainforest experience as it crosses gullies some 7-8 metres off the forest floor. The planning and construction work has been awarded to local companies, Site Plan and Kuranda Constructions, with a significant labour component being contributed by long-term unemployed under the government's Community Jobs Plan. Over the life of the project, 18 people will be provided with employment and training on this scheme. I spent a couple of hours with the guys working on the project when they were excavating the footings for the boardwalk in holes 5 metres deep. I was really impressed with the quality of their work and commitment to the job, and thanks for the cuppa at smoko, guys!

At the Speewah end of the Park, an access road and a trail head with amenities is being constructed on land adjacent to the National Park, to be donated by Ron and Pam Elgar. The Mareeba Shire Council, once again providing employment for locals, is carrying out this work, estimated to cost \$500,000, for the government. This work will open up access to the historic Smith and Douglas Tracks that linked the coast and tableland in the early gold rush days. The Green Corps and Community Jobs Plan workers have been continuing the restoration work on these tracks, which come out at the Rainforest Estate beside Stoney Creek at Kamerunga.

The National Park has unique ecological, geological, historical and Aboriginal cultural features that tell a fascinating story and interpretative materials are currently being prepared with funding from the State and Federal governments. Next year work will continue on upgrading other tracks and trails in the Park so that locals and visitors can experience this magnificent area on the doorstep of Cairns.

The government's commitment to job creation is also evidenced by the KMKM Aboriginal Corporation Community Jobs Plan project which has employed 10 people for 26 weeks building the rodeo grounds and youth campsite at Mona Mona, which will host sporting and cultural events. Watch out for action in the first rodeo just before Christmas! I visited the site with Employment Minister Paul Braddy last week when participants were presented with certificates in recognition of the TAFE training modules that they had completed. We were both really impressed with what we saw and I congratulate all those involved. Projects like these make all the difference to Indigenous people who have an unemployment rate approximately three times the unemployment rate in Queensland. There are significant subsidies from both the State and Federal governments for employers who have trainees or apprentices. Contact Val Schier at the Department of Employment, Training and Industrial Relations Cairns office on phone number 4048 1458 for details. My first full year back as the Member for Barron River has been both challenging and rewarding. There have been many positive and exciting events in Kuranda, attesting to the strong sense of community spirit. There are still battles to be won, like the cemetery but with good faith on all sides, issues like this can be solved. I have really enjoyed working again with the Kuranda community, renewing old friendships and making new ones. The range of issues is always diverse, as are the views that people hold, but that is part of what makes Kuranda unique! Thank you for your support and best wishes for a safe and happy festive season.



Inspection of Barron Gorge Link Track construction due for completion April 2000 with Lesley Clark MLA.



HYDROPONIC GARDENING by Jan Coulter

Well my version of aquaculture is working. My Water chestnuts are thriving and I have no mosquitoes. The guppies I put in with them are keeping the water crystal clear. I have some other plants which like water too; Basella has leaves and tender tips that are exceedingly rich in vitamins A and C and may be eaten raw as a salad green or steamed. Kang Kong is an aquatic plant, with hollow stems, and usually spear shaped leaves. It is related to the sweet potato but has no tubers. It's leaves provide one of the principle greens of people living along the Sepik River in Papua New Guinea. When it rains heavily I leave the taps on the containers open so that the rain flushes them. I top up the nutrient when the rain stops and save the diluted nutrient to use on my fruit trees. For information Phone 4093 0394.

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THE BARRON - back to normal

The point when the weir had been completely drained on 25TH October was probably as close to 'normal' as you are ever likely to see it again. It looked pretty much like the old photographs of the early 1900s before the weir and Tinaroo dam were built. Much has changed since then and most of us accept that 'normal' is the way things are now; that is, a regulated flow of water released from the dam and drawn from the weir at our will - except in extreme times of drought and flood.

In these terms, the draining of the weir to inspect the intake pipes for the Barron Gorge hydro-electric power station, went as planned. The event was well coordinated by Stanwell's Kim Forde and there was wide community participation through the Kuranda High School, the Green Corps, KURANDA **EnviroCare** and the Barron River Integrated Catchment Management Association. The Dept Natural Resources and the Environment Protection Agency kept a watchful eye. We were all well rewarded with a barbecue lunch prepared by the Kuranda Lions.

There were no visible natural casualties or stranded fish. Those of us who tried to walk along the river bed discovered some deep mud patches - suddenly!

Sequel to ABC-TV's Quantum show on cassowaries

The Quantum documentary on cassowaries has drawn both praise and condemnation. There were some great shots of local cassowaries and of Jax being torn to shreds on the lawyer vine, but the shots of direct hand-feeding produced a negative response. The segment certainly succeeded in publicising the debate on whether to (and how to) feed or not.

From a conservation point of view, the hand-feeding sequence was unfortunate and not part of the plan. It only takes one hand-feeding event for cassowaries to learn that people are a source of food. People live in houses with dogs; they also come in cars and buses on roads. It is easy to see how we can be responsible for enticing the birds into dangerous situations. Quite apart from the danger of injury, there is also the danger of killing the bird by feeding it the wrong type of food, not to mention the possibility of spreading the forest with seeds that have the potential to become monumental weeds.

Making food available via feeding stations is a different matter. In this case, the correct food is selected and placed where the birds will find it without associating it with people. The food is only made available at times when their natural forest food is scarce. Dependency is thus avoided.

Bat counting

Olivia Whybird had trouble finding people to count bats this time round. Just five counters recorded a few hundred bats leaving the Kuranda village colony - a drastic drop by thousands.

It may be that the colony is moving to new premises. Are you aware of increased flying fox activity near your place? It may also mean that they are dying off as we reduce their habitat or that they are becoming poisoned by the spray on the orchard fruit they invade.

A shed to surpass all sheds

We are the proud owners of a 6m x 3m shed donated to us by Natural Resource Assessments Pty Ltd. The shed, valued at \$500, now houses the field equipment and trailers used by the Green Corps and ourselves. Many thanks to NRA. (This donation qualifies as a tax deduction to the donor).

Have we got trailers?!

Thanks to some clever wheeling and dealing, some excellent mechanical and paint work by Bernard, some clever design by Kim Prentice, the generosity of Martin Hadley and funding from the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund, KURANDA **EnviroCare** now has two box trailers, one 1000 litre water tank trailer and one display trailer. Advertising/sponsor space is available on these trailers for environmentally astute businesses wishing to be seen in good company!

10,000 more trees

These trees will be delivered to our nursery progressively over the next few months before finding a permanent home in the *EnviroLink* Wildlife Corridor. Green Corps and the Saturday morning planters are the ones who will enjoy the good feeling that goes with tree planting. **8am-9am every Saturday.** Children encouraged. Picnic morning tea. To catch a lift, call 4093 7570 or 4093 8834.

ERGON is tree trimming

In the next few weeks, Ergon will be trimming vegetation back from power lines to improve safety and power supply reliability during stormy weather. Trimming will occur in Saddle Mountain area, Butler Drive, Black Mountain Road, Myola Road and Barron Falls Road. We appreciate being forewarned. The case for putting power lines underground gets stronger by the day, doesn't it.

Thanks to the Kuranda Paper for publishing our column in the past year and thanks to all those unsung heroes who give time and effort to help KURANDA **EnviroCare** fulfil its environmental objectives.

The last meeting of KURANDA **EnviroCare** INC. for 1999 will be at 7pm on Wednesday 1st December at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort.

We'll give the January meeting a miss and regroup on 2nd February 2000

EnviroCare Website is www.faqweb.com.au/envirocare

All our news in **EnviroNews** available at the Kuranda Newsagent

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

The residents of Kuranda are advised that the Kuranda Transfer Station will not be open on Saturday 25 December 1999. Normal hours will continue for the remainder of the Festive Season. Should you have any queries with regard to the matters raised, please direct them to Council's Environmental Services department.

Mareeba Shire Council.
PO Box 154
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CC McDowall
Chief Executive Officer
18 November 1999



Do You know where your Dog is?

Kuranda Garden Group

By Marjorie Spear

Our November get together was at Speewah Valley. Jimi and Chris were wonderful hosts and had supplies of many colourful and exciting plants (old and new). A short visit to Jim Butler's colourful and weed free garden was a delight. Jim is growing hundreds of Hippeastrums from seed ripened on the plants. Three to four years is required before these seedlings will produce flowers. All are welcome at our monthly 2nd Saturday meetings. Just bring a plate for smoko and any questions plus surplus produce and seeds to give away. David Hume is a great help as he regularly puts a notice of forthcoming meetings on the board by the Post Office and also a signboard outside the 2nd Saturday Meeting place. These he takes home for future use. Newcomers to Kuranda will find the meetings very worthwhile. If you want some advice on the spot you can offer your garden for a meeting. You supply tea and coffee for approximately 12 people (who each bring a small plate). Any questions please ring me, Marjorie Spear 40937205.

The December meeting, 4 Dec. will be at my organic 4 acre "Harmony Farm" 16 Spear Rd. Turn off Black Mountain Road ½ kilometre from the Kennedy Highway – then left again (300 metres) then 350 metres to my house.

Organic Gardening

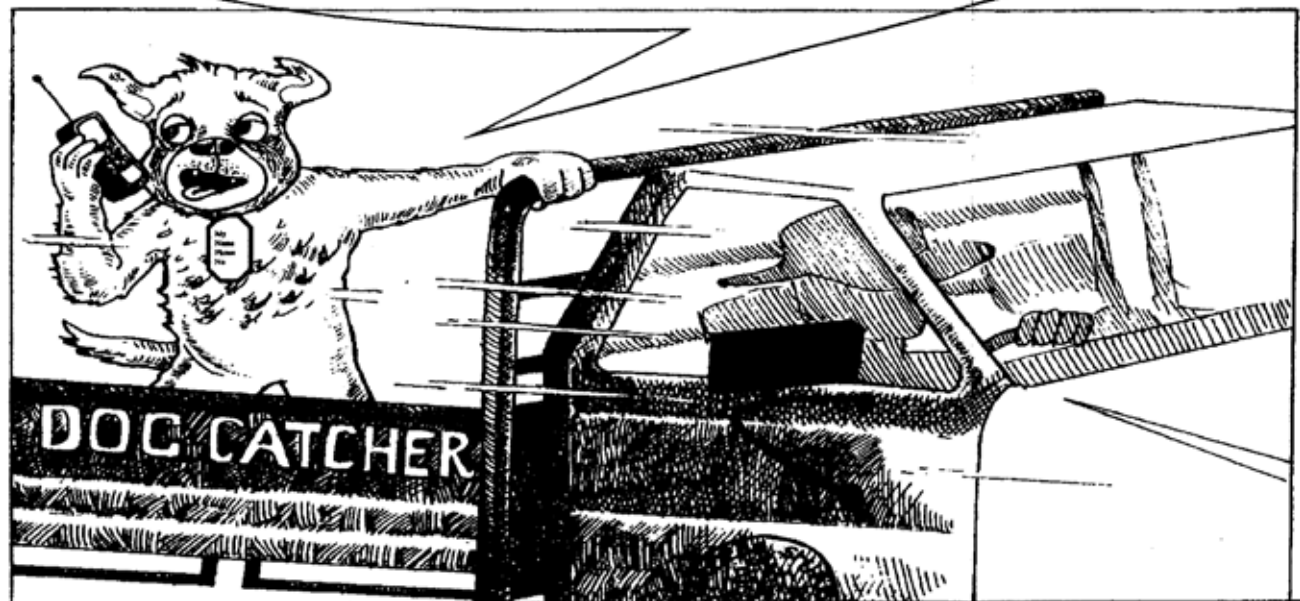
By Marjorie Spear

For the past 40 years I have been an ardent organic gardener – now old age and a walking stick make weeding difficult but straw and wood chip mulch help to cut the weeds. Pinto peanut is a perennial prostrate legume with a pretty yellow flower that grows well round fruit trees. In the winter I tried growing annual cowpeas but the wretched bush turkeys flew over the vegetable garden fence and ate the seeds. An area near the house unfenced was left alone and is growing well and soon I will get the plants dug in and plant Lebanese cucumber. Companion planting is my delight. Basils of all kinds are loved by the bees, keep away nasty insects and are good in cooking and herb teas. Dill is also excellent as a herbal repellent and seeds regularly every year and is also good as an ingredient in herb tea and cooking. The birds are here in their hundreds enjoying the blossoms and nectar on fruit trees and natives and bottle brushes.

Torch gingers are providing dozens of flowers to give away. Anyone wanting roots is welcome to come and dig roots for free: plus heliconia and cannas for holding the soil and providing mulch and colour. Tomatoes have done well this year – it is now time to plant seeds of wing beans. Soak the seed and then plant in pots until 8 inches high – then plant out. Most plants will remain healthy for several years. They usually fruit from March to June and must have stakes or wire. Pick them young. No diseases if the soil is good and watered weekly. Parsley and mint are flourishing in boxes near my house so I can water and weed them often and of course cut them twice daily so I can use them fresh in my salad. Neem trees are growing well and are offering support to my vigorous passion fruit vines and purple star apples have given me dozens of fruit to give away. Citrus trees have at last had a pruning – better late than never – so the fruit will be easy to pick. A good dolomite dressing when planting citrus and then every second year is advisable. Ring me 40937205 if you have any questions on organic growing.

P.S. Keep up the mulch during the summer months and give your chokoes plenty of compost, dolomite and mulch.

"Yeah Boss, I'm on my way to the pound, they found your phone number with my registration details."



NO REGISTRATION TAG – NO PHONE CALL



Cyclones and Y2K Meeting *By Lani.*

An extraordinary amount of people turned up keen to hear information on the subject of cyclones and Y2k (millennium bug). Speakers were Mayor Chris Lewis, Ambulance officer Sally Trounce, Kay Moule SES, reps from; Ergon Energy, Chamber of commerce, Fire Brigade and Police.

Individuals should prepare to look after themselves as they normally would during the cyclone season. Some of the speakers indicated they would be giving information either on the notice boards or in the paper. Meanwhile get some milk bottles full of water & freeze. Also Candles, torches, batteries and fill your car up with fuel. At all times have a stock of food.

Great Turnout of Kuranda Residents at Cyclone/Y2k meeting



Congratulations to Kuranda High on a great year.

1999 School highlights:

- Rock Eisteddfod success and Awards
 - State Cross Country Championships
 - Year of Older Persons Project
 - Excellent results in National Competitions in English, Math's, Science, Poetry
 - Student success in the Cairns Show
 - Establishment of Sound and Project Studio and Multi Media Lab for student use.
 - NAIDOC Week celebrations
 - Winners of the Cairns District AITAP competition
 - Numerous visits from other schools in the region to look at innovative curriculum practices
 - Implementation of Senior Studies curriculum
 - School Property Development Plan
 - Highly entertaining Drama productions
 - Weedbusters Day
 - District Sporting success in a wide range of sports (particularly athletics)
 - 1999 Design Awards
 - Establishment of variety of Learning Team Projects (e.g. Herb garden, Pond, Magazine)
 - Continued high standards of Teaching and Learning.
- Congratulations to all staff, students and families on a highly successful year.

Projects for 2000

Next year Kuranda High will continue with more challenges.

New projects (in addition to current projects) will include:

- Development of inaugural Year 12 courses
 - Further expansion of Multi Media studies subject offerings.
 - Establishment of Individual learning Profiles for every student.
 - Focused development of Literacy and Innumeracy Standards
 - Extension programs in broad range of areas
 - Formalisation of Human Relationships Education programs
 - Community involvement in learning and participation in community events
 - Boys and Education project
 - Staff Development and Training in Information Technology
- So there's lots to look forward to ... particularly in the area of student success!

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Some great highlights this month which again showed our students incredible talents...

- "Designs of the Fertile Mind" Fashion Awards ... a terrific evening which showcased the creativity of our young designers and caterers. Well done to Di Russo and the P & C for a very entertaining night.
- "Contagious Comedy" Performances - a great show at the Resort with the dramatic talents of our students on show ... more highly successful performances thanks to teacher Michele Waldron and her students.
- Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November. Thanks to Mark Freeman for a thought provoking address.
- Two students Rowan Carroll and Kristi Wilson selected for Rotary Exchange Program to New Zealand next year.
- Great success in the Tablelands Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sports meet last week at Mareeba (coordinated by Gina Coleman)

COMING UP

- Be sure to visit the Kuranda High Art Exhibition - 1st to 3rd December ... at the Red House (next to the Ark) with some excellent work on show and up for sale. Teachers Ian Whittaker, and tutors; Irene Hunter, Gina Coleman, Rhonda Brim and Lynette Snider have helped students to produce some first class work.
- Awards Presentation Day is on Friday 10th December. Awards will be presented for success in the following areas: Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Community Service. Mr. Steve Miller (District Director) will also present each Year 10 student with their Year 10 Certificate. Other award presenters will include Mr. Bob Hammond (former Principal of Kuranda State School). Parents/Guardians and community members are invited to attend.
- Year 7 Orientation Program - all of our new Year 8s for 2000 will attend High School for a full week from 6th to 10th December. This will give them the chance to really settle into High School and get off to a flying start next year. Thanks to the Year 7 teachers, Linda Miranda (Holliday) and Ann Speck for taking the time to attend High School with their students.

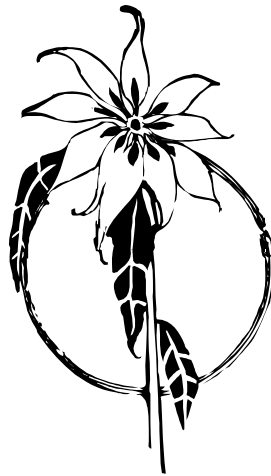
STAFF NEWS. Welcome to Belinda Veivers (a true blue "local"), Tess Hobbs and Lesley Mason who will join our teaching staff next year. They have already visited our school and have much to offer our students. Natalie Geering, Rachael Caddies and Karen Ewin will be all taking leave from our support staff next year. We thank them for the terrific job they have done ... our students will miss them. (PS. Natalie has already left as her new baby daughter has finally arrived).

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Kuranda High wishes everyone a Happy and healthy Christmas and holiday period. Thanks for your support this year ... see you next century. *Jenny Jensen, Principal Kuranda High.*

LIBRARY NEWS *By Kath Raward*

Merry Christmas and HO HO HO etc.

It's that time of year again, where we all start to think about... "Have I got batteries for the torch? Is that a LOW off the coast? Have I got something to read as the wet sets in?" This is the busiest time of the year for the Library, so if you haven't registered for a library card, now might be a good time to do so. The library now uses a new points based identification system to register members so it is best to bring a few different types of identification to show you live in the Mareeba Shire. Congratulations to Kaye Loftes and Peter McCabe for the terrific "Our Story" Project. I would like to thank both Kaye and Peter for the donation of the Project's Video Documentary. Copies of the documentary are available for loan from the Kuranda Library in the New Year. We will be showing the documentary continuously in the Library until 11 December during our normal opening hours. The exception will be Saturday 27 November when the Library will host the Youth Space Design Forum in the New Youth Space from 10 am to 1pm. The Library extension is now complete. Soon it will be filled with the furniture and resources chosen by Kuranda Youth through the design forum and the Youth Space survey. It's never too late to let us know what you would like in this new space, so drop in and leave your ideas at the desk or in the book-drop. This year the library will have holiday activities in January of the school holidays. Look out for the dates and times on the holiday activity posters in the library and on the village notice boards. I hope you all have a Happy and healthy and not too wet New Year.



KINDY

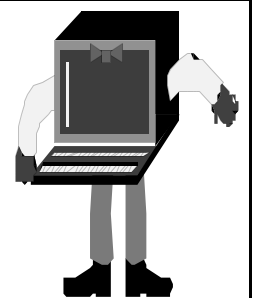
Please come along to a Parent Information Evening on Monday 29 November, being held at the Kindergarten. All future and existing parents are welcome. Find out how a Community Kindergarten Preschool works, and meet the staff who will guide your child through a couple of formative years. Your time will be well spent giving you an insight into the philosophies and facilities at the centre.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS The kindy group continue to enjoy exploring sensory and memory games. Another favourite activity is a game requiring the interpretation of two or three instructions at once, i.e. "Find two animals of the same kind but different colours". Our new musical instruments are very popular with some children displaying a well developed sense of rhythm. Keeping the beat using some great actions has been fun.

PRESCHOOLER NEWS The preschoolers have been busy finding objects that begin with certain letters. The children find the boxes the objects belong in, think about the other objects and draw four from memory. These are our Sound Boxes. Interesting pretend play scenarios recently involved cowboys in the desert, a well, pulleys with a bucket attached. The children got into discussion as to how people survive in places with no rain and rivers.

LOOK OUT ! - for the KCKA Wheelbarrow raffle tickets. The wheelbarrow is stacked full of gardening goodies and a couple of surprises too. A BIG THANK YOU for your most valuable support in our recent successful fundraising venture to the Zambesi Gallery, Kuranda Foodstore, Feast Factory and Clohesey Gardens Restaurant. Lastly, a must for your social calendar - END OF YEAR PARTY, Saturday 11 December from 4 pm - the more the merrier.

THE KURANDA PAPER COMPUTER CLUB



REPORT: Advanced Micro Devices Inc. is expected to escalate its battle with Intel Corp. Wednesday with the dedication of a fabrication plant capable of producing 1000MHz processors. The plant, called Fab 30, is key to AMD's plan to keep ahead of Intel because its state-of-the-art facilities will allow for the manufacture of Athlon processors at higher clock speeds than are currently possible." **Cairns Computer User Group** meets at Stratford hall next to the library 2nd Tues each month. Next Meeting Dec. 9 at 7-30

TIPS OF THE MONTH FOR WIN95/Are your peripherals always on their best behavior?

It's time to take inventory. Select the 'Run' option in your Start Menu, and type: "HWINFO /UI" (without the quotes). Be sure you have that little '/UI' switch in there or this won't work. In a few seconds you should see a color-coded window listing drivers (etc.) and their location within the Windows Registry. It's another troubleshooting tool. NOTE: this utility may not come with all versions of Windows. **To Rename a file** Simply select the file with a single click and then press [F2]. When you do, the rename text box opens. If you're using the Active Desktop's single-click mode this technique works slightly differently. For example, you can right-click the item and select Rename from the context menu. You can select the item by hovering over it and then press [F2]. **Good Luck with Y2k.** There is a lot of help on the Internet. Just do a search for Y2k in www.answers.com.au

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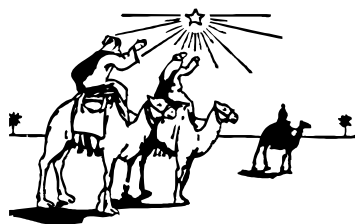


News from St Saviour's Church

November the 3rd was a very special day in the life of St Saviour's. On that day we celebrated our independence as a separate Parish within the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. Celebratory Thanksgiving Eucharist was held in the Evening when many of those who came along had to sit outside because the church was packed full. Presents were given to St Johns Cairns for all their pastoral care over many years and also to St George's Mareeba. Bishop Arthur Malcolm celebrated the Eucharist and Dennis Turpin gave the service a very special feeling with his playing of the Didgeridoo. Saturday the 13th of November was another special occasion at St Saviour's with our first Alpha get together for those who have done the course or for those who would like to know more about Alpha. Many thanks to Zana, Graharn and the team for all the hard work in arranging such a wonderful evening. Over forty people have now completed the Alpha course in Kuranda many from St Saviour's and St Christopher's. The First Alpha course for the year 2000 will start at St Saviour's in early May 2000 St Saviour's Sunday school will break up on Sunday the 12th of December with prize giving at the 9.30 am service and a Brunch to follow. During the Holidays Sunday School will have a video format and will recommence properly for 2000 on Sunday the 6th February Christmas is on the way and the annual Carol service at St Saviour's will be on Sunday Dec 19th at 6.00 pm. Come along and help us sing all the old favourite Carols and join us for a Christmas supper afterwards. On Christmas Eve we will have more Carols this time especially for Children the service starts at 7.30 pm. Also on Christmas Eve the traditional Midnight mass and the dedication of the Crib will commence at 11.30 pm On Christmas day a family service will be held at 9.30 am

A Thought for Christmas

What does the word 'wonder' mean to you? There is a Christmas hymn that speaks of 'A great and mighty wonder'; we speak of the "wonder of Christmastide", and how 'wonderful' it is to see the faces of the children light up, when the tree lights come on and the presents are revealed. *Delight. Surprise*, something beyond what we expected! But there is another aspect, that of 'uncertainty', or question, even doubt. We wonder what is going to happen to us; we wonder whether we have passed our exam, or if we are to be made redundant or have we got our pay rise. Both senses of *wonder* fit into the Christmas scene. Imagine what the parents of Jesus went through. There were the angelic messages dreams, perhaps we would say but dreams with very important results on the lives of Mary and Joseph. There was that long journey to Bethlehem, had for a pregnant mother; the birth itself was in far from ideal conditions - a smelly stable - but what a delight after all! Then the visitors - shepherds, hotfoot and panting, with their stories of angels, visions, messages. All who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. Yes they were astonished, and no one questioned the shepherd's account of what had happened. But also the wondering is in the other sense - what is going to happen next? What is the future for this child? What is the future for themselves? What is the future for us? *Continued on page 14*



'Kuranda Christmas tree'
Poinciana
(Delonix regia)
in
red profusion
outside
the Noctarium
admired by
Julie Ramige.



Irony

*In a garden full of beauty
We should spread the seed
Reach for the fruit
From the tree*

It's amazing to be surrounded by nature's beauty

*In a garden, it's LIFE - so RICH
The insects HUM in the warmth of the sun
The colours jump, flit and dart
in my own little personal park*

*Breeze in the trees
makes the shadows and colours dance and flirt
It's amazing to ME that this all
grows on a LITTLE bit of dirt*

*You don't have to be a genius -
to see the irony
All this can be grown by ANYONE-even ME.*

Permission kindly given to reprint from 'Detour Poems' by author D M Jones. (Kuranda)

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**Christmas Eve
(Friday 24th December)**
7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
for Children mums and Dads
11.30pm The Midnight Mass
of Christmas
**Christmas Day
(Saturday 25th December)**
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**New Years Day
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7.30pm

'Our Story' A Community Link Kuranda 1999 International Year Of Older People Video Documentary Project Launch - Congratulations

"OUR STORY" a one hour video documentary about some of our older Kuranda residents was launched at Billy's Bistro. The video project was developed in conjunction with The 1999 International Year of Older People. The Kuranda Information and Support Centre, Gecko Video Productions and Kuranda High School. "OUR STORY" took six months to produce and includes interesting stories and experiences told by Emily Matsen, Marjorie Spear, Betty Wilson, Phyllis Meifenhelter, Patricia Stratford, Flo Williams, Jim Mealing, Bill Austin, May Podeous, Milton Brim and Finley Grogan. Produced by Peter McCabe and coordinated by Kay Loftes and Fr. Chris Wright the project aimed to link some of our older and younger Kuranda citizens. Students from Kuranda High School Journalism, English and Film and Television classes were involved in preparing questions and



Kay Loftes celebrates with fellow participants in the making of the Video 'Our Story' *Photo with permission from Cairns Post.*

assisted in filming of the documentary interviews. Rennae Brant from Kuranda High School says the project offered her the opportunity to prepare questions about experiences of older Kuranda people and as a result she has a better understanding of Kuranda. Rennae was also involved in filming some interviews as was Year 11 student Lenny Sturgess who says the project was a good practical experience and hands on preparation for a future career making documentaries. Over 60 people attended the launch of the video and all participants were given their own copy of the program. As well the Kuranda library received a copy of the documentary as well as the uncut interviews and these will be made available to borrow. The Kuranda High School also received a copy for the school library.

The project was a great success as it involved many older and younger people from Kuranda. The stories people talk about provide a real link with the history of Kuranda and an insight into Kuranda life during this century. Copies of the video are available for sale through the Kuranda Information and Support Service on 4093 8933 and profits from the sale of the video will be contributed to K.I.S.C. *contributed by Peter McCabe*

MORE ON THE AUSTINS OF KURANDA *By W. (Bill) Austin.*

My father William Austin, worked on the bridges on the Cairns to Kuranda railway, as a Bridge Carpenter, building bridges on the range. After serving as a Bridge Carpenter for a number of years he sat for a Bridge Inspector and passed his exam. He used to travel all the district from Cairns to Chillagoe and to the Tableland district inspecting bridges. He travelled on his section motor and sometimes rode on the steam engine inspecting the bridges. He worked in the Cairns district for forty odd years before he retired. He retired himself, the Railway Department did not like to part with him as he was a good inspector and after he retired, Eric Marks got his job. Eric was also a Bridge Carpenter in the Mareeba district and passed an exam for a Bridge Inspector. Quite a few Bridge Carpenters lived in Kuranda and Cairns. - Charlie Harriman, Johnston Harriman, Phill Smith from Cairns, Don Rookwood from Cairns. My father lived most of his life in Kuranda and brought his family up there. My Grandparents on my mother's side was Arthur Thomas Newman and my Grandmother's maiden name was Mary Mariah Paschen. They reared seven children in Kuranda. My mother, Harriet Annie Newman, Robert, Rose, Percy, Ernie, Ruby and Vera all got married in the early days and lived in the Kuranda District. My grandfather Arthur Newman used to build houses in Kuranda. He helped to build the Saint Saviour's Church in Kuranda and he used to dress girders for the bridges for the Cairns Railway. He used to ride his horse out as far as Dick Looks and Demon Creek. His two sons, Percy and Ernie had a bullock team and used to snig the hickory logs out of the scrub with the bullocks onto the clear ground, so he could trim them down with the broad axe, then they were carted into Kuranda Railway Siding for the inspector to pass them. They were loaded with the bullock team to get them into the siding. Sometimes, he would make bullock yokes for the teamsters, making them out of wattle. And another chap named Bethel used to make bullock yokes out of River Oak and Adam Hamilton used to make yokes also. My first job I had when I left school - my father asked uncle George Veivers if he would give me a job and take me out to Speewah to get me out of town. Uncle George took me out to Speewah and gave me a job off siding for his bullock team. Uncle George had two bullock teams. George Harriman used to drive one. At Speewah, I had to help Grandma Veivers to milk the cows in the morning and muster the bullocks for Uncle George. We would work all day with the bullocks and I used to get home to get the cows in and put the calves in the pen for the night. We used to milk sometimes about fourteen cows and separate the milk to make our own butter and we used to feed pigs on the separated milk. My Auntie Rose made her own bread and we lived mostly on dry salted corned beef and sweet potatoes which we grew at Speewah, and Grandma Veivers had a vege garden across the creek. She grew cabbages and lettuce and other vegetables, and all the water for the garden was carried with buckets from the creek. They had no pump to pump water. Even at the house they only had a rainwater tank and the house was on high blocks. I had to carry two kerosene tins of water up the back steps and into the kitchen for Auntie Rose and Grandma Veivers to use during the day. If you went into the kitchen to give them a hand to wash the dishes they would hunt you out of the kitchen and say that's their job. Things are different nowadays; you have to be jack-of-all-trades.

Well, we used to cart the timber from Speewah to Kuranda during the dry months and during the wet we used to go to Koah Railway Siding and camp at Koah and turn the bullocks down the Barron for the night. Next day we would head back to Demon Creek. It was great life to lead. We had a lot of mates and everyone helped one another. Jack Veivers had a bullock team. Jack Ray, Sam Crothers, Bill Crothers, Dave Crothers, and Aleck Moffat, all hauling from out as far as Herlies Pocket. Uncle George had a lot of cattle to be looked after. We had to go seven days a week. On the weekends we went mustering cattle down the Clohesy River and sometimes over Bridle Creek and Cedar Pocket and as far as Tin Creek and Davies Creek. We had a lot of horse flesh to do all the mustering and about six good cattle dogs. All the cattle had to be brought home to the dip. We had no buffalo flies those days only ticks.

As the years went by I learnt to drive a bullock team and took over the other team from George Harriman. I used to handle them on my own after learning all about driving bullocks from uncle George. I could drive the team and work the brake myself. George Harriman bought a bullock team of his own and started over at Reeds Pocket with Jack and Bert Gane. Bert had a timber lorry and used to cart the timber into Koah Siding. Sometimes we would have a spell from hauling timber and would break in some fresh horses to muster on. Bert Ingstrum used to live at Speewah those days and used to help me handle the new horses. Sometimes Bertie and I would have to plough up some ground to plant corn using three horses in a disk plough. We fed two of our good horses in the dry as sometimes we would yard up brumbies from Brumbie Gully and the Granite Ridges to keep up the supply of horses as we used to go through a lot of horses in twelve months. Cont. on pg 7

OLDER PERSONS ACTION PROGRAM

Celebrating International Year Of The Older Person

Vicki Ledger of the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Smithfield organised a 2 day bus trip for IYOP. 35 people took advantage of the trip including 2 from Kuranda - Lani & Sarah. They were told they'd be entertaining at a retirement village so they prepared for their Line Dancing act plus Qi Gong and Lani took along her Pois (Maori) and Sarong and did the Hula. During the 2 days they actually performed four shows at Port Douglas Stella Maris Nursing Home, Mt Molloy School, Atherton School and Mareeba Garden Village and they're in their 60's - not bad eh!



Lovely Lani in her lava lava and lei entertaining the Lasses and Lads.



KISC

Kuranda Information And Support Centre News

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake stall and raffle – money raised enables us to continue to provide emergency food parcels.

The KISC International Year of the Older Person project "Our Story" was recently successfully completed and presented to the community by Project Officer Kay Loftes. A number of people have requested a copy of the video. If you are interested in purchasing this slice of Kuranda history, leave your details at KISC – or phone 40938933 or 40938735. We at KISC look forward to what the New Year in a new Millennium brings, and trust that whatever it brings, our community will continue to be one where people have a concern for the place in which we live and those who reside here.

KISC Alcohol And Drug Bulletin "Sleeping Soundly Without Pills"

If you have trouble sleeping, you are not alone. According to *For Me* magazine (Jan. 1999 issue) up to 20% of Australians have the same problem. As well as making you tired, lack of sleep can make you more susceptible to germs and bugs. Worrying in bed and getting into the habit of not sleeping are the most common reasons for insomnia.

Some ideas for falling asleep without using possibly habit-forming medication include:

- * Dim the lights a few hours before you go to bed to help your brain prepare for sleep.
- * Avoid late night housework or aerobics – allow your body to relax instead.
- * Have your main meal at lunchtime and a smaller one at night.
- * Establish a routine for going to bed – warm bath, milky drink or honey and warm water, relaxing music.
- * Get up and go to bed at the same time each day to train your body into a sleep cycle.
- * Go to the Health Food shop to look for natural sleeping remedies such as chamomile, passion-flower, valerian or kava.
- * Get someone to give you a massage or give yourself a soothing head massage.
- * If your mind is refusing to shut down, keep a notepad and pen beside your bed to write in – this will allow you not to worry until you read it all in the morning.
- * If you are tossing and turning after 15 minutes, get up and occupy yourself with a quiet activity that you find restful such as reading or listening to beautiful music. When you are sleepy go back to bed again.
- * Aromatherapy oils such as lavender or marjoram sprinkled on your pillow may help.
- * To promote relaxation and deal with anxiety, concentrate on your breathing and breathe slowly and deeply for a count of 4 in, and count of 8 out.



QCWA KURANDA Branch

Things are settling down again after the rush and bustle of the Kuranda Spring Fair. During National Seniors Week, our branch combined forces with Kuranda Lions Club and invited local seniors along for a morning of "being spoiled". Although Kuranda today seems to be supported primarily by tourism, we feel that without our long-time residents who have worked for this town through the years, there wouldn't be a Kuranda for visitors to enjoy. Our CWA members started the morning off with lots of food treats and cuppas followed by entertainment with Ruby, Kay and Bob. The morning ended with Lions Phil and Ken sizzling quite a few sausages on the BBQ for our guests and members. Thank you to all who came to share the morning with us.

Wednesday 17 November was our 63rd Birthday. Sixty-three years of continuous service to the community, in this day and age, is quite an achievement. So Kuranda CWA celebrated the fact with an Afternoon Tea Birthday Party with members and old friends from Kuranda, Mareeba, Chillagoe, Tolga, Atherton and Freshwater joining us. There were lots of memories and old stories circulating the tables throughout the afternoon. Larnie, Sarah and Pat entertained us with a Line Dancing demonstration and, despite their insistence on being amateurs, everyone enjoyed their show. Ruby, with her trusty accordion, soon had us singing lots of old favourites seldom heard today, until the Cent Sale and Games session. Congratulations to Dawn who won the Gourmet Food Basket - should come in handy with Christmas coming up. The Birthday Cake was cut by two of our longest serving members, Pat Stratford and Emily Matsen. Hope your own birthday celebrations on Sunday were just as enjoyable. (75 years young)

Our Craft Mornings are still going strong. Our crafters are busy creating Christmas cards using parchment craft, embroidery, quilling and stamping techniques. New craft demonstrations are being planned for the New Year, i.e. wood burning, quilling, silk painting and glass painting for starters. Anyone interested in learning or teaching a new craft would be welcome at our Wednesday meetings. During the New Year holiday period, we intend to hold one or two Kids Craft Mornings - designed to give Mums a break for a few hours during the holiday doldrums. Brochures will be placed around the town soon after Christmas.

We would like to thank all the people who have visited with us and supported our branch over the past year. A Happy Festive Season to all.

News from Jagannath `s Café!

we are now open for exotic dinners by candle light every Wed, Fri., Sat from 6.30 pm-till late. You'll get 15 delicious preparations, all you can eat for *\$13. (children under 6 yrs. Free) open daily for lunch from 11.00 am-3.30 pm. our 8 prep special is only \$6.00. *An introductory price of.



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GREEN HOUSE
ENVIRONMENT SHOP

Ann and Gayle have had a great year at the Green House. Thanks to all who have supported us. **Merry Christmas** and much love and happiness for the **year 2000** and beyond.



Ahead Of The Field: Top tourism award winner Brook Bindley (R) with her proud mum Wendy. Picture: Russell Francis

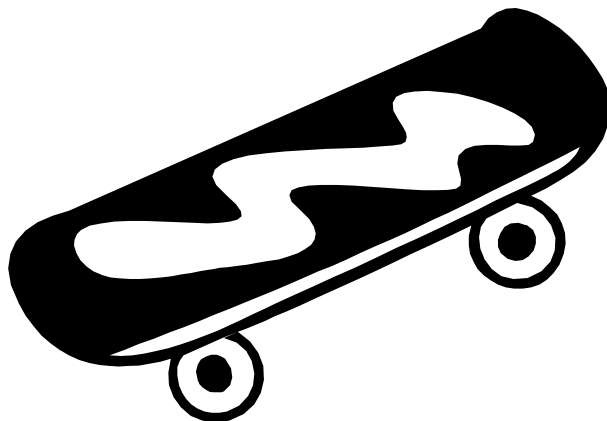
Piano Lessons for Your Child

Playing a Keyboard instrument has been proven to increase a child's reasoning skills. Give your children the edge as well as providing them with the joy of music for a lifetime. Janet Hoyer - teaching in Kuranda since 1988 - Member MTAQ is now accepting enrolments for 2000. Special fun classes for young beginners aged 4-6 now available. All styles of music taught in air-conditioned studio. All levels and ages as well as Theory and Practical Examinations with Trinity College London and Australian Examinations board. For enquires please Phone 4093 7104

Kuranda Pottery Group

Phone (07) 4093 9652
PO. Box 299 Kuranda 4872

The Kuranda Pottery Group studio is finally functional! After a working bee a couple of weeks ago we cleaned the studio and got the machinery going. There was a great sense of excitement from those involved as things began to take shape. Leon even managed to make our first pot. Next meeting will be on Tuesday December 14 7.30pm. We are keen now to broaden our membership. Membership fees are as follows: Full membership: \$25.00 (Includes free access to facilities at all times); Family membership: \$35.00; Part membership \$10.00 (includes mailing list, discounts on classes): Contact Ian Whittaker at Kuranda High School or A/H 40 939 652



**WANNA MAKE A MARK !!
YOUTH OF KURANDA
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO
SEND IN POEMS, SHORT
STORIES ARTWORK, ETC.**

Kuranda Teenager Wins North Queensland Tourism And Hospitality Award.

Local teenager Brook Bindley a year 12 student at St Monica's College Cairns, was announced the winner of the Secondary Students North Queensland Tourism & Hospitality Award last month. The regions secondary students were invited to apply for awards on offer from the Business Liaison Association, Home Economics Institute of Australia and Cairns Tourism Association. Thirty-three applicants submitted a C.V., 8 were short listed for interview in front of a panel of Tourism and Hospitality representatives. Brook was announced the winner at a reception at the Cairns Business College & will be presented with the \$1000 award at the Gala

Dinner for Tourism & Hospitality Awards at the Convention Centre in January. On Nov. 29 Brook will also graduate from the Martin College with a Certificate 11 in Hospitality. This training has been part of her study program at St Monica's College. She has been very fortunate to have the opportunity to develop her skills at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort over the past 12 months. Brook has been accepted into the International College of Tourism & Hotel Management in Sydney & will commence a 3-year Degree course in May 2000.

YOUTH SPACE

Officers from the Kuranda Police have been involved over the month meeting with members of the community to discuss local issues. These have included a Domestic Violence Seminar conducted with members of the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Centre & Liquor Licensing Meeting for all liquor permit applicants. This meeting was aimed at members of our community organisations that may from time to time wish to apply for liquor permits to assist with fund raising activities. The evening was informative and of value to all who attended. A meeting was held with the younger members of our community to discuss issues of concern and the needs of youth in the Kuranda area. Many positive points were raised and I can assure those who attended that the issues will no longer be ignored. It was a very positive meeting with further group discussions set down in early December. A special section of our paper will be dedicated to the Youth. Funding for this ongoing segment has been provided through the Police Service from funds supplied for Youth, Drug & Alcohol Projects. This will be a working part of the Kuranda Community Unity Programme allowing the youth of the Kuranda area to inform other youth and the community of happenings, meetings etc. It will also be a dedicated segment for letters and literature which will help the youth express their thoughts, feelings and emotions on a wide variety of interests I encourage anyone aged from the early teens up to 25 to provide input to the Youth Section.

Constable Andrew Kokoschko (KOKO) has been promoted and will be moving further North to Kowanyama on Transfer. He has been an active officer in Kuranda being involved in organisations and clubs including the Kuranda Fire Service, Kuranda SES, Kuranda RSL Sports Club and the Kuranda Hash House Harriers. Kowanyama will certainly present new challenges to Andrew and Janine and we wish them all the best.

I urge all motorists to remember the introduction of the Australian Road Rules as well as amendments to the Traffic Act. These new sections and regulations address issues and use of mobile phones by the driver, merging traffic laws, skateboards and roller blades. Take time to read the information sent to you. if you have any problems please contact the Station and we will do the best to help out. Thanks, Sgt. STEVE.

**THIS YOUTH SPACE
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At right, Sgt. Steve Stafford



Kuranda Scouts News

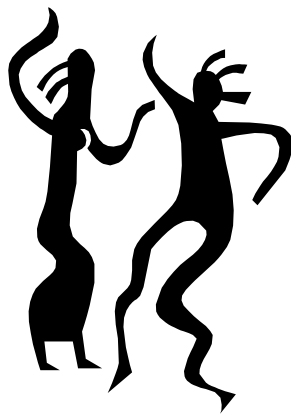
Missed last months issue so lots of news this month!! The Spring Fair was a lot of fun, thank you to all those who supported our fund raising. The lucky winners of our raffles were Ann Downey and Jonny Harris. Ann had donated items for our lucky dip so it was a quick return for her good deed (no it wasn't a fix!!!). Another thankyou goes to Fran and Grant Hynes for their contribution of time at the Cairns show gate. Thank you to Rev. Chris Wright for lending the Scouts the tables and street for our street stall which went well and has put us on target to be debt free by 2000. Here are two more activities planned: Saturday 4 December - **Car Wash** - LAST ONE for the year; Cakes, Mince pies and Xmas **yummies** are being ordered through Baloo with the Joey's and Cubs having order sheets; **Christmas Trees for Sale** - will try to have one at the car wash to view. The Cub scouts were joined last month by Joey Scouts who had their first meeting on October 20. The whole Joey Mob were interested last week by Bilby (Robyn Berry) which was a special occasion for us all. The Joey's have been very busy making crafty things and having fun. The Cubs and leader - Baloo (Aneta Thomsen) were busy in October with a theme night on Mongolia, which ended with them receiving a badge for their camp blanket that was bought through a fundraising scheme initiated by Scouts Australia. Several Cubs also received their conservation badge after spending time with the Kuranda Envirocare seed collecting and digging up trees to be grown on at their nursery. Thanks to Jax and her helpers for a good morning. In November, the Cubs visiting The Kuranda Aviary where the birds were willing subjects for the Cubs to take photos of under the guidance of Peter McCabe. Thanks to Peter and the Aviary. The Cubs also spent a weekend camping at Cape Kimberly which is a great spot where large whales have mysteriously appeared on the beach!! Should anyone have any **unwanted Scout Uniforms** either children's or adults could they please contact me on 40939038.

SCOUT LEADERS WANTED At the age of 11 years, a child is no longer able to stay in the cubs. We are trying to locate three people who would be willing to take up the challenge of starting up a Scout Troop for children aged 11 - 14yrs. I have had lots of enquires from children eager to join, so if you like hiking, camping, canoeing, the outdoors and helping children learn these skills, give me a call.

WISH LIST: A stove was gratefully received from Ashley at the medical centre. Now we need any lead chest freezers to provide critter proof storage at the den as they get into everything.

Thank you to all those who read this and give me feedback, it is one of the advantages of being in a small town.

Berry (Clare Hensley)



GIDJARR GUNIL "Making Marks"

An exhibition of artworks from Kuranda State High School. Exhibition opens Wednesday December 1 at 6.30 pm. Display is open Thursday 2 and Friday 3, 11 am - 3 pm inside the red house, next to the ark in Coondoo St. Art works are for sale.



YOUNG ARTISTS ON SHOW

25 young Aboriginal artists have been working hard to produce an outstanding exhibition of artworks, including canvas paintings, pottery, dillybags and prints. With help from older Aboriginal artists they have been developing new and traditional skills. Selected works from the class will be available for sale in the red house from Wednesday night until Friday.



All smiles at Kuranda High, Latoya Hunter, Vivien Riley, and Tally Buthmam.



Members of the Kuranda media association wish everyone a safe & Happy Festive season & a fortuitous New Year.

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VACATION CLASSES

Kuranda High will be providing Vacation Activity Classes for Years 4 - 8 students during the first week of the Christmas holidays. (Monday, December 20 to Thursday, December 23 from 9:30am - 12:30pm each day).

DATE	ACTIVITY	TEACHER	COST
MONDAY 20 December 9:30am - 12:30pm	0 "Exploring Science" (discover Science)	Angie Chapman	\$5
	0 "Christmas Crafts A" (making Christmas Gifts and decoration to take home.)	Collette Jones	\$8 cost includes all materials
	0 "Physical Recreation A" (exercise and be healthy)	Gary Davis	\$5
	0 "The Art of Painting A" (learn how to decorate tiles and china - to take home)	Irene Majer	\$8 cost includes all materials
3 Day Course 21,22,23 December	0 "Basic First Aid" Course for young people" NB. Need to attend for 3 sessions Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 9:30am - 12:30pm each day Refer to separate Brochure.	Heather Atherton (St. John Ambulance)	\$40 Total.
TUESDAY 21 December 9:30am - 12:30pm	• "Physical Recreation B" (exercise and be healthy)	Gary Davis	\$5
	• "Christmas Crafts B" (making Christmas Gifts and decoration to take home.)	Collette Jones	\$8 cost includes materials
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ARTIST PROFILE

Mic Wormald

I was born in Warwick, Queensland in 1952 and went to school in Charleville and Chinchilla and have a Diploma of Creative Arts from U.S.Q. I learnt silver smithing in Auckland with C.H. Keene & Co. manufacturing jewellers of Abbey Lane. I first exhibited at 'Artor' Craft Gallery Red Hill, Brisbane. I have also worked as a theatre props maker in Brisbane (Q.T.C.) and Sydney at Stables Theatre, Kings Cross. My partner Vee and I sailed up to north Queensland 11 years ago. My work techniques are one off fabrication forged hand tool bench work in Sterling Silver preferably with setting of local Gems. I am delighted to have recently become a member of Kuranda Arts Co-op with its reputation for high quality work rapidly spreading.

K.A.S. NEWS

Even though the Wet Season is almost upon us, and the prime time for larger hirers of the Amphitheatre is gone for a few months, our committee has been kept busy with **The Little Day Out** (30/10) and **The Tolvan Big Band** (31/11), as well as smaller bookings and activities. We invite expressions of interest in a fund raising idea for the **Youth Arts Fund**, which is in the KAS accounts. The fundraising will take the form of a Locals' Market Day at, and by the courtesy of the Kuranda Heritage Markets. So, if you make it, bake it, grow it, or if it isn't broken (second-hand), and you think you would like to know more about this, please contact Diana 40938535. As you will see from the Date Claimers, the 31/12 is a Brainstorming Session, aiming to produce a **YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL** in the Y2K.

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Blessings to you and yours.

By Star



Gudju Gudju band members enjoying the Ainu Mosiri Festival. From left Bina Michael Quinn, Narpoo Neville hobbler, Djama Andrew Wason, Gadjirraga Dolly Brim, Mimu Michelle Collins.



Mic Wormald



Some examples of Mic's Silver Smithing.

GUDJU GUDJU INVITED TO JAPAN

Kuranda based band Gudju Gudju (Rainbow Serpent) have returned from a recent visit to Japan to perform at the Ainu Mosiri Festival in Hokkaido, Northern Japan. The band was invited by the spiritual leader and Queen of the Ainu people, Ashirilea (New Wind). She has devoted her life to preserving Ainu language and culture. The Ainu people, like the Djabuganydgi people of Kuranda, once lived as hunters and fishers, but they too have lost ancestral lands and language. Their culture has been under threat for the last 200 years.



Gudju Gudju is a long running Kuranda cultural band made up of Bama and Gadja (Indigenous and Non Indigenous) musicians. It is a band, which actively promotes reconciliation throughout Australia, seeking world renewal and harmony for all people. Two Japanese members of the band, Yuko and Hisao Suginaka, informed Queen Ashirilea about Gudju Gudju and through the assistance of ATSIIC the band was able to meet up with the Ainu people and share their music and culture at the intercultural Mosiri Festival. Queen Ashirilea sent this message to the people of Kuranda. "I wish all the best to your people and I am hoping we can continue this wonderful goodwill relationship in the future. I, Ashirilea meaning New Wind, want to thank again on behalf of all native Japanese Ainu. I thank God for creating this opportunity and the Australian Government for making this event happen by making a rainbow bridge over Japan and Australia." *Peter McCabe.*



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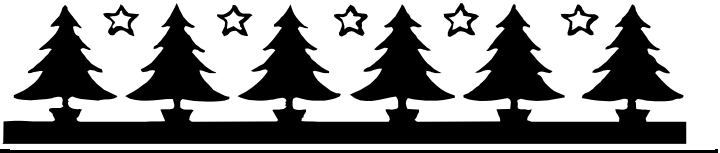
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Almost "Have a Break" time! Kuranda Lions members are looking forward to a few weeks of non-involvement in service activities. This has been a busy year for us all with participation in both National and local fundraising activities. After the Spring Fair, things have quietened down some.

On 26 October the Barron Gorge Power Station asked us to provide a sausage sizzle for volunteer workers participating in an exercise to drain the Weir. Several of our members (and non members) rallied to the cause and turned up to feed the "hungry hordes" – well about 30 people actually – but very hungry people! We would like to thank the young "Green Corps" members for their courtesy in thanking us for providing the food. These terrific young men and women put in a very active and muddy morning yet still turned up at the BBQ with smiling faces and great manners. By the way, no-one reported seeing Clayton's bathtub boat on the river bottom – perhaps it went to that great bathroom in the sky! On the subject of boats, Carol Brett representing Kuranda Rotary Club, very gamely fronted up at our last meeting and presented Lions with a cheque for \$100 for the Heart Walker Foundation. As Rotary/Lions challenge losers in the Barron River Raft Race, they were gracious in defeat. There's always next year Rotary. As everyone knows, Christmas is fast approaching and, if you don't feel like cooking the traditional Christmas Cake this year (especially in this heat), why not buy one of Lions famous Christmas Cakes. Great taste, good price plus you will be helping these in need. Our cakes can be found at several points around Kuranda – or you can ring President Brett on 40939143, Carol Jeanes on 4093 7187 or Secretary Yvonne on 4093 7016.

\$100 Club Draw 6/11/99	1 st \$60	M. Batevnik, Mareeba, No. 70
	2 nd \$30	C. Morris, Kuranda, No. 66
	3 rd \$10	J. Tonson, Kuranda, No. 95

As always, our thanks go to those wonderful people who have supported us during the year – the Community Chest is looking healthy once again, so we will be able to assist where needed next year. We wish you all a very Happy and Safe Festive Season.

It's Market Time Again In Koah KOAH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

As always at Koah functions it's going to be a family event. Not only will the adults be able to pick up loads of Christmas gifts at great prices but the kids will be able to have lots of fun on the Merry Go Round which was a roaring success at our last market day. Why not have a clean out before the new Christmas presents arrive and have a stall of your own for only \$5.00. There will be a wide and varied assortment of stalls for you to browse through, refreshments for you to enjoy while you take a rest in your hunt for bargains and a licensed bar with Happy Hour between 5-6pm. Any cake donations to the club stall will be greatly appreciated. It starts at 2 pm so Mum and Dad bring the kids because rumour has it that Santa Clause will be making an appearance at the festivities. As it's going to be the last function for the year why not join in our social evening. Stay, chat and wish all your friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas. If you would like to book a stall contact Barbara on 40937987 and remember the hall is also available for hire for your Christmas functions.

INTO THE NEW MILLENIUM The Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club

elected a new committee following its AGM on Monday 15th November. 2000 COMMITTEE: President: Norman Guy, Vice President: Liz Inoue, Secretary: Vacant. Interim: Tracy Rusch Treasurer: Gillian Sachlikidis Registrar: Dian Goodwin Equipment Officer: Sharon Morrow. Thank you to these people. The Club is seeking to fill the position of Secretary as soon as possible. Can you help? Over the past five years, virtually the same people have been running the show, some new ideas would be great. Sign-on for the 2000 season will take place at the end of January, dates are yet to be decided. The KRSC committee would like to wish all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a safe holiday to all! Special thanks to the Kuranda Paper who do a wonderful job for our community!! Thanks to our sponsors: Kuranda Paving & Landscaping, Kuranda Medical Service, Zappo Electrical Services and MAJOR SPONSORS: LJ HOOKER KURANDA, NORTHERN BUILDING SOCIETY, KURANDA TREE SERVICE, HARVEY NORMAN COMPUTERS CAIRNS, RAMSSKULL PRESS, AND-KURANDA FOODSTORE. Also the Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund.



Cont'd from page 8 Bill's Story

We always had to ride into Kuranda for supplies. Sometimes in the buggy or ride in on horseback or take a pack horse we used to call silent Bill or if it was flood time Uncle George would tell me to put the pack saddle on a big black horse he used to call Deep Water. We had another Chestnut horse we used to call Grasshopper. He was used for everything in the buggy or saddle up with the side saddle for Auntie Rosie to go to Kuranda. It was a great life to lead in the early days. We had plenty of friends, everyone helped one another. We went to all the dances that were hold in Kuranda and surprise parties. We had no telephones or television sets, but got the news by bush telegraph. Everyone would tell each other what was going on until we got the news at Speewah. Reprinted with kind permission of THE NORTHERN SUN paper Vol.15 No.47 1999.Pub. Ravenshoe Ph. 07 4097 6411.

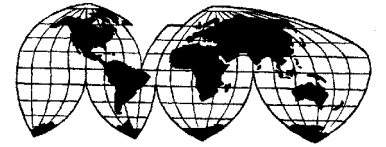
How to be Healthy though Elderly

By Marjorie Spear

My aches and pains are decreasing but my walking stick is still a great aid. Lots of massage and rubbing helps to keep me mobile. Exercise of all kinds is useful especially bending and stretching, plus eye and neck exercises Since my eyesight is so poor I can no longer drive. I do appreciate the kindness of people who occasionally offer to take me shopping. Food is of great importance and the doctor always tells me to eat red and yellow fruit and vegies. I grow lots of Marigolds to deter insects and find the petals chopped fine with parsley and mint are a great salad, plus organically grown tomatoes chopped raw is delicious .I find that I need to eat a little several times a day. Circulation must be kept active. My electric "wobble" is a great blessing and worth its weight in gold .The pith of oranges and grapefruit are better for us than the juice and make sure all fruit is free of pesticides (i.e. organic). Pawpaws are a must. I am a vegetarian but find fish and free-range eggs are a good food for me, as are my home-grown chokos.



WORLD NEWS



December 1949

50 YEARS AGO

- 3rd** Singapore: Duncan Stewart, British Governor of Sarawak, is stabbed by a youth opposed to British rule.
 - 9th** New PM Holland forms a ministry.
 - 10th** Stockholm: Nobel Prizes go to I-Iideki Yukawa (Japan, Physics); William Giauque (US, Chemistry); Walter Hess (Switzerland) and Antonio Moniz (Portugal) (Medicine); William Faulkner (US, Literature); and in Oslo to Lord Boyd-Orr (UK, Peace).
 - 10th** Australia: Chifley's Labour Government is defeated. Bob Menzies is back in power and socialism in Australia has been rejected.
 - 13th** Israel: The Government moves the capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.
 - 15th** US: Eisenhower says he will not be talked into running for President.
 - 16th** Indonesia: Sukarno is elected first President.
 - 20th** US: Clark Gable marries the former Lady Ashley.
 - 21st** Melbourne: The Fligh Court upholds deportation orders on 48 Chinese.
 - 26th** US: Einstein publishes his new "Generalised Theory of Gravitation~", which is, as yet, untested.
 - 29th** Melbourne: Radio announcer John Bryan Keff is charged with the murder of Elizabeth (Beth) Williams, whose body was found on Albert Park beach yesterday.
- Hits Of 1949**
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Riders in the Sky.

Baby, it's cold outside. Shep

Contd from page 7 Thought for December.

So at Christmas we rejoice with the carols, the all the decorations and the trees, the presents and the gathering of the family, the church services the happy faces of children. Yet we must also be aware of questions for the future. Think of what is going on. Already the Wise Men are journeying to Jerusalem, led by their star; soon they will be at Herod's court, and having heard them, the cruel and frightened king will be planning the massacre that he believes will make sure there is no threat to his throne and his power. It was soon indeed after the joy of Christmas, the coming of the Child, that there was to come the brutality and sorrow of a callous act that would leave so many mothers desolate, so many families bereft. The first Christmas was to be for many, the last Christmas. In our own time we look ahead at uncertainties. The constant violence and brutality, the killings and unrest in Indonesia and the Holy Land, the terrible violence in Africa between rival tribes, and the murder of innocent people in East Timor following the vote for Independence. All this adds up to an outlook, in so many places, which no one can say is settled or certain. Yet there is one great certainty - it was into just the same kind of world as our own, full of crises and problems, anger and violence that the Lord chose to be born. In full knowledge he took the step of coming to our uncertain planet our all-too-easily-upset little earth, our tiny lifeboat floating in the vastness of inter-stellar space. It was certainly not into any kind of certain future that Jesus was born, nor that he grew up in, nor in which he began his mighty work of reconciliation. Out of sorrow comes joy: the sense of wonder at the crib contains in itself the shadow of sorrows to come. Yet out of those sorrows comes the final joy. In the Birth we see foreshadowed the Death; yet also foreshadowed is the Triumph, the New and Risen life the Saviour. 'Behold I bring you Good News of a great joy; to you is born today the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!' And so our wonder is swept up into joy, and with the angels we say, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those in whom he is well pleased!'

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KTC has had busy couple of months with "MEET THE STARS" exhibition tour, which has been developed by Tennis QLD to expose country tennis players to the opportunities, offered by tennis and KTC Juniors Tournament. **"MEET THE STARS"** On Friday 10 September exhibition matches and clinics were held at the Fallon Rd courts. As members of Tennis Queensland, KTC joined the FNQ Exhibition Match Tour, for the first time. Two up and coming stars of Australian Tennis, Jason and David Laverty (who takes up a scholarship on the French Tennis Circuit in 2000) held a Juniors tennis clinic for about 25 of the KTC Junior members. Jason and David then played an exhibition match partnering two club Juniors, Jacob Richardson and Sanne Voogt in an exciting doubles match. While club members enjoyed a BBQ Jason and David played a singles match demonstrating their formidable skills, which was appreciated by all. Later the young guns played a doubles set partnering two of the clubs senior members, Mike Richardson and Fiona Basson. The two stars then were accommodated at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort before they continued on the FNQ circuit. **KTC JUNIORS TOURNAMENT** On Saturday 16 October KTC held the first Juniors tournament in Kuranda. Play started in the late afternoon and continued into the night taking advantage of the court lights and the cooler conditions. Three divisions played with 19 KTC juniors registering for the tournament. Winners and runner up for the three divisions, respectively, were: Div 3 Dan Max Greenwood (W) Ameer McGorry (RU); Div 2 Zoe Richardson (W) Bill Woolley (RU); Div 1 Sanne Voogt (W) Katrina Higby (RU). This tournament was a great experience for all involved and heaps of fun. Special thanks to Jacob Richardson for helping. Next year KTC juniors will be following a very successful Jacob (winner of the 10 and under FNQ Quicksilver Tournament Final) on the Tournament circuit. **KTC Membership and Information:** Jacky Conroy 40938218 or 0413085406, or KTC Secretary, PO BOX 330 KURANDA QLD 4872 **Court Hire:** Key from Kuranda Newsagency. Night Rate: \$10 HOUR (with light key) Day Rate: \$6 HOUR



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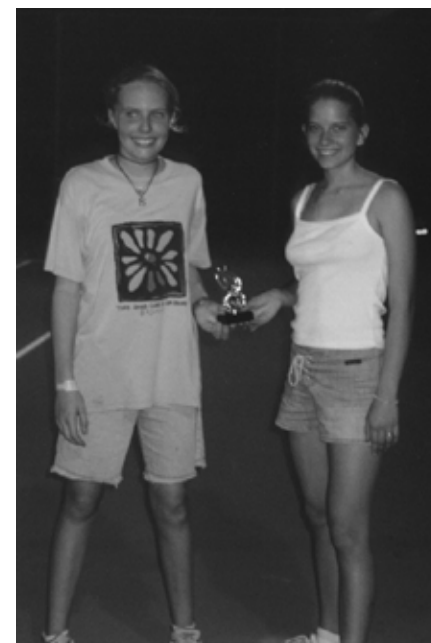
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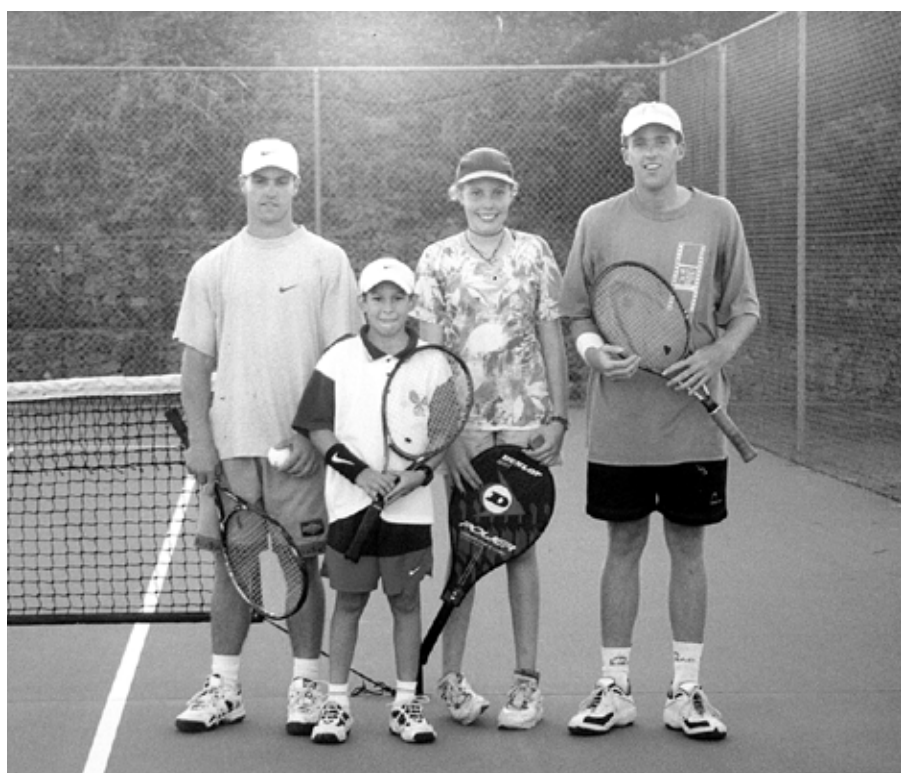


Division 1 winner Sanne Voogt presented by Junior player Claire Stevens

Jacob Wins

First Tennis Title for Kuranda

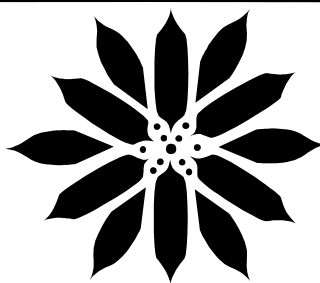
Jacob Richardson took out the finals of the 10-year boys Quicksilver Far North Queensland age circuit. Jacob has also represented Kuranda as part of the Far North Queensland team at the Country Tennis age championships in Townsville recently. Jacob was originally introduced to tennis in Kuranda being coached by Jean Soenario as a beginner. For the past year and a half he has been part of the Cairns Junior Tennis Association Developmental Squad coached by Guy Thomas. Jacob regularly plays as part of the Kuranda Tennis Club (KTC) social evenings and tournaments. He also passes on his skills, knowledge and experience to other KTC Juniors assisting at tournaments and coaching sessions with Coach Jacky Conroy at KTC courts Kuranda Sports and Social Club grounds. Well-done Jacob and good luck with your tennis career. See you at the Grand Slams in the 2000's!



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Exhibition Match:
At left Jason, Jacob, Sanne and David. Jacob Richardson took out the finals of the 10-year boys Quicksilver Far North Queensland age circuit.

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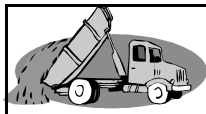
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The Speewah Musical Markets Kicks off on Dec . 11 (Sat). Something for everyone, so if you've got it , put it on show . PH. 4093 0485 or 4093 0369 to book a stall or get in on the jam. It's on the corner, under the gums, next to the Speewah Tavern. This is a non-profit event, and the organisers hope to cater for everyone-families, tourists, kids, etc. With local talent playing, great food and people- see you there in colour and flair.

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Ambulance Update November 99

By Leon Cartledge Officer in Charge

Station News The Kuranda Ambulance station intends to run a first aid and resuscitation course on the 11th & 12th of December. In order to achieve this we need at least fifteen people to participate. The course will be held over the weekend and the participants will receive a certificate upon completion. If you are a bit rusty on your first aid skills or have not done a course in the last 3 years now is your opportunity to get current and have some fun in the process. First aid enquiries and bookings can be made TOLL FREE on 1300 650 377. A few weeks ago we had a new member of staff join our ranks and she will take over from Clint who has taken a position in Balmoral, Brisbane. I am sure everyone will join me in welcoming Sally to Kuranda and we look forward to her presence for a long time to come. Most people would have seen some of the recent events involving QAS Kuranda in the Cairns post, and I would like to join all the other well wishers and congratulate the people involved. It was fortunate that the people involved had obtained the skills they utilised from public education sessions conducted by your local ambulance service. This reinforces the need to be current in your first aid training as you never know when an opportunity will arise to use such Knowledge and skills.

LAC & Fund-raising News Since our last contribution to the paper the Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) have been hard at work raising funds and has recently purchased a new portable resuscitation unit. This piece of equipment is the latest available and ensures that the Kuranda community has access to the very best life saving equipment available to the ambulance industry. The committee also recently purchased a ride on mower and I am sure with the wet just around the corner this will see plenty of action. In order to continue purchasing items for the community the LAC has to continue with fundraising activities in the local community. To date the LAC has expended in excess of \$10000.00 towards enhancement projects for the benefit of the local community and is planning to expend \$6000.00 + in the 1999/2000 financial year. All of these funds are from money raised in the local area in the form of raffles, Quiz nights and the like, and by your generous support of our stall held every 3rd Saturday in front of St Saviours Church. On the 12th of December we will be conducting a children's disco for all primary school age children. The disco will be held at the CWA hall and will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm this is a fully supervised event and children are not allowed pass outs. Keep an eye out for the flyers in the school newsletter and around town.

LEON'S TIPS Recently we have started to see a little rainfall happening in the local area and this usually brings with it those little slip ups while driving. In order to avoid the inconvenience of broken vehicles and bodies it is a good idea to get into wet season driving mode. This just means that you increase the distance between you and the car in front, you try and take corners less aggressively and you start to break a little earlier than in the dry. I think that I can speak with some experience when it comes to driving to and from Cairns at varying speeds, the most time anyone in a normal road vehicle will save is about four 4 minutes over the distance from here to Cairns, the question is, is four minutes worth risking life and limb for, and what is the likelihood of you driving aggressively for most of the range only to lose the few minutes you've saved by getting stuck behind a slow vehicle. The most critical time to take care is the first few days of rain after a couple of dry weeks, at this time the road is at its slipperiest as the combination of road grime (oil, fuel, dirt, etc) and water makes for a surface that is difficult to walk on let alone drive at speed. The last tip I will give you is to take a look at your tyre tread and ask your self if they are good enough for a long wet season? I apologise if I am teaching you to suck eggs but its better to be safe than sorry.

SUBSCRIPTIONS If you are not a current member of the ambulance services subscription scheme, you will get a large account should you use the service. For less than \$2.00 a week you can cover your whole family even if you have 15 dependants or more, so it does pay to belong. The procedure is simple and can be done next time you visit the post office. Don't leave it to late because --it happens everyday.

SPEEWAH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Another year has come and gone and we are again at the time of our Annual General Meeting. This is to be held at the Brigade headquarters on 30 November 99 at 7.45pm. This year there will not be the need to have an election of officers so those members or friends who are afraid of being elected can comfortably attend and find out what we have done in the last year. Fortunately for those volunteers that do attend there have not been many fires to worry them. Hopefully this trend will continue over the next few months, especially during the school holidays when children tend to get up to some mischief. It is also pleasing to note that residents are becoming more knowledgeable about the necessity of obtaining permits before doing any burning. This makes it a lot easier on the brigades, as it is easier to assist in a controlled burn than to have to try and control an uncontrolled burn.

As this year is nearly over I would like to wish all residents and readers all the very best for a safe festive season and the hope that the new year brings you all you may wish for.

SO DON'T FORGET to come to our AGM on the 30 NOVEMBER. Margaret Butteling – Secretary

The Burning Issue

Welcome to the last "Burning Issue" of the millennium. On Saturday the 13th of November, Captain Ray, Karen Davies and Area Director Bill Brown attended a public meeting in relation to cyclone and Y2K awareness. It became evident at this meeting that a lot of people have concerns regarding New Years Eve and the possible problems associated if the Millennium Bug strikes. Thus the purpose of this article is to clarify certain points.

Firstly, Kuranda station will be manned by a crew of 4 fire fighters from 7.00pm on the 31 December 1999 through to 7.00am on the 1st January 2000. Before and after this time we will be on an "on call" basis as per usual. Our station is well equipped with generator power and back-up radio communications if necessary. All crew on station this night are proficient in Senior 1st Aid and Advanced CPR skills, including the use of "oxy-viva resuscitators. In the event of an emergency please use the emergency number 000. Failing this, you may ring the station direct on 40937406 or drive in to the station.

Secondly, we have concerns about people storing large quantities of fuel in their homes over this period. Please remember that it is legal to store only the following quantities of flammable and combustible liquids in and around the home:

	In the House	In Garage Attached to House	Garage 1 metre from House	Shed 3 or more Metres from House
PETROL	5 litres	25 litres	100 litres	250 litres
DIESEL	25 litres	50 litres	250 litres	250 litres
KEROSENE	5 litres	50 litres	250 litres	250 litres
TURPENTINE	5 litres	25 litres	100 litres	250 litres

Ensure that your LPG gas cylinders are in good order and that validity dates are checked and, of course, refilled prior to New Years Eve.

New Years Eve is going to be an unknown quantity to all of us this year but please be assured that the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority is doing all within our power to make sure our contingency plan is in place and able to be implemented. The Kuranda communities safety is first and foremost in our minds, but a lot of the onus this year is going to fall back on the community itself. You can assist us to assist you by some very simple preparedness such as:

- using commonsense with fuel storage
- checking trees are cleared from powerlines
- knowing basic first aid
- checking gas bottles and fire extinguishers are up to date
- checking your outside fuse boxes are clean and leak free
- checking the hydrants in front of your homes are clear and accessible
- ensuring you have fire evacuation plans in place

Any assistance you may require on this is available from Kuranda Fire Station by phoning 40937406 or calling in on Tuesday drill nights. Please Note: As from the 1st of December, we will be drilling on Wednesday nights. The past few months have been busy with several call outs to Fires and Motor Vehicle accidents, but we have also managed to attend our regular Tuesday night drills and send various crew members on external courses. Debbie Tansey, Robert Lindsay and Bill Birgan all successfully completed their Road Accident and Rescue course held at South Cairns Station. Well done team!

On a sad note, Robert Sharp has left us after 3 years of service due to other commitments. Thanks to Robert for all his efforts and help and we wish him luck in the future. If you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary Fire Fighter, there is a position available and information can be obtained from Captain Ray on 0417773829 or Karen on 40937375. This is a rewarding and challenging position but also a lot of fun. On that note, the crew at Kuranda Fire Station would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2000. **Ima Firey**

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 - Young Citizen Award
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 - Community Event Award

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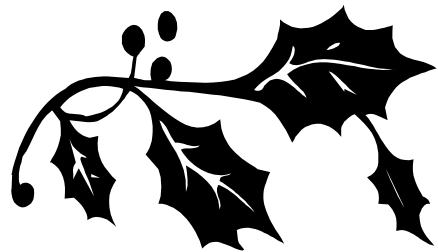
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sat. 27 Youth Space Design Forum at the Library 10 am to 1 pm.
 Mon 29. Kindy Parent Information Evening

DECEMBER

Wed. 1-3 High School. Exhibition opens 6.30 pm
 Sat. 4 Scout Car Wash
 Mon 6-10 Year 7 Orientation at High school
 Fri. 10 High School Awards Presentation Day 9.30 am
 Sat 11 Garden Group Harmony Farm 16 Spear Rd 2.00 pm
 Sat 11 Kindy End of year Party, Saturday 11th December from 4 pm
 Sat. 11 Dance Club Disco Primary School Age 6.30 pm CWA Hall
 Sat. 11 Sun. 12 Kuranda Ambulance station first aid and resuscitation course
 Tues. 14 Christmas Carols on at 7.30 pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall
 Tues. 14 7.30 pm Pottery group
 31-1 Jan. 2000 Kuranda station will be staffed by 4 fire fighters from 7.00 pm 31 Dec to 7.00 am 1 Jan 2000.

REGULAR MEETINGS in an around KURANDA

Every Sunday Soft Ball Hunter Park Fallon Rd. 2.30 pm Ph. 4093 9035
 Al-Anon 10.30 am. Library meet. room - ph 4093 0462
 Alcoholics Anonymous 10.30 CWA Hall. Ph 4093 0462
 R.S.L. 5 pm Sports & Social Club.
 1st Sunday Family Service, Uniting Church, St. Christopher's
 1st Sunday Life Span exercise CWA Hall 9.30 am
 Every Monday Pensioners, 1.30 pm, CWA hall Ph 4093 7674
 1st Monday KISC 7.30 pm, 17 Thongon St. Ph .4093 8933
 2nd Monday Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm S & S club, Fallon Rd. Ph .4093 7187
 2nd and 4th Mon Rangers Soccer Club. 7.00 pm. Ph .4093 7816
 3rd Monday Latin American Dance Amphitheatre Stage 6.30 pm-8.30 pm
 Every Tuesday Play group. St Saviors, 9.00 am-11.00 am Ph. 4093 0146
 Every Tuesday Al Anon 8 pm Anglican Church. Ph. 4093 0462 or 4093 9294
 Every Tuesday 8 Ball 7.15 pm at Speewah Tavern, Fitzies Tavern and S & S Club
 Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka
 1st Tuesday Reading Group Rose's Place 2 Wirramoo St 7.30 pm
 1st Tuesday Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm - meets club hall
 2nd Tuesday High School P & C 5.30 pm
 3rd Tuesday K. Primary School P & C 5.30 pm Ph. 4093 7201
 Supper Club Rainforest Resort 7 pm
 Every Wednesday Craft classes at CWA Hall 9.30 am.
 Play group. St Saviours, 3.00 pm-5.00 pm Ph. 4093 0146
 Cub Scouts 5-6.30 pm contact Clare Hensley ph 4093 9038
 1st Wednesday Kuranda EnviroCare, Rainforest Resort 7 pm
 Chamber of Commerce, 5 pm. Frogs Restaurant
 2nd Wednesday Q.C.W.A meeting 1.30 pm
 Kuranda Tennis Club 4093 8218 or 4093 9600
 Last Wednesday Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm.
 Every Thursday Respite Care, CWA Hall, 9 am-3 pm
 Every Thursday Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Rainforest Resort. Ph. 4093 7428
 2nd Thursday Ambulance, 7.30 pm. Ambulance Centre, Fallon Rd.
 3rd Thursday 8 Ball Comp: S & S Club 7.15 pm
 Every Friday Rotary Top Pub Goose Club 6-8 pm
 Every Saturday Enviro Care 8 am-9 am Tree planting Bees ph 40937570
 3rd Saturday Ambulance Committee Stall -Outside St.Saviours Church

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Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No.5

Contributed by John Brooks Bank

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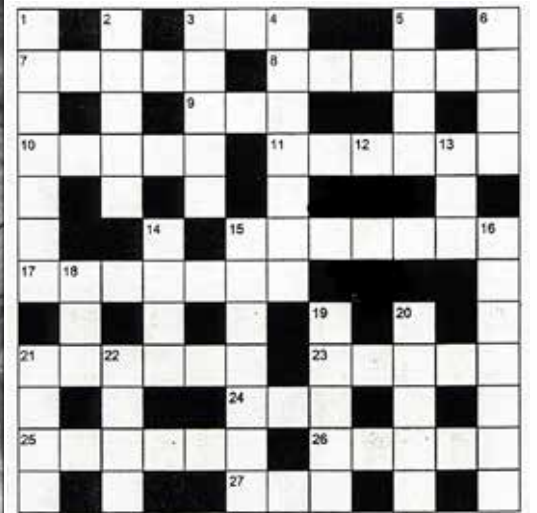
- Village green could be one of these islands
- Street near the Barron River is almost strange
- Fertile loamy soil to be dug in this Kuranda suburb
- Male almost takes a lead in another Kuranda riverside settlement.
- Confused rodents make it big in the movies.
- A green one will keep you awake in the wet season.
- Miss Moore swallowed this record label
- This meets the rain forest in the Far North.
- Short or long these can be musically green too.
- Put north in for tea in Atlanta hybrid Kuranda regrowth
- Japanese sash to wear when in Taco Bill's.
- To take things is the least of village problems.
- Colonial aborigine is almost a comical young one, Rick
- Street sounds, what he did at the annual Mareeba show, almost
- Sold in the store opposite Fitzies

Across

- Quiet member of the family
- Creek could clogged in this way too
- Australian volunteer abroad heads up this rodent reincarnation
- Kuranda humans and animals of the bush are all so called
- You great tangle of desert dwellers
- Where to hang your firmament in Kuranda
- This one is a little cockatoo
- A foot in this carbine helps to collect gold in the sluice
- Attempt street party to cement this secret union
- Can be a twin, at the neck or even half an American jeep!
- Doctor heads off rascal sea anchor not needed on the Ark
- Peter was a happy and gay entertainer
- An important god for your water heater perhaps



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DEPART												
RAVENSHOE		8.00am			2.15pm	*4.00pm						
HERBERTON		8.35am			2.40pm	*4.30pm						
MALANDA		8.20am	*8.05am		--	--	#8.35am		#8.35am			
YUNGABURRA		#8.30am	*8.25am		--	--	#8.20am		#8.20am			
ATHERTON	6.30am	9.15am	*8.45am		3.30pm	*4.50pm	6.30am	9.15am	9.15am			
MAREEBA	7.00am	9.45am			4.00pm		7.00am	9.45am	9.45am			
KURANDA	7.30am	10.20am		12.45pm	2.10pm	4.30pm	7.30am	10.20am	8.30am	10.20am		
CAIRNS (Arr.)	8.15am	11.15am			5.15pm		8.15am	11.15am	9.15am	11.15am		
									2.50pm			
FROM CAIRNS:		MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Except Public Holidays)				SATURDAY (Except Public Holidays)		SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS				
DEPART												
CAIRNS	8.30am	9.30am		1.30pm	3.15pm		5.30am	9.30am	1.00pm	9.30am	1.00pm	2.50pm
KURANDA	9.05am	10.10am		2.10pm	3.55pm		6.05pm	10.05am	1.40pm	10.10am	1.40pm	3.30pm
MAREEBA	9.40am			4.30pm			6.40pm	10.40am	2.15pm			
ATHERTON	10.15am		*3.05pm		5.00pm	*3.15pm	11.15am		2.45pm			2.15pm
YUNGABURRA	--		*3.25pm		5.30pm	--			3.05pm			3.05pm
MALANDA (Arr.)	--		*3.45pm		5.45pm	--			3.15pm			3.15pm
HERBERTON	10.30am				5.30pm	*3.35pm			3.15pm			3.15pm
RAVENSHOE (Arr.)	11.00am				6.00pm	*4.00pm						

* School Days Only # MUST Book Ahead
 AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE ON MOST SERVICES UPON REQUEST (Additional fare applies)
 HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern side of Sheridan St only) AVAILABLE ON SELECTED SERVICES (Additional fare applies)
 N.B. NO SERVICES OPERATING ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY



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