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A Great place to Recover after the New Year photo Sue Marshall



Beverley Adamson and a feathered friend at Birdworld photo by K Buhler

Big Day Out

Discovery Recovery Day January 2nd, Kuranda's Y2K celebration, proved to be an outstanding success. Attractions were overwhelmed with locals, discovering some attractions for the first time and revisiting old favourites.

The Kuranda community overwhelmingly supported the day with more than 900 people visiting the Butterfly Sanctuary alone.

In the Park children and adults were entertained with a variety of acts and The Kuranda Lions catered for the children's party food. Pat McFarlane's dress up room proved a great attraction, with fairy wings and superman capes flying round the park.

A big thank you to all who assisted; Kuranda Soccer Club, L J Hooker Kuranda, Kuranda Lions Club, Pat McFarlane, Peter McCabe, Frogs Restaurant and all the attractions that opened their doors, The Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, The Australian Insect and Beetle World, The Aviary, Bird World, Kangaventure and Rainforest River Cruise.

The fine weather, good entertainment and fun atmosphere had everyone suggesting the day as an annual event, why not?



Ruth Schougaard showing us the way with our new signage photo Sue Marshall

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

Sue Marshall organised a wonderful open day in Kuranda on Sunday. We visited seven businesses that I had never toured before. I was most impressed with Brian Clark's commentary on his boat cruise on the Barron River. Brian was factual in describing Kuranda's history, describing how the early settlers could have done some things differently. (Aren't we all wise in hindsight?) He then went on to describe how these errors are being rectified, such as restocking the river with fish and other areas still needing more effort. I was most impressed with his balanced, common sense approach - well done, Brian Clarke.

Yours faithfully, Deryk Cooksley

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On behalf of the Kuranda Community Kindergarten, I would like to congratulate all who participated at Little Day Out on 30/10/99 at the Kuranda Amphitheatre. As food stallholders, we felt the positive atmosphere throughout the entire day. I congratulate the organizers, the hard workers, the bands and the kids for making this day a complete success. I think that Little Day Out is an extremely worthwhile inspiration. Drug and alcohol-free, this has been another successful effort toward giving kids "something to do". We had a great time. Thank you to all! Ann Harth, on behalf of the KCKA

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Soon the Shire Elections will give us an opportunity to have a Kuranda representative. Who better than Jax Bergesen? She has worked very hard to get EnviroCare well established in Kuranda and district. Phone her if you want to talk to her or ask her to visit you. She has helped Kuranda district a lot for the past few years. Her phone number is 4093 8834.

Yours truly, Marjorie Spear

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like to thank all those people who phoned, sent cards and just wished me well during my recent illness.

Con the Plumber

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In recent times, Kuranda has lost many of its older citizens all who have contributed one way or another to the community. Bill Barnwell, Esme Hudson, Lynn Hobbler, Tom Punch just to name a few and lastly on the 30 December 1999, my husband James McCorry, retired Police Officer. The attendance at his funeral was over 200 people, many who were members of the aboriginal community. James grew up with them and learned to love and respect them all. They are too numerous to name individually in this letter. Their support and kindness at this time is well appreciated. To the young aboriginals who stood at Kowrowa to salute the funeral cortege as it passed, I thank you all.

I would also like to comment on the supportive actions given by Sgt Steve Stafford and the staff of Kuranda Police, who gave up their leisure time to mow the churchyard, erect tarps, arrange seating outside the church and performed the Guard of Honour. This all showed community spirit. I have no hesitation in saying that these people are an asset to the community and should be treated as such. There was a great representation at the funeral of both serving and retired officers of Northern Region and International Police. I am proud to be associated with these fine men and women, as a member of the extended family of brotherhood of police.

There are so many people who I wish to thank but cannot list them all: Chris McCorry, on behalf of his brothers, read the Eulogy; my brother Bill Noone, for his loving reflection of his friendship with Jim over the past 50 years; Samantha Hunt who spoke on behalf of absent family members from Brisbane, Toowoomba and Noosa; Pall bearers (my sons, plus Kevin Rogan and Steve Willis), Armstrong family, Jan Rogan; Glynis Willis; Chirio families; Grogan family; Blue Nurses; Community Health, particularly Peta and Sue; Palliative Care, (Val Johnston); Dr Clive Hadfield, specialist CBH; local community clubs for the loan of tarps and chairs at the church; Father Rod Cameron and the Police Chaplain Father John Newman, who played the police equivalent of the last post; the Lone Piper; three flag bearers for the diligence to duty standing attention in the pouring rain in full Police regalia and to Flo and Milton Brim who sang the hymn "We'll Never Say Good-bye" at the lowering of the coffin.

My sincere thanks go to the doctors and staff at the Kuranda Surgery. Dr Williams gave his time unconditionally towards the end. His dedication, kindness and thoughtfulness will endear him to my family and myself forever. To my family, dear friends who rang sent cards and flowers, attended the funeral and brought refreshments; I personally thank each and every one of you.

Yours faithfully, Gem (Peg) McCorry

Dear Kuranda Paper & friends,

Good news for the local community! Artists & Musicians! Last December 11, a trial of the first "Speewah Musical Markets" was held. A gathering of 20 stalls, ranging from 2nd hand bric-a-brac, home grown garden produce, handmade crafts (candles, didges, jams, kiddies clothes, jewellery), potted plants and fresh orange juice straight from Speewah itself. It was a day of fun, sun and many a happy faces. Mid-market, 150 bikers cruised in to have a drink at the local tavern. It was definitely an exciting event. Live music entertained punters who comfortably looked on from the Tavern verandah. Pony rides kept the youngsters busy on rounds of Ross Common. Stalls were constructed from yellow bamboo and signs painted with much colour. So many talented folk from the surrounding area, gave the chance to gather creatively and socially in spirit and health. There was a very warm and welcome feel about this market and many people were keen to come again. A second "Musical Market" is set in place for Feb. 12, 2000, Everyone welcome. Hope to see you all there! On the corner, under the gums, next to the Speewah Tavern. Happy New Year, love Rachel.



The Horn Family relaxing at Recovery Discovery

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Pat McFarlane with small helpers at her dress up room on the Recovery Discovery Day

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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION 2000

The Returning Officer for the Mareeba Shire, Mr Colin McDowall, today announced that local government elections will be held on Saturday, 25 March 2000 commencing at 8.00am and closing at 6.00pm and that Nomination Day for the Mareeba Shire will be Monday, 21 February 2000. Nomination forms are available from the Returning Officer at the Council Chambers, 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba. Mr. McDowall said, "It is important for residents of the Shire who are qualified electors to ensure that their names are on the electoral roll, which closes at 4.45pm on Monday, 31 January 2000". Residents who have changed address in the recent past and have any queries in relation to this matter are advised to ring the Australian Electoral Commission on Freecall 132 326. Electors are reminded that voting is compulsory. Polling booths will be operating at the Mareeba Shire Hall, the Irvinebank School of Arts and at State Schools in Kuranda, Mutchilba, Dimbulah, Chillagoe, Bibohra, Mt. Molloy and Julatten.

Residents who will be absent from the area will be able to make application for a postal vote or will be able to vote in the Shire Office for approximately two weeks before Election Day. The forthcoming election will elect a new Council which will serve for a period of four years and it is important for all electors to exercise their democratic right to vote in these elections". Enquiries in relation to the elections may be made to Mr McDowall on 4030 3902 or Mr David Weight on 4030 3910.

Announcing The Kuranda First Australian Service Awards

What are the awards? When a visitor feels that they have received exceptional service how can they give the recognition the staff member deserves? Now they will be able to nominate the person for a First Australian Service Award. The awards will be given Bi-monthly the first being for February /March and presented the first Friday of the following month, April.

How do I know if I have been nominated? Nomination forms will be placed in every shop and attraction in Kuranda. After the nominations have been delivered to First Australian, each nominee will be contacted.

Who will judge the award? The nominations will be judged by Quality Industry Training.

What do I win? First Australian will present a \$100 savings account and a certificate will be given. Early February - Nominations forms will be delivered 15 March - Nominations close, all completed forms to be delivered to First Australian.

Nominations announced in April paper.

7 April- Winner announced at the presentation night, Billy's Bar & Grill, 6.00pm. Light snacks available with drinks at cost. Thank you to the following sponsors, First Australian, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, Billy's Bar & Grill, Rainforest View Restaurant. The Kuranda Paper

Kuranda Spring Fair

The first meeting for 2000 will be held Saturday February 12 at 10.00am at Frogs Restaurant. Come along and give your ideas, comments and helpful money raising suggestions. Last year's fair was such a success it might be hard to beat, but why not try?



Tablelands Marketing

Cherrie Viewers of Clohesy Country Gardens and brother Darrell of Speewah Valley Heritage Tours were amongst 8 Kuranda operators who exhibited at the recent Tablelands Expo held at the Tradewinds, Cairns. The night was a tremendous success with over 80 tour desk staff viewing attractions, restaurants and accommodation houses. The night was developed by the Tablelands Marketing group, represented by Sue Marshall for Kuranda. The group is aimed at increasing visitation to the whole tablelands and is currently developing road signage from Townsville, producing fact sheets and a promotional video.

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PAYMENT OF RATES

Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 30 June 2000 have been issued to all property owners in all areas of the Mareeba Shire, with the closing date for discount being Wednesday, 23 February 2000. Any person owning land in the Mareeba Shire who has not received a Rate Notice should make immediate enquiries to the Rates Section at the Rankin Street Office on either 40 303 909 or 40 303 912.

Property owners are advised that the discount closing date is also the date on which rates are due and payable. Any unpaid amount will accrue interest at the rate of 11% per annum (compounded) from the close of business on 23 February 2000.

Payment of rates can be made through the National Australia Bank, all other Banks (a transfer fee may apply) by Bpay or at the Council Offices. Residents of the Kuranda area can make payments at the Branch Office located in the Kuranda Library in Thooree Street, during library opening hours, Monday to Friday only. For the convenience of Kuranda residents, the Kuranda branch office will accept rates payments between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of February 2000.

Discount will not be allowed, under any circumstances, if payment is not received at Council Offices by the office closing time on the 23rd February 2000.

Council Offices CC McDOWALL
65 Rankin Street, Mareeba Chief Executive Officer
Lot 414 Thooree Street, Mareeba



The past two months have seen several long-term projects completed.

Kuranda.org: The website is up and running with a big thank you to Benny Schwartz, "Webmaster" (more like ring master), for putting up with all the changes and my lack of

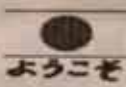
skills in this area. I think the site clearly shows Kuranda information without too much 'hype'. If you would like to be placed on the new site or linked to your site, email this office for details: kuranda@ozemail.com.au. (Web page)



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Experience the magical journey (of travelling) to Kuranda, The Cultural Rainforest Village. Choose from a scenic rail journey, cableway or drive through World Heritage Rainforest. Enjoy the diverse mix of vibrant shops, famous markets and our local artists co-operative. Relax and enjoy the tropical taste sensations at one of our local restaurants and cafes. Visit the many nature based attractions, including butterflies, native birds and the magnificent Barron River. Discover our rich Aboriginal heritage as they share part of their 60,000 year history with you. Escape the heat and spend the night - select from resort style accommodation, camping, bed & breakfast, backpacker or eco-rainforest cabins. Let the locals help you Experience Kuranda, Enjoy Kuranda, Relax in Kuranda



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TV Commercial: A new 30-second KVPP commercial has been produced. It's a very pacy ad, with the emphasis on people of Kuranda making the difference. The ad will be screened towards the beginning of the new season, so watch the box, you could be the star. **Village Guide:** The new brochure and map is currently going into production. This will be a complete guide to Kuranda, clearly showing how much there is to do, so much so why not spend the night. If you haven't placed your advertisement, there is still time but be quick call 4093 7593 and leave a message. If you miss this opportunity you will have to wait until 2001! Now we know where to go: I hope everyone has seen the new signage on the corner of Coondoo and Therwin St. So much time and effort has gone into ensuring our signage and infrastructure in general is of the highest quality. A few property owners should look at their signage and compare the standard. Thank you to the efforts of Linda Rudd and Ann Downey and of course artist Hans Pels

EXOTIC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SURVEY BEGINS

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES NEWS RELEASE

A capability survey of the Far North's tropical exotic fruit and vegetable industries is being carried out to determine the vast range of exotic crops being grown up north.

The survey is being conducted by the Department of Primary Industries' Queensland Horticulture Institute at Cairns, in partnership with the Cairns Regional Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) which is contributing funding and resources. Michael Daysh, Industry Market Development Manager for the Queensland Horticulture Institute, said the survey extends from Cardwell to Cooktown and west to Ravenshoe - from well-known large scale crops including mangoes and lychees, to emerging industries such as yam beans, sapote and durian. "Research has shown that in many cases potential buyers do not know about tropical foods, where to buy them, or at what times of the year they are available," explained CREDC Board Member Giuseppe Moro. "The survey data will be used for a Compendium of Exotic Tropical Fruits and Vegetables to promote local foods to the local food service industry, which is one of the key aims of the CREDC Cairns Food Cluster 'TNQ Tastes of the Tropics'. Producers will also have the option of being listed on the Cluster's database and Internet web page for trade inquiries". The Cluster's website, to be known as www.australian-tropical-foods.com will be an important logistical tool for our food producers to educate and market their products to the world". Mr Daysh said the survey will cover commercial growers with more than 100 fruit trees or 500 square metres of fruit or vegetable crops asking about varieties, production, seasons, organics, processing and other issues. "This is the first survey that will tell us just how much of these exciting new exotics are available to the food service industry, the seasons they are available, and the growers who can supply them," he advised. The survey will be carried out by phone and personal interviews by DPI and CREDC staff. For further information call Michael Daysh, Manager Industry Market Development, Queensland Horticulture Institute, DPI on 4044 161 3; John Dean, Chief Executive Officer CREDC ph. 4051 2166, mobile 0417 765 764 or Judy Noller, Marketing Officer, DPI phone 4044 1617."

ORGANIC GARDENING

By Marjorie Spear

The last few weeks have given me lovely showers to help my cucumbers, chokos, herbs to eat plus Fruits like yellow passion fruit, monstereo, jak fruit and bananas. The birds are prolific but they prefer the flowers of the many bottlebrush etc that have lots of nectar. Sun birds are very busy eating and nesting. I can eat only a tenth of the fruit but kind friends who help me with shopping etc use the big surplus, and give me mangoes which do not grow in my heavy clay soil, Heliconias of 3 varieties, plus torch ginger are still flowering a lot, and friends enjoy picking them. Anyone wanting rooting bulbs phone me on 4093 7205 and dig what you want at no charge. Canna lily tubers are also available to dig. I hope for lots more light rains to bring on the citrus as moving hoses with a crippled back is impossible. Keep up dolomite dusting on the root zones of your fruit trees, especially pawpaws - pawpaws need a raised bed. If you like wampi fruits or carrot tree fruit, do come and pick for free.

A little sprinkle of epsom salts (magnesium) is helpful on plants that need a boost. Six years ago I planted 6 Neem trees and now I can get the tops trimmed off and the leafy mulch put around plants and trees to deter the nasty insects that ravage leaves and fruit. New growth will soon provide another trimming of leafy Neem branches.

KURANDA GARDEN GROUP

By Marjorie Spear

Our December meeting was held at my orchard. Hugh Crowther kindly took the folks on a 'tour of the fruit trees up the top of the orchard. On their return I showed them my herbs, comfrey and pretty plants near the house. We had a tea break at Pat Green's in Black Mountain Road. Our February meeting will be on February 12 at the lovely garden of the Scott family, 10 Williamson Drive. Turn off Mason Road and go 1 kilometre. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for smoko, plus your questions and plants you want to give away.

If you want the group to visit you phone me on 4093 7205. Hopefully someone will give you advice. You do not have to be organic though some of us are. There are no charges. See you Saturday Feb. 12 at 2 pm.



CYCAD SEASON

Zamia furfuracea as seen in the photo is a mature "Cardboard Cycad" or "Jamaican Sago Tree" featuring rust coloured female cones. The male cones are half the size of the female cones and are produced on separate plants after 3-5 years. Male and female plants are required for viable seed. Zamia furfuracea is from Mexico, one of 64 species of Zamia found in the Caribbean region. This hardy, fascinating Cycad looks great in a tub, in a patio garden or featured in a rockery.



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Someone once said "It's one thing to get it started, it's another to stop it." That's KURANDA *EnviroCare's* story. We are bowling into 2000 with awesome momentum. We planted over 10,000 trees last year and we'll double it this year. Our membership continues to grow (over 230 now) along with interest and participation by people and organisations outside the membership.

- While our *EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor* is still our major project, there are other activities planned for this year to keep you occupied and physically fit (so you can keep up with us).
- **Every Saturday morning for an hour from 8am**, we meet somewhere along the Corridor (between Kowrowa and Speewah) to clear weeds and dig holes ready to plant trees or we return to previous plantings to weed or water the growing trees. Because of the thousands of trees we've planted at Big Sands, we are kept busy with maintenance until the trees grow higher than the Guinea Grass. (Big Sands is at Kowrowa - follow Myola / Oak Forest Road out from the traffic lights at the Kennedy Highway intersection for 8km. Turn right at the Bushcare sign - before you reach the general store). After a good workout for an hour, we provide a picnic morning tea.
- There are a number of willing workers who find it inconvenient to attend our Saturday morning working-bee. We've been asked to consider doing it on a week day or later in the day on a Sunday as well. Would you come if we arranged another time? Let's know: 4093 7570.
- During the first term school holidays, we are planning to have a "Children's Tree-planting Day". We'll organise this so that it provides a day of activity for the children and gives parents a break. Of course, we hope parents, big brothers and sisters will also want to be part of the action-filled day. More detail on this soon.
- In August, **Landcare Australia wants two million trees planted throughout Australia along the Olympic Torch route** to Sydney. The Idea is that communities such as ours will plant about 2000 trees in honour of an Olympian or Paralympian. On the weekend of 5th and 6th August, we will pull together with other groups in Kuranda to plant a beautiful entrance to Kuranda (at the Kennedy Highway / Myola Road / Rob Veivers Intersection). We'll make a picnic out of it with a barbecue for the tree planters. Members of the Kuranda Village Promotion Program, Mareeba Shire Council and ourselves are beginning to plan the landscape. You might be a person with a flair for landscaping or have some lateral ideas about how we could make something of the intersection. We'll listen to you. Please give us a call on 4093 7570.
- **Green Corps II**
- They have planted 4000 trees at Big Sands since November and keep asking for more. They have also prepared and planted thousands of native seeds. Our shadehouse and sun-hardening nurseries are full.
- There is more information on school activities and land given over to conservation (along with a membership form) in *EnviroNews*, our newsletter, available at the Kuranda Newsagent or at the EnviroCare Centre at Kuranda Rainforest Resort.

Our first meeting for 2000 will be on
Wednesday 2nd February at 7pm
at the EnviroCare Centre (cnr Kennedy Hwy & Greenhills Road).

Our website is www.fnqweb.com.au/envirocare

Rainfall	
22/11/1999 to 30/11/1999	105 mm
1/12/1999 to 31/12/1999	180 mm
Years Total	2661 mm
Year Average	2125 mm
1/1/2000 to 34/1/2000	53 mm

HOW TO BE HEALTHY THOUGH ELDERLY

It is difficult. Diet and fresh air are important, and so is plenty of sleep and exercise. No coffee or cigarettes. Drink lots of water. It's good flavoured with lemon or orange. Raw fruit is good but best eaten at the beginning of a meal. Chew your food well and rinse your mouth and teeth after every meal. Weak tea is OK but avoid sugar in tea or cakes, Try arrowroot biscuits for a nibble. Use good honey in place of sugar. Encourage birds to your garden (but not friar birds who will kill all baby birds they see.) Scrub hens are a disaster if you grow bananas. You will enjoy watching the birds flitting past as you relax.



Annabelle, one of Birdworld's resident cassowaries.

Australia's giant endangered cassowaries are an outstanding looking bird with their thick, glossy black plumage combined with striking reds, blues and purples of the head and neck. 'Annabelle' and 'Tom' have their own special area with a private swimming pond. They are one of the many attractions enjoyed by visitors to Birdworld.



Robyn Pentland of Birdworld shows the friendly nature of one their Eclectus parrots.

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BACK JAX

for



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL

25 March 2000

FOR a return to a divisional system that ensures all corners and interest sectors of the shire are represented;
FOR a council free of cronyism (teams) and party politics to ensure all decisions are made on their merits with proper informed debate;
FOR pro-active planning to ensure ecological sustainability, economic stability and quality of life for the town-dwellers and the farmers we depend on.
To avoid waste, annoyance and littering, look for my how to vote card in this paper - no handouts on the day.

Authorised by Jax Bergersen
 Lot 36 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda 4872

Birdworld at Kuranda is a unique free flight enclosure with a canopy covering over 1/2 an acre of rainforest. It is home to over 75 species of birds from Australia and around the world. Two lakes connected by a 3m waterfall provide an ideal habitat for water birds such as stilts, herons and ducks.

HYDROPONIC GARDENING

BY Jan Coulter

This time of year is difficult both for the Hydroponic gardener and the soil gardener. My tomatoes are doing fine though, they grow in tubs of sand and are fed nutrient, when it is pouring I just leave their taps open and the rain doesn't cause any problems. I am growing the 'm*g' variety which do not seem to succumb to the variety of fungi and other problems that tomatoes usually have. My bore water has quite a lot of calcium in it which helps to protect them from blossom end rot. My friends who have town water have problems with this. My cucumbers are also doing fine. I am growing the Lebanese variety and to date I am not having any problem with moulds. My water chestnuts are doing well, even the fish I put in with them have had babies. When I first obtained them from south I was told they needed a fairly high strength nutrient, but I have not been feeding them much at all and they are thriving on the nutrient from the fish. The fish eat mosquito larvae, algae etc. and when they excrete this feeds the plants. Also added bonus the frogs have found my little oasis and are breeding amongst the rushes. The containers are too high off the ground to have trouble with toads. Wouldn't it be good if all gardening was like this: more or less self sufficient. It must be the right time of year for parsley, I planted the seeds in a bed of sand and fed them nutrient and I have heaps of little parsley plants. For Information Ph. 4093 0394.

Jan Coulter 73 William Smith Drive, M.S.I. 1039, KURANDA, 4872. Ph

For Leadership Direction & Community Consultation in The Mareeba Shire



Vote 1 Mayor Arthur Yates

Authorised by A Yates Hodzie Rd Koah

Long term Mareeba Shire resident, Arthur Yates announced his intention to stand for Mayor of Mareeba Shire at the forthcoming Local Government elections in March.

Mr Yates, who has had twenty years practical experience in local government, and in small business in the agricultural sector said, "This is a time for a fresh direction for the Shire. I look forward to working with the newly elected council and importantly, our community clients, in this difficult economic time. I have taken note over the last few years that our constituents have an expectation of increased consultation from Council on critical issues that effect their quality of life, the local economy and their livelihoods. The Mareeba Shire Council must take a pro-active role in diversifying the Shire economy, encouraging new industry and investment, whilst protecting the interest of existing business and the needs of the ratepayers". Continuing, he said, "The expansion of the Cairns population, which has necessitated a Regional Growth Plan, will place increased population and sub-divisional pressure on Kuranda and our Shire. It will also place pressure on the remnant rainforest and increase pressure on the Kuranda Range road. This will have a significant impact on our community.

As Mayor, I am committed to efficient and effective consultation on these and other important issues. I am against autocratic actions by Councils, which end up in public debate between constituents, e.g., the recent Speewah water issue. Council must be more receptive to economic, social and environmental life style directions being following by our community.

I believe council has a workforce, which is not fully appreciated. This workforce is capable of producing very effective results and importantly contributing significantly to the Shire's economy. In the past it has been proven that efficient public works performed by day labour has a direct capping of project cost when compared to current government policy of National Competition, that is adversely affecting small business and stripping jobs from regional communities", he said.

"I am also a keen advocate of continuous improvement through training and up skilling, to keep our council staff abreast of new technology and provide them with a career path. I am a team player and I am very keen to work with councilors and others who support these directions. However, I am not prepared to compromise commitment to public consultation on significant issues that effect the community. I believe the position of Mayor demands full time involvement. There is no time for any part time leadership in this day and age. I also believe that this new direction for our council and community is paramount to take the Shire successfully into the future," Mr. Yates said.

Mr. Yates and family have lived in the Shire since 1975. They lived in Kuranda for several years. Arthur is very familiar with the area and is aware of community aspirations. He is a project Manager in civil construction. He and his wife, Cheryl, live on their citrus farm at Koah. Arthur is actively involved in local primary producer groups, a board member of the recently formed Tableland Export Co-operative, and a representative on the Barron River Water Allocation Management Plan (W. A. M. P.), Community Reference Panel.

ROTARY NEWS

Seasons greetings to all. The Kuranda Rotary is gearing up for a busy year in our community, as well as outside events. Please spare a coin or two at our Friday night raffles at the Fitzpatrick Hotel (Top Pub). Raffles are run from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, with a weekly jackpot rapidly building up. Money raised from our weekly raffles are to be used in community related projects as well as youth assistance. Please come along and help out with buying a ticket or two.



AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Pictured is the President of Kuranda Rotary Club, Carol Brett, with the club's first outgoing Australia and New Zealand exchange students, Kristie Wilson and Rowan Carroll left for New Zealand on the 21 January for 15 weeks. They will be staying with the New Zealand families of their matched Exchange students who will be returning to Australia with them and staying with Kristie and Rowan's families for 15 weeks from May this year and attending the Kuranda High School.

Any student that is interested in being an exchange student could contact the Kuranda Rotary Club.



ROTARY PROJECT IN AITAPE, PNG

Rotarian Dave Brett spent the first 2 weeks of November last year with a team of Rotarians helping to build a school at Aitape in Papua New Guinea as part of the Tidal wave reparations. Rotarians from Australia have been donating their time and expertise since the tidal wave to help build 5 schools, 5 first aid posts and approximately 40 houses for teachers and nursing staff in the area. The project is now close to completion, and life is almost back to normal. Pictured is the school building completed by the Rotary team, which included Dave Brett. It is comprised of 2 classrooms and a storeroom, and is part of the school at Aspakon just out of Aitape. Over 3000 people lost their lives to the tidal wave in this area.

THE LIONS CLUB OF KURANDA INC.

Club-wise, December was a fairly quiet month with our club going into unofficial recess til end of January. That was until Sue Marshall (Kuranda Village Promotion Program) contacted us with the suggestion that we might like to help out with the Recover and Discover celebrations on January 2. As this decision was made early in December, members were quite happy to agree, especially with a donation in the offering. However, looking around during the setting up process early on the Sunday in question, some of our members seemed a bit on the tired side. May have been a bit too close following on from New Years Eve. With the Merry-Go Round set up and doing a roaring trade, members on the food and drink side were also kept busy handing out food goodies, sizzling sausages and distributing lucky dip prizes. Being such a hot day, the watermelon stand was the most popular spot. Our MGR operator, Ken, when quizzed on the number of children attending replied "HUNDREDS"!!! Well, maybe not as many as it seemed but there was quite a line-up all day for rides and food. Great idea Sue! We feel sure the locals enjoyed themselves enormously. Raffle results: Lions 100 Club board draw for December '99 was: 1 No.68 Bob Bouman; 2 No. 56 Jody Harley; 3 No.18 Owen Davies-Griffin. Lions Scratchies Raffle drawn 29 December 1999 winner=Robyn Maher; 2nd Prize - (Christmas Cake)George Blakey. Our Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday night 7pm at Kuranda Sports and Social Club. Visitors and members from other clubs are always welcome. Contact Secretary: 4093 7016.

KURANDA EIGHT BALL

The Kuranda Eight Ball Association had a great result in the Queensland State Titles recently played in Rockhampton. We fielded a team of six players, including two members of the Kuranda Association who are now living in Central Queensland. After the round robin series, three players were tied on 24 points for first place, two of them from Kuranda. After a ball count back; Rusty Wheeler, of the Kuranda Association was declared winner and Kevin Menzies was third. This means that Kuranda took out First and Third places in the state titles, beating out and surprising many much larger and more fancied towns and cities. The rest of the team also did well with Richard Baker on 16 points (26th); Ken Alderdice on 15 points (28th). Gordon Metcalfe on 10 points (44th) and Claude Hobson on 9 points (45th). This was also the first time that our team played in our new Kuranda team T-Shirts featuring the Kuranda colours of green, white and black and our new logo as shown.



KURANDA EIGHT BALL: The logo represents the heights of Kuranda overlooking the fetid malarial swamp beneath, all wrapped up in a great eight ball style. Janet and Steve Hoyer came up with the concept and are to be congratulated. Our team was the best dressed at the State Titles and received many compliments (and envy) from the other teams. Kuranda also did well in the Far North Queensland Intercity Shield coming third behind Cairns and Tablelands and beating Innisfail and Port Douglas. All of these other teams are much larger than our association and the fight between Tablelands and Kuranda for second place went right down to the wire and was not decided until the last tournament of the year in Tolga. We are keen to have our revenge next year. Pool Wizards won the local competition in the grand final against Kuranda Kaos. The Kuranda Kaos team had come from fifth to reach the grand finals, knocking out more fancied and perhaps self-complacent teams. They then put up a good showing in the final but the glory ended up with Ken and Jan Alderdice. Steve and Janet Hoyer, Kevin Menzies and Gordon Metcalfe of the Pool Wizards team.
Yours Faithfully, Mark Freeman.

KOAH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2000, 7.30pm at HALL

The 1999 year saw many and varied activities at the hall. Several dances (one cancelled by a cyclone wash out) three very successful and enjoyable Market days/Social evenings, a fantastic Talent Quest - thanks to Sally Woodbridge and all her crew and a Blue Light Disco for the young people. The bills have been paid although there has been no money for improvements.

The committee would like to thank all of those in the Community who have supported us by attending functions, cooked for the kitchen, supplied skill and labour, donated prizes and cakes for market stalls. We would also like to thank all the Kuranda and Speewah residents who have supported functions on many occasions.

Committee membership and willing workers have been very thin on the ground this year. There has been a lack of commitment from the committee members elected last February, many of whom don't show up for the monthly meetings. It seems that there is a huge lack of interest out there in the Clubs ongoing future. Koah people don't seem to want dances or discos anymore, and three market days a year will not fill the coffers enough to pay the bills.

If there is no support, no volunteers for Committee members or workers than the Club will fold and the hall will become an expensive white elephant. From Koah peoples' attitudes this year, we assume nobody out there really cares. The present Management Committee in its entirety will be resigning at the next A.G.M. and not standing for re-election. All of you out there should attend the A.G.M. and have your say. Those of you who worked so hard from Sam's Barn beginnings to realise this project, past Committee members and anybody with ideas for the future should come and voice their ideas. It will be no use whinging after the A.G.M. that the Club premises no longer belong to Koah, especially those who sit back and let everybody else do the work without volunteering yourself.

The A.G.M. will not be a complaints tribunal. The Committees interest is only in the future of the club, and we are asking the residents of Koah to come out and support the Club this year or lose it forever - It's your choice!!!!

Kuranda Scouts News


New Years good wishes to everyone. The Christmas break and summer holidays provided a needed break from all activities and a chance to recharge our batteries for the next year. Our Christmas Tree fundraiser was very successful which means we start the year with a few dollars in the bank that will be spent fixing up our toilet block.

The goals for us this year are:

1. Fix up the complete toilet block so we can hire it to other Scout groups.
2. Start up a Scout group, children aged 11-14yrs.
3. Internally clad the Den and acquire some storage space.
4. Find an auditor for our books.
5. Replace our sign!! Did anyone find our Kuranda Scout sign anywhere???

Any unwanted chests of drawers, plywood, pine studs, toilets (with wall exits) or cisterns would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to: Pam and Jeremy Darvall for the trees, Kuranda Newsagency for the donation of craft material and Mareeba Shire Council for their financial help with our rates and constructive replies to the many enquires I made last year while trying to find my feet. Until next month... Perry (Clare Hensley) 40939038.



KURANDA EIGHT BALL

All players are invited to attend any of the four venues to join a team for the 2000 season. Membership is \$10⁻ a year and @.50 per night. We play every Tuesday evening. Should you wish to join a team please come on **Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm** where we will be putting together teams for the following venues.

- * Fitzpatrick tavern
- * Kuranda Hotel
- * Roscommon Tavern
- * Sports Club

Information from Mark at the Post Office



KURANDA RANGERS SOCCER CLUB INC.



Year 2000 Sign On and Training Sessions begin Tuesday 1 Feb and Thursday 3 Feb. 4-6pm (4-5pm for U7, U8, U9, U10). Interested coaches welcomed.
Norm Guy, phone 4093 8803.



Peter Billam and Rohn Rusch. Kuranda Soccer club help set up for the Recovery Discovery Day.



Looking for the Kuranda tunnel!!!!

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CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND)
ST SAVIOUR'S**

KURANDA

**Invites you to Worship
Services**

Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Eucharist
9.30am Sunday School
5.00pm Holy Communion (6th Feb)
5.00pm Evening Prayer (all others)

Thursday

10.00am Holy Communion
Daily
12.00 noon Bible Reading

Other Services

Wednesday 2nd February
7.30pm the Eucharist of The
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Activities

Home groups
Alpha
Sunday school

**Enq Rev'd Christopher Wright
Tel 40938735
Email wrightc@iig.com.au**

**Rev'd William Davidson
Tel 40938798**

A Thought for the New Year

Like you, I have received a considerable amount of information about the Millennium bug and how not to suffer from it. Most of us suffered from a 'Millennium bug' - getting that fed up that we didn't even want talk about it!

The Chairman at a meeting I attended recently said, "This is, of course our last meeting of the Millennium" as if everything was going to be different next time we met. Will committee meetings somehow become less boring? Has a new age in world history begun? The answer, of course, is NO! Things are much the same in January 2000 as they were in December 1999. Besides all this, the experts are still reminding us correctly that the new Millennium doesn't really start until January 1st 2001, after the two thousandth year has been completed. Many people are asking, 'What then was all the fuss about?' People certainly didn't go and purchase tickets or turn out for super expensive Millennium events.

So what was there or is there to celebrate? "Another 1000 years of human achievement", seems to be the answer of politically correct governments. Yes, that is worth celebrating, but surely the most important thing is that we are celebrating 2000 years since the birth of Jesus. 'No millennium without Jesus' said a car sticker I have seen. The calendar was calculated to begin at his birth. (Though we all know now that they got that wrong and Jesus was probably born in 4 or 6 BC!)

The politically correct types are even trying to obscure that fact these days. You may have noticed BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini - 'Years of our Lord') being replaced by BCE and ACE - Before and After the Common Era (whatever that means).

In the midst of all, these followers of Jesus, Christians must make it known that Jesus is so great, so wonderful, that the calendar was changed to honour him. It is his birth we are celebrating at the Millennium. Of course we do that at every Christmas but birthdays with noughts in them usually receive special attention - one with three of them is certainly worth shouting about!

In Jesus, God intervened in the whole course of human history. God became man. God dealt with the greatest enemies of mankind - sin and death. Through Christ's death, sin is forgiven-through his resurrection, death is defeated. The presence and power of God floods into human lives, renewing and remaking them.

Those lives, which have been transformed by Christ, have themselves transformed the course of human history. The two thousand years since the birth of Jesus has indeed been very different because of him. In 2000, we need to make a special effort to show to the world around us that we know, as Christians, what the Millennium is really all about - Jesus! The Millennium gives us good reason to proclaim that Jesus is the one who has changed the history of the world.

News from St Saviour's Church

Wondering why St Saviour's bell is ringing every day at midday (since New Years day) well it is because of our year 2000 project. During the year 2000 we will be reading the Bible in Church daily at 12.00noon. Each day the bell will ring, a short prayer said and a portion of the Scriptures will be read. By the end of the year the whole of the Bible from the 1st verse of Genesis to the last verse of the Revelation to John will have been read aloud. You are very welcome to join us. The reading lasts between 10 and 15 minutes.

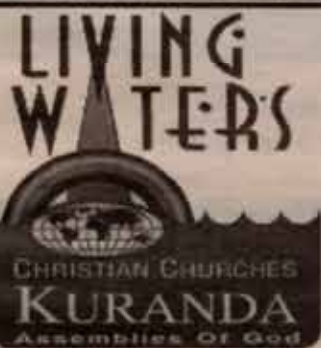
St Saviour's' Sunday school resumes on Sunday the 6 February at 9.30am. Sunday school starts in church then goes down to the room under the church for about 30 minutes for the lesson, the children return for the last part of the service, which concludes at 10.45am

On February 2 commencing at 7.30pm The Eucharist of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) will be celebrated in St Saviour's commencing at 7.30pm. Again this year the service will be held by candlelight.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith,(is it irrelevant, boring, without foundation) then come along to an Alpha course and find out. Alpha is a basic introduction to the Christian faith, a chance to ask questions, gives Graham and Merrell a ring on 4093 0364 for details of the next Alpha course.

**St Christopher's
Catholic Church
Barang St**

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



*** Sunday Services
9:30am**

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Ph: 4092 1090 a/h
Ph: 4092 2042 a/h

Senior Pastor:-
Adem Xhafer
Email: livwater@fastinternet.net.au

Local Pastor:-
Neil Cassata

Easter Cantata 2000

This year's Easter Cantata is entitled "God with Us", a choral celebration of God's love for all people. Rehearsals will commence on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in St. Thomas' Activity Room in Mareeba and will continue on subsequent Tuesdays. Performances will take place April 12-18 in Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton, Cairns and Mossman. The only criteria for belonging to the choir is that you enjoy singing. There are no special qualifications needed. For further information contact Ruth on 4093 0303.

**Words of Wisdom from OSHO
No 63 Mind- Friend or Foe?**

A person can use his mind when working on matter; then logic is a great instrument. And the same person can put aside the mind when he moves into his meditation chamber and moves into the no-mind. Because mind is not you -- it is just an instrument just like my hand, just like my legs. If I want to walk I use my legs, if I don't want to walk I don't use my legs. Exactly in the same way you can use the mind logically if you are trying to know about matter. It is perfectly right, it fits there. And when you are moving inwards, put it aside. Now legs are not needed; thinking is not needed. Now you need a deep silent state of no-thought. Saddhen 4093 0291



**Kuranda
Seventh-day Adventist
Church**

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

Services held every Saturday.
ALL WELCOME !!!

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Informal style of
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1st Sunday of the month.
St. Christopher's church,
Barang St. Kuranda. 9am.

NEXT SERVICE: Sun. Feb. 6.
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Phone 4092 1175
& Krishna Buhler 4093 7348





Present from left to right were Julie Ramige, Beverley Adamson, Marie Boswarva, Saddhen, Kay Loftes, Peter Adamson and Bob Madden.

GROUP ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday January 13 saw several members of the Kuranda Media Association assemble at the Kuranda Library Meeting room to participate in a Group Enhancement Workshop. Kay Loftes, our facilitator, led us through a series of communication skills, including the ability to effectively communicate within a group, obtain feedback, deal with confrontation, seek clarification, learn assertiveness, build good listening skills, and last but not least; to self disclose and thereby share with other members our strengths and weaknesses. This workshop was extremely valuable as the team now producing the Kuranda Paper are all new to not only working on a publication, but new to each other. Many thanks go to Kay Loftes who gave her time, energy and skill in order to assist the team produce our local paper in the very best of good humour, peace and harmony. Thanks a million Kay.

QCWA Kuranda Branch Newsletter

Not a lot of news to report in January. Most members are, where possible, taking advantage of the holiday season to head south and catch up with friends and relatives for a while. Several "Kid Craft" mornings have been held at the CWA hall. Many delightful creations made by the young artists included stenciled cards and t-shirts, parchment craft and rubber-stamping cards. Picture frames surrounded by colourfully painted macaroni and pasta shells were being churned out fairly fast while the bead jewellery corner proved popular with the young ladies. During the latter part of 1999, our members were busy putting together a substantial donation of much needed items for the maternity ward at the Mareeba Hospital (handcrafted booties, nighties, cot sheets and covers etc). A number of overnight toiletry kits have been made up for patients arriving at the hospital in emergency situations. The package was gratefully accepted by hospital staff and put to good use immediately. Our members will now be looking around for another local project. Should anyone know of any areas in need, where Kuranda CWA may assist, then a quick note to: The Secretary, PO Box 701 Kuranda, would be of assistance. The construction of an access ramp to the CWA hall has been on the drawing board for some time. It would be of great assistance if any community group, especially those using the hall on a regular basis, would like to forward ideas or practical suggestions as to the positioning of the proposed ramp BEFORE 29 February to the above Post Box. Don't forget, we hold craft mornings every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 12 noon. New craft ideas are welcome. Crafts to be explored this year include paper tole, silk painting, quilling etc. Come along and have a cuppa with us. On a closing note, the QCWA Kuranda Branch would like to extend condolences to Peg and Sandra McCorry on the sad passing of Peg's husband Jim.

Library News *By Kath Raward*

Welcome to the New Year. I hope this is a wonderful year for all of our friends in our little village. So far this year the Library has been inundated with people taking up the suggestion to stock up on video, music, multi media and reading material while the wet season rages on. Don't forget while you are in the Library to leave me your suggestions for new resources. I am especially keen to know what multi media CD's people in Kuranda like.

We have stacks of new books in the Library. With too many new fiction titles to mention I will highlight just one. "Habitus" by James Flint is an epic comedy about the state of humanity. It's a stylish satire linking science, history and entertainment. A worthy read for the adventurous reader.

Amongst the new Non-Fiction titles there is a great community resource called "The Community Music Handbook". This is a practical guide to developing music projects. It is a real "hands on" tool that will be great for groups and individuals working with music.

Less of a "hands on" tool and more of an historical classic is the book "The History of Magic". This is a translation of the original French 1860 text that explains the mysteries of the occult.

We also have a new title in the Library called "In six Days". In this book 50 international scientists answer questions about the Big Bang Theory and fossil evidence etc. and come to some disturbing conclusions about the theory of evolution. Food for thought! The reviewed books are on display in the library until February 15. Reservations can be made at the desk.

It's the Council Rates payment time again. The library will open for it's regular hours and will be receipting rates as usual. The Council Office will extend it's opening hours to 9 am to 4 pm on February 21, 22 and 23 to receipt Rates in the Meeting Room at the rear of the building.



KISC - Kuranda Information & Support Centre - NEWS

It's AGM time again - 14 February at 7:00 pm, all committee positions at KISC are vacant, so if you are interested in helping to continue our currently un-government funded community organisation, please come along and get involved. We will be needing volunteers this year to be part of the Internet service we plan to provide for community use, as well as to continue with emergency food parcels, the Book Exchange, the lending library of resources on well-being/personal issues, information pamphlets, referral to other agencies, writing articles for the Kuranda Paper, and any projects such as "Our Story" for the International Year of the Older Person. No experience is necessary to become a volunteer - just a desire to be part of providing a service to our community. Volunteers are asked to contribute only to the extent that they can/wish to - there are no demands or expectations. Training by qualified trainers to enhance volunteer efforts is available on request. Any ideas for KISC to enable us to provide a useful service to our community are very welcome. Some of our members are currently participating in a Cancer Fund project - Kay and Querida Loftes are helping to sew turbans for ladies suffering hair loss from chemotherapy, any number of turbans are needed. If you would like to participate please phone Mal or Jocelyn at 40311555 for a pattern, fabric is supplied if necessary.

KISC ALCOHOL & DRUG BULLETIN

The main reason for drug use, whether legally prescribed or illegal, is to alleviate pain - be it physical, mental, emotional or spiritual, or any combination of these (illegal drug use could thus be seen as self-medication).

The reality of our human life is that there will always be pain in some measure, indeed pain has its place in the getting of wisdom. Unfortunately, often we take on board (at a young age & without realising it) a common MYTH - the myth that we are meant to feel happy at all times, and if we don't, then something is wrong. Some of us have believed that if we are very good, do the right thing, work hard, look after others, etc, etc, then we can ensure that our lives will go ever upward until we reach the place of permanent happiness. Others of us feel we are entitled to this without having to make too much effort or take responsibility. When we do not reach that place, or have times when things don't work out, no matter how hard we have tried, we may feel a failure or that life is hopeless and unfair - painful! If we instead recognise that not much of life, its events, or other people and their choices, are actually in our control (ourselves & our reactions are possibly the only thing that we can control), we will be much better prepared and able to cope with the downs that we will experience as surely as we will experience the ups (it is good to remember that after every down there is always an up - eventually).

Future articles will cover skills and strategies to deal with discomfort and pain without drugs.

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KURANDA INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE Assn. Inc.

AGM.

14th February 2000

7:00pm CWA. Hall

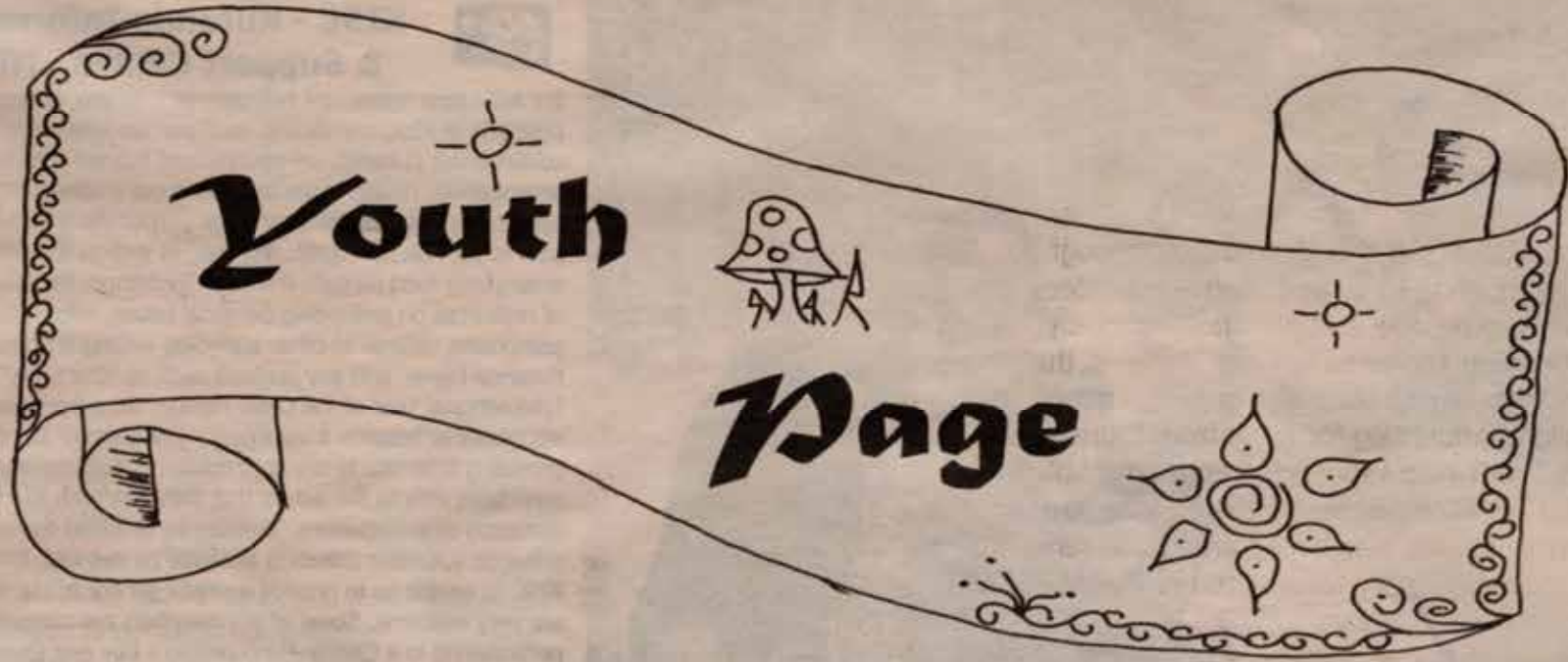
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ALL WELCOME

LIFESPAN devotees look forward to recommencement of classes on Monday 7 February at 9.30 am. Venue - QCWA Hall, cnr. Barang and Thongon Streets, Kuranda. With our humid climate of summer we drift off into lazy days but our body benefits greatly from moderate exercise and stretching which we should do daily. So let's get smart and restart the year with LIFESPAN on Mondays! It's also a great venue for meeting and making friends and sharing a joke or two! Depending on numbers attending, we hope to introduce a variation from previous years-we introduce Jenny a fitness professional - who will discuss with us the possibility of a new gentle fitness programme. For further information phone 4093-7617 evenings.

Kuranda Primary School Bookshop

All students' stationary needs such as pencils, rubbers, exercise books etc, are available from the P&C Bookshop. Buying in bulk means we can provide supplies at reasonable prices throughout the year. These items are easily obtained from the Tuckshop during school hours. Please support us. Kuranda Primary School P&C - Raising money to help our kids.



Youth Profile

Name: Leigh Fischer

Age: 16

Career: Student and Musician

attending High School for his final year, and in between his hectic timetable and his busy personal life, he plays in a band called 'SKINFLINT SPARKLES', along with fellow band members Luke Silverton, Mark Jones and Adric Rusch. With out the help of professionals, Leigh taught himself how to play guitar, bass and the drums.

Leigh has been playing musical instruments for about two years now, and not only that, he has had great success at school in any field he participates in. Skinflint Sparkles played at the Little Day Out in October 1999, and they recently played at Townsville on the 2 December and at the Cairns Convention Centre on the 3 December with bands to the likes of Silverchair, Jebediah and Grinspoon. They were a great success. And as you can see they are pursuing a wonderful career in the music industry, we hope to hear more from the guys. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. May the gigs keep rolling in.....

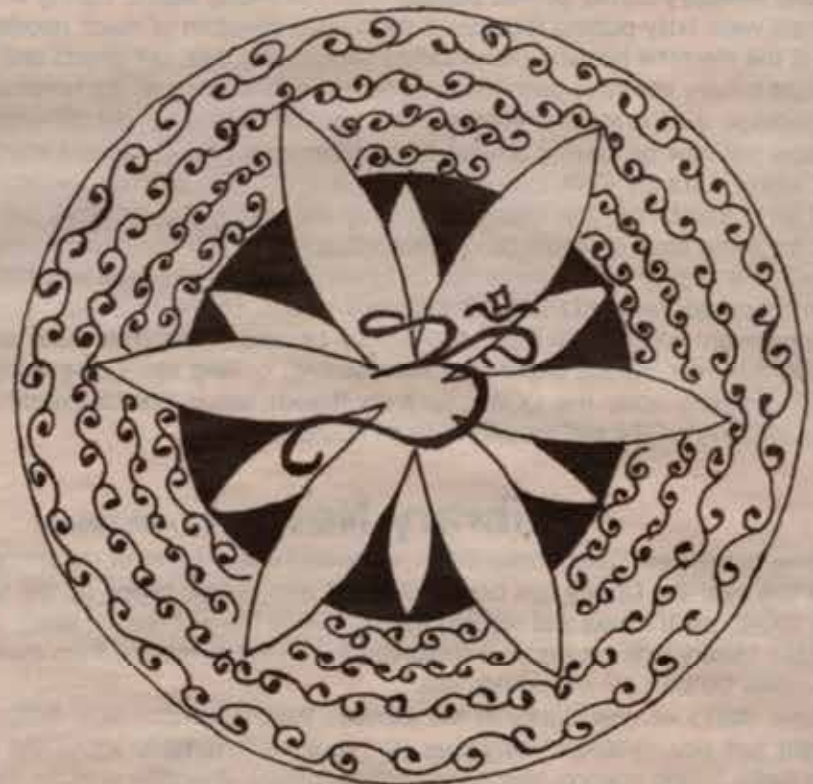
Written by Lotus

Leigh is one of the many talented musicians who lives around the Kuranda area. He is still



Kuranda Youth Bands Needed!

Rachael Emerson, Youth Development Officer for the shires of Eacham and Atherton is organising a Youth Music Contest, entitled ROAR. The ROAR event will be held at the Atherton Showgrounds on April 15, starting at 7pm. Bands from the Tablelands and surrounding areas are strongly encouraged to enter the event. Ms Emerson said "We would really like to have representation, from each town on the Tablelands. The aim of this event is to give Youth bands the opportunity to perform in from of a live audience and get some recognition for their talent and motivation." Nomination fee is \$20 per band. Nomination forms can be collected from the Atherton Shire Council Office or by calling Rachael on 4091 0700.



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HELLO ZIMBABWE

KURANDA HIGH SCHOOL LEARNS A BALLPOINT PEN IS A PRECIOUS POSSESSION TO STUDENTS IN ZIMBABWE.

Learning Team 2 at Kuranda High School last year became aware that something as simple as a ballpoint pen could be a precious possession even a status symbol to students throughout Africa who struggle against poverty to become better educated.

It may be hard for us to believe, but yes, those stories you hear of African students begging for biros is true! Many of them whose parents have struggled to pay their school fees, cannot afford to buy biro's. The children must beg for them from tourists especially at the exam time!! That's how I found out about their plight!

Since 1996 HELLO ZIMBABWE an Australia-wide cross-cultural project now based in Cairns, has been raising awareness of the urgent need for school stationary for children in RURAL ISOLATED VILLAGES in Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Already goods donated by Kuranda High School, School of Distance Education and Smithfield High School have arrived in Zimbabwe ready for the start of the new school year. More supplies are urgently needed. Offers of assistance are sought from schools, businesses, clubs, groups or organizations and members of the public to donate old encyclopaedia sets, atlases, maps, games, textbooks, English novels, comics, sport equipment, educational cassettes, music and stories, pens, pencils and basic school stationary items.

Imagine going without pens or paper for weeks at a time at school, or the whole classroom of 45 children sharing just a few biros and having to cut up cardboard boxes to write on. Now think of the array of electronic technology our children enjoy not only in their classrooms, but in their homes! Rural Zimbabwean village schools don't have electricity, computers or the internet, they don't even have enough school stationary, library books, textbooks or exercise writing books.

African students in rural villages also must pay examination fees to sit EXAMS, sports fees to play SPORTS, plus their school fees etc. and it's no wonder they may take 2 years just to complete one Grade. Did you know? African parents committed to educating their children out of poverty, expend their own energy building the schools out of mud bricks. Yes, those stories are true!

During 1980-1990 the Zimbabwean Government introduced free primary education and encouraged schools to be built within walking distance in disadvantaged rural areas. Consequently, there was a phenomenal increase in school enrolments that caused a critical shortage of human resources and learning materials.

In our technologically advanced world, even you CAN make it possible to help African students who are struggling to have the most basic of educational needs.

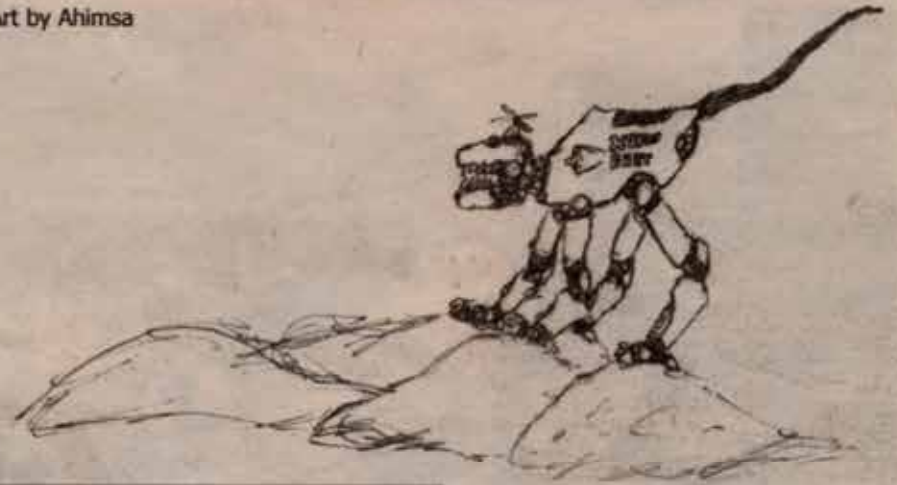
For your MILLENIUM, WISH LIST here's a project that will not only enrich your life but those who need a hand up, not a hand out, by establishing direct contact with schools, teachers and students in Zimbabwe and Zambia - to learn from and share each others' cultures ... share resources and help save the environment from unwanted quantities of outdated textbooks, novels, sporting equipment and basic school stationary that would normally be dumped in the rubbish!

The HELLO ZIMBABWE OPEN DAY will be held Sunday afternoon 27 February 2000, at EDGE HILL where you can view colour photographs graphically depicting conditions in isolated Zimbabwean schools, read interesting and heartfelt letters from teachers and students and choose any school from the listing to establish direct contact. Those unable to attend can obtain a schools listing by enclosing TWO STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED BUSINESS SIZED ENVELOPES to: Donna Hutchison Project Co-ordinator HELLO ZIMBABWE PROJECTS C/- Edge Hill Post Office EDGE HILL. QLD. 4870.

or check the Internet website on: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/cwpp/hellozimbabwe>

For offers of assistance, please contact Project Co-ordinator on (07) 4032.2772.

Art by Ahimsa



KURANDA GIRL ACHIEVES
Rodia Bushkens achieves O.P. score of 1. Rodia was chosen as The Dux of St. Monica's for 1999 and obtained an overall position (O.P.) of 1 placing her in the top 2% of the state. Well-done Rodia!

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As the greater part of ones life is being with their friends.

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With this love you can fly like a bird up above.

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Written by Lotus Thomas



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Macadamia nuts - organic	\$27.00	Sunflower Kernels - organic	\$7.50
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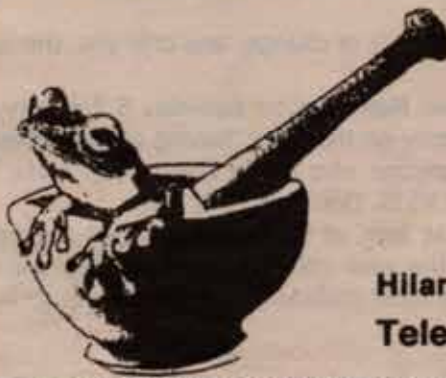
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This is the year of the Metal Dragon, as well as our first step into the (Western) millennium. The Metal Dragon is mighty, dynamic and potent in its essence, bringing about a new balance and encouraging positive opportunities.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre stands on the brink of change, and only you, the members, can make the bold decisions required.

In this vein we will celebrate the Chinese New Year on Saturday 5 February. The youth of Kuranda are behind a theatrical Metal Dragon Ceremony on the night, having already spent weeks in the construction of the dragons. There is still time for anyone who would like to help make dragons or perform on the night. Contact Diana Monaghan on 4093 8535. Don't miss this one!

Our A.G.M. is on Saturday 26 February at 3pm. at the Understage. All committee, members are standing down, but we are prepared to assist the new committee in any way we can. Please attend in bulk numbers and be part of what looks like a most positive year for the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Date Claimers

Every Tuesday: Salsa brava - Latin American dance classes- main stage 6.30-8.30p.m. \$5 per hour - discount under 15 yrs.

Sunday 30 Jan: sunday night music club - understage - 6.30pm till late (last session before the bands wet season recess).

Sat. 5 Feb: chinese new year party. Music by dr max with greg hillman + dragon-ceremony, chinese food & snacks - bar. Prizes for best chinese sign costumes. Understage-7pm till late, \$6 members, \$7.50 non-members.

Thurs. 10 Feb: tai chi course (6 weeks) begins with my hobson. Main stage 4-5pm, seniors, or those needing a less physical pace, \$7 per class.

Tai chi general class - 5.30-7.30p.m. \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 weeks. Phone: 409239

Sat 26 Feb - sun 27 Feb: mainstage 10am-3pm singing workshop with jean paul wabotai hosted by jane younghusband ph: 4093 7463.

Sat. 26 Feb: annual general meeting ~ 3p.m. Understage all positions to be vacated & re-elected. New committee members welcome!



KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE "ARTS INFO"

The Co-operative is community based, formed by long time resident crafts people. It is managed and run by members and artists who actively participate in all aspects. It is a self-help organisation where emphasis is on professional development of artists. You can see a diverse range of unique and innovative work in many media, painting, pottery, glass, jewellery, textiles and fibre. The co-operative has been accredited with Craft Mark Australia. It guarantees, that the gallery is a reputable recognised retailer of high quality Australian craft. We provide training support and encouragement for artists and art activities in our community. Exhibition space is available to promote art works, which require more of a "fine art" space. Support your local art industry, become a member today. The Co-operative has been successful in applying for funding to establish a web site. \$13,000 was received from Arts Queensland. We have also taken an opportunity with Tablelands On Line to provide public access to computers, more details next month.

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY



SAT 5th February 7pm Onwards
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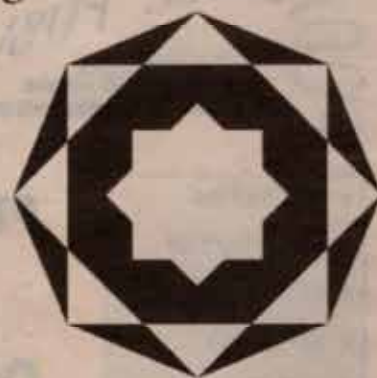


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February 14

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Almonds
Organic rice-bran sticks
Organic rice-bubbles
Organic rice flakes
Sunflower seeds
Barley oats
You can add unsulphured dried mango, oats and figs.
All of the above ingredients are organic.



METHOD:

Chop up the nuts and dried fruit. Mix all the ingredients. You may add the amounts you like of each. Store in air tight container. Before serving soak the muesli in soy milk until soft (about 5 to 10 minutes). Add fresh organic bananas and eat and bliss out on the day.

NOTE:

You can add carob powder to the soymilk and shake into a milk shake, and add to muesli and fresh bananas.



Kuranda Pottery Group

Phone (07) 4093 9652
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Next meeting is on Tuesday February 8, at the pottery studio at 7.30pm (in the stables just past the high school on Myola road). Our studio is now semi-functional and pottery is under way. We are looking forward to a big opening day on Easter Monday April 24, with a craft market and food stalls. If you would like to be involved or become a pottery group member, please contact Ian Whittaker, after hours on 4093 9652.

POLICE NEWS

We hope that one and all have had a safe and happy Christmas - New Year break. We hope that the New Year will bring joy, happiness and success. We welcome Constable Scott BALLANTYNE to Kuranda. Scott has joined us from Ipswich. He is a keen mountain bike rider and is interested in community groups and events involving cycling. A farewell was had for Brett Jenkins who has moved from Kuranda to the Mareeba Criminal Investigation Branch. Brett and his family enjoyed their time in Kuranda and no doubt we will see Brett back over here from time to time in another capacity. We wish to kindly thank the Kuranda RSL / SPORTS CLUB and KURANDA ROTARY for the assistance given with the recent funeral of James McCORRY in early January. Many persons attended on this sad occasion and the seating and shelters provided were very much appreciated.

Please remember that Kuranda Station is not a 24-hour station, and when unattended the phones are often switched through to the Mareeba Station. This does not mean the Kuranda Police are not available, merely away from the Kuranda Station attending to other duties. Kuranda Police remain in contact by radio at all times with Mareeba, so please pass your request or message to the operator who in turn will advise a Kuranda officer.

If any person wishes to raise concerns regarding Traffic and parking related issues, they should consider attending the monthly TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 February 2000, Council Chambers 9.00 am. The meeting is co-ordinated by the Council and any input from our residents and organisations would be worthwhile. Sgt. STEVE

THE KURANDA PAPER COMPUTER CLUB



REPORT: Online Voting Considered After 10 months of research and deliberation, a state commission in California said that security risks were too significant to allow voters to cast ballots from home or office over the Internet. **Microsoft blows past Estimates.** Office 2000 and SQL Server 7.0 boost sales to record \$6.1 billion. **Cairns Computer User Group** meets at Stratford hall next to the library 2nd Tues each month. Next Meeting Feb. 9 at 7-30 pm.

TIPS OF THE MONTH FOR WIN95/If you like to dabble with individual device managers and hardware profiles and have a keyboard with the Win key on it, here is a shortcut to the System Properties dialog box: hold down the Win key and press Pause/Break. This is much faster than going to My Computer, Control Panel, System, etc. **To change the default file association** of a file type, simply select the file, hold down shift, and click the right mouse button. Select Open With, and choose the program you want to use for this file type. Select "Always use this program to open this type of file" at the bottom of the dialog box to change the file association. **Change of Email Address** I have just gone through the process of changing my email address. It was easy for people in my address book as I just sent them all an email. However with the daily newspapers, tech reports and news about hobbies etc. it is usually necessary to un-subscribe first and then to re-subscribe. After this I select any email and click File-Properties to find out if it was sent to my old address or the new one. Allow a month with both addresses so as to have enough time to check them all out. Most ISPs will do this.



The Story Of St. Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular military campaigns. Claudius the Cruel, as he was known at the time, was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

This was when a Christian priest named Valentine came to defend love in the empire. Valentine began to secretly marry couples despite the emperors orders. When Emperor Claudius was informed of these ceremonies Valentine was sent to prison where he remained until his death on February 14 in the year 270, when Valentine was clubbed, stoned, then beheaded. History claims that while Valentine was in prison awaiting execution, he fell in love with the blind daughter of the jailer, Asterius. Through his unswerving faith, he miraculously restored her sight. He signed a farewell message to her "From Your Valentine", a phrase that still lives today. If this is true, that would have been the first Valentine's card.

It wasn't until a few hundred years later when Valentine's Day began to develop as we know it. At the time Christianity was beginning to take control of Europe. As part of this effort the Church sought to do away with pagan holidays. Valentine's Day came to replace a mid-February fertility festival called Lupercalia. In honor of his sacrifice for love, Valentine was made a saint and Lupercalia renamed in his honor.

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We are having our **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 7.45 pm at the Roscommon Rural Fire Brigade Station, Cnr Speewah Road and William Smith Drive. The existing office bearers would like to take this opportunity to thank residents for their support during the last year. New office bearers will be elected at the AGM, and we encourage all residents to attend.

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The Chinese Year 4698

The New Year's Day for the Year of Dragon is Feb. 5, 2000

The Origin of Chinese New Year The Chinese New Year is now popularly known as the Spring Festival because it starts from the Beginning of Spring (the first of the twenty-four terms in coordination with the changes of Nature). Its origin is too old to be traced. Several explanations are hanging around. All agree, however, that the word Nian, which in modern Chinese solely means "year", was originally the name of a monster beast that started to prey on people the night before the beginning of a new year (Do not lose track here: we are talking about the new year in terms of the Chinese calendar). **One legend** goes that the beast Nian had a very big mouth that would swallow a great many people with one bite. People were very scared. One day, an old man came to their rescue, offering to subdue Nian. To Nian he said, "I hear say that you are very capable, but can you swallow the other beasts of prey on earth instead of people who are by no means of your worthy opponents?" So, swallow it did many of the beasts of prey on earth that also harassed people and their domestic animals from time to time. After that, the old man disappeared riding the beast Nian. He turned out to be an immortal god. Now that Nian is gone and other beasts of prey are also scared into forests, people begin to enjoy their peaceful life. Before the old man left, he had told people to put up red paper decorations on their windows and doors at each year's end to scare away Nian in case it sneaked back again, because red is the color the beast feared the most. From then on, the tradition of observing the conquest of Nian is carried on from generation to generation. The term "Guo Nian", which may mean "Survive the Nian" becomes today "Celebrate the (New) Year" as the word "guo" in Chinese having both the meaning of "pass-over" and "observe". The custom of putting up red paper and firing fire-crackers to scare away Nian should it have a chance to run loose is still around. However, people today have long forgotten why they are doing all this, except that they feel the color and the sound add to the excitement of the celebration.

Traditions of Chinese New Year. Even though the climax of the Chinese New Year, Nian, lasts only two or three days including the New Year's Eve, the New Year season extends from the mid-twelfth month of the previous year to the middle of the first month of the new year. A month from the New Year, it is a good time for business. People will pour out their money to buy presents, decoration material, food and clothing. Transportation department, railroad in particular, is nervously waiting for the onslaught of swarms of travelers who take their days off around the New Year to rush back home for a family reunion from all parts of the country.

Days before the New Year, every family is busy giving its house a thorough cleaning, hoping to sweep away all the ill-fortune there may have been in the family to make way for the wishful in-coming good luck. People also give their doors and window-panes a new paint, usually in red color. They decorate the doors and windows with paper-cuts and couplets with the very popular theme of

"happiness", "wealth", "longevity" and "satisfactory marriage with more children". Paintings of the same theme are put up in the house on top of the newly mounted wall paper. In the old days, various kinds of food are tributed at the altar of ancestors. **The Eve of the New Year** is very carefully observed. Supper is a feast, with all members coming together. One of the most popular course is jiaozi, dumplings boiled in water. "Jiaozi" in Chinese literally mean "sleep together and have sons", a long-lost good wish for a family. After dinner, it is time for the whole family to sit up for the night while having fun playing cards or board games or watching TV programs dedicated to the occasion. Every light is supposed to be kept on the whole night. At midnight, the whole sky will be lit up by fireworks and firecrackers make everywhere seem like a war zone. People's excitement reach its zenith. **Very early the next morning,** children greet their parents and receive their presents in terms of cash wrapped up in red paper packages from them. Then, the family start out to say greetings from door

to door, first their relatives and then their neighbors. It is a great time for reconciliation. Old grudges are very easily cast away during the greetings. The air is permeated with warmth and friendliness. During and several days following the New Year's day, people are visiting each other, with a great deal of exchange of gifts. The New Year atmosphere is brought to an anti-climax fifteen days away where the Festival of Lanterns sets in. It is an occasion of lantern shows and folk dances everywhere. One typical food is the Tang Yuan, another kind of dumplings made of sweet rice rolled into balls and stuffed with either sweet or spicy fillings. **The Lantern Festival** marks the end of the New Year season and afterwards life becomes daily routines once again. This description is based upon the recollection of my own experience. Customs of observing the New Year vary from place to place, considering that China is a big country not only geographically, but also demographically and ethnically. Yet, the spirit underlying the diverse celebrations of the Chinese New Year is the same: a sincere wish of peace and happiness for the family members and friends

The year 2000 represents an Angry Dragon. As the name suggests, there is a need to be cautious. Dragons are by nature animals of great power, and an Angry Dragon year will most likely lead to some volatile situations. However, it is not all bad, as Angry Dragons are also seen as supportive, and it may well be that some anger is justified, and from it will arise the righting of wrongs and the success of justice over injustice. There will be tension, and the constant possibility of things going either way. It is not a year for making rash decisions, but rather, sleep on important issues, and avoid impulsive reactions. **If you are a Dragon,** this is a year of great potential for you, and it is a good year to learn. **Enjoy your year.** Many opportunities will emerge to develop in all spheres of your life, but remember, this is an Angry Dragon year, and so avoid impulsive behavior.



This is not the Kuranda High School Fire Drill though it may well be. In fact it's the Annual School Cross country race

THE BURNING ISSUE

No I'm not going to mention the "m" word, but I'm back for a brand new year of fire news and events. All our Y2k preparedness seems to have paid off - many thanks to Ray Wintour, Robert Lindsay, Clayton Davis and Debbie Tansey for giving up their New Years celebration to sleep at the station and so be on standby for the community. However midnight came and went without a hitch - everyone's efforts ensured that everything went as smoothly as it did.

The station has been busy with call-outs this month - mainly motor vehicle accidents. Considering the lack of rain combined with the extreme temperatures so far this summer, the absence of actual fire calls has been encouraging. Obviously people have been responsible and are taking the fire threat seriously - good to see! Time for bouquets. Captain ray has been awarded an Australia Day Achievement medallion. The minister for emergency services presented this at a ceremony at Cairns on 24 January. The citation read: "for along term personal commitment and dedication to the Queensland fire and rescue authority and community of Kuranda". Congratulations Ray! This is a highly deserved accolade. Until next month, Ima firey.

Fires And Flammable Materials

Division 1 - regulation of fires in the open

Lighting and maintaining fires in the open

10. (1) a person must not light or maintain a fire in the open air (including the use of an incinerator) within 100 metres of residential premises except for the purpose of a barbecue.

Maximum penalty - 20 penalty units.

(2) However, subsection (1) does not apply if

- (a) The fire is authorised by notification or required by notification or notice under the fire and rescue authority act 1990; or
- (b) a person is authorised or required to light the fire in the performance of duties under another act; or the fire is lit or maintained on land which is included within the rural a or rural b zones as defined in the planning scheme of the local government.

Division 2 - nuisances

Maximum penalty - 50 penalty units.

11. A person must not light or maintain a fire if:

- (a) The smoke or other products of combustion are likely to cause Irritation, annoyance or distress to others; or
 - (b) the fire exposes property to the risk or damage or destruction by fire.
- Local law no. 31 - control of nuisances

Division 3 - compliance notices

12. (1) an authorised person may, by written notice given to the occupier and/or the owner of land, require the occupier and/or the owner to:

- (a) Extinguish a fire on the land that has been lit or maintained in contravention of this part; or
- (b) Take specified action, within a specified time, to remove a fire hazard on the land.

(2) the person to whom a notice is given under subsection (1) must comply with the notice within the time specified in the notice.

Maximum penalty-50 units.

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Trade & Commercial

POOL MAINTENANCE - Kuranda - Total Aquatic Management. Regular service, pump, filter and chlorinator repairs. Phone Danny Moore on: 4093 0399 or 0408 382464.

Platypus Creek Nursery. Water lilies and pond plants available. Ph: 4093 8039.

Oak Forest Slashing & Mowing Service. Paddocks slashed and lawns mowed. Ph: 40937537, Mobile: 0409 057 004.

At Heritage Markets - Koah Kountry Krafts - fine art-hand crafted giftware 15% discount for locals.

Artisonea - Local handcrafted jewellery created in silver and gold. Offering locals 15% discount.

Dress maker: Evening to casual wear. Alterations no problem. Ring Dorothy 4093 8886

Electrician - Reasonable rates, prompt service. Phone 4093 7105. Mobile: 0412 127 379.

Kuranda Canoe Hire business for sale. Phone: 4093 7397 or 4093 7385.

Fitted slip-covers, made to measure. Protect your lounge - bright, colourful, fully washable. Ring Robyn: 4093 7540.

Astrology Charts and readings, also updates. \$50. Phone Treva: 4093 7105 or 0412 127 379.

Don't forget **Kuranda Arts Co-op** 2nds sale every 2nd Saturday of the month. Next sale 12 Feb.

Massage for women. Tropical setting by qualified massage therapist. Combining Swedish, Remedial, Deep tissue, Lymphatic, Reflexology, essential oils. From \$35. Phone Gail: 4093 7216 for an appointment

Repairs to microwave ovens, VCRs, Stereos and other small appliances. Free Quotes in work shop. Ph: 40 939 157

Land transformer **pool maintenance,** pools cleaned, Chemical levels checked, Filters, pumps and pool equipment serviced, pool chemicals etc supplied. Ring Bruce 40 938 734

Discover Romance at 'New to You' - romantic gifts for men and women including fashion, jewellery and curios. Open to 5 pm everyday!

Give a gift Valentine voucher from 'New to You' with the three words she's longing to hear - "Buy Something Special"

Wet Season Sale Now On At The Green House Environment Shop. Help us clear our stock to make way for lots of new goodies. Up to 50% off until the 6 February. Be quick. 9 Coondoo St

Valentines Day 14 February Lots of romantic gift ideas for the lover in your life; Aphrodisiac massage oils, Love potion No 5, blissful candles, Dolphin massagers, 'Heart' photo frames, Kiss My Body range of fragrances, lovely things at the Green House, Open 7 days 9.30 to 5.

Shady Grove products are back in Kuranda. Essential oils, massage oils, body spray etc. A magnificent range of aromatherapy and a local product as well. Now available exclusively at The Green House. Ph: 4093 8917

Be prepared this 'Wet Season'. The Green House sells quality 9 hour candles, incense and uplifting essential oils, mozzie nets, organic cleaning products, de-humidifiers and reference books. Pop in before it rains. 9 Coondoo St Kuranda.

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Re-upholstery, heavy-duty stitching, all cushioning. Ring Robyn: 4093 7540.

GENERAL

For Sale: chest freezer. 700 ltr \$700 ono Ph: 4093 8462.

YOGA classes, CWA Hall, 7.30 Wednesday night. Starts 2 February. 10 week term \$60, casual \$7. Bring a mat. Phone Betty on 4032 0427.

Windows - 600x1100mm Aluminium frames + screens x 6 \$200, Double sink - 470mm x 1830mm \$50, 3 piece suite - Grey/Pink \$500, Curtains to fit - 4m x 2.4m green + nets \$100, 2.6m x 2m Blue/ Green \$20, Juicer - \$10, 2 Slate Coffee tables - \$25 each. Ph: 40 939 162

Basically the nicest **14 acres** within coo-ee of the village. Comfy cottage, great views. \$227,000 ono. Ph: 4093 7481.

Cot \$80, highchair \$40. Both excellent condition. Ph: 4093 0395.

170L chest freezer. VGO \$180, beer fridge \$60. Ph: 4093 8929.

Ceramic cook top, electric wall oven, 4 wooden bar stools, flip-out sofa bed. All working and good condition. Phone Mareeba: 4092 7480.

Lounge suite, 2x2 seater, 1 chair. Cloth covering, good condition. \$400 ono. Ph: 4093 8829.

Children's double bunk. Solid pine beds, 5 foot long, suit up to 9 year olds. \$100. Ring Gabrielle 4093 7634.

Wanted: Quality electric upright stove with oven. Also a medium size beer fridge required. Ph: 4093 7157.

Garage Sale: CD's, interesting Bric-a-brac. 5 Therwine St, Wed-Sun 10-3 pm. Ph: 4093 7342.

Wanted: Old magazines. I need Marie Claire, Woman's Day, Women's Weekly, Elle and She magazines from January '99 to December '99 issues. If you can help please ring Gabrielle: 4093 7634.

TAI CHI 6 week course, Kuranda Amphitheatre, Thursdays commencing 10 February.

Seniors Class: 4-5 pm - \$7 per class. **General Class:** 5.30-7.30 pm - \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 weeks. Enquiries phone: 4092 3994.

Jennifer Edwards is proud to announce her **new son** - Mitchell Steven John Edwards - born 18 November 1999, grandson to John and Kathryn and great grandson to Max and Heather Dyer. Love and thanks to all.

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

AL-ANON can help you

Meetings at Anglican Church Hall Kuranda - 8pm Tuesdays and Library Meeting Room Kuranda 10.30am Sundays Contact Diane 4093 0462 or Helen 4093 0545

Kuranda Branch Library Council Office

4-12 Thooree Street Phone 4093 9185

OPENING HOURS

Monday	9am - 12noon
Tuesday	1pm - 5pm
Wednesday	3pm - 7pm
Thursday	1pm - 5pm
Friday	9am - 12noon
Saturday	9am - 12noon

No Council services available Saturday

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In case of fire Ph. 000 or 4092 1044

SOME EARLY HISTORY OF KURANDA

by Mrs. R. C. Mann

The picturesque little town of Kuranda 21 miles from Cairns, on the Barron River, and backed by Saddle Mountain, began its existence in the early 1880's. During the early part of 1877 the sum of 9,979 pounds was spent on the Kuranda Range Road, a part of the Cairns-Thornborough road, the through road to the hinterland and to Herberton. The Cairns road was steep and needed "double banking" to the top owing to sharp pinches. It was not used for long, as a shorter road from Port Douglas was discovered and this was the main coach road. However the land around Kuranda was cut up into blocks of mainly 100 and 150 acres (a few were much larger) and all were sold and the little town established.

Its' very early settlers suffered hardships from the aboriginals, some being very wild. In 1879 a man of Greek nationality traveling about seven miles from Kuranda to Groves Creek, arrived with spear wounds in his legs, after losing his pack horse and all loading. Some years later a Mr. Hobson was also murdered on his property, just opposite Myola Railway station.

However the little town progressed, never grew very large, but is renowned for its' tourist attractions, being so close to the Barron Falls and having a very unique and picturesque railway station showing many varieties of ferns, orchids and tropical plants of all sizes.

It is now in 1967, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Kuranda State School. My father the late R.W. Warren built the original school and also the residence. The school was sold to become a home, but the residence still stands.

The country around Kuranda had valuable timber. Kauri Pine, Oaks and Hickory were best. This was railed to Cairns for milling, providing a lot of work. The logs were hauled in per bullock teams. The timber became the property of the landholders and profits from sale helped clear the land. The heavy scrub cost a lot to clear. Nearly all the settlers put in an area of coffee, supervised by an expert, Mr. Newport of the Kamerunga State Nursery. As the trees grew to bearing, the whole district looked lovely with the evergreen trees at times covered with white blossoms and later with the red coffee beans.

Mr A. Street was an asset to the district. On his property at Kuranda, he established a secondary industry, the manufacture of coffee from the beans, and his coffee, in its green and gold labeled tins, found ready sale. He won many prizes in the shows and also at the London and Paris Exhibitions. Mr. Street purchased all the beans from other growers adding to his manufacturing trade. Disaster came and they all suffered a severe blow in the 1900 black frost. All the crops were ruined except those of Mr. Street and a Mr. Driscoll. Mr. Street's were protected by scrub and were saved. Other growers became despondent and sold out. Others went in for dairy and cattle. Mr. Street also owned a small store near the school, run by his daughter. For some time the Garbutt family ran a butcher's shop and a few others were able to supply the town with milk and butter. **PART 2 WILL FOLLOW IN THE MARCH EDITION OF THE KURANDA PAPER.** The Kuranda Paper wishes to acknowledge and thank the Cairns Historical Society for the privilege of using this story of December 1972 in their 158th Edition of the Bulletin.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 8

Koah Sports & Social Club AGM 7:30 pm at the Hall

Saturday 12

Speewah Markets morning under the Gums
Spring Fair 2000 1st meeting Frogs 10 am
Garden Group 2 pm at 10 Williamson Drive off Mason Road

Monday 14

St Valentines Day
KISC AGM 7 pm CWA Hall

Tuesday 15

Speewah District ratepayers 7:45 pm Roscommon Fire Station

Saturday 26

Amphitheatre AGM 3 pm UnderStage

Date Claimer

Saturday March 25 Local Government Election

REGULAR MEETINGS IN KURANDA

Every Sunday

Soft Ball Hunter Park Fallon Rd. 2.30 pm Ph.4093 9035
Al-Anon 10.30am. Library meet. room - ph 4093 0462
Alcoholics Anonymous 10.30 CWA Hall. Ph 40930462
R.S.L. 5 pm Sports & Social Club.

1st Sunday

Family Service, Uniting Church, St. Christophers

Every Monday

Life Span exercise CWA Hall 9.30am

1st Monday

Pensioners, 1.30 pm, CWA hall Ph 4093 7674

2nd Monday

KISC 7.30 pm, 17 Thongon St. Ph.4093 8933

2nd & 4th Mon

Kuranda Lions 7.30 pm S & S club, Fallon Rd. Ph.4093 7187

3rd Monday

Rangers Soccer Club. 7.00 pm. Ph.4093 7816

Every Tuesday

Play group. St Saviours, 9.00 am-11.00 am Ph.4093 0146

Every Tuesday

Al Anon 8 pm Anglican Church .Ph.4093 0462 or 4093 9294

1st Tuesday

Pony Club 7.30 pm Mantaka

1st Tuesday

Reading Group Rose's Place 2 Wirramoo St 7.30 pm

2nd Tuesday

Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30 pm - meets club hall
High School P & C 7pm

2nd Tuesday

Pottery Group Meeting 7:30 pm Stables next to High School

3rd Tuesday

K. Primary School P & C 5.30 pm Ph.4093 7201

Every Wed

Supper Club Rainforest Resort 7pm
Craft classes at CWA Hall 9.30 am.
Play group. St Saviours, 3.00pm-5.00 pm Ph.4093 0146
Cub Scouts 5-6.30pm contact Clare Hensley ph 4093 9038

1st Wednesday

Kuranda EnviroCare, Rainforest Resort 7 pm

2nd Wednesday

Chamber of Commerce, 5pm. Frogs Restaurant

Last Wednesday

Sports & Social Club meeting 7.30 pm.

Every Thursday

Respite Care, CWA Hall, 9 am-3pm

Every Thursday

Rotary, 6 pm for 6.30 Rainforest Resort. Ph.4093 7428

2nd Thursday

Ambulance, 7.30 pm. Ambulance Centre, Fallon Rd.

3rd Thursday

8 Ball Comp:S & S Club 7.15pm

Every Friday

Rotary Top Pub Goose Club 6-8pm

Every Saturday

Enviro Care 8am-9am Tree planting Bees ph 40937570

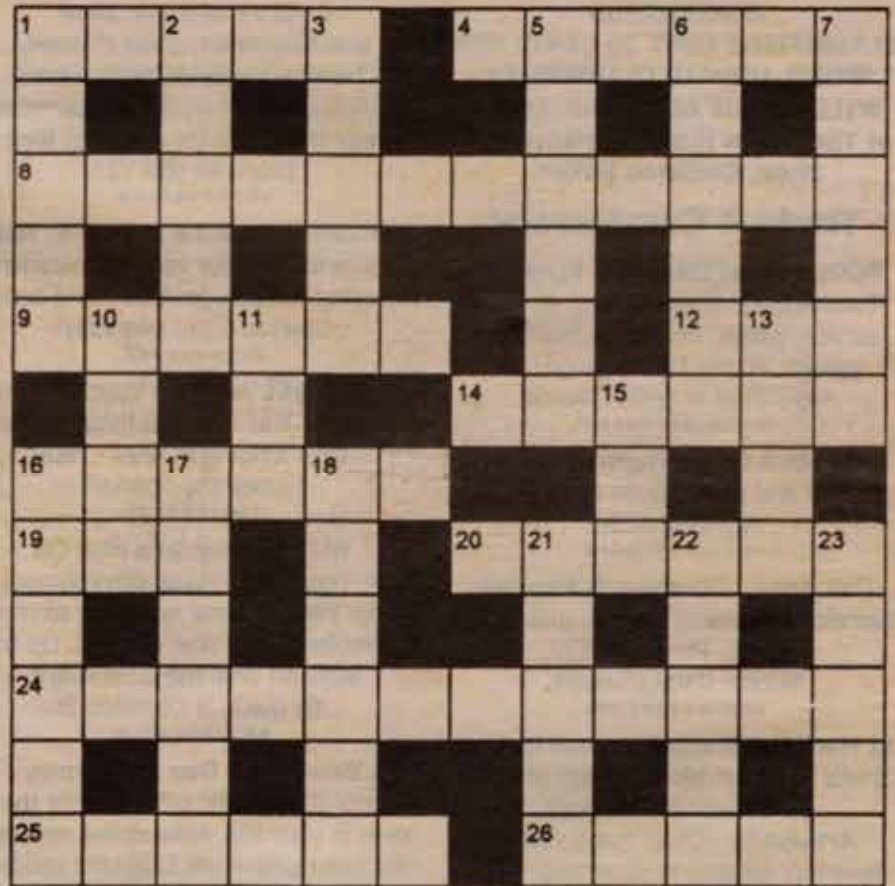
3rd Saturday

Ambulance Committee Stall -Outside St.Saviours Church

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*Lovie Baird and Raymond Hudson
Cooking up a Storm in the Home Economics Class at the Kuranda State High School.*



Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No.6

Down

1. Hooded sports car charmed from Indian basket
2. Place for balls at Koah, Speewah and Kuranda village
3. Protestant quality, not often found at work in FNQ?
5. Scared to mix identification a long way away
6. Sticky movie ingredient at the BP service station
7. Park found across the Barron River
10. No royal artillery for this girl
11. Distinctive belief found in ethnic tourism
13. To upset all that is already sewn
15. Van Gogh without a cent drank his 'rouge'
16. Large one might be found in the Kuranda scrub
17. Extra Terrestrial mole makes a real mess of an ovum
18. Joker in the toilet might sing like one 2 1. Insect not necessarily good for the garden
22. Tries to sell or return dark ale at Fitzies
23. Weapon Marjorie might use in the garden

Across

1. Where to hide money, 1 hear
4. A lone Kuranda soccer player
8. Brooms for Thanksgiving? (5,7)
9. What insects get up to in the forest
12. Take Arch McArthurs wife to court
14. Advertisement opening this second coming at St Saviours
16. Person or suggestion rarely needed at the Ampitheatre
19. Torres Strait island bush vegetable
20. Father Christmas is almost an oil company
24. Where unfortunates stay between home and the pub (4-3,5)
25. No gallery for make picture caption
26. One who gives injections, not a Kuranda doctor



DEADLINES

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HERBERTON	8:35am			2:40pm	*4:30pm	#8:35am	#8:35am	
MALANDA	8:20am	*8:05am				#8:20am	#8:20am	
YUNGABURRA	#8:30am	*8:25am				#8:30am	#8:30am	
ATHERTON	6:30am	9:15am	*8:45am	3:30pm	*4:50pm	6:30am	9:15am	
MAREEBA	7:00am	9:45am		4:00pm		7:00am	9:45am	
KURANDA	7:30am	10:20am	12:45pm	2:10pm	4:30pm	7:30am	10:20am	
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