

# THE KURANDA PAPER



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*A PEACEFUL, JOYOUS AND  
SAFE HOLIDAY TO ALL.*



Photo Krishna Buhler

## HOMES FOR GNOMES!

KURANDA COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN KIDS  
PREPARING A WHEELBARROW LOAD OF GOODIES FOR  
"THE GARDENER'S BONANZA" RAFFLE. TREAT YOURSELF TO A  
GREEN WISH FOR CHRISTMAS AND PURCHASE TICKETS FROM  
VICKI PATES AT FROGS.

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4872

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Kuranda Paper attempts to print all letters received. Please keep yours to the point and under 200 words. All are subject to editing. We do not publish anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin. Please ensure your correct signature, name, full street address and phone contact are submitted with your letter.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to advise all your readers that on Friday 27th Dec that KURANDA CARRIERS will not be running. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year and thank everyone for the support in 96 and hope to see you all in '97.

David and Margaret Barron, KURANDA CARRIERS

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Congratulations on another year of reporting on all of those diverse events, which are the very essence of what we call "community".

I look forward to every new issue, and the light-hearted counterpoint it provides to other, more worldly, information media. Also, each successive edition appears to be more professional in format and content - I love those high-tech mastheads!

To those unhappy people whose only remaining pleasure is whinging about this newspaper (and anything else that catches their jaundiced eye), I say "lighten up!" No one takes you seriously anyway, so why not give the volunteers, who work so hard to produce this paper every month, a break?

They say the best things in life are free, and in this community where commercial interests continually threaten our enviable lifestyle, the free Kuranda Paper is one of the best things we have.

Good on ya!

Luke Melody, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

At A.R.K. meeting on Nov 19th I was distressed to hear a lady visitor suggesting that Kuranda should hold regular open air markets regularly on public land. The plan is based on markets held regularly in Yungaburra, Tolga and Port Douglas. The plan is unwise. With inclement weather cover for the stalls is imperative from sun and rain for goods. If public land is used these weather covers would have to be mostly permanent. Kuranda does not have the land. Further, growers of fruit and vegetables do not live near Kuranda so any markets would have mostly the same products that are not sold at present markets.

Marjorie Spear, Black Mountain Road.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Well, it looks like our ship finally has come in!

With the new "nautical" look our town will be taking we won't have to shiver in our timbers anymore!

Lord won't you buy me a replica of the End Ever!?

Hopefully all shops and employees will follow Council's wishes and we will all wear our sailors costumes! Will the surgery be in keeping with the concept and change signage to Docktor? Word is the Barron will be re-directed to flow through the main street and will be dual directional! Buses will be allowed with floaties only! McDonouts will be opening a flow-through shop and specialize in Donut Dunkings.

Grab your noseclips and scuba! Happy holidays to all that can swim and to those that are finding it hard enough to float!

Joell Bacon, Tentative Nests

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I was interested to hear recently on the radio news that "experts" from all over Australia are to be called in to discuss the dangers of "passive smoking", with a view to possibly banning smoking in more public places. I believe it is true that smoking should not be permitted in certain public places, where large numbers of people are gathered in a relatively small space, with no ventilation.

However, concerning the possibility of banning smoking in hotels, clubs and certain other entertainment areas; well, if the health authorities are so worried about a little bit of passive smoking, then they should certainly recommend the banning of the sale of alcohol in hotels before they ban smoking, since it is obvious alcohol causes far more deaths, injuries and other problems than does the smoking of cigarettes. But of course, the health authorities won't do that. One wonders why!

Chris Fenton, Van Park, Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

There is much spouting going on these days about freedom of speech.

My dad once said to me, "You can say and do what you like as long as it doesn't hurt others".

Pauline Hanson and John Howard please note. No freedom is ever absolute. It is always hemmed in by the necessity to recognise that other people have rights too - not just us white Anglo-Saxons.

Oh, by the way and excuse the diversion - is it true that Kuranda's original and hard working and valuable A.R.K. is to be joined by another one in the main street?

Is it also true that Kuranda is to be renamed "MT. ARARAT"?!

Barb Colley, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Another challenging year draws to a close. Oooh, and this has been a toughy. I am buoyed by the visible signs that creativity and personality are back on the streets. Sohail Laghafair's "ARK" to be built on Coondoo Street will also provide public space and gardens and full on-site parking as well as allowing the magnificent mountain view to be retained. Next door the La Baysse family has entered into co-operative arrangement with 30 plus Kuranda artists to establish a craft emporium. More strength to all involved. I sense this is a turning point in our 100 year plus relationship with tourism. The Kuranda Village Promotion Program, comprised of community and business representatives, has agreed to a vision statement for Kuranda's commercial future "to provide the world with a unique experience of environmental, artistic and creative integrity to inspire and delight all". Even if tourism is not your bag, this at least is a goal with which we can all live - possibly even be proud of. It also reinforces the vision of the Kuranda Strategic Management Plan which directs Kuranda towards a more autonomous approach and away from the dying mass tourism market. I hope those detractors of the Plan will see the potential and cease the fight to destroy it. What a shame to lose sight when longed-for goals are just within reach.

A safe and joyful holiday season to all. Gayle Hannah, Kuranda.

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To remain viable the Association depends on the money collected from advertisers, who would like to see the newspaper continue circulating. Our stated objectives are to "PROVIDE MEANS OF OPEN COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND REFLECT THE ONGOING ASPIRATIONS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE KURANDA AREA."

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## There will be no January edition of the paper due to holidays

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## GREETINGS !

The Kuranda Media Association members offer their best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to everyone in the community. We look forward to continuing support from advertisers and contributors in 1997. The next edition No. 65 will be in the mail boxes on January 31. Please note the deadlines printed on Page 2 of this edition.



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## DEADLINES FOR FEBRUARY PAPER

Advertising	Thur	23	January
Editorial	Thur	23	January
Classifieds	Mon.	27	January
Paper Out	Fri	31	January

## MAKING TRACKS

Oliver Gilkerson, our own very busy Councillor

1. **Children's Playground at Centenary Park** - plans are being advanced for the construction of a childrens playground in Centenary Park beneath the fig tree. The original design for Centenary Park prepared as part of the Kuranda Strategic Management plan earmarked an area near the amenities block for playground equipment. However discussions with parents and others indicate that the lawn area beneath the fig tree would be superior and landscape architects Pawsey and Prowse are developing designs for interactive animal sculptures and playground equipment. A meeting of interested parties will shortly take place to finalise the design and arrange a construction programme.

2. **Kuranda Tourist Levy Negotiations** - All infrastructure works in Kuranda Village under the Kuranda Strategic Management plan are fully funded by the Kuranda Tourist Levy. This levy has been negotiated between the Mareeba Shire Council and the State Government and provides for \$1.00 to be raised from visitors to Kuranda (e.g. through the purchase of a railway ticket) over a ten year period. None of the infrastructure costs are met from rates revenue. To ensure that the infrastructure works under the plan can be fully implemented and to assist in accommodating an up-grade of walking tracks at the Barron Falls railway lookout, Council is presently engaging in a second round of negotiations with the State Government. It is hoped that these negotiations will see the life of the Levy Agreement doubled from 10 to 20 years and provision for a distribution annually to the infrastructure works from licence fees paid by Skyrail to the State Government. If this outcome can be achieved total revenues for the Kuranda project will likely be increased by some millions of dollars - again, without any imposition falling upon ratepayers. An amendment to the Levy Agreement between the Council and the State Government will formalise these new arrangements.

3. **Kuranda High School Works** - The State Department of Education has now completed the purchase of land on Myola Road and completed building designs for the new High School. However with the construction of the School will also go the need for substantial external infrastructure. This includes a road up-grade, bus and car parking on the school site, water main extensions and bicycle paths. It has been said that these works are entirely the responsibility of Council. Detailed design for these works has now been completed by Council officers. Total estimated costs now stand at nearly \$2 million. Over the last 6-12 months Council has lobbied hard for State Government assistance to off set these costs. The Premier was briefed during his recent visit and meetings have subsequently been held with Education, Public Works and Local Government Ministers. On November 12, 1996 the Minister for Public Works announced a Cabinet decision to meet 50 percent of the total external infrastructure costs which will result in a saving to Council of approximately \$1 million.

4. **Playing Court at Speewah** - Recently Council completed the construction of an equestrian ring at Roscommon, Speewah. Interest has now been expressed by residents for a tennis court at that location. Council is presently investigating the possibility of such a facility. Advance notice of an application for funding subsidy has been sent to the Office of Sport and Recreation. This will shortly be followed by a formal application under the Minor Facilities Funding Programme.

# MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - KURANDA TRAFFIC STUDY -

Mareeba Shire Council is conducting a public meeting to discuss and receive comments concerning the traffic study currently being undertaken in the Kuranda Village. Interested persons are invited to attend at 2.00pm, Saturday the 7th December 1996 at the CWA Hall, Kuranda.

**Lyn Warwick MLA,  
Member for Barron River**

Behind the scenes work is well under way for construction of a new High School for Kuranda. The Education Department is currently in the contract documentation phase and tenders will be let on 15 January 1997 with construction due to start on 19 March 1997. Hopefully the wet season will not delay that process too much. I am pleased to be able to announce that State Cabinet recently endorsed the recommendations of a joint submission from Public Works & Housing Minister Ray Connor and Local Government Minister Di McCauley. This means that the State Government will now pay 50% of the infrastructure costs which are normally met by the local Council. Infrastructure includes bus and car set downs, sewerage, drainage and water supply. Mayor Chris Lewis, Oliver Gilkerson, Colin McDowell and myself have been lobbying Cabinet Ministers for assistance with the infrastructure costs so we are very pleased that such a favourable decision has been made. Early in the New Year, I will organise a public information meeting so that Kuranda residents can be kept up to date on progress of the construction of the much awaited High School.



### "WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE"

Pat McFarlane is one of the 4 'Meet and Greet' people who have been welcoming tourists to the village on behalf of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce for 3 hours a day over the last 8-9 months. A colourful tourist guide is offered and easy directions given when requested.



Pat MacFarlane greeting tourists to Kuranda.

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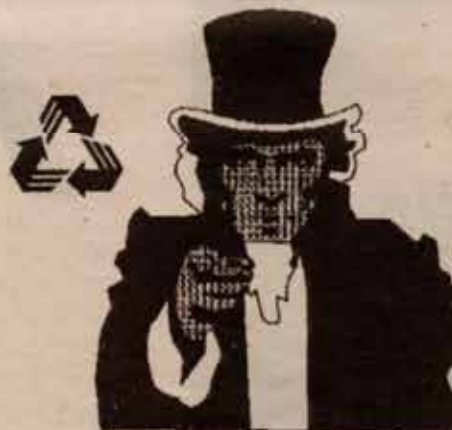
### DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL RUBBISH SERVICE 25TH DECEMBER 1996

Residents should note that there will be no rubbish collection services on -  
**WEDNESDAY, 25TH DECEMBER 1996**

Services normally collected on Wednesday will be collected on either  
**Tuesday 24th December**  
OR

**Thursday 26th December 1996**

There will be **NO CHANGE** to services on Wednesday 1st January 1997.



# WE WANT YOU

to recycle now

To keep recycling in the Mareeba Shire viable your clean glass, aluminium, plastics, paper and cardboard is needed.  
**PLEASE DO NOT CONTAMINATE** the **RECYCLING** Section of your bin with food or other waste.



Dear Kuranda Paper,

I am writing because we have been told that Option A is the preferred choice by the community for the redevelopment of Coondoo Street and was abused for opposing Option A. I would like to know how many of you have been abused for parking in the 'wrong place', parked on the other side of the road, parked around the tree or just given up, while trying to shop with us. Most of you I would guess. Well with Option A this will no longer be possible (you will be restricted to 5 carparks only) and what is worse there will be half as many carparks on Coondoo Street. But for those who like to walk in the rain up the hill from the CWA Hall to the local convenience store, you are welcomed to by the council. So how can Option A be in the balanced best interest of the community and tourism, when it is the locals who will no longer have reasonable access to their town and facilities. This imbalance we can not support, as it is the locals who we mainly rely on for our trade.

A town full of tourists only, it that not a theme park?

Werner Drescher, Kuranda Foodstore.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Oh, no! What shall we do now on a Friday night? The Speewah "Fish & Chips" has closed down! We'll miss you guys and gals - best fish and chips I've tasted for a long time . . . not to mention vego and meat burgers to fill and satisfy the hungriest tums! Maybe we just didn't support you enough - or were your overheads too high? Thank you for trying so hard. Best of luck!

Janef, Speewah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Isn't it enough that we have a posh park that still has no seating and a magnificent toilet block that vies with the grandeur of the Taj Mahal? Both these expensive acquisitions are, in my opinion, pretentiously opulent for a tiny, laid back town like Kuranda. Now it seems, the powers that be, have approved construction of a psuedo Noah's Ark. Where will it all end? I realise that the rural simplicity of Kuranda, that attracted residents and tourists here years ago, was bound to be lost but must loss of identity be inflicted on our town? It's a sort of nothing place now that sells T Shirts, coffe and opals. I regret that, inspired by the unadorned beauty of Kuranda in the 70's, Lyn Hohermuth, (Secret Garden) and I (then Newsagency proprietor) coined the designation for Kuranda as the "VILLAGE in the Rainforest" which is used to this day to promote Kuranda.

Thelma Marcovitch(Cohen)

**\*\* Views expressed in Community Letters are not necessarily those of the Kuranda Paper.**

**WHAT COMES**

**UP**



Old bridge exposed by low water levels

**WHEN THE RIVER**



Exposed sandbanks seen from the Kennedy Highway bridge.



White egret.

**GOES DOWN**

River Photos by Jennifer Edwards

**ARK**

**ASSOCIATION for REGIONAL KURANDA COMMUNITY INC.**

*Residents and Ratepayers Association - established 1990*

PO BOX 573 KURANDA 4872

*meets third Wednesday each month 7pm Sports & Social Club*

ARK's meeting of November 20th was its last for 1996 with no meeting scheduled for December. However, the management committee will meet as usual and a close eye kept on affairs of interest/ concern. Residents should be aware that although the year appears to be winding down, there are some events of considerable import occurring. These include:

1. **TRAFFIC SURVEY/STUDY of Kuranda Village:** this survey is to investigate the needs of the disabled, elderly and infirm, to review parking and traffic circulation and investigate long term car and bus parking options. A public meeting will be held at the CWA hall on Saturday December 7th 2pm to discuss and receive comments regarding these issues. Residents are urged to attend. Bus operations [including shuttle services, people movers and continued access to railway area via Barang St] are presently being heavily pushed by certain sections of the business community. Residents need to balance this by making the consultants aware of the effects of these operations on residents & other Village users.
2. **DCP for Kuranda & Environs:** Council has advised that it is now in receipt of a draft Development Control Plan for Kuranda & Environs as well as drafts of the Strategic Plan and MS Planning Scheme. Additional investigations of water & sewerage provision and drafting of maps are now underway. When these are finalised Council will assess the documents. When they are adopted the next round of public consultation will begin. A date for this has not been set but is likely to now be sometime into 1997.

**SOME ISSUES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING:** note that in order not to duplicate issues covered elsewhere only some issues are reported here. You are urged to read ALL the paper including news from other organisations, clubs etc

**\*LOW RIVER LEVELS:** Photographs of the river were distributed. So low were recent levels that the old wooden bridge below the Kennedy highway bridge was exposed. [See photographs on this page and elsewhere in this Paper]. Austa [which is the commercial 'arm' of the Qld Electricity Generating Board, the body responsible for power generation from the Barron Gorge power station] required more water to undertake transmission operations. Unfortunately water levels along the whole catchment were very low. It was not until Saturday November 9th that the extent of reduced flow was recognised by Austa, who then purchased more water from Tinaroo Dam. However, it took at least 3 days for this water to reach Kuranda. In the meantime the mud of riverbed became a death trap for at least one white egret who suffocated while attempting to escape the mire near the old bridge.

Austa are considering generating more power on a regular basis next year and it appears that without intervention to protect the environmental integrity of the Barron River we will see such fluctuations in river levels on a much more regular basis. The problem of water & power supply from the Barron River is compounded because the demand for increased power generation is triggered by higher daytime temperatures [fans, air conditioners etc] and these hot months are also when the river is at its lowest. Concerned residents should voice their concerns in the first instance to Member for Barron River Lyn Warwick and the Mareeba Shire Council.

**LOCALS MARKETS:** Kylie Dumar attended the meeting and spoke regarding the positive aspects of 'community' markets. She said that the commercial 'markets' operating in the Village do not provide the social focus which community run markets would. Most other communities across the region have such markets which are operated by council & community organisations. It was agreed to put the subject on the agenda for

**ARK** *continued from PAGE 4*

the January 15th meeting. All persons and organisations wishing to be a part of the discussion are cordially invited to attend.

'THE ARK' DEVELOPMENT [22 Coondoo St]: Sohail Laghaifar addressed the meeting to explain his proposed development. The land is the vacant allotment opposite Frogs restaurant. It currently has as of right consent to build a 'normal' shopping complex which would completely block the views of the mountains from the street. Mr Laghaifar's proposal is to build a fully registered timber boat. Inside the boat will be 8 'cabins' to house arts & crafts. A 60 seat restaurant is to the rear and the upper deck is open to create a public meeting space from which to view the mountains. Council has approved the design because it retains the views of the mountains and the hoop pine tree, provides public space and community facilities and will provide up to 35 car parking spaces on site [basement]. Mr Laghaifar explained that his idea for the boat was inspired by his own experience as a migrant to Australia and was about romance, fate and adventure. He said all people who have come to Australia have done so by crossing the seas and he believed we should all now come together.

MT BUCHAN: ARK continues to lobby for the status of the access from Black Mt Rd not to be altered. The environmental impacts of any further development, including roadworks, would just compound the myriad of problems already facing this vital natural area. ARK is pressing for the tightest possible controls to be put in place as regards the future use of the Mt Buchan land. Many people may not be aware that the area is critical habitat for a number of rare, threatened and endangered species of animals and plants. The Wet Tropics agency has described it as being of equal or better natural value than much of the land bought back by the Daintree Rescue Program. It is also home to Kuranda's largest cassowary group. Other management problems on Black Mt Rd include illegal hunting, stealing of flora and fauna, off road motorcycle and 4 wheel drive operations.

**OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- \*Tourism Levy
- \*High School
- \*MSC Corporate Plan
- \*Mason Rd Wallaby kills.
- \*Speed limits for Mason and Barron Falls Rd.
- \*Library site (a resolution close)
- \*Illegal cutting of roadside vegetation.
- \*Centenary Park Playground.
- \*Water reticulation at Speewah.
- \*FNQEB operations in Kuranda.
- \* and MORE!!

The management and members of ARK wish all their fellow residents a safe and joyous holiday season. Peace on Earth. Thanks to all for your support, interest and input over 1996.

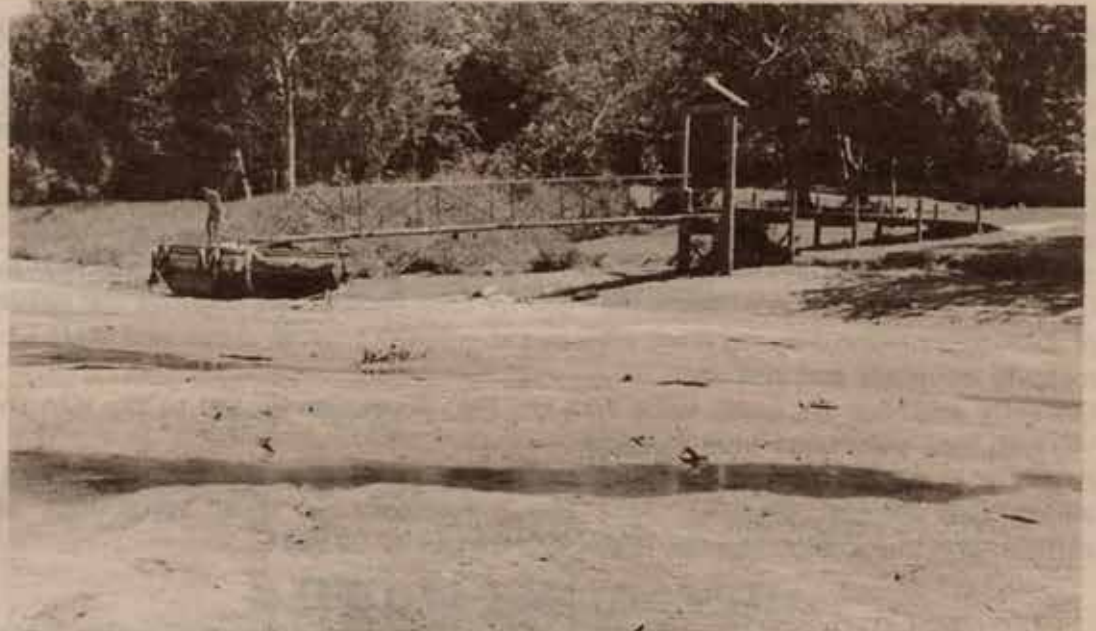
NEXT MEETING: January 15th 7pm -9-30pm  
Kuranda Sports & Social Club

**AGENDA ITEMS for JANUARY 15th MEETING:**

- \*Locals Markets: general discussion
- \*Roadworks related to Kuranda High School (Myola Rd) : MSC Ken Rudge attending.
- \*Aircraft Noise & Operations Working Group : formation, all welcome.

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**UP THE BOAT WITHOUT A RIVER**



Kuranda Riverboat Tours left high and dry by lowered river levels.

**ARK**

**WET SEASON RAFFLE**

Fabulous 'FRUITS OF THE RAINFOREST' book, life size paintings of rainforest fruits. A joyful accurate guide to fruits of the rainforests of Wet Tropics.

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## KURANDA VILLAGE PROMOTION PROGRAM **UPDATE** **INFORMATION DELIVERY**

Research carried out by the Kuranda Village Promotion Program suggests that the most effective way to increase visitor numbers and visitor length of stay in Kuranda is to tap into the Visitor Information Centre at Cairns. Initially, the group was keen to establish their own Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Kuranda, however have modified their proposal in the light of the research.

Options include the construction of static displays throughout town and the placement of volunteers into the Cairns VIC 68 to 85% of information given out by VICs relates to the regional attractions. This means that the point of sale location for Kuranda is in fact Cairns. These figures don't negate the need for local information, however the delivery of local information may be more effective if given out by all shops and staff when meeting travellers and visitors.

Currently enquiries are being made with the FNQ Promotion Bureau to tap into their VIC with local volunteers from Kuranda.

If you're a person excited by the possibility of working in the Esplanade Visitor Information Centre, learning more about tourism, our local attractions and participating in training then call Alison on 939185 or 925451.

### **RETAIL MIX PROFILE**

The members of the Marketing and Promotions working group are undertaking a profile of the retail mix in Kuranda. The objective is to gain a clearer picture of exactly what shops we do have in Kuranda and which shops we are missing and can work towards attracting.

The information gathered will be entered into a database for future use in promotional material such as brochures and public relations literature. Business owners and their staff are encouraged to participate in the profile and are thanked by the working group in anticipation of their support. Research is currently being undertaken to determine if a standard formula exists for a retail mix in a town that attracts large numbers of travellers and tourists. An objective of the Main Street Program is to enhance the retail sector by expanding the mix of businesses as appropriate to the market. The release of Brand FNQ by the FNQ Promotion Bureau gives Kuranda enormous focus for the future and will assist us in matching our product more appropriately to the target market. Brand FNQ fits nicely with both Brand Queensland and Brand Australia to secure the growth of tourism for all operators.

### **KURANDA VILLAGE PROMOTION PROGRAM**

*Volunteer Kuranda 'ambassadors' wanted.*

DO YOU:

- \*Like meeting people?
- \*Have a few hours a week spare?
- \*Have good communication skills?
- \*Have knowledge of Kuranda [attractions, walks, history, culture etc] or a willingness to learn more about Kuranda and communicate it to others?

If so you may be interested in becoming a part of the Kuranda Village Promotions Program volunteer program. This is an initiative of the Built Environment Working Group [who have been investigating the idea of a visitor information centre for Kuranda] and the Marketing & Promotions Working Group [ who are pursuing ways to more effectively promote Kuranda].

As a result of research into other centres it was discovered that 85% of enquiries at centres are not about the town/ destination where the centre is located but rather the region or next destination. It has been decided therefore to use the existing centres at Cairns [on the Esplanade and co-ordinated by the Far North Qld Promotions Bureau] and the Mareeba Heritage Centre [30% of their visitors stop in on their way to/ past Kuranda]. It was also decided to use the existing FNQPB training program which is comprehensive and offers an opportunity for volunteers to gain and improve personal skills.

If you are interested in being a part of the volunteer program or would like more information about this or other initiatives of the Kuranda Village Promotion Program please contact the co-ordinator Alison Bickell. Alison divides her time between Kuranda and Mareeba [where she co-ordinates the Main Street program 'Marketing Mareeba' co-jointly with the KVPP].

Phone contacts : Kuranda 939185 Mareeba 925451



## **SPEEWAH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

Since our last article in this paper the Brigade has had the Annual General Meeting which gave us a chance to get together and mull over the changes that has happend over the year. I have mentioned before, the arrival of our new tender and the completion of the shed. The shed was officially opened by Oliver Gilkerson and the tender handed over (again) by Brian Cifuentes. We had a chicken night which was enjoyed by those who attended. The lucky door prize was won by Oliver Gilkerson and the raffle of a coffee filter was won by Jan Coulter. We have also had a change of officers. The Fire Warden is now John Thomson - he issues the fire permits. First Officer is Chris Plasto - he comes and puts out your fires. Second Officer is Peter Brown - he comes if Chris is not available. Third Officer is Bob Madden - he comes if no one is available. Equipment Officer is John Nicholls - he is nearly always available. Secretary is Margaret Butteling who is sometime available. Treasurer is Jan Coulter who sometimes lets us spend the money. We have had some opportunities to try out the new tender with fires in Myola and in our own area. It has made quite a bit of difference as it can get into areas where old 'Bessie' could not. As this will probably be the last time we write to you we wish you all a very fire free merry Christmas and the wish that the New Year brings

## \* SPEEWAH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC. \*

First, may I say a big 'thank you' to Megan Byrnes who gave a very interesting address at our October meeting regarding rural youth problems and the efforts she is making to alleviate what one may call "rural youth boredom"! She noted our concerns and intends to start soon by quantifying our special needs here at Speewah district and starting a communication network between herself and the local youth to ascertain and hopefully meet some urgent needs. Megan will no doubt get back to us next year with some feedback. She reports some great results in other districts and is developing a rapport with the youth of the Shire by virtue of her ability to gain the confidence of young people through communicating with them and understanding their needs. Our last meeting also contained an unexpected surprise when, at his request and my invitation, Bob Norman (Norman Properties) came along to express his view regarding reticulated water supply to Freedom County. His argument is with Mareeba Shire Council regarding certain "promises" which were allegedly given to him, both verbally and in writing, by individual members of the previous Council. No representative from Council was available to balance his statements and so it was unanimously agreed to call a special meeting, inviting our local Councillor Oliver Gilkerson and Shire Mayor Chris Lewis to answer Bob Norman's allegations. This meeting (well attended) duly took place, at which Council defended their position and stated unequivocally that no Resolutions were ever passed by the previous Council regarding this matter and that the cost of provision of reticulated water to Freedom County in the foreseeable future would be prohibitive. (Costs, incidentally, which would have to be borne by those residents provided with such reticulation). Mr Norman has, I gather, formed a splinter group of residents to fight Council and he intends to continue his efforts. There appears to be a division amongst residents, with only a minority at present supporting Bob Norman's views. No doubt the debate will continue into 1997!

Jan Birkegaard our Treasurer, has secured a list of over one hundred signatures, in an effort to have a tennis court erected at Roscommon. Council has indicated its willingness to assist with this project if enough residents out there want it, so it now looks more promising that some action may take place in 1997.

And now to the Christmas Season. It has been decided to change previous arrangements, by having our normal December (Tuesday evening) meeting as usual and to follow this by holding a combined Fire Brigade/Residents Association party/get together on the next Saturday afternoon at Roscommon. Watch for the letter drop and sign to advertise this shortly. It will be a great opportunity for all residents to get together.

This is my last opportunity to reach out to all residents before the New Year and so may I wish you all, on behalf of the Committee, a peaceful Christmas followed by a New Year filled with a generosity of spirit and compassion for each other and for our precious environment in which we live.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:-  
TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 1996 7.30PM FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, ROSCOMMON.  
PLEASE ATTEND COMBINED FIRE BRIGADE/RESIDENTS ASSN PARTY/  
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EQUIPMENT OFFICER	John Nicholls 930159
SECRETARY	Margaret Butteling 930100
TREASURER	Jan Coulter 930394

**ORGANIC GARDENING**

by Marjorie Spear

The usual exhausting November weather is devastating to gardens without plenty of shade. The birds in my garden are very active and daily enjoy feasting on Malaleucas etc. - I enjoy the flowers of the shrubs but I don't enjoy continual watering of my pot plants. I do not have many as I find they look lovely if planted out in shady fertile corners. Their leaves are so beautiful - those that die down in winter have to be remembered or you lose the bulbs eg. caladiums. No sprays are needed provided you grow them in compost and good soil - mushroom compost is good too in the mix.

In this heat vegie gardening is difficult. Shallots are ok - lettuce needs shade cloth, cucumbers do best sprawling over bales of straw or up the stalks of mugwort which deters the insects in my garden. Mulching is very important to keep the soil from drying out. Coreopsis Daisies are a bright yellow perennial which can stand lots of heat. I grow orchids on trees with rough bark and not in shade - some are flowering now. They get no food or water from me - nourishment falls from leaves and moisture from the sky. During the past month I have eradicated over 100 toads using yabby traps - full details are in the Environment Assoc. Newsletter. If you are not a member you can pick up a free copy at the newsagent. I have to buy vegetables in our dry humid weeks.

**GARDEN GROUP**

by Marjorie Spear

Our November get together was very very informative. Jim Butler's Veivers Drive garden was a picture of flowers, fruit trees and lawn. We all got cuttings and bulbs. His beds of Hippeastrums were flowering brightly - all grown from seeds. We then went to a lovely Nursery belonging to Chris and Jimi where we enjoyed smoko, and then an educational tour of the plants which we bought at wholesale prices. We shall go again to this William Smith Drive flower haven. Member Margo who lives nearby then entertained us to delicious coffee and a look at her garden. On December 14th we go to Julie's home shared with Peter Potter at the end of Clay Lane - you drive past the Caravan Park and past a few houses. We go to the last on the left. We move on to 31 Warril Drive home of Di Westmoreland (the hairdresser). There we shall have smoko - so please bring your plate of goodies. All are welcome to enjoy our outings and learn lots if you want to. Phone me 937205 if you think the weather is bad. There will be no January Meeting.



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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Kuranda Rainforest Resort at 7pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 4 December, 7pm**

**Special guest: Tim Nevard, Manager Environmental Services, Mareeba Shire Council**

(Note: No meeting in January 1997, AGM in February 1997)

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- Landcarers in Kuranda wish Howard Stevens *bon voyage* and all the best for him and his family on their adventure afloat. We also want to thank him for his efforts over the past years in organising Landcare activities.
- As your new president, I would like to get feedback from you on the activities for the Kuranda Landcare Group in the future. Suggestions which have been made include:
  - Seed gathering exhibition
  - Establishment of a native nursery either at a central place, or by individuals
  - Riverbank erosion repair
  - Weed eradication
 To assist us with any of these suggestions we have experts to call upon. Please feel free to contact me (Harvey Lovewell: 930 284 or Jax: 93 8834) if you want to put forward a proposal.
- Kuranda Landcare can assist landowners, public or private, to work toward good landcare practices.
- Our next regular general meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 4th December 1996 at the Kuranda Rainforest Resort, where your attendance will be most welcome.

**HEARTWORM - THE SOLUTION IS IN PREVENTION**  
by Kuranda Veterinary Surgery

Heartworms, what are they?

They are parasitic worms which live in the heart and major blood vessels of the lungs of dogs and cats. They are spread from animal to animal by mosquitoes, of which there are plenty in the tropics. When a mosquito bites an infected animal not only does it ingest blood but also the baby heartworms called microfilaria. These then mature to infect larvae within the mosquito and await transport to your dog or cat when that mosquito next feeds. Once injected back into your pet the heart worm migrate from the skin bite back to the heart to begin the cycle over again, and in the process cause disease.

Are my pets at risk?

Simply, YES. Surveys have shown that all dogs on mainland Australia are at risk (and particularly so in the tropics with the high numbers of mosquitoes). So to the cat owners, yes all cats are at risk as well, as recent studies have shown that wherever dogs are at risk so are cats.

What does heartworm disease do to your pet?

In general they cause progressive heart and lung disease which leads to the death of the animal involved. In dogs this is usually preceded by signs like coughing, laboured breathing, tiring easily with exercise, lethargy and a distended abdomen. In cats however 1 or 2 worms can cause death without warning. Signs contributable to heartworm disease in cats are a persistent cough, vomiting, general listlessness, troubled breathing, fatigue and collapse.

What can I do if my pet already has heartworm?

Dogs can be treated to kill the adult worms, but there is no registered treatment for cats.

So what is the best way to treat heartworm?

Simply, -PREVENT IT-. Prevention is available for both dogs and cats in a monthly form or for dogs only a daily form. Heartworm prevention should not be confused with "Allwormers" which only control intestinal worms.

For more information on how to stop heartworm feel free to contact us.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM KURANDA LIONS**

Members of the Kuranda Lions Club wish the Kuranda Community Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Thank you to all those who have supported us in our fundraising efforts to assist our community.

Lions District 201/Q2 Governor, Warren Hansen, and his wife Lorraine visited the club on Monday evening, 11 November. Also visiting were Regional Chairman, Andy Walker, his wife Betty and Peter Dickson from Atherton Lions Club.

In his address Warren noted that members of service clubs share a willingness to serve the communities that have given them their livelihood. In considering membership, we need to look within our own club to see what we are offering dynamic young people and we need to display very positive attitudes.

With approximately 1.9 million members, Lions is still the largest service organization in the world and the most relevant. It still has two representatives in the United Nations and approximately 42,000 clubs worldwide. D.G. Warren requested Lions to "always reach out your hand with a smile".

Kuranda Lions will hold their Christmas Party on the weekend beginning 6 December. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Monday, 27 January.



**WINNERS: Peninsula Primary Girl Softball Raffle**

1. Green Island Trip  
Great Adventures      Rehu Lewry, Edge Hill
2. Fitzroy Island Trip  
Great Adventures      Jocoda Lewry, Edge Hill
3. Tropical Horizons Tour      K. Chappell, Woree
4. T.A.F.E. Library Membership      H. Punch, Kuranda
5. Kuranda Scenic Railway Trip      A. Butler, Woree
6. Green Island      Woods Family, Tamarind Gardens
7. Dinner for 2 at Kuranda Rainforest Resort  
Werner Drescher, Kuranda
8. Orchids from Coleman's Orchids      Amy, Tully
9. \$50 Gift Voucher, Chandlers      J. Pommer, Redlynch
10. Family Pass, Paradise in the Rainforest, Kuranda  
Tracey Fink, Kuranda
12. Skyrail Pass      L. Butler, Woree

**ROTARY HAS A BUSY MONTH IN KURANDA**

Last month we chose Neville Coop as our winner of the Vocational service award. Neville operates THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN ICECREAMERY in Kuranda. He always has a ready smile and is willing to help the community. The training that he received from the Great Australian Icecreamery before being able to open the franchise, has similar high standards and goals to Rotary. Neville's wife Pauline came to watch him receive his award.

Our second group of visitors were Cedric Davies and Rita Zappulla. Cedric, of the Mareeba Rotary Club, led a group of young adults to Mexico for a Rotary Group Study Exchange Tour. Rita was one of the participants and has since joined the Cairns Sunrise Rotary Club. They spoke on the highlights of their month long tour, organised by Rotary. They were most impressed by the hospitality of all the Rotarians who billeted them and toured them proudly around their home country.

Another achievement for the month was our incorporation. Most clubs are incorporated to give extra protection for the public at public functions. Thus in case of an accident, the injured people are able to readily obtain compensation from an insurance company, instead of suing the individual members. Our club name has now been changed to the "Rotary Club of Kuranda, Inc."



Treasurer Carol Brett, Secretary Robin Johnson and President Dave Brett proudly show our Incorporation Certificate.



Team Leader Cedric Davies with team member Rita Zappulla and International Service Director Bill Davidson.



Our photos show Vocational Service Director Simon Primrose, President Dave Brett presenting Neville Coop with his Vocational service award and Pauline Coop.

*Nev and Pauline and staff at the Great Australian Icecreamery wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget to order your ICECREAM CHRISTMAS CAKE that lasts and lasts. Bring this 'BUY ONE & GET ONE FREE' offer to our store and the 50th and 100th person receives a free pizza from FROGS restaurant.*

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## SOCCER NEWS

KRSC is still kicking along in the off-season, especially the club committee who are currently working out options for next year. Arrangements have to be made now to ensure as smooth a run as possible. The club is liaising with Council over a portion of land generously offered by Arnold Gardiner after he heard of the difficulties the club was having establishing soccer ground and clubhouse site. The land on the Kennedy Highway just past the Koah service station has been identified as a suitable site by the club with enough area to fit several fields and area for a clubhouse etc. The club is hoping negotiations will run smoothly and that common sense will prevail in providing our community with a much needed soccer ground as soon as possible.

### SIX - A - SIDE NEWS

Six-a-side soccer is now being played every Friday until Friday, December 13 at Bartley Park. Many keen players are keeping their skills in check for next season and there's been some good soccer being played especially by our youngsters. Six-a-side is played on a much smaller field with modified soccer rules. There are also some keen adults coming each week to play and have fun while keeping fit. Game times are as follows:

U9-10: 3.30-4.00pm	There is a cost of \$1.00 per session payable on the day and all players are asked to wear boots or suitable shoes and shin guards. Hats and sunscreen are recommended. Soft drinks are on sale.
U11-13: 4.00-4.30pm	
U14-17: 4.30-5.00pm	
Open: 5.00-5.30pm	

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Club would like to hear from interested persons for Coaching and Managing positions for the 1997 season. Applications stating preferred age group/s and any experience can be forwarded to: Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club PO Box 53, Kuranda 4872 or

Phone 937816 for details and job descriptions.

Don't forget to check out the Aussie National Soccer League, the Ericsson Cup, Mondays on SBS at 7.30pm.

## HONDA MASTERS SWIMMING AT ALICE SPRINGS

Gerda Williams and Pam and Ronnie Elgar were the only Cairns Mudcrabs to attend the Honda Masters Games held at Alice Springs in October. They met up with Gerda's twin sister plus another 34 master swimmers from the Darwin Club. We all had a great week in spite of the heat - so much hotter than 1962 and 1964. Altogether there were 350 swimmers.

Gerda excelled herself in spite of recovering from a bad dose of 'flu'. She won gold medals in the 200m I.M. 1st in the 100m freestyle with a Honda Games record. 1st in the 200m breaststroke, 2nd in the 200m freestyle with a P.B., and 2nd in the 400m freestyle, with a P.B. and broke the Honda Masters record by 16 seconds. To add to her medal tally she won 3 golds and 2 records in relays and finally a silver in another relay. A great effort.

Ronnie was also suffering from lack of training after a heavy cold/lung problem and performed well winning the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke beating the same chap from 1962. This same swimmer then beat Ronnie in the 50m and 100m butterfly so he won two silvers plus two bronze medals in relay events.

Pam won gold and a P.B. in the 50m butterfly. Was disqualified for not getting the arms out in the 100m butterfly! A silver in the 200m I.M. plus another P.B. Bronze in the 100m breaststroke. 4th and a P.B. in the 50m backstroke. Finally one gold and 1 silver in relay events.

Pam and Ronnie enjoyed their lay day by a dawn balloon trip plus champagne breakfast followed by a ride on two shiny powerfull Harley Davidson bikes, plus watching the magical sunsets in that part of the world and more champagne!!

To finish off a great week we were all upgraded to Business Class and really relaxed and enjoyed ourselves. Hope to be there in 1998!!

### North Queensland Short Course Championship Townsville

Our intrepid swimming trio from Kuranda attended the above swimming championship on the 9th November at the Willows Swimming Centre.

Only six swimmers from the Cairns Mudcrabs competed including our Kuranda trio but in spite of this we were awarded the Bill Dow Memorial Shield for the most number of points per swimmer which was very pleasing.

Gerda Williams easily won her age group (50-54) so won gold. Ronnie Elgar won gold in the 70-74 age group and Pam won gold in the 65-69 age group so we were all awarded the full 60 points. We then competed in 3 or 4 relays with good results. A fun, if tiring day, and we all enjoyed the friendly relaxed way in which the Carnival was run.

## KURANDA ROOS CRICKET CLUB

### FUNDRAISING SOCIAL CRICKET DAY

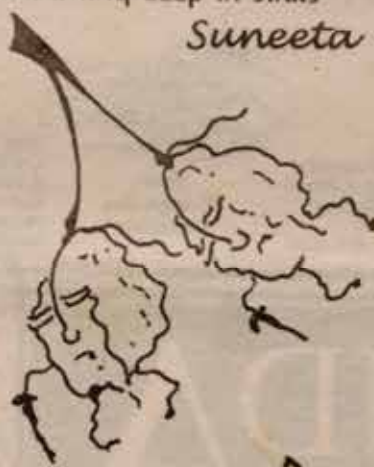
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# THE BURNING ISSUE

by Ima Firey

Welcome back to the Burning Issue. November has been a relatively quiet month which was a nice change after a hectic October. We have taken delivery of a Ford Trader Composite Pumper - no doubt some of you have seen it around -and have since been doing a lot of familiarisation and training on this appliance. Being a more modern appliance, it has much greater capabilities and it is a challenge to learn just what these capabilities are.

On the training front, Glenn Cartwright and Fiona Coleman have just successfully completed their Breathing Apparatus course and are now Grade One Qualified Auxilliary Fire Fighters. Nathan Waters has recently been accepted as an Auxilliary and he and Robert Sharp are to commence their ATEP Level One course on the 30th of November. We hope they are successful and finish this course as competently as the past recruits.

In the past month, the Kuranda Auxilliaries also carried out a couple of School evacuations as part of Fire Awareness Week activities - one at the Primary School and one at the Kuranda Kindergarten. By all reports both evacuations went off without a hitch.

We have also completed a new hose drying rack and platform next to the station. Captain Ray and the boys worked hard on this and the result has made life a lot easier.

Remember folks, the silly season is almost upon us - please take care with barbeques, parties and the like and also on the roads. Until next month.

## GOOD NEWS FOR KURANDA FIRE BRIGADE.

Gary and Bill Leonard testing the high pressure pumping equipment on the replacement fire engine. Jaws of Life are contained in a side compartment. Extension ladders are secured on the top of the vehicle and an assortment of hoses stored for easy access. The Kuranda Fire Brigade personnel are thrilled to have updated equipment. Our brave fireman are now better protected and able to deal with any emergency. The new hose storage facility at the Fire Station has been completed.



Acting District Commander Peter Dunn and Motor Officer Bill Leonard from Cairns handing over the new fire engine and equipment to Gary Alston and Ray Wintour.



## SHOP 69 COMES OF AGE

### Announcing our new venture to the community of Kuranda

Following the encouraging level of support and interest from the local community and visitors alike we are about to open a bigger and better gallery in the main street of Kuranda. Under the founding directorship of local artists/craftworkers Peter Thompson (ceramicist), Michael Gompert (jeweller) and Terry Eager (glass artist) we intend to establish a successful, vibrant co-operative of local artists.

A recent report commissioned by the Far North Cultural Industry Association identified that with 2% of the population of FNQ, Kuranda boasts 16% of the visual arts/craftworkers. Utilising the large space generously made available as a low cost by the La Baysse family we are able to showcase the work of many of these artists.

This report also stated that of the \$19.3m of Visual Art/Craft sales in this area, nearly half goes to imported goods. We want more of that income being returned to the local community.

National surveys have proven that artists working co-operatively have a much better chance of long term viability - so we see this as an opportunity not only to give the community access to our established artists, but also as an opportunity for survival of our emerging artists. We also see this as an opportunity for Kuranda.

To quote the report on the 3rd National Museums Australian Conference, held 3 weeks ago in Sydney:- "The Australian Tourist Commission impresses on Arts Organisations that they are in fact in 'the tourism business' and their research analysis shows that growing numbers of international visitors are demanding authenticity and credibility with a focus on arts, natural attractions and things that have not been discovered or over-commercialised by the masses". We believe that our venture goes a long way in giving credibility to Kuranda's long-held reputation as an arts community, as evidenced in the recent exhibition opening at the Regional Gallery, *The View from Here*.

With the street frontage available to us we can make a tangible impact on the image of Kuranda as a whole. We aim to make that exciting and reflect the quality of works on sale.

The establishment costs of our gallery are high but the support received from the artists involved and local community at large in the last two weeks by way of donation and in-kind support have been encouraging and welcome.

Your support for this venture may be shown by making a donation of \$20 - placing you on our mailing list for invitations to exhibition openings and special events. We are also seeking loans of cash to be repaid from Gallery profits. Loans or donations of materials are also greatly appreciated. Let us know what you have in the way of lighting, plywood, timber etc. If you can assist please contact Gonzo on 939 026.

We unfortunately have had to close our market stall due to time commitments in establishing the gallery. But those wishing to support the artists before Christmas are welcome to contact the artists direct or via the Kuranda School of Encouragement, phone 939026. Terry's glass work is still available at the Pottery Studio next to the B.P.

We thank you for your past support at the market and look forward to your continuing support for the new gallery.

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**Building on a star**

They kept coming in and chatting about it, discussing the pros and cons. All one Saturday this went on. They would fly in, sit on a star, and blah blah blah. Sometimes he would cling to the arc of the moon while she flitted from high star to low. Then they'd fly off, to check out less cosmic options. The baked clay wind chimes had been on the corner of the verandah for a year of two. A gift. Sunbirds had inspected it before but this was serious. On Sunday the building began and went on for two weeks. She did all the lugging. Maybe he was the scout, finding the material. He was certainly the architect, for he would come in from time to time and check it out and berate her for sloppy work. She used spider web for cement. She completed the portico and lined the floor with soft downy feathers, hopping in wriggling around, as they do, to see if the levels were just right, the beak resting on the lip of the opening. There was some trouble with kookaburras. We shot one with the hose. It lifted its wings, ruffled them until well bathed then flew off. The king of the aerial forest. King Kooka, the top of the food chain, shark of the skies. The neighbours made the mistake of feeding them one year. They began to fly down and take the sausages off the barbie. That year one flew into our living room, sat on the back of a director's chair and beaded us with that cold stare from either side of its evil looking beak. Thick and sharp. We were not impressed. Clapping, waving, yelling. Useless. It just eyed us from behind its Zorro mask. Impassive aggression and arrogance. The only way to make it leave was to flick it, toreador-like, with a red hand-towel. Anyway, the sunbirds built a beautiful daggy nest on one of our stars. Two weeks of hard labour it took. Then . . . they disappeared.

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show will be held at the Cairns Regional Gallery, in Feb 1997. The show titled **BODYWORKS**, curated by Jewellery Artist Seanne McArthur will showcase the works of Far North Metal Artists, from all over our vast region, from the south of Townsville to Mt. Isa and north to Cooktown. Ten metal Artists have been chosen to represent the broad cross section of jewellers and metal designers, from various skill and concept bases. The show has been put forward to challenge the notions of jewellery and body adornment, and its context within our society. Bodyworks will possibly be travelling from Cairns, for an opening further on in the year at The Crafts Council Artspace, in Brisbane.

**JEWELLERY WORKSHOPS**

Several specialist Jewellery workshops were held by Jewellery Artist Seanne McArthur at her residence on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th October. The workshops were a culmination of many months of organisation, and were funded by the Mareeba Shire RADF Scheme. The workshops were based on exploring some age-old techniques of metal working, which included the ancient art of granulation; the investigation and creation of Japanese alloys - Shibuichi and Shakudo and a textural metal technique, Reticulation, was also included. To sum up these processes, the content of the workshops was based on using copper and pure metal to create a wide variation of effects and techniques, involving decorative elements, textural effects and colour variations. The metals used were copper, fine gold and fine silver.

**GRANULATION** The ancient Etruscan art of granulation was explored and reproduced on Day 1 of the workshops, which proved to be a somewhat time consuming and patience trying exercise. Results were finally achieved by around 7pm (due to temperature variants and adhesive problems). We created a small workshop scale reduction kiln and also used electric kilns, which eventually gave us successful results.

**RETICULATION AND JAPANESE ALLOYS** Day 2 was as heavy going as the granulation workshop, and although a simple process it was again time consuming, due to the laborious processes of alloying and making up metal sheet to work with. We had great results from this workshop which included the creation of Shibuichi and Shakudo - Japanese coloured alloys and the textural technique of reticulation - "Creating Little Mountains" in metal.

**GETTING TOGETHER** Five women attended the workshops from both local and regional areas such as Mt. Isa, Townsville, Port Douglas and Mareeba. It seemed co-incidental that we held our workshops on the same day as the Women's Conference in Mareeba. Women of the Far North interested in Jewellery making and Silversmithing gathered together to learn and create ancient metal arts. Everyone was buzzing with their new knowledge and techniques. Lots of progressive talk and networking occurred, which has tied southern, western and northern areas, in this field, with permanent connections. Jeweller and tutor Deb Pirard will be taking the techniques learned in Kuranda to her pupils and co-workers in Mt. Isa. An offer was also put to tutor Seanne McArthur to take on lecturing at the McGregor Summer Schools sometime in the future. An exciting possibility!

Opportunities were created for the potential exhibitors of "Bodyworks", a contemporary metal exhibition, due to show in February 1997. There were discussions of ideas, and the formulation of plans for the production of the Far North's first contemporary Jewellery and Metal Art Show.

Current exhibitors who attended the workshops were: Sue Whiteman - Townsville, Deb Pirard - Mt. Isa, Seanne McArthur - Kuranda, Jackie Jansse - Mareeba. Seanne will be offering further workshops in reticulation and alloys if there are any interested jeweller/metal art persons out there. Please phone Labyrinth Design (070) 938015 if you wish to attend a future workshop. Workshops can be run only for a maximum of 5 people.

**"OFFERINGS TO SULEVIAE"**  
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Now is the time to celebrate Kuranda's artistic talent, with a visit to Cairns Regional Gallery to see numerous works by six of Kuranda's better known senior artists in a major exhibition. **THE VIEW FROM HERE:** Six Kuranda Artists - from left Ron Edwards, Ray Crooke, Roger Quinn, David Stacey, Hans Nielsen and Peter Thompson - exhibition is open until 12 January.

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## November

30 Sail Away party at Kuranda Amphitheatre to celebrate the old and the new stage and cover.

## December

### Continuing events from November into December

The View From Here: Six Kuranda artists -Stacey, Crooke, Quinn, Thompson, Nielsen, Edwards - at Cairns Regional Gallery to 12 January.  
 Kick Arts streetlevel Windowspace at Cairns Regional Gallery by Sharon Pacey on Baggage followed by Ed Koumans with Christmas.  
 Wild Rivers National Geographic exhibition toured to Cairns Regional Gallery by Australian Heritage Commission until 15 December.  
 Emerging From the Debutant's Yodel : Tafe arts students exhibition at Tanks Art Centre Ph 322349

- 1 Memories and Other Things -Kuranda's Henri Hunsinger's solo exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery until 5 January.(open 3pm 30/11)
- 1 Baggage exhibition at Qantas domestic arrival carousel for contemporary Kick Arts collective with Flightpaths writers on Saturday 30 Nov at 3.30, 4 and 4.45pm and Sunday at 10.40, 11.20, 11.50 am and 1.50 and 2.30pm. Catch these show times.
- 7 Unfashion Parade: Older youth and their parents at Kuranda Amphitheatre at twilight.
- 13 Real and Imagined Selves: Lolly Forden at Cairns Regional Gallery until 5 January.
- 14 Kuranda Christmas at the Gallery: Free admission with Kuranda Heritage Market arts and crafts at Cairns Regional Gallery. Ph 316865
- 18-19 Christmas Magic pantomime at Cairns Civic Theatre with two matinees per day written and directed by Sue Prince. Ph 501777.
- 20 Flying Arts Morning Tea for FNQ artists at Cairns Regional Gallery with major exhibition opening next day. Ph 316865
- 21 Rave Party : Live band and 2 DJs at Kuranda Amphitheatre.
- 31 New Year's Eve Party at Kuranda Amphitheatre.

## January

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 Memories and Other Things -Kuranda's Henri Hunsinger's solo exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery until 5 January.

- 10-25 Jesus Christ Superstar - Musical by Cairns Choral Society at Cairns Civic Theatre. Ph 501777
- 12 Helsinki Trio and Luku Padwanto (European jazz) by John Howell in Kuranda. Ph 937679

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#### Forest Fever

It's that time of year. Trees are in blossom. It's hot. And dry. The storm's wet lasts no time. The grasses seed. And the tree ferns. . . We were sitting on the verandah. There was a gust of wind - another factor the wind - and a great brown cloud whooshed towards us. Tree fern spore. I had to replenish our stock of Polaramine tabs. Eyes get so itchy you want to scratch them from their sockets. Noses so twitchy you think you're a witch. Throats get sore. It's forest fever time. It all looks superb. Rousseau's garden, Eve calls it. The turks are in flower. The gingers are torching. The passiflora is flaming. The silver quandong is splattering the lawn with its weird grey-blue fruit. One can sense the bromeliaeds preparing to unsheathe their horned phalluses. The heliconia is baring its red claws. It's nearly Xmas.

Buck Richardson

#### Season's Greetings

The wallabies are mowing the grass.  
A cockatoo has lost the plot.  
Kookaburras think this amusing.  
The forest seethes with soft sizzle cicada.  
Rain begins its patter to  
a chorus of inept gratitude from frogs.  
I should be wrapping Xmas presents.  
Someone is wrapping Xmas presents.  
The spiders are.

Buck Richardson



## The Haunts of Christmas Past

by Eve Stafford

For kids, Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast had everything. Calm waters, surf, bush, fishing, boating, and a view of the Glasshouse Mountains, glassy as Cook named them at dawn as he sailed northwards. Nana would sit long, pensive hours sipping tea on a tall stool, looking at them over the passage inside Bribie Island, from the little flap window in the kitchen. Tides went out. Tides came in, and so did the fishing boats.

From there she could see us kids on the slippery, old wooden diving boards below, hurling ourselves off into the safe shallows of the Pumicestone Passage. Most mornings, Nana and Pop joined other seniors in a pact at daybreak. Their answer to fitness was to take a dawn dip, summer or winter. At first light, they waddled down like pelicans, doughy bodies in thick, black woollen bathers with rusting buckles, to bob about together in the flat waters of adult repartee.

Was I the only kid to string along, to watch from the beach? To sit in the morning sun with the silences of Nana and Pop afterwards on the back stairs, sipping squeezed orange juice mixed with warm water and honey, and sharing vegemite toast with the languid cat? Whole afternoons at the bowling green, left to my own devices by the ladies in white, petticoat lace showing, waiting for the afternoon tea bell, when they would fuss over me with cake and scones? At night to get the children's cut, the boneless tail of the whiting Pop caught from his dinghy, where I observed the physics of oars. To spend evenings within the dark-panelled shellacked walls, playing cards with Nana, Fish and occasionally Snap, with me *always* winning, while Pop knitted cotton facewashers that were circular. But there were 22 grand-children. By Christmas, nearly all the cousins were there, along with the middle generation of aunts and uncles.

Christmas was when the rules changed. The most important rule was that kids were not allowed upstairs in the house, which was the total preserve of the adults. It was understood that, en masse, we were too uncouth for the finery of the house, getting underfoot, chacking loudly, and barefoot, traipsing beach sand onto the linoleum. Given to understand also, that the matriarchs who dominated the kitchen had mammoth catering efforts from dawn 'til dark, to keep up with the army of children. Sometimes we would hear them bicker up there. So we were relegated below decks, underneath the fibro Queenslander, where by day the light was striped from the slatted outer paling walls, and thereafter were lined with fishing rods, and 'bottle lines' wound tightly around shapely coke bottles. In the corner was Pop's den, a dark mystery cordoned off by more slats, with a padlocked gate. We would peer inside, trying to make out the secrets of the shadowy corners, the things on S-shaped hooks beyond the table covered in strange bottles, knives, and the sharpening stones of the retired butcher.

Our instructions were to go the short distance to the beach from the moment we awoke. We were to spend the whole day there in singlets over floral bathers with elastic bubble backs and a front

skirt. Faces smeared in zinc cream, summoned only for meals brought onto the sand, we made our own world in unfettered imagination and fantasy. Here we would build those wet sandcastles at water's edge, with moats fed by the lapping tide, cave-ins, and tunnels where you and your playmate's hand would meet underneath. In the afternoons we listened to the bible stories of the travelling beach evangelist. A dab hand as an artist, he quickly illustrated the stories on flaps of butchers paper, on a makeshift easel. Music too, as we little sunbeams hymned along to his squeezebox.

Sometimes we all walked the sandbar, jutting nearly touching Bribie Island, catching retreating soldier crabs under our hats for the bait tin. In the afternoons, from the same spot, where it fell away steeply, we could line up with other anglers who had real bait from the shop, and fancy rods making exciting noises when reeling out after a throw. There we would take our Coke bottle lines and plop them in. Distracted often, to rue the better equipment of others as they landed fish after fish, fascinated by the gruesome sight of blood at the unhooking, and the futile flapping of death in a wet hessian bag inside the wicker fishing-basket. Once, I fluked a 15 inch whiting, arriving home with the line all a-tangle. Pop said my big fish was reported in the paper, but now I wonder.

Sometimes we would play in the overgrown sandhills of Happy Valley, between the calm and the surf beach. A place where lovers would hide and kids would adventure, is now a flattened car-park. There we once found a cave bordered with logs. Sworn to secrecy, we dug for days. Adults became suspicious, and finally our whereabouts were confessed. We showed the black sand we were finding. Some said mineral sands, but Pop confirmed it as gunpowder from the smugglers who used to have a tunnel under the passage to Bribie. We were warned off by the dangers of digging further underground, despite the treasure we knew was buried there.

Further round was King's Beach, where we learnt to surf and survive the dumpers with the big kids. Out walking, we would run along the edge of the sand-cliffs made by the king tide, falling or rolling down to the bottom. These towering sandhills are now levelled for a highrise holiday-letting strip at just above the high water. The foam left behind from king tides, we were told, was mermaid soap. You can still lie in the warm rockpools below the headland, examining small periwinkles. From there we kids could see the bronze Aussie lifesavers sitting in their towers watching over the surfers. The lifesavers had an annual revue in the park, where sitting on grass we would watch muscular types in tutus and boots do a Swan Lake. Growing up as waterbabies, we were all hardy swimmers. As young adults we swam to Bribie Island, braving the strong tidal rip in the passage.

Golden Beach was in the other direction, and was spoken of as 'The Black's Camp'. We could see smoke from fires. This sandfly and mangrove area had the best fishing. I thought the mud-crab on our tables was caught by Pop, but recently learnt he bought them from an Aboriginal man there. Catching and selling seafood was

probably the only family income. Now Golden Beach is full of resorts and the sterile estate of Pelican Waters.

Nana once showed me a small bora ring on land near her house. Years later I watched workmen build a block of flats over it, oblivious to the site. But the really big bora ring, many metres across and deeply trenched by untold years of dancing, was further south in a clearing opposite Bribie. Nana showed me the broken shell piles of the middens, metres high.

Christmas lunch we were allowed in the house on our best behaviour, where tables were laid out in the kitchen and the dining rooms. Chicken was a luxury, only eaten at Christmas. The plum pudding always had threepences with pudding stuck in the grooves. Uncle Harry always found more thrupences than anybody. Loudly proclaimed with each mouthful after lots of mock choking, they were cleaner than ours. He gave many away to the less successful pudding-eaters.

There was often a queue for the loo, where the usual newsprint wipers-on-a-wire were replaced at Christmas by the green tissue wrappers from a box of Granny Smiths, and where the nightsoil smells mingled with the perfumed jasmine and waxy stephanotis flowers of the trellis.

Once home from the beach at the end of each day, we cold-showered on the blackened concrete in the dank smells of the corrugated shed under the tankstand in the yard. Waterlogged to the point of wrinkled skin after a day in the sea, we were already clean, but getting the sand off was the main aim. Sunburns were tended in a ritual of family touching. Short years later, sun-spots would need burning off as the price of a Queensland childhood.

Dressed in shorty pyjamas, by early evening we were turfed out into the paddock, the grassy corner block next to the house. As it got dark, we were encouraged to give chase, run as far and as fast as we could, playing tag to wind down our batteries for the night's sleep ahead. Food was served from the house, passed over the fence on the milkstand, where the wide-necked milkbottles with their waxed cardboard lids were delivered. Often the fodder would start with melons. As the adults knifed the belly of a massive watermelon, it split open, each child handed a half moon of red flesh over the fence, to sink their face into. If there was still static energy after the meal, we returned to rough and tumble games, or were taken on a night-walk. Once at King's Beach, backlit by a full moon, we saw a noisy fight between a sting-ray and a shark, them both rising and falling in silhouette in the moonstrip on the water. On another night, we all joined a street procession with lighted candles inside concertina Chinese lanterns.

If memories are made of this, I'm set to wonder what memories our children will recall of today's Christmas season in the tropics. Theirs is just as rich, but different. They'll tell of cooling off in the Barron at the end of the dry summer, of mango feasting and bowls of fresh lychees or prawns, of decorated palm trees in the living room, of fireflies dancing in the mozzie nets, late thunderstorms and lightning before the wet, and the swirling of the Barron in flood as it roars towards the falls.

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Mrs M. Armstrong	Divisional Press Secretary and Divisional Public Speaking Convenor

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Members wish to take this opportunity to wish all hall renters and general public a safe and Happy Festive season.

M. Armstrong, Press Secretary

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Marjorie Spear

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would like to formally welcome Dr. Heather McNamee to our community. Dr. McNamee, whose particular interest is womens' health, is a most welcome addition to our surgery.

### Words of Wisdom from OSHO

Ro.31 Nagging

Accept the person as he is with all his problems - that is love. If he asks you, share your understanding, but don't try to change him. Very difficult, because the mind is a manipulator. In the name of good, in the name of doing good, it tries to manipulate; it is a politician. A wife says, "Because you are smoking I will have to fight with you; you have to change your smoking, this is not good, you are destroying your health" - and I have seen that a nagging wife destroys health more than any smoking. And the wife goes on nagging, and she says, "It is because of your health "I love you." And for thirty years she has been nagging. Now they have been experimenting on nagging; and a very rare phenomenon has been revealed. They have tried it on the food that you eat: bread, butter, vegetables, fruit juice; they have put the fruit juice and the other food on a tray and the wife is nagging and screaming; it destroys the juice on the tray! The juice becomes toxic, poisonous. So just think what will be happening in the stomach, because on the tray everything is still non-organic, dead in a way. The juice in a glass is destroyed, so what will be happening to the juice in your stomach? Because then it has become part of your life stream. It is more alive... Osho Information Centre, Saddhen. 930291

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Saturday Services  
Sabbath School  
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Mrs. Leanne Plasto - 930289, Mrs Krishna Buhler-937348



Since the Fourth Century A.D. when Christmas was first celebrated as a major Church Festival, two portions of Scripture have always had prominence. The first portion comes from chapter Two of St. Luke's Gospel and gives us a vivid description of the events in Bethlehem. The second portion comes from the first eighteen verses of St. John's Gospel, the Spiritual Gospel. We all at one time or another have had the feeling of not being able to communicate something in a way that does it justice. We may have just heard a really beautiful theme in the background of a movie or we may have just seen a terrific try scored in League - the feeling is the same. We are left there speechless, unable to really communicate the wonder or the reality or the excitement. This is the problem John the Gospel writer faced. He and others had experienced the presence of Jesus for three years; now he is old and is looking back. He realises that he has actually experienced a continuing relationship with the same Jesus who he first met beside the lake, now he wants to put it all into words - how can he start? How can he do it? John decides to tell a story to tell it all. He wants us to understand one great difference between what the words of God mean and can bring about and what our words can mean and bring about. For instance, when we say the word star, all that we have managed to convey is the concept of a star into the mind of the listener, but when God says the word star, they are magnificent and awe inspiring, real solid majestic and blazing. Now, let us examine another two words - light and life - John tells us that God said these words and they took shape, they became flesh (v14). An old word for becoming flesh is incarnation. The human shape in which God sent us light and life is Jesus. John then tells us a most important consequence, the light and the life we see in Jesus can, if we choose, become light and life for our lives. It can become a whole extra level of spiritual life and that is what we mean when we say that Jesus can be our Lord and our Saviour. Something else comes to us from this passage, something about the importance of our own words. Our words cannot bring physical things into being, but they can bring about both beautiful and terrible realities. A word from us can inspire someone, can encourage, can bring joy and hope. A different word can bring fear, hurt, anxiety, depression. A word can never be unsaid. That may sound obvious but it is a truth we can never hear too often. Those of us who profess the Christian faith and call ourselves Christians each of us are called to make our words bring life and light, just as the word of God brings life and light to us in the person of Jesus.

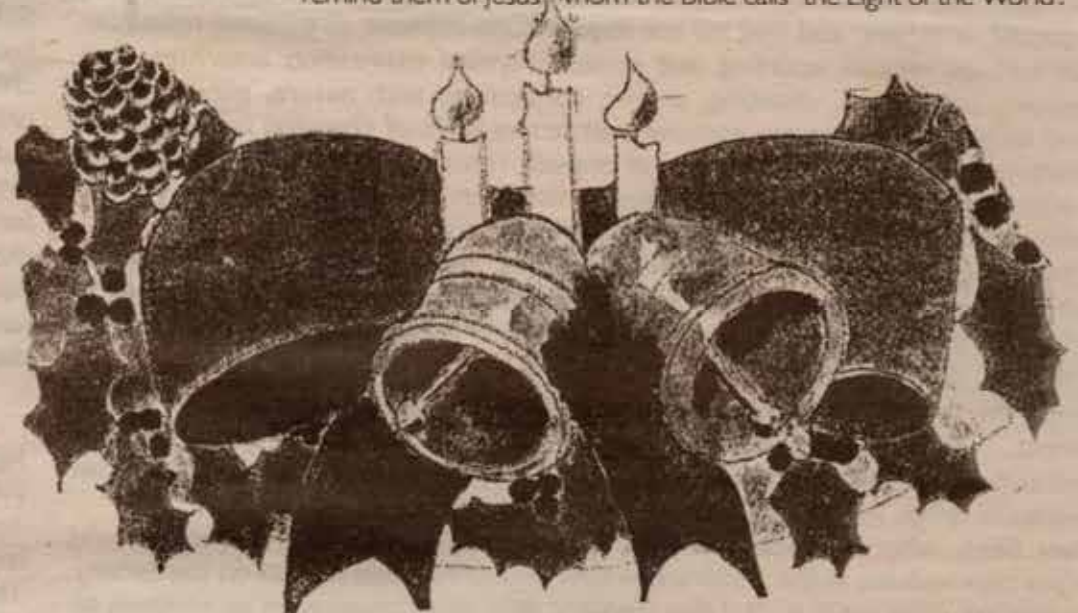
Good news for Christmas

**Solemn Seasons**

Some Christians keep special seasons each year to remember Jesus. For example, the four weeks before Christmas are called the season of Advent. The word 'advent' means 'coming', so it is a time to remember that Jesus came to earth at the first Christmas, that he still comes into the lives of people today, and that he will come again at the end of time. Some Christians light candles to mark the Sundays of Advent, one on the first Sunday, two on the second Sunday, and so on. The candles remind them of Jesus, whom the Bible calls 'the Light of the World'.



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5 PM HOLY COMMUNION (FIRST IN MONTH)  
5 PM EVENING PRAYER (THIRD IN MONTH)  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
SUNDAY 22ND DEC 6PM  
CAROL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY SUPPER  
TUESDAY 24TH DEC CHRISTMAS EVE  
7.30PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR CHILDREN  
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SAT 21ST DEC ST THOMAS  
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THURSDAY 26TH DEC ST STEPHEN  
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION  
FRI 27TH DEC ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION  
SAT 28TH DEC HOLY INNOCENTS  
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION  
WED 1ST JAN NEW YEARS DAY  
9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION  
ACTIVITIES  
HOME GROUP WED 7.45PM  
ENQ FR CHRIS WRIGHT 938735  
FR BILL DAVIDSON 938798



**NEWS FROM ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

St. Saviour's Church was packed for Harvest Festival and again this year, every corner was beautifully decorated with magnificent displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables. At the afternoon service a new Stained Glass Window was Dedicated in memory of Dr. Kenneth Houston, the window depicts St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. St. Saviour's Sunday School prize giving this year will be on Sunday, 15 December at 9.30am. Christmas Services this year at St. Saviour's will commence with Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd at 6.00pm followed by supper. On Christmas Eve at 7.30pm there will be a service of Carols by Candlelight for children and all the family this will be followed at 11.30pm by Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day Family Eucharist and Carols will be at 9.30am. Earlier this year, several incidents took place which have caused great concern to the congregation of St. Saviour's. On one occasion a skate board rider skated his way up the aisle and out again. On another occasion a rather inebriated lady tried to force open the donations box, overturning the back table, causing some damage. Two options to overcome the problem are being considered; one is to keep St. Saviour's closed as are the majority of Churches these days and another option is to install a closed circuit TV camera linked to a video recorder - this would be operated by a sensor and would record for posterity all our visitors along with the time and date. It is our hope and prayer neither of the above are required. From all at St. Saviour's, have a very joyful Christmas.



**REST IN PEACE  
Don Wilson OBE**  
(Ex Battle of Britain pilot.)  
"One of the Few"

The death of Don Wilson, on Saturday 16th November, 1996 is a painful loss to the Kuranda community. A resident of Kuranda since 1959, Don and his wife Betty and their four sons, conducted the Kuranda Service Station and Milk Bar for over thirty years. Don and Betty have always played an active role in the Kuranda community. As an involved member of the Kuranda Sub Branch of the RSL, Don held various officerships including presidency and secretary. Don will be sadly missed by the many people he has helped over the years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Betty and her family.



**KISC -**  
**KURANDA INFORMATION & SUPPORT**  
**CENTRE NEWS**



KISC information pamphlet racks are being placed at various businesses around Kuranda. Thank you to these businesses for assisting with making information more easily available. There is a bigger range of pamphlets available at KISC. KISC's application for funding to run the Centre, and allow it to grow and respond to the needs of our community, was unfortunately unsuccessful. We will keep trying for funding, as all similar centres are funded. Meanwhile we depend very much on the generous time and effort given by our volunteers. Thank you to all of them, past and present. KISC had a small end of year get together on Saturday, November 16 at the Centre. It is always good to catch up with friends over a cuppa. Our monthly meeting will be on the 2nd Monday as usual, 9 Dec. 1996 at 7.30 pm, at KISC, all welcome. Meetings are kept short and the kettle is always on. Ideas for 1997 activities KISC could be involved in are sought.

**KISC DRUG & ALCOHOL BULLETIN**  
**ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING DRUGS**

The main reason people take psychoactive drugs is to satisfy a basic human need to vary normal experience. A desire to explore the various facets of consciousness is in itself not bad, but how people do this can be a cause for concern.

Being high does not mean being drugged. Clearly, drugs can sometimes make people feel high - at their best, energised, whole, connected. But why is it that many people achieve these states without ever taking drugs? And why do the people who take the most drugs lose the very effects they seek? The answer is that drugs do not contain highs. Highs exist within the human nervous system; all drugs do is trigger or draw attention to highs.

The fact that highs exist within is a cause for optimism. It means the potential for these states is always there, and many techniques must exist for evoking them. And there really are alternatives to drugs, because drug highs differ from other highs only in superficial ways. The state of the brain can be stimulated by many different influences, including one's own thoughts (we've all been lifted out of a gloomy state by a work of praise, a show of affection, a cheque in the mail!). The main advantage of drugs compared to other techniques is that they work powerfully and immediately. Their main disadvantage is that they reinforce the idea that the state we desire comes from something outside of us.

Non-drug highs can present problems - addictions such as killing or gambling are obviously destructive. The goal should be to get high in ways that do not hurt yourself or others, and that do not require huge expense or external resources. As well as various sporting and similar physical expression activities (e.g. dance), meditation, chanting, prayer, communing with nature, playing music and artistic expression are especially attractive ways of changing consciousness because they require little outside of oneself. There are so many ways to change consciousness it is not worth trying to list them. Methods that work for one person leave another cold - find what works for you.

People also take drugs for other reasons than getting high. There are alternatives for these as well, such as acupuncture, massage, diet as well as changing patterns of eating, sleeping, exercise and gaining new interpersonal skills to name just a few.

Since the use of drugs has become so habitual for many (glass of wine before dinner, a joint before a movie) it may be hard for some people to imagine life without them. The fact is however, if people are determined enough, they can eliminate drugs from their lives and never miss them.

Ram Dass, who experimented with Timothy Leary with LSD, psilocybin and other psychedelics in the 1960's which he promoted when he was on the faculty at Harvard, later came to feel that frequent drug experiences were an obstacle to self-realisation and that yoga and meditation were more valuable techniques.

(In "From Chocolate to Morphine" by Q. Well. MD & W. Rosen)

**AMBULANCE UPDATE**

By Trevor Clark, OIC

**GENERAL:**

End of November and Santa is only a few weeks away. All that last minute shipping, children on holidays, parties, friends and relations calling. Let's all try and make it a happy and safe Christmas so we all head into 1997 in style.

Perhaps now is the appropriate time to think of those a little less fortunate than us, the lonely, the elderly, those not as well off. This is the perfect time to spare a thought, a visit or gift to make theirs a happy Christmas as well.

**STATION NEWS:**

November has followed on in the same mode as October with a reduction in the number of emergencies which is really good news especially in the lead up to Christmas.

I had a great time at Day Care, Kindy and Pre-School. All the children are learning how to dial 000 in an emergency and ask for the Ambulance, as well as being able to tell us their name, address and phone number all of which is vitally important in an emergency situation.

Some certificates have already been handed out to those who remembered correctly. More soon.

A very successful (and enjoyable) First Aid course was also completed in November and certificates have been sent to all the participants.

**RAFFLE NEWS:**

The Melbourne Cup has been and gone and like a lot of others my horses are still running (probably make it home in time for next year). The Winners of the sweep conducted by Kuranda Ambulance are:

1. Jan Endres, Ticket # 854 Saintly
2. George Blakey Ticket #017 Count Chivas
3. Joy Sonogo, Ticket # 237 Skybeau

All others who drew horses have had their money sent.

**FUNDRAISING:**

The Market stall is still progressing steadily. Now that everyone is having a big clean out before Christmas we will happily accept all those old books, toys, tools and any other preloved items as well as plants, cakes, scones, jams etc. Phone Jim on 937639 or drop off at the Ambulance station in Fallon road.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

End of year and we have a lot of school leavers. Remember, once a child finishes school and joins the work force or goes on unemployment benefit they are not covered by your family subscription.

They really should be encouraged to take out a single subscription for themselves to eliminate the chance of a large Ambulance account should treatment or transport be needed.

People continuing with full time studies are covered by their parents family cover until the age of 25 or until they complete their studies.

**TREVORS TIP:**

**HEART ATTACK:**

PAIN in the centre of the chest behind the breast bone which can come on during activity or at rest or even wake the person from sleep, must be regarded as a Heart Attack.

The pain may spread to the arms, shoulders, neck and jaw. The patient may be nauseous and appear Pale, Cold, and Sweaty. Sudden collapse without pain may be the only sign.

If Cardiac Arrest occurs the patient will need Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

**TREATMENT:**

Do not take chances - Call for URGENT Ambulance medical treatment on 000.

If the patient is conscious, rest the patient, loosen tight clothing. Often patients with heart conditions will have medication they place under their tongue, assist them to take it.

If cardiac arrest occurs commence cardiopulmonary resuscitation if you are trained and remember call for urgent Ambulance medical treatment on 000.

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*Regards Geoff and Stephen*



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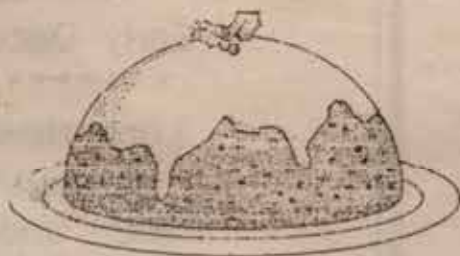
SUMMER CAMPS - the Scouts Association have planned four camps over the school holidays. Scout camps are open to anyone over 6 years, non-members, females and parents.  
 Lake Tinaroo: 13/12/96 to 18/12/96 costs \$60  
 Mission Beach: 3/1/97 to 8/1/97 costs \$60  
 Townsville: 10/1/97 to 15/1/97 costs \$60  
 Mission Beach: 24/1/97 to 26/1/97 costs \$30  
 For further information call Gavin Mulligan on 547 486

30 November - 'Gimmicks' 17 bands at Graft'n Arts will celebrate "Australian Music Day" 2pm-12pm. This is an alcohol and drug free event and will also feature visuals, live acts and an art exhibition. Phone 514 023.  
 1 December - Kuranda artist Henri Hunsinger exhibits using mixed media at Cairns Regional Gallery until 5 January.  
 7 December - 'In and Out of Fashion' Kuranda Amphitheatre's fashion parade and dance extravaganza. If you want to get involved in the planning the group meets every Tuesday after school at the Amphitheatre.  
 December 1 Youth Concert and Sexual Health Expo will be held next to the skate board ramp from 12 midday to 6 pm.  
 December 1-15: Students annual exhibition at the Tanks Centre. Phone 322 349  
 21 December: Two rave bands at the Kuranda Amphitheatre for a pre Christmas celebration. Contact the Amphitheatre for more information.  
 TAFE's Summer Program offers short courses at a low price. Courses include: Getting that Job, Computing, Tourism Training, Retail Skills and Bar Service. Information available at Kuranda Information and Support Centre.  
 Coming up in early 1997:  
 Art, Bar Service, Childcare, Engineering-Introductory, Hairdressing, Horticulture, Management, Office Practices. Phone Mareeba Campus 928800.



Alanya, Kristy and Alicia mingle with Kindy Kids.

WE WISH YOU  
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
 AND WE'LL ALL HAVE  
 FIGGY PUDDING !!!



### KURANDA DAY CARE

The Kuranda Day Care Centre, staff, parents and children, would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity in donating prizes for our raffle to raise money for new equipment: - Frogs Restaurant, The Feast Factory, Tjapukai, Cairns Kraft Shop, Music from Nature, Kuranda Vet, Kay's grandmother, Ochre Dreaming, Scissorworks, The Top Pub, Butterfly Sanctuary, New To You, Doongal Artefacts, The Foodstore, Great Icecreamery, The Woolleys, and the Kuranda Newsagency.  
 Lesley and staff from Kuranda Child Care. The raffle was a great success and the children are now enjoying their new equipment.

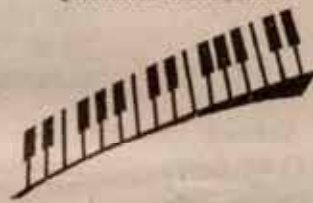
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Alanya and Jessie posing with the puppets at Kindy.



### KURANDA COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC. INC.

Do you have a child who is eligible to attend preschool next year? (turns 5 during 1997) If so you may be interested in our preschool program which will be run on Wed/Thurs/Frid. We will continue to offer a kindergarten program which will be run on Mon/Tues. Further Information 938087.

END OF YEAR RAFFLE "THE GARDENER'S BONANZA" Tickets \$1.00. Drawn 10/12/96. Large wheelbarrow filled with large and small tools, gadgets, vouchers, plants . . . everything the keen and not so keen green thumb needs.

## 94 Schools Grab Garbage for Environmental and Cash Rewards

Enthusiastic schools across Queensland collected the most recyclables ever for the 1996 Great Garbage Grab recycling competition. In total 576.9 tonnes of recyclables were removed from landfill. A recycling truck holding 23 cubic metres would take 165 trips to the landfill to carry this amount of material from 66,000 full household recycling bins. Material collected saves valuable landfill space and helps to educate students about how to manage their waste. The Queensland Recycling Advisory Council coordinated the competition and provided cash prizes to the schools showing dedication and great effort. Schools received cash prizes of \$1500, \$1000, \$500 and \$50 in 6 student-number dependent categories with a special \$1000 for each category collecting the most compost. The schools took part in a year long program that started with setting up a recycling collection station at school. The competition aims to teach students about their waste and how they can manage it. Schools collected glass bottles and jars, milk and softdrink plastic bottles, aluminium cans and material for the compost. Totals collected by all schools are 529.5 tonne of glass, 26.5 tonne of aluminium cans and 20.9 tonne of plastic containers. Though not every school could win a prize, all schools were winners for learning how their actions could help their environment.

The Queensland Recycling Advisory Council is made up of the Queensland Department of Environment, the Litter and Recycling Research Association (Qld) and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Many of the schools also entered into the composting category. Throughout the year 466.3m\* of compostable material was collected. Compost was used by many schools for permaculture areas and as mulch.

**DIVISION FOUR (301-600 students)**

First Prize (\$1500): Bundaberg East State School

Second Prize (\$1000): Beachmere State School

Third Prize (\$500): Bli Bli State School

Encouragement Prize (\$50) Kuranda State School

Compost Prize (\$1000) Beachmere State School (142.6m\*) areas, in this field, with permanent connections. Jeweller and tutor Deb Pirard will be taking the techniques learned in Kuranda to her pupils and co-workers in Mt. Isa. An offer was also put to tutor Seanne McArthur to take on lecturing at the McGregor Summer Schools sometime in the future. An exciting possibility!

Opportunities were created for the potential exhibitors of "Bodyworks", a contemporary metal exhibition, due to show in February 1997. There were discussions of ideas, and the formulation of plans for the production of the Far North's first contemporary Jewellery and Metal Art Show.

Current exhibitors who attended the workshops were:

Sue Whiteman - Townsville

Deb Pirard - Mt. Isa

Seanne McArthur - Kuranda

Jackie Jansse -Mareeba

Seanne will be offering further workshops in reticulation and alloys if there are any interested jeweller/metal art persons out there. Please phone Labyrinth Design (070) 938015 if you wish to attend a future workshop. Workshops can be run only for a maximum of 5 people.



Pictured (l to r) Bert van den Brink, (LJ Hooker) Alicia Jodner and Sam Powell-Thomas (School Captains), Bob Hammond (Principal), Rowena Robinson (State Finalist), Jim Robinson (Rowena's father), Mike Mabbutt (LJ Hooker).

## KURANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

At the October meeting we saw a change of President. Barry Wright stepped down as President and Ken Harley was sworn in as President of the P & C. The meeting was very well attended and curriculum matters were discussed with Donna George, AES Studies - Department of Education, Nello Raciti, Co-ordinator of Cairns School Support Centre and Leanne Tyquin, Guidance Officer for Smithfield State High and Kuranda Primary School. Donna George advised the key factors which will determine the curriculum for the High School will be: 1) size of enrolments - the Department staffs high schools on ratio of students enrolled and 2) flexibility of curriculum. Donna also advised of ways we could overcome offering some subjects to students because of the School being small to start with. We could: 1) access the School of Distance Education for subjects e.g. economics, accounting; 2) share staff with Smithfield High School and 3) use of TAFE facilities on campus.

In general business, Krishna Buhler advised that Mareeba Shire Council is having difficulty in obtaining a suitable site for the Library. She felt that we should write to Mareeba Shire Council advising we would like to see the Library located at the High School. Ken Harley asked motion to be moved to write to the Council on this matter. Motion carried. With regards to the Swimming Pool a motion was carried to again lobby the Government/Council to have the swimming pool located in the vicinity of the High School. Ken advised Mareeba Shire Council has been lobbying hard for funds from Government for infrastructure costs related to the High School, i.e. widening of Myola Road, sewerage, etc and there had at this stage been no indication of funds being available. A motion was moved that the P & C actively support the Mareeba Shire Council in an endeavour to obtain infrastructure funding relating to the High School.

At the November meeting Ken Harley advised that Mareeba Shire Council representatives are still lobbying the Government for funding for infrastructure costs related to the High School. ARK and the Chamber of Commerce have also been actively lobbying the Government on the infrastructure funding issue. In relation to the sewerage, Project Services have commissioned a consultant in Cairns to prepare a report on various options for efficiently disposing of sewerage at the High School. Mareeba Shire Council has expressed extreme concern over the suggestion of use of septic tanks.

The next meeting will be held at Kuranda Primary School on Tuesday December 10 at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

Esme Pratt - Secretary

Kuranda State High School Interim P & C Association.



### SEASONS GREETINGS

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Barrie's & Mary's  
Kuranda  
Newsagency  
for  
Back to School  
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Early December  
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Local News and  
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### NATIONAL CARTOONING COMPETITION - TOP TEN !

LJ Hooker Kuranda, Principal Mike Mabbutt and Sales Consultant Bert van den Brink presenting Kuranda State School with a certificate for entering the 1996 National Cartooning Competition. A special award was made to Rowena Robinson who was a to ten State finalist. Well done Rowena!



Louise Thorpe

## Reflections

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**DECEMBER 1946**

- 3- London: Field Marshall Montgomery and Lord Mountbatten are made Knights of the Garter.
- 4- Brisbane: Australia beat England by an innings and 332 runs in the first Test.
- 10- Stockholm: Nobel Prizes go to: Percy Bridgman (US, Physics); James Sumner, John Northrop and Wendell Stanley (US, Chemistry); Hermann Muller (US, Medicine); and Hermann Hesse (Switzerland, Literature). Peace Prize awarded in Oslo to Emily Balch and John Mott (US).
- 11- New York: John D. Rockefeller offers the UN a site for a skyscraper on the East River.
- 19- Sydney: Australia win the second Test by an innings and 33 runs.
- 28- Melbourne: America's Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder take the Davis Cup, defeating the holders, Australia, 5-0.
- 30- Australia: The population is 7 517,981 and the basic wage £4/18/-.

**DEATHS**

- 10- US author Damon Runyon (Guys and Dolls)
- 25- US actor W C Fields, born William Claude Dukenfield.

**HITS OF 1946**

- A gal in calico
- It's a pity to say good night

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**Chrysalidocarpus leucubensis - Green Cane. Originating in madagascar it grows quickly in the tropics and is popular around Cairns**

**FAREWELL TO GRAEME - OFF TO GREENER PASTURES**

by Steve Dominikovic

The well known and well liked Kuranda personality, Graeme Skilbeck is about to take his departure, both from Kuranda Real Estate and Kuranda. During his years in Kuranda he has done much for the development of the Real Estate industry and has helped numerous people in their real estate endeavours. He has been responsible for finding the perfect home for many residents, as well as suitable buyers for those having to leave. He has also been of great assistance to investors wishing to invest in Real Estate in our unique area. Graeme will be sadly missed by many, especially those who have worked closely with him, as nothing was ever too much trouble for Graeme, and he would not rest until he had found the perfect property to fill one's particular needs. We wish Graeme well in his future endeavours, and hope that one day he will return to Kuranda.


Due to increased demand in business Kuranda Real Estate is happy to welcome back Michelle Fiumara. Experienced and successful Real Estate identity, Nerida Cooksley, who is well known to most Kuranda residents has also joined the team at Kuranda Real Estate. Friends, both old and new are invited to drop into Kuranda Real Estate to discuss their Real Estate needs, where you can be assured of the best professional services at all times.



**WALKS FOR DECEMBER**

- SUNDAY 1st Dec LOCATION** Mt. Spider on Mt. Emerald range. CLIMB 300m. BRING Smoko, lunch, water etc. WEAR Boots, protectors, hat, sunburn cream etc. DURATION 3/4 day Bring togs for swim afterwards. MEET 8am old Post office gallery Atherton; 8.20 Channel road turnoff. CONTACT Mark and. Faye Ph 954037
- WEDNESDAY 4th Dec** Moderate/long walk LOCATION Douglas Track to Glacier Rock and return to Dean's Lookout (car shuffle required MEET' 7.30am old. Post Office gallery Atherton, 8.30am Speewah Road. FEATURES Old pack track with good, views from Glacier Rock. WEAR. Shorts, boots, hat, protectors. BRING. Smokos, lunch, water & camera. GRADE. Moderate, LENGTH Long (10-12 km) DURATION All day. CONTACT John Mallings 93'f6'
- SATURDAY 14th SUNDAY 15th DEC \*\*\* Breakup XMAS Party \*\*\*LOCATION:** Peter and Carol Smallwood.'s place, outside Herberton, near Wondecla. Check with Peter and Carol for walks on Saturday afternoon and. Sunday. Party Sat nite, sampling vineyard.'s harvest..... Bring camping gear, walking gear and. consumables. Contact Peter and. Carol Ph 962484
- WEDNESDAY 18th Dec** Medium/moderate walk to Douglas Greek, Lamb Range area, Mt. No-Name FEATURES: Open forest, good. views MEET; 8am old. Post Office gallery Atherton; 8,30 am Ant Hill Park, Msreeba; 8.40am TAFE turn-off, Kennedy H'wy. WEAR Boots, shorts, hat, sunscreen. BRING: Smoko, water, camera, rain-gear? Lunch at Sandy's, Henry Hannam Drive after walk - breakup for Wedneaday walkers. Contact Sandy Keate Ph 933993

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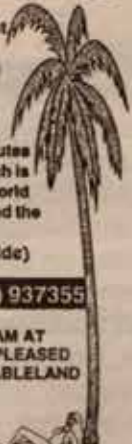
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER**

Sat 30 Sail Away Party - Amphitheatre 8pm till late

**DECEMBER**

Sat. 7 Traffic Study Public Meeting C.W.A. Hall 2pm  
 Tues. 10 Speewah Resident Assoc. - Roscommon 7.30pm.  
 Get together Sat. 14th 4pm

Tues. 10 Kuranda High School P & C 7.30pm at Primary School

Sat. 14 Garden Club 2.15 pm Julies end of Clay Lane.

**JANUARY**

Mon. 27 Lyons Club


**REGULAR MEETINGS IN KURANDA**

- 1st Sunday R.S.L. 4 pm Sports & Social Club.
- 1st Sunday Family Service, Uniting Church, St. Christophers
- Every Sunday A.A. 10.30 am. Youth Hostel.
- 1st Monday 1.30 pm, PENSIONERS, CWA hall Ph 937170
- 1st Monday 7.30 p.m. Rangers Soccer Club. Ph.938055
- 2nd Monday. 1.30 pm. CWA Meeting, CWA Hall.
- 2nd and 4th Mon Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm RSL Sports & Social club, Fallon Road. Ph.937187
- Every Monday Weight Watchers 6 pm CWA Hall. Ph. 939079
- Every Monday Life Span exercise CWA Hall 9.30am
- Every Monday Venturers 5 pm 937288
- 1st Monday Chamber of Commerce, 7pm. K.S & S. Club
- 2nd Monday KISC 7.30 pm, 17 Thongon St. Ph.938933
- Every Tuesday Kuranda Koffi Klub
- Every Tuesday BABY CLINIC, CWA Hall, 9.40-12.00
- Every Tuesday Al Anon St. Saviours Meeting room.8pm.
- Every Tuesday Cubs 7 pm. Ph.937288
- 1st Tuesday Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka
- 1st & 3rd Tues IMMUNISE (Babies), Surgery, 2-3 pm
- 3rd Tuesday K. State School P & C 7.30 pm Ph.937201
- Every Wednesday Bahai meeting 7.30 pm Ph. 930311
- 1st Wednesday Q.C.W.A meeting 1.pm
- 1st Wednesday Kuranda Environment Assoc. R.Resort 7 pm
- Last Wednesday Sports & Social Club meet. 7.30 pm.
- 3rd Wednesday Ass. for Regional Kuranda S & S Club, 7 pm.
- Every Thursday Respite Care, CWA Hall, 9 am-3pm
- Every Thursday Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Rainforest Res.Ph.937428
- 2nd Thursday Ambulance, 7.30 pm. Ambulance Centre, Fallon Rd.
- Last Thursday K.I.S.C. 7.30 pm 17, Thongon St. PH 938933
- Every Friday Scouts. Ph.937288

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