

# THE Kuranda PAPER

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## Kuranda Day celebrations 2012

The streets of the village came alive for Kuranda Festival 2012, and the magnificent Barron River played host to the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race Challenge.



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# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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## Dear Kuranda Paper ...

### Think Beyond Today

This may sound like one of Aesop's Fables, but it is the story of a community centre.

In the early 90s, a group of enthusiasts, at a place called Agnes Waters (estimated then population of 300), managed to acquire, with the aid of the then Minister for Family Affairs, a government building, and have it transported to, and erected on a section of land, courtesy of the then Miriamvale Council.

This was a wooden building, more than served the local population for many years, and may have cost the local residents perhaps \$10,000 to complete – the writer was not there for the completion of the building.

Early this year, a new community centre was completed, with a donation of \$1.7 million from the government, with the balance of the \$3.5 million cost being picked up by the Gladstone Shire.

The moral of this story is "Think Beyond Today", and consider, what would be the cost to erect a building, such as B Block of the old school, in the future?

*John Sinclair, Kuranda*

### New Visitor Information Centre

I strongly disagree with Council's decision regarding this new centre and question the real motives behind it. I have asked Councillor Jensen over forty questions regarding this development and as yet have not received satisfactory answers. The following words are excerpts from a letter sent to TRC on 10th October 2012. The letter in its entirety can be read by contacting the writer.

In the book 'Tourist Shopping Villages – Forms and Functions' by Laurie Murphy, Pierre Benckendorff, Gianna Moscardo and Philip L. Pearce, Kuranda has been described as being in stagnation, in a state of 'advanced destruction' and as having a 'substantially weakened theme' amongst other things. The next stage is decline, post destruction.

*How and what does this proposed new visitor information centre do to address this serious issue?*

*What are the projected future annual costs of the new 'Gateway to the Tablelands' Visitor Information centre?*

*Does the TRC believe that turning the current Kuranda Visitor Information Centre into an office for a TRC employee, Marc Sleeman, is an appropriate use of this community space? And if so why?*

*How much money or what percentage of the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund is set aside each year to maintain assets constructed with the fund and what percentage of the projected annual maintenance costs for the new centre does this money cover?*

*What other assets have been constructed with the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund since its inception Can you please list them?*

How and in what way does increasing the \$1per head tourist levy involve the State Government? Isn't this a Local Government concern to be decided by TRC? If not can you please explain why it needs State Government approval to be increased and on what grounds an increase was rejected at the last round of negotiations?

The \$1 per head levy which is incorporated into every Skyrail/KSR ticket purchased has not increased since its inception, well over 10 years ago, why?

Having Kuranda described as being in stagnation, in a state of 'advanced destruction' and a 'substantially weakened theme' can't be positive for the future prospects of a town that relies on tourism to keep its economy moving.

What strategies is Council putting in place to address and reverse these fundamental issues? Or are the days of our 'Village in the Rainforest' numbered?

There are three ways people arrive in Kuranda – Skyrail, KSR and the Kennedy Highway with "the self drive market playing an ever increasing role" (JJ 27/9).

Hasn't Council noticed the state of the Kennedy Highway entrance to Kuranda?

What is Council proposing to do about re-vitalizing the entrance to Kuranda the 'Gateway to the Tablelands' to bring it up to an acceptable standard, in line with the new \$700,000 Gateway to the Tablelands Visitor Information Centre and when?

How does the TRC define what is and what isn't Tourism Infrastructure?

I do appreciate Council's decision to approve the Barron Falls Shuttle Bus Stop and I thank you for your support. I also thank Cathy Harvey for her letter of support as I believe having a designated bus stop will improve the visitor experience. However, I will speak out about decisions that I believe are not in the Kuranda community's best interests.

*Mark Riley – The Barron Falls Shuttle Bus*



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### Kuranda Community Precinct

*While I respect people's right to disagree with the Council's decisions, I would like to correct some of the misinformation and conspiracy theories that are circulating; it is important to listen to the facts (Cr Jenny Jensen).*

**What's my agenda?** To do what I consider is best for the whole of the Kuranda community and to ensure that Council makes responsible financial decisions which don't place additional burdens on Kuranda ratepayers; to act as a local Councillor and as a regional Councillor; to represent residents honestly and openly without bias.

**What's Council's agenda?** To provide the Kuranda community with a Community Precinct at a sustainable cost to ratepayers; a purpose built, multi-use, attractive community space; a precinct that links in with other community assets and exists for the diverse interests of all the different parts of our community.

**What does this mean?** Council wants to create a community precinct that is a space for all to use; that is not territorial for any particular group; that will not see the other community facilities in Kuranda lose out.

**Let's be clear about what Council's decisions are:** The decision is to develop a community precinct.

It is not about developers or commercial interests. The removal of the two older buildings is part of the long-term plan to create real "community spaces and facilities" at the Precinct. The plan is to do this without impacts on Kuranda Ratepayers. Council's job is to manage the long term future of the precinct and to make sound financial decisions. On three occasions (2010, 2011, 2012), Councillors have made the decision to remove the old buildings from the site. Each time, the decision has been made carefully and professionally after much discussion and deliberation; each time, Councillors have considered a very comprehensive amount of background detail, varying community opinions and submissions, and the findings of a number of different community consultation activities.

**Let's remember that these buildings are old buildings:** The estimated costs over 20 years for Council to maintain and depreciate the two older buildings total an estimated approximately 1.7 million. At the end of that period, the buildings will still be "old school buildings". *Continued on Page 8*

**More Letters to Editor concerning the Men's Shed are on page 23**

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## Big changes to The Kuranda Paper

Following a recent meeting between Garth Owen and David Gormley (*The Kuranda Paper*) and Peter Bull (Operations Manager, North Queensland Newspaper Company Ltd), some substantial changes will be made to the paper from the next issue (#239, December 2012/January 2013).

Firstly, the paper will no longer be printed in Cairns by *Cairns Post*. It will be printed in Townsville by the above company on a more modern press. This will ensure more consistency in colour representation and general overall print quality.

Secondly, the KMA committee has decided to increase the print run of the paper from 2400 to 3000. Copies of the paper will be distributed to additional outlets in Cairns, Mareeba and elsewhere.

Thirdly, the paper will now be printed in full colour, ie all 32 pages (most likely 40 for the December/January issue) will feature colour.

This means that all advertisers will now have the opportunity to insert their advertising in colour for a surcharge of 20%. For example, a current B&W \$60-size ad will now be \$72 for colour.

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AND in what would have to be a **WORLD'S FIRST**, the cost of advertising for existing colour advertisers on centre and back pages will actually **DECREASE** from next edition.

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This will be either a 36 page or 40 page edition depending on how many contributions are received.

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The monthly dinner meeting of the Kuranda Lions Club is held at the Kuranda Resort on the third Monday of each month.

This month, President Dug Stratford welcomed District Governor Doug Winterflood (Proserpine) and Past District Governor Garth Gleeson (Yungaburra) to the dinner.

Both were present as part of a district tour promoting Lions Club International, and Doug officiated at the induction of three new members, Garth Owen and Cathy Retter, and Mark Ruge.

Mark also accepted nomination as the new club secretary. All three new members were sponsored by Kuranda Lions stalwart Col Jeanes. New members are always welcome.

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**CORRECTION**

Last month the above photo was submitted to us and appeared on the front page of *The Kuranda Paper*, as an historic shot of the Kuranda Range. We have been informed that the photo is actually of a part of the Gillies Highway. Ooops!

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# Gardening in Kuranda



**N**OVEMBER and the garden holds its breath for rain with a slow start to the growth season as many "sleepers" like Globba (Dancing Ladies), Kaempferia (Peacock Plant) and some of the more tender Alocasias are only just emerging and some trees and shrubs still budding, although Tabernaemontana longiflora already holds its upright buds with promise of its stunning white perfumed flowers to come.

A great plant show recently at Malanda with outstanding shows of orchids. This garden show, alternating venue each other year with Atherton, is well worth the travelling for and if, like me, you are a plantaholic, you will probably have the DTs for a month after.

The plantaholic will have their addiction well satisfied this coming week-end (27th-28th October) at the two Kuranda Open Gardens – **Kuranda Palms** and **The Retreat**, both gardens chock-full of plant treasures and great planting ideas.

The beauty of both gardens is that, with passionate gardeners, they are ever-changing and improving as time passes.

Mulching is the primary task presently, not only to conserve moisture and keep down weeds but serves to prevent soil compaction and run-off when the Wet arrives.



**Plant of the Month:** Bolusanthus speciosus or Tree wisteria (Family: Fabaceae) with its drooping clusters of fragrant, blue-mauve pea-like flowers hanging from the branches and its trunk deeply fissured, greyish-brown is worth considering as a specimen tree in drier, open sunny situations. Coming from South African grasslands, full sun and excellent drainage are considerations.

With Spring to early Summer flowering, Bolusanthus comes easy from seed pre-soaked overnight and although slow to get away, growth is rapid when established and is drought tolerant. Flowering time is spring to early summer.

While described as a small to medium-sized tree, an excellent specimen in Centenary Park, Mareeba (site of the Mareeba Markets) puts the lie to this. Presently in flower, this tree is covering the ground with its fallen sky-blue flowers. The tree is

sometimes used for Bonsai.

In South Africa, its very hard, termite resistant wood is used for fencing posts and valued for woodwork and turning.

**Q @A. Dear Alexia,** You asked what plants might become weedy if introduced into your garden. My experience is that any exotic introduction, given the right conditions, may prove a pest. Unfortunately, a considerable number of plants available at your friendly local nurseries are proving troublesome.

Top of the threat list should be any Syngonium, including the colourful pink and white forms, which, reverting, already threatens to take over tracts of local rainforest. The glorious Flame of the Forest or Red Jade Vine (*Mucuna bennettii*) is potentially another threat as are the yellow Allamanda, red flowering passionfruit and most any of the Convolvulaceae family and several Clerodendrum species. Even the humble substitute Asian coriander may now be seen as a weed in some local lawns.

The responsible gardener carefully watches each new introduction to their garden, its seed set, method of seed dispersal whether by wind or wild-life, seed germination rate and/or ease of propagation and never ever, ever dumps garden waste on verge or in bushland. Particular attention should be given to plantings along water courses as providing potential carriage in the Wet and remember that nearly all pond plants are potentially invasive.

Unfortunately, the great Australian plant scourges of Prickly Pear and Lantana started as carefully tended treasures in some early settler's garden as did the stunning Miconia and blue Ipomea.

**Dear Ross,** Yes, Caladiums in their kaleidoscope of leaf patternings and various leaf forms make a stunning seasonal garden or potted display. If planting out, protection is needed as bulbs are much beloved by Scrub turkeys. Remember caladiums go dormant in the cooler months so think about positioning and marking when they disappear to avoid damage. Good feeding increases leaf size and colouring.

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [wortwoad@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wortwoad@optusnet.com.au)



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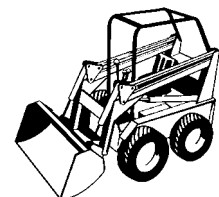
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# KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest

## Kuranda Day Festival 2012

Kuranda Day Festival is sponsored by Tourism Kuranda and has become a wonderful community event which celebrates everything that makes Kuranda such a great place to live and visit. While this event attracted thousands of visitors to Kuranda last weekend, it would not have been possible without the help of Cathy, Earl, Gaby, Feiko and all the volunteers from the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. Also, a massive thank you to Carol Day and her team at Kuranda SES who all helped in so many ways! I would also like to thank Toni Rogers for her support in helping co-ordinate and promote this event and a big thanks to Emma Leow from the Candlenut Steiner School for co-ordination the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Thanks to Peter McCabe and the Queen Bee Café for the Poets Breakfast and to everyone who helped make this event such a success. Last thanks to my wonderful daughter Sarah Sleeman who helped her dad co-ordinate another event in the village.

Lots of cars including the vintage car convoy joined in the celebrations to help commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Kuranda Range Road. The vintage car display in Coondoo Street attracted plenty of attention and locals dressed in period costume to help celebrate our colourful heritage.

"Team Trout" lead by our local State member Michael Trout (*see photo front page*) came first in the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race Challenge, followed by "Team Kuranda SES" lead by Carol Day and in third place was "Team Kuranda" lead by Adrian Pancirov. There was standing room only on the Banks of the River as hundreds of locals turned out to cheer on their favourite team. Team Hot FM came second last and handed over the trophy which they have held for two years.

The second annual Great Kuranda Undie Fun Run attracted contestants from North Queensland, interstate and even a contestant from France, but it was our local Kuranda speedster Jonathan Sterckx who took out 1st place again for 2012. Lots of kids and local families participated this year and it was a fun way to exercise and raise funds for the local Kuranda SES.

### The Great Kuranda Undie Fun Run Results

Male Results: 1st Jonathan Sterckx, 2nd Jeremy Garcia (from France), 3rd E-Jay Bozkurts

Female Results: 1st Clio Ozanne-Jaques, 2nd Jill Boltz, 3rd Poppy Boltz

The German Sausage Eating Competition was also hotly contested by 10 extremely hungry entrants including our local State member Michael Trout, but it was Marco Schmitz who devoured over 15 German Snags in 10 minutes to take 1st place for 2012!!



Marc Sleeman presenting the Raft Race Challenge Trophy to Michael Trout



Isabella and Raymond Plath with their 1928 vintage car.



Undie Fun Run Winner Jonathan Sterckx



The Raft Race Challengers

## TRC PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP 2012 REGISTER NOW!!!

Tablelands Regional Council's annual Pre-cyclone Cleanup Program is on again with registrations open Monday 22nd October closing 5.00pm on Monday 5th November.

This program is to assist aged and pensioner TRC residents prepare for the upcoming cyclone season by removing potentially hazardous greenwaste and yard debris from their properties.

All items to be removed by council must be presented on the footpath in front of the registered property prior to commencement of collections on Tuesday 6th November.



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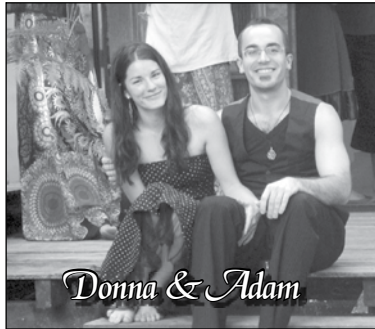


# the Arts Page



Grand Opening Exhibition  
"Divine Align"  
Infinitus

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17 Nov 2012 - 22 Feb 2013  
7 Barron Falls Road, Kuranda  
open Wed - Sat, 9:30am - 4:30pm  
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Donna & Adam

**Infinitus Art Studio** is Australia's first Visionary Art gallery dedicated to Visionary and Sacred Art. Nestled in the tropical rainforest village of Kuranda in Australia's Far North, Infinitus



opened its doors on August 25th 2012. Artists and curators, Donna Raymond and Adam Scott Miller will facilitate a space where Visionary art can be displayed in

a formal setting, celebrating the myriad of mystical transmissions, spiritual insights and journeys into the unknown realms of consciousness.  
"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." - Richard Buckminster Fuller.

In Australia, the Visionary Art movement is in its infancy, and we aim to create a grounded platform to share, connect, catalyse, and expose visionary



Donna Raymond - "Divine Feminine"

creativity to people from across the globe. We are located in a tourist hot spot, with hundreds of travellers making a return stroll past our door from the impressive Barron Falls. Our intention is to open our doors to many different demographics of people from around the world, that would otherwise be sheltered from this type of artwork. Part of this space is our working art studio, which we've decided to welcome the public to share in the mystique of the creative process-in-action. When one is not familiar with the creative process, watching an artist work becomes "majick" as each stroke of the brush changes a work instantaneously. As artists, we love to paint live and allow people to witness the flow and enigma of a new painting. It makes sense that we open our studio doors to the general public, so that a deeper understanding and appreciation of the time and energy involved in creating a finished piece can be understood in more depth and clarity. **The "Grand Opening" will be on November 17th 2012, with an international visionary art exhibition entitled "Divine Align".**

Infinitus Art (Latin for "infinite" and implying "infinite us") will host solo and group shows, thematically ranging from "international visionary art" to "indigenous Australian." Foremost, we've recognised that Visionary Art needs a refined space beyond the usual informal presentations in festivals. These are the humble beginnings of what will increasingly grow as a symbolic beacon for harmonious living and visionary creativity. Part of our inspiration is knowing how our own dreaming will catalyse many others to do similarly.

An addition to the gallery is our "DnA PermaSculpture" garden: plants and sculptures growing from a space embodying sacred geometrical proportions in its layout. The sculpture garden will elegantly integrate permaculture design systems, in so doing, functioning as a specific example of what can be created in the Tropical Rainforest. We take in the sustenance of inspiration from nature, so symbiotically we wish to give back by creating a habitat that nurtures a harmonic spectrum of local biodiversity. Our intention is to educate guests about natural systems and ecological relationships, in hopes of inspiring visitors to take ideas from our humble example and

Hi everyone.

**As always, busy times at the Amphi! Mumford & Sons, Sunday 28th October will be a fantastic event and another sellout concert for 2012.**

A few days later we have **The Loony Poets Halloween Night** on Wednesday 31st October in the Understage. 6.30pm - \$10 entry. This is a non-alcoholic event. Then we will be in full preparation for the **Carve It Up** concert on Sat. 1st December. This is also shaping up to be another big one!

**2012** has been a very productive year so far at the Amphi and has enabled the completion of some long standing projects.

Thank you to those people who helped out and ensured the jobs get done.

**Kuranda Boxers** held a very successful tournament in early October. We hope to see many more.

TRC are in the process of completing the

final plans for the amenities upgrade. This should commence very shortly.

The venue will be unavailable for use for a short period of time during these upgrades but it will be well worth the wait.

Thanks to the TRC for persevering with this project and assisting the Amphi with vital upgrades.

Hope to see you all at Mumford & Sons and thanks in advance to everyone who has helped to make the concert a great success.

**KAS Management Committee**

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Adam Scott Miller - "Solarise"

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# Kuranda SES News

Thank you to all of the community for supporting our fund raising events, we now have our shipping container ready for the wet season.

This project has been a 2 year plan, and we have finally achieved it.

We have been out and about lately, for more fund raising, you may have seen some members around dressed in pink supporting the pink Pony Parade and Breast Cancer.

SES was very pleased to help with this event. The Pink Pony Parade, with the help of sponsors for the riders, raised over \$11,000.

Thank you to everyone who entered into the Kuranda Great Undies Fun Run, as you are probably aware, all proceeds were given to Kuranda SES. A big thanks to Marc Sleeman for organising this.

SES came second in the raft race, and will be out for first next year. Thanks to the members for participating. Another great day we were involved with and we all had a great time.

Thanks to Elaine and Skye for dressing up and chasing donations for us.

With the solar eclipse coming up on the 14th November, I hope everyone is prepared with their glasses and to remember to stay safe.

Don't forget to look where you are walking whilst viewing the sky, we don't want any mishaps.

All our members are now fully trained in chainsaw and Heights & Safety, so we are all set for the coming wet season. Remember it is never too early to prepare for the cyclone season.

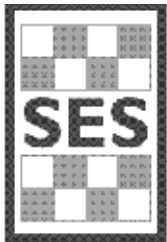
We still need members so come along on Tuesday nights 7.30pm start in Fallon Road, next to the Ambulance Station.

Our SES calendars will be out soon, keep an eye out for these, they will make an excellent Christmas present to post.

Last but not least Operation Rudolph is knocking at the door, full details next month.

Thank you

- Carolyn Day




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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Certainly Block B is a younger building; however verified reports from Council's professional officers indicate that there are significant long term costs. Q Build Reports evidence that there is asbestos in Block B. The structures at the site are professionally valued at approximately \$400,000; these old buildings are located in the central part of the whole of the precinct area and compromise whatever else might be established there alongside the Community Library and community hub.

**Let's also be clear about what the Men's Shed submission has asked of Council:** to provide the group with a very large, ageing building, to provide approx \$55,000 to the group to do initial repairs to the building, to allow the group to exclusively manage and decide on the use of the old building and to collect any rental income from any users (in competition with any other facilities in the community), to require Council to underwrite any unforeseen major costs and to sign a long term lease at no annual cost to the group, while other facilities have to cover their own costs. Certainly the group's submission outlined its plans for the building, although some of Council's questions to the group were not responded to. However, Council had to consider the question of what would happen if the plans did not continue over the long term and ratepayers were left with the need to cover the costs. Council carefully considered the longer term possibilities and capacity of the group and felt that there were financial risks in agreeing to the proposal.

**The other main reason for the Council decision is**



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that the majority view (over the past 4 years consultation in a number of different ways, at different times, by both Council and independent Consultants) is that the Kuranda community supports the removal of the two old buildings and the establishment over time of a purpose built, multi use space/precinct for all the community. There has been extensive community consultation over the precinct over four years and each time the majority opinion has been to remove the old buildings. Council staff and Councillors (former and present) have acted professionally, openly and honestly throughout this process.

We can all argue infinitum about reports, estimates, consultants, different dollar figures, asbestos, opinions, rumours, costs etc etc...but it is time to move forward. The Council decision is about the precinct; it not about whether or not Council wants a Men's Shed in Kuranda; it is not about personalities; it is not about hidden agendas. It is about making sure that the precinct is a community asset for all parts of the community and about managing public finances wisely.

**I invite you to talk to me about the decision** and I again invite the Men's Shed group to work with me to find a location and secure funding for the group. A very large amount of factual information is available. You are welcome to contact me for specific details and to access these details from Council.

I urge you to consider the facts rather than opinions. Let's work together for the long term benefit of this community.

- Cr Jenny Jensen



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The Understage, Wednesday 31st October



## What's On at the Amphi

Saturday 1 December 2012



This will be one huge night of top Aussie talent at the **Kuranda Amphitheatre**, with **Bluejuice**, **Ball Park Music**, **The Jungle Giants** and local acts.

Get psyched and get ready to **Carve It Up!**

**Carve It Up** is very pleased to announce **Jimmy The One** as the first local act for the show. **Jimmy The One** is an indie-rock trio based in Cairns, Australia that play up-tempo, catchy tunes that will make you want to dance. Drawing inspiration from *Two Door Cinema Club*, *The Jungle Giants* and *San Cisco*, these three high school aged boys deliver a high energy performance.

**Carve It Up** presents your favourite Aussie party rock band **Blue Juice!** A long standing crowd favourite with a plethora of infectious chart spiking tracks. Look for one of the best live performances on tour today.

**Ball Park Music** has quickly become one of the most talked about emerging live acts in the country. Their last 180° Tour in April/May was the surprise of early 2012, with tickets quickly selling out, going into second shows in Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide, and a whopping four shows at Melbourne's The Corner.

**The Jungle Giants** are Australian indie-pop sensations who, with the bright and cheerful melodies of their debut EP, earned themselves an early taste of success. Now they are hungry (as self-confessed food junkies) for more musical glory

appearing in multiple upcoming shows across Australia with Boy & Bear, a sold out co-headline tour with San Cisco and their own sold out headline shows. Combine this with the 12,000 singles sales of *Mr Polite*, the 55,000 views of the song's creative film clip and you have a band poised for the big time.

Tickets: [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au) \$69.90 incl. booking fee.  
more info at: [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)



The Jungle Giants

## Sound Sculptors

featuring

Nikki Doll, Tommy See Poy and Giuseppe Vizzone with special guest artists Damien Hills & Wayne McIntosh



Sunday 11th & 18th November

## Savidas

Kuranda Rainforest Resort

Yep, that's right **Gumpy Savidas** and **Uma Vernau** (former Kuranda girl) are heading up to Cairns to expose themselves to the Northern Lights and ecliptic ways.

From their warm, down-to-earth vibe you wouldn't expect that **Savidas** has done shows that include a Royal Command performance for The Lord Mayor of Melbourne and have played at most of the biggest festivals in Australia.

Having been likened to the sounds of *John Butler*, *Ben Harper* and *Micheal Franti*, their music is described in a live

review by Beat magazine as:

"Audio glue. Being able to mix a handful of genres and bring together the crowd till they're all singing the final chorus of a song they had never heard before. Magic!" <http://savidas.com>

savidas: Scandinavian for sonic bliss



Savidas

The Arts Council Tablelands Inc. present **Sound Sculptors** Sat 10th Nov 2012, at the Atherton Hotel "The Stump" Art Council Members \$20, Non-members \$25 Pre-purchase tickets from "The Stump". Starts 8.00pm

## THE BILLABONG KURANDA

Saturday 17th November

## AFTERGLOW

With thousands flocking to FNQ for the Eclipse, International all-stars **J Pod The Beat Chef** (Can), **Mungos HiFi** (Scot), **Rudekat** (Au) and **Edonist Beat** (Faak Lab FR) will bring it to **The Billabong**, Kuranda to keep the party going...

"This night is gonna feel good with crew from all over getting down on the dance floor".

**JPod The Beat Chef** is a passionate and talented beat machine. Plays glitch-hop nu-funk hip hop dance hall world fusion and breaks, all live-mashed with samples and acapellas. When he plays his passion is contagious and quickly inspires smiling faces and dancing feet.



J Pod The Beat Chef

A tasteful fusion of rare pairings has become JPOD's trademark just as much as crispy rhythms and bold basslines. His ability to lift your spirit with rich flavors of melody and bass will undeniably loosen your entire body to dance in utter freedom.

**Mungos HiFi** (Legendary UK Sound System) are a dub reggae, dancehall and dubstep sound system in the original roots tradition, based in Glasgow, and **Tom Tattersall** will perform the last gig of Mungos Australian tour solo at "AfterGlow".

**Rudekat**, (Bris-Vegas) well known to locals, will mix it up along with **Edonist Beat** (faak Lab Fr) keeping the deck bouncing into the night.

Tickets are \$20 pre-sold or \$25 at the door. Weekend camping available. No BYO 18+ event.

## KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Kuranda Amphitheatre  
**MUMFORD & SONS**  
support acts: Sarah Blasko & Willy Mason

WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

LOONEY POETS NIGHT  
Halloween Night  
Kuranda Amphitheatre  
See page 7 for more details

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

"HELL'S BELLS"  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Halloween Monster Party  
See Ad for more details

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The Kuranda Rainforest Resort  
Koalition & Bosko & Honey  
Check posters for details

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

The Kuranda Rainforest Resort  
Savidas & special guests  
See article for more info.  
Music from 4.00pm

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

"After Glow"  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Featuring International all-stars  
Eclipse Jackpot - Special Guest TBA  
See article for more details

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

The Kuranda Rainforest Resort  
Eclipse Bonus Set  
Koalition, Savidas  
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SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

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Contact: Corinne 4093 8369

**Yoga 5.30-6.30pm**

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

**Eight Ball - Competition Night 7pm**

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### Wednesday

**Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm**

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

### Thursday

**Bushi Kai Karate 6-7pm**

Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**

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Contact: Gary 4093 7109

### Friday - Social Night

**Club Kitchen 6.30-8.30pm**

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5pm Wednesdays

Contact: Sandra & Jon 0401 867 327

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### Saturday

**Tennis Training 8-9am**

Contact: Mike 4093 8257

**Bushi Kai Karate**

10-11am (family sessions a specialty)

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### Sunday

**Yoga 10-11am**

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**Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm**

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## WELCOME TO...

What an exciting time at the KRC with the successful commencement of the Club Kitchen! Over the past weeks our new Club Kitchen tenants, Sandra and Jon, have impressed all patrons with their fabulous menus and meals. Their varied weekly menus have proven very popular with the different and discerning tastes of Kuranda residents. There is something for everyone.

Sandra and Jon bring a wealth of experience with them to our community and are assets to the Club Kitchen. Jon was born and raised in London and moved to Switzerland in his early twenties. It was here that Sandra (who was born in Switzerland) and Jon's cooking skills were developed—working as hobby chefs in a restaurant in Switzerland. Both have travelled extensively throughout the world, visiting over 70 countries and this has only enhanced their skills and passion for cooking.

In 2007, they moved to Far North Queensland when Jon was accepted for a Master of Tourism course at JCU in Cairns. After graduating in 2009, he was offered a position as a senior researcher in the Marketing and Tourism Department, managing various reef, rainforest and cultural projects. Whilst they had planned to return to Switzerland in 2009, the lifestyle and beauty of our region, as well as the many great people they have met, convinced them to stay.

So if you are yet to sample the Club Kitchen's new fare, then make your **booking and order by 5pm on Wednesdays - clubkitchen1@yahoo.com** or call **0401 867 327**. Club Kitchen is open every **Friday night from 6.30-8.30pm** and the **KRC bar is open from 5.30pm**. Please note that we don't have credit card facilities—cash only.

*See you there!*



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## Neighbourhood Centre News November 2012

**Family Fun Day:** Unfortunately the Family Day scheduled for Wednesday 3 October had to be cancelled due to very wet weather. We were all very disappointed, however the next Family Day will be in the Easter school holidays on the 10th April 2013. If you want to participate in any way: volunteering, doing an activity or putting up a display – please ring Ceri on 4093 8933. Donations are welcome – this is a free event funded by donations. Currently donations from the community come from Kuranda Bendigo Bank, Kuranda Medical Centre and Kuranda Paper.

**Christmas Hampers:** I believe that the Mayor's Christmas appeal is continuing this year and that KNC will be a referral point for Christmas Hampers. Please drop by and ask about it – we don't have the forms yet, however expect to have them soon. The deadline is usually the end of November – so make sure you get in to fill one out if you need a little extra for Christmas this year.

**Monday morning Craft Group:** There is a small craft group meeting on Monday mornings at KNC – all are welcome to come along and join in. Sometimes the group goes out to the park so just ask reception if you can't see where they are!

**Furniture Exchange:** Please let Ceri know if you need any items of furniture. She keeps a register of need and as items are donated they are given to the next person on the register. If you have items in good condition to donate, please let us know and we will arrange pick up by our two volunteers, Rick and Jill. Right now we know people who need beds, dining tables, sofas, fridges and outdoor furniture. THANKS.

**Senior's Cottages:** To be eligible for the Community Housing Senior's Cottages managed by TRC a current application with Department of Housing is required. KNC staff will assist with social housing enquiries and applications.

**Personal Amplifier (PA) System for hire:** KNC now has a mobile PA system that is available for hire. It is \$50 per day with a refundable \$100 deposit paid back upon return.

– The Neighbourhood Centre Team

# Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Wins Award

At the 2012 TTNQ Tourism Awards held recently in Cairns, Kuranda Visitor Information Centre won the category for TNQ Tafe Visitor Information & Services – a well deserved win for everyone at the Centre.

This is the first time Kuranda Visitor Information Centre has entered the awards, and they are all very excited by their success.

Kuranda Visitor Information Centre is the smallest and busiest information centre in Far North Queensland outside Cairns, with more than 50,000 visitors a year.



An English couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is sex after death. Their biggest fear was that there was no after-life at all. After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact: "Marion ... Marion" "Is that you, Bob?" "Yes, I've come back like we agreed." "That's wonderful! What's it like?" "Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud – lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to the golf course again. Then it's more sex until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again" "Oh, Bob are you in Heaven?" "No... I'm a rabbit in Norfolk!"

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# Are You Too Sweet?

Carbohydrates (sugars) play an important role within our diets and are an easy way to fuel the body to boost energy. It can, however, affect us negatively if not consumed in moderation. There are different types of sugar. We all know that cakes and fizzy drinks are sweet, but where else do we consume sugar? To make it easy let's break sugar down into two groups: simple sugars and complex carbohydrates.

### Simple sugars:

found in honey, alcohol, juice, lollies etc, are the worst as they breakdown into the blood stream quickly. This spike in blood sugar can lead to hyperactivity, irritability and low concentration level.

It causes the blood sugar to drop afterward and so we end up on a 'sugar wheel' of ups and downs; craving and reliant on sugar to boost us back up. If we look at the ingredients of most processed foods, sugar is a high component. Whilst fruit is natural, it still contains fructose. Most orange fruits are higher in sugar content in comparison to others.

### Complex carbohydrates:

take longer for the body to break down and are often packed with fibre, vitamins and minerals. They are present within grains ie rice, oats, wheat. Wholegrain's always have a lower \*GI than white refined grains. Ideally the daily consumption is two serves per day. Portion size is the equivalent of your closed fist.

*\*GI refers to the Glycaemic Index of foods. This is based on how quickly the sugar in foods is released into the blood stream. Low GI means it is released gradually. High GI means it is released quickly and therefore spikes blood sugar ie simple sugars.*

### Sugar alternatives:

**Stevia:** is a plant used for sweetening. It contains no carbohydrates or calories and therefore doesn't affect blood sugar. It can be used in cooking, drinks etc as it comes in liquid/ tablet and powder. Watch out for artificial sweeteners ie aspartame that

can cause major health issues.

Whilst **honey** is natural with little processing it still has a relatively high GI. Natural sugars with a far lower GI include; agave syrup, coconut palm sugar or xylitol.

Most healthfood stores will stock both the sugar alternatives and lower GI options.

Excessive sugar is the gateway to many more disease states, sending the body acidic and eventually lead to more serious conditions such as hypoglycaemia, diabetes and obesity.

I see most commonly Candida rashes (fungal rash) which is fed and exacerbated by sugar.

Could sugar be the cause to your skin rash, headaches, lack of energy, sore throat or weight issue?

If the body is craving sugar then there is most likely an imbalance. Chromium is the main mineral for balancing blood sugar, aiding weightloss by reducing cravings and great for diabetics.

Eat low GI foods and protein with every meal. This will facilitate weight control, provide consistent energy and improve concentration levels by keeping your blood sugar balanced. Protein is an excellent way to fuel the body without effecting blood sugar and essential for brain function.

Whilst fat is bad for the heart, it is actually sugar that makes us gain weight. When too much sugar is released into the blood stream and not utilised: it is stored for later as adipose tissue (fat).

Reduce your sugar consumption and feel the benefits immediately. For more dietary suggestions speak with your local health practitioner to find out if your diet is too sweet for you.



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## Rocky Creek Falls

The following article appeared in *The Cairns Post* on 15 February 1888. As can be seen the mode of writing in those days was quite effusive.

**N**ORTH Queensland, admittedly the most picturesque division of all Australia, boasts few more beautiful spots than that portion of the second section of the Cairns-Herberton railway known as Rocky Creek Falls. Possessing the charm always apparent to lovers of the beautiful in Nature, it combines the effects produced by the abundant richness of tropical verdure with the sublimity inseparable from lofty mountain scenery. The Falls themselves, though not equalling in volume or grandeur the now famous torrent of the Barron, are indescribably lovely: and during the rainy season recall to the memory those celebrated lines that describe with such original rhythm,

“How the water comes down in Ladore.”

Truly the horny handed sons of toil labouring on the scene of No. 9 tunnel, on the verge of the cataract, have their lines cast in beautiful, if not always pleasant places, and those nomadic tourists who devote so much of their time and incur so much danger and arduous toil in their search of the beautiful amongst the European Alps, would find much more gratification and far less risk in exploring such scenes as those we now speak of. It was a Sunday on which we visited this romantic scene, when the workmen were busily engaged in their ablutions and washing their clay and toil-stained clothing. We observed to one brawny individual that it was a great blessing to have one day on which to attend to their own requirements. He was evidently a bit of a cynic, and observed in nautical phrase:

Six days shal't thou labour,  
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On the seventh holystone the deck,  
And coil down the cable.

To meet the wants of the times and to provide creature comforts for the inner working man, Mr. G. Lee has erected a comfortable and substantial hostel, and despite the great cost of bringing all his wares from the level plains below by means of pack horses, contrives to keep a good table and well supplied bar (to the qualities of both of which we are in a position to testify), and charges but moderate rates. From this desirable and charmingly situated establishment is to be seen a view that could not by any means be excelled if equaled, the silver sheen at the Barron River glistening in the sunlight below, and in the back ground the waters of Trinity Harbour with Cape Grafton blue-tinted by distances are clearly observable. In the time to

come when the line shall be open to this favored retreat there is little doubt but that the merchants and well-to-do residents of Cairns, together with inhabitants of more distant localities, will resort to Rocky Creek to renew their health and vigor in the beautiful and bracing climate afforded by the lofty elevation. In addition to George Lee's establishment there is another licensed house kept by a Mr. Gardiner, and innumerable tents occupied by men working on the line while giving the population of a small township in no way detract from the picturesqueness of the scene.

Of the tunnel itself, which is 9 chains long, it may be said that it is the hardest of any on the section, being entirely of solid rock, and is worked by two shifts of twelve hammer and drill men. This tunnel is only worked at one end, the material excavated being required for forming an embankment across the creek, and we could not help thinking with regret of this lavish use of the metal so much needed in poor sandy Cairns. As an outlet for the water of the Falls a culvert 8 feet in diameter has been carefully built with cement through the embankment, and the rush of water thundering and foaming through during the wet season, is a sight once seen would not readily be forgotten.

At present about 100 men are camped at Rocky Creek, and as soon as the wet season is over probably fully 200 will have pitched their tents on the spot. It is somewhat surprising that so few comparatively of the people of Cairns have visited this delightful and busy scene, and it is with the object of advising the public that such beauties exist near at hand that we have devoted so much space to their description.

*(The mention of twelve hammer and drill men referred to the practice of drilling holes in the rock to place explosives. The drill man held a drill bar and turned it in the hole while the hammer man struck the drill repeatedly. The drill man gave hand signals to the hammer man with the hand holding the top of the drill, and unfortunately sometimes his finger was caught between hammer and drill. It was not unusual for a drill man to have "short" fingers. It was an extremely hard job, and expert drillers were highly respected. Most of the tunnels on the Kuranda Range were excavated from both ends and sometimes there were also tunnels dug into the river side so spoils could be tipped over into the gorge. When the spoil was not needed for filling embankments it was tipped over the side into the gorge.)*

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# KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

## New Members

The Co-op announces and introduces two new exhibiting members  
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**Marcia Bird** : As the daughter of a nursery-  
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programmed to become a fibre artist. Growing  
up without television or computers, her early  
years were spent digging through the scrap  
material pile and sorting out the button box.  
Today, incorporating traditional basket-  
making techniques with natural and recycled  
materials, Marcia is using recycled wire and  
computer components, creating wearable art,  
baskets and sculptural forms.



**Margaret Upton**: Observing people and their  
body language has interested Margaret for  
some years. From an artistic point of view this  
interest has led to the creation of many paintings  
depicting people in everyday situations suggesting  
interactions, relationships and scenarios. The  
characters are captured in a particular attitude in  
a particular moment in time and in a particular  
locale. The viewer is invited to invent narratives  
for these people whose stance and circumstance  
have captured Margaret's attention – just as  
she invents narratives whilst recording them on  
canvas.

## Glass Art Exhibition

**Esther Hodi**, one of the Co-op's contemporary glass artists is  
exhibiting in **Glass Galore (2)** Glass art exhibition at Gallery  
58 in Mareeba. The exhibition will be on from 1st November to  
15th December.

## Kuranda Day

The Arts Co-op welcomed the opportunity this year to expand the  
activities into the Kuranda Day program with new and exciting art  
and music features. We saw it as an introduction to an even bigger  
and better Festival in the coming years. We envisage this annual  
Festival being expanded to 2-3 days incorporating arts and music  
workshops, providing a true incentive and experience for the many  
visitors who come to Kuranda expecting to find this arts inclusion in  
the village.



Our thanks to the Candlenut  
Steiner School for the co-  
ordination of the children's  
butterfly colouring-in competition  
which was sponsored by the Arts  
Co-op. The winner was Sienna,  
age 6 (see page 16).

The Co-op would like to thank Rev  
Annette Woods (organ recital at  
St Saviour's church); Astrid Erika  
(harp recital at Arts Co-op gallery);  
Honey and Spice (ukulele group  
at Arts Co-op gallery). Our thanks  
also go to the Arts Co-op members  
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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

'Diva' was the word that sprang to mind when I was interviewing Joon Graham.

Wikipedia confirms a 'Diva' is a celebrated female singer; a term used to describe a woman of outstanding talent. Joon Graham certainly ticks all the boxes. Joon came to live in Kuranda in 1980 and is a regular busker in the village and on the Cairns Esplanade. Her exceptional voice caresses the words with a distinct vocal style. It is powerful to a wide range of audiences. Joon has incomparable skills in sweet jazz and ballads and is a musician of extraordinary abilities. It was such a pleasure to sit with Joon on her rainforest deck, to sip cool 'nariyal pani' (coconut water) and become engrossed in her stories and share her warmth and laughter.

## Where is your current studio?

On the edge of my bed. I do the biggest percentage of my practice there. After that it is everywhere; wherever I can make music and sing. Visiting musicians use my lounge room.

## Do you work alone or with others?

I busk alone and with others. I am delighted that musicians want to busk with me. Local bass player Dave Hart and I also busk together. We play on the Esplanade in Cairns regularly.

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

Peace mainly. When I record in a natural environment, for my own use with my practising, I sometimes ask "What is that background noise in the recording?" I found it was the evening crickets in my rainforest garden. I also need a small cushion to put under my feet as I tap my feet in time to my music. It is automatic for me. In deference to the neighbours the cushion is essential. I also need electricity for my amplifiers and guitar when I am busking.

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

I used to play every morning, sometimes for four hours at a time. Lately it seems to be around 2 hours. I need my music in my life. It is like a tonic. It is a healing thing. It is part of my life. I have sung all my life. I don't understand how people can go through their daily lives without music.

## Describe the work you do in your studio.

Just singing and playing my guitar.

## Why is music your chosen medium?

In the 30s and 40s everyone sang around the piano. It was a very common practice. We all did it, usually with the whole family involved. I went to a Catholic school and I sang with my late sister Rose. She was a soprano and I sing in a lower register. We sang together a lot over many years. I played and sang with a band in Hong Kong – blues, folk and jazz. We played on TV. I did not play again in public until I came back to Australia. Then I started to busk. In 1974 I approached my then local council about busking and I was told to "write us a letter dear"!! I then sought advice from a cop and he said "just go to a shopping centre and ask them to turn their canned music off and start playing". I played in the Blue Mountains and by 1980 I was doing a lot of busking and playing and singing regularly in restaurants.

## List three things you listen to while working.

My voice, my guitar and my foot tapping. The tapping does not interfere but adds to the tempo. Most musicians tap their feet, it is such an automatic thing to do.

## Your favourite tool?

My guitar and my voice. They are 'joined at the hip'. They are one.

## How do you identify your work?

I play under my own name, Joon Graham. I changed the spelling from 'June' a long



Joon Graham busking in Coondoo Street with Dave Hart

time ago. My father was the Secretary of the Spelling Action Society and he believed spelling should be phonetic, that it made more sense and it was easier to learn. He would have approved of the change I made.

## How do you sell your work?

I have copies of my CD on display when I busk which people are kind enough to buy when they hear me singing.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No. Teaching is an art and I believe I play very simply. I don't read music. Many musicians can't. But we have 'an ear'. Some musicians have said that being restricted to sheet music hinders them to be spontaneous.

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


Nothing. I wouldn't change anything. It is just perfect sitting on the side of my bed. It is the right height, the right everything and the acoustics in that room are perfect for my needs.

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

I would be riding a horse through the waves near the shore. Riding, of course, on a horse that loved waves. Years ago I would take my horse into the surf, he loved it. We both did. It was such a rich and invigorating thing to do and I have lovely memories of this.

Otherwise I would like to continue working with creative people. Kuranda is full of many talented artists and musicians and we are not using them – and over the years Mareeba has been telling us what we can and can't do. I very recently returned from the annual festival at Wallaby Creek (out of Cooktown) where I performed with Dave Hart. People come from all over the world and there is very high standard of music. The organisers are so helpful to the visiting musicians. It is the most wonderful venue.

I would like to see the artists in Kuranda given the opportunity to have their own festivals again.



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Ants are the most common farmers in the insect world, and 'farm' a variety of other species in order to gain food rewards. For ants, the food that they most desire is sugars and there are some other insects that reward ants with droplets of sugary liquids in exchange for their protection.

Aphids produce sugary secretions called honeydew as a by-product of their sap-sucking diet. Ants know only too well that if they protect groups of aphids, this energy rich food will be plentiful. The ants mill around clusters of aphids and attack any threats to their precious aphid herd. In the case of tiny aphids, the big bad wolf can come in many forms. Ladybirds and lacewing larvae are two of the most common aphid predators and should these insects appear, the ants go into attack mode to drive them off as quickly as possible. Thus the relationship the ants have with aphids is extremely beneficial to both parties.

There are a number of other insects 'farmed' by ants. Various species of plant-hoppers offer the ants similar sugary treats to that provided by aphids, and are protected in the same manner. This amazing insect interaction is quite easy to see if you know what you are looking for. Locally there are a number of common plant-hoppers that cluster in numbers on branches of gum and wattle trees, with numerous ants fussing around drinking honeydew while providing protective services.

Some ants have taken the protection process a step further with caterpillars. Green tree ants protect species of Lycaenid caterpillars during the day by sheltering them within retreats made of leaves and silk. At night the ants herd them up into the tree to feed on the tender leaf tips. The ants obtain sugary secretions from the caterpillars by tickling special glands on the caterpillars with their antennae. This again benefits both parties as the caterpillars are protected from their predators, and the ant colony gains a precious source of sugars.

Alan Henderson  
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Young plant-hoppers being 'farmed' by ants.

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We had 24 submissions all up from kids as young as three years old and some adults entered too!



**"The Little Cute Fruit Bat"**  
by Becky Picard

Fruit bats aka flying foxes are important to the environment because they are like bees and butterflies that pollinate flowers and trees. They are important also because they are beautiful and we need to have more beautiful and sweet living things in the world all the time. I want to be a zoologist that specializes in bats to teach people about them because too many people think bad things about them. This makes them hurt bats and kill them. That is not good for bats and that is not good for the environment."

## Pink Pony Parade

From an afternoon at the stables with three friends, wanting an idea of raising money for breast cancer, came this stunning idea of "riding for a cure". This small idea turned into the PINK PONY PARADE. The idea was instead of walking for a cure, they would ride for a cure. This meant that any riders who participated would have to ride from 3.00pm Saturday until 7.00am Sunday morning.

**Pink Pony Parade 2012** was held in Kuranda on the weekend of 6 & 7th October and an amazing \$11,569.05 was raised.

This great amount come from the six registered riders getting sponsorship of \$7738.55, selling cakes, breast cancer merchandise, meals, raffles, pony rides and donations.

The girls put in a marvellous effort decorating their horses; we even had a horse dressed as a Pink Elephant!

Patrons of Kuranda and surrounding areas arrived to support the riders, and had a great time.

Thanks must go to the Kuranda Pony Club for their donation of the grounds and lighting, Kuranda SES for cooking all week-end to feed the hungry mob, and to all the sponsors of the raffle, to all the riders who participated and to the dedicated team who strived to get this fantastic event off the ground and make it into an event that made Kuranda proud.



This is the e-mail from her mother after Becky entered the competition:

"Hi, BatReach! I want to thank you so much for this contest. The only way you can fully appreciate what a blessing it is for my daughter is to explain what she's had to deal with for her love of bats.

She's 11 now and has been in love with bats ever since she was 4. She started out at 5 wanting to be a veterinarian, which quickly led to zoologist specializing in bats. She wore out the book *Stellaluna* and has been a bat-themed character every Halloween. She was even Batman once (since they were out of Batgirl) and when she was Abby from NCIS, she wore a big bat necklace. We have decorated our house in purely bat decorations, too, just for her.

Well, that's all great, but then she started getting teased. She has been made fun of by other kids for liking "creepy bats" and told she can't like bats because she's a girl. She has really put up with more teasing than you can imagine. It's ridiculous, really. She's never once let anyone change her feelings for bats, though.

So she went to school today and proudly told her teacher and classmates about your contest and her entry. Once again, she was teased. But the teacher went online and showed the kids your site. They saw your wonderful bats, saw all the women caring for them, read about the dangers affecting them, read how important they are, saw all the kids and adults, girls and boys and women and men, who were bat lovers, and they started treating my daughter differently right away! She's a celebrity in their class now for her glass bat entry. She told me that even if she doesn't win, it's okay because she got to help all those kids learn how great and not-creepy bats are. That, to me, is the most wonderful thing in the world!

I've been so upset and so worried because of how she's been treated over her outspoken love for bats and their protection, but today, because of YOU, I don't have to worry anymore and she doesn't feel like an outsider. I wish I lived in Australia so I could visit you and hug and kiss every one of you! THANK YOU!!!

Tabitha"

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# Jill Melody — from Hippie to Businesswoman

It is nice to tell of success stories, and our profile for this month is one of these. **Jill Melody** is well known in Kuranda, having first come to Cairns in 1980, and not long after that having begun to sell her wares through both Rusty's Market and the original Kuranda Market. The story of how she ended up in Kuranda is an interesting one.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts in the USA, she was schooled in that country, completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1975. After that the wander-bug found a way into her thinking. She travelled across the USA with a girlfriend. In California she reunited with her future husband, Luke, whom she had had a summer romance two years earlier on Cape Cod. She and Luke travelled to Mexico, and when they returned to the US they then went their separate ways. Jill earned money waitressing and then moved on through Europe and parts of north Africa, travelling very cheaply. From there she moved east to Asia.

She found a teaching job in Kabul, Afghanistan at an international school. At that time, in 1977, Afghanistan was quite peaceful, being prior to the Russian invasion. Travelling around the country, she enjoyed the scenery, including the seven great lakes in Band-e Amir and the great Buddhas of Bamiyan carved in rock (since destroyed by Islamic extremists). She found it exotic, and began her long-time collecting activities. She also enjoyed the people and their hospitality. She was in one village which was cut off by a landslide for some time and lived with the local people.

From there she moved on to Nepal and then India for nine months. In Poona she came across the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and became a Sanyasan (devotee). He gave her a new name "Veet Varjana" ("beyond commandments"). A bout of ill health forced her to return to her parents in Massachusetts. There she was reunited with Luke again in 1979. He was working on yachts and together they worked delivering a charter boat to the West Indies.

In Antigua they decided to marry, the marriage subsequently taking place in Massachusetts. From there they travelled to Malaysia to build a boat. Jill became pregnant. A friend told them a good place to move to was Cairns, so they moved there to have her baby, and their son Pira (Aboriginal for "moon") was born in a one room flat on the Esplanade. They loved the place and successfully applied for permanent residency in 1980. Jill is now an Australian citizen.

Jill had brought many artefacts and craft items with her from Asia so it was decided to have a stall both at Rusty's Market and the original Kuranda markets. They did this for a while, broken only by a short trip back to the USA. On return



to Sydney, they brought an old "Sun Herald" delivery van, fitted it out for accommodation, and travelled north to Cairns again. It was a casual style of life, and they rejoined the Cairns/Kuranda hippie culture. Jill continued selling at Rusty's Market and at the original Kuranda market. But again they felt the pull of the family in USA, returning home for some nine months. Then Kuranda attracted them back, only to find their garaged van in a sad state on their return. Having little money, they lived for a while in a shed in Kuranda, then rented a house. Together they scraped up enough money to buy a block of land in the area, on which Luke gradually constructed a house. Jill, in addition to selling through her stalls, was busy in the community, running aerobics at the Amphitheatre for some 12 years as well as serving on the Committee in the booking office for a while and in the community theatre and ladies' choir.

About 20 years ago Jill decided to set up her own shop in the main street of Kuranda with Luke's help, "New to You", selling all sorts of interesting bric-a-brac, jewellery, clothes and accessories and collectables. From their initial venue, they moved to and restored the old Ngoonbi house on the other side of the road. When this lease was not renewed, they purchased a house opposite and with Luke's hard labour and design, converted it into a shop. It became "Just Gorgeous". Jill says that this has worked well despite being on the less busy side of the road and notwithstanding the tourist downturn. Jill works in the shop about four days a week

and on other days does the book work as well as the ordering, buying both within Australia and overseas. She has a number of employees. In her spare time she walks, rides a bike, does stretching yoga and reads a lot. She enjoys singing in the Kuranda acapella group.

Jill is upbeat and positive about Kuranda and its future. Negativity breeds negativity, she says. She feels Kuranda's character is returning after a bit of a decline. She supports *The Kuranda Paper* as an important community-building medium. In life she follows the golden rule and believes in karma. Although not religious, she is tolerant of all religions and beliefs except those that are fanatical or bigoted. A happy, generous, outgoing person, she extends a very friendly welcome to customers, friends and visitors alike.

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## Creative Partnerships

Cairns Regional Council present Cairns Creative Crawl  
Friday 2 November, 5.00-9.30pm

Cairns Creative Crawl is an open-top-double-decker bus tour to creative venues in Cairns. Join us for the special tenth edition of Cairns Creative Crawl; crawlers will be entertained and enjoy multi arts on an "arty" bus tour!

As an early Christmas gift, all crawlers will receive an artwork produced by one of the most prolific painters in America, Steve Keene; each original artwork by Steve was created while he was an artist in residence at Tanks Arts Centre and painted the surroundings of Far North Queensland. This special gift can be collected by each crawler at the last bus stop.

Please pre-purchase your \$15 crawl tickets from Cairns Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre, 64 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill, open 7 days, Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm and Saturday to Sunday 10.00am-2.30pm.

All crawlers should meet between 5.00 and 5.45pm at Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns. The crawl will finish at Havana Music Café. Refreshments available at all venues.

The Crawl will include:

- Centre of Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott St
- C.1907 Contemporary Artspace, City Place
- UMI Arts Retail Shop and Galleries, 335 Sheridan St
- passionART...studio & gallery, The Pier
- As You Like It Hair Gallery, Shop 5/9 Kamerunga Rd, Stratford
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## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*A friend of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.*

*When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.*



**Di's Farewell**

The last month was tragic for our Friends of the Earth Kuranda group. Di Horsburgh, a founder member and past Secretary, passed away after a brief struggle with a highly invasive cancer. We'll all miss her energy, dedication, friendship and sense of fun. Along with many people in this community however, we rejoice in her memory.

Di was an inspiring activist, campaigning with many organisations including previously being President of CAFNEC. She also worked for the Wilderness Society as community campaigner. (see <http://www.wilderness.org.au/regions/queensland/farewell-to-a-wilderness-warrior>).

**Barron River Water Quality Community Confidence Project**

Friends of the Earth in Melbourne have just released a study into the drinking water supplied to greater Melbourne. [1] The results are disturbing to say the least.

The study may well have relevance to our own situation as several key factors are similar: a wide diversity of pesticides used in an agricultural catchment, patchy data, reluctance to test for the comprehensive range of potential pollutants, official evasiveness over the adequacy of testing, lack of elaborate filtering that might remove pesticides from drinking water.

The author, Anthony Amis also raises another issue: the potential for chemical reactions between chlorine added to the water supply, as done in Kuranda, and some of the pesticides, fungicides and herbicides that find their way into that water. There's evidence some of these 'Disinfection By-Products' (DBPs) may be more toxic than the original pesticides.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified Bromodichloromethane [BDCM] in Group 2B (possibly carcinogenic to humans). What this could indicate is that many other communities across Australia may have none or low numbers of breaches for Trihalomethanes's (THMs), yet could be consuming potentially dangerous levels of individual Disinfection By-Product's (DBPs) and these results are not made public by water authorities.

Some DBP's have been linked to bladder cancer and adverse reproductive outcomes. Water authorities test for a handful of DBP's, yet 700 have been discovered. DBP's are created when chlorine used as a disinfectant, combines with organic molecules in the water distribution process.

Friends of the Earth Kuranda have now applied for a \$13,500 State Government grant titled Barron River Water Quality Community Confidence Project as part of the LNP Governments Everyone's Environment Grant program.

This will allow us to commission the expensive and sophisticated testing needed to help inform this debate. We aim to determine if the drinking water supply for Kuranda and Mareeba meets national water quality guidelines in relation to the wide range of chemicals used historically and now in the Barron catchment. The study will take over 12 months.

We need real information out in the public domain where it can be scrutinised by the community as a whole, so we can have informed debate and outcomes that are seen to be satisfactory.

We're grateful our application has already received wide endorsement, from diverse quarters including Djabugay Tribal Council, Kuranda Envirocare, the Community Action Network and the Member for Barron River, Michael Trout.

**More about "What are we drinking?"**

FOE Kuranda's article 'What are we drinking?' (*Kuranda Paper*, September edition) has sparked debate over the issue of the quality of our town water supply (letters, October edition).

The letter from Keith Treadwell was extraordinary. He was told by Council he may not provide his household with an alternative drinking supply to the mains supply such a rainwater tanks. Such policies make it all the more essential that the safety of our town water supply is beyond question.

A second letter from John Goss, an apparent advocate for the weed killer glyphosate suggested as we have no test results our credibility is about zero. We don't agree. We have been looking for evidence of credible, regular, specific testing for traces of the hundreds of complex chemicals that drain every year into the Barron from agriculture and mining on the Tableland and for Disinfection By-Products.

In the absence of this, can we be confident the water is safe? If not, is it wise to use this water for drinking (as well as for irrigation, bathing and fishing)?

The safety of our drinking water is an urgent public health issue and deserves the support and cooperation of the Tableland Council and the involvement of the Federal and State politicians representing the people of Mareeba and Kuranda.

**Chain Reaction**

Chain Reaction, the magazine of friends of the Earth Australia is now available in Kuranda library. Packed full of information on topical issues, it's well worth a read.

[1] Report by Anthony Amis 'Issues Regarding Melbourne Drinking Water & Pesticides', Friends of the Earth Australian web site, [www.melbourne.foe.org.au](http://www.melbourne.foe.org.au)  
 [2] An extract from Report by Anthony Amis SA Water Drinking Water Quality, January 2000 July 2012, full report, [www.melbourne.foe.org.au](http://www.melbourne.foe.org.au)

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# “The Secret of Divine Civilization”

by Abdu'l-Baha  
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ISBN 0-87743-219-8, RRP \$9.50

This book was first written by the author in 1875 and printed in Persian text. It was not translated into English until 1910 under the title “Mysterious Forces of Civilization”. This newer translation, undertaken by a

person fluent in both Persian and English, is said to be an improvement on the earlier translation. The book is in the form of a message to the 19th century rulers and people of Persia, at a time when that country had fallen into a very backward state, a plaything of contending Western powers. It was a place of ignorance, superstition, with a frightening lack of education and under development. And all this despite the past glories of the ancient Persian Empire. The book sought to awaken the country and its government and people from its lethargy and backwardness.

So what is the relevance of this book to today, you might well ask? The answer seems to have two aspects. One is that the modern state of Iran, formerly known as Persia, has, despite its material development and the exploitation of its vast resources, again fallen into a very backward state. It is ruled by a fundamentalist theocratic elite in a tyrannical way, where true liberty does not exist, corruption is widespread and human rights abuses of the worst kind are common place. Superstition and ignorance still have a great hold on the population. That country is in constant state of belligerence with not only the West, but also with some of its Middle Eastern neighbours, so much so that it is said to be a threat to international peace and security. The Iranian Government increasingly rules only by resort to threats, fear and violence.

Given this situation, this book still relevantly addresses the primary issues of concern today in Iran in much the same way as it did in the 19th century.

But more than this, the book addresses many of the contemporary issues of concern in the wider modern world. It is really a book addressed to the rulers and peoples of the world as a collective whole. It considers the essential requirements

of a civilised state; that is, the basic elements of what we call “civilization”. It is a book that lauds the achievements of modern science and technology, but demands that these be combined with holistic universal education, wisdom, vision, ethics and spirituality. Contrary to the views of many, it exalts true religion, and not the worn out creeds and dogmas used as a tool by some governments, up to an elevated place in this process.

Let's have a look at some quotes from the book:

“This fairest of lands was once a lamp, streaming with the rays of Divine knowledge, of science and art, of nobility and high achievement, of wisdom and valor. Today, because of the idleness and lethargy of her people, their torpor, their undisciplined way of life, their lack of pride, lack of ambition – her bright fortune has been totally eclipsed, her light has turned to darkness.”

“The primary, the most urgent requirement is the promotion of education. It is inconceivable that any nation should achieve prosperity and success unless this paramount, this fundamental concern is carried forward. The principal reason for the decline and fall of peoples is ignorance.”

“Again, is there any deed in the world that would be nobler than service to the common good? Is there any greater blessing conceivable for man, than that he should become the cause of the education, the development, the prosperity and honor of his fellow-creatures?”

“It is certain that the greatest of instrumentalities for achieving the advancement and the glory of man, the supreme agency for the enlightenment and the redemption of the world, is love and fellowship and unity among all the members of the human race.”

Here are resounding words that point the way to a future globalised world, a world of security, peace and prosperity. This ancient vision is given new life in this book. In a contemporary world in which we are obsessed with the negatives of life and the divisions in society, this book is a call to a new and much more positive and united form of civilization on this one small, fragile planet. And it is a call to individual effort and commitment in bringing this about.

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## TAEKWONDO

**QSTDA Instructors and students** travelled on the weekend of 22nd September 2012 to Bundaberg to compete in the Queensland Taekwondo Championships. Thirteen members in total travelled down for this event.

The competition enabled the students to showcase their self-defence skills by developing routines and demonstrating practicality and effectiveness before a panel of judges.

A number of students arrived back in the FNQ regions with medals from events that included self-defence, individual and team patterns, power breaking and sparring.

Following this event, four Instructors from the FNQ Region attended an International Instructor seminar, again held in Bundaberg. The seminar was presented over two days by Senior Master Robert Lai ITF 8th Degree. In attendance also was Master Graham Moulden ITF 7th Degree from Thailand.

Senior Master Lai passed on many valuable lessons on the practice of Taekwondo.

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## How to Get Your Kids to Eat More Fruit and Vegetables

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A healthy filling breakfast is vital for kids and a banana smoothie, pancake or sandwich is a healthier swap for commercially produced cereals.

### Endless possibilities with smoothies for breakfast:

To make a creamy non-dairy smoothie use banana as the base fruit. Then just add any fruit in season plus ice, juice or milks of any kind. Freeze the fruit first and the drink will be colder and creamy when blended.

Place fruit, banana, ice cubes in blender. Blend at high speed until ingredients are combined and ice cubes are dissolved.

### Try a substitute:

coconut, almond, oat, rice milk instead of dairy, or use lactose free milk. Honey, mango, lime and candied ginger are a great combination! If you ever need to buy frozen fruit, buy unsweetened and Australian product only. Green smoothies, fresh fruit juice and protein shakes make excellent breakfasts.

- The juicer pulp makes great pancakes, muffins, and cereal toppings.
- Add fruit to your porridge, top hot cereal with a smiley face made out of dried and fresh fruit and nuts.
- Serve a yoghurt dip with a fresh fruit salad or cereals.
- For savoury options, hash browns, and savoury pancakes and eggs.

### Make eating vegetables fun!

Have your child help prepare the fruit or vegetables. Using a plastic pizza cutter and potato peeler, kids can easily cut capsicums, or add peeled or grate apples and carrot together.

Beans easily snap off, peas carefully removed from a fresh green pod. Make funny faces or animals on pita, or mountain bread, by using an assortment of veggie toppings.

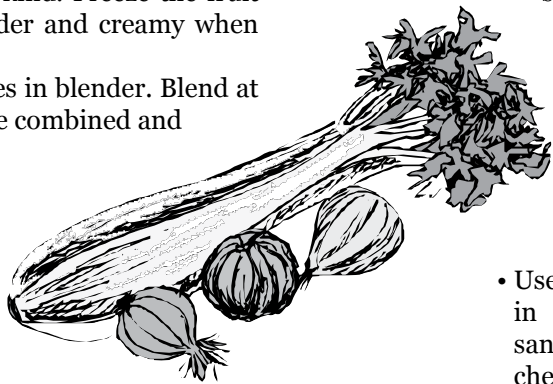
Create fun names for foods—applesauce soup, carrot pennies, broccoli trees. Buy bananas of different kinds and get them to chop them up and try each one. Boys prefer the fruit already cut up. If they have to peel, slice or fuss, they won't eat it. Though, if they are hungry they will.

If texture is an issue, limit the amount you offer to a picky eater. Give them one to two teaspoons only and they'll be more likely to finish and try again or serve vegetables in a very smooth puree.

### Shapes & Colours

- Serve a meal made of meatballs, cherry tomatoes,

- peas or grapes
- Cut sausage, ham carrots and cheese into sticks or cubes
- Make rainbow meals – traffic light capsicums, orange or purple carrots, cherry red tomatoes, green honeydew melons, purple grapes, blueberries, orange slices, slice of pink watermelon
- Add vegetables and beans to bulk out meals
- Make a zucchini or pumpkin impossible pie
- Add any shredded vegetable but especially carrots or zucchini to minced beef burgers or stir fries



- Add pureed roasted capsicum to a jar of pre-made pizza sauce or salsa
- Instead of mayonnaise on a BLT, use mashed avocado mix in a dash of milk to the mash.

### Sandwiches & snacks

- Use fresh fruit instead of jam in sandwiches. Mashed banana sandwiches, sliced apple and cheese, mango sandwiches

- Always keep a bowl of fresh fruit on the counter or keep a personalised sealed container in the fridge of cut, sliced, cubed salad veg in the fridge for snacks.

### 50 Ways to Eat More Produce:

<http://tinyurl.com/8mloazu>

### Mini Open Sandwiches:

help cut down the amount of white bread you consume. Try your own Bruschetta style appetiser with whatever you have in the fridge, takes only 10 mins if you have the base ingredients. Teens love them too. [www.bettycrocker.com](http://www.bettycrocker.com)

### Mini-Meals:

are a great idea – healthier too – if you eat several smaller meals throughout the day. Also helps if you need to control your portion size too. Just adding cheese or cheese substitute to any fruit or vegetable combination makes interesting meals.

### Roasts, Slow cooker soups and stews:

are saviours for a busy family schedule. [www.squidoo.com/saladrecipes#module12280806](http://www.squidoo.com/saladrecipes#module12280806)

### 46 freezer meals:

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### 45 side salads:

from Martha Stewart – [www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com)

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## Snake Warning For Kuranda Pet Owners

VETERINARY EXPERTS are urging Kuranda pet owners to be on the lookout for snakes this spring following predications of an extreme snake season.

Queensland animal hospital BVSC, located in Brisbane, has treated ten pets suffering from snake bites this month, a rise of 20 percent from the same time last year.

Dr Rod Straw, founder of BVSC and veterinary specialist, said he is expecting to see a spike in snake cases during October and November due to ideal weather conditions including warmer temperatures.

“Early detection will make a big difference to the severity of the injury caused to pets by snakes.

“Snake bite symptoms vary depending on the type of snake, number of bites and size of the animal bitten, however there are key symptoms pet owners should be aware of,” he said.

To help pet owners identify if their beloved pet has been bitten by a snake, they should look out for the following symptoms:

1. Weakness or wobbly walking
2. Unexplained bleeding
3. Discoloured urine
4. Loss of blink reflect
5. Change in (or loss of) voice
6. Altered breathing pattern
7. Pale or purple gums

Dr Straw said checking your pet for snake bite symptoms is more effective than trying to find the bite wound.

“It is much more common not to find the bite wound, than to find it.

“If you suspect a snake bite, take your pet to the vet immediately – even if the signs are mild. Animals can rapidly deteriorate and the pre-paralytic improvement can be a sign of a fatal dose of venom,” he said.

Recently BVSC treated Wags, an eight-year-old Jack Russell Terrier, who arrived at the Centre showing signs of weakness.

“Fortunately for Wags her owners quickly noticed lameness and shaking, with weakness that was rapidly getting worse.”

Wags' owners brought her into BVSC for urgent treatment and by the time she got to the Centre, she was unable to lift her head.

“In a very short space of time the emergency crew at BVSC identified, with the help of a snake bite detection test, that Wags had been bitten by a brown snake.

“Antivenin was given but despite repeated doses she remained critical with mechanical ventilator support and 24 hour intensive care.

“After six days in hospital she made a full recovery.

“If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a snake you should contact a veterinarian immediately,” Dr Straw concluded.



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### HUGS

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



Ellana Spena

### MYSTERY ADVENTURE

There is a Mystery Prize up for grabs, a special treat for the person who can write the most interesting essay, entitled 'The Big Black Spider'. (Please use lots of descriptive words, including size, colour, noise, smell and perhaps taste, so the reader really thinks they are seeing and experiencing what you have written.) Put your entry into the 'MAGIC' Box at Kuranda, Mareeba or Walkamin - no later than November 10. \* P.S. Every month there will be an essay competition with a super prize. If you have any ideas of what you might like, please drop a note into the 'Magic' box.



Q. Why did the chicken cross the road twice?

A. Because he was a double crosser! from Gypsy Salo



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Tegan Jennings

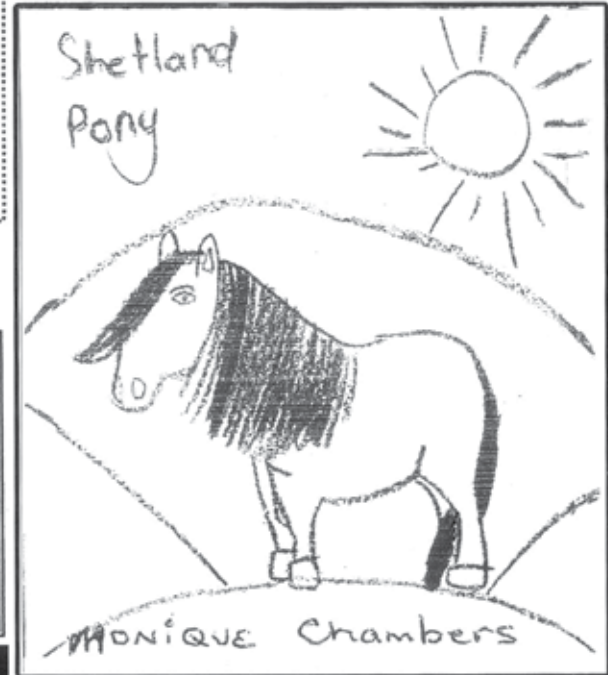
### Poet's Corner

HE RAN INTO THE APRICOT JAM

He ran into the kitchen,  
He ran into the bed,  
He ran into the apricot jam,  
And came out bread.

by David Kilpatrick

### Colour in Competition



**NEXT MONTH** will have a Christmas Theme. Do you have any special traditions in your home? Will you write and tell us about them? Do you like to do art, can you send a Christmas drawing? Do you like to cook, what about sending a special tasty treat? Can anyone design a Christmas Puzzle? Or send a funny giggle? This is your page, just for you. Treaties perhaps for best received - deadline November 17.

**IMPORTANT - If you see your name, go to your usual " Magic Box" for a Surprise.**

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# The Men's Shed Debate continues...

## Men's Shed Update

On 11th October 2012, between 11.45 and 12.15, in the company of Nicko Djeric, I was invited to a meeting at the Mareeba Shire Council chambers with Councillor Jenny Jensen and acting CEO, Matthew Hyde.

We were informed of the following –

- B Block will be destroyed.
- Council will not rescind their decision.
- Council are unable to rescind their decision because the matter cannot be re-considered by Council for a period of 3 months.
- In any event, the building will be destroyed prior to that time period.
- The Men's Shed proposal was considered but in a closed meeting.
- The meeting was closed because Council was considering a contractual basis with Men's Shed and such considerations are secret from Men's Shed as well.
- As a result, all correspondence and reasoning dealing with their deliberations are secret also.
- Council will not release the rationale for their decision.
- Councillor Jensen stated that her reasons were made apparent.
- We were informed that Council has no plans for what, if any, facilities will replace the building. It will be a Community Precinct but there is no notion of what that will be.
- Council is aware that there is no State or Federal funding available to replace the buildings nor for any other redevelopment of the site.
- Council's new Community Advisory Committee will not meet until after the building is destroyed and will then decide what the future should entail.
- Council has appointed their Grants Officer to seek funding for a Kuranda Men's Shed.
- Council is not aware of any available large funding for such a Men's Shed building.
- Council is aware that start-up grant funding for a Men's Shed is \$6,000 – maximum.
- Council would appreciate it if Kuranda Men's Shed stopped their lobbying as there is no point.
- Council suggested that our continued resistance to the destruction of B Block could result in depression in some of our members to their personal cost.
- The petition from the Kuranda Community has no weight because Council has rejected its requests.

Nicko Djeric and I left the meeting with quietly restrained ire.

*Mark Freeman, Kuranda*

## Downtown Grown-up Bullying

An appalling situation has developed in Kuranda over the past couple of months. A scandalous campaign has been mounted by those who aren't getting their way with the Men's Shed and 'B Block' issue. The drivers of the campaign are wannabe politicians – standing for council elections but never successful; they are poor losers in that, having lost, they seek to disrupt the endeavours of those they lost to. But what makes it worse is that they are intelligent bullies, fully aware of the stress and pain they cause with their public comments (including internet), posters and conspiracy theories.

What a shameful example they make to their children – if someone at school is getting the better of you, then watch me and I show you how to hurt and belittle them.

Cleverly, they have linked a highly popular idea (the Men's Shed) with the long-held master plan for the development of the community precinct which includes the demolition of 'Block B', with the hopeless aim of preventing its demolition. Former prime minister John Howard tried this ploy by linking the referendum for a republic with the unacceptable condition that the party in power would nominate the president, not the people. Consequently, the referendum for a republic was lost.

Amazingly, many in Kuranda have fallen for the ruse, taking only the superficial view that no 'B Block' means no Men's Shed. This is not so. If we really want a Men's Shed, let's make it happen. While I'm not a bloke, I'd love to be part of it. Please let me in!

Consultation on the future plans for the Community Precinct have been years long and very public with ads in *The Kuranda Paper* and other regional papers for all of us to be involved. There were at least two surveys, well responded to, quarterly informative newsletters sent to your address and footpath tables set up for anyone to put in their two bob's worth. If you didn't respond (boring, too busy, don't care) to any of these efforts by Council to communicate with you, then you hardly have the right to be objecting as the plan goes into action.

You may have taken part in the consultation phase but your ideas didn't get up, then it's understandable that you'd feel disappointed. But does that mean you spit your dummy, throw a tantrum and do your best to ensure that if you can't have your way, then there'll be no way?

After all these years of consultation and planning, it's now action time and there are no surprises. Let's get positive with planning for our purpose-built community (town) hall for all of us to use and enjoy.

*Jax Bergersen*

## Re Kuranda Men's Shed

Cr Jensen stated that the CWA would be adversely impacted or in competition with Kuranda Men's Shed being in B Block.

After speaking with the Kuranda CWA president and some members, they saw no such thing and couldn't be happier about our proposal for a Men's Shed in B Block.

Is Cr Jensen fabricating more lies to damage a men's shed chances? Perhaps yes!

If this is what Cr Jensen means when she says she 'supports' a Men's Shed, we could well do without her 'help'.

We have been told by Council that B Block is going to be demolished and there is nothing we can do. I beg to differ, the community do not want this building destroyed, we really need it!

Council also informed us that there is no money (on any level) available for a 'Precinct' development in Kuranda, nor are there any plans, let alone any 'Master Plan' Cr Jensen alluded to years ago.

If Cr Jensen and the TRC get their way, the Kuranda community will be looking at a bare patch of ground for many years.

Unless the motive to demolish is simply money to repay the TRC for the \$1M they have 'invested'.

The people of Kuranda are quite upset that their will is not being respected and that their only power seems to be at the ballot box to choose someone to truly represent them.

*Nicko Djeric*

*President*

*Kuranda Men's Shed*

## Notice of Public Meeting

**Sunday, 28th October, 4.00pm**  
**Billy's Lounge, Barron Falls Hotel**  
**(The Top Pub), Kuranda**

It has become increasingly apparent that a Men's Shed is a dire necessity for our community. We have invited Mayor Rosa Lee Long and Councillor Jenny Jensen to explain their proposals, their rationales, and to listen to their suggestions for our forward progress towards achievement of our needs. You cannot have a Men's Shed without a shed under the rules of the Australian Men's Shed Association.

You are strongly urged to attend this meeting. If you are not already a member, we have opened our membership rolls (previously capped at 100) and you will be very welcome to join. Membership is \$5. Kuranda is an inclusive society and the 'girls' are welcome to join and be 'one of the blokes'.

This is a VERY important meeting. This meeting will determine our destiny,

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## Trout On Line

By the time you read this, I will have seen many of you at the Kuranda Festival, events such as this providing welcome light relief in the life of a State MP. But being your elected representative is immensely rewarding.

It's a great feeling to be able to make a positive difference to someone's life and that happens in my office every day. I welcome those opportunities, and as I've said in previous issues of Trout Online: quite often if you don't tell me, I don't know, and I can't help. That's what I'm there for and why I took on this role, and if it's something I can't help with, I'll tell you, and do my best to put you in touch with someone who can.

Now, some news which may benefit community and volunteer groups in and around Kuranda... I encourage you to apply for a share of \$1.35 million to buy essential items to help their local communities.

The Newman Government's Caring for our Community election commitment will provide a total of \$4 million in small grants over three years and \$1.35 million is being provided this year for small grants of up to \$5,000 towards small equipment items and materials, such as computers, upgraded software or white goods. Bigger grants of up to \$15,000 may be considered for more substantial projects, such as making food preparation areas compliant with regulations.

Last month I mentioned that Member for Mirani, Ted Malone, was heading a ministerial review into the Rural Fire Service (RFS). It is planned to hold a series of meetings across the state in coming weeks as part of this review, with the aim of gathering important information towards making recommendations on revitalising the RFS. Volunteers will have the opportunity to provide input into the future structure, function, leadership and funding of the RFS.

Our Far Northern Region meeting has been set for Tuesday 4 December. Venue yet to be announced, but I will let everyone know as soon as possible.

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## Kuranda District CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership of the new revitalised Chamber is growing steadily. If you are not already a member, why not come along to our next meeting and join on the night.

**Date:** Wednesday 7 November  
**Time:** 4.30pm  
**Venue:** The Barron Falls Hotel

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The children are making the most of this glorious warm weather and are keeping themselves busy with some fun outdoor activities. The bike track is the most popular especially now that we have an additional 5 balance bikes to our collection. Other explorations include the children's very own designed veggie patch and the water table so mums and dads don't forget to pack a change of clothes.

Recently we had a visit from Bravehearts Inc. showing us the ditto program. This program is a 40-minute live production tailored for children from pre-school to Grade 3. It effectively teaches strategies and skills to stay safe in a range of situations from sexual assault to bullying. This in turn gives our children the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body.

Throughout the year the ground work has been laid to help with the transition to prep. A visit is scheduled to the Kuranda District State College for our pre prep children. They can hardly wait.

Last month's Bunnings sausage sizzle was a roaring success. These events have proven to be valuable fund raisers for all types of equipment. So many thanks to Bunnings and all you sausage eaters out there.

Our final fund raiser for the year is the Melbourne Cup Raffle and tickets are selling fast. Prizes include Tjapukai family pass and hamper, Skyrail family pass and hamper, Coconut Resort voucher, grocery hamper and vouchers for Geckos and Coffee Works. The tickets are available from Kindy and families.

Enrolments for next year are filling fast. We operate a waiting list for a fair enrolment process so families are encouraged to enrol their child ASAP. To involve your child in this vibrant and nurturing environment contact Susan at the Kindy. Preference is given to pre prep age and depending on availability, 3 year olds as well.

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## QCWA Kuranda Branch

It has been a busy few weeks for our members with our President and Secretary off to Conference in Toowoomba and members assisting with the catering for the Open

Gardens weekend at Kuranda Palms. We would like to thank all the community who supported us at our cake stall at the church hall, where we raised \$500 for COUCH which supports local cancer patients and their families. We are running a stall at the Cairns Showgrounds on Sunday 11th November with a donation to Leukaemia Research. This will showcase the craft which our ladies carry out on a Wednesday morning, where all are welcome to join us and learn something new over a cup of tea and chat. Our 75th birthday celebration takes place in our hall on Wednesday 21st November where all are welcome to join us for morning tea. Please contact Yvonne 4093 7016 and let her have an idea of numbers. Do please remember our hall is available for hire – telephone Sarah on 4093 7599.

*Yvonne Dighton, Secretary*

## GOLDEN ACRES

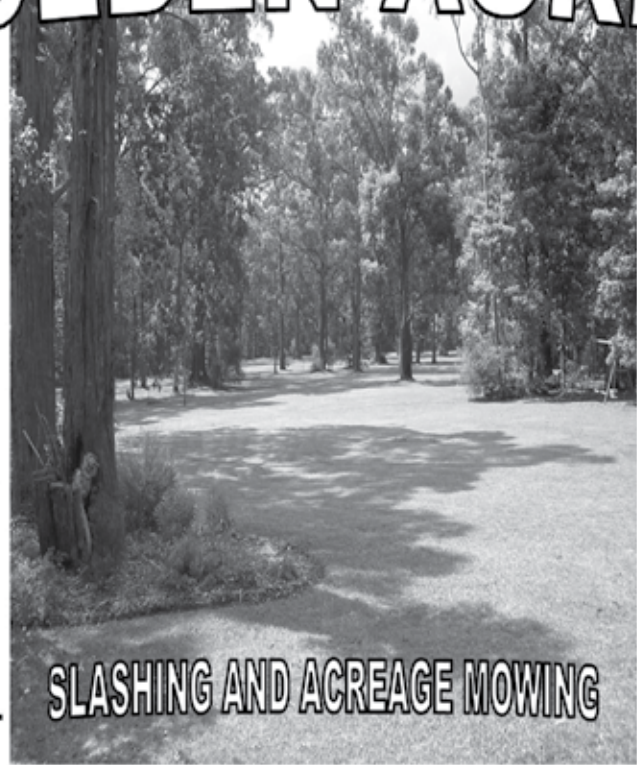
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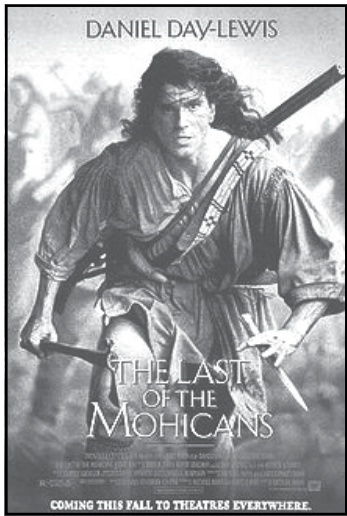


## Kuranda Film Society

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*The Last of the Mohicans* is a 1992 historical epic film set in 1757 during the French and Indian War and produced by Morgan Creek Pictures. It was directed by Michael Mann and based on James Fenimore Cooper's novel of the same name and George B. Seitz's 1936 film adaptation, owing more to the latter than the novel. The film stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, and Jodhi May, with Russell Means, Wes Studi, Eric Schweig, and Steven Waddington in supporting roles.

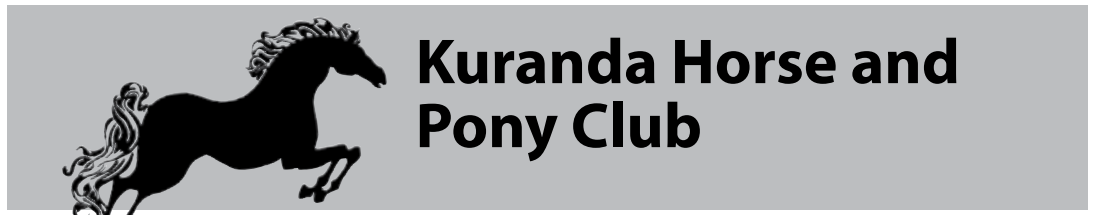
The soundtrack features music by Trevor Jones and Randy Edelman, and the song "I Will Find You" by Clannad. The main theme of the film is taken from the tune "The Gael" by Scottish singer-songwriter Dougie

MacLean. Released on September 25, 1992 in the United States, *The Last of the Mohicans* was met with nearly-universal praise from critics as well as being commercially successful during its box-office run.

**The Untouchables** (1987) is an American crime-drama film directed by Brian De Palma and written by David Mamet. Based on the book *The Untouchables*, the film stars Kevin Costner as government agent Eliot Ness. It also stars Robert De Niro as gang leader Al Capone and Sean Connery as Irish-American officer Jimmy Malone. The film follows Ness' autobiographical account of his efforts to bring Capone to justice during the Prohibition era.



*The Untouchables* was released on June 3, 1987, and received positive reviews. Observers praised the film for its approach, as well as its direction. The film was also a financial success, grossing \$76 million domestically. The *Untouchables* was nominated for four Academy Awards, of which Connery received one for Best Supporting Actor.



## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well it has been a huge year so far and our Kuranda Horse and Pony Club riders have done so well in their achievements.

In the September school holidays there were two State events held, and four of our riders competed in these.

The State Equitation and Show Jumping was held at the Cairns Show Grounds with Kristy Lane, Hannah Craven and Jamie Hewitt-Toms competing in these events for the first time at a State event. They really did our club proud and enjoyed the experience and I am sure they will look forward to going to a State event again.

At the same time, another State event was held all the way down in Warwick, for State Gymkhana, Sporting and Mounted Games. Sophie Curtis had the opportunity to go to this event as part of the Zone 18 team with riders from the Babinda Pony Club. This was to be a great experience for her and Sophie also did us proud by bringing home 6 ribbons and helping zone 18 come in 3rd Overall in the State at the Gymkhana.

So we are ever so proud of our Kuranda riders to be at this high level which has been a huge and rewarding effort for the riders, and all the support from family and friends.

Another huge achievement was held on the 6th and 7th October at Kuranda's grounds, The Pink Pony Parade Fundraiser relay on horseback for Breast cancer, one of our young riders Hannah Craven wanted to hold this event to help raise much needed funds to help find a cure for breast cancer, so with the help of her Mum, Lorraine and so many other great people the week end was a great success, raising over \$11,000.00. The SES were there to help feed all the riders and spectators so it really was a community event. Congratulations on a job well done.

On Sunday 14 October the Malanda Gymkhana was held with 5 riders competing; Kuranda came second in the March Past riding beautifully together (photo below).

Four Aggregate Trophies were won at the end of the day. What a proud team consisting of Sophie Curtis (holding Flag), Olivia and Jamie Hewitt-Toms, Fionna and Kristy Lane.

But our BIG Kuranda Gymkhana is coming up and we have been waiting all year for this which will be on the 24th November. We would like to extend a huge Thank You to all of the businesses that have supported the club to be able to hold this event; please support these local business's in return.

Feel free to come out and see our kids ride and cheer them on against other clubs from North Queensland. It starts at 9.00am and the canteen will be operating all day.

Our club's grounds are really looking good, all thanks to the Justice Group for coming in and helping us out. We thank you so much.

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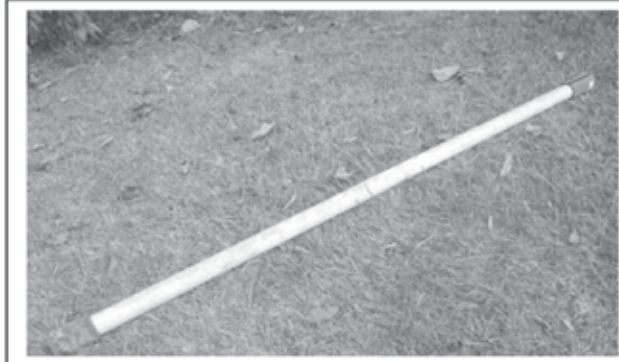
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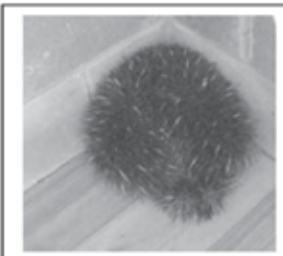
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Innovative residents enticed it into this trap then capped both ends.

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If you have some interesting seeds or plants to be identified, pop into the nursery. Botanical researcher Graham Bell is an accomplished identifier of all things green and few plants are beyond his ability to ID.



This prickly visitor (left) thought it couldn't be seen hiding in the corner. It was surprisingly difficult to move, like this echidna had suckers on its feet. It was finally persuaded to go into a laundry basket and returned to the great outdoors. Amazingly heavy, too.

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## New social housing units for Kuranda

KURANDA will get four new, one-bedroom units to help with social housing needs following a Tablelands Regional Council decision.

The council, at its meeting of October 4, voted to award a tender for \$979,622 to SJ Wilson builder, for construction of two units in Harriman Street and two in Thooree Street.

The approval was subject to Department of Housing and Public Works permission to use surplus funds to address a shortfall of \$61,602 in the project budget.

A report to council on the tender process identified the winning firm as having completed several previous projects for council, including social housing developments at Yungaburra and Kuranda.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long welcomed the project.

“Somewhere to call home is a very basic thing and I am delighted that the TRC in combination with the State Government is able to move forward with projects such as this,” she said.

Divisional Councillor Jenny Jensen said: “Aged housing is a major need in our community and I am delighted that there will soon be four more people with a new and affordable unit.”

## TRC makes detailed de-amalgamation costings publicly available

FULLER figures detailing Tablelands Regional Council’s assessment of de-amalgamation are now publicly available and they show how significant changes in several vital areas of local government, will impact on any new council.

The material made up the TRC submission to the Queensland Treasury Corporation and the Boundaries Commissioner. Both agencies are charged with assessing the prospects of a proposed separation of the former Mareeba Shire from the TRC.

It includes figures established by council staff and an independent assessment by accounting consultancy firm BDO.

“The estimated one-off costs for Mareeba ratepayers could be more than \$10 million. All of these expected expenses are detailed so everyone can see how that figure has been calculated”, Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

Council’s submission to the QTC, supporting material and an executive summary are now available at [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au), select the De-amalgamation Facts icon.



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### Who’s that Fly in – Fly out crew?



Wompoo pigeon – rainforest frugivore  
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“Which rainforest neighbours will visit first and will they all come to look and to stay?” In the rainforests of Queensland, the percentage of plants with fleshy fruits has been recorded at about 85% (Wilson *et al* 1989). With a greater variety of bird species visiting our revegetation sites, as trees start seeding and start down that 500-600 year long road back to mature rainforest, we can expect additional tree species to grow as birds feed in the nearby

quality rainforest and expel the seeds, with a convenient dollop of fertilizer, as they pause and perch in our revegetated sites.

One of our Envirocare members, Dr Ray Pierce, is setting up bird monitoring in these revegetation areas. Already he has detected over 90 species in the control sites, including a cassowary on the Kuranda State School side of the river, about 500 metres downstream of Little Road, We are hoping members of the community with an interest in bird spotting will join us in monitoring the succession of birds into these areas along the Barron over the next few years. It’ll involve walking a flat cleared transect. Ray plans to monitor once a month so there’ll be lots of opportunities for people to join as a small group of recorders and spotters each month or to walk on their own and report sightings of a specific list of birds. Please let us know if you’d like to be involved. Drop an email to [info@envirocare.org.au](mailto:info@envirocare.org.au) or phone the nursery on 4093 8989 and leave a message.

Date Claimer – Thursday 1st November ..7 till 9pm

Speaker meeting – all welcome

Frog Mating woes by Dr. Conrad Hoskins

followed by light supper - at Kuranda Recreation Centre

### Weed spotting – Syngonium

Have you seen this in your garden or forest? Try to get rid of it if you have, because it will smother tree growth, taking over the canopy in the competition for light. A lovely pot plants when small, Syngonium is an aggressive, rapid-growing vine. Juvenile leaves are simply arrows, while mature leaves can be up to a foot long and have five or more lobes. Variegated plants tend to lose their variegation as they age. Try growing a Cairns Bird Wing vine instead. It’ll attract other butterflies besides the Cairns Bird wing, loves its roots in the cool and its leaves in the sun.



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*Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.  
Your opinions are always welcome.*

## De-amalgamation Update:

I am presenting the following information to residents. I am urging you to consider all the information before you form your opinion on whether or not you support de-amalgamation to a new Mareeba Shire.

The Boundaries Commissioner again met with both the TRC and the De-amalgamation group in early October. The full details of the TRC presentation are available on the TRC website.

In summary, the estimated costs to Mareeba Shire residents would be approx \$10 million plus approximately \$7 million re-adjustment of assets and costs, plus over \$20 million for the upgrade of the Mareeba Sewerage Plant. These figures were developed by TRC staff; however the figures have been verified by independent forensic accounting assessment by the firm BDO.

The figures will be further scrutinised by Qld Treasury before the Commissioner makes his decision on whether or not the residents of the former MSC will vote on the de-amalgamation.

In the meantime, the Council of the TRC is intent on getting on with the business of running the TRC.

## Congratulations Kuranda VIC:

Well done to Cathy Harvey, Trainee Earl Hobbler and the large team of volunteers at the Kuranda Visitors Centre. Recently the Centre was awarded by TTNQ as best Visitors Centre in the region. A real credit to all involved!

## River Walk Stairs:

Construction has started on the riverwalk. This project is funded by Kuranda Infrastructure Fund. There will be new stairs to the river esplanade area and a new walking track along the river towards the Barron River bridge.

## Kuranda Community Precinct:

Council recently reconfirmed the Council decision of October 2011. The full resolution is available on the TRC website.

There are a number of parts to the resolution, including moving the Library to the site, sale of the Old Pre-School, removal of Block A and B and future planning for the community facilities at the site.

The Advisory Committee will be re-formed very soon. (Please see my Letter to Editor in this edition).

**RADF Grants:** Congratulations to Kara Ross and Piers Freeman who recently received Regional Arts Development Grants from Council. The funds are state funds administered by Council and applications for grants are open twice per year.

**FIKS Grants:** Not for Profit Community groups and individuals are eligible for Council's FIKS (Financial and In-Kind Support) grants of up to \$2000 per year.

Young people who excel in sports, cultural activities are also eligible for grants. Application details are on the TRC website or by contacting Council.

## New Staff at Kuranda Library:

Welcome to new Co-ordinator, Wendy and Assistant Natasha. Thanks also to Ros and Kristy who have left recently. Kuranda Library is a great little Library and I am still working to have the Opening Hours extended.

## Four new Aged Housing Units:

Construction starts soon on four new one bedroom aged housing units in Kuranda. (Two units in Harriman Street and two units in Thoree Street).

Anyone wishing to apply for aged housing will need to contact Council's Aged Housing Officer or have a chat with Marg at the Neighbourhood Centre who will be able to assist you with the process.

Council has also approved a policy change to allow residents of Aged Housing to have a small pet in their unit.

## Recycling:

Community consultation regarding the TRC Waste and Recycling Strategy has concluded and the results will be available soon. Preliminary comments indicate that a large number of people are in support of kerbside recycling.

## Speewah Digital Television:

Some residents (mostly in Boonooloo and Hidden Valley areas) should by now have received notification that further signal testing will be carried out on Wednesday 31 October by NComm technical staff.

This may mean that some residents will receive a rebate on the charges. Contact is Tracey Cuthberston at TRC.

## Road Projects:

Current works are occurring on reconstruction/upgrade of sections of Ganyan Drive; Contractors commence soon on Black Mt Road and Mona Mona Road; design work is completed for Fallon Road causeway; design work on the safety upgrade to the Morton Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection is underway.

## Kuranda Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Study:

The implementation of the 62 recommendations of the study (completed 2011) has been considered for funding. Some of these are long term and the major projects (such as the Therwine Street upgrade) will be subject to further consultation.

## Kuranda Day and Tourism Kuranda:

Congratulations Marc and Tourism Kuranda and all involved! Another outstanding day for tourists and locals!

## Vale Di Horsburgh:

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## Customer Requests system:

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## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. November Council Meetings will be on Thursday November 1st in Mareeba and Thursday November 15th in Atherton. Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

Requests to address Council contact Mayor's Office 4043 4411.

## To Contact Me:

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## A Thought for November

This month we open our Bible at the Gospel of Mark and read Chapter 10 verses 35-45.

What's in it for me? It's a common phrase these days. And even if we don't actually say it, we very often think it. None of us can climb out of our human skin. "Greed is good," says a character in a movie of the late eighties about the world of stock and bond markets. This passage in this month's reading has that kind of phrase hovering in the background.

The disciples have been together with Our Jesus for over two years. Things seem to be getting to a point of decision. They are on their way south from Galilee to Jerusalem. Though they don't yet know it, this will be their master's last journey to Jerusalem. Jesus is trying once again to get them to realize what may be ahead of him. Perhaps fearing that they may not have another chance, two of the disciples decide to make a bid for special treatment.

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." There is an unattractive childishness about their approach. They want guarantees before they even ask. Jesus, knowing them by now, is very wary. He demands they become specific. He probably senses the worst, and he is correct.

Their request is a sleazy and self-seeking concern about getting ahead of the others. They want special privileges. They think a grand kingdom is coming, and they want some payoff. Our Lord is disgusted, angry, and frustrated. We can hear this in every word of his response. He begins by sarcasm. He shows that they do not have the remotest idea of what they are asking.

They have not heard a word about the terrible cost of the immediate future. Their only agenda is self-advancement and greed. Nothing stays private in a small group. The others hear of it and are appalled. Jesus is so concerned that he calls them all together. As always he penetrates to the underlying principle.

What the two disciples really want is power. This most subtle human desire of all presents itself in an infinite variety of ways. It can be a person's agenda without their realizing it! Our Lord points out that in human society authority is based on power and position. In his followers Jesus demands another basis for authority. Among Christians authority is based not on position and power, but on servanthood. It is perhaps the hardest lesson for us to learn. To the degree that we learn it, we become like Jesus.

Jesus tells us that authority is not based on power and position but on servanthood. Having told us this, he himself lives it.

## News from St Saviour's Church

During October we celebrated three very special occasions at St Saviour's.

On 7th October, we held our St Francis Day service with the Blessing of the Animals. Big dogs and small dogs came and even ankle biters; dogs noisy and lovable; a bird that had been rescued and numerous other animals small and large. All the animals behaved very well.

The service was held at the back of the church so everyone, mostly the owners of the pets, was able to relax. It was great to have such a wonderful large enthusiastic gathering.

Our second celebration was the Harvest Festival held on 14th October. On Saturday afternoon the church was decorated with all sorts of fruit and vegetables in preparation for the three services next day. We held three services during the day. The church was decorated with produce which was sold after the afternoon service.

The proceeds of the sale (over \$1000) will be sent to Anglicare North Queensland towards their regional relief fund.

Our third great Day was Sunday 21 when we celebrated Kuranda Day and the 97th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Saviour's on 22 October 1915.

Also during October a number of hand knitted shawls and blankets were blessed before being sent to the Hamilin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a part of our ongoing commitment to the hospital.



## Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"In the Gospel of St. John, chapter 6, verse 26, it is written: "Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." It is evident that the bread of which the disciples ate and were filled was the heavenly bounty.

Reflect how clear it is that what Christ meant by the heavenly bread was His spirit, His bounties, His perfections and His teachings; for it is said in the 63rd verse: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."

That is why it is said in the 35th verse: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

**Meditations/Reflections:** all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions etc, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street, Kuranda.

**Morning prayers:** each Tuesday at 8.00am, in the park in central Kuranda.

**Study Circles** Books 1 & 2 now current in Kuranda, anyone can join, please enquire.

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NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY



**November Stars**

One planet stands out this month: Venus. She's in her own sign, Libra, until the 22nd, then into Scorpio. Why Venus? The relationship between Venus and Libra is all about just that: relationships. Venus reflects love; beauty, artistic and creative expression and if, as the poet says "Truth is beauty; beauty truth" then with Venus in Libra where it's all down to aesthetics; grace; balance and, indeed, relationships, we should discover many beautiful truths. Harmony and aesthetic integrity bright and clear. In relationships with one another; all earth's species and with our chosen medium, tools and talents.

It should be equally obvious what clunks – is out of balance, disharmonious or just unnecessary. Fix it or toss it. Looking for the beauty in things that can't be changed is always an interesting trip. Amazing what we find when we look through the eyes of love, as Venus in Libra suggests.

Neptune now in Pisces is also in its home sign. Neptune is the higher octave of Venus: unconditional love; compassion; devotion and the mystic, where true creative inspiration has its source. Meeting the muse.

And yes, there is a solar eclipse on 14th November exactly above us and peaking at 6.38am. A very powerful eclipse and the world changes dramatically and irreversibly over the next six months. And we are at the epicentre along with the thousands of visitors who are being drawn here to experience the event and then return to their homes around the world – touched by something truly transforming.

Mars into Capricorn will bring radical changes to all systems of Government and authority. For the better you would hope, as these will be the foundations for the next great cycle. The Sun and Saturn in Scorpio brings intensity and passion into ensuring that these changes take root (very Scorpio concept, that!) The waters of love flow into the new roots and when Venus moves in Scorpio on the 22nd, as the Sun moves out, then the real growth begins.

Jupiter hovering retrograde in the middle of Gemini keeps it all pulsing and sets the rhythm. The dance becomes more precise; more complex and mainly, more fun.

And for the Melbourne Cup, our once-a-year punt. It's all liquid fire – the music, the dance. Androgynous; obvious; a partnership in the mix. Young; rhythmic with a real attacking fluid motion. Gold, silver, red and pale shades. No real surprises. Flowing like lava down the mountain. An Australian horse (or maybe N.Z.) with established parent/sibling winners.

Good luck.

**Rob Hart**

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**Report on the 2011/12**  
**Kuranda Media Association AGM**

The Kuranda Media Association Inc, publishers of *The Kuranda Paper* held their AGM on Saturday 6 October at the Cyber Cafe.

The meeting was attended by 17 members, with 6 apologies.

The President's Report (Garth) and the Production Report (Helen) informed the meeting on various changes that had occurred throughout the preceding year, including the physical move of the office from under the fire station in Coondoo Street to current office in the Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive; the change of the paper from a full mono format to now include four colour pages (as reported on page 3 of this edition, this will change to full colour throughout as from next edition).

The Treasurer's Report (David) detailed the excellent financial position of the Association, and that in keeping with the Association's Charter, a total of approximately \$5000 had been distributed to various community groups and causes.

For the first time, the Association is paying rent for premises, and this additional expense was catered for by the slight increase in advertising rates from the August 2012 edition.

The Association has adequate funds in reserve. The Association has six computers including a server, a laptop, associated DTP software, laser and inkjet printers, scanner and various office equipment. It was reported that the financial reserve would cover the cost of most unforeseen circumstances, including the future replacement of equipment.

In general business it was decided to increase the paper run to 3000 copies from the present 2400, with some members volunteering to deliver copies to new outlets in Cairns, Smithfield and Mareeba.

The meeting re-elected office-bearers unopposed: Garth Owen (President); Helen Douglas (Vice-President); Peter North (Secretary); David Gormley (Treasurer).

Nibbles and beverages were provided by the Cyber Cafe and were resoundingly approved by all present.

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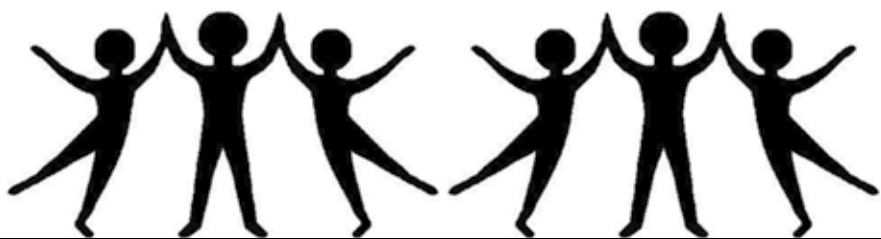
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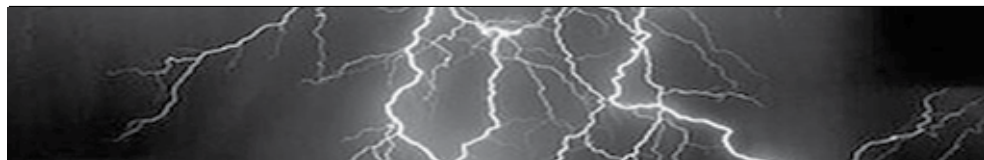




## Community Calendar

- Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)  
**Tai Chi Chuan** 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 0427 054 132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753
- 1st Sat** **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun** **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30am Ph 4093 7599  
**Speewah Country Market** 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361  
**Yoga with Aileen** 10:am Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 1st Sun** **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- 2nd Sun** **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon.** **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Youngusband 4093 0463.  
**Kids Aerial Circus** with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917  
**Kurandacoots adult circus jam** Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**Yoga – Gentle** 8:15am for 8:30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- 3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tue** **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Yoga** 5:30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401  
**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre and Barron Falls Hotel Ph 4093 8827
- 2nd Tue** **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.  
**Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue** **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed** **Lifeline Counselling** at KNC (appointment necessary)  
**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9.00am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lina 4093 9358.  
**Weekly Meditations/Reflections** 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Mah Jong** at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome  
**Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109  
**\*New\* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6:30 to 7:30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645  
**Yoga Connect** with Tanya Veld, CWA Hall, 6.30-8.00pm
- 1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed** **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4:30pm Kuranda Hotel QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Every Thur** **Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.  
**Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm
- 2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

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

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<b>Koah</b>		1300	
	*1530	*1530	
	1750	1750	1645
<b>Ex: Koah</b>	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
<b>Ex: Speewah</b>	#0710	#0710	#0820
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	*1540	*1540	

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### Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns

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	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
	*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY		
<b>Departs Cairns</b>	**0825	0825	0930
	1715	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1715	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required  
 \*\*Mareeba  
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**Tel John 0418 772 953**

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

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE					
Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS Mall Zone D	*8.30am	9.55am	1.10pm	3.00pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	*8.35am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.05pm	4.55pm

\*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sunday  
 \*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sunday

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS						
Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
SPEEWAH	7.10am	9.55am	4.25pm	7.10am	9.55am	9.55am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.40pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS						
Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.20pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.20pm	3.20pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.35pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.35pm	3.35pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.05pm	4.05pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.10pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.10pm	4.10pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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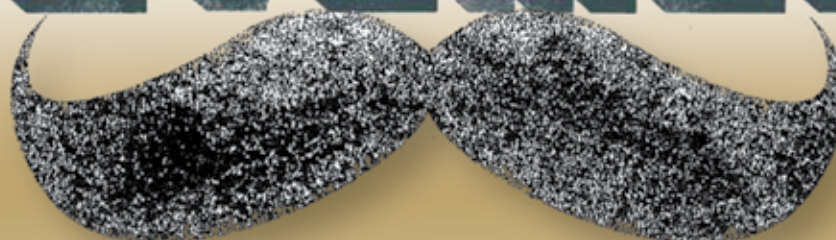
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