



# The Kuranda Paper

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*Kuranda  
mourns the  
passing of  
Marita  
Hobbler,  
beloved wife  
of Lyn,  
Elder of the  
Tjapukai tribe.*

*See story on page 4*

## RAINFALL

24/10/2000  
to

19/11/2000  
**180mm**

22/11/2000  
to

31/12/2000  
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21/01/2001  
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19/02/2001  
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Mushrooms manifesting multiples in the mainstreet mulch.  
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# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

The Mareeba Shire Mayor and Councillors have taken no interest in our wishes. There has been no meeting yet to discuss our wants - Please Mister Mayor. Anyone plagued with flies can phone me on 4093 7205 to hear of a soluble powder that added to water will attract flies that enter the bottle (though holes) but cannot escape and drown. Please help me if you know of an old age or disabled pensioner who wants a free home. No hard work. I have very little eyesight and I just need someone to read medicine bottles and bits from letters and newspapers.

Marjorie Spear

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I read with interest T.D. Hughes community letter in your February edition. Your correspondent advances many interesting points re: the Christian Church and a unique perception of the identity of Jesus Christ as presented by today's clergy. In order to share these views more fully, I would like to very respectfully invite T.D. Hughes to our next ALPHA dinner on Wednesday 18 April at St Saviour's Church. The dinner is free to all as a precursor to the full ALPHA course of studies.

ALPHA is a Christian study series featuring video presentations by gifted guest speaker Nicky Gumbel of Holy Trinity, Brompton, UK and an integral part of each session is a group discussion which encourages a full and free airing of personal views, both controversial and conventional.

Invitations to this ALPHA will soon be available and I would hope that T.D. Hughes can accept my offer in the spirit in which it is made.

Graham Metcalfe (ALPHA team member)

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Open letter to Rod Wellford, the Minister for the Environment, Re Killing of 42 Bowerbirds.

I presume you are aware that at this moment up to 42 bowerbirds are being slaughtered to further scientific research. The permit has been issued by D.O.E. with the consent of JCE and the CSIRO. I find the situation to be so farcical it's almost funny (except when you picture some of the world's most beautiful, unusual, intelligent and magic birds being killed dead in the name of science). Nothing is sacred anymore except for money and power. (and votes) I started the "People against Kuranda Skyrail" P.A.K.S. - OK, we lost but we had a big impact on further development plans and the Chapman's ended up constructing a "Green Skyrail".

I intend to start a small campaign to stop the killing of the Bowerbirds immediately. I belong to CAFNEC, TWJS and Kuranda EnviroCare, so can quickly muster support. Also, I am a friend of the senior Tjabugay ranger, Willie Brim, who had a go at Peter Beattie recently. Wouldn't be a good move for your Govt. to stop the killing. It might just win you a few votes. I for one will not vote labor if the Bowerbird killing is not stopped. I did intend to vote labor.

Graham Bell

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

I was shocked to hear at Christmas the Dean of England proclaiming Jesus to be God. Has the church now elevated him to this position and would you believe it?

From what I have read and please correct me if I'm wrong, is that Jesus is not the Eternal Son, nor is he part of the Trinity, but belongs to the order of Michael. A group of Creator Sons that are sent out from Paradise to establish life on their own local universes. But before they are given complete sovereignty over their domain, have to bestow themselves seven times into various orders of life, so that they will become experienced and compassionate administrators.

T. D. Hughes

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### Rainforest P'taahy.

P'taah, interdimensional teacher and inspirator supreme, engaged lightworkers and interested others on Sunday evening 18 February here in Kuranda.

At the Hidden Valley home of Allan and Sylvia Rose; P'taah was channelled as always through local writer Jani King. For some two hours he walked the boards of the spacious veranda during a welcome break from the heavy rain, followed by a pot luck dinner and conversation.

The audience of fifty people were grateful for the rare opportunity to commune with this loving master who delivers an uncomplicated message of unity, community and love through self-realization.

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Editorial	Thurs 22	March
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*Happy  
Pancake  
Day*





**What is it?** Open grassed terraced seating area fully fenced, capable of accommodating approximately 3000 persons. There are four performance areas.

- ~ Small under cover stage area adjacent to kitchens and bar.
- ~ Main stage area for large productions.
- ~ Understage area accommodating approximately 300 may be open or enclosed.
- ~ Raised and level grassed areas adjacent to seating terraces.

**Who owns it?** The area is leased from the Mareeba Shire Council by the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society. It has been designed and constructed by the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Members.

**Who runs it?** The Kuranda Amphitheatre which has a voluntary committee elected by the paid membership. The membership is open to all persons.

**What are the bare maintenance costs?** To keep the venue ready for hiring, the following charges have to be met each year regardless of usage.

Insurance	\$3700
Rates	\$2500
Electricity	\$2000
Telephones	\$ 720
Total	\$8920

Approximately **\$171 per week** Plus vandalism repairs ongoing. At present, grounds maintenance is done voluntarily.

**Where does the \$ come from?**

- ~ Yearly membership fees \$10 single \$15 family.
- ~ Charges for users.
- ~ Gate takings %age.
- ~ Bar sales.
- ~ Kitchen lease.

**Who are the users?** Local. Groups, individuals. Wider. Performing arts, international acts, festivals, other events.

**The Competition**

The Cairns Convention centre. Venues at resorts and clubs. Botanical Gardens. Tanks Arts Centre. Civic Centre. Atherton, Mareeba, Port Douglas, Mossman and new high schools now have performing arts space, indoors and outdoors. Changing weather patterns bringing unpredictable rain every month.

During the 22 years of the life of the Amphitheatre our community and our village have changed a great deal. The laid back 'three days work, four days play' ethic of a past era is no longer viable. Enormous voluntary effort is required to **manage the Amphitheatre and generate the usage required** to justify maintenance. Energy and motivation are apparently at an all time low. Local usage is negligible.

**The Future?** Has the Amphitheatre in its present form outlived its usefulness? Is it time to go to the wider community outside the membership of the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society to discuss usage proposals for this space? Does committee burn out and apparent apathy of the membership point the way to change? Put aside nostalgia, sentimentality and **unrealistic expectations**, and come to the AGM with some exciting new ideas and the **energy to implement them.** *Contributed by Joan Dods*



**Locals Questionnaire** by *Brian Clarke*

Hello to you all....I am contacting you and over 300 other local people, to whom I am personally known, and in response to many of your requests, asking if you would consider the following proposal.

I am trying to verify if there is a genuine desire, from within our local area, to develop a data base / directory. Initially, the use of this database will be limited to inviting you to gigs produced by the 'frogsquad' band and friends, mainly @ the understage. (est. of frequency approx. one per month). I am of the belief this initiative may develop into a useable mechanism, enabling a variety of options and possible benefits.

Over the past twenty five years of producing and staging various types of local events, I clearly recognise that accurate information & distribution is one of the keys to a successful result thus offering social opportunities. I know that 'trying to please all of the people all of the time' is an impossibility, but I also know that 'pleasing some of the people some of the time is well worth the effort.

**" If we do not do these things for ourselves we cannot expect others to do them for US!!!"**

Our community is rapidly expanding. The necessity for cost effectiveness along with the clear understanding that many of our local social events are produced, subsidised and supported by voluntary help and your attendance. Success of these efforts is commonly measured by the ability to recover 'actual costs' and to contribute a fair return for the use of our community facilities.

I am very aware that many of you prefer to remain anonymous and I genuinely respect your independence and privacy. Therefore, all efforts to ensure the privacy of the listings will be observed and not used by any other person or purpose unless authorised by you.

If you DO NOT wish, now or at any time, to be included in the listings, **PLEASE LET ME KNOW** and I will remove your details immediately. **THIS IS A GENUINE OFFER.**

Alternatively, if you know of someone or an organisation who may be interested in being included, please offer my contact details so I may include them in the future.

- e - mail services: bc@zoomnet.com.au (Preferred & most cost effective)
- Fax stream: 4093 9085 (Second preference, more cost, less effective)
- Post listings: P.O. Box 69 Kuranda Q 4872 (Most expensive & time consuming)

Your response to the following questionnaire will determine how the process develops and if, through better communication, could offer you greater choice. Therefore, I would appreciate a response from you regarding the following information, so I may qualify all of the current information I have thus far compiled & delete any information at your request. Without your acknowledgment we are denying ourselves our identity and the possibility of moving forward.

	Yes	No	Name
1 Would you like to be on our Customer Database?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
			Site address
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			Fax number
3 Can you receive information via fax? If so, please send me your fax number.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
			Postal address
4 Can you only receive information via the Post? If so please send me your current address.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Best wishes to you all and thank you for taking time to read this proposal.

**L.J. Hooker Kuranda have moved!**

L. J. Hooker Kuranda's move to larger premises and a more prominent location indicates confidence in the local property scene and foresight in principal Mike Mabbutt's commitment to the community.

Mike said the move had been integral in re-energising and re-organising the way the growing team served their clients.

"We've seen strong business growth in our office over the last 6 years and are predicting a major increase this year with the long-awaited upturn in activity. We just physically needed the bigger premises," he said.

"Our new location now offers clients a great location with easier access from the street and excellent parking facilities. The new office and design also allows us to display our clients' properties to their best advantage, which includes space for 70 window cards and is more inviting and welcoming to prospective buyers and sellers.

Queensland regional manager with L.J. Hooker, Mr Phillip Hills, said the move was just one part of L.J. Hooker Kuranda's strategy of improving the way it does business with clients.

He congratulated L.J. Hooker Kuranda for embracing the challenges of moving offices and the staggering technological changes the network was undergoing.

"The new L.J. Hooker Kuranda operation is equipped with the most up-to-date in L.J.Hooker technology," he said.

"The team is geared up for the challenges of the 21st century as people demand quality service and results from the companies they do business with. The office move and upgrade has demonstrated their readiness to meet these challenges," Mr Hills said.

Executive General Manager Grahame Cooke congratulated Mr Mabbutt and his team on such an exciting and confident move.

"L.J.Hooker franchises are locally owned and operated by licensed real estate agents who have extensive local market knowledge, but with the added advantage of the resources, support, and experience of the network as a whole," Mr Cooke said.

L.J.Hooker Kuranda's new premises are in the attractively landscaped Village Settlement Complex at 12 Robb Veivers Drive, on the left hand side on the way in to Kuranda before the Butterfly Sanctuary. They can be contacted on 4093 9050, fax 4093 9040 and email kuranda@ijh.com.au



Happy St Patrick's Day 17 March



## Ambulance Update *By Leon Cartledge Officer in Charge*

**Station News:** I am happy to report that since our last contribution to the paper things have been relatively quiet, with few serious incidents occurring. Thankfully the festive season passed without a great deal of problems.

The new car has arrived at last and has now been in service for about six weeks. It is proving to be ideal for the local conditions, and with luck I may not find myself bogged in some of our more challenging driveways.

**LAC & Fund-raising News:** The Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) is a group of community minded individuals who dedicate many hours work per month towards enhancing the ambulance service to the local community. The role of the committee is to raise awareness in the community about the ambulance service and its products, and to also inform the Ambulance service via the commissioner as to the effectiveness of the local service.

The LAC is also a significant fundraising body that raises funds for the purchase of equipment for use in the local community.

The next Street Stall will be on March 17 in Coondoo Street at the front of St Saviour's Church. We are also having a Monster Garage Sale at the station on the 17 February from 8 am to 4 pm so come along and haggle with us and try and bag a bargain. On June 2 we will be holding our annual Quiz Night and we would like to extend an invitation to all, so get a team of

four together and come along, it always proves to be a great night and people travel from as far away as Edmonton to try their luck at winning some of the great prizes on offer.

**LEON'S TIPS:** The wet season is upon us again and we will start to see some mishaps on the range and on our local roads, so now is the time to check your tyres and make sure they are up to scratch as far as the tread goes, and it is also a time to ensure that wheel alignment and tyre pressures are OK. If you are diligent about these things chances are you won't need to call on me.

A good strategy at this time of year is to try and increase the distance between you and the car in front and try and take the corners less aggressively. The worst times are when there have been a few dry days and then we get the first bit of rain. This is when the road is at its slippery worst and great care needs to be taken. The worst section of the range appears to be between the Barron bridge and the lookout, as this is where we get the bulk of our road accidents. So drive to stay alive and look out for the other guy too.

**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 too late because it happens everyday.

## THE BURNING ISSUE

Welcome back to the first burning issue of the year. It's encouraging to report that Kuranda station had a very quiet Christmas and New Year insofar as call-outs were concerned so hopefully it was a case of commonsense prevailing during the silly season. We continued with drills and general station business and are slowly getting back into the swing of things for a brand new year.

As a result of our intensive recruiting drive over the past few months Kuranda fire station has almost reached it full quota of community fire protection officers. With the acceptance of Garrett Freeman and John Simmons last month we are only one short of our allowed crew numbers. Many thanks to the team at QITE, Kuranda for all their help with this. Garrett Daniel and John all completed their 40 hr primary skills course in Atherton during January. They had a week off and then successfully completed a breathing apparatus course held at Cairns fire station. We congratulate the boys and wish them all the best as members of the QFRA.

Karen has also commenced casual employment as a trainee communications officer with the QFRA Firecom Centre down in Cairns. We wish her luck with her training and studies in this position.

Last month saw all the kids going back to school so it will also mean the commencement of our fire education and road accident awareness prevention programs. These programs were successful last year and we hope to continue that success and enthusiasm this year.

**So until next month, stay firesafe.**

## KURANDA

### NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE *by*

*Marcia Miller*

February has been a very good month for the Neighbourhood Centre. You may have heard that the Centre has received \$77,000 over the next 3 years to employ a co-ordinator for the Centre. The committee has been working towards this for a very long time. Congratulations on all the effort so many people have put into the Centre since it was formed in 1992.

The AGM was held on Monday, February 12. Thanks to all those who attended. The following people have been elected to the Management Committee: President: Chris Wright; Vice-President: Krishna Buhler; Secretary: Irene Colefax; Treasurer: Querida Loftas; Committee Member: Kate Costigan. They can now look forward to an exciting year with lots of changes happening at the Centre.

The Volunteer Training Program will start on Monday, 26 Feb. at 9:30 am and run for 4 weeks. Anyone interested in attending the

program is very welcome. If you can't be placed as a volunteer at the Neighbourhood Centre, every attempt will be made to place you as a volunteer somewhere else. (Am I just deluding myself that we will have a good turnout for the training program?) Please phone Marcia Miller on 4093 8933 for more information. I'm at the Centre on Mon and Tues from 8:30 to 2:00 and on Wed from 8:30 to 1:30.

Recently the Rotary Club and the Lions Club donated money to the Centre to help defray the cost of the food parcels we give out to those in need. The help from these community organisations to help others in the community is greatly appreciated.

The book exchange is coming along nicely, being used more, and a good selection of books are coming in. Pop in now that the rainy weather is with us. There's nothing like a good book and a cuppa on a rainy day. There is also a very good selection of woodworking magazines that may interest some people.

It seems my 'notes' are getting longer each month. Perhaps that means things are happening at the centre and there is more to report on. Come in for a visit and see for yourself.

## KNC DRUG & ALCOHOL BULLETIN

The following article appeared in the Cairns Post in August last year:

### NEW LINK IN DEPRESSION

Drug or alcohol abuse goes hand in hand with depression for thousands of Australians, a survey shows. An Australian Bureau of Statistics survey had revealed that one in four people who have a drug, alcohol or anxiety problem also have one other mental disorder, Dr Maree Treeson said. This "co-morbidity" uncovered in the representative survey of 10,600 adults was leading to a rethink on how health services should operate, she said. Dr Treeson, senior lecturer at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, said the survey showed only half of the people with co-morbid problems sought treatment. "The trouble is that we have two different systems - a mental health system which treats anxiety and depression and a separate drug and alcohol system" Dr Treeson said. If you have both of these problems you can find yourself falling through the cracks". Speaking from the Mental Health Services Conference 2000 in Adelaide, Dr Treeson said a national co-morbidity project had been launched to ensure communication between Commonwealth drugs and mental health strategies. Most of the burden of disease in young people - aged 15 to 24 years - came from anxiety, depression or substance abuse.

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**Marita, Hobbler** was born at Mona Mona Mission on the 15th of July, 1928 to Cecil and Dinah Brim. She was the eldest of 8 children, followed by Warren (dcd), Ivan, Milton, Ruth, Eunice, Ross (dcd), Anna (dcd).

At the age of 6 she was taken off her parents and placed in the dormitory which was common practice at that time on the mission. The older girls used to look after the younger ones. Marita was looked after by Lilly Newbury until she was about 9 years of age, then Sarah and Martha Hunter looked after her until they were married and left the dormitory. By this time she was old enough to look after herself.

In 1946, at the age of 18 Marita, married Lyn Hobbler. They had 2 sons both born at Mona Mona Mission, Earl (Cob) and Elvin (Banjo) now deceased. In 1996 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Marita and Lyn left Mona Mona in the early 60's and moved to Oak Forest where they lived for about 1 year. They then moved to Machans Beach where they lived until Mona Mona Mission closed down. They bought one of the houses from the mission and moved it to Thongon Street, Kuranda where they lived until 1981. They then

moved to Ngoonbi Farm as Lyn was the Farm Manager at that time.

Marita looked after many children including Sharon (dcd), Henry (dcd), Willie and Dianne who were raised as if they were her own. Marita's hands were always full looking after many other children and they often had nieces and nephews moving in and out of the house as if it was their own. At any time they would have up to 15 children in their 2 bedroom home.

Shortly after losing her son Elvin (banjo), Marita took on the role of raising her 2 grandsons Elvin and Earl. They also played a big part in raising another grandchild, Billy.

Marita was one of the founding members of Ngoonbi Housing Society Ltd in the early 1960's and later the Mona Mona Mission Corporation. She always took a keen interest in everything that affected her people and her community and was always outspoken at meetings and was not frightened to voice her opinion on any issue.

Marita has been an active church member since 1961 and over the years has participated in different church activities including the choir, youth program 'Pathfinders' and helping to organise church picnics by the Barron River. She always encouraged all her children to become

involved. Church camps to Townsville were a yearly event enjoyed by her and the children.

Although Marita left Mona Mona Mission in the early 60's it always held a special place in her heart. Every opportunity was taken to go out there, especially weekends and school holiday time. Marita's other favourite pastime was the many fishing trips on the bus with Irene Hunter and Rita Gutchen.

When Lyn passed away, Marita found it very hard trying to cope without having her lifetime companion beside her. As many people know, Marita and Lyn were inseparable. They did everything and went everywhere together. Although battling with her own illness (cancer) she continued to nurse Lyn so that he was able to spend his last days in the comfort of the family home.

Marita always worried about the rest of the family, in particular the children, and always put herself last. Through all the heartache that life had dealt her she still remained a very strong person.

Sadly for us, on the 12th of February, Marita peacefully passed away at home with her family.

She will be greatly missed.

# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

(CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

## ST SAVIOUR'S KURANDA

Invites you to Worship Services  
**Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Family Eucharist

9.30 am Sunday school

5.00 pm Afternoon Worship  
(First Sunday in the Month (4<sup>th</sup>))

Holy Communion

Last Sunday informal Praise service ( Feb 25<sup>th</sup> )  
all other Evening Prayer

### Thursday

10.00 am Holy Communion

### Special Services

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday Eucharist 7.30 pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's Day

9.30 am Holy Communion

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

The Annunciation

7.30 pm Holy Communion

### Activities

Home Groups

Alpha

A life Worth Living

Sunday School

Enq The Rev'd Chris Wright -Tel 40938735

email [wrightc@iig.com.au](mailto:wrightc@iig.com.au)

The Rev'd Bill Davidson -Tel 40938798



## St Christopher's Catholic Church Barang St

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm  
Wednesday Mass 7.30 pm

**Kuranda Seventh-day Adventist Church**

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

Services held every Saturday.  
**ALL WELCOME !!!**

## A Thought for March

This month we read a passage from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 5 verse 1 to 11 "The temptations of Jesus". Jesus has made the decision that will affect all history. He has decided to move out of Nazareth into public ministry. He has just undergone baptism and has had a shattering experience of the presence of God in which both he and his intentions are deeply affirmed. He now must take the next step.

It is one thing to make a big decision. It is often quite another to put the big decision into action. That is what Jesus has to do. He is "filled with the power of the Spirit," but what does that Spirit want him to do? He goes into the desert to work that out. There he faces the demons that face us all when we must wrestle with choices that are life changing. Sometimes the call of God to go in a certain direction may be very strong, but we may still have a great deal of agonizing about the specific steps. The temptations or tests in the wilderness are Jesus' wrestling with alternatives.

Presumably when he returned Jesus told of his wilderness experience in the same vivid images he tells other things. If we look at the

tests, we see a pattern. Each time, the test is a temptation to get people to follow him by certain devices. The first is that he bribe people, the second is that he impress people, and the third that he dominate them. To all of these Jesus says a resounding No. Why? Because he sees that he is being drawn by the temptation to satisfy his own ego. It is also the temptation to gain power at any price and by any means. Jesus dismisses the possibility and then makes his decision. In this passage we are not told that decision but the first things Jesus does after returning tell us clearly what he has decided to do. He calls his first four disciples.

This action tells us that Jesus decided to go the way of slow, undramatic building of a community of faith, doing it at a pace where he could really know those whom he called. More and more in today's church we are being called to do that. But we are taught something else by Our Lord's time of temptation. We are taught to examine the motivations for all our plans and actions. By his example Our Lord asks us whether our intentions are as we like to think, or only satisfying our own egos?

## News from St Saviour's Church

St Saviour's first clothing sale will be held next Friday March 2 at the rear of the Church. Pre-loved clothing of all shapes and sizes can be purchased from our large stocks at \$4.00 a bag. A cuppa is also available to purchasers free. On Saturday 3rd St Saviour's first Garage Sale of the year will be held and there will be some wonderful bargains. Sunday school has started for the year at St Saviour's at 9.30 am under the direction of Barbara Houston. This year we have some new faces and we would always welcome some more. People are constantly asking when the next Alpha course starts at St Saviour's. Well, there is not too long to go now. It starts on Wednesday 18 April at 6.30 pm with an Alpha dinner. If you are interested in joining the course, give Graham or Merreil a ring on 4093 0364.

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

### AL-ANON can help you

Meetings at Anglican Church Hall Kuranda 7.30 p m Tues and Library Meeting Room Kuranda 10.30 am Sunday  
Contact Diane 4093 0462  
Helen 4093 0545

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**

**ALL WELCOME**  
Informal style of family service

1st sunday of the month.  
St. Christopher's church.  
Barang St. Kuranda. 9 am

**NEXT SERVICE: March 4**  
Enquiries to Pr. Don Cracknell  
Phone 4092 1175  
& Krishna Buhler 4093 7348

## Words of Wisdom from OSHO No. 74 Purification

Purification is a purgative part. Man has to drop many things. In fact, truth is not far away -- you have just accumulated many things around yourself. You have grown many layers around yourself, many personalities around yourself, many masks you are wearing. Hence you cannot see your original face. All those masks have to be dropped. You have to become authentic, truly as you are, utterly naked as you are. Purification means: Stop hiding! Stop lying! Stop being phony!

For more words of wisdom from Osho try:  
[www.osho.org](http://www.osho.org)  
Saddhen 4093 0291

## KEEP MAKING PANCAKES

Six year old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard, and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for his Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad. He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, (and he didn't know how the stove worked)!

Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor.

Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky. And just then he saw Dad standing at the door.

Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him, and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process.

That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess sometimes. Our marriage gets all sticky, or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

### Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do.

That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him. But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes," for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried...

via Fitzlady



# KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Kuranda High School Welcomes Their New School Nurse



School Nurse Lindsay Winter working with students during Year 11 English

Lindsay Winter, the Youth Health Nurse joined the school community in February. Lindsay is part of the school-based Youth Health Nurse Program, a Queensland Government initiative to address the health needs of young people and their families.

Youth Health Nurses are being placed in State schools with secondary students around the state. The newly established role of the Youth Health Nurse is specialised, and different from the historical role of the school nurse. They do not provide treatment such as first aid or medication administration. Instead, the focus is on supporting schools to address the health needs of their students, their families and the school community as a whole.



Our Reps; Erica, Vivian and Anthony

## HIGH SCHOOL TRIO SUCCEED AT TRIALS:

Kuranda State High School Students recently participated in the Under 15 Touch Football regional sports trials at Atherton. Twenty-five students made the journey with seven being selected in the possible and probable squad. From these Erica Hudson, Vivian Riley and Anthony Riley went on to gain selection in the Tablelands Representative Side.

## Kuranda High's New Year 8 Students Find Their Feet:



Kuranda State High School continues to grow with 45 new Year 8 students this year. For many the move to their new school has been an easy one. What do our new students think of their new school?

"It wasn't scary because we know everyone and we were here during Orientation Week last year."

"It looks good with lots of space and buildings."

"It's a small school, so it's harder to get lost, like in bigger schools."

"We get to change classrooms, there are lots of subjects and the teachers are helpful and nice."

"It's Deadly!"



Above: New Year 8 students Laysia, Alec, Annie and Isaac.

Far Left of page: Vanessa, Maggie, Sarah, Jesse and Natalie.

## Library News *By Kath Raward*

The "NEW LOOK " Kuranda Library will open on March 27.

The Library will be closed from March 9 to March 27 to expand the internal space. We appreciate your patience. It will be worthwhile.

Before the closure, all library users will be able to borrow an unlimited number of library books and magazines from the collection to allow for the loss of the facility. Videos and CD's will be increased to 2 per person.

The "NEW LOOK" Library will have an extra 35 shelves for books, magazines and videos, including additional Large Print books. There will be a new dedicated reference and reading area and an area for a second Internet. There will also be a new area for very young readers. The collection will gain approximately 1000 additional volumes.

Also new is the closing times for the Council Cashier at the Library. The Cashier now closes at 4 pm daily.

Hope to see you in the Library soon.

**Kuranda Library  
Will be  
Closed  
For Refurbishment**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>  
To  
March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**There will be unlimited  
loans from Saturday  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> until March 8<sup>th</sup>**

## NEW LOCATION

### KURANDA PHYSIOTHERAPY

EST 1990

HAS MOVED TO

35 BARANG ST (behind the "top pub")

Phone remains the same **40 93 93 44**

Kurandaphysio@bigpond.com.au

Judy Buschkens B.app.Sc.(physio) MAPA

Tuesday morning Movement therapy classes 9.30 am

Private tuition and small group classes in body toning by arrangement.

Hands on physio by appointment Monday, Wednesday and

Friday's 9 am till 6 pm

~Move well stay well~

Each Month at The Kuranda Paper  
we need - Mastheads, Poems,  
Short Stories, articles and  
MOST IMPORTANTLY ADVERTISERS.

## Kuranda QITE turns One

Kuranda QITE turns one on the 28th February, and we have had an outstanding year within the Kuranda community with Training and Employment

QITE is a diverse community based not-for-profit organisation, which means our focus is firmly on our local community, with all results fed directly back into the district for the benefit of all.

The team a QITE offers a range of services for individuals or employers ranging from:

- Job Matching •
- Job Search Training.
- Literacy & Numeracy.
- Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Justine De Boom, Job Network Manager for Kuranda says that our strength has been our staff, who have been on hand to assist the community in all areas of training and employment. The team consisting of Nerissa Nagel, Tim Gunton and Chris Anthony have been there to help prepare resumes, locate the perfect employee for employers and provide Job Search Training Skills for those who require it.

So, drop in on Wednesday 28th February from 9.00 am onwards and talk with Nerissa, Tim or Chris about your training and employment needs.



### POSITION VACANT

#### Home Child Carer

Ideal for parents looking after children at home. Earn extra income with child minding.

#### Junior Nursery Hand

Must be interested in plants and be keen to learn.  
38 hrs/wk

Register for up & coming tourist season.

Call in and see Tim  
at 20 Coondoo St  
Ph 4093 9233



**QITE** Training & Employment

Help us **CELEBRATE**  
**Open Day**

our **1st Birthday**  
on the **28th of February**

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Computer & Internet Tips
- Quiz the team on employment

Come and check out our services including:

- New Computer Training Courses
- Traineeships
- Resume writing
- Employment consultancy
- Labor Hire

Drop in to 20 Coondoo St or call Tim on 4093 9233  
Every one **WELCOME: 9am - 4pm**

### The Charming Witch *by Merrill*

That particular morning Callie woke up seriously tired. Wobbling to the mirror she groaned, 'My eyebrows are falling asleep on my eyelids.'

No matter how she tried to lift them to achieve that bright-eyed look, they reverted to a sluggish frown, converging on her nose like two sinking ships about to drown her face. What was it her Charm teacher had said yesterday?

'Now girls, the eyebrows are like the rudder of the ship. They steer the whole face.'

Yes, toward a watery grave she thought as tears smarted in her eyes. This was so unfair! What did she need charm for? She was a witch! How could anyone expect her to look her best at this ungodly hour after a night like she'd been having lately. God certainly had little to do with it. It was all that flying upside down and round in spirals to get her licence.

The goddess of charm, however, had better wake up and make a special effort in her case if any results were to be expected from this unpromising material. She turned from her examination reluctantly, knowing that stupid teacher had warned them to keep at it.

'The woman who wishes to master her world starts with her face. First thing in the morning! Achieve the look you want before you face the world! The mirror is your greatest ally and your truest friend.' With such a friend who needs enemies! But, she assured herself, there was the promise of a truly long range broom at the end of the year. She'd be able to go anywhere!

She would be charming if it killed her, she promised herself, though she was much more likely to cause a few other people to rethink their life plans before that! One day I'll start a Charm School to end all charm schools! I'll wake up all those ancient goddesses and make them the teachers.

So 'women should have a dainty intellect in a delicious body!' I'll give them dainty intellect. Those goddesses ruled the world, and they can certainly twirl a dainty intellect around their little fingers! And then that Irene Cuttle better watch out!

Finally the mirror revealed a face that had

indeed woken up. Smiles wreathed her cheeks in little curlicues of delicious dimples. Well! About time! She felt 'delicious' thinking about how that simpering little teacher's pet would handle a confrontation with a serious goddess in all her majesty and power. She looked almost as radiant as Prissyface did after she'd applied all her layers of makeup.

Ugh! Yuk! All that goopy stuff layered all over your face, then you had to scrape it off and scrub your skin till it hurt! For what? So some stupid man would notice you and smile?

'No my dears, male attention is not the endpoint of this little game of facial mastery. Charm is a universal weapon for interrelating with the species and achieving your goals with the least effort. Would it really be pleasanter to forget all these little efforts and spend your whole life on some major work no one would accept because your appearance was too revolting to present it properly?'

Yes there seemed to be no way around learning to be presentable, though it did revolt her. All these little tricks! Dirty nasty smelly little tricks! Her face felt dirty with all that smelly stuff on it, and it was a nasty trick to try on someone you really admired. Looking like someone you were definitely not.

She wanted to tell Jeremy, 'Look! I'm a wonderful woman! I can fly loops around you, even take you with me when I get my licence and a proper long range broom. What adventures we'll have! What fun!'

Now her face was properly aight, just as it was after her flying lessons. Flushed cheeks and long black curls tossed back in wild disarray just suited her she thought. Why do I have to struggle with a hairbrush every morning? It looks great just like this!

Then she remembered with a sinking heart the scenes that had become all too familiar these days: Irene simpering at the water fountain with Jeremy looking back over his shoulder at her as he passed on his way to Wood-working 301. Irene with an armful of 'female stuff' for Charm class just 'accidentally' bumping into him, and he blushing

as red as she, and bending over to help her pick it up. The worst was the fire that had flared in her, causing her to sail vigorously right past them in defiance. Irene, thick with a heavy perfume that had nearly stifled her fast moving breath, and he gazing at her stuff in a trance--neither one had even noticed.

Well 'mirror mirror on the wall, who's the fairest witch of all?' she cooed, holding up her favorite shimmering blue electric shirt and pulling it on over her jeans. This was cheating a bit, since she'd bewitched it for fun and it behaved most outrageously on her slender body, lighting up as soon as she became excited by anything. It seemed to work off her body electricity.

It was a shame to have to stoop so low since she found Jeremy refreshingly different from the other boys. He was interested in real things, and what he could create with them, not just in making girls twitter and giggle.

What was the matter with him anyway? Didn't he have any taste? Irene was just ordinary! She had no magic except for the most primitive kind of masking behaviour, Callie thought. She probably just wanted to add him to her list of conquests because he was different. Now he would find out a witch could be much more exciting than any little Miss Prissyface.

Her lack of experience with boys was a slight drawback, since she'd been busy with far more interesting things than fluttering around those clumsy, self-conscious creatures. Boys! But Jeremy was different. If that was what it took to get him on her broom at the end of the year then flutter she would. She needed a travelling companion. Someone to share the world and its wonders with. So what if it took a bit of her private magic. Even though she was supposed to keep it to herself until Initiation, she could always say she wasn't really using it on anyone but herself. Who would know she had started using her magic early?

*Continued next month*

# VEG OUT Café

Formerly JAGANNATH'S Café

## Vegetarian Cuisine

5/24 Coondoo St Kuranda (main street, next to the huge boat!)

**Noodles, Falafel Wraps, Pastries,  
Asian Meals, Salads,  
Desserts, Frozen Fruit Ice creams and  
Specialty Drinks.**

### Locals Discount available

*Our menu caters for specific health and dietary requirements, featuring dairy-free, egg-free and wheat-free meals .*

Open six days a week (11 am-3 pm) for lunch, closed Mondays.

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings: bookings required, minimum 8 people.

Call Tracey or Julian on 4093 9569/ 4093 8483( A.H) or 042 572 5901



Jullian and Tracey, the new owners of Veg Out.

**Veg Out Café** is the place to come for tasty **vegetarian** and **vegan** food, satisfying everyone from skeptical carnivores to happy herbivores, calming hyperactivity while adding vitality, with no dish over \$10.00! Many cultures through the ages have placed great importance on food. Our flavours, are from India, China, Singapore, Malaysia and Africa, plus some local inventiveness. When consuming food, we are ingesting the result of many people's efforts and attitudes. We believe that preparing food is a privilege and that our good intentions are a necessary part of the whole process. Our job is to provide for and benefit from a need in the community for wholesome, nutritious and enticing food! We're starting carefully in Kuranda, where people say business is hard and locals sometimes feel pushed aside for the fast tourist dollar. We see the need to be flexible. A discount for locals is always given (please tell us if you're local and we don't recognize you!) and a free dish every ten visits will given with our members card, which locals can obtain from us over the counter. We're also keen to open for dinner bookings of eight or more on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Different dishes are offered for the evenings and others wishing to dine on these nights will be more than welcome. Please contact us and leave your details if you wish to be notified. We're open six days a week (11 am -3 pm) for lunch and closed Mondays. For everyone coming into our Café we look forward to providing you with a hearty vegetarian meal. Call Tracey and Julian on 4093 9569 / 4093 8483 (a/h) or 042 572 5901. Veg Out Café is at 5/24 Coondoo St Kuranda ( main street next to the huge boat!)

## The Kuranda Vacation Care Program

The Kuranda Vacation Care Program commenced in January this year, catering for children in the Kuranda region from preschool age to grade 7. The program provides fun activities each day, excursions and a safe caring environment. The program is registered so rebates apply, bringing the daily cost down to \$8 in some cases. Hours are 8.30 to 5.30 Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) in the public school holidays. Full day and Half day rates are available.

Coordinator Tina Hale and assistant Brenda Ryle are very pleased with the response to the service which saw up to fifteen children a day attending the program during January. it is envisaged this will increase to an average of 20 children per day as the program is more widely accessed in future vacation times.

For more information about this service, you can call Tina Hale on 4093 8192.



Feeding wallabies at the Rainforestation.



Kuranda Vacation Care Goup at the Rainforestation.



The kids with their Dream Catchers at the Library.



## Kuranda Garden Group by Marjorie Spear

Sorry the February get-together was cancelled owing to continual showers and slushy soil. We hope our get-together 10 March, 2 pm at Diane Morrison's, will have fine weather (Lot 2, 296 Barron Street. Turn right at the bottom end of Koah Rd). Phone me (4093 7205) if you are in doubt. There is no charge, but please bring a plate for smoko, any questions you may have, partners and children age 10 and over.

If you have recently moved to Kuranda or Koah etc. and would like some advice on your planning, please phone me and I can arrange for us to visit you plus a nearby established garden. Please offer your garden for a visit and you could make some nice friends.

The Candle Tree is easy to grow from cuttings. It attracts the smaller birds that have beaks small enough to extract the honey. Chokoes are fruiting well with the lovely rain.

## How to be Healthy Though Elderly by Marjorie Spear

What we eat and drink and think is of great importance. I have studied from many books what to eat and drink and that it should be organically grown or produced. Hence, I eat no meat or drink no cows milk as all animals are fed non organic food. I drink organically produced soya milk and eat cheese and yoghurt from organically produced milk. I eat fish from oceans or rivers and lots of organically grown fruits and vegies from my own garden.

I find plain water difficult to drink so I daily make a brew from lemon grass and basil adding different herbs in season. This is simmered for ½ hour and strained when cool and add honey to taste. For a snack I recommend wholemeal fruit cake or a banana or a piece of dark cooking chocolate. Green tea and Eyebright tea are good as are many others from a Health shop. If you live alone, adopt a small living creature, e.g. a desexed small dog or cat (not a bird in a cage). My small short haired terrier is my constant companion but I do not spoil her with wrong feeding.

## Organic Gardening by Marjorie Spear

My garden provides me with food and also food for birds and bees. I enjoy watching the birds so I cultivate shrubs they like for food. They must be hardy and so are flowering shrubs etc that I grow for their beauty - I prefer perennials. My vegetables are perennials - garlic chives, comfrey, mint, lemongrass. Annuals are self-sown cherry tomatoes and spinach. The spinach grows on fences and I daily pick young leaves which I chop up and add to my cooked rice or pumpkin. Pumpkin needs dolomite as do all my fruit trees, flowers and vegetables. This is covered with mulch, straw, wood chips or leaves of heliconias which I grow to give away the flowers. Anyone wanting tubers of these or torch gingers are welcome to dig these for free.. I also have carrots to give away plus monstrosia plants which are lovely to look at.

The only annuals I grow are marigolds and nasturtiums. I eat the flowers of both of these.. Marigolds also keep away nasties. When I cut off the marigold petals, I chip them and add to other food I am to eat. The seeds I keep and scatter around on bare patches and around fruit trees. The recent incessant showers have been a joy to me as I can no longer move hoses. I have many bottle brush trees to feed the birds. They like an acid soil (no dolomite) and pruning after flowering.

## Treeclimbing on a Saturday morning.

Today I climbed a tree with a child & remembered what it was to see through the eyes of a child once again. We climbed to the almost top & sat & chatted as we laughingly draped our bodies over the friendly tree's limbs. We hid ourselves on purpose above the footsteps on the traveller's pavement & felt cool fresh breezes in our faces & hair, we played I spy then without shame nor fear spied lovingly on friends & strangers alike. Some saw us & longingly gazed as they too yearned to be up above in the treetops with us. Finally one of the secret inner tree climbers broke free of the earthbound space & climbed our everloving tree. We welcomed him wholeheartedly into the trees open -armed limbs, he showed us his secret stash of pocket knives precious to any boy. We felt honoured he would include us in the showing of such treasures. We three up in the divine spaces & none of us wanted to return to being earthbound but alas, hunger drove us to descend into the coffee shop for a soyamilk banana smoothie....Adieu, wondrous tree, Mia & I will climb you next Saturday.

*Peace and universal love light.Star.*

## Wildlife Myola Road Tragedies

From Sept. 2000 - Feb. 2001 Wildlife Rescue J.B.

12 Long nose bandi coots  
3 Echidnas  
2 Spectacled flying foxes

4 Striped possums  
3 Snakes  
4 Wallabies  
3 Kookaburras  
1 Azure Kingfisher  
6 Paddymelons (with young)  
2 Pheasants  
12 Insectivorous Bats  
1 Goanna  
1 Large skink



PO Box 494 Kuranda 4872 Phone: 4093 7570 Fax: 4093 8338

## THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

It's the season for growing trees.

For much of the year we prepare sites for planting. We slash, cut, pull and poison weeds; we slay the guinea grass and show no mercy to the Lantana; we lay newspaper and cardboard and overlay it with mulching hay to starve the Sicklepod and Hairy Senna; we've even taken to overlaying Brachiaria grass with large areas of black plastic to heat-kill the grass without the use of herbicide.

All of these activities are in preparation for planting trees in time for the rain to give them a good start. The rain we had in December prompted us to start planting, but before a very hot, dry January was over, we were hand watering the fragile young seedlings. That's why we are a little over excited to see the good rains of February.

**We need every willing hand we can get. If you'd like plant a tree or two, we'll meet you at the Big Sands turnoff from Myola-Oak Forest Road on Saturday morning from 8.30am. We have the tools. We'll stop for a piccuppa and enjoy some home-made cake before 10am. If you want more information, call Jax on 4093 8834.**

## Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 4th March

The people who chuck their food and drink packaging out of the car or bus window probably won't read this. We are not the ones who leave the rubbish - they are! Unfortunately, the fact remains that litter of all sorts ends up in the gutters, gets picked up in the storm water and is carried into the rivers and creeks and out to sea. Apart from disease, odour and aesthetics, the real, unseen victims of our rubbish are wildlife. Flying and ground animals get wounded and killed by cars as they pick at food scraps. Many animals get the plastic rings from drink bottle caught around their necks which choke them to death. Fish get caught up in plastic, inside and out. Most of those agonising deaths go unnoticed.

Those of us who care about these things can make the small effort to pick up just one bit of someone else's rubbish - for the sake of the unseen victim if for no other reason.

**Let's have a clean place. Let's clean up the entrance to Kuranda, starting at the Kennedy Highway/Myola Road/Rob Vievers Drive intersection (at the traffic lights). We'll be there from 8am to 10am with bags, gloves and registration forms (You must register to be covered by insurance). Let's work away from the lights in all directions in 8 teams (so we don't have to cross the road). When your bag is full, leave it by the side of the road for us to pick up later.**

If you know a particular place you would rather clean up, then give us a call on 4093 7570 or 4093 8834 and we'll make sure you get bags, gloves and registration forms.

## Walking Tracks

Kuranda is developing a new product - it's for us, the tourists and the businesses in the township and it's to show off our environment without damaging it. It's walking tracks and boardwalks.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being poured into the project by the state and federal governments and the Kuranda tourist levy to employ people to construct the tracks, build camping grounds, make signs, brochures and maps. Mareeba Shire Council is administering the project.

You can already enjoy a great walk around the Barron Gorge railway station, starting from the lookout - without touching the ground. Ultimately this will link up with the Smith and Douglas Tracks from Speewah and Stoney Creek Track to Kamarunga. The next most important link will be the track from Kuranda township to the Barron Gorge.

## Celebrating volunteering

In this, the International Year of the Volunteer (and March is 'environment month'), we are planning an event to say 'thank you' to Kuranda's volunteers. We are thinking about taking ourselves on a bus tour of the Kuranda district to admire all the good work we are doing. We'll take a day to do it, stopping off for breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks at interesting points along the way. The length and breadth of the EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor will be a feature. It's just an idea. Interested?

**Land for Wildlife** application forms are available at KURANDA EnviroCare's shop (starboard side of the boat in Coondoo Street). Let us know if you want one mailed to you.

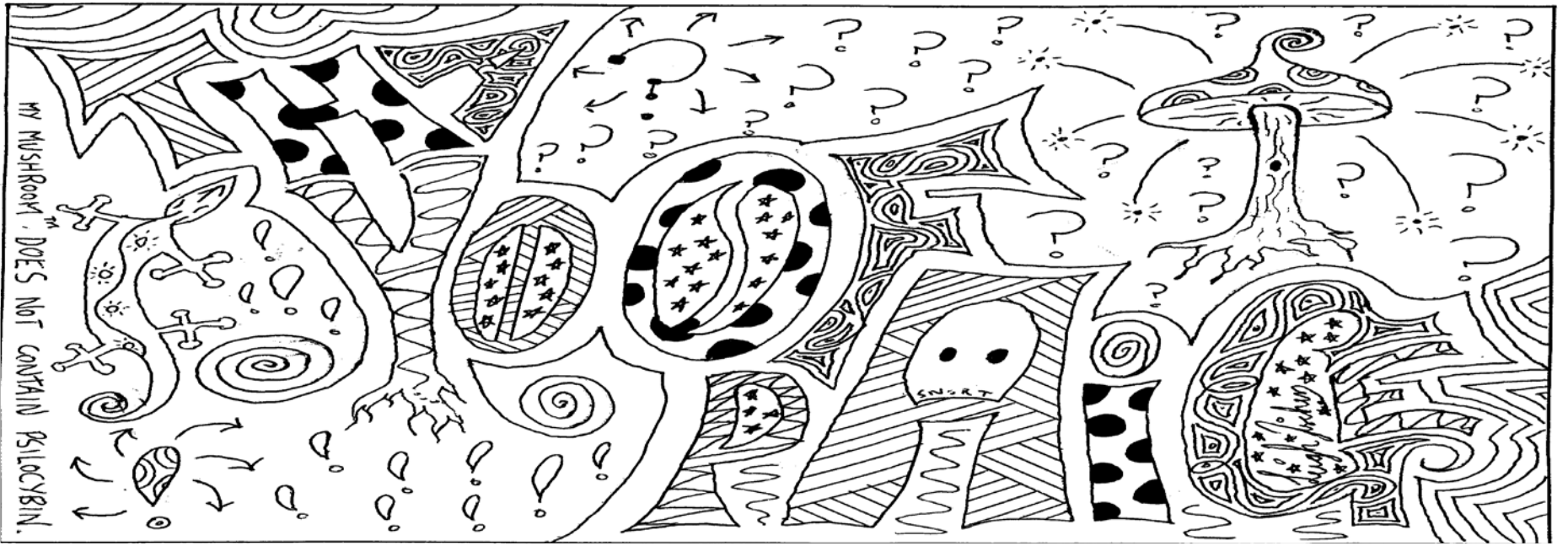
**Native Tree Seedlings** are now also available at our shop. You really ought to drop in to see how things are changing.

## Tour of Water and Sewerage Treatment Plants

Mareeba Shire Council has offered to conduct an information tour of the Kuranda plants. It's the water you're drinking - why isn't it muddy, how do they kill the germs in it? Why does good, clean sewage smell sweet? If you think this would be a good school holidays activity, let's know.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm will be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** followed by the **GENERAL MEETING** at the Sports Club, Fallon Road (bar open).  
Topic of interest: The rise and fall of the Barron River, with guests from Stanwell Corp. (Barron Gorge Power Station) and Dept of Natural Resources.

*EnviroCare is collecting native tree seeds*



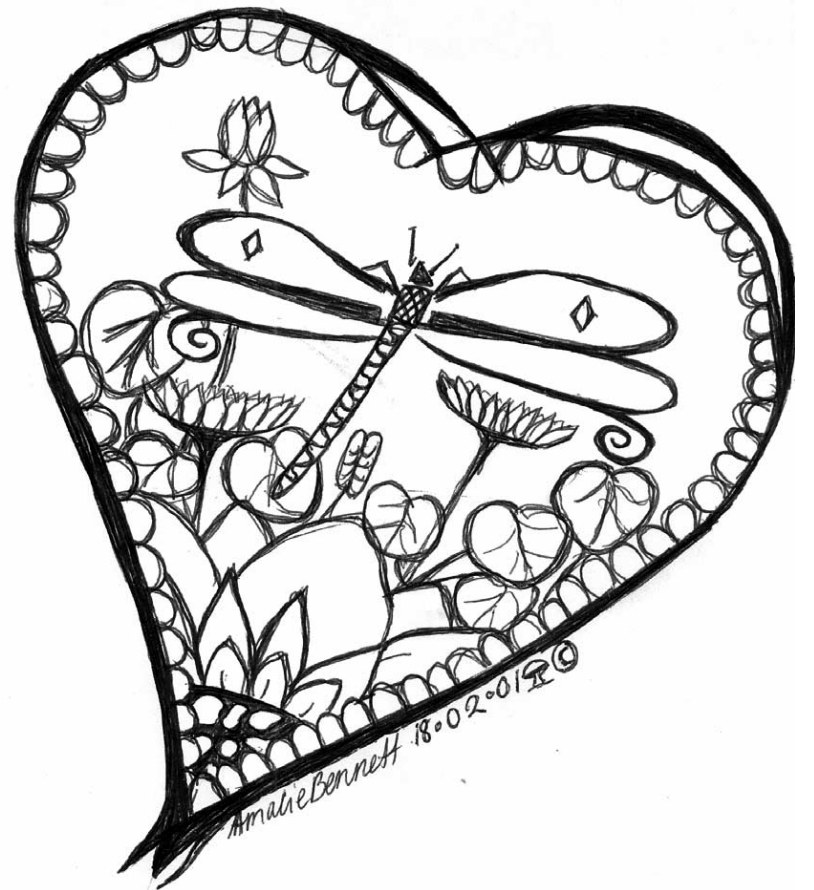
Popularity! who cares?

I don't want to change  
 Just to fit in with the crowd  
 I would rather be me & be  
 proud,  
 proud to be me,  
 The way I want to be.  
 I don't want to be a product  
 of society  
 I would rather dance and sing  
 my own tune.  
 I want to think my own  
 thoughts  
 & not everyone else's;  
 I don't care if I'm not popular,  
 What is popularity  
 & who cares?

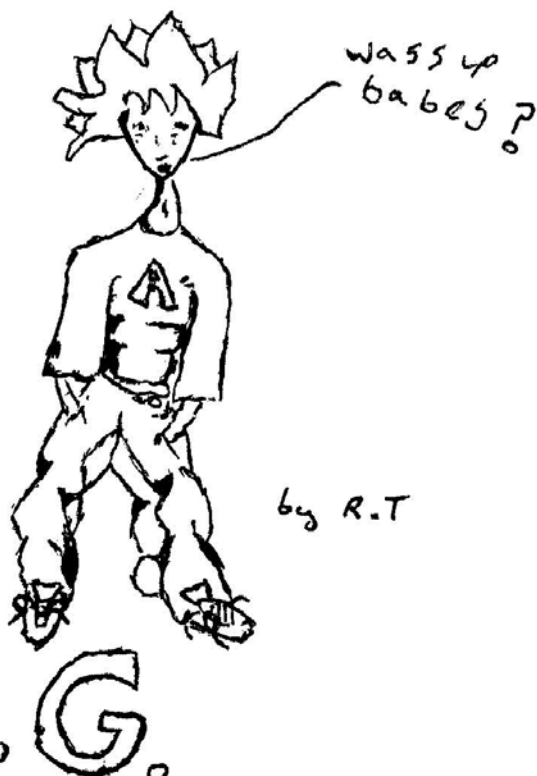
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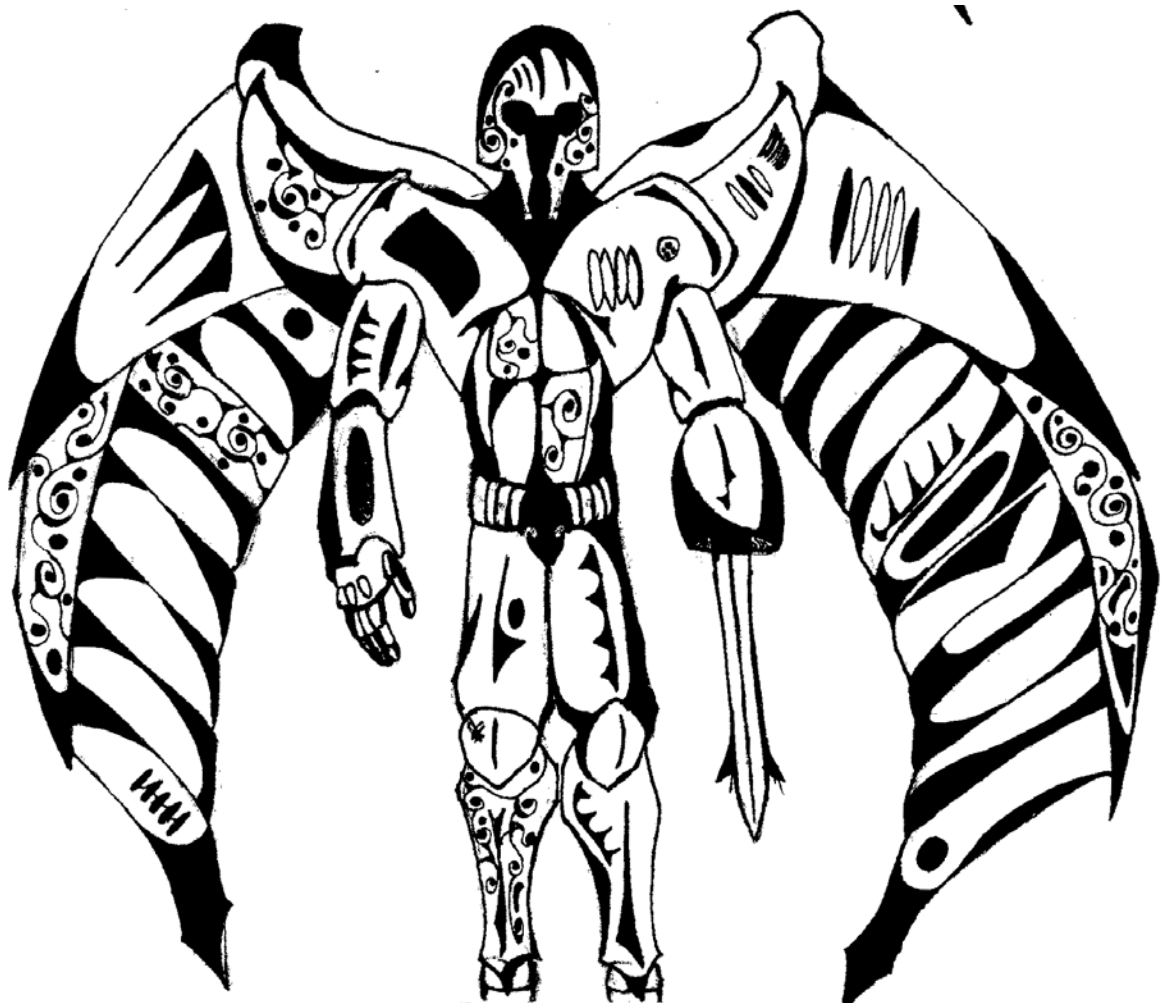
Wraithlord (above)



**DRAGON**



Artwork by Ra Thomas



Picture By Ahimsa Thomas @001

## CALL FOR STALL HOLDERS

### for our EASTER CRAFT FAIR

We will hold our second Easter Craft Fair, celebrating our first birthday on Easter Monday, April 16 at the community art centre in the Stables near the High School on Myola Road. We invite any stall holders who would like to participate to contact: Ian and Tonya 4093 9652, Sally 4093 72900 or Star 4093 9023 with details of your stall and any queries. A donation of 10% or more of your proceeds, will support the pottery grounds.

Our Members' Day this month (Saturday 3 March) will be the third in the trilogy by local master potter, Peter Thompson. We will continue our investigations into stoneware glazes, and begin looking at some hand building techniques. The workshop begins at 10.30 am, following a meeting at 9.30 am. Cost for Peters workshop is \$20 (or at the whim of our esteemed teacher). It would be great if as many people as possible could also join us for the meeting at 9.30 to organise our craft fair.

It seems a number of people have been requesting pottery activities for BEGINNERS. Perhaps the title "Members Day" is misleading, but the truth is that many of us who attend members' days are indeed beginners, and the workshops cater to any level of experience. If you are not a member, feel free to turn up and check us out for any of the advertised workshops. Nevertheless, we will endeavour to provide something especially for beginners and new starters, in the near future - keep watching the Kuranda Paper.

A special thanks to Leon Cartledge for a session on recycling clay last month, that several of us enjoyed. Thanks also to Mareeba Shire Council for the donation of a wheelie bin. Ian Whittaker

### Divine Visions In Broad Daylight

*In my minds eye  
there glitters mine own jewels....  
I am airborne,*

*In my minds eye I fuse with you,  
Wherever thou art I am there with you.*

*In your slumbering & in your roaming  
I feel you, I breathe your very essence....*

*Colours pass superconsciously  
between us ....*

*...there in the pure beyond spaces our auras merge,  
a smile lights up our innermost being  
as we look across the unseen timeless places  
of sheer delight.*

*Your eyes! I go so far into your eyes  
I feel we go together,*

*even when we're afar I journey with you.  
As sunlight filters softly through the trees  
I envisage you in waves of light*

*and I laugh like a child-spirit surrounded by fairies  
in our earthly paradise.*

*I want to taste the raindrops upon your face  
and share these divine visions in broad daylight  
with you ....*

*always, always only with you in my deepest places.  
oh! these are such halcyon days,*

*walk with me on wet ocean shores, fly with me on  
gossamer wings,*

*love me passionately on full moonlight nights  
and*

*I will kiss you awake to the rising new dawn.*

*by Star (somewhere in the garden of earthly  
delights).*



### De Olde Mudslingers Pottery Studio Easter Faire

Hey everybody & it's that time of year again (almost) for the MUDSLINGERS (Kuranda Pottery Group) to have our annual fundraising gig .Easter Monday 16 April is the day designated for the Big Day!! so if you were involved last year in any way, shape or form please ring us up (US being Ian 4093 9652, Sally 4093 7290, or Star 4093 9023) Last years' faire was a doozie with scrumptious food stalls, original art for sale, a chance for a turn at the wheel, clothing, a Gypsy Rune reader, chai, herbal tea, tea & coffee & plenty of yummy munchie snacks...& not forgetting the cool puppet show put on by the kids who live next to Ann H. also Leigh Fischer our very own local youth Muso legend! Any stalls, Musos, live street theatre actors, buskers of any sort, food, clothing stalls, books etc. come one, come all & help make this another memorable day!! There will also be pottery for sale, hand made & wheel created....each piece is unique (no cheap imitations ).The faire this year will once again be at the Pottery Studio (follow roadside signs ) up past Kuranda High 200m past the car park on the right...on Myola Road. 2001 is the year for you to get earthed so why not choose to come & run your fingers through the clay as it were!! You will love the sheer pleasure of creating something of basic primitive earthy beauty. The last workshop was pure alchemy with Peter Thompson our Master glaze wizard teaching us more of his inner secrets on how to go about getting mystical & earthy colours for the glazing of our pottery pieces we have so passionately created.. And finally congrats. go to wee young Mia Whittaker for getting her first tooth, turning six months old & for being so cute .... so it's bye from me ....Star....

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#### I ASKED GOD

1. I asked God to send me his friends...He sent you.
2. I asked God to take away my pain. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.
3. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.
4. I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.
5. I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.
6. I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.
7. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

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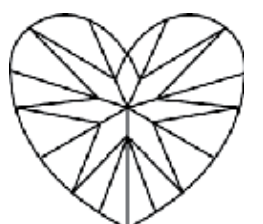
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Just sit and watch the others play.

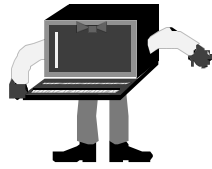
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8. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.
9. I asked God to help me LOVE others as much as He loves me. God said.....Ahhh, finally you have the idea.



**KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE**  
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**Saturday Night**  
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## The Kuranda Paper Computer Club



**Access Programs Faster with Disk Defragmenter (Wing8)** Do you have a few programs that you use far more than any others? If so, you can make those programs more quickly accessible. The improved Disk Defragmenter in Windows 98 can gather the program files you use most often and move them to the faster parts of your hard disk. To run Disk Defragmenter, click Start and select Programs/Accessories/System Tools and then select Disk Defragmenter. Click on the Settings button and make sure that the option labelled "Rearrange program files so my programs start faster" is selected. Click OK twice to begin defragmentation. **Return Filched File Types (Wing8)** Ever encounter an application that designates itself as the default program for a file extension previously owned by another program? The quickest way to get out of this jam under Wingx is to find an example of an incorrectly associated file. Click on the file once to select it, then hold down the Shift key while you right-click on it. Choose Open With. Select the correct program, check the "Always use this program to open this type of file" box and click on OK. Or, if you don't find the program, click on the Other button and navigate to the correct program on your drive **Windows Fonts Backlash** So, you decided to delete all those fonts that were causing your system to boot like molasses, eh? Only trouble is, some fonts are actually required by Windows for it to run properly. The following fonts are ones you should not delete in any sort of font-deleting melee: Arial, Courier, Marlett, Modern, MS San Serif, MS Serif (or any font whose name begins "MS"), Small Fonts, Symbol, and Times New Roman. Leave the fonts that start with 8514 and VGA as well. This isn't an exact science though. Applications install fonts you may need too. One way to investigate is to see which fonts are set to be hidden. Open a DOS window. Type CD \WindowsFonts to open that directory. Now type DIR /AH and press Enter to see a list of the font files that are hidden. It'd be a good idea not to delete any of them **To show the full file name** open Windows Explorer and choose Tools | Options | View and Uncheck the box 'Hide file extensions for known file types'.

### QCWA KURANDA BRANCH

Well, following recent meetings of both the Kuranda QCWA Handcraft group and our Divisional Handcraft Committee, it looks as though our members are in for a busy year. The first CWA Executive meeting still to come next week - can hardly wait to see what may be added to our work schedule then. QCWA. State President, Mrs. Myra Pincott, will also be in Cairns next week conducting a Treasurer's School for CWA members.

The Kuranda Bowls Club has invited our members to join in a Fun Bowls series to be held over 10 months. Several of our ladies have embraced the idea quite enthusiastically and already mulling over the charity to be nominated by Kuranda CWA players. Although only a team of 4 is required, I suspect that other members will be urged to also participate. The year ahead is looking very crowded.

Following Council approval of plans for the Access Ramp to our Hall, we are now anxiously waiting to see if our application for funding will be approved - hopefully in the near future. This proposed ramp has been needed on site for some time for anyone in a wheelchair or with walking difficulties. However with such a difficult location, the safest design will also be the most expensive - so fundraising is an ongoing item.

After the monthly meeting on Wednesday 14th Kuranda Fire Chief Ray Wintour introduced Steve Killburn from the Cairns Fire & Rescue Service as our Guest Speaker. Mr. Killburn gave a very interesting talk on Fire Safety & Prevention. Following Steve's presentation, members were more aware of their own home fire safety standards. Smoke detectors are definitely on the next shopping list for quite a few of us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Michael Mok of "Garden Warrior" mowing service for his generous donation to our Branch. Michael's support of the Kuranda branch is greatly appreciated.

Getting back to Handcraft. Members and friends who attend our regular Wednesday craft mornings have proposed that one craft morning a month be utilised for community projects over the next year. Such projects are to benefit our local Ambulance Station, the Maternity section of the Mareeba Hospital and the Garden Settlement in Mareeba. A donation of wool and other materials was recently made to our Branch -very welcome as the materials will be used in our community projects. Donations from any reader who may have a few balls of wool, cotton, crochet thread etc. etc. lurking in their sewing cupboard would be welcomed with open hands. This would enable us to keep costs down and provide more comfort aids to those in need. New crafts in the offering for the year ahead will be Glass Painting, Folk Art and Beading for starters. Our Branch Teacher-in-Training will be attending the QCWA May Handcraft School - to be held over 3 days in Charters Towers at the end of May. Once back in Kuranda, she will then, hopefully, be able to show our craft members more new ideas including Federation Patchwork.

Our craft mornings are held every Wednesday from 9.30 am - 12 noon. Visitors are welcome so come along and have a cuppa with us. Monthly CWA meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at 12.30 pm.

## Lions Newsletter

The Annual Kuranda Lions Youth of the Year Quest will be held on February 20. With 4 - 6 entries in this yearly event, it should prove an interesting night. The winner will go on to the Zone judging which will be held in Malanda this year and, if successful there, onto the National Finals to be held in Wollongong. We would like to thank Belinda Veivers, co-ordinator on staff at Kuranda High School for her enthusiastic support with this program.

Our February Guest Speaker, Drew Hay, entertained us with his talk about his participation in the K.R.D.A. riding program for people with disabilities. Drew's father, Dozer, and our regular visitor Jodie Harley also spoke on various aspects of their involvement. We gather that Dozer is a committed volunteer who is always on site bright and early to boil the billy for the group - unfortunately tea billies have a very short life span in Dozer's hands. Must see if our Treasurer can find a few spare dollars for a donation of more tea billies. Drew also took the opportunity to thank Kuranda Lions for assistance in locating and obtaining a motorised tricycle - we believe that the lawn around his home is looking worse for wear with Drew's constant practice sessions.

The Kuranda Bowls Club has invited members of our club - as well as other service clubs - to join them in a regular Charity Bowls night this year. While a decision was not forthcoming at the meeting, members are now urging each other to get a team together for this fun event.

Our club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month. Meetings are held at the Kuranda Sports and Social Club. Time: 7.00 pm. All visiting Lions and interested persons are welcome. Contact Numbers: 4093 7016 or 4093 8261.

## News From Kuranda Rotary Club

ARE YOU OVER FORTY?

THIS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.

Cancer of the bowel or colon and rectal cancer is one of the most common cancers in Australia. Approximately one thousand Queenslanders will develop it this year. Almost eighty tumours of this type will occur in the Townsville area population. The risk of bowel cancer increases with age rising more steeply from the age of forty onwards. 1 in 19 men and 1 in 27 women will be affected. Early bowel cancer can have minimal or no symptoms and it may not be noticed until too late to be cured. Through bowel scan testing, identification of early symptoms can make an effective reduction of the incidence of bowel cancer. Most bowel cancers arise from polyps which are benign and if detected and removed early, cancer is prevented without surgery.

### ROTARY BOWELSCAN AIMS TO DETECT EARLY CANCERS

Bowelscan is a programme conducted yearly with inexpensive kits which allow participants to carry out tests in the comfort and privacy of their own home over 3 consecutive days. If the test shows positive the participant will be referred to his or her nominated doctor for further investigation. It is recommended that all persons over the age of 40 years participate in the ROTARY BOWEL SCAN PROGRAM each year. Long term statistical records show that if bowel polyp or bowel cancer is detected early it can usually be treated successfully.

Rotary Bowelscan Kits will be available at the Kuranda Pharmacy for \$5.00 from 3 - 17 March 2001

Thanks to Kuranda Pharmacy who facilitate this programme each year and also to Cairns Pathology who provide the testing free of charge.

## Kuranda Spring Fair 2001

The date has been set for Saturday 15 September 2001. We thank the small group who braved the incessant rain to attend the first interest meeting on 10 February. Rotary commends the previous organizers of the Fair and have accepted the responsibility of coordinator to ensure that the event continues as a festive event for the whole of the community, showcasing the best of this community and involving as many sectors of the community as possible. The rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our small group though... last year's programme was hailed a great success. Nevertheless the group was optimistic that the programme could be extended. Other activities under consideration are a Federation Dinner, an art exhibition, a fashion parade, a farmers market, a tug-o-war, and the expansion of "the hill" sport to include biking and skateboarding with the billy-carts. It is hoped that all community groups in Kuranda participate in some way. For more information, please contact Fr Chris Wright on 4093 8735, Steve Dominikovic on 4093 7577 or myself on mobile 0429 799 701. Next meeting: Friday 9 March 4.30 pm at Billy's. All welcome. Lynn Neate President

## The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Koah Sports and Social Club has been  
**postponed until Monday 12 March 2001 at**

**7.30 pm at the Koah Community Hall**

**All welcome to attend as we need**

**new members with new ideas**

**If you have any Queries please contact—**

**Sue Richers—Secretary—4085 0065 or**

**Di Morrison—Assistant Secretary—4093 7021**



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**SELF-DEFENCE**

What is self-defence? As described in the Macquarie dictionary, self-defence is: 1. the act of defending one's own person, reputation or property. 2. Law, the use of reasonable force against an attacker, which counts as defence in criminal law and tort.

Read the papers, watch or listen to the news on any given day and undoubtedly there will be reported cases of violence within the wider community. These can include common assault, armed hold-ups, home invasions, school bullying and domestic violence.

It is a sad fact that these occurrences are common and on the increase within our community. Lack of respect for others and ultimately themselves would, in my mind, be a key factor in this type of unacceptable behaviour.

You and I should not have to live in fear of intimidation and/or personal attack from these persons.

Queensland Self-Defence and Taekwondo Academy has recently established a training centre here in Kuranda where students can learn a wide range of practical self defence techniques.

Under tuition by 2<sup>nd</sup> degree blackbelts Jeff and Marcelle Dieben, students are taught appropriate self defence techniques for typical everyday scenarios, as well as learning the traditional art of Taekwondo. Taekwondo is the martial art developed in Korea by Major General Choi and now practised in over 60 countries worldwide.

Classes are held each Tuesday night at the CWA hall in Kuranda between 7 pm and 8.30 pm. Please feel free to call in for an obligation free introductory lesson or phone Mr Dieben on 4093 8682 for further details.



Just a short note to anyone that may be interested in Riding for the Disabled, to let you know that we are starting up again (as soon as the weather permits). Our first session on the 10th February was rained out and I'm sure that will happen again. Hopefully the 24th February will be kinder to us but anyway our calender has started and it is every other week on a Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Any info can be had on Ph. 4093 8950 / 4093 8817

**Kuranda Tennis Club**

We meet the 1st Monday of the month 7.30 pm at Kuranda Sports and Social Club on Fallon Rd. All members are welcome. Membership enquiries to Rhiett Voogt 4093 0339. Coaching/lesson enquiries to Jacki Conroy 4093 8218.

**Eight Ball is Alive and Well in Kuranda**

The Top Pub has been hosting 8-Ball competitions since early December and the winners have been as diverse as the game itself. Sure, skill can always be an ultimate factor in winning or losing, but just ask anyone who knows the game and they will soon let you know that good old "Lady Luck" plays a big part in most of the games you play.

Over the last six weeks we've seen four different winners so everybody has a chance. Included are some photos of some winners receiving their cues and awards and cash. The lovely lady doing the presentations is "Una" who owns the Top Pub and she has made a commitment to all the pool players from Kuranda and surrounding districts that a Saturday competition will be "here to stay" so long as the players are in "support of it".

The Top Pub has supported the local pool and darts players and will continue to do so. The only trophy that's missing on the wall is from the local 8-Ball Association and this year the Top Pub will be hosting four teams in their quest for

success in that competition. Since the association's inception, the trophy has gone to a team from the Sports Club. "This year we're hoping it's a bit different" Una said.

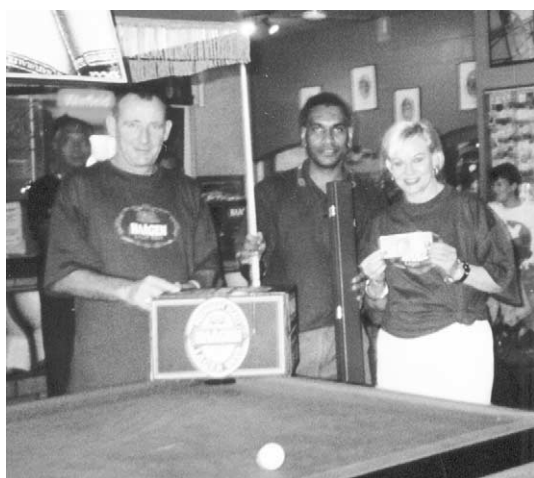
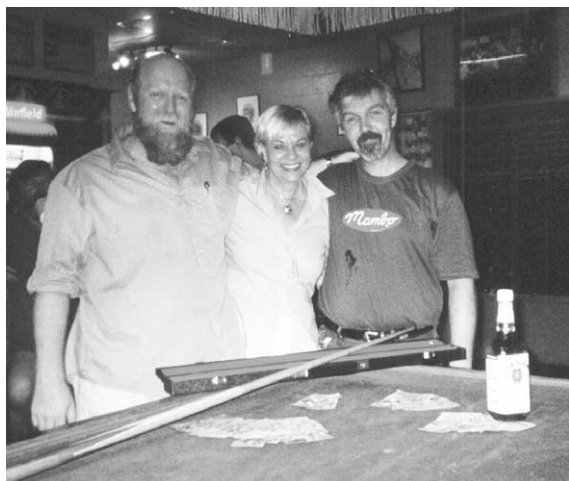
Playing pool at a competitive level is a sure way of improving your standard and it always gives you satisfaction to play a better game and nail some of those shots rather than not take the chance. Not only do you improve your skill at potting, but you also improve your thinking game. A great way to improve this is by trying to 'Pot the Lot'.

After the competition on Saturdays, there is another comp called "Pot The Lot". If you pot the lot (Black Last) you get the lot. Last December 23rd Robbie from the tablelands didn't just win the comp, he potted the lot and pocketed over \$300! Well done Rob. Pot The Lot costs \$2 to enter.

Photo 1 - A new Cue and Case plus \$100 cash went to Party at the first comp from Ken Alderdice.

Photo 2 - Robbie Munster came from the Tablelands to win the Bundy Comp with Jeff Kapteyn second.

Photo 3 - The Kuranda champ - Ken Alderdice won the Strong Bow Day from Steve Hoye.



## Kuranda Visitor Information's Visit to the Southern Tablelands

Off on another discovery weekend. This time to the Southern Tablelands, once called 'the outback cattle country', but since the down turn of the markets, country folk have turned to what they do best -- hospitality.

We drove to Millaa Milla via the Palmerston Highway to the Mungalli Falls Student Village. The **Mungalli Falls** in three distinctive parts is a beautiful, relaxing walk where you might be lucky enough to spot a platypus, or in the evenings, a spectacular display of glowworms. The kiosk caters for morning teas and meals for visitors to the area. Although the falls has operated for 18 years as a tourist centre, now it is a focal point for students to experience a diverse range of activities from the exhilarating abseiling and rapid rafting to the educational bird watching and aboriginal studies and delightful visits to the farm nursery, all geared towards team building and self reliance.

Onto the **Ravenshoe/Koombooloomba Visitors' Centre**, where they have many detailed displays of local animals, well worth the visit, and you can stay in one of the free camp sites, and visit the markets held every 2nd Sunday.

It's a half hour drive to **Innot Hot Springs** for lunch. The springs are world renowned for their relaxing and health giving properties. Open every day of the week, you can indulge yourself by trying each of the 7 mineral pools, all heated to varying temperatures, one just right for you, and the whole day will only cost you \$5.50. Of course you might like to stay longer in one of the self contained units, van park, or even camp. Then you will be able to drink the spring water and feed the many flocks of birds that fly in for free tucker. You don't need to drag all your tucker with you either, you can buy hot food and the general store will supply all your groceries, fruit and vegies.

For those that are interested in the environment, and who isn't these days, a visit to **Elemental Power's Windmills** on Windy Hill, is a satisfying experience. You may have seen them on TV but nothing prepares you for the grand

spectacle of seeing them up close. The land on which they stand is not locked up by their use. Only the parts of the ground that they use, is rented. Cattle still roam around under the whirling giants munching the grass totally unperturbed by the sound or vibration. This way the farmer is getting double the returns from his one piece of land, whilst the community is also is gaining as well, through employment.

Many people are paying an extra levee on their existing power bills that helped build these 20 wind turbines and this will help build even more 'clean green' power. Our group were lucky enough to be able to have a look inside at the tiny computers controlling and monitoring the movements of the windmills [it shuts down when the winds get to 110 miles/per/hr] and looking up to the top of a maintenance ladder which seemed to go for ever, allowing me to experience the grandeur of the project in a way that no other perspective could. How I would have liked to climb to the top.

Some young and not so young have never seen a real **Steam Train**, let alone had the fun of travelling in one of the old fashioned carriages. Climb aboard the steam train going from **Ravenshoe to Tumoulin**, the highest railway station in Queensland. All along the route the driver sounds the whistle, and when we stop for a spot of tea and scones, [the billy is heated by the train boilers] everyone had the chance to climb into the engine and all the kids, including me, were thrilled to be able to blow the whistle ourselves.

England and the rest of the world may be modern and on the other side of the planet from us, but that has not stopped Ray & Robyn Boulton's fascination for the for old-world armour and weapons. **Vine Castle** is Australia's only permanent display of genuine armour from all parts of the world. It was intriguing to see how the old time warriors would have looked as they went into battle. Especially interesting is to see armour from different parts of the world that I hadn't even

know existed. Here too you can have that famous Devonshire Tea, with huge dobs of cream on your scones, or bring your own picnic and eat in the extensive garden, or just walk around the garden for pleasure.

Unfortunately the pebbles on the path were caught between the main part of one of my shoes and the sole that had been slowly pulling away, and hastened the split. What was I going to do about fixing it with another days walking ahead of me, I couldn't imagine.

The time was getting late, and there were still many miles to cover as the driver dropped off people at different places for their stay overnight, including: **Pond Cottage Bed & Breakfast, Cedar Vale Farmstay, Possum Valley and Greensprings Holiday Farms**, where I and seven others stayed. Unfortunately, because of the lateness we were not able to visit any of the places that we weren't staying in as we usually do. But they were all having dinner with us at Greensprings where we were joined by the Mayor of Herberton, Anne Portess, and the Deputy Mayor Evan Searston and his wife.

**Greensprings** is a huge two-story old fashioned farm house. The meals are cooked on an enormous fuel stove in a kitchen so big that it would take the space of the whole of my house. None of the bedrooms have their own bathroom, but open up to a very wide verandah where visitors usually eat. Anne, Ivan and his wife, were not like any politician I have met before. Sure their love and belief in the Herberton area and its potential for tourism was evident, but it was all delivered through warm friendly contact instead of the usual hard sell. Places like Herberton and its surrounding areas have a wonderful potential to Australians interested in our own history and for overseas tourist, tired of the rush and squash of the cities. These are the places for people to visit who want to actually experience the care, kindness and real interest that country people innately feel and generously give. Day two, next edition. *Marié Boswarva*

## Snippets from The Magic Centre -Ky 19/9/00

Last Tuesday we had an early morning ring from a friend out at Koah, who asked if we still fostered flying foxes? He had heard this strange sound out on his front lawn and on investigation had discovered a baby flying fox that somehow, must have fallen from its mother's body, It has no fur. he continued, and had been quite cold when he picked it up, but he had wrapped it up and was holding it in his hands trying to warm it. We had fostered many young bats before, but all of those had fur, so this little one must be only newborn, and I feared for its survival.

Bob rang Pam at Batreach in Kuranda who said that the Brisbane vet specializing in flying foxes was at her place. On inspection, the vet discovered that it was male and still had its umbilical cord connected, making it only a few days old, but luckily was not damaged by the fall. Pam fed him and said that we could take him home after a few days of 'settling in' at her place.

Friday night, after three long, anxious days we went to pick him up. It has been a long time since we had fostered, so we needed a brush-up course in sterilizing teats and bottles and the feeding process. Baby bats get fed on their side, slightly upside down. But with the little fellow being so young it wasn't a simple thing. No - baby bats, like human babies, can't regulate their own body temperature, so we also had to borrow a make-shift humidity crib that Pam had set up. Inside a foam box was a metal electric blanket, for warmth, sitting on top of two rolled towels was a freezer basket acting as a crib. A child's bunny rug lined

the bottom, and with the bat securely wrapped in warm material he is laid, feet-end on another towel just high enough to allow his head to hang slightly down. A small container of water was added to create humidity. All of this is covered with a sheet, creating a simple but effective humidity crib. I have been amazed over the years by the 'bat carers' diverse ingenuity in creating suitable environments for their small charges. He needs to be fed every three hours, night and day, three to four millilitres of lactose-free milk. That is less than even a teaspoon! Besides the emergency rations of powdered milk, a special designed teat for bats and instructions, Pam supplied the teeniest of dummy!

I named him Ky, after the man who had saved his life. He was so light it was like holding a wrapped-up dewdrop. His ears drooped down calf-like, there was none of the muscular strength that mature bats have that allow them to twiddle their sensitive ears around picking up and identifying sounds, and there was small ridges lining his inside ear. There is fur on his back, but his tummy is as bare and smooth as some of Olympic swimmers' heads. The face is short and squarish, more like a bull terrier's than the usual pointed Chihuahua, and there is no indication of the brown colouring 'spectacle' around the eyes that gives them their name of 'spectacle flying fox'. There are no teeth, only a hard ridge that locks his mouth onto his mother's teat in an almost unbreakable grip, or in my case, onto my little finger ripping it when I tried to pull it out of his mouth. With eyes continually shut, and his feet crossed across his body, he looked all the world like a minute Buddha. He seemed indifferent to the need to anchor his feet, unlike every other

bat we had fostered who panicked when their feet weren't securely clutching something stable. Maybe his indifference was the reason he fell in the first place.

The next few days passed. There is still no response except for the slow laboured sucking of his milk. He is only the length of my index finger. He lies still, and looks somehow flat, like a dried out lizard - many times, I thought he was dead.

Day nine. Finally, there is movement as he crawls out of his wrapping. It is only when I try to pick him up that he that he responds with the unique cry of his kind, not a squeak, but a sort of brrrr. He does not seem to use his sight to see where he's going, as his eyes still remain shut.

Day twelve. Ky is now on the move and constantly uncovering himself and responds by moving his head around. I don't know if it is the sound, air movement or change of light that activates him as he still does not open his eyes. His sucking is getting stronger, and with the dummy firmly in his mouth, he never cries.

Day fourteen. Finally, his eyes are open! He looks straight at me it seems. He already knows my smell and voice, is he now at last focussing on my shape?

Day fifteen, Sunday. Today I found Ky not only unwrapped and crawling around but also hanging half way out between the slats of the basket. All of a sudden he is a big boy and wants to hang, bat-like, upside down clinging onto the pillowslip. Bob is thrilled at Ky's progress, but I am sad to lose my baby so young. I was looking forward to babying him for few weeks longer yet. For bat lovers there will be more later on.

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## Kuranda Visitor Information's Visit to the Southern Tablelands

Off on another discovery weekend. This time to the Southern Tablelands, once called 'the outback cattle country', but since the down turn of the markets, country folk have turned to what they do best -- hospitality.

We drove to Milla Milla via the Palmerston Highway to the Mungalli Falls Student Village. The **Mungalli Falls** in three distinctive parts is a beautiful, relaxing walk where you might be lucky enough to spot a platypus, or in the evenings, a spectacular display of glowworms. The kiosk caters for morning teas and meals for visitors to the area. Although the falls has operated for 18 years as a tourist centre, now it is a focal point for students to experience a diverse range of activities from the exhilarating abseiling and rapid rafting to the educational bird watching and aboriginal studies and delightful visits to the farm nursery, all geared towards team building and self reliance.

Onto the **Ravenshoe/Koombooloomba Visitors' Centre**, where they have many detailed displays of local animals, well worth the visit, and you can stay in one of the free camp sites, and visit the markets held every 2nd Sunday.

It's a half hour drive to **Innot Hot Springs** for much. The springs are world renowned for their relaxing and health giving properties. Open every day of the week, you can indulge yourself by trying each of the 7 mineral pools, all heated to varying temperatures, one just right for you, and the whole day will only cost you \$5.50. Of course you might like to stay longer in one of the self contained units, van park, or even camp. Then you will be able to drink the spring water and feed the many flocks of birds that fly in for free tucker. You don't need to drag all your tucker with you either, you can buy hot food and the general store will supply all your groceries, fruit and vegies.

For those who are interested in the

environment, and who isn't these days, a visit to **Elemental Power's Windmills** on Windy Hill, is a satisfying experience. You may have seen them on TV but nothing prepares you for the grand spectacle of seeing them up close. The land on which they stand is not locked up by their use. Only the parts of the ground that they use, is rented. Cattle still roam around under the whirling giants munching the grass totally unperturbed by the sound or vibration. This way the farmer is getting double the returns from his one piece of land, whilst the community is also gaining as well, through employment.

Many people are paying an extra levee on their existing power bills that helped build these 20 wind turbines and this will help build even more 'clean green' power. Our group were lucky enough to be able to have a look inside at the tiny computers controlling and monitoring the movements of the windmills [it shuts down when the winds get to 110 miles/per/hr] and looking up to the top of a maintenance ladder which seemed to go forever, allowing me to experience the grandeur of the project in a way that no other perspective could, how I would have liked to climb to the top.

Some young and not so young have never seen a real **Steam Train**, let alone had the fun of travelling in one of the old fashioned carriages. Climb aboard the steam train going from **Ravenshoe to Tumoulin**, the highest railway station in Queensland. All along the route the driver sounds the whistle, and when we stop for a spot of tea and scones, [the billy is heated by the train boilers] everyone had the chance to climb into the engine and all the kids, including me, were thrilled to be able to blow the whistle ourselves.


England and the rest of the world may be modern and on the other side of the planet from us, but that has not stopped Ray & Robyn Boulton's fascination for the old-world armour and weapons. **Vine Castle** is Australia's only permanent display of genuine armour from all parts of the world. It was intriguing to see how the old time warriors would have looked as they went into battle. Especially interesting is to see armour from different parts of

the world that I hadn't even known existed. Here too you can have that famous Devonshire Tea, with huge dobs of cream on your scones, or bring your own picnic and eat in the extensive garden, or just walk around the garden for pleasure.

Unfortunately the pebbles on the path were caught between the main part of one of my shoes and the sole that had been slowly pulling away, and hastened the split. What was I going to do about fixing it with another days walking ahead of me, I couldn't imagine.

The time was getting late, and there were still many miles to cover as the driver dropped off people at different places for their stay overnight, including: **Pond Cottage Bed & Breakfast, Cedar Vale Farmstay, Possum Valley and Greensprings Holiday Farms**, where I and seven others stayed. Unfortunately, because of the lateness we were not able to visit any of the places that we weren't staying in as we usually do. But they were all having dinner with us at Greensprings where we were joined by the Mayor of Herberton, Anne Portess, and the Deputy Mayor Evan Searston and his wife.

**Greensprings** is a huge two-story old fashioned farm house. The meals are cooked on an enormous fuel stove in a kitchen so big that it would take the space of the whole of my house. None of the bedrooms have their own bathroom, but open up to a very wide verandah where visitors usually eat. Anne, Ivan and his wife, were not like any politician I have met before. Sure their love and belief in the Herberton area and its potential for tourism was evident, but it was all delivered through warm friendly contact instead of the usual hard sell. Places like Herberton and its surrounding areas have a wonderful potential to Australians interested in our own history and for overseas tourists, tired of the rush and squash of the cities. These are the places for people to visit who want to actually experience the care, kindness and real interest that country people innately feel and generously give. Day two, next edition. *Marié Boswarva*



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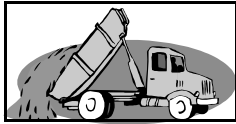



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 Carolyn Gregg

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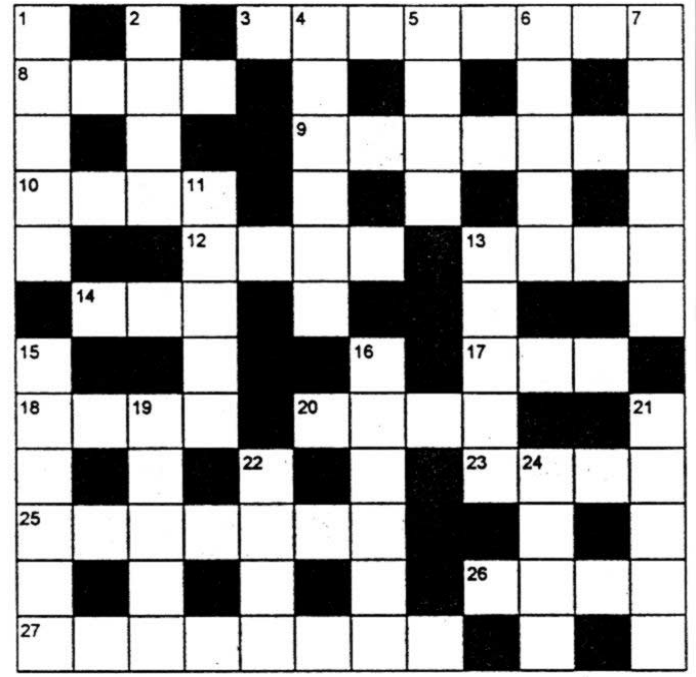
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- Date Claimer Kuranda Amphitheatre AGM February 24 3pm Understage
- Date Claimer Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee Quiz Night 21-06-2001
- Date Claimer Scouts Bingo night on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> March CWA.
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- 2nd Sunday Kuranda Bowls Club Monthly Meeting 12.30 pm
- Every Monday Life Span exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am
- 1st Monday Pensioners, 1.30 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 7674
- 2nd Monday KNC (was KISC) 7.30 pm Management & 8 pm General  
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- Last Wed Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm
- Every Thursday Joey Scouts Meeting 5-6 pm Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Monkey's Restaurant Ph 4093 7428  
Kuranda Bowls Club Night Bowls-Casual 6-9 pm
- 2nd Thursday Ambulance 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Rd.  
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- 1st Saturday Pottery Group (MUDSLINGERS) Meeting 9.30 am Stables next to High School, 284 Myola Rd. Ph: 4093 9652
- 2nd Saturday Kuranda Garden Group 10 Feb 2 pm 2 Butler Drive
- Every Saturday EnviroCare 8 am-9 am Tree planting bees Ph 4093 7570
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- Now**  
Fear not for the future weep not for the Past.  
*Percy Bysshe Shelley.*
- Feeling**  
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.  
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- Life**  
Life can only be understood backwards, but can only be lived forwards.  
*zKen Carey.*
- Seeing**  
We do not see things as they are, we see them as we are.  
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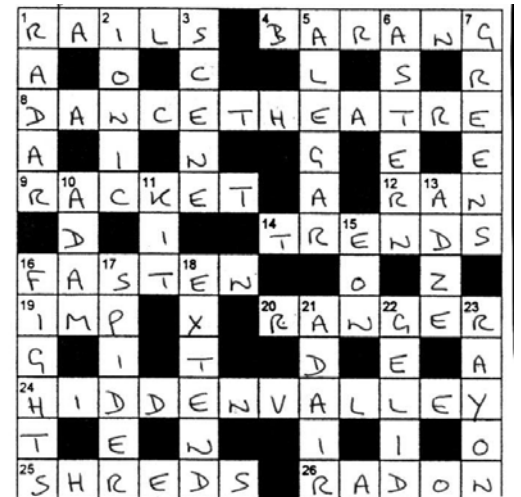
### Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No 18

#### Down

1. Peters' powerful business name
2. Kuranda school fair sounds like a fate worse than death
4. Mike Mabbutt's is real!
5. More likely to be found at Mareeba than Kuranda cemetery
6. Youth leader lied about total returns
7. Not certain and not a ruse 11. Barron River full flood catches Irishman
13. Alright - for a start it's not a ruminant found in the Kuranda bush
15. Bits of ferns - or whole ferns - are sold here
16. Mike Freeman keeps you this way
19. A distinctive village smell - smoked or cut?
21. Not the Melbourne Cup but get coats aflutter
22. Little hairy dog sounds as if it should be red near Barron Gorge
24. The old fella across from the Windmill Café

#### Across

3. Washed and pre-loved in the main street (3,2,3)
8. Top community association 9. Might flare up at Bottom Pub closing time
10. Kurandas' best at Annabells
12. Head served on toast at the Coffee Shop 13. German river sounds a bit on the nose
14. Coffee shop probably wouldn't serve a beef one. 17. Snake sometimes found in the bosom?
18. Anger almost found on the Range Road
20. Arks' palindromic deck
23. A common white bird is in
25. Closest organ in birds nest
26. A farrago of vegetables
27. Temporarily holds up tourists in Kuranda market.



**NOTICE OF AGM**

**KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
P & C Association**

**To be held:** 5 pm Tuesday, 13th March 2001,  
followed by a General Meeting.

**Location:** Staff Room, Kuranda State High School,  
Myola Road, Kuranda.

All positions will be open,  
in particular that of the Treasurer.

Parents and members of the Community  
are welcome to attend.

**Phone:** 4093 0193 for further enquiries.



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TO CAIRNS: DEPART	MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Except Public Holidays)				SATURDAY (Except Public Holidays)		SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS		
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		12.45pm	2.10pm		7.30am	10.20am	8.30am
CAIRNS (Arr.)		8.15am	11.15am		5.15pm		8.15am	11.15am	9.15am
									11.15am
									2.50pm

FROM CAIRNS: DEPART	MONDAY TO FRIDAY (Except Public Holidays)				SATURDAY (Except Public Holidays)		SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			
CAIRNS	8.30am	9.30am		1.30pm	3.15pm		5.30pm	9.30am	1.00pm	9.30am
KURANDA	9.05am	10.10am		2.10pm	3.55pm		6.05pm	10.05am	1.40pm	10.10am
MAREEBA	9.40am				4.30pm		6.40pm	10.40am	2.15pm	10.10am
ATHERTON	10.15am		*3.05pm		5.00pm	*3.15pm	7.15pm	11.15am	2.45pm	10.10am
YUNGABURRA			*3.25pm		5.30pm				3.05pm	1.40pm
MALANDA (Arr.)			*3.45pm		5.45pm				3.15pm	1.40pm
HERBERTON	10.30am				5.30pm	*3.35pm			3.15pm	3.15pm
RAVENSHOE (Arr.)	11.00am				6.00pm	*4.00pm				3.15pm

\* School Days Only

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