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**T**HE first day of the Chinese New Year — the Year of the Ox — fell this year on the 26th January 2009, Australia Day, and the strengths of its animal sign — calmness, hard work, tenacity, modesty, patience and industry — could well reflect those virtues needed as our community faces a predicted difficult year.

Traditionally, on this day departed relatives are remembered with a banquet dinner in a communal feast called "surrounding the stove" or weilu, symbolising family unity and honouring the past and present generations.

All debts should be paid out by this time and nothing lent on this day, to avoid lending all the year. Back when tinder and flint were used, no one would lend them on this day or give a light to others.

References to the past year were to be avoided as everything should be turned toward the New Year and a new beginning. Crying on the day of the New Year meant crying all through the year so children were tolerated and not spanked, even though misbehaving.

To ensure good fortune in the coming year, the entire house was cleaned before New Year's Day. On New Year's Eve, all brooms, brushes, dusters, dust pans and other cleaning equipment were stored and no sweeping or dusting was done on New Year's Day for fear that good fortune would be swept away. After New Year's Day, the floors were swept and beginning at the door, the dust and rubbish was swept to the middle of the parlour, then placed in the corners and not taken or thrown out until the fifth day. At no time was the rubbish in the corners trampled upon.

In sweeping, there is a superstition that if you sweep the dirt out over the threshold, you will sweep one of the family away. Also, to sweep the dust and dirt out of your house by the front entrance is to sweep away the good fortune of the family; it must always be swept inwards and then carried out, then no harm will follow. All dirt and rubbish must be taken out the back door.

Hopefully, the Year of the Ox will see our community grow in strength and tenacity and hard times out the back door, sooner rather than later.

Valentine's  
Day  
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2009 - The Year of the Ox

# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

The Management and Staff of the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. Steve Wettenhall, State Member for Barron River, for his strenuous and persistent efforts in securing Ministerial approval for a recurrent grant of \$35,000 to enable continued operations of the Centre.

Since its official opening early last year by the Minister for Communities, Ms. Lindel Nelson Carr, activities, programs and inter-agency initiatives at the Centre have grown exponentially - thanks in large part to the dedication of its staff and able volunteers.

The ongoing and continued support and efforts of our local State Member, Mr. Steve Wettenhall on behalf of the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre ensures that this significant and vital community resource continues to respond to the needs and concerns of our community.

With its open-door policy, a great team of friendly staff and volunteers, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre welcomes your visit – and no, you don't need to have a problem! Remember, it's your Neighbourhood Centre.

**Peter J. North. (Hon.) Secretary KNC**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

By all accounts it could be a tough year ahead for most Kuranda Village traders. It indicates a particular need for the whole Village community to pull together in harmony and unity to make the best of the situation, in the interests not only of all Village traders but also of all persons with an interest in the wellbeing of the Village, as well as of the tourists that visit here.

One issue that has been of recent concern is Village bus transport. I feel able to comment with some impartiality on this issue as, while I have a shop front in the Baha'i Information Centre in Therwine Street, I am not a commercial trader, do not contribute to any existing bus arrangements and have not taken any particular view on this issue in the past. I am not out to criticize any particular person or group but only want to make a suggestion that might appeal and which might benefit Kuranda.

It seems to me that the best interests of all concerned might be well served if there was a single, regular, free and colourful courtesy bus service travelling around the commercial area of the Village to and from the Cable car/ Railway terminus between the hours that the Cable car and Railway operate. This service could have numerous pick up and drop off points throughout the Village run. It would cover both Coondoo Street and Therwine Street as well as the butterfly farm and the shops adjacent to it. It may well be able to be funded from the Kuranda Tourist levy and be controlled by the Council.

In my view such a courtesy bus service should be given sole access to behind the "log" at the Cable car so as to pick up old and disabled passengers with ease. We should be trying to make tourist visits as easy and as comfortable as possible.

If this suggestion was generally agreeable it would be fantastic if the Council would take a lead and initiate it. I am sure Kuranda would benefit.

Best wishes to all for the year ahead.

**Graham Nicholson, Kuranda.**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

Something very special has happened at the Kuranda District State College over the school holidays! A very large chunk of our beautiful school grounds has been transformed into a very large level playing field. Large enough to play soccer, footy, cricket, you name it!

The transformation didn't happen by magic though: it is a joint development between the Tablelands Regional Council and Education Queensland and will be available for community use outside school hours in accordance with a M.O.U. currently being drawn up.

The College would like to acknowledge all the hard work that has been done on this project and would like to thank Mayor Tom Gilmore, Cr. Jenny Jensen and the rest of the TRC team including Trevor Adill and workforce. Thanks also to P&C member Ken Harley for his time and energy for this project and of course it wouldn't have happened without the initial support from the former Mareeba Shire Council.

The College also boasts a brand new double classroom block this year and the P&C would like to thank the School Management Team and Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall who was able to drag much needed education funding back to Kuranda.

Finally we would like to thank you, the community, for your continuing support.

See you at the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at the College.

**Chris Bullen, KDSC P&C President**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

The Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act Referrals Section of the Federal Department of Environment and Water Resources recently deemed the proposed development at 138 Myola Road to be a "controlled action" under the EPBC Act. The developer was then required to prepare an amended proposal to better protect threatened species that use the area and the biodiversity of its rainforest ecosystem.

This proposal is now available for concerned residents to read in the Kuranda Library, at the Shire Council Office in Mareeba and at the Environmental Protection Authority office, 5b Sheridan Street, Cairns. It is open for public comment for 20 working days – until February 18, 2009.

Comments from concerned residents can ensure that our threatened species and their habitat are protected into the future.

**Margaret Zehntner, Secretary, Kuranda EnviroCare**

**Dear Kuranda Paper,**

It would greatly benefit our avian population if motorists would lower their speed when approaching birds who are exhibiting unusual behaviour.

Most birds fly off the road when a vehicle approaches, but, some ground nesting birds stay on, wings outstretched, defending their nest and/or nestlings.

We lost an entire family of Masked Plovers on Koah Road, before the Stock Crossing sign on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. While driving I saw a plover in a defensive position guarding her chick which had been hit by a vehicle. I removed the chick hoping to keep the parent off the road. Unfortunately, at 6am the next morning, we saw both parents dead on the side of the road having been hit by vehicles. A search found a lone egg.

Neighbours said the plovers had been nesting there for years and the locals were aware of them and their behaviour. This was a sad situation for all concerned. These birds had survived birds of prey, cats, dogs, quolls and snakes, but could not defend themselves against motor vehicles.

Please be observant and lower your speed when approaching these birds. They quite willingly get off the road when you slow down, they are merely being protective good parents.

Thank you for Your attention!

**J. Stannett, Koah**

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## Anniversary of the Cyclone at Kuranda – February 1920

On the night of Monday 2 February 1920 Kuranda was ravaged by a severe cyclone. In that period not all cyclones were named, and this one was not "christened". The cyclone caused significant damage on the coast from Mossman to Gordonvale, and inland as far as Chillagoe. Reports issued by the weather bureau earlier that day gave little warning of what was to come. At 12.30 p.m. the advice was "Conditions very suspicious this morning north-east from Bowen". A later report at 5.15 p.m. said "This afternoon's observations confirms existence tropical disturbance centre north-east from Cardwell, course not yet apparent, but probably approaching coastline between Cooktown and Townsville". A more general report released that day appeared in *The Cairns Post* on Tuesday 3 February, after the cyclone had wrecked the area. Under the heading "Track of Disturbance - Not Stated as Dangerous", the report went on to say: "To-day's chart, based on the 9 a.m. observations, leaves hardly any room for doubt of the existence of a tropical disturbance, and the afternoon's reports give complete confirmation. It can't yet be definitely stated if the new disturbance is a dangerous cyclone, in its popular sense, and its course is not yet apparent, but the coast between Cape Flattery and Townsville appears to be threatened, and warnings have accordingly been dispatched".

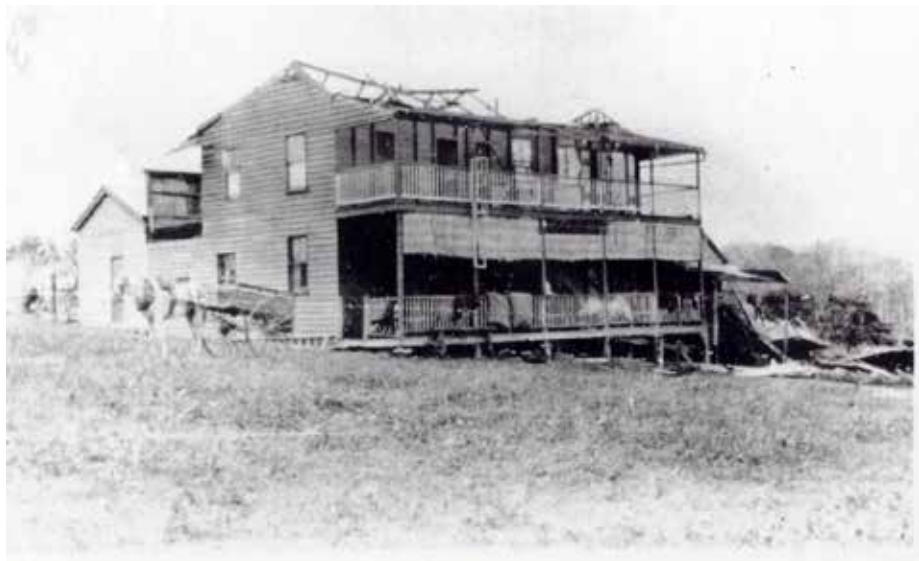
*The Cairns Post* of Tuesday 3 February carried all the weather information, including a small article under the heading "Midnight Gales Reach Extraordinary Velocity". The article stated "as night wore on, the gales increased in force, until at midnight they reached a height of over 80 miles (100 kilometres) an hour. Up to 11 o'clock, anxious groups struggled through the windstorm to the post office, where they inspected the barometer, and found it had fallen considerably since the early hours of the night. Overhead the clouds scudded away with great force to the north-west. Telegraphic communication south of Townsville has been difficult after midnight".

Although there were some small references to the damage caused by the cyclone, *The Cairns Post* never really covered the story on the morning following the cyclone. However, on the Wednesday the story had extensive coverage. The lack of coverage on the day following the cyclone was no doubt due to the fact that all printing at that time had to be type set by hand, a time consuming and tedious job. By the time the cyclone struck Cairns, the typesetting would have been done, leaving no time to change the paper's format and report the story properly.

The story in *The Cairns Post* on Wednesday covered the damage in all areas. The situation at Kuranda is given here as it appeared in the paper:

A railway relief party left Cairns on Tuesday morning in charge of Mr. Hooper, District Superintendent, to see what relief could be given a long the line. It was learned that Kuranda had felt the full force of the cyclone, and many anxious inquiries were being made as to the welfare of friends residing there. Stratford appears to have missed the fury of the gale. Councillor Moore's verandahs were damaged. The fences and station at Redlynch were severely damaged and the station building was blown down and the goodshed unroofed. At Jungara very little damage was done. At Stoney Creek, the lengthsmen's trolley shed had disappeared, and all the fruit had been blown down from the trees. A magnificent body of water was going over the falls. Barron Falls never looked a fitter sight, in the memory of the railway guards and officials, who had been travelling there for many years. Throughout the entire journey large trees had been uprooted, and all telegraph wires were down.

At Kuranda, the damage was indeed very severe. Remilton's Hotel was partly unroofed. Hunter's residence was unroofed. Dodd's Hall was moved off the blocks, and portion of the residence unroofed. The School of Arts was blown down, and was completely wrecked. Pearce's Hotel was unroofed, and the Carruthers' family lost their verandah. Harriman's house was blown down. K. Beavis's house was blown off its blocks, and a similar fate befell the Rest Home. Newbury's house was unroofed, and Gummow's partly unroofed. Brookman's was also unroofed. The Barron River had risen 22 feet by three o'clock, and was still rising. The Mantaka school was blown off its blocks, and the shelter shed blown away. J. Veivers' house was blown down. Mr. Smith's residence at Kuranda was demolished. The goods-shed, station roof and refreshment rooms also suffered severely.



Pearce's Hotel showing cyclone damage. Cairns Historical Society Photo

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Patrick F. Kinnealy, who was officer in charge of the police station at Kuranda at the time of the cyclone, wrote of the ordeal in the *North Australian Monthly* in January 1959:

On the day of the cyclone I had been on patrol to Koah, about fifteen miles from Kuranda. During the day there were light showers of rain and small gusts of wind, not at all unusual weather for North Queensland in February. But at about one o'clock great masses of black cloud covered the sky. The rain became heavier and the wind began to rise. When I reached home late that afternoon, I knew that a cyclone was on the way.

There were no wireless reports or cyclone warning systems in those days. The nearest weather station was at Willis Island, three hundred miles to the East, and our only link with Cairns was by telephone. By the time I reached the station, the telephone line was already out of order. The police station at Kuranda was built on a slope, the highest part of the house being about seven feet from the ground and the lowest part practically on the ground. The office was situated in the latter part of the building, in the most sheltered position. On the opposite side was a small fig tree in which two doves had nested.

The cyclone struck at about six-thirty and ravaged Kuranda and district for nearly thirteen hours. Rising to almost ninety miles an hour, the wind howled round the house like a living thing. About eleven o'clock the side wall of the living-room began to bend with each gust of wind, and I knew that at any moment the wall might be blown in and we would be swept into the night. So during a lull I moved my family into the office, which seemed to have a good chance of withstanding the terrific force of the wind. About two chains away from the station was a two-storey wooden building which housed the families of men who worked in Cairns and returned home by train each night. No train could get through that night so I decided to see how the women and children were faring.

Taking a hurricane lamp, I set off. I got only a few feet when a great gust of wind swept me off my feet and against the side fence. The lamp was blown out so I returned to the office, re-lit it and set off again. This time I crouched low to the ground, bent almost double. The families lived on the upper floor of the building and the stairway was on the outside of the building. I had to crawl up the stairs with one arm round the railing. Finally I made it, and found the women all awake and worried about the safety of their husbands. A sheet of glass from one of the windows had been blown across the bed in which one child slept, missing her face only by a few inches. Having reassured the women as best I could, I returned to the office.

When dawn broke, the wind still howled and tore at the house like a mad creature, but its force was beginning to spend itself. About seven o'clock the wind began to die down and the rain ceased to a steady drizzle. Inspection showed that the only dry place in the house was the stove recess. Rain was pouring in everywhere, as except for a few sheets of iron the house had been unroofed and shifted about six inches from its blocks. The fig-tree was stripped of all foliage and the doves' nest had disappeared. A poignant postscript to the cyclone was the incessant crying of the parent birds, as they called for their lost nestlings in the days that followed.

The cells, a solid timber structure, had been overturned, the clothes boiler had disappeared, and a 500 gallon tank was lying near our back fence. The owner of this was never traced. Nearly every house in Kuranda had been unroofed, several were partially destroyed, furniture, clothing and China being scattered around the surrounding bush. One man's front verandah was found in the yard of the Barron Falls hotel, two hundred yards away. The School of Arts had been blown away, leaving only the flooring. The piano was literally in pieces, the white and black keys being torn apart and blown, one by one, about the town. I kept several of the piano keys as souvenirs. At Street's plantation

# Neighbourhood Centre News February 2009



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**New Prices:** Due to rising overheads, KNC has increased some of the costs for books etc. The new prices are as follows: Books \$2 (if exchanging \$1); Printing Copying (10c B&W, 15c doublesided, 20c colour); Internet is \$2 per hour (1\$ for students); Fax 2\$ 1<sup>st</sup> sheet, 50c subsequent sheets; Laminating \$1.50 A4, \$2 A3; Binding \$3 sm, \$4 lg. Kids books will be 50c.

**Free Lifeline Counseling:** A Lifeline Counselor is coming to KNC once per fortnight to see Kuranda people. There are up to 6 free sessions available, however, many times, only one or two are necessary to sort through personal issues. There is no obligation to have ongoing counseling and generally most of us need to sort through things every now and then. If you think this may meet your need or you want to know more, you can ring either Ceri or myself or you can contact Lifeline directly on 40504955. All contact with KNC or Lifeline staff is strictly confidential.

**New Funding:** KNC has been successful in an application for \$35,000 additional recurrent funding. This application was made when it was determined that the additional costs of running a larger centre were not being met within our current funding. The new funding is \$11,000 short of the original request and therefore revenue raised from the bookshop and other small fundraising ventures still must go on to filling this gap. There are also other costs that are not met within our funding that we need to consider such as additional worker hours for the Family Support Worker, Youth work hours, other program or activity costs or building modifications etc. We are seeking interested community members to participate on a Fundraising committee to investigate other income generating ideas. If you have expertise, time or ideas, please

come and see me.

**Kowrowa Community Day:** Lolita Hunter from the Medical Centre coordinated a day at Kowrowa for kids health checks with input from Ngoonbi Sports and Recreation, Kuranda Justice Group, KNC, Queensland Health, Queensland Police and the Kuranda Medical Centre. The day was well attended with approximately 50 kids and 20 parents. Well done Lolita!

**Child Related Services:** We are receiving an increase in enquiries about child related care or other services. We are trying to compile a list/directory that we can then hand out for what is available for Kuranda families. If you know of any service or activity, can you please ring in and talk to Ceri Hughes. Thanks!

**Volunteer Training:** KNC will be conducting training for volunteers on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 9.30-4.30 with lunch included. Volunteers who have not completed this training will be doing it as well as new volunteers who have signed on recently. If you are interested in volunteering or wish to do this training, please contact me at the Centre on 40938933.

**Tenancy Advice:** Every second Thursday between 2-4pm, we have a representative from the Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Service coming to the Centre to assist people sort through their tenancy issues. The service is free – no bookings necessary. Next session is on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**Kuranda Playgroup:** Meets at KNC every Wednesday Morning from 9.30-11.30. Contact Michelle Smith on 40939851 or Playgroup QLD 1800171882

**Kuranda Interagency Network:** Is on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

**Marg Yandell KNC Coordinator**



## KURANDA SES NOTES- FEBRUARY 2009

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE KURANDA COMMUNITY OPERATION RUDOLF

Thank you to the people and organizations who made possible last year's Operation Rudolf:

**Our sponsors-** Kuranda Rotary Club, Kuranda Lions Club, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, Kuranda Rainforestation, Zappo Electrical Services, Kuranda Hotel Motel, Speewah Tavern, Koah Roadhouse, Kuranda Homemade Tropical Fruit Icecream and Kuranda Candy Kitchen.

**Our participants:** Kuranda Fire and Rescue, Kuranda Ambulance, our area's Rural Fire Brigades and Kuranda SES. At a quick debrief after the event, it was decided we should avoid school break-up day and perhaps hold the event during the week. We'd be happy to hear opinions from the community. Changes to the route were popularly received.

### TRAINING

At training nights late last year members completed *Ladders and Ropes, Knots and Holdfasts*. Our unit is now completing *Requests for Assistance (RFAS) Online* after two members attended courses last December. Our fortnightly training nights commenced on Tuesday, 13 January 2009. During training nights over the next few months, we'll be completing courses in *General Rescue, Casualty Handling and Emergency Lighting*. Members will also be attending courses on the Regional Training Calendar, ranging from *Risk Management to Trainer Workshops*.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Josh Warrington and Peter Angel. During our recent wet, windy weather, Kuranda Unit had difficulty obtaining the minimum of four members trained in *Working Safely at Height* to tarp a leaking roof. If you have an interest in learning how to do this, please apply to become a member.

### EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND WORKS

We recently received a Traffic Control Kit, so our Welfare Trailer will need some modifications to hold the gear ready for use. Thank you to the TRC grounds care staff, who in the new system are now maintaining our grounds and to Peter, whose tree-logging skills are assisting us to clear trees close to the back of the HQ.

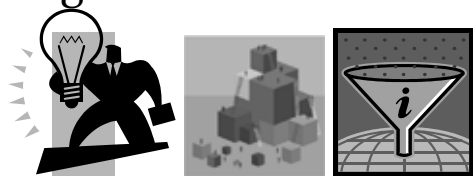
Our unit is next in line for a new vehicle, most likely a five seat Toyota Troopcarrier. I've applied to TRC for a budget submission to be prepared for a building extension to provide an extra four metre wide enclosed space across the front of the existing building.

This would provide the following benefits-

- The vehicle would have a permanent parking space in the new area and would be able to be driven forward or backed straight in. Either of the two trailers would be able to be hitched on under cover. One trailer could also be permanently parked in the new area.
- The increased size of the "lecture" space would enable us to cater more easily for our increasing membership and for sessions such as CPR.
- The "lecture" space could be permanently set up with data projector and other teaching aids.
- The above space is also a food preparation or equipment drying area, so it could be more easily utilised as such.
- More space would enable us to address Workplace Health and Safety concerns with equipment storage.
- Better ventilation could also provide a cooler work environment.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UNIT'S OFFICIAL DUTY PHONE IS 0427 037 054**

## Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Needs You



**Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre needs community people with ideas, business expertise or time to assist in generating more income for service delivery and activities.** KNC has just received additional recurrent funding. However this just meets our operating and admin deficits. We would like to set up a Fundraising Committee to explore ideas to generate additional income to assist in meeting gaps in services or activities. These gaps may include youth worker hours, additional family support worker hours, specific programs or making necessary modifications to the community spaces at the Centre. KNC invites community participation in identifying needs, gaps and by working collaboratively with the whole community to address them.

**If this sounds like you – please drop by at 6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda or ring 40938933. EVERYONE WELCOME**

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 I tell ya, I don't care  
 So long as when I cuddle ya  
 I can get my arms round there

No sheila who is your age  
 Has nice round perky breasts  
 They just gave in to gravity  
 But I know ya did ya best

I'm tellin ya the truth now  
 I never tell ya lies  
 I think its very sexy  
 That you've got dimples on ya  
 thighs

I swear on me nanna's grave now  
 The moment that we met  
 I thought u was as good as I  
 Was ever gonna get

No matter wot u look like  
 I'll always love ya dear  
 Now shut up while the footy's on  
 And fetch another beer!



# Kuranda Touch Football Grand Final 2008

In its 4<sup>th</sup> year and season, the Kuranda Touch Grand Final series ended with a Christmas Funday for all. It was a hot day, but a great day for slurping the "best frozen cups ever!" according to young Beau from the Cornerstore.

The day opened with a Curtain Raiser match between Yarrabah PCYC and the "Best of" Kuranda who weren't playing in the finals. Martha "Cookie" Brim who played in the side was also acknowledged at the end of the day as the winner of the Best & Fairest Female Player in the seasonal competition. Kuranda won 10-8 and Yarrabah hot footed it home so their players could compete in the local Ivan Bulma Touch Trophy. Thanks to our Kuranda Medical Service Health Worker Lolita and husband Clarence for bringing the team over.

The under 13's were kept busy during the day with touch relays, modified games, sprint races, a jumping castle, face painting and the very popular t-shirt painting activity sponsored and run by the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. (Apparently it can take a whole bottle of conditioner to remove the paint if you accidentally end up with it in your hair!!)

One minute's silence was held in honour and respect for the Alpin & Donahue Families who recently lost dearest Olive, a much loved wife, mother,



grandmother, aunty, sister and friend of many in Kowrowa, Kuranda and beyond.

In spite of their great personal loss, the team from Top Kowrowa Walkabout were outstanding winners of the B Grade Final. They defeated Bulwai Bamas 15-5, who had worked hard all season to stay on top of the B Grade Ladder. Many awards were taken out by TKW with young Reggie Newbury winning Best

on Ground in the B Final and Best & Fairest Male Player in the seasonal competition.

Since the beginnings of Kuranda Touch in 2005, and after 4 years of consistently placing themselves in the top 3 teams in the competition, the "Mantaka Hawks" finally won the A Grade Final. They defeated the 2007 A Grade Champions, Stormz in a 9-7. Best on Ground in the A Grade Final went to Anthony Riley of Mantaka Hawks.

To keep the costs of the competition affordable and to increase participation, Kuranda Touch has relied on local players to voluntarily referee the minor rounds of the competition. Wally Brim was recognised for his role in this capacity and won the Referee's Award with Eric Hudson receiving the Most Improved Referee Award.

Finally, the day wouldn't have been complete for the kids or the amused onlooking adults without a visit by Santa Claus, "The Lolly Man" and Bendigo Bank's "Piggy" (who may have lost his tail in the trail of kiddies chasing him).

To all volunteers, players, sponsors, supporters and spectators, thank you for again making 2008 Kuranda Touch Season a reality.

2008 Sponsors: Ngoonbi Co-Operative Society, Queensland Government, Department of Health & Ageing, Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre, Bendigo Bank, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Kuranda Resort & Spa, Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve, Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Kuranda Gas.  
**Jane De Col, Sport & Recreation Officer, Ngoonbi Cooperative Society**

## MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS!

**Introducing another group of Kuranda and District Community Volunteers.**

Please meet the **Speewah Rural Fire Brigade Fire Officers, Admin. Officers and Warden.**

**Chris** (Plasto's Landscaping). Always with his nose in a book, likes a glass of white wine and is at present building a wood fired brick oven of massive proportions at his home.

**Gerry** is a builder / renovator. His hobbies include restoring cars/motor bikes and riding them as well. Loves ice skating (not much up here in Nth. Australia).

**Jan** has managed our books since 1996 and is a partner in Kuranda Video. Great hydroponic advocate as well as 'normal' gardening. The Video Store is really just the front for the voluntary receiving office of Ticket Link and local production bookings and

Kuranda Paper articles, to name a few.

**John O** works as a Computer networker at JCU. Mountain bike riding is his passion as well as his long suffering wife Belinda (Late night phone calls "Are the boys back from the fire yet?") and two small children.

**Margaret** is retired (only from paid work). Hobbies include building things, bonsai, sewing and gardening. Is an A1 stirrer, who gets things done.

**Steve** (Steve's Lawn and Garden Care) Steve has recently been awarded the Australia Medal for voluntary fire service. Steve enjoys fishing / camping, listening to music and playing the guitar.

**John (Thomo.)** is retired. His voluntary work includes issuing free fire permits, attending fires and is Rural Fire Brigade of Queensland representative for the 124 brigades from near Innisfail to Saibai Island. Hobbies include shooting, fishing (when he gets time) and occasionally a bit of building.

**Yvonne Thomson, Administration Officer.**



Back L - R: Chris Plasto (1st Officer); Gerry DeBruyn (3rd Officer);  
Second Row L - R: Jan Coulter (Treasurer); John O'Reilly (4th and 2nd Equipment Officer); Margaret Butteling (Secretary 27 years); Steve DePrada (2nd Officer);  
Front: John Thomson (Warden) (Barry White not in photo (1st Equipment officer))

**Elmo**



**BatReach**  
news

Its been a very busy few months at BatReach with many orphaned flying foxes (the majority losing their mothers to paralysis ticks) and furless gliders needing 3 hourly feeds. Another little fellow needing quite a bit of attention was Elmo, a juvenile Squirrel Glider. In early December we received a call from a lady near Forsyth who had rescued the glider from a barbed wire fence. The membrane had wrapped around the fence and he was unable to free himself.

The lady and her husband did a great job of minimising the damage by gently disentangling him. Elmo needed medical attention so the next problem was how to get him to the coast. The Trans North bus departing Karumba kindly collected the patient in Georgetown and brought him to Kuranda. Elmo sat in an icecream container next to the driver for the long journey.

Apart from the damaged membrane, Elmo was dehydrated and thin. Treating the membrane and giving him antibiotics wasn't too hard for the first few days, however, as he began to feel stronger he definitely wasn't going to co-operate. We are pleased to say he has gained weight and the membrane has healed well.

The Squirrel Glider is the larger cousin of the Sugar Glider. They live in dry sclerophyll forests and may occupy wetter eucalypts. Conservation status is "uncommon", possibly due to clearing of woodland habitat. Elmo is particularly attractive with his pale fur and lovely bushy tail. He will be returned to his natural habitat for release and thanks to his rescuers and Trans North for his transportation into care.

**Pam Tully, BatReach**






# the Arts page



## KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE - GARDEN ART




Individual artwork can become an integral part of your home and your garden, making either a bold or subtle statement about your individual style.

Earth, air, fire and water, the four elements of the ancients have been skilfully and artistically blended together since time immemorial.



Focus Theatre wishes one and all a very Happy 2009! We have had a long stretch off duty, mainly due to school holidays and our members' commitments to family.

We start up again on Wednesday, 4th. February, Kuranda Amphitheatre, Understage, 7pm to 9pm.

As always, new people are very welcome. Our first meeting will be to discuss plans for our first production. Some thoughts have been to put on a variety night, and the theme has yet to be decided. Any ideas please bring them along.

For enquiries call Diana- 4093 9778  
Yours in Theatre, Diana



### Annual General Meeting coming up...

By the time this goes to print, you dedicated members would have, no doubt, been to our general meeting on Sat. 24th. Jan, and of course enjoyed grooving to "Funky Love Tank" at the members' night afterwards. Anyway, if you were away on holidays and missed it all, don't dispare because the **Annual General Meeting** is coming up, along with more exciting times at the Amphi. So come along and make a difference. It's your Amphitheatre, so come and have your say at the AGM.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Understage at 4:00 pm. on Saturday, 28th. of February.

As always we need as many interested members as possible to nominate and help select the committee of 2009. In an ideal world it would be good to have the nominations for positions two weeks before the meeting, that's 14th. Feb. (Valentine's day), to avoid spontaneous nominations of unsuspecting

With the emphasis on 3-dimensional artwork these four elements can be included in garden art ranging from ceramic bowls, statues, bird baths and mosaics. Enhance perhaps an outside wall, fence or patio with fun and funky artworks.

Garden art can include lanterns and illuminations, stepping stones, masks and faces, steel garden stakes,



sculptured metal flower planters, weathervanes and candelabras, tiles, fountains and water features. The use of stoneware, clay, copper, stained glass or cement to decorate can add grace to any garden setting. Check out the art pieces at the Co-op's gallery, including the sale table, for items suitable for placement in your garden.



If you want to create your own artistic masterpieces find out about workshops currently being held by Co-operative artists. Learn more skills or improve existing ones, discover your true creative self, meet



The tireless 2008 commitee at the last GM members. However, we will be happy to accept nominations on the day.

Please consider serving on the committee. It is vital for the running of this venue that we have the full compliment of seven committee members.

I would also like to invite the generous people who have given their time as "team-leaders" for the past year, to consider maintaining those positions. (The team-leaders run independent sections of venue during a gig, e.g. the bar, gate, kitchen, etc. organising volunteers, purchasing and preparing stock for their sections.)

If an individual team-leader's continued involvement is not possible, we need to find a replacement from among the members or community. These people have been of great value to the organisation, and their support in terms of load sharing and moral support is invaluable.

On a lighter note, the annual **free members' night** will be on Saturday, 21st. of February, at the Understage, with the much loved local band **Koalition** providing the dance music. Bar opens 6:30, music starts 7:30. Watch for posters around town nearer the date.

Cheers, Lee.

### KURANDA CAMERA CLUB

#### Next shoot:

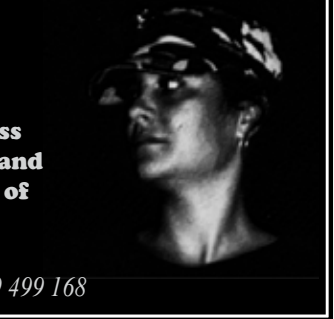
"Show & Tell" - holiday snaps  
Bring those holiday snaps along to the SPEEWAH COUNTRY TAVERN on Saturday 7th. Feb. '09, at 2:30.

#### Next club meeting:

Monday 16th. Feb. '09, 7:00 pm at the SPEEWAH TAVERN.

At this meeting we display and discuss our photos from the previous shoot, and discuss some of the technical aspects of the photographic process.

Enquiries:- Zananda 4093 0365 or Seren 0409 499 168



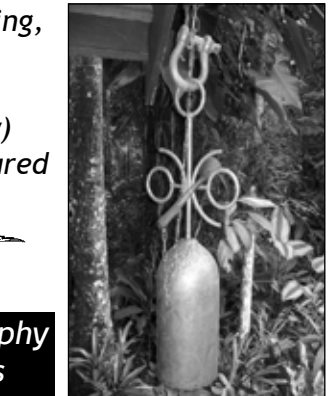
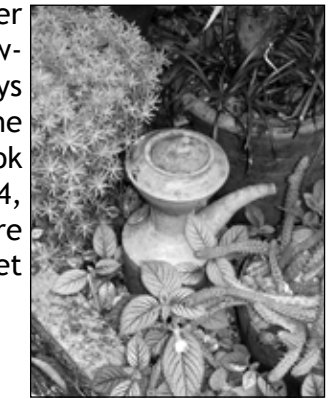
people and most importantly have some fun. The workshops are suitable for beginners with scope for individual encouragement.

Mollie Bosworth has recommenced her very popular pottery classes in her studio on Wednesday mornings. Call the Co-op gallery if you are interested in joining in this year, or Mollie on 40939063.

Margaret Genever has started her life drawing classes on Tuesdays (6.30pm - 9pm) at the Art Studio at James Cook University, Building A4, Room 026/027. If you are interested, give Margaret a call on 40938835.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative  
The Settlement Building,  
Rob Veivers Drive  
(beside the Butterfly Sanctuary)  
Look for the coloured flags

Garden photography by Toni Rogers



#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

Special General Meeting  
General Meeting  
Annual General Meeting  
**SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2009**  
4pm @ "The Understage"  
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### Benefits of Belly Dancing

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Over the last 10-15 years belly dance has grown in popularity in the west with classes now being offered in most major towns and cities. I believe that its popularity is due in large part to the freedom of expression and connectedness to the feminine that it allows and nurtures.

Having roots in ancient birthing rituals and sacred temple dances, belly dancing creates greater body awareness. It also promotes self-esteem and confidence in body appearance no matter what your age, shape or size, freeing you to express your inner beauty, sensuality and femininity.

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~Bronwyn Gilchrist.



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**9.30am** Sung Eucharist  
**9.30am** Sunday school

**5.00pm Afternoon Worship**

Holy Communion (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Praise@5 (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
all other Evening Prayer  
No Service (Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST  
IN THE TEMPLE**

(Candlemas)  
Monday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist by Candlelight

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
Services 9.30am and 7.30pm

**ACTIVITIES**

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Sunday School

**POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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**Email wrightc@iig.com.au**

**A Thought for February**  
This month we read from The Gospel according to St Mark Chapter 1 verse 14-20 As Jesus once called people in the midst of their working hours, so he can speak to us.

We never know when the course of our lives will be changed by something that happens outside our lives. It happens here with Jesus. For nearly twenty years he had presumably led an ordinary life in Nazareth. It is obvious from the person we encounter in the Gospels that those early years were really far from ordinary. There was the cultivation of a deep intimacy with God. There were endless hours spent in meditation on the insights of the kingdom of God. As his hands shaped wood, his growing spirit was already being shaped. But nothing of a public nature was done in those hidden years

Suddenly John the Baptist is arrested. Jesus had immense admiration for John. John's preaching of a coming kingdom had drawn and fascinated Jesus. Now Jesus in some mysterious way that same kingdom realizes that is embodied in himself. Something stronger than himself seems to take over, and the great journey begins which will continue to Calvary and triumph in the garden tomb.

Jesus' first act is to involve others. The community which will one day spread across the world begins to take shape. Jesus' shaping of this first small circle has much to teach us.

Why did Jesus begin by gathering a few people as he did? Because he realized that any vision of the kingdom of God must be tested in the reality of human relationships. He was telling us that the kingdom of God is about relationships. It is discovered in relationships - our relationship with ourselves, with others, and with God.

Jesus calls seemingly ordinary people. None of these men is an intellectual giant. None has great knowledge of public affairs. All of them are very human indeed, and at times they will show it obviously. That says something to us about the possibility of Jesus calling and using us in spite of our humanity.

Finally, we see Jesus calling these people in the midst of their daily routine. That is the very last place and time we expect Our Lord to approach us. We may ask why this is so. Maybe Jesus is approaching us in our working hours and working relationships and we don't realize it. That is the Good News for this week.

As Jesus once called people in the midst of their working hours, so he can speak to us here and now in 2009.

*... Not by bread  
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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
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**KURANDA and DISTRICT  
GARDEN GROUP**

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**'All About Aroids'**

**5 Weir Road, Kuranda**

**2 pm Saturday 7th February**

(Note this is the first Saturday of the Month)

Please bring a plant or cuttings to swap,  
and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Phone David or Graham 4093 9492  
dpsgkp@people.net.au

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH**

*"The face of the world hath altered. The way of God and the religion of God have ceased to be of any worth in the eyes of men. The greater the decline of religion, the more greivous the waywardness of the ungodly. This cannot but lead in the end to chaos and confusion."*

(Baha'u'llah)

**Spiritual** readings from the great religions, every Wednesday 7 pm commencing again on 4 February, Baha'i Info Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, new theme each week.

**Study Circles** by arrangement

**BAHA'IS WELCOME CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF ALL RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS** Telephone 4093 7120 / 9571

**From the Baha'is of the Tablelands**

### **The Cyclone. Contd from P.3**

across the Barron River, the cyclone had cut a triangular path about a chain wide through the scrub, great trees having been uprooted as though they were shrubs. The Barron River was a torrent, trees and a mass of debris tossing in the water. The main street was littered with torn sheets of iron, rafters and battens.

All the telephone lines were down, so a patrol of the surrounding districts was a necessity. I had to walk to Myola and Mantaka, some miles away, where normally I rode, cutting my way through the scrub with a brush hook. Trees of up to four feet (1.2 metres) in diameter had been torn out by the roots and strewn over the track. At Myola the blocks which supported one house had been pushed up through the floor, narrowly missing one man who was asleep. One woman at Mantaka, whose husband had been stranded in Cairns, had decided to take her family to her brothers' house nearby shortly after the cyclone started. The distance was only a few yards, but her three-year old girl was blown away almost as soon as they left the house. Her brothers went to search as soon as they were told and found the child lying against a wire-netting fence which surrounded the house. A creek ran nearby and the fence saved the child from being blown into it and drowning.

For several days no trains ran to Kuranda as the line to Cairns was blocked by debris. There was no loss of life in the cyclone in Kuranda but the material damage totalled thousands of pounds. Though later I was in cyclones of greater intensity, I still have vivid memories of that first experience of the "Scourge of the North".

It is clear that Patrick Kinnealy's recollections differ slightly from the reports in *The Cairns Post* on the Wednesday following the cyclone. While Kinnealy said no train got through to Kuranda for several days, the *Post* reported a relief train getting through next day. The *Post* also reported that a train from Chillagoe had travelled through to Cairns on Tuesday, the day following the cyclone. The discrepancy in the two accounts is a small point, but it shows that recollections of events, even by credible eyewitnesses, should not be accepted as fact. This is especially relevant when the recollections are given so many years after the event.

A report in *The Cairns Post* on Thursday 5 February gives an account of the damage at Mona Mona:

The cyclone which devastated so many other places, also visited Monamona Mission. It started about 8 p.m. on Monday, blowing from the west. During the night it veered around to the south, and then to the east. From four to five on Tuesday morning it was blowing from the east and it was during this hour that the damage was done. All the native cottages, except one, one mission house, a barn, a large dining-room, and a kitchen, were levelled to the ground. The sawmill was unroofed, and all the crops were blown away. The country round looks bare and bald. Quite half the trees are uprooted, and those that are left standing are limbless, and leafless. One old native woman died from exposure, but other than this they had not serious injuries. The superintendent, Mr. J.L. Bransford, estimates the losses are about £1800 (\$100,000). He adds: "We have not up to the present time asked the public for any help, but in this terrible trial donations from any interested persons would be thankfully received".

Government reports indicate that the infrastructure at Mona Mona was rebuilt very quickly and the farm was back in production within a year.

### **Sleeping Warm in Afghanistan**

This was beside the dirt road that runs down the east side of Afghanistan. It was dreadful. Two day's bus journey on the worst road I have ever been on. So bad that the passengers soon gave up from the pain of being bounced in their seats and took to standing. The whole bus load of them. It was cold!

I had left Kabul a few days earlier where the footpaths were solid slippery ice about six inches deep.

Finally, at the end of the long, long day we stopped for the night. There was a tea house and beside it a strange fifteen foot square building made of rock, three feet tall. In the middle of the front wall was a mini-door made of solid timber.

One by one the entire bus load of passengers wriggled through this doorway. There were no women. Nobody seemed to mind me, a foreigner, joining them.

Inside there was a smooth rock floor, which to my amazement I found was heated. The result being that this strange room with its three foot high ceiling was pleasantly warm.

Even so, we snuggled up against each other to share each other's warmth. Someone shut the mini-door and we slept.

**Robin Dods**

### **A Vote of Thanks**

*Many readers have commented on the interesting articles detailing local history written by Peter Ryle for the Kuranda Paper. Peter and Lorraine Ryle, both members of the Cairns Historical Society, are very knowledgeable and avid collectors of our community's past stories and lament the too fleeting nature of records, letters and photographs often discarded. Before destroying these possible invaluable links with times gone, contact Peter or the Cairns Historical Society 4051 5582. Thanks to Peter from our Readers.*

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**MEDITATION:**

There are many forms of meditation: silent sitting, chanting, praying, walking meditation, meditation that uses visualization or focus on objects, even fighting meditation of the martial arts disciplines. Though often discussed within the context of eastern religions, meditation can be found in almost every tradition in the world if one were to look into their more contemplative practises.

It is best to find a well qualified teacher that you admire and trust. Look at their qualities and the qualities of their students to see if what you observe in them is what you want to develop. If there is a long tradition, examine the result of using their particular discipline over time. Relating to a teacher or at least discussing your experience with like-minded individuals is very helpful. To help you explore the possibilities, there is a list of books and organizations available in most libraries.

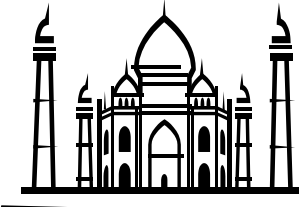
In terms of which form of meditation is best for each constitution type it is best for each person to follow their natural inclination and grow and deepen from there.

Vata people are naturally attracted to movement and sound. They are highly sensitive, especially to the most subtle forms of energy. Tai Chi, forms of walking meditation and dance are good. Meditation using prayers, song, chants, and musical instruments may also appeal. Tight discipline and long hours of formal, silent, or rigidly still practise can derange Vata mentally.

Pita people, being very visual, enjoy meditation that use colour, images, or beautiful objects. As in all activities they should guard against getting too intense or competitive.

Kapha people find it easy to sit quietly and contemplate. They have a naturally compassionate and devoted nature. To help avoid sleepiness, use incense or perfume in the air to keep the senses alert and take periods of walking outside in between periods of sitting.

For those of you new to the idea of meditation, next month there will be some brief instructions for sitting meditation. They are basically from the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, but included are a few other ideas that have been found useful over the years.



**AYURVEDIC RECEIPE**

**ABOUT ALMONDS:** Almonds are highly valued as a rejuvenative in Ayurveda. Ayurvedic practice recommends that almonds always be blanched as they are in this recipe, as their skins are difficult to digest.

**REJUVENTATIVE ALMOND MILK:**

- 5 almonds soaked overnight in about cup of water.
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

In the morning drain almonds and peel them. (The skin comes off easily when rubbed with your fingers).

In a small saucepan bring milk to the boil. Pour hot milk, almonds and cardamom in blender. Blend well.

**COMMENT:** This very restorative drink is especially useful after a period of major exertion, also in fall and winter.

**IRON-RICH YOGHURT DRINK:**

- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup unsulphured dried apricots, peaches or figs.
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup yoghurt, plain

Soak fruit in water overnight. Then blend all ingredients in blender, mixing well.

**COMMENT:** This drink is an excellent digestive aid and toner. It is also mildly laxative in action.



## Astrology – 2009



First the technique: Draw up a birthchart for 2009, setting it for the stroke of midnight on the International Dateline where the global year begins, at point 0 degrees latitude, the symbolic point of “all things being equal”.

Astrologically, and I hope, literally, this chart will explain and predict the events that will shape and define Planet Earth’s journey through 2009.

It’s an amazing looking chart (to an astrologer at least), First the ascendant: rising degree, or starting point of this world chat is at 11 degrees 11 minutes Libra, this sign of balance. Esoterically, the Tarot card corresponding to Libra is Justice, card No. 11. So this ascendant actually reads 11:11:11 – a world coming into balance, equality and justice. A nice starting point. Then apart from Saturn, all the planets, Sun, Moon are all tightly contained in a 40 degree segment between Capricorn and Pisces. This is very tight and highly unusual. They sit in the section of the chart which emphasizes communication, home, family, tribe, children, love and creativity. And they “contained” by Pluto and Uranus: transformation and sudden change.

We see immense tasks accomplished with teamwork and cooperation and a lot of love. Bringing things in to harmony and balance on a global balance. There seems to be some very enlightened gatherings of people of vision and high ideals as we collectively go through this experience of old patterns being annihilated through love in action.

This is a world coming into harmony and balance, not descending into chaos. 11:11 Libra rising, Venus rising, Mars exalted and a solid set of Capricorn – Aquarius conjunctions are all on a New Moon and with a Lunar Node Axis. This has got to be more perfect for establishing, building and securing beautiful long-term relationships.

So I guess we can choose to align ourselves with the global energy flow and build these activities into our own life. Or fight to hang on to the old priorities. 11:11 is the wake-up call!

Saturn, by the way, is in the Zodiac’s Hospital ward being gently cleansed and purified as the structures and forms over which he presides are going through the death and rebirth phases. Once the new structures are in place he’ll be back putting some backbone into them. Meanwhile, we transform.

**Rob Hart**

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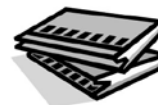
The new Principal, Mr Gary Toshach believes the college is set for a big academic year with almost 500 students enrolled from prep to year 12. He has set very high expectations on students and expects all students to be at school every day to ensure each and every student gains a positive school experience and the highest possible outcomes. Mr Toshach believes that every minute counts and asks parents to give the same message to students. The college also welcomes a new Head of Junior School, Ms Kylie Jones and a number of other new staff. Mr Toshach welcomes and invites any students and parents to make an appointment and share his vision for the college and see first hand the fantastic educational facilities the college has to offer.

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 To the students and families of Kuranda – Always aim to be the best Safe, Respectful Learner you can be and don't forget to wave or say hello if you see me at the pool or around Kuranda.  
 To the staff- past and present, of the college- Thankyou for your commitment, willingness to learn, teamwork and drive, especially during the journey of amalgamation.  
 I look forward to my new position as Regional Curriculum Manager and trust it will be challenging and very different but I will always remember the many students I have taught over the past 2 decades.  
 Regards Leanne Plasto

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**ISSUES BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION**  
 Since being endorsed as the LNP candidate many Kuranda, Speewah and Koah residents have contacted me with their concerns. Health, education, law & order, and personal safety are showing to be important issues that impact us all. Additionally there have been many local issues raised. These have included:-

- Fluoridation of the Kuranda town water supply—this is due to be implemented by December 2010
- Lack of toilet facilities at the Barron Falls lookout—one of the most visited national parks in Queensland
- Need for State Government support for community facilities - in particular to provide venues for teenagers
- Lack of transport options after-hours
- Improvements to the Kuranda Range Road
- The impact of the 2025 plan on the future development of the area
- The future of Mona Mona and its residents
- Indigenous economic development potential

I look forward to working through these local issues with you, both as candidate and as the future elected member for Barron River.

**GIVING KURANDA A VOICE**  
 With the new boundary redistribution of the Barron River electorate taking in all of the outlying areas of Kuranda, we now have a chance to view Kuranda as a whole when it comes to state matters. This means that this growth area of the Tablelands can have a stronger voice – one that I aim to ensure **IS** heard. Once elected I will make sure that I will be available to meet you in Kuranda on a regular basis. Please feel free to contact me to get **your** voice heard.

**WHAT AREAS MAKE UP THE ELECTORATE?**  
 Barron River now encompasses Kuranda, Top of the Range, Myola, Kowrova, Mantaka, Kuranda Springs, Koah, Mona Mona, Speewah and extends to the beginning of the Din Din State Forest at Kanervo Road. Also it includes all the Cairns area north of the Airport to just south of Wangetti Beach.

**WHY I AM STANDING?**  
 As part of the LNP team for the Queensland we all want, I believe that the LNP offers good strong effective alternatives to the current Government. We have a strong united regional team with a clear vision for the future; always aware of the special environmental concerns in this wonderful part of Queensland. I want to be part of the future; representing Barron River voters and getting the best for you all.

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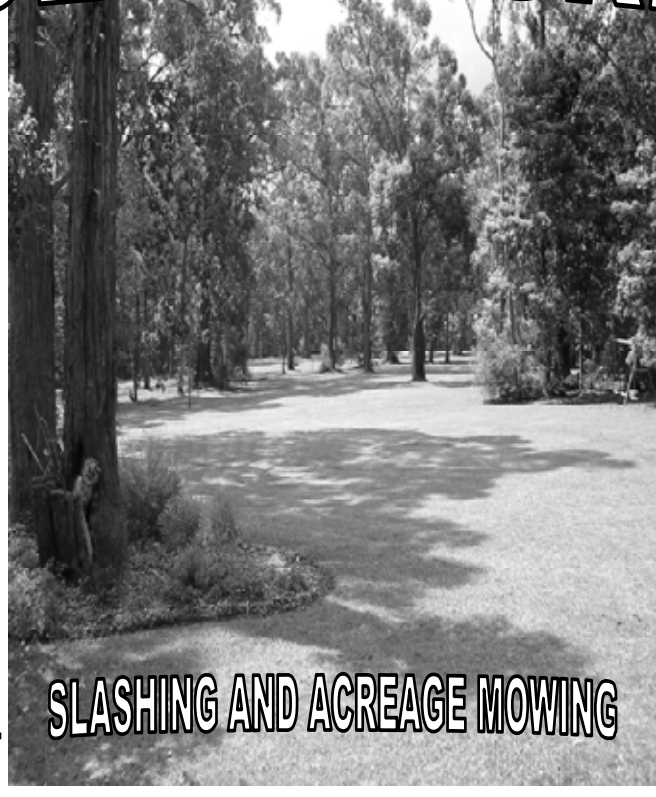
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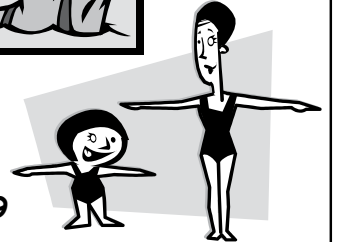
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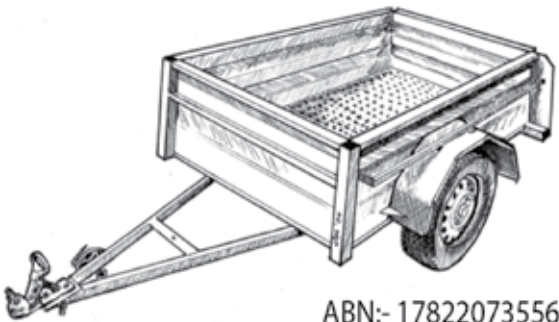
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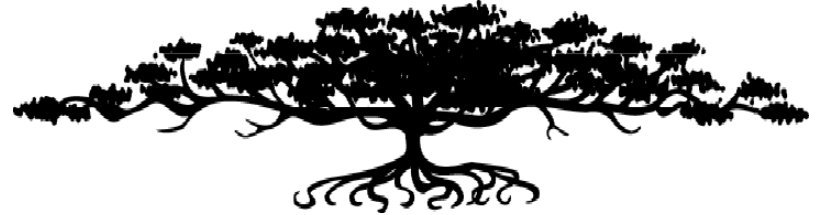
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TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL



**News Briefs**

A MEETING between parties concerned with straying cattle at Kuranda was an important step towards a resolution to the long-running issue, Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

Cr Gilmore said he had called the meeting with residents of Monaro Close and the Barnwells, owners of a property where the cattle are believed to be straying from, to help both sides gain a clear understanding of the issue.

Council recently began a process to impound straying cattle in the area after complaints from Monaro Close residents. However, lawyers for the Barnwells had requested more information on two orders recently served by Council on the property owners.

Cr Gilmore said he had offered Council's resources to help the Barnwells brand and tag their cattle. "They indicated that they would take care of this but the offer of help still stands," Cr Gilmore said. "This issue has been complex and challenging, cost Council a lot of money and caused distress to all parties involved."

Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen said the Council was determined to work with all the parties to find a resolution to the issue.

A bull found straying on the road has already been impounded.

The region's small communities will benefit from the Federal Government's one-off infrastructure grant.

Tablelands Regional Council will use its \$1.3 million slice of the \$250 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program on work at public halls, toilets, visitor centres and tourist attractions.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said the

money was going where it was needed most.

The following projects will be funded:

- Atherton Chinatown, \$15,000;
- Chillagoe Hall, \$80,000;
- Dimbulah Caravan Park, \$130,000;
- Herberton Mining Centre, \$150,000;
- Irvinebank School of Arts Building, \$60,000;
- Julatten Hall, \$80,000;
- Kuranda Old Primary School, \$200,000;
- Malanda Show Pavilion, \$120,000;
- Malanda Falls Pool, \$30,000;
- Mareeba playground, \$100,000;
- Millaa Millaa RSL Hall, \$30,000;
- Millaa Millaa Falls Circuit, \$30,000;
- Mt Garnet Hall, \$58,000;
- Tarzali public toilets, \$55,000;
- small or rural parks \$50,000 and Yungaburra Library and Visitor Information Centre, \$120,000.

Work will be carried out on Platypus Park at Atherton, if funds permit.

Council also resolved to put forward a funding application under the government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Project - Strategic Projects for a multi-purpose community centre in Mareeba.

A new skills based-advisory committee for the Tablelands Regional Gallery has been endorsed by Tablelands Regional Council.

Members are Cr Shaaron Linwood (Council representative), Louise DeMarzi (gallery patron), Deborah Godfrey (gallery director/curator), Ben Truppermauer (Ravenshoe-Herberton/individual member), Helen Hume (Malanda/Atherton Arts Society), Margaret Wallen (Mareeba and outlying area/Mareeba Art Society), Ludij Peden (Yungaburra artist), Toni Rogers (Kuranda artist), Anne-Marie Williams (Community and rural artist) and Susan Harris (Herberton).

The committee will assist the gallery in everyday management issues

and advise Council on matters relating to the gallery. It will meet for the first time in February 2009.

Tablelands Regional Council will seek expressions of interest for an independent traffic and parking study in Kuranda.

Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen said the proposed study would provide recommendations to Council on changes to current parking arrangements and further development of parking within the Kuranda village.

"There are a number of factors to be considered due to the physical limitations of the town's current parking allocation," Cr Jensen said. "We need to balance the needs of local residents, local businesses and tourism operators."

Cr Jensen said funds have been set aside over the years for further development of parking in the village.

Work to resolve pumping issues at the Kuranda town water supply is continuing, Division 8 Councillor Jenny Jensen said today. Following recent heavy rain, the water intake pipes which take water from the Barron River to the Kuranda Water Treatment Plant blocked with sand.

Cr Jensen said a water pump was continuing to take water direct from the river to the treatment plant while Council worked to clean out the pipes.

"A combination vacuum and line washing truck and dive crew were brought onto the site earlier this week to start clearing the sand from the pipes," Cr Jensen said. "Unfortunately, the changing heights of the river from continuing rain made it unsafe for the divers. There were also issues with the truck."

Cr Jensen said it was likely the current temporary pumping arrangements would remain in place until the end of the wet season.

Building statistics for the period from 21 November to 20 December 2008 show more than \$5 million worth of approvals were granted. Tablelands Regional Council issued 85 approvals including 20 new homes in Mareeba, Julatten and Speewah.

A decision on a new logo for the Tablelands Regional Council has been deferred until the next Council meeting in February

Tablelands Regional Council signed off on more than \$26,000 worth of donations late last year.

The 15 donations were made during the period 6 December 2008 until 12 January 2009, to a raft of community, sporting and cultural organisations and events.

The Tablelands publicly honoured its community, sporting and cultural achievers at the 2009 Australia Day Awards ceremonies.

Winners were announced in 12 categories at four separate official Australia Day functions in Atherton, Mareeba, Ravenshoe and Malanda.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Tom Gilmore said the calibre of the nominees was amazing. "This is one of the opportunities we as a community get to formally and publicly recognise the people who do so much for the community," Cr Gilmore said.

- Local Awards were
- Senior Sports Award** - Georgia Bruce (Speewah)
- Senior Cultural Award** - Kelli Craig (Kuranda)
- Environmental Excellence** - Cathy Retter (Kuranda Envirocare)



**Jim Turnour MP  
Federal Member for  
Leichhardt**

**Local volunteers receive  
helping hand**

Four Kuranda community groups are set to receive funding under the Federal Government's revamped \$21 million Volunteer Grants Program (VGP), the Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour said.

Kuranda Envirocare, Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc, Kuranda Horse and Pony Club and The Corporation of the Diocesan Synod of North Queensland (Kuranda) are all recipients under the Funding announced by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin last week.

Mr Turnour said, "This is wonderful news for these local

community groups who will receive a cash boost to kick off their New Year. It has been awarded to these organisations to help support their volunteers and the great work they do."

The Member for Leichhardt also highlighted the changes delivered to the VGP, promised by the Rudd Government before the election.

"This is the first time the program has covered fuel. Many volunteers use their own vehicles and are often out of pocket for fuel, so it is great to see the program help ease these costs for those who may for example deliver meals or visit the elderly."

Also for the first time, School P&C Associations were eligible to apply.

Under the VGP, funding of

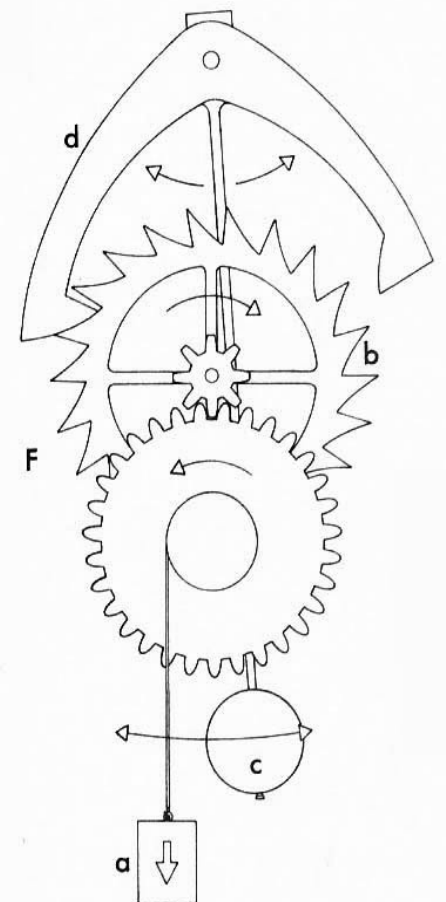
between \$1,000 and \$5,000 is available to eligible single organisations to purchase small equipment - things like computers, air conditioners, mowers, sporting items and now fuel, used by volunteers.

According to Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data, 21,253 people aged 15 years and over undertake voluntary work for an organisation or group in the Leichhardt area.

"Volunteering is very popular in the Tropical North which reflects our strong sense of community spirit," Mr Turnour said.

**For more information on the Volunteer Grants Program, visit:**  
[http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp\\_2008.htm](http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp_2008.htm).

Kuranda Recipients	Funding
Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc	\$1,045.00
Kuranda Envirocare Inc	\$1,995.00
The Corporation of the Diocesan Synod of North Queensland, Kuranda	\$2,500.00
Kuranda Horse and Pony Club	\$4,500.00
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$10,040.00</b>




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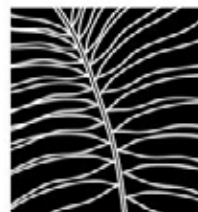
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**Castration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.  
**Giraffiti (n):** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.  
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# Town Talk

Community News



## Wettenhall Watch

### Rescue package for Neighbourhood Centre Funding

The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre plays a vital role providing support and assistance to people in the Kuranda community including information, referrals, community living support, community cultural group development as well as service sector support and development. Due to increasing demand for their services and rising costs, I was very pleased to be able to help the neighbourhood centre obtain additional funding of \$35,000 per annum over the next three years and a one-off grant of \$35,000 to cover immediate needs.

### Extra funding for local schools for 2009

I would like to extend my best wishes to all students and their families for the 2009 school year, especially to the prep kiddies and to those who are new to the district and attending either of our local schools - the Kuranda District State College or the Candlenut Steiner School. The state government has provided \$375 700 for capital works at the new Candlenut school including learning areas, student amenities, onsite sewerage treatment, site works and furniture and equipment and road upgrades.

At Kuranda District State College, enrolments are up on last year and I am very pleased that the two, new grade six learning areas that we all fought so hard for, are nearing completion. I am sure the entire community will join with me in welcoming Gary Toshack as the new principal and in wishing both Kuranda schools a successful 2009.

### ClimateSmart Home Service

You can still sign up for the Climate Smart Home Service to reduce your home energy use. For just \$50 you receive an in-home audit, up to 15 compact fluorescent

light globes and a water efficient showerhead installed. Phone 132040.

### Sale of Cairns Airport

The \$446 million redeveloped hospital for Cairns Airport. The sale of the airport for \$530 million, to the same consortium that bought the Mackay Airport as well as additional equity investor JP Morgan, was finalised late December. I have already met with the new owners and put forward a number of issues of concern to locals. Importantly, I urged continued support for community conservation projects including the green corridor project which is re-vegetating the banks of the Barron River through Kuranda.

The proceeds of the sale will go directly into the redevelopment of the Cairns Hospital which will include additional cardiac care facilities, full day surgery unit, specialist clinics and pathology services, as well as integrated mental health and cancer care units. By 2014, the redevelopment will mean 168 extra beds. The cancer units include new radiation oncology units which means, for the first time, Cairns residents will no longer have to travel to Townsville or Brisbane for treatment.

### Nominate for Awards Now

Two great awards are up for individuals and organisations to be nominated - the Queensland Training Awards and the Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards. The training awards recognise those who strive for excellence, best practice and innovation in the vocational education and training sector. Nominations close on March 11 with info at [www.qta.qld.gov.au](http://www.qta.qld.gov.au) or freecall 1800 660 207. The violence prevention awards close on March 2 for those working tirelessly in all areas of life, including

domestic and family violence prevention. See the website [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au) of phone 3224 4477.

### Kuranda Range Road News

With the wet season upon us in earnest, I encourage all range road users to register for the free SMS range road condition message service. If the road closes or there is delay due to accidents, slips or other causes, you will receive a text message advising of the delay and regular updates as the road is cleared or conditions change. This service enables people to avoid getting stuck on the range and to plan their trips and make necessary arrangements with schools, employers and family when the road is closed or conditions make deferring travel the better option. You can register by phoning 4050-5425.

In the meantime, over the coming weeks, Main Roads will continue clean up and stabilisation work on the range following the January deluge and there will be minor delays with small sections of the range being reduced to one lane. For closures in excess of 30 minutes, motorists will receive advice via SMS. I would like to thank our Main Roads crews for doing a fantastic job keeping the road open over the big wet and ask all motorists to take great care on the range road, especially approaching and passing through road works.

Road widening has been completed in a 1.2 km section between Avondale Creek and the lookout and further widening particularly designed to aid the passage of long vehicles will take place later this year following environmental approvals.

### Steve Wettenhall MP, Member for Barron River

Art Gallery located in Atherton. The Gallery aims to promote local artists and sponsors regular exhibitions. Kuranda artist, Toni Rogers has recently been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Regional Gallery.

### Grants for Community Groups:

Community groups may be interested in applying for funds through the State Government "Blueprint for the Bush" program. The next round of nominations closes in early March. If you need details, please contact the Blueprint for the Bush Officer, Virginia Ph: 4091 9235.

### Congratulations:

Congrats to the Kuranda Recreation Centre (particularly the small band of dedicated helpers) on the great progress in re-establishing the centre. They have really achieved a great deal in the past 6 months and the Centre is enjoying increased support and use.

### Mayor's Christmas Appeal:

Thank you to all who donated to the appeal. A number of families benefited from your generosity.

Budget 2009-2010: Council has commenced work on the next Budget. Given the current economic climate and predictions, this will certainly be a very difficult budget. I am interested in feedback from residents regarding the next Budget.

### Meetings this month:

During December, Council Meetings will be held at Mareeba (Feb 10th /11th) and Atherton (Feb 24th /25th). These meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to access details of the Agenda, please contact either me or the Council Office. Details of items (except for Confidential Items) are available by the Friday immediately prior to the Council Meeting.

### Councillor Contact Details:

Ph: 40938466 or 40930798 or mobile 0417002046 (Please leave a message if there is no answer). Please note that my phone number does not appear in the current Phone Book. Email: [jenny.jensen@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:jenny.jensen@trc.qld.gov.au) or TRC website [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) ("Contact Us" link). If you are communicating in writing to Council it is always best to address the letter to the CEO. If you are phoning Council, the best number is 40434100.



## JENSEN JOTTINGS

Jenny Jensen

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### Australia Day Awards:

Great to see some nominations from the Kuranda district for the Australia Day awards. There are so many people in our community who give willingly of their time and effort and it is good to see them recognised. Congratulations to all the successful nominees, particularly to Georgia Bruce, Cathy Retter and Helen Coleman (now lives in Mareeba, but is certainly a Kuranda-ite.)

### Federal Government Funds:

Late last year the Tablelands Regional Council received an additional 1.3 million in federal government funds for local infrastructure projects such as halls, parks and gardens, community facilities. Council has now allocated these funds for projects across our region and I am very pleased that approximately \$200,000 of this amount will be allocated for works at the old Kuranda Primary School.

### Old Primary School:

The Advisory Committee has now commenced the task of moving forward with developing options and arrangements for the site. As I have always said, this will be a long process, but things are now underway. Please take the opportunity to continue to discuss your ideas with members of the Committee. Community representatives on the Committee are Linda Snart, Ken Harley, Gerald Hobbler and Chris Martin. Along with myself and Matt Hyde (General Manager: Community Services TRC), the group will be working on a strategic plan and costing for the development of the site.

### Civil Works and Roads:

During the past month, our road crews main have been very busy due to the heavy rains. It is expected that longer term projects such as work

on widening sections of Koah Road and Myola Rd will commence soon. Our crews are doing their best to keep up with mowing, but that grass just seems to keep on growing at a rapid rate!

### New Playing Field at Junior School:

The work on the Playing Field at the Junior School Campus at the Kuranda District College has now been completed and the area has been seeded with grass. I anticipate that the field will be ready for use fairly soon. The facility will be available to the community and will be administered by a Management Committee.

### Tourism matters:

For some years, Council has received funds via the state government to fund tourism related infrastructure in the central Kuranda Village area. Expressions of Interest for membership of the advisory committee (known as the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee or KIAC) were called in December. The successful nominees are Fay Allen, Terry Pates, Cathy Retter, Kim Forde, Peter Potter and the new Committee will commence meeting in early February. Work will commence soon on progressing the projects approved by the former Committee and the Minister. These include upgrade to Therwine St, Toilet facilities for the Barron Falls area and covered walkways in the village.

### Parking Review for Kuranda:

Council will soon be conducting a Review of Parking needs for the Kuranda village area. The review will look at all aspects of parking and will definitely consider aspects such as the needs of local residents, tourism related traffic and parking, loading zones etc.

### Regional Art Gallery:

In 2008 Council established a Regional



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### WHAT'S HAPPENED

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Greencorp team members would like to say thank you to members of the community and Envirocare volunteers who planted 1000 trees for Tropical tree planting day on 13 Dec. A great effort by everyone and they were all planted in less than an hour. Team members watered the plants in on the day and on several more occasions until we received those wonderful first storms between Xmas and New Year.

Now the planting season is on in earnest. For those of you who arrived around 8am on 13 Dec and found that the trees were almost all planted, you have several more opportunities to join in with the team and have a big effect in a short time. See What's Coming Up heading for details.



**Tree planters at the school oval below the running track. In the background, a Greencorp planting prepared 12 years earlier.**

#### Nursery extension

The Envirocare nursery at 19 Kullaroo Close now has a new shade area extension so all plants can be located there. A big thank you to the Envirocare volunteers, the Greencorp team and the Mission Australia participants who have all had a hand in completing this, and to Mission Australia for their funding. It's working well, the trees are in great health and many plants are now ready for hardening off in preparation for planting. We have plenty of plants suitable for residents' blocks and gardens so come and check us out.

#### Fruiting this Month

##### River cherry (*Syzygium tierneyanum*)

Found naturally by rivers and water courses, this tree is fruiting now. The fruit is about 2cm long, pear shaped with a typical syzygium indented cross on the bottom. Red fruit are more common but some trees bear white fruit. It's fast growing, frost hardy (not necessary here) and an essential species for rehabilitation of river bank erosion in the Wet Tropics. It can be used in garden plantings where it probably grows 10-12m and has a coppery red flush of new growth contrasting with dark green mature leaves. It has masses of creamy white flowers in spring which attract the butterflies and honeyeaters.

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### WHAT'S COMING UP

Plant  
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#### Greencorp community planting day Sunday 22 February 7am.

Next Community plantings is planned for Sunday 22 Feb behind the Kowrova community and will be a bush tucker orchard planting on a flat area above the river with easy access.

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We hope to have another 1000 trees planted in plenty of time for a scrumptious morning tea at 8:30am. Access via Kowrova shop roadway. Watch for signs on Myola/Oakforest Road.

#### Frogs in focus

The recent visit from Dr. Conrad Hoskins has stirred a good deal of interest in rainforest frogs. His most recent book includes the Myola frog and if you'd like a copy see the Kuranda Information Centre. Conrad is continuing his research work in this area and will be back in town shortly. We'd like to hear from anyone with an interest in being a part of a study of the numbers of rainforest frogs in our local area. Please contact Cathy on 4093 9926.



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Dianne Daniels is Deputy Principal at Trinity Anglican School but still finds time to support her passion for making the world a better place for our children. And, she has a wonderful, helpful welding and construction husband whose professional expertise is an enormous benefit to the KCons nursery.

#### PLANTING PICNIC

On 7 March, KCons is assisting TREAT with plants and willing hands to plant out a strategic plot of land around Lake Barrine. If you'd like to come along, be at the KCons nursery at 7am. It'll be a great morning out. Back by early afternoon. **"This is Cassowary Country"** art exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery, April 2009.

#### Saturday Morning planting at 7am.

Planting sites are along Myola/Oak Forest road. Ring Cathy on 4093 9926 for locations and watch out for Envirocare signs.

#### Envirocare General meeting

4 February 7pm

Sports and Social club, Fallon Road

Review the plans for the year and the exciting partnerships we're developing.

All welcome, light supper provided.

#### Envirocare Annual General meeting

4 March 7pm

Sports and Social club, Fallon Road

## KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE, FALLON ROAD

The Recreation Centre Bar will be open for happy hours between 3.30 and 6.30 Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, starting 1 February 09 A BBQ will be held on Friday nights with barefoot bowls weather permitting. Please book for the BBQ (see below)

Keen to join a Kuranda community group? Check out what's happening at the Recreation Centre.

Membership enquiries? Contact Rebecca 4093 8460.

Need a venue for a private function? A business function? Or a community group meeting place? Contact Arch on 4093 7511 or Gary on 4093 8399.

### What's happening and when?

Weekday	Activity	When?	Contact?
Monday	FREE for bookings		
Tuesday	Tai Chi classes	Every Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Les Anwyl on 4093 8276
Wednesday	Happy Hour	Every Wednesday 3.30 to 6.30pm	
	Salsa Dancing Lessons	Every Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm	Kevin on 0414 364 965.
Thursday	FREE for bookings		
Friday	Happy Hour	Every Friday 3.30 to 6.30pm	
	BBQ and Barefoot Bowls	Every Friday 6pm - 10pm. Extra activities for everyone: Pool tables, darts, Mah Jong, cards, open bar. <b>New members welcome!</b>	Bookings Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124
Saturday	FREE for bookings		
Sunday	Happy Hour	3.30 to 6.30pm	
	The Film Club	First Sunday of every month. 4pm till 8pm.	Margaret or Hans on 4093 8393



Kuranda Film Society at the Sports & Social Club

**Sunday February 1 at 4 pm at the Sports & Social club Fallon Rd.**

Bring a plate to share at "interval".

Subscriptions for 2009 are.

\$10 per year, or \$5 for a 1 day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 40938393

### Australian Rules

Based on the award winning novel 'Deadly, Unna?' by Phillip Gwynne, 'Australian Rules' speculates on the deep rooted racism of the small rural fishing community of Prospect Bay, South Australia, where winning the football premiership is the most exciting thing to happen since the community won a tidy town competition. The film is viewed from the perspective of Blacky/Gary, a quiet, sensitive, and questioning youth who is best friends with football team mate Dumbo Red, a brilliant Aboriginal footballer and idealist, apparently unaffected by the animosity of older cousin Perry towards the whites. The status quo changes after a farcical grand final presentation in which one of the goonys (whites) is selected over arguably Best on Ground Dumbo. The football field proves the town's racial arena whereby gunyas (blacks) are tolerated for their superior football prowess - off field, the small minded community is a pressure cooker of racism and hostilities which explode after a tragic event. Blacky's relationship to Dumbo's sister Clarence also proves a point of contention with his abusive, belligerent and racist father. A thoughtful and passionate film, 'Australian Rules' is as much about friendship, intolerance, and life in an isolated community as it is about racism.

### Die Drei Von Der Tankstelle = Three from the Filling Station

This operetta of everyday life involves three friends, Willy, Kurt and Hans, who, finding themselves bankrupt, open a petrol station. They are all attracted to the same woman in a roadster. This musical comedy is considered one of the finest example of the early German sound film, thanks to the innovative use of sound, the combination of music and images, and experiments with high-angle shots which later became famous in US musicals. At first glance, the film's success could be due to its optimism, particularly in the period immediately following the world economic depression when unemployment was still widespread in Germany. The authors Franz Schulz and Paul Frank have cunningly included even this detail: the story starts with a bank that goes bankrupt and then continues with three men whose entire possessions have been seized by the bailiff, only their car being left to them. Everyday reality definitely features in the film, yet it cannot be accused of escapism, despite its optimism. Even the heroes themselves are highly ambivalent characters. Musical highlights are provided by the popular singing group. The film was banned in 1937 in Germany.

### Kuranda Media Association Inc. Update

Thank you to readers who responded to the appeal for ideas of small one-off community projects funded from KMA surplus.

Presently under consideration are:

**Work at Batreach, Order of Kuranda Awards, Full length mirror(s) at one or more community venues, Several KDSC projects and a Public space piano as per current Sydney Arts festival**

Although Kuranda Paper income has fallen somewhat over the Nov-Dec period, keep those suggestions coming in.

The 200<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kuranda Paper is out **June 2009**. To mark this momentous event and celebrate the incredible efforts of all those who have given so much time and effort to bringing out your paper, the present Production Team wants to make this issue a real souvenir item.

Your ideas as to how we can do this are welcome. Presently wanted are persons who would be prepared to undertake the following tasks:

Facilitate/develop/collate community ideas for 200<sup>th</sup> edition to cost/feasibility stage

Search/gather/collate early history/paper editions and pics

Interview/record stories of the early surviving paper pioneers and their paste-up parties.

Carry responsibility for advertising/press coverage of event.

**Peter J. North. Secretary, KMA.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Tablelands  
Regional  
Council

Kuranda Transfer Station  
Opening Times  
Monday & Friday 7am - 10am Wednesday 3pm - 6pm  
Saturday 8am - 12pm Sunday 1pm - 5pm

### Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

Monday Closed  
Tuesday 11am - 6pm  
Wednesday 11am - 5pm  
Thursday 11am - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 12noon  
Saturday 9am - 12noon

www.library.msc.qld.gov.au

4-12 Thooree Street  
Phone 4093 9185

No council services are available on Saturday

## Kuranda Aquatic Centre

### Public Swimming Pool

Est. September 2008

### OPENING HOURS

1<sup>st</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 12 noon - 6.00pm

Tues - Fri 6.00am - 6.00pm

Saturday 8.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday

### ADMISSION PRICES

Adults (17 yrs +) \$3.50

Concession (3 yrs +) \$2.50

Spectators \$1.50

Family (2A + 2C) \$9.50

20 Entry Pass 20% discount

**Managers Gary & Linda Davis**

Ph: 40937109 Mob: 0437255229

262 Myola Road, Kuranda

### FNQ Wildlife Rescue

is a non-profit volunteer organisation which cares for orphaned, sick and injured native wildlife.

We are in need of volunteers to help out in our centre in Manunda. If you can help please phone Renee

40382436 or 0439 743 993

### Cairns to Kuranda Shuttle

Departures	Daily
Cairns (Spence st)	6:45 AM 8:30 AM 11:30 PM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM
Cairns (Central)	6:50 AM 8:35 AM 11:35 PM 1:35 PM 3:15 PM
Kuranda	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 12:15 PM 2:15 PM 4:00 PM

### Kuranda to Cairns Shuttle

Departures	Daily
Kuranda	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 12:30 PM 2:15 PM 4:15 PM
Cairns (Central)	8:10 AM 9:55 AM 1:10 PM 2:55 PM 4:55 PM
Cairns (Spence st)	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:15 PM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM

### CAIRNS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Cairns Museum has displays and collections which include local history, Aboriginal history and Chinese history. Operated by volunteers of the Cairns Historical Society, the Museum and Historical Society are housed in the city's historic School of Arts building, corner Lake and Shields.

Open Monday to Saturday 10 am - 3 pm.

Research facilities available.

Monthly meetings of the Society are on second Thursday of each month. Become a member now.

The Historical Society is always seeking historic photographs, documents and artefacts.

Ph. 0740515582.



**CLASSIFIEDS**

**COST 22 CENTS PER WORD.  
UNPAID CLASSIFIEDS WILL  
NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Lodge at Video Shop BP Complex.

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**Car Trailer Hire**

6 x 4 box trailers for hire \$10 half day. \$20 full day.

Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926

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Local Rainforest Trees available at Nursery  
19 Kullaroo Close (off Barron Falls Rd)  
Donations to support land care work.

Kuranda Envirocare 4093 9926

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**Land for Wildlife:** This great program continues to be run by Kuranda Envirocare with an experienced officer trained to do assessments. If you want recognition for your property's wildlife habitat value, have it registered as Land for Wildlife.

Phone Margaret on 4093 8393 or Andrew on 4093 8223

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**SPEEWAH COUNTRY MARKET**

Every Sunday 8.00am – 2.00pm

Local Produce – Country Prices

Have a stall \$5.00

Enquiries 40 930 361

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**For Sale**

Westinghouse White Upright Stove/  
Cooker top

Excellent condition \$150.00

Corner Shower Screen White frame,  
frosted glass \$150

Phone 4093 9208

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**If You Want Your House Cleaned**  
Windows cleaned, fly screens cleaned/  
replaced.

Gutters cleaned and flushed or any small jobs like mowing and garden clearing.

Please ring JACK

On 4093 9687 or 0403 615 029

\$30.00 per hour.

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**DOMESTIC CLEANER**

AVAILABLE KURANDA

PLEASE PHONE 4045 1695

**Tribal Style Bellydance**

Next six week beginner course

Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Please contact Lisa

kurandatribal@gmail.com

Or phone 0458 182 489

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**Speewah Country Market**

Every Sunday 8.00am – 2.00pm

Local Produce – Country Prices

Have a stall - \$5.00

Enquiries 4093 0361

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**For Sale**

Dell P4 3.0Ghz Desktop Computers

512mb Ram, 40 GB Hard Drive

128mb Intel Extreme Graphics.

DVD-Rom- CDRW

Genuine XP Pro \$300

16 GB USB Memory Sticks \$60

17" Acer Flat Screen Monitor \$200

15" DiamondView Flat Screen Monitor \$150

M: 0408 306 753

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**Thinking of Your Health?**

The Original Himalayan Gochi Juice

now has a distributor in Kuranda

Phone 4093 8646 and ask for Sharon

5 – 7 pm or leave message

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**LOST CAT**

**REWARD**

Hairless (Sphinx Breed)

Blue eyes, pink skin, kink in tail.

Missing in Kuranda Area 17 -1 -09

Phone 0433590721 or 0438015902

Much loved Family Pet

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**BELLYDANCE CLASSES**

Tuesday afternoons at the Amphitheatre

8 week BEGINNERS' COURSE

Commencing Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>

5.30 - 6.30pm

BEYOND BEGINNERS CLASSES

Also commence February 10<sup>th</sup>

4.00 – 5.00pm

Cost is \$80 for 8 classes

Casual Rate of \$15 is also available.

Phone Bronwyn for Bookings

042 9070 393

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**MOW WITH THE FLOW**

On site quotes and

Competitive rates

PH: JULIAN

0450 208 961

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**WANTED FOR HONEY HOUSE**

**50 year Anniversary Celebration**

Any Memorabilia relating to the Honey House ~

Old Photos

News articles, Old Jars or Labels

Originals will be returned

Prize for the best item from each decade

Contact Trish on

40937261

honeyhouse@bigpond.com

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Revegetation works, Design, Specie selection,

Drainage, Erosion control, Council liaison

**BILL SOKOLICH 4093 0091**

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**WANTED**

Energy, ideas, enthusiasm.

If we want a Kuranda Spring Festival

We need to get cracking!

-about 6 months lead time needed –

Everyone welcome.

Spring Festival Contact:

0412 775 184

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**'Just Gorgeous'**

Valentine gift vouchers...

Just ring the Just Gorgeous friendly staff and

organize to have your Valentine Voucher

Sent to that special friend.

ph. 40937508

or drop in ~ open 7 days

( opp chemist)

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**LAWN MOWING**

Radman Services

Water Pressure Cleaning

Rubbish Removal

Reliable and Local

Fully Insured

Call Paul Radel

0400 215 955

7am -6pm Mon - Fri

Kuranda Paper congratulates  
Kuranda Honey House  
on 50 Years of continuous serv-  
ice to our overseas visitors &  
and Kuranda



**Kuranda Kryptic Crossword No. 106**

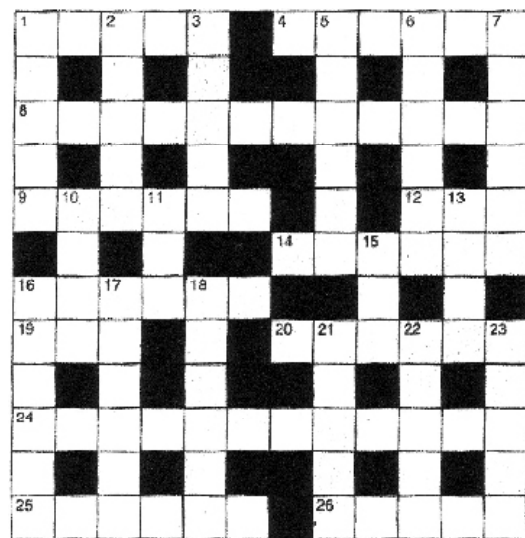
Compiled by John Brooksbank

**Across**

1. A vine - who one pays to meet the bill?.
4. John sits on endless murmur about creek.
8. What farming leases are in the Shire.
9. What cows leave behind is dourer prospect?
12. Theory of everything digit to dig in ?
14. Stick to company in this location.
16. Bulimic latte at Kuranda Café.
19. Indian boss acronym.
20. Entertain with talk about storm.
24. When in Fez raise sail about no commercial interference.
25. Anne is portrayed in this colour.
26. Ian about short advertisement for water nymph.

**Down**

1. Famous film instrument.
2. Sounds like double cut down.
3. About dog again.
5. Last month !
6. What shire does to your property (2-4)
7. Bull – tree or scrub in dry places.
10. Rascal is a real tool in the garden.
11. Container to turn in for your next life
13. Examination you hear.
15. Tied up on his bike?
16. Climbs all over fish.
17. Medicine used in period in early history?
18. Find Ness in this hut.
21. See part of myself in dwarf.
22. A story to spin before I bail for Kuranda police.
23. End after I'm about to remove errors.



Answers No. 104



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:  
For meeting information contact Diane  
Phone: 4093 0462 or 4054 2707

**KIDS**  
  
**HELP LINE**  
**FREE CALL**  
**1800 55 1800**





# Community Calendar

**Every Sat** **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, phone 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au  
**Kuranda Tennis Club** Junior lessons 8.30am beg, 9.15am intermediate. Fallon Road. Court hire avail. Ph 40937666

**1st Sat** **Car Boot Sale** Recreation Centre carpark Fallon Road 8 am - 11 am Phone Gary Davis 4093 8399  
**Garden Group** 2 pm Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

**Every Sun** **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30 am Phone 4093 7599  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Please contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124  
**Speewah Country Market** 8am to 2pm 4093 0361  
**Happy hour** at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

**1st Sun** **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Thoree Street.  
**Kuranda Film Society** 4 pm - 8pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393

**Every Mon** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 8 pm Phone Diane 4093 0462  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm – 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Pilates classes** at Speewah Studio 6.30 pm Phone 4093 0732  
**H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span)** Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9:00 start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617

**1st Mon** **Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30 pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

**3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00 pm Rob Veivers Dve. Ph 4093 8933

**Every Tue** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence adults** 7.00 pm QCWA hall Ph 4093 8682  
**Tai Chi** Kuranda Recreation Centre 5:30 pm Ph Les Anwyl 4093 8276  
**8 Ball** 7.00 pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537  
**Belly Dance** at Amphitheatre Understage. Have fun and keep fit at the same time Ph. 0429 070 393  
**The KCCT** meets at the Kuranda Hotel/Motel.  
**Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.  
**Spring Festival meeting.** 5:00pm. 1 Pademelon Ln, Kuranda 4093 8834. All Welcome.

**1st Tue**  
**2nd Tue**  
**3rd Tue**

**Every Wed** **Craft and social** morning at QCWA hall 9 am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** – 9:30 am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - New families please RSVP Lisa ph 4093 0038 or Michelle ph 4093 9851  
**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Yoga** at CWA  
**Kuranda Bowls Club** Kuranda Recreation Centre contact Lorraine on 4093 9583 or Sylvia on 4093 7124  
**Salsa dancing.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6:30 -7:30 pm Ph Kevin 0414 364 965  
**Happy hour** at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

**1st Wed**  
**2nd Wed**

**Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682  
**Women's Acapella Choir** 7 pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New voices welcome

**2nd Thur**  
**Every Fri** **Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road  
**H.A.L.S.** Stretch Yoga. 4.45pm for 5pm start at QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 or 4093 7401  
**Barefoot bowls and BBQ.** Kuranda Recreation Centre 6pm-10pm Ph Lorraine 4093 9583 or Sylvia 4093 7124 by Wed prior for catering purposes.  
**Happy hour** at Kuranda Recreation Centre 3:30 - 6:30

PLEASE CHECK THAT INFORMATION IS CORRECT

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**FIRE** or other emergencies – please phone 000  
**SES Flood or Storm emergencies** –please phone 132 500  
**Kuranda SES** phone Bob on 4093 9143 or 0408 939 143  
**Rural Fire Brigade Contacts .**

Davies Creek	4093 3181	Lloyd
Koah	4093 7006	Peter
Kuranda	0408 077 746	Nick
Myola	4093 7190 0408 151 199	Duncan
Speewah	4093 0211	John

## Kuranda Transfer Station Opening Times

Monday & Friday 7am - 10am Wednesday 3pm - 6pm Saturday 8am - 12pm Sunday 1pm -5pm

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

	MON & TUES	WED & FRI	SAT/SUN & PUB HOL.
<b>To :- SPEEWAH</b>	0900	0900	1000
<b>KOAH</b>		1300	
	*1530	*1530	
	1750	1750	1630
<b>EX:- KOAH</b>	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
<b>EX:- SPEEWAH</b>	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	

\* SCHOOL DAYS ONLY  
 # BOOKING REQUIRED  
**NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & XMAS DAY**  
 TEL JOHN 0418772953

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

	MON&TUES	WEDtoFRI	P/HOL & SAT/SUN	
<b>DEPARTS KURANDA</b>	#0725 1330 1530	#0725 0900 1130 1330 1530	0830 1500	<b>(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)</b> W/CRT 1450 REDLYNCH 1455 CARAVONICA 1505 SMYTHFIELD 1510
<b>DEPARTS CAIRNS</b>	**0825 1715	0825 1000 1230 1715	0930 **1600	ALL SERVICES EXCEPT 1000 GO TO SPEEWAH & KOAH IF REQUIRED.

\*\* **ATHERTON & MAREEBA**  
 # VIA CARAVONICA, RAINTREES, W/CRT, TAFE, CAIRNS CITY.  
**NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY XMAS DAY.**  
 TEL JOHN 0418772953

## Local Bus Timetables



ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS BUS TIMETABLE					
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
RAVENSHOE	7.30 am	7.45 am	2.00 pm		
HERBERTON	8.00 am	8.15 am	2.30 pm		
ATHERTON (arrive)	8.25 am	8.45 am	3.00 pm		
ATHERTON (depart)	6.30 am	9.15 am	3.30 pm	6.30 am	9.15 am
MAREEBA	7.00 am	9.45 am	4.00 pm	7.00 am	9.45 am
KURANDA	7.30 am	10.20 am	4.30 pm	7.30 am	10.20 am
CAIRNS	8.15 am	11.15 am	5.15 pm	8.15 am	11.15 am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS BUS TIMETABLE					
Departures	Monday to Friday			Saturday	Sunday
CAIRNS	8.30 am	3.15 pm	5.30 pm	9.30 am	1.00 pm
KURANDA	9.05 am	3.55 pm	6.05 pm	10.05 am	1.40 pm
MAREEBA	9.40 am	4.30 pm	6.40 pm	10.40 am	2.15 pm
ATHERTON (arrive)	10.15 am	5.00 pm	7.15 pm	11.15 am	2.45 pm
ATHERTON (depart)	11.00 am	3.00 pm	5.15 pm		
HERBERTON	11.20 am	3.30 pm	5.35 pm		
RAVENSHOE	Noon	4.05 pm	6.15 pm		

Operated by Kerry's Bus Service  
 0000 School days only  
 Connects with Chillagoe Bus Service Mon / Wed / Fri

Commencing January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008, Trans North will provide a passenger and light freight service between Atherton and Cairns and all towns and villages enroute. This service also connects at Atherton for Ravenshoe with Kerry's Bus Service, and at Mareeba with Chillagoe Bus Service.

**Ticket purchases can be made at:**  
 • Phillips News, Atherton;  
 • Mareeba News, Mareeba; or  
 • from the driver as you board the bus.

**The bus stops are located at:**  
 • 46 Spence Street, Cairns,  
 • 15 Therwine Street, Kuranda,  
 • Old Railway Station, Mareeba, and  
 • Phillips News, Atherton.

You may Hail and Ride at any location enroute, where the bus can safely stop. Upon request, this service will drop off at the Airport, Trinity Wharf and Hospitals and Doctor Surgeries in Cairns.

THERE ARE NO SERVICES OPERATING ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

See Kuranda Shuttle timetable on Page 22