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## Seasons Greetings★

Yes, we know it's not Christmas yet, but this is the last edition of the paper to come out this year and it has become traditional\* for us to use it to wish you all the best of the season.

This is our first full colour paper and our print numbers have increased to 3,000, in a year when we introduced colour and printed a full 32 pages for every other edition. We feel rather proud. We hope you like the layout and it brightens up your day a bit. We're either going from strength to strength or from bad to worse; we can't really tell. If you like it or don't like it, please tell us. We need feedback.

This has been a year of controversy\*\*, still unfinished for the most part: with the Men's Shed, de-amalgamation, fluoridisation, or flouridisation as some correspondents picturesquely put it, reticulated water quality or lack of same and the general state of disrepair of the village environs, being some of the items which have energised our collective imaginations. If you think our letter column is an appropriate place to let others know what's on your mind or to find out what's exercising your neighbour then we've been to some extent successful.

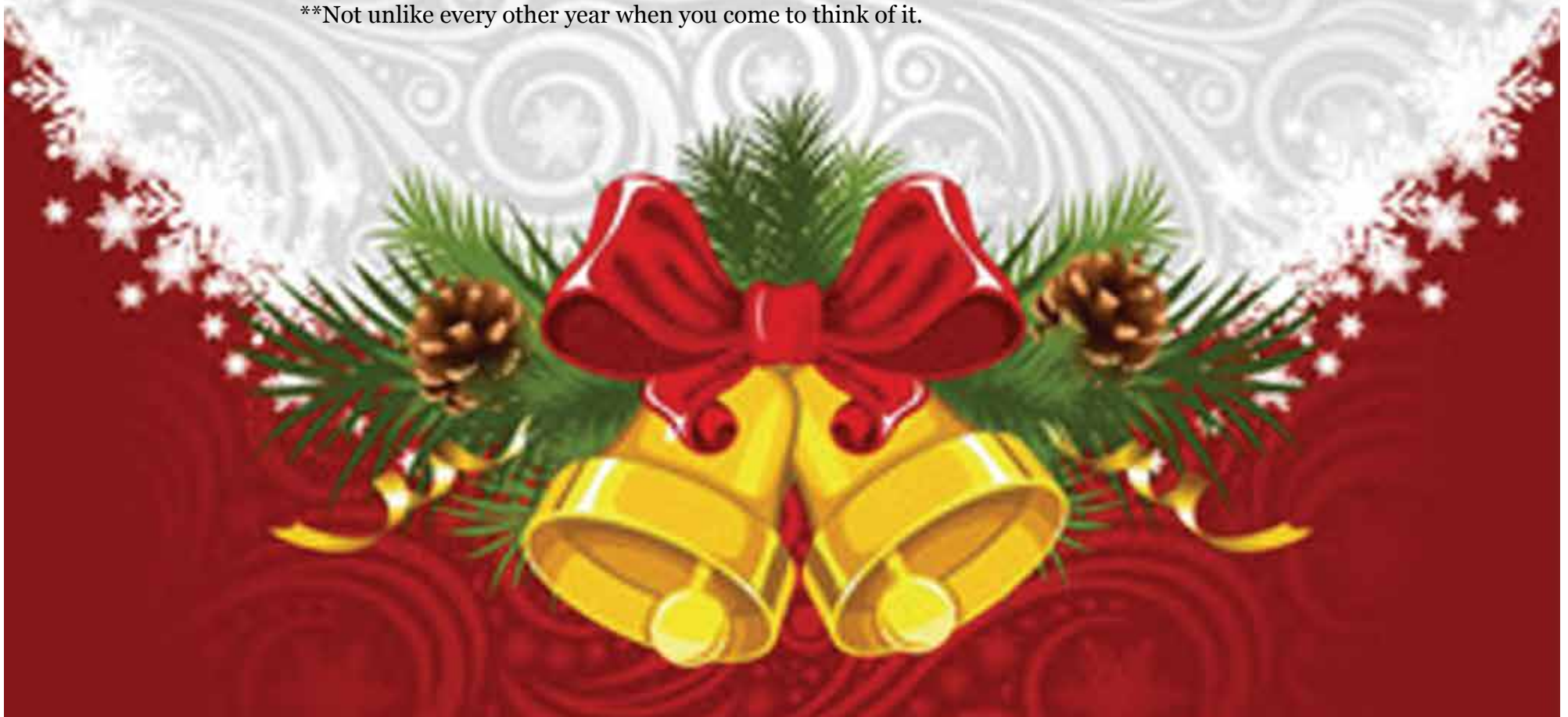
What is life without controversy anyway? If we didn't disagree we wouldn't have a chance of changing our view and thereby progressing. The trick is to have a mind which is open to the idea of change. Some people have closed minds and open mouths, a bad combination.

We would like to put in a plea for tolerance, that most elusive of virtues, the possession of which guarantees an openness towards new ideas. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, whether reasoned or rusted on and just because I don't agree with your's I don't have the right to shout you down. Because my take on the world is not the same as your's I don't have the right to impugn your motives, to accuse you of bad faith or to believe you are involved in a conspiracy against us true believers. Let us be polite to each other. Manners have evolved to smooth the actions of social discourse. Let us use them. Thank you, we feel better now.

Finally, to get to the subject of our first paragraph: have a happy festive season, don't eat too much, drink too much, swear too much, argue too much or fight too much. Treat each other gently and we'll see you all in the New Year.

\*Well, at least since 2010

\*\*Not unlike every other year when you come to think of it.



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# Letters



Please keep your letter to the point and under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin are not published. Correct name, street address and phone contact are to be submitted with your letter. See left for postal and email addresses.

### Fluoridation Continued

The issue of fluoridation of our water supply is too important to be determined by the vocal minority who demonstrated in the park at Kuranda. Why is it that our councillors are prepared to act in response to this display of confused and misleading information while paying no heed to the fact that the vast majority of our residents stood aside hoping their lack of support for the anti-fluoridation campaign would be noticed? Could it be that our elected representatives were influenced by their own views rather than taking into account the feelings of their constituents?

These questions can be easily resolved: if, as seems likely, there is a referendum on the question of de-amalgamation then it behoves the Tablelands Regional Council to have the question of support for fluoridation added to the referendum paper. Then, and only then, will the Council be in a position to make an informed decision on this important health issue.

*Howard Small*

### Rainwater Continued

I read Keith Treadwell's letter (September edition of *The Kuranda Paper*) stating his concern that TRC will not allow him to connect the water from his 22,500 ltr fresh water tank to his house, therefore he is unable to drink fresh water from his tank. Your 'horrified' concern about 'possible pollutants' which 'may' be entering the town water system sound like FoE Kuranda scaremongering which they have been doing for years. I really don't think the TRC will have any problem if you just do what most people who have fresh water tanks do, which is walk outside to your rainwater tank and collect all the freshwater you wish to drink. Just don't connect it to your house. There, now isn't that simple?

*John W. Goss*

### In Defence Of Flying foxes

I see that one of Bob Katter's Australia Party mob has made the news by "offering to pay for the cost of shooting flying-foxes in Charters Towers" (Sunday Mail 25/11/12).

Shane Knuth presumably doesn't think that the extermination of a substantial number of an ecologically important species should be of any concern. No doubt his comments have brought a few sagely nods of approval and admiring chuckles from his redneck mates. However these sorts of comments do nothing to arrest the growing concern in the more rational community concerning the competence of this state government to address any conservation, arts and humanitarian issues with any sense of responsibility at all. Paradoxically enough, Knuth is a member of the government's Agriculture, Resource and Environment Committee. Clearly the "Environment" section of this Committee runs a distant third in importance. This Knuth comment will, in the mind of many rednecks, give a tacit approval for them to go forth and shoot any flying-fox in sight. Why stop there? There's plenty of other pesky 'invaders' into suburbia that some complain about - brush turkeys, galahs, various other birds, possums and macropods.

The Charters Towers council is now apparently following advice it should have taken a decade ago, to create a habitat outside the town for the flying-foxes. All fauna experts agree that flying-foxes prefer native flowering flora and fruit, and those townships surrounded by farmland that have knocked down this native food source in favour of agriculture, now pay the price by having 'invaders' into parks and gardens in the suburban areas.

I wonder if flying-foxes weren't black and they made melodious whistles and songs, would we be so quick to condemn them.

*David Gormley*

### Repositioning the Library

I am begging the Council not to relocate our library a long way from town to the old Primary School. If you check you will find all libraries in the tablelands are in the main street. The kids can get off the bus and just hop into the library, which is more than just books: it's a meeting place and information centre. Also, how do you expect old people without cars to use a library so far away? It doesn't look as if the Council or our representative cares much about the locals. Please, please, rethink your decision.

*Joon Graham*

### Kuranda Visitors Centre

I write in response to Mark Riley's letter criticising the administration of the Kuranda Infrastructure levy and questioning the design of the new Visitor's Centre.

In order to hear anything, one must stop talking. Differentiate fact from opinion and recognise that not all opinion is born of a reasoned approach nor backed by facts.

As one of the community reps for the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory committee (KIAC) and as an ex-volunteer at the Visitor's centre, I'm aware that a new visitor's centre space has been a long time in the planning. The surveys done for the KIAC strategic plan showed there was high interest from tourists for information which a Visitors Centre provides. Take a look at the size of Kuranda's visitor's centre, then, as you tour across the Tablelands (Mareeba, Herberton) and beyond, you will understand that the current space is woefully inadequate to service the increasing numbers of self drive and independent tourists to Kuranda. The new design for the centre is modern and funky - a building which represents that special Kuranda feeling, don't you think?

It seems rather unreasonable to assume the town's ambience is solely the council's responsibility to fix, and to correct the description of Kuranda by the JCU tourism academics mentioned, quoted as "state of advanced destruction and substantially weakened theme". One might look to the unfortunate situation in Kuranda where CBD business owners haven't been able to speak with one voice to council for many years regarding the environs in which tourists shop, the lack of a unifying theme across shop fronts, the quality of merchandise, I'm sure there's quite a list, none of which the council is in control of - some poor planning decisions yes - but mandating Kuranda shop fronts - hardly.

The Kuranda Infrastructure levy was set in place by a special agreement with the State government some 15 years ago. The purpose was to provide funding to upgrade the infrastructure of the Kuranda village, as the increasing numbers of tourists put pressure on the town services and the local council could not afford to fund the upgrades required: sewerage, roading and footpaths.

No other town in Queensland has such an infrastructure levy: \$1 collected for each visitor arriving by train and a yearly access fee paid by Skyrail (note: not by bus or self drive). This agreement has been extended for another 10 years but no levy increase was agreed by government. Very hard-nosed of them as inflation diminishes the real value of the dollars. The levy's lifetime is unlikely to be extended again, as Kuranda, in the next eight or so years, will have much of the infrastructure required to service its visitors, some say too much already. The government also agreed to allow funds to be spent on maintenance for the first time. But yes, the ratepayers will be paying for the maintenance in the future, as with all infrastructure.

The agreement specifies that the funds are to be spent on enhancement for the visitor and resident's experience in equal measure. Hence the proposed river walk was top of the tourist and the resident's survey list, the proposed covered walkway from the train and Skyrail will benefit tourists, the toilet block at Barron Falls and regulating access to Wrights lookout might benefit both groups.

Here's a list of the larger items of infrastructure funded by previous KIAC money: Centenary park improvements, toilet block and plantings, road signage, rail bus parking, Barang St carpark, walking tracks, the extensive upgrade of upper and lower Coondoo street scaping, including the fig bonsai planter boxes, the brick paving, the bollard street lighting, a share of the toilet block at Barron Falls, Wrights lookout upgrade.

If anyone has any questions about the operation of the Infrastructure levy I am very willing to talk to them. I can be contacted on mobile 0419 624 940.

*Cathy Retter*



# Farewell Eco-Warrior!



**On October 6th we sadly lost another vital member of our rich community – Dianne Horsburgh. We would like to share a snapshot of Di's rich life with the rest of Kuranda, who may not have known her so well.**

THE woman we all knew as Di Horsburgh, began her life as Dianne Christine McElwain on 10th July 1952. She and her sister, Sandie, were brought up in Auckland, surrounded by their mothers' family. She had a happy childhood, and was extremely close to both her sister and her mother, and remained so throughout her life, until illness claimed the life of her sister in 2001, and some years later in 2009, her mother.

These losses were extreme for Di, and she often talked about these wonderful women to her friends and family. Di was a strong, independent woman and greatly admired others with that trait! New Zealand, however, could not contain such a large personality as Di, and at the age of 16 she made her way, by herself, to Australia.

Initially travelling around by herself, she met the father of her oldest son, Justin, in Perth. Their relationship was short lived and for the first year of Justin's life she raised him by herself. She met her younger son Jaime's father, Marshall Horsburgh in Sydney later on.

Shortly after Jamie's birth, the adventurous pair purchased a yacht and sailed – if not the seven seas – all the seas around Australia and the Torres Straits for the next 14 years from 1971-1985. This time, spent living primarily in the Torres Strait Islands region, sparked Di's deep love and respect for indigenous peoples, their cultures and their values.

Di home-schooled the boys and provided them with a childhood that gave them the opportunity to become resourceful and independent, to the point that at times the children were entrusted with sailing the yacht while their parents took a much needed rest. Di made many connections in the Torres Straits, and her honest and direct character opened up the opportunity, when she finally became a landlubber to manage Wharf Agencies from 1987-2000.

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True to form, Di would only deal with the cray fishermen who dealt with their catch in an ethical humane way and in exchange ensured they were paid a fair price for their catch.

The 1990s were a turning point in Di's life. Hinchinbrook Island was threatened by the development of a mega resort, to be built on its doorstep within the Great Barrier Reef Heritage area. Di helped to organise a blockade of the site, and was even arrested at one point and charged with piracy!

She went on from this experience to study and gain a degree in Environmental Science. Di was passionate about many causes, and was also a leader in the campaign to stop the Kuranda Range Road becoming a four-lane highway. She was also a co-founder of the Kuranda-based Friends of the Earth group, and in 2004 was elected president of CAFNEC and was involved in Friends of Hinchinbrook, NQCC, Cairns Action Group, Save False Cape and Save Mona Mona.

In more recent years, Di worked tirelessly in the area she loved best, as the Cairns community campaigner for The Wilderness Society, working at grass-roots level, growing community support for the protection of Cape York Peninsula and in particular the protection of the Wild Rivers legislation in force to protect this unique region from being completely overrun by mining concerns.

Di made a lasting impression on all her knew her, and unlike many passionate and committed conservationists, never rammed her own views down anyone's throat, rather she led by example.

Even in the last weeks of her short fight with the aggressive cancer that claimed her life, Di was still insisting that her coffee be purchased using her "keep cup".

This woman, who always took her own (re-used and washed) plastic cutlery on board when she flew, refused to use anything throw-away if there was an alternative open to her. Di was a keen supporter of live music, festivals – anything. Di never missed an opportunity to attend whatever she could, and even a few weeks before becoming so ill that she was forced to go into hospital, made the effort to attend the inaugural Black Mountain Unplugged Festival.

Di could be found enjoying or campaigning, often both, at all the annual local festivals, and made many, many friends as a result. She was a keen supporter of local music as her CD collection attests!

She loved to travel, and was up for any road trip or adventure that anyone suggested, and she would also often take the opportunity to hire a "Wicked" van and travel by herself to smell, touch and be in the wild places that were so dear to her heart.

We will all miss our Di. Her passion and integrity touched the lives of many, both here and all over this huge country. Di passed away on Saturday, October 6th, 2012, surrounded by her loving sons Jamie and Justin, and close friends, at peace, happy to once again be in her beautiful open rainforest home.

Di also leaves her three grandchildren, Cougar, Ice and Hewn as well as her daughter-in-law Amanda Horsburgh. We will all miss her.

Written by her friends Anja Bakker and Terry Eager with input by her loved sons, Justin and Jamie Horsburgh.

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# Rhonda Brim

(Kuranda/Mona Mona)



Rhonda was awarded a Cassowary Award for her dedication to advancing respect of Rainforest Aboriginal people, their cultural obligations to country and supporting their beneficial participation in decision-making and on-ground management of Wet Tropics landscapes.

"The Wet Tropics is Rainforest Aboriginal country. I appreciate being given this Cassowary Award because, as a Djabugay person, I have fought hard with other Bama for over twenty years for us to be recognised as the original landowners. We are still here and we won't go away. The Wet Tropics is our country and we want to manage it. This is for us mob," Ms Brim said.

Djabugay traditional owner Rhonda has been actively involved in Rainforest Aboriginal engagement for twenty years. She was a key Aboriginal negotiator over four years for the Wet Tropics Regional Agreement signed in 2005, a director of the Aboriginal Rainforest Council, a member of the Rainforest Aboriginal Advisory Committee and a member of the Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network. She was instrumental in steering the comprehensive community planning for Mona Mona, negotiating the Mona Mona Management Agreement with the Wet Tropics Board, and more recently, successfully campaigning for and securing a long-term lease from the Queensland Government for the Mona Mona community. Rhonda has led the way in community governance and is a Director of the Mona Mona Bulimba Corporation, and a Director of the Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation, who also run the Djabugay Aboriginal Guided Tours with Skyrail. Apart from her long-standing community leadership at a local and regional level, and her artistic endeavours, Rhonda's passion is being a role model for young people in the Kuranda district and encouraging them to succeed for themselves and for their community and country.



**2012 Cassowary Award Winners**  
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### New Chinese Direct Flights:

On 31st October, Cairns saw the first direct services start from Mainland China. The China Market is certainly not a new market to North Queensland but with the introduction of direct services from mainland China, this market is going to be an increasingly important business sector for Cairns and Kuranda. The first wave of Chinese tourists has already been visiting Tropical North Queensland. Many of these people have come from areas which are socially, culturally, and linguistically different from mainstream mainland China. The second wave of Chinese visitors will have a different socio-cultural and political background. They will be Mandarin speaking mainland Chinese citizens who have limited experience of Western societies and values. Their behaviour and their needs may be different. Understanding the behaviour and the culture of these people and focusing on their specific needs will ensure that more mainland Chinese visitors and potential investors will be attracted to our region. Tourism Kuranda will be targeting this market more in the coming 12 months we hope to work closely with local operators to ensure a positive experience to Kuranda village. We are also in the process of producing a basic "All about Kuranda" information sheet in Chinese and we will be including a dedicated Chinese Page to our new website which is currently under construction and will be ready for launch in early 2013.

### Event Dates 2013 & Festival Team:

Each year Tourism Kuranda co-ordinates two major events for Kuranda village and we have just finalised the dates for 2013: Easter Celebration – Saturday 30th March, and Kuranda Day Festival 20th October 2013. As our events grow in popularity we require additional support to help tailor new activities and events in the village and to make certain these celebrations continue to draw massive crowds. To ensure these events are truly representative of the whole village, we would like to invite all Kuranda Community Groups to be involved in a new "Festivals Team" to help shape these important community events. Easter 2013 is just around the corner and we need to start work now. 1st Team Meeting Thursday 6th December, 4.00pm at Tourism Kuranda office (Level 1, 19 Coondoo Street, Kuranda in Post Office building).

### Caravan and Camping Show:

25–28 October 2012 – Kuranda was represented by Pro-active Marketing at the recent Caravan and Camping show in Brisbane and it was an extremely busy show with almost 30,000 people through the gates. There were a lot of self-drive retirees attending the show planning their trip for 2013 and North Queensland was a popular choice including specific questions on the Savannahlander, Reef Trips, Cooktown, Tablelands, Kuranda, Skyrail and Kuranda Scenic Railway. Our Kuranda travel brochures are distributed at the show and are always very popular with people planning their next adventure. Tourism Kuranda has also recently produced a number of colourful banners that are also displayed at these shows.

### New Tourism Kuranda Committee:

Robert Matthews, Adrian Pancirov and Catherine Flambo have joined the Tourism Kuranda Advisory Committee which provides advice to the Tablelands Regional Council on the promotion of Kuranda and its environs.

Division 8 Councillor, Jenny Jensen thanked all members of the outgoing committee for the outstanding achievements of Tourism Kuranda over the past three years.

"Through their professional approach to marketing, Tourism Kuranda has positioned Kuranda as a premier destination for local, national and international visitors. The leadership of Chair Melanie Wicks and Executive Officer Marc Sleeman has really helped to put Kuranda on the map," she said.

The new committee is:

Independent Chair: Melanie Wicks

Kuranda major attractions representatives: Kevin Parise, Chris Grantham

Retail: Patricia Green, Catherine Flambo

Accommodation: Robert Matthews

Service industry: Terry Pates

Chamber of Commerce/business: Adrian Pancirov.

Also represented on the committee is:

Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long

Division 8 councillor Jenny Jensen

and in a non-voting role, Tablelands Regional Council Manager, Customer and Community Services.

For more information contact Marc Sleeman at Tourism Kuranda on mobile 0427 592 203 or via e-mail [tk@kuranda.org](mailto:tk@kuranda.org).



## Opening Hours Over The Festive Season

The following businesses/organisations have advised us of their opening hours:

### Kuranda Medical Centre

Christmas Eve: Open 8.30am-1.00pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: Closed

Thursday 27 December: Open 8.30am-5.00pm

Friday 28 December: Open 8.30am-4.30pm

Monday 31 December: Open 8.30am-1.00pm

New Years Day: Closed

Wednesday 2 January: Closed

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### Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

Closed from 1.00pm Friday 21 December,

re-opening Monday 7 January, 9.00am.

Usual opening hours at all other times: Monday to Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm, Friday 9.00am-1.00pm.

### Village Vibe

Closed 24th to 28th December inclusive

### Foodworks

Closed 25th December

### Tablelands Regional Council

Closed from 4.00pm 24th December to 1st January 2013 inclusive. Emergencies 1300 362 242

### Pharmacy

Christmas Eve 8.30am to 5.30pm, Closed Xmas day. Boxing day and New Years Day 11.00am to 3.00pm

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## Something to offend everyone...

- What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog? After a year, the dog is still excited to see you.
- What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying? The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.
- A brunette, a blonde, and a redhead are all in Grade 9. Who has the biggest boobs? The blonde, because she's 18.
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# The Arts Page



## Hair Art by Amber Moon



Free your mind and take charge of your spirit... take the journey down to the Far Out Corner of the Original Kuranda Markets to the Hidden Echidna Gallery to soak up some soul searchin' and lock lovin' in true tribal style. Using feathers, crystals, dreadlocks, wraps and braids, locks come alive with intensive, improvised artistic creations designed personally to suit the individual.

Hair extensions add volume and length. Get creative and colourful with wraps and join the dreaded folk with some new dreadie locks, or just show a little love to an already rockin' style in the peaceful surroundings of the lush forest. Get creative and get expressive. Get original and go tribal style with some awesome hair-art love. Express the time that is now and the person that is you... Find your hidden echidna within... x Amber Moon

The darkest hour is always before the dawn... We have the honour of living through the dawning of a new era, illuminating the soul, bringing freedom from fear of the dark. It is indeed a time of golden crisis, in which, the intolerable must not be tolerated. You are the solution. You are a beacon of light - waiting to be turned on... You are the torch bearer... Ignite your golden core... Peace begins within... Layla Love



As well as doing her hair art, and raising a family, Amber still finds time to paint. You can see some of her art (left) at the Hidden Echidna, along with jewellery and other arty bits. The Hidden Echidna lies at the Arts End of the Original Rainforest Markets, in the midst of many other stalls offering original art.



### ALL IS ART

COLOUR has come at last to the Kuranda paper! We can now see our art in all its glory. Thanks Amber (left) and Adam (right) for these excellent samples. It's good to see more colour seeping into Kuranda streets these days. Painted poles are on the move, new murals are appearing in the market

place, and look at the colourful "street art" I saw on Barron Falls Rd (below right). I stood in the moon's shadow at Mt. Malloy while a NASA scientist told me it was the best of the nine eclipses he had seen. Well what would you expect in paradise FNQ? Some folks say that the eclipse marks a turning point. A place in time where change can happen, where new directions



Solar eclipse - Mt Molley



Colour comes to Barron Falls Road



## Amphitheatre News



### REGGAE TOWN 2012



Volunteers at the Mumford & Sons gig

Hi there, Here we are in December already with the Amphitheatre into its fourth outdoor event for the year!

Along with several Understage events and regular community hire, volunteers have been very busy throughout the year. Many thanks to those who continually step up to ensure everything is in order.

Mumford & Sons was overall a great gig... And huge! This was not only a success for the Amphitheatre, but also for the village as a whole with most accommodation full, locals and businesses gaining some extra trade and employment.

The event ran quite smoothly with much appreciated assistance from St Johns Ambulance, Kuranda SES, Tablelands Regional Council, Kuranda Police, Barron Falls Hotel, MAUI, Coates Hire and of course THE VOLUNTEERS.



Drinks anyone?

Last outdoor event of the year is CARVE IT UP on Saturday 1st December. This event starts at 4pm and will close at 10:30pm, thanks

Mumford & Sons, SOLD OUT!



in advance to all who assist. The Kuranda Amphitheatre wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas. Thank you to the Kuranda Paper team and the volunteers who make it happen.

KAS Management Committee

[www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)

Now that we have colour, I just had to print this one of Adam's again. More of Adam and Donna's work can be seen at InfinitUS Gallery. See below for details.



Adam Scott Miller - "Solarise"



### InfinitUS

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# the coffee kitchen

Here we go again – another year past...  
Dear friends and customers and  
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support all these months and years.**

**We wish you a Merry Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

We hope to see you all again next year in good  
health and shape.

We would like to inform you **we will be  
closed** from Christmas day to 19 January  
Have a good festive season.



All the best  
Lovely Lenna and  
Grumpy Luc

# Health Effects of Mould in the Home

There is often misleading and dramatic reporting of the potential health effects of mould; however it is undeniable that some people are particularly susceptible to its effects, and that most types of moulds can cause health effects of varying degrees.

To better understand the potential health effects; this is an extract from the EPA's guidelines to mould: "Moulds produce allergens (substances that can cause allergic reactions), irritants, and in some cases, potentially toxic substances (mycotoxins). Inhaling or touching mould or mould spores may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Allergic responses include hay fever-type symptoms, such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, and skin rash (dermatitis). Allergic reactions to mould are common. They can be immediate or delayed. Moulds can also cause asthma attacks in people with asthma who are allergic to mould. In addition, mould exposure can irritate the eyes, skin, nose, throat, and lungs of both mould-allergic and non-allergic people".

So we can see there is good reason to be wary of mould on a wall or ceiling, and the very young, the aged, and those with immune compromised systems are particularly susceptible.

A mould infestation in the building materials may be caused by a past roof leak or other water intrusion that has started the mould, and without a remedy, years of bleaching and high humidity have spread it throughout the home. So if you have even a small issue, deal with it now. Don't wait until it requires major works and may cause your family health issues.

For investment property owners, this is particularly relevant as they may be exposed to potential litigation. In a recent court case, tenants were awarded \$10,000 for damage to their furniture and clothing caused by an untreated mould issue in the building. Experts also found the mould contributed to the tenants' frequent respiratory health issues.

Mould thrives in high humidity, and with the wet season nearly upon us, this is a good time to take care of any ongoing mould issues. So what can be done? For starters, bleach does not kill mould on porous surfaces

such as timber and plasterboard. Bleach merely strips the melanin compounds out of the hyphae membrane so it looks like it's working, however it will quickly regrow, aided by the water within bleach. There are a number of "home remedies" which have had varying success but are not yet proven. Do not worry; there are new products on the market now that can kill mould on porous surfaces. Do your homework and make sure you read the label for ingredients and that its efficacy is proven.

The culture of having to "live with mould because you live in the tropics" is no longer relevant. There are potential health effects and affordable solutions are available.

– Andrew Holland

Andrew Holland is the owner of Mould and Bacterial Solutions (MBS) and accredited by IICRC in Applied Microbial Remediation and Water Damage Restoration.



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## CD Release

Koahlition album of original songs

### "UNDER THE SUN"

Koahlition's music is raw and real...

The family oriented band **Koahlition** consists of songwriter **Rohan Rusch** who fronts up on guitar and lead vocal, his partner **Tracy Rusch** and cousin **Sharmaine Drieberg-Cullen** add some lush harmonies and lead vocals complimented nicely by **Tanya Volentras**. Son **Adric Rusch**, formerly of **Skinflint**, goes back to his roots again on bass.

Hailing from Saibai Island in the Torres Strait is guitar wizard **Moses Warusam**, a talented and devoted lead guitarist and



Tracy Rusch

songwriter, playing some deadly guitar and songs to compliment the band.

Kuranda local and drummer, indigenous dancer and artist **Aaron Riley** adds his distinctive Kuranda rock, reggae beats.

**Koahlition Reggae** band is excited to release their debut CD **"Under the Sun"**.

The CD has a collection of new original Australian reggae songs.

**Elements of reggae, rock, soul, blues, funk and jazz ensure the album has a diverse range of sounds.**

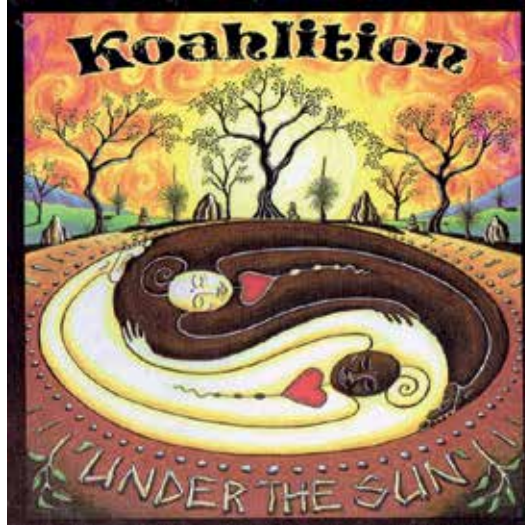
The title track, **'Under the Sun'** is a song for the outdoor worker, inspired by the music of South Africa and Rocksteady Reggae. **'Collaboration'** showcases

**Sharmaine** on lead vocals and came about after a local festival experience by the band. It also features **"Diggis"**, a well known local rap artist. **'Love Song'** is sung by **Tracy** who has an affinity for soul; funky, jazz styles.

The album also resonates with the outstanding lead guitar playing of **Moses Warusam**, backed up by a solid rhythm section of skanking guitar and driving bass (**Rohan and Adric Rusch**). **Ben Hakalitz** (Yothu Yindi) compliments with some solid

drum tracks, percussion and keys, finely assisted by **Koahlition** drummer **Aaron Riley** who did the pre-production drums.

The CD also features some fine local musos including **Tanya Volentras** on backup vocals, **Nick Emtage** (trumpet) and **Luke Weston** (sax) **Kirk Steele** and **Deb Sisson** on keys. **Joe Rusch** provides additional bass with **Joe Dawanicura** providing additional lead guitar on **'Angry Man'**.



"Under the Sun" available in Kuranda from Serendiva, Dee's Boutique & Colly Dolly in Coondoo Street.

CD cover artwork by Kuranda artist **Imogen O'Neil**

## What's On at the Amphi



### Saturday 1 December 2012

This will be one huge night of top Aussie talent at the **Kuranda Amphitheatre**, with Aussie party rock band, **Bluejuice**; emerging live act, **Ball Park Music**; and Indie-pop sensations, **The Jungle Giants** headlining the show.

To lead the charge on the day, Cairns based Indie-rock trio, **Jimmy The One** are the first local act for the show.

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

For more info go to: [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)

Live Music from 4.00pm every Sunday at the Kuranda Resort

The line-up of live entertainment continues at the Kuranda Resort this Sunday 2nd December with **Moses Warusam** and the **Secret Tuesdays Christmas Party**.

Moses well known for his excellent guitar licks, and often seen performing with the Koahlition band, will be playing a solo acoustic set, so be sure to come along early.

Then **Secret Tuesdays** take to the stage with their sweet harmonies. With **Odette Gorman** on banjo, **Caitlin Pilkington**, fiddle, **Trish Molloy** (In The Wild Wood) ukelele and guitar, and **Leah Kelly** (Gudju Gudju) on guitar and keys, they'll take you with them into an *'olde worlde'* of sea shanties, bar room waltzes and high noon adventures!

The Resort has been featuring many of our local musicians over the last few months



Moses Warusam

and December includes performances by **Vikarious**, **Out of the Blue**, **Simply Deb** and the **Ice Breakers**. Check the gig guide for details. Free entry, Indonesian Buffet \$15pp.

New Year's Eve Party, Monday 31st December 2012 at The Billabong

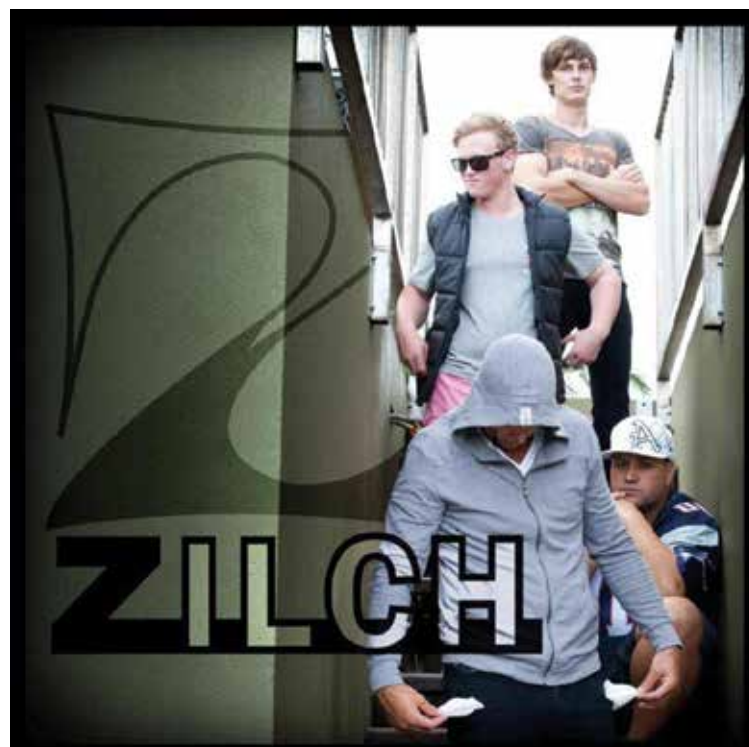
## NYE2012

Celebrating a year of awesome events, **The Billabong** is throwing a New Year's Eve Party with **NQs hottest New Skool party bands, Zilch, Sworf, and Peyote, The Billabong DJs, fabulous performers and an amazing fire show.**

"**NYE** is my favourite night to party. Everyone wants to have some fun and this year **The Billabong** is the place to be. We've had a great response from locals with our events this year, with **Kuranda Roots** and **Kuranda Motorcycle Festival** drawing 1000+ to the venue. Everyone that comes here loves the place. The beautiful outdoor setting, the **Saloon Bar**, overnight camping, great food and drinks create a unique venue that appeals to those looking for a party night out of town." (Ginger Stone, Events Manager)

**Zilch** (Innisfail) returns to the **Saloon Bar Stage** with their unique mix up of acoustic and heavy rock riffs, attached to some soul cleansing synth alongside side splitting 'in ya face' lyrics.

This mad ass 4 piece band has come a long way since forming in 2011. **Zilch** played an awesome last set at **The Kuranda Motorcycle Festival**. They loved the venue and are keen as for **NYE 2012** at **The**



**Billabong**. View their latest single **'Phat People'** on you tube as well as live sets from the **Evolve Festival**.

**Sworf** (Aloomba) are a new and exciting band in Cairns. **Sworf** started on a big high winning **The Global Battle Of The Bands** with their hard rocking stage show. They will be competing in the Australasian Final in Sydney mid next year. **Sworf** have just completed their debut EP due for release

mid December. If you like your music loud and rockin' then you need to jump on the **Sworf** train and take this wild ride with the boys from the start!

**Peyote**: hailing from Cairns **Peyote** is best described as heavy psychedelic groove

rock. Debuting their set in March 2011, the band quickly established themselves as one of the premier hard rock outfits for the Nth Qld region, going on to support acts such as **The Butterfly Effect**, **Shihad**, **Calling all Cars & Evil Eddie**.

**The Billabong DJs** will keep the dance floor pumping as party goes welcome 2013.

There are fabulous performances scheduled throughout the night including a fire show on the Billabong.

Plan ahead and stay safe. Camping is included in the entry fee, so party on into 2013 at The Billabong. Shuttle Bus Service from K-Town out to the venue \$5 each way. For all enquiries contact Ginger ph 4093 7684.

## KURANDA GIG GUIDE

### SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

The Kuranda Amphitheatre  
**"CARVE IT UP"**  
**'BLUE JUICE'**, **'BALL PARK MUSIC'**,  
**'THE JUNGLE GIANTS'**  
plus local bands, Jimmy the One  
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### SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The Kuranda Resort  
**'SECRET TUESDAYS'**  
AND **'MOSES WARUSAM'**  
4.00-8.00pm

### SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

The Kuranda Resort  
**'CLARKTOWN'**  
4.00-8.00pm

### SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

The Kuranda Resort  
**'VIKARIOUS'**  
4.00-8.00pm

### FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

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### SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

The Kuranda Resort  
**'OUT OF THE BLUE' & 'SIMPLY DEB'**  
Music from 4.00pm

### SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

The Kuranda Resort  
**'ICE BREAKERS' & MOSES WARUSAM'**  
Music from 4.00-8.00pm  
Indonesian Buffet \$15

### MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

**\*\* NEW YEAR'S EVE \*\***  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
**NYE 2012**  
**'ZILCH'**, **'PEYOTE'**, **'SWORF'**  
Entry: \$20/25 at the door  
See Article this page for more details

**\*\* NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY \*\***  
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Rock on till late...

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!



## WHAT'S ON?

### Monday

Tai Chi 6-7pm

Contact: Les 4093 8276

Acapella Singing - no classes for December and January.

### Tuesday

Tennis Training 4-6.30pm

Contact: Corinne 4093 8369

Yoga 5.30-6.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

Eight Ball - Competition Night 7pm

Finished for 2012 - recommencing February 2013

### Wednesday

Melina's Hip Hop Dance

3.30-6.30pm

Contact: Melina 4093 7287

Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

### Thursday

Bushi Kai Karate 6-7pm

Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

Kuranda Soccer Club Training

Finished for 2012

Contact: Gary 4093 7109

### Friday - Social Night

Club Kitchen 6.30-8.30pm

Confirm your bookings by 5pm Wednesdays

Contact: Sandra & Jon 0401 867 327

Email: clubkitchen1@gmail.com

BAR OPEN from 5.30pm

### Saturday

Bushi Kai Karate

10-11am (family sessions a specialty)

Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

### Sunday

Yoga 10-11am

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

Social Tennis 5.30-7.30pm

Contact: Aileen 4093 7401



Hunter Park,  
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**BOOKINGS**  
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facilities contact Janet  
4093 7104

## HAPPY KURANDA YOGIS

Living in the 21st century can be stressful. Life tends to push us in the 'fast lane' – a technological world of instant delivery and gratification, smart machines and throw-away products – more people are turning towards the ancient practice of Yoga to bring some balance into their lives.

Most people are initially attracted to Yoga for the postures and stretching, whilst others look to Yoga after their health begins to deteriorate (lack of flexibility, low energy, hormone imbalance, arthritis, low self esteem or depression). For some it's a way to 'reconnect to their source' and try to get some answers through meditation.

A regular Yoga practice does have the power to release muscles from their habitual state of tension, and it can increase the mobility of our joints, restricted by years of sitting and standing with little respect for the body's structure, encouraging the spine to round (dowager's hump in later life). It will also regulate the hormonal system bringing more clarity of thought, improve circulation (nourishes every cell in our bodies) and digestion. Most importantly, it teaches us to breathe correctly, using the whole of our lungs and removing stale, trapped air and toxins from our body. Yoga is not a 'quick fix', we must practice regularly and enjoy the journey.

### Health is Wealth and Peace of Mind is Happiness

Aileen's classes are on every Sunday at 10am and Tuesday at 5.30pm at the KRC and are \$10 per class or \$6 for seniors and students. Classes include Pranayama (breath control), a variety of Asanas (postures), Vinyasa (sequence of continuous postures i.e. Salute to the Sun etc) and relaxation at the end of the class.

**Aileen**  
Member of Sarasvati Yoga  
Society  
Phone 40937401



All welcome!  
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## 14 DEC KRC Xmas Celebration

Join us on 14 December for the KRC Christmas Party and celebrate the end of 2012. Come and enjoy a night of wine and food with friends! Book early as numbers are limited - clubkitchen1@gmail.com or call 0401 867 327

## THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

What a fantastic year we've had at the KRC. Our centre has gone from strength to strength with a range of activities held at the venue and regular supporters. Congratulations to our Kuranda Rangers soccer team who competed for a full season fielding six teams. A very successful soccer 'Fun Camp' was also held over three days / two nights. The Kuranda 8 Ball competition has proven a very solid event at the KRC—we value their patronage. Apart from the regular users of our facilities, the KRC has hosted a number of successful event nights, parties, functions and meetings. This has worked in well with the resurgence of the Club Kitchen, and Tan's Kitchen prior to that. A BIG THANKS to our wonderful community who have supported us over the year – so please help us celebrate our successes and make a booking at our Christmas dinner on Friday 14 December. All welcome.

Thank you and farewell to our out-going secretary, Terry Blacktop, who is leaving the area. Your efforts as a committee member have been invaluable.

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## Neighbourhood Centre News December 2012

### KNC Christmas Closure Dates:

The centre will be closed for two weeks over Christmas – from 1.00pm Friday 21 December, re-opening on Monday 7 January. If you require crisis support you can ring Lifeline on 131 114. KNC staff and volunteers wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

### Christmas Hampers:

Referral forms for the Mayor's Christmas Hampers are now being filled in at KNC. Please drop by and ask about it – the deadline is November 30. Please see Ceri, Marg, Shek or Louise.

### Step Forward:

Next program commences on Thursday 10 January 2013 at 10.30am. If you are having problems with drinking or cigarettes or other habits that are affecting your health, relationships or finances in a bad way, you might want to think about coming along to the Step Forward program at KNC. This strictly confidential relapse prevention program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks.

### Furniture Exchange:

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

### Senior's Cottages:

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

– The Neighbourhood Centre Team



## Kuranda Branch

Here we are again finally! The Christmas break our members look forward to at this time of year. It has been a busy year and everyone is ready for a breather.

After returning home from the QCWA State Conference held in Toowoomba this year, we have been busy with cake stalls, making handcraft items for Christmas craft stalls and some attending a weekend at Kurrimine Beach Holiday Units, teaching and learning crafts – this is a tough life sometimes especially with the beach so near.

As well as celebrating the 90th birthday of Queensland Country Women's Association, we recently held a happy, chatty morning tea to acknowledge the 75th birthday of Kuranda Branch. To those from the local community who accepted our invitations, thank you for joining us on the day. We enjoyed your company and hope you had a nice morning too.

Helping us to celebrate the event were QCWA members from Mossman, Cairns, Deeral, Mt. Sophia, Yungaburra, Herberton; our Division President, Faye Hudson who travelled from Port Douglas, our new State Vice President (Northern Region), Meg Trimble and Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

On 5th December, we will hold our last craft and social morning of the year, which will be followed by our Christmas Luncheon, and then we will all toddle off home to enjoy some quality time until February 2013. At this time, we would like to thank those within our community who have supported us, and our hall throughout the year. We wish everyone a very safe Festive Season and a Happy New Year in 2013.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February.



## Will I Live to see 80?

*Here's something to think about.*

I recently visited a new doctor.. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing fairly well for my age. (I just turned sixty-five).

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?'

He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?'

'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?'

'I said, 'Not much... my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?'

'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lots of sex?'

'No,' I said.

He looked at me and said 'Then, why do you even care?'

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## Could It B-12 You're Looking For?

**VITAMIN B12** is primarily involved in energy production and important for nourishing the nervous system. All B group vitamins help in relieving stress, anxiety and other nervous conditions.

They are water soluble which means they are not stored in our system. Ever noticed your urine bright yellow after taking a multi-vitamin? That's the surplus water soluble vitamins being excreted. Because of this factor it can be quite easy to find yourself deficient and Vitamin B12 is particularly hard to absorb, especially through the gut.

I have had such great results with a practitioner sublingual B12 liquid that I began to discuss it with other health practitioners, clients and customers alike. I was very surprised to hear of clients being put onto waiting lists and even refused B12 injections and realised just how common the deficiency is.

### What can B12 do for me?

B12 is directly involved in many different body functions but is most important for the nervous system: Enhancing alertness and energy, improving concentration ability and intelligence, alleviating many cases of depression and aggression.

Whilst its primary action is to nourish the nerves, it is also essential for the formation of red blood cells and can prevent strokes, heart attacks and cardiovascular disease. Also aids cell production, the digestive system and even improves eye and hearing function.

The effects on the immune system are tremendous: aiding in the prevention of different cancer states and protecting against the many toxic effects of tobacco smoke. It accelerates the recovery process from bacterial and viral infections including hepatitis, and is also helpful for sciatica, insomnia, infertility and impotence. It is also good for those with skin conditions such as psoriasis, eczema and dermatitis.

Dietary sources: include liver, kidney and sardines. The true vegan diet contains almost no vitamin B12 and vegetarians are more prone to vitamin B12 deficiency than non vegetarians. Those with low thyroid function are often lower in their B12 levels as well as those who consume alcohol. Deficiency causes fatigue, lethargy, frequent respiratory infections, mouth ulcers, anaemia and mood swings.

Injection vs Oral: Until recently it was believed that oral Vitamin B12 supplements were poorly absorbed, however several studies have now confirmed the excellent oral bioavailability of Vitamin B12 when in a sublingual (under the tongue) form.

I went around to a friend's house for a party. They



were all standing around in the kitchen sharing this B12 red liquid and raving about how good it was. We all had a try. Wow! Just one drop under the tongue and effects were instantaneous. I felt wonderful, was in a better mood, had more energy and we all had a great night. The next day I went and brought my own. The results were the same and because of the medication I

take I experienced depression.

"The B12 stopped my depression and it's never hard to remember to take it cos it makes me feel so good. And it actually tastes yummy. I have recommended it to many people since and believe so many people could benefit from it. I can't believe how something so small can have had such a big impact on my life and the way I feel".

With so many people all having such a positive response to Vitamin B12 I am offering FREE samples for the (often eventful and sometimes stressful) month of December.

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**Kim Stedman**  
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## Here is a little “food for thought” for the month



LIVING in the 21st century isn't easy and we need to find some time each day to find a peaceful place to still the busy “monkey mind” and get to know one self through reflection.

Just “unplug from technology, step off the treadmill of activity, maybe just concentrate on your breath, breathing slowly and deeply “I am breathing in, I am breathing out,” as your point of focus.

struggling against this moment. My acceptance is total and complete. I accept things as they are this moment, not as I wish they were.

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Tonight maybe look at the moon, and find a moment of stillness and wonder.

I love this quote from the very wise Tibetan leader. When asked “What thing about humanity surprises you the most?”, the Dalai Lama answered:

“Man...because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health.

“And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future;

“He lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.”

An aspiration to reflect on.

### The Law of Least Effort:

Nature's intelligence functions with effortless ease, with carefreeness, harmony, and love.

And when we harness the forces of harmony, joy, and love, we create success and good fortune with effortless ease.

I will put the Law of Least Effort into effect by making a commitment to take the following steps:

1. I will practice acceptance. Today I will accept people, situations, circumstances, and events as they occur. I will know that this moment is as it should be, because the whole universe is as it should be. I will not struggle against the whole universe by



alertness to opportunities allows me to take this moment and transform it into a greater benefit.

3. Today my awareness will remain established in Defenselessness. I will relinquish the need to defend my point of view. I will feel no need to defend my point of view. I will feel no need to convince or persuade others to accept my point of view. I will remain open to all points of view and not be rigidly attached to any one of them. “Quiet” is the hardest thing to come by in our sensory-overloaded information age so today pick a few moments to unplug from the outside world and go within.

Namaste.

– **Aileen**  
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**Date:** Wednesday 5 December

**Time:** 4.30pm

**Venue:** Kuranda Hotel

Mike Took, Treasurer/Secretary Ph: 4093 9304

# KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

**Art is not what you see  
But what you make others see**

## William Kentridge Zeno Writing

Don't miss this film made by one of the world's great drawers and printmakers at the Cairns Regional Gallery until 16 December.

William Kentridge has commented that he is fascinated by "people stuck at the edge of a historical project about to implode, stuck waiting for the eruption to happen." Having come of age in a South Africa divided by apartheid, Kentridge has passionately resisted the politics of oppression through an ever-expanding body of work embracing drawing, video, and theatrical productions.

## Greetings and Thanks

The Chairperson, Mollie Bosworth, the Management Committee and the members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative would like to express festive greetings and thanks to the community for their support during 2012.

The Co-op is in its 15th year and is stronger than ever and has experienced a good year all round. Our artists have demonstrated new and best practices in their field of work.

The sales of our members' artworks have been constant and sustaining. Many of our artists have exhibited widely throughout the country, attended residencies and workshops. The Co-op has sponsored community events during the year and was instrumental in expanding the very successful 2012 Kuranda Day events program. Our very grateful thanks go to our members for their efforts and co-operation.

**Kuranda Arts Co-op** will be holding its annual pre-Christmas **SIDEWALK SALE** showing the diversity of artwork by local artists. Artworks will be available for sale on the sidewalk on Saturday, 15th December, 10am -4pm.

You can experience Kuranda's flourishing arts scene at any time of the year but it's on this day in December that the Kuranda Arts Co-op will really come alive with a refreshed energy for the Festive Season.

The **SIDEWALK SALE** is a Kuranda Arts Co-op 'not to be missed' experience offering a huge canvas of art at the Co-op Gallery in Coondoo Street.



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The Kuranda Lions Club held its usual third Monday of the month dinner meeting at the Kuranda Resort. Former member Jenny Scholte and son Bobby joined us for dinner while visiting from Caloundra.

Our condolences go to family and friends of the late Bruce van der Weynde who passed away November 12th. Bruce was one of the original members of the Kuranda Lions Club when it was formed.

With Christmas approaching and no formal meeting set for December, Kuranda Lions extends best wishes to all, and our gratitude to the many people who have been of support throughout the past year.

– Mark Ruge



## Angela's Property Update

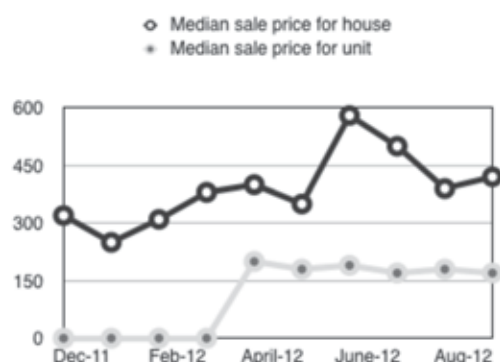
As a local Kuranda resident, I have watched with interest over the past few months the change in the number of properties on the market that sell quickly. We've passed the bottom of the curve. From here on, the market is expected to improve.

During the past 6 months, demand for residential properties in Kuranda has been higher than supply. With an average of 7 potential buyers looking per house, this is great news for sellers who should be able to sell their homes easily if properly presented.

If you don't have one of these 7 buyers knocking on your door perhaps you need to ask why?

Feel free to contact me for a market appraisal of your property.

**Demand Ratio: 7:1**  
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We have had a busy year rescuing everything from Mice to Megabats and would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year.

We would like to send a massive thank you to all the local businesses who donated prizes to our first ever raffle, it was a great success; to the KMA and Tourism Kuranda for their great work and a special mention to the Kuranda Honey House and Foodworks for donating food to our rehabilitating animals and to the Koala Gardens for sharing their gum leaf and to the Newsagency for sharing their old newspapers with us; also to the Kuranda Information Centre and Kuranda Fudge Bar for collecting donations for us throughout the year. We really really appreciate it!

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our team of dedicated and hard working volunteers! We wouldn't be able to function without your help chopping all the fruit and cleaning out the enclosures, going out on rescues and doing the fruit collection in Cairns.

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# Kuranda Pool News



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The local Kindy will host their annual Christmas Party at the pool this year. Held on the last weekend of November, up to forty families are expected to attend and have a rollicking good time in and around the water.

You guys do a great job and have a very welcome Christmas break and we'll see lots of families here in the break enjoying the aquatic side of fun and learning.

Kuranda District State College will hold an AquaDisco on Friday 30 November. Setup for years 6 to 9 specifically and they will dance on into the darkness till 9.00pm.

We can stay open for big events like these if any group wants a big function and extra lifeguards will be in attendance on the evening. Groups at the event will fundraise for specific items or needs for the school.

Operation Rudolf is coming to the Pool on Saturday 22nd December. We will have the Barbie sizzling and Santa Claus will do a stopover in the afternoon to do his traditional lolly throwing exercises.

So come on out and support the local services as they bring good cheer to the season and the district

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We always find November, December to be the most volatile months for lightning.

Just clearing up a few roles required of the active lifeguard on duty, cheers, have a good month.

(More Pool News can be found on page 26 of this paper.)



# The Birth of the Prophet Founder of the Baha'i Faith

## Celebrated by Kuranda Baha'is

By most measures, November 1817 was a decidedly "ho-hum" month in world history. Colonialism was in full swing. The French Revolution had disappeared. On November 5, a war broke out between the British and Indians at the Battle of Khadki. On November 20, the first Seminole War began in the American state of Florida.

Historical almanacs show the change in 19th century thinkers, passing from a world of crushing conventionality (Jane Austen died that year) to a world to come of intense questioning and social and philosophical ferment (Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Douglass and Frederik Hegel were born that year and Charles Darwin was born only a few years before).

But on November 12th, 1817, a Wednesday, a baby was born in Tehran whose life, Baha'is believe, ushered in a new era of dramatic change and modernity that would eventually lead to the long-promised but elusive era of peace and spirituality on Earth.

The baby was named Husayn. As a youth He showed many remarkable traits — peaceful, happy, wise beyond His years, in fact, so wise that despite His complete lack of theological training the most learned of the clergy could teach Him nothing, but only learn from Him.

In early adulthood, he, like the Buddha, rejected the princely existence that was his inheritance, instead choosing to serve the poor. He became a follower of a new messianic figure and became his leading apostle. When that person, the Bab, or "gate", was martyred, he fearlessly led the believers on and eventually was confirmed as the One whom the Bab had heralded — the promised one of all the great religions.

Of course, 194 years later, only a relative handful of people — about one in 1,000 people on earth, spread over virtually every country and territory, know this date as being special.

One online source lists November 12, 1817, as the birthdate of Bahá'u'lláh, with the descriptor: "Persian spiritual figure." And this lack of recognition, Baha'is believe, fulfils ancient prophecy — that when the spirit of Christ returns He will come as a "thief in the night," as Biblically recorded.

Baha'is in Kuranda, like elsewhere around the globe, celebrated this birthday this month in a spiritual manner.

This is the same in every great religion, where the birth of the Founder is commemorated as a joyous occasion. A gathering was held on the Tablelands, to which many friends and those interested attended as well as local Baha'is. It was a happy but spiritual gathering.

Of those that recognised the special status of Baha'u'llah in his early days, the Russian Government of the time was in the forefront.

Their Imperial ambassador offered Baha'u'llah a place of refuge in the face of severe persecution in which thousands were killed. Baha'u'llah graciously declined this offer and left his destiny to fate, to spend the rest of his life as an exile and prisoner through the Ottoman Empire to the Holy Land.

But one Leo Tolstoy, a Russian and among the foremost intellects of the 19th century, whose life span offset that of Bahá'u'lláh's by only about a decade, may have put it best when he wrote:

*"We spend our lives trying to unlock the mystery of the universe, but there was a Turkish prisoner, Bahá'u'lláh, in Akka, Palestine, who had the key"*

— Graham Nicholson

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## Scorched Earth

Bushfires are in mind at the moment given recent fires in the area. In Australia, land management with fire is a deep tradition. Aboriginal culture used fire strategically for tens of thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans.

Paleontological evidence indicates Australia was covered by mostly rainforest millions of years ago. Gradually the continent dried and Eucalypt and Acacia trees came to dominate the landscape in many places. Both these large groups of trees are fire-adapted – and favoured by burning.



These days, we struggle every year to control wild fires and try to minimise damage from them. Damage caused to flora and fauna by late season burns can be significant. Sadly, nearly all out-of-control fires are lit by people – either carelessly, in ignorance, accidentally or with malicious motives.

Burning is often viewed as the cheapest and easiest way to manage land. Pastoralists regularly burn vast tracks of land to control weeds and promote new growth. From their perspective, burning has served Australians well.

Climate change introduces a new factor into the equation. Though Australia doesn't currently include carbon dioxide emissions from fires in their total emission figures, we already have one of the highest greenhouse gas emissions per capita in the world.

There was pressure in Copenhagen to include emissions from fires and farming in Australia's figures. Though this didn't happen, the scale of those emissions ensures the issue won't go away.

At a local level, we should aim to live harmoniously with our natural environment and to use fire intelligently.

If you do live in a bush fire prone area, put in fire breaks around what you wish to protect. Allow access for a fire engine. Keep breaks slashed rather than as bare earth to prevent erosion – or use livestock to keep grass at bay.

Re-vegetate weedy patches, especially if they're in an area where rainforest would be the natural habitat. If you think it's necessary to do a hazard reduction burn, check if there's a total fire ban and remember to get a permit for fires bigger than 2 x 2m from your fire warden.

Burn in May so you don't turn your hazard reduction burn into a habitat reduction and mass cremation of wildlife. As a property owner, you have a legal responsibility to stop any fire leaving your property no matter where it starts.

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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Today, luxurious cakes of organic soap and bath products, made from secret recipes with ingredients such as goats' milk, cream, fruit and honey, botanical flowers, herbs, clay and essential oils are available for our bathrooms and our homes. The aroma greeting me when I entered **Rimei Toff's** studio was fresh, natural and exhilarating. Bowls of rainforest scented bath salts stirred up the senses and I was fascinated by the colours and subtle perfumes in Rimei's natural handmade soap.

## Where is your current studio?

Within my home in Koah. It is one long room and was planned in the building. I have been creating bath products in this studio for almost seven years. I actually started using it before the house was finished.

## Do you work alone or with others?

I work alone creating my bath products. I do all the production, and my partner Bernie attends to the business side.

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

Good energy. I am very much an early morning person and I prefer natural light so I usually work during the day.

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

Monday and Tuesday I am in the shop, so Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm each week I am creating in my studio. I am disciplined with my hours and my work, but I do, of course, take time and days off when necessary.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

I make bath and skin care products from natural plant-based ingredients. I try to always use Australian products but I sometimes have to source some essential oils from other parts of the world when particular plants are not available here.

## Why is soap making your chosen medium?

I was a dive instructor before this and one of my work colleagues was also very artistic. Together, as a sideline, we made 'things' for the markets. We started making handmade soap, long before this product became so popular. My friend moved away and I continued making the soap on my own. Now it is my full-time business. I really enjoy creating things. If I was not doing this, I would be making something else. I enjoy working with wood and stone. I made most of the furniture for our house and built the natural rock walls in the garden and on the drive to our house. [I passed this incredibly long stone wall as I came up the drive and was amazed to learn that Rimei had collected the rocks from their property and built it herself. TR]

## List three things you listen to while working.

Selected music CDs, birds and my nine chooks. My free range hens make it their business to know where I am and they follow me and talk to me. I also have three roosters and they certainly make themselves heard. When the cicadas are about, they can be so loud, but that is part of living here and I love it.

## Your favourite tool?

My hands. With all my creations I couldn't do anything without my hands.

## How do you identify your work?

The word 'Ceti' – a star in the constellation, and a picture of a whale. I have always loved to dive with whales on the Barrier Reef. Together they form our business logo.

## How do you sell your work?

At our Bath Shop in Coondoo Street, Kuranda. We have been open five years in the



current location and sell my handmade soap and bath products and other affordable, but luxurious imported items, including nail and bath brushes and oil burners.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I do not teach. I used to be asked but I consider teaching to be a skill in itself. I prefer the peaceful meditative process of creating on my own.

## Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

Not at the moment.

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

I would like more time. Everything I do is time-consuming and there is always much on my list. Being disciplined helps and I ensure I do the things I have to do before I do anything else. But there is only so much that you can do in the time that is available, so more time would be welcome.

## If you were not working with making bath products what would you be doing?

I have done many amazing things, including swimming with whales and watching turtles lay their eggs. I guess in another 20 years I will still be making things. My life has never been planned and I tend to just go with the flow. This is where I am now and who knows? Maybe exploring the unknown depths of the oceans!

At this finishing point in the interview, the beautiful little hen Tiffany arrived and took up her place on Rimei's knee, rearranged her black and white feathers and peace, harmony and goodwill prevailed. TR.

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# Kuranda's Tiger



**N**ew species of spiders are classified on a regular basis, but it is rare for something so large and spectacular to go unnoticed for so long. Meet the Tiger huntsman; an undescribed species which just happens to be one of the largest and most colourful species in Australia. It lives right here in Kuranda. We found the first recorded specimen of this species in 2006 near Lake Morris while working for Melbourne Museum. When I first laid eyes on the spider I knew it was something special. It was the kind of spider that you would expect to see on the cover of a spider book, yet I had never seen a picture of it anywhere. Fortunately we were able to capture the spider and I took plenty of photos. The photos of the specimen were sent to a variety of spider taxonomists throughout the country, but no one was familiar with it. The specimen was sent to the South Australian Museum where a taxonomist who specialised in huntsman spiders was working. He confirmed that it was in fact an undescribed species. Unfortunately that taxonomist retired soon after and the Tiger huntsman remains undescribed.

As luck would have it, the first specimen we found turned out to be a pregnant female, and she laid eggs several months after she was collected. We were able to raise many of her offspring and display them within Melbourne Museum's live invertebrate exhibition 'Bugs Alive!' Her descendants are still on display there today.

For the next three years after finding the first specimen, we continued to visit this region looking for invertebrates for Melbourne Museum. We spent hundreds of hours in the rainforest and encountered an enormous number of invertebrates, but not a single Tiger huntsman.

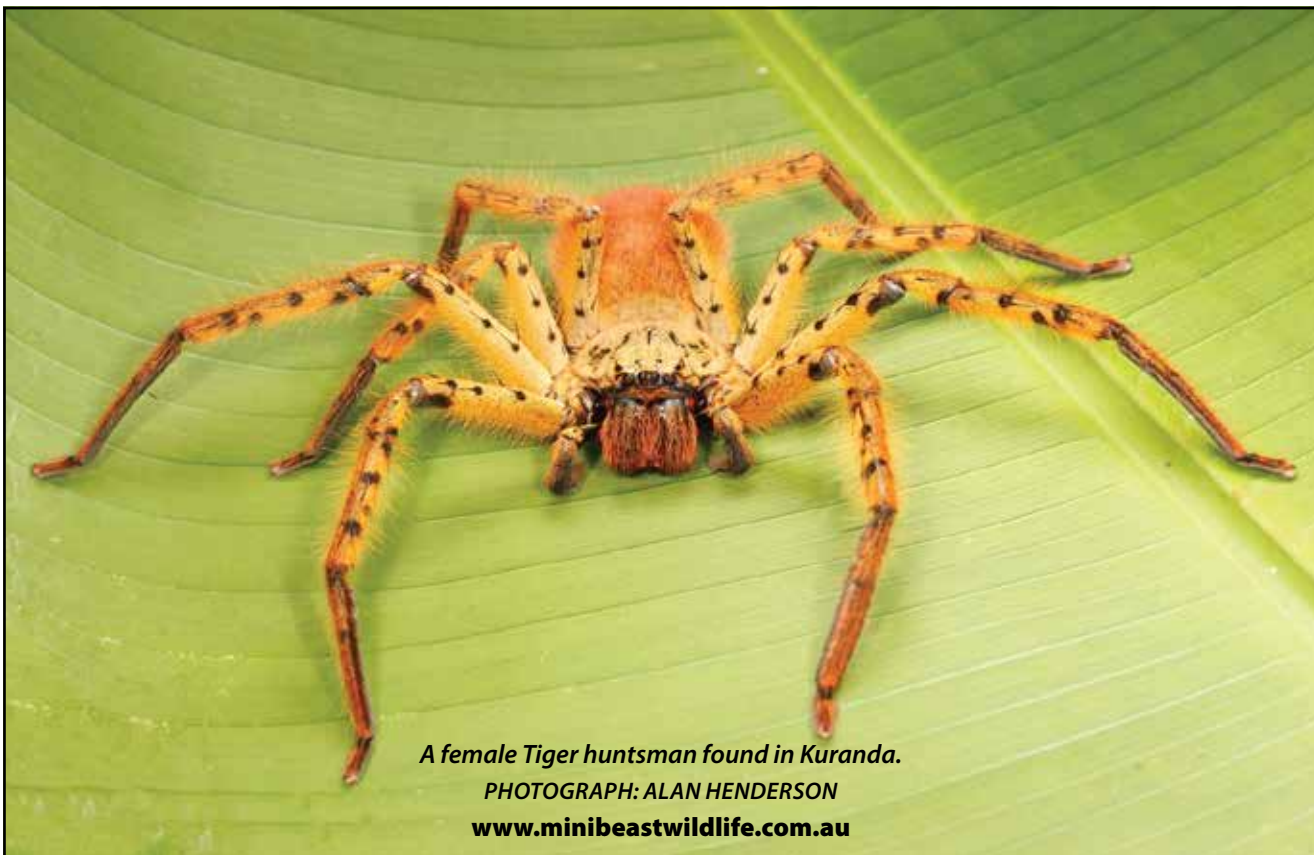
We moved to Kuranda to live in 2010, and in early 2011 we were contacted by a

local couple that had found an unusual bright orange spider in their possum box. They Googled the spider and it led them to us. It was a Tiger huntsman. Since then we have found four more specimens, including two on our property in November. The last one climbed in my office window! We are also aware of few more sightings. One dead specimen turned up in a fumigated house in Mossman, and a couple more have been photographed in the Daintree region. There is no doubt more people that have seen them without knowing their significance.

We suspect that these spiders are not all that rare, but may spend much of their time in the rainforest canopy. They show great aptitude for jumping, far more so than most other huntsman species. We have observed them moving to the edge of large leaves, spreading their legs wide, and leaping competently to leaves 30cm away. This is a behaviour that species residing on the tree trunks do not exhibit.

Like other huntsman spiders, this species are accomplished hunters. We have observed them capturing moths in mid-air, and they readily prey on cockroaches, katydids and other smaller spiders. Their reproduction is very similar to other huntsman spiders, producing hundreds of eggs and wrapping them in white disc-like egg sac. Tiger huntsman in captivity often silk together large leaves to conceal themselves while incubating their eggs. We have learnt a great deal about this species in the past six years, but there is still much more to know. The species still remains undescribed, but recent molecular work on specimens sent to US indicates it is most likely a new genus. One thing is for sure, though – Kuranda is certainly the home of this elusive species.

*Alan Henderson*  
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A female Tiger huntsman found in Kuranda.  
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# “The Legacy: An Elder’s Vision for our Sustainable Future”

by David Suzuki  
(2010, Allen & Unwin)

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DAVID SUZUKI is well known to many readers, particularly those concerned about the environment. A biologist and scientist, environmentalist, academic, futurologist, lecturer and writer, a man of many talents, his teachings and writings have affected an entire generation. Some might regard him as tending to be at the more extreme end of the global environmental debate, but this is perhaps a little unfair. His passion for the subject is evident, but many would say that his approach, particularly in so far as he has concentrated on the indigenous or tribal peoples’ perspective, is quite appropriate in this age. There are no doubt lessons for the contemporary global society to learn from this perspective.

Recently retired from his professional work, this book comprises his retirement thoughts as an “elder” after a lifetime of environmental advocacy. And his thoughts may be seen by some as rather radical. But then he would assert that these are dangerous contemporary times that call for a radical adjustment of the thinking and practices of humanity in this 21st century. He is not a pessimist. He sees these times as both dangerous and providing an opportunity for change.

He points out that for most of human history we lived in local tribal societies able to live off the local environment and learning to live in balance with that environment. But now we live in much larger territories for which we are prepared to fight and die. We exist in a much different and more divided relationship with the earth. And in his view, this relationship is not sustainable into the future. It is, in his view, a relationship that is in crisis. The demands of ever increasing economic growth and population pressures are running head long into the natural capacity of the earth to accommodate these pressures.

Of course this approach is not new. There have been predictions before of a

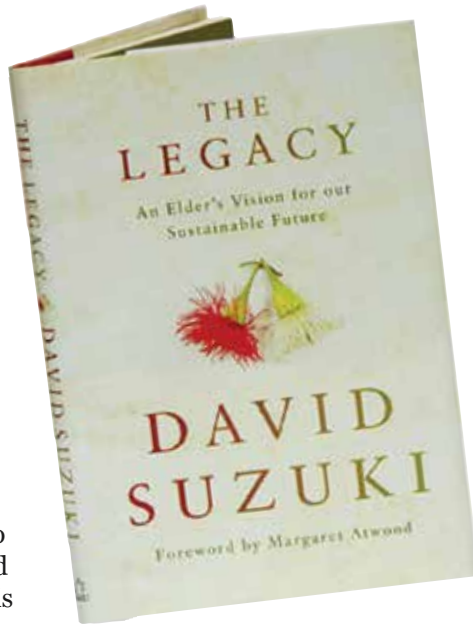
point of climax and a disaster of global proportions that adversely affects human civilisation as a whole. But this has not yet happened. There have been famines, droughts, floods, cyclones, wars, disasters of all kinds, but not of the global magnitude anticipated by some environmentalists. Science and technology have so far both contributed to avoiding this. So what is new about this call of Suzuki?

Suzuki foresees that the present degeneration of the earth cannot continue indefinitely, there has to be a limit. And to avoid the worst, he is offering his own view as to how to avoid that limit. He calls for a number of changes in approach: From the emphasis on neoclassical economic growth to the biological realities of nature; From a war economy to a peace economy; From planning for our immediate future to planning for our long term future; From a people increasingly divorced from our natural surroundings to a holistic approach to life that values and interacts with the whole of nature of which humans are a part.

But Suzuki goes further than that. He sees that just by adopting a new and sustainable environmental approach to the earth is not enough by itself. And it is in this respect that he moves beyond the approach of some environmentalists. He calls for a new approach to the centrality of love and empathy in human society. We need love, he says, to realize our full human potential. And he says we are spiritual beings, and that we need spirit more than ever to understand the value and sacredness of nature and to live in harmony and balance with each other and with nature.

And cities: “I can imagine a future in which cities are exquisitely adapted to climate, the surrounding landscape and wildlife, and the natural rhythms of the seasons, in which every building captures all of the sunlight and water falling from the heavens, where food is grown on rooftops, where roads are permeable and allow water to percolate back into the earth instead of running through gutters and sewers, where a yard becomes a natural landscape and not a monoculture of grass, and where butterflies flit through gardens in every schoolyard. I can picture a city where cars are rarely needed because of all of the action and fun are going on in the streets of the neighbourhoods where we live, work and play”

He is a visionary, but a visionary whose views are based on rational argument. And while we may not agree with everything he says, we dismiss such visionaries at our peril.



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# Gardening in Kuranda

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December and yet another year almost over. A good time to take stock of plant purchases and plantings over the last twelve months – what thrived, sulked, wilted or wasted and what successes and failures to be learned from, always remembering:

*"If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft  
And from thy slender store  
Two loaves alone to thee are left,  
And nothing more,  
Sell one, and with the dole  
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul"*

(Moslih Eddin Saadi)

Like me, if you are a sucker for plants, well almost any plant – the new, the strange, the beautiful or bizarre or the one(s) on your Want List finally obtained, how many proved reliable, perished or are still sitting waiting for you to find the perfect spot? At last count, I have eleven pots in the waiting, remain embarrassed by the plenitude of perishers but still enough of the thriving to count my blessings.

Visiting for therapy with other plantaholics, this holding number seems an average range, not too severe, in a life-time addiction.

Talking of addiction, it is never too early to introduce your child to this vice of gardening via a potted plant. Boys seem to like prickly specimens, cactus or succulent, girls more floral fare, but their stereotypes, maybe even give a non-sexist pot of herbs as the young gardener's ongoing contribution to the meal table. Whatever – needed is the oncoming generations to learn and love plants not only for their endless beauty and fascination but for the vital role plants play in the tapestry of life and as importantly, have young people move into the specialist gardening groups and forums as old-timers pop their clogs and take with them lifetimes of expertise.

Any gardener worth their digging fork, knows that their work is never ending, their garden ever changing, knowledge ever acquiring and friendships ever growing. Nothing, I think, provides as much contentment and fierce and unexpected joys (and yes, sometimes disappointments) as working in one's garden – be it only several potted plants, average plot or acreage. Is it some primeval memory of a lost Eden? I also know that so many gardens hold dear memories of childhood, family, friends and places in that special plant given or exchanged.

An often forgotten benefit of gardening, we won't count the fresh air, exercise or relaxation, is the opportunity to meet other gardeners, amazingly generous, indomitable and inspiring. Tales of gardens created in most inhospitable sites, wiped out in cyclones, cindered in bush fires, trashed by wild pigs, turned over by bush turkeys. And the knowledge and experience to be gained. That's why joining a Garden Group, generalist or specialist, is the ideal way to learn and enjoy gardening and meet both novice and veteran.

Congratulations and thanks to Graham and David, Kuranda Palms, and Greg and Julie, The Retreat, for again hosting Open Gardens and sharing their visions of Paradise. It takes an awful lot of behind the scenes preparation, a great deal of hope and trust that the weather will be fine, no unexpected blight will mar, the special bloom will hold and faith that the visitor will enjoy and not souvenir that precious plant, so again – thank you for sharing.

Make a note, coming up is **Friends of the Flecker Botanical Gardens Plant Sale on Sunday 2nd December**, always a good place to pick up the odd and interesting as well that plant that took your heart in somebody else's garden.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH: Crinum** (Amaryllidaceae family) with a 100+ species world-wide, with major concentration in Africa, gives planting choice for almost any spot – from relatively dry to very wet. Australia has five native species, with *Crinum pedunculatum* (Greek *krinon*: white, Latin *pedunculatus*: "with a peduncle", referring to the long flower stalks), commonly known as the Swamp Lily, most usually seen and may be found growing along creeks and tidal areas along the east coast as far south as Newcastle.



*Crinum pedunculatum*

*Crinum pedunculatum* is a large bulbous perennial, which may reach more than two metres high with a similar spread. With strappy leaves, the clustered and faintly perfumed flowers occur in the warmer months. Of particular note as a featured plant is the often boldly white and green striped leafed form.

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

Most *Crinum* species will grow well in any soil to which plenty of compost has been added. *C. campanulatum* needs to be placed in a pot in water. While growing best in full sun, *Crinums* will tolerate light shade and thrive in wet spots. *C. moorei* does well under trees and is a most useful species for the 'dry shade' problem. All plants will benefit greatly from occasional feeding with liquid fertilizer and compost added to the growing medium.

The greatest threat is the black-and-yellow-striped amaryllis caterpillar (*Brithys pancratii*) which may virtually destroy a plant overnight. In the garden, the amaryllis caterpillar often necessitates regular spraying in summer with a broad spectrum insecticide or more satisfyingly hand picking off the grubs although this requires a very early rising.

*Crinums* dislike being transplanted and take time to re-establish. Flowering across Spring – Summer with various floral forms, there are enough species and hybrids to satisfying even the most discerning.

A good site to view some USA *crinums* is: <http://marcellescrinums.com/html/availableplants.html>

**Q @A. Dear Peter**, OK, OK, you win. I was wrong and you were right – apologies and I humbly eat worms! Here are the two *Anthuriums* correctly labeled as the "King" (*Anthurium Veitchii*) and the "Queen" of *Anthuriums* (*A. warocqueanum*). And yes, I promise to explain more botanical terms and/or provide one term a month. So there!

**Dear Trisha**, *Couroupita guianensis*, the Cannon Ball Tree, coming from the Amazon rainforest is a large deciduous tropical tree to 30m+ and flowers with large waxy yellowish pink perfumed flowers in cauliflorous racemes [*Cauliflory: where flower and fruit come from main stems or woody trunks rather than from new growth and shoots.*]. The tree bears, directly on the trunk and main branches, large globose woody fruits, like big cannonballs hanging in clusters. These fruit contains many small seeds enclosed in an unpleasant smelling jelly. Not a tree to plant where falling fruit may injure but certainly an interesting feature.

**Dear Jeremy**, Any reader able to supply seed/source of the following: dwarf form of *Grevillea decora* from Laura, *Neofabricia myrtifolium* and *Syzygium papyraceum*.



The "Queen" (*Anthurium warocqueanum*)  
Myriad Botanical Garden & Crystal Bridge  
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The "King" (*Anthurium veitchii*)

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# Hercules Moths

Our Hercules Moth breeding program started out a little by accident. It started when people would bring in a female moth laying her eggs, or just the eggs themselves, and we would raise the caterpillars and let the moths go and just leave it at that.



Since we opened up the breeding nursery to the public though, we have noticed that our Hercules moth caterpillars have been of intense interest to visitors – no surprise really, full grown they're huge.

For those of you that don't know their story – they are the biggest moths in the world, and consequently the caterpillars are some of the largest as well. Hercules moths don't eat when they have transformed into the moth stage of their lives, rather they live off stores put in during the caterpillar stage. This means that they don't live very long – anything between 5 to 10 days is their time spent as a moth, and during that time they have to mate and lay eggs.



The Hercules moths that we have been breeding in our nursery are usually put on display as caterpillars, and then for a day when they become moths. We then release them outside so that they have the opportunity to mate. The females tend not to fly very far at all (she's the bigger of the two), relying on the male to come and find her. Makes sense really, she is already near the plant where she needs to lay her eggs and time is limited.

Although over the years we have had the Hercules in various stages almost constantly, the last lot of caterpillars we raised seem to be taking a long time to emerge out of their cocoons and we really need some more eggs to keep the program going.

We would really appreciate it if you could keep an eye out for these moths around your properties, and if you happen to see a female laying eggs, if you could either drop some in to us at 8 Rob Veivers Drive or ring us for us to collect, so that we can continue our breeding program and give everyone the chance to see these amazing insects.



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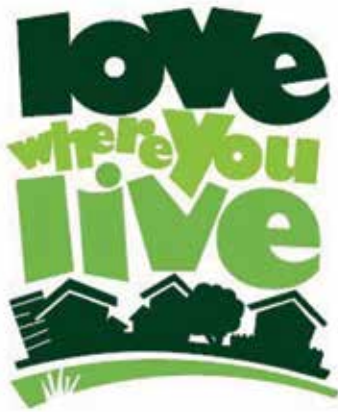


We would like to sincerely thank the local Kuranda community for their wonderful support of Kuranda Village Accountancy. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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What's your priority this coming Christmas and Holiday season: Emergency Cyclone Preparations, Keeping the kids occupied during the school holidays, Daycare centre while you work, Holiday Preparations, More grocery shopping and Christmas planning, Last minute Christmas gift shopping or Budgeting for new changes to the Parenting Payments scheme?

According to a Business Magazine, women usually make 80% of purchasing decisions, 93% of grocery purchases, 90% of pharmaceutical decisions plus they handle 75% of household banking and finance. Christmas, New Year, school holidays and back to school requirements traditionally add a huge financial burden to most families, but with new changes to the Parenting Payments scheme on 1 January, some families will need to stretch their budget further. October's 'No food waste Challenge' and November's 'How to get your kids to eat more fruit and vegetables', were helpful food and health hints to make life easier for busy mums..

This month, if you need to change the way you "do" Christmas and gift giving, these ideas will save you money.

### How to Green your gifts

Do a Secret Santa where family members agree to buy gifts at a set price only for the children. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secret\\_Santa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secret_Santa) Or if someone in your family truly needs a chain saw or generator, all donate to that. Don't be embarrassed about re-gifting. Pass along a gift that doesn't suit you, to someone who will give it a happy home. Wrap gifts with reusable materials, scarves, tea towels, nice patterned fabric, or use cloth bags, covered pretty boxes, newspaper, cartoon pages, or plain brown paper. We produce far too much waste each year and recycle far too little of it. So up-cycle or recycle!

<http://earth911.com/news/2010/02/08/wow-you-can-recycle-that/>

Buy gifts that are durable or vintage, environmentally friendly and produced in a sustainable way. e.g. made from recycled natural materials, hemp, bamboo, timber, glass, stone etc. If someone loves flowers, buy the actual plant instead. The joy lasts longer and you'll be remembered when it blooms. Gifts for Good Causes and more meaningful gift ideas are out there - check out Mr. Google online. Shop On-line and avoid buying gadgets which rely on disposable parts - batteries, bags. If family or friends believe in charities, select gift vouchers for them, Or donate to a micro finance lending scheme like Kiva or Grameen Bank. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microfinance>

**Food gifts?** Home made products from local farmer's market, Make your own hamper. What do you give the cook or food lover who has everything? Don't. Just help buy a stove for a woman in Haiti, or vegetable gardens for schoolchildren, or a pledge to fund a creative food business. Take the leap, just stop gift buying. [www.buynothingchristmas.org/resources/posters.html](http://www.buynothingchristmas.org/resources/posters.html)

If you can't take the leap, instead of an object give people a special EXPERIENCE, it enhances the joy more. Adopt a wild animal at the zoo, visit the zoo, purchase a concert or theatre ticket, go ballooning, snorkelling, ice skating, plan a mystery picnic lunch at a favourite place, purchase an item or ticket for their favourite sport event, or an autograph from their hero, maybe buy annual memberships. Most of us live in a world where nothing around us feels special. Not the things in our homes. Not the clothes we wear. Nor the spaces we inhabit. [www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-change](http://www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-change). Feng Shui says; surround yourselves with things you love and love where you live.

**Cartoons:** For a bit of serious but light hearted fun, this is a great cartoon called Holiday Landfill showing what happens at this time of year. A shopping trolley full of new purchases going one way and other consumers with their old discarded purchases heading for the landfill with rubbish bins and trolley! [www.cartoonistgroup.com/store/add.php?iid=25576](http://www.cartoonistgroup.com/store/add.php?iid=25576) also [www.cartoonstock.com/directory/d/disposable\\_society.asp](http://www.cartoonstock.com/directory/d/disposable_society.asp)

Christmas tongue twisters - <http://xmasfun.com/Fun/TongueTwisters.asp>

Twisted Christmas Songs with consumer overtones. [www.buynothingchristmas.org/resources/carols.html](http://www.buynothingchristmas.org/resources/carols.html)

KIDS Activity Guide for Green Christmas theme, download [www.p2pays.org/ref/12/11202.pdf](http://www.p2pays.org/ref/12/11202.pdf)

Craft ideas - [www.dothegreenthing.com/blog/have\\_yourself\\_an\\_upcycled\\_little\\_christmaso](http://www.dothegreenthing.com/blog/have_yourself_an_upcycled_little_christmaso)

<http://earth911.com/news/2012/06/04/reuse-ideas-for-food-packaging/5/>

<http://earth911.com/news/2012/05/30/7-more-reused-items-to-boost-your-garden/>

My Seasons Greeting e-card to you 2012 World by Camilla Eriksson . <http://tinyurl.com/2bw7tof>

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# Kuranda SES



### Hi from Kuranda SES,

We have been busy this month helping out in the community with concerts at the Amphitheatre and with the solar eclipse.

**SES WEEK** was launched at Cairns and as you may have noticed our calendars are out.

I would like to thank all the people who helped put this together, even those whose work may not be noticed.

Calendars can be purchased from several businesses around town, so keep an eye out for them. They are a great Christmas idea, if you have to post them as well.

**OPERATION RUDOLPH** is our next event for this year, on 22 December.

We will be starting at Speewah Tavern at 3.00pm, travel along Speewah Road to Ganyan Drive, driving the loop and back on to Speewah Road, back down and turn up Williamsmith Drive, into Veivers Drive, follow this around and come back to highway.

Then onto Warril Drive, turning around and coming through town past Foodworks, out to Masons Road, Williamson Drive, turning around, back along Masons Road to Barron Falls Road.

Then down Coondoo Street, out to highway and Black Mountain Road, along Greene Lane, right into Butler Drive, Saddle Mountain Road, Salamone Drive, Gregory Terrace, then back to Greene Road and down Black Mountain Road to highway, onto Myola Oakforest Road, down Kuranda Heights to caravan park, then head all the way to Kowrowa store, then head back to the pool, where we will finish.

Make sure you listen out for all the bells and sirens, and be out along the side of the road between these times to collect your sweets.

Please remember to keep off the road and stay safe.

### And last but by no means least, are you prepared?

- Have you prepared your house for the upcoming cyclone season?
- Have you enough food to last if you are flooded in?
- Have you checked your emergency kit?
- Do you know your neighbours?
- Are your contact lists for the children up to date?
- Have you arranged for somewhere for the pets to go if an emergency situation?

There is lots of information around, if you are new to the area, or just need to refresh, check out these sites:

<http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/plan.asp>

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.emergencyvolunteering.com.au/home/disaster-ready/menu/readiness-index>

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# Flowers from Heaven

by Jill Melody



**It is with amazement and gratitude that I gaze upon my beautiful flowering Poinciana and think of how it came to be...**

The roots of this third generation tree, as far as I can trace them, began in Cairns. Our friend, Barbie, gave us its seedling when we bought our first property in Kuranda. As Poincianas will do, it very quickly grew to become a large shade tree in our garden. Sadly, however, Barbie passed away, but not long after she did, her tree began to flower! It was like a Christmas gift every year that kept her alive, in our minds, during the holiday season in the years that we lived there.

When we moved, we were fortunate enough to be able to replant yet another of its seedlings at our new home. It, too, grew quickly into a large tree that attracted many birds to give us pleasure, but no flowers. A few Christmases came and went with still no flowers. I kept thinking about Barbie and remembering how she always said, with a very strong Southern U.S. accent "ya gotta give 'em ma-NU-re!"

Well, finally, just about a month ago, I decided we needed to nourish her baby and got some manure for her tree. Well, look at it now – it's our "flowers from heaven" and a reminder to me to feel grateful for the friends who have been, the ones who are here now, and new ones to be made.

**Merry Christmas to all my friends past, present and future!**

## Kuranda Pool News



My, my, the year is flying by, we are into week seven of our current block of ten lessons for the fourth and final term of the year as we move into December. We still have room in some timeslots in the week.

It is such a pleasure to see so many young mums and dads bringing their babies and toddlers into the warm water to orientate the little ones to the aquatic environment so basic to the Australian lifestyle.

Introducing babies to the water early gives them a great foundation in feeling at ease when later they take first swims without mum or dad.

It can be a real pull on maternal heart strings when toddlers are being transferred to the instructor for the first time.

Often these semi formal processes of learning are the first the child has ever done with anyone other than mum or dad and it can be hard to understand.

Being able to bring the family in between lessons for fun times is often the key. Here at Kuranda Aquatic Centre babies and toddlers get the chance to do both by coming to the formal lesson and any other time popping in for some fun with the family.

Structuring the aquatic experience for the little ones early helps safeguard them later for a fun filled full and confident life in and around the water.

One parent only this week thanked us for a great day at the reef, snorkeling and enjoying the sights with their 5 and 8 year-old boys whose swim abilities are opening a whole new world of fun.

My early water experiences were in cold water, the only formal instruction was two-week intensives at the end of the year and I was scared to the core when made to go off the bottom.

Mum and dad couldn't swim and needed life jackets in the dam.

At 17 I still struggled to make 50 metres in the Olympic pool. Going off to Phys Ed College in Sydney made it hard to meet the stringent swimming component of my course.

It was by working with Forbes Carslile the former head coach of Australian Swimming that I finally learnt what it was to teach little people how to swim.

I know which way I prefer. Thanks to all the families out there who give us the chance to teach their children.

School swim programs are in full swing for students from Prep to Year 9 attending the pool for their lessons once a week with the Physical Education teachers.

We were given the chance to provide some of the instruction for the kids from the local Steiner School and they are responding really positively to all the activities we try. Public swimmers are still welcome when classes are on and we have a timetable on display at the pool to see the busiest times, or ring on 4093 7109 for details.

How about the Solar Eclipse? So many people from all over and from so far.

It was great to be up and at work and be able bear witness to a truly cosmic phenomenon.

Our resident swallows headed west as the darkness consumed the landscape and the way the clouds split and moved on left many in and around Kuranda feeling blessed to be at home and let the experience come to them.

Everyone I speak to "lights up" themselves when they relate the totality moments of the parting of the clouds as if by magic in those seconds leading up to the time of full eclipse. We live in a great place.

Cheers everyone.

– Gary and Linda Davis

(More Pool News can be found on page 17.)



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## Kuranda Film Society

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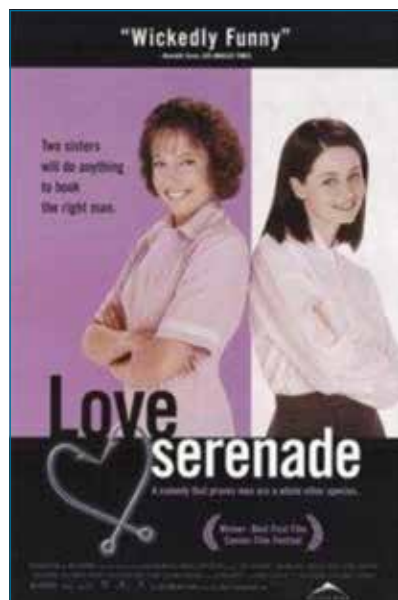
Bring a plate to share.

Subscription for 2012 is \$20 per year or \$5 for a one-day membership.  
For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

### Walk Into Paradise

Also called *Walk Into Hell*

Steve McAllister, an Australian official for The New Guinea Administration, leads a small expedition to an uncharted area of New Guinea to investigate an oil discovery. The team includes WHO Doctor Louise Demarcet, malaria-stricken hunter Jeff Clayton and adventurer Ned "Shark-eye" Kelly. Producer: Chips Rafferty; Screenplay: Lee Robinson, Chips Rafferty.



### Love Serenade

Two bored sisters, Dimity and Vicki-Ann, live in the small country town of Sunray. Their new neighbour, a brooding self-centered type, formerly star D.J. of a drive-time programme on Brisbane radio, threatens to turn the sisters' world upside down. Dimity and Vicki-Ann find themselves in competition for his affections as each develops a severe crush on the aging lothario with a predilection for 70s music and young women. Awards at the Cannes International Film Festival 1996.

## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well it almost the end of another year! But our Kuranda Kids have still been doing the club proud. The big Zone 18 Gymkhana and sporting weekend was held in Malanda on the 27th and 28th October.

There was a total of 109 riders on the Saturday. Our club had a team of four riders consisting of Sophie Curtis, placing first in her age aggregate, Kristy Lane placed first in her age aggregate, Jamie Hewitt-Toms brought home many ribbons on her new horse; Olivia Hewitt-Toms placed first in her age aggregate.

The Sunday sporting sashes were awarded to age champions to fifth place, in the 10 and under group Jamie-Hewitt-Toms came fifth, 11 and 12 age group Kristy Lane came second, 15 and 16 age group Sophie Curtis came fourth. The photo shows the proud kids with their sashes and trophies. It was a big weekend and lots of fun was had by all.



Last week-end it was Freshwater's turn to have their Gymkhana, even though numbers were down as it's getting to the end of the season, fun was had by all. Kuranda had a team of five riders, which consisted of me (Di Curtis), Charis Lux, Sophie Curtis, Jamie Hewitt-Toms and Olivia Hewitt-Toms. I had lots of fun and came home with quite a few ribbons. This was only Charis's second event for this year and she came home with a second place aggregate trophy. Sophie Curtis, Jamie Hewitt-Toms and Olivia

Hewitt-Toms each took first place aggregate. As you can see in the photo the team did very well once again, Jamie also winning the highest point rider for the day.

Saturday 24 November is our club's Gymkhana: the final event for the year in the pony club world. So we are hoping it will be a good end to the year! Then we can all look forward to a summer break.

The club is going to have the break up Chrissy party at the Speewah Tavern on Saturday 8 December starting at 3.00pm. This will be a time to have a relaxing get together and reflect on the year of 2012. There will be a presentation of end of year trophies.

At this time we will be also saying a sad farewell to our long time member and the club's Chief Instructor, Judy Pope, as she is going to have a well deserved break and hang up the reins for a while. So, on behalf of the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for all your hard work and dedication and I am sure we will always be in touch and catch up for a ride every now and then!

The 2013 year will kick off in February and the date will be advertised beforehand. So remember if you know of anyone who would like to become involved in pony club feel free to contact myself, Di Curtis (club instructor), at paulanddi@bigpond.com

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas and see you all in the New Year. Till next time, Happy Riding.

- Di Curtis



## Speewah District Residents Association

The next meeting will be held on  
**Monday 3 December 2012**  
at the Fire Brigade Building,  
Roscommon Park at 7.30pm

Our local Councillor, Jenny Jensen will be there. She will provide a report on Council matters, focusing specifically on those affecting Speewah residents as well as on policy matters involving Council.

There will be a report to the meeting on recent activities of the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade who assisted with the recent fire which started at Oak Forest Road and ended up at Koah.

If residents have any matters they want included on the agenda, they should contact either the Secretary, Margaret Butteling on 4093 0100 or President, Bob Madden on 4093 0169.

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**2nd Prize:** Ashley Bailey – Daytrip for 2 adults to Green Island with Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises.

**3rd Prize:** Gayle Hill – Choice of one of two beautiful but distinctly different timber artworks by Russell Geisel.

**4th Prize:** Dei Gould – Return trip for 2 adults and 2 children on the Kuranda Scenic Railway.

**5th Prize:** Mark Rivers – One round of golf at the Cairns Golf Club.

Thank you everyone for your support! The raffle raised \$1064 which assisted this motivated team to compete at the Opti-MINDS state finals in Brisbane in October. It was a wonderful learning experience for them all.



Left: Opti-MINDS team with their sustainability ideas at the Opti-MINDS challenge in Brisbane.  
L - R: Mia, Paige, Skye, Maggie, Ben, Oscar – all Year 6.



Above: 3rd prize winner, Gayle Hill, receiving her prize from the Opti-Minds team.

## PEOPLE POWER by Clare Hensley

Generosity is a possibility for most people if we give of ourselves, our time or our talents. This month's focus is on **The Families as First Teachers program-FAFT**, currently in its eighth year in Kuranda.

The FAFT program is designed to support families in helping to get their children ready for school and engage them in early literacy and numeracy activities. School is a culture of structured learning, expectation and being with unfamiliar children and adults. This can be a real shock when children have had the freedom to entertain themselves surrounded by familiar faces and places.

The FAFT program is run by a qualified teacher, supported by a teacher's aide, a community liaison and a volunteer. Children are introduced to the concepts of sitting in a group, listening to a teacher, engaging with songs, stories, painting, counting, games and books in the comfort of having the back up of family members.

Think - Kindy where the whole family stays.

FAFT runs two sessions a week: 10.00 am-12.00 noon in two locations:

- Saint Saviour church on Tuesday
- Kowrova Community Hall on Wednesdays.

To get an inside perspective I asked Kate (who has given her time for the last two and a half years on Wednesdays) why she feels the program is important.

"To me volunteering is about giving back to the community things that you have learnt in your own life's journey, to support others as you have been supported yourself. I really felt I could identify with what the FAFT program is all about and that is, preparing children to be school ready.

"When you embark on the journey of parenting you really do not know what you don't know. This is how I felt about the process of preparing my children to be 'school ready'. I was lucky I was supported through my lack of awareness by all the wonderful teachers at the Kindy, then while attending pre-school as well through the insight of friends and neighbours who had done it all before me. I was amazed at what was learnt through play and the easy way in which literacy and numerous concepts can be introduced into everyday life. Even the task of learning the letter combination of their own name and the names of their friends was an introduction to words having meaning.

"Mat time, sharing meals, having food they could open and eat without help, a structured routine, singing, being in a large group with their peers, listening to the teachers, being comfortable, confident and speaking up in a group is not something that is learnt at home but is needed for a child to be "school ready".

"It wasn't until my first child entered grade one did I even realize how important this process of getting them ready for school really was. With my second child I looked at learning through play in a whole new light and it gave me greater confidence as a parent being his first teacher. It is with this knowledge that I have gained through my own experience that I hope I can help support other families in our community give their children a strong start in school."

The FAFT program aims to help close the gap and has been enhancing the schooling experience of many children over the last 8 years.

### News Years resolution to Volunteer?

Kuranda is a diverse community with people engaged in many interests. So do not be shy, think of what you have learnt from and find where your time and skill can be valued. If not contact me and I will find you a slot in the Kuranda District State School Volunteer program run by the P&C.

Wishing you all a fun Xmas & New Year.

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## Down But Not Out

**MOST** of the senior members of our community, at least those who lived in North Queensland in their youth, will remember Tom McDonald. McDonald owned and operated a jewellers shop in Cairns from the 1923 to the 1960s.

However, he was better remembered as the father of the aviation industry in Far North Queensland. In those days the only way to import merchandise from the south was by ship, a costly and sometimes erratic exercise.

To circumvent this problem, in 1929 McDonald purchased his first plane, a Gypsy Moth, to ensure a regular and speedy delivery for the merchandise for his business. His first landing strip was on a saltpan where the present light aircraft terminal is now. "Tommy Mac", as he was generally called, eventually built an aviation business carrying passengers, freight and mail throughout North Queensland.

He generously made his aeroplanes available to transport many injured and sick patients to Cairns for treatment, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Cairns Aerial Ambulance.

But well you might ask "What has all this to do with Kuranda?"

Well it transpires that Tom McDonald took off from Cairns on 7 February 1941 and had engine trouble west of Kuranda. He searched for a safe landing place and made a forced landing near the Barron River. **The Cairns Post** reported:

"Mr. Tom McDonald, the well-known Cairns airman, while flying his single-engine Miles Falcon machine, made a forced landing a little after 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning on the northern bank of the Barron River between Mantaka and Kowrowa,

about five miles from Kuranda. Mr. McDonald was alone in the plane and was uninjured. The machine received slight damage to the undercarriage, and lantana cut one wing."

McDonald was able to borrow a boat and row across the river to the residence of the Dillon family at Kowrowa. Here he was able to phone the news to Cairns. He organised to have a rail wagon sent up the range to carry the plane back to Cairns. A van carrying first-aid was also sent but this was not needed. Many locals, including several members of the Veivers family, offered their assistance to drag the plane across the Barron River to the railway siding where it was loaded for its trip



down the range. McDonald said he hoped to have the plane flying again within a few days. There is no record available to tell us how long he was grounded in this instance. However, given his reputation for surviving several mishaps, and his ability to be in the air again within a short time, it is presumed that Tommy Mac was not earth-bound for very long.

Apparently McDonald liked what he saw from the air when he flew over Kuranda, because he purchased a property in the vicinity of his forced landing – but then he might just have decided it would be a good idea to have an emergency landing ground ready – just in case!

Left: Snigging Tom McDonald's plane with the aid of a horse and sled. Photo courtesy Cairns Historical Society  
Above: Tom McDonald's plane on rail wagon. Photo courtesy Cairns Historical Society

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### Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee

The Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee has a new member, with local hotelier Robert Matthews joining the group. Tablelands Regional Council voted on Thursday 15 November to accept Mr Matthew's nomination following the resignation of committee member Terry Pates in October.

"Mr Matthews will take on the role of tourism representative and I welcome his appointment," Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said. "I thank Mr Pates for his input and am delighted to see this community organisation continuing to attract support. This council welcomes community involvement and values the contribution of organisations such as the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee".

### Recycling Popular with Survey Respondents

Tablelanders who responded to a Council survey have indicated they are firmly behind plans to introduce waste recycling.

The Tablelands Regional Council has conducted community consultation on a new draft Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan and survey results from that process were presented to the most recent meeting of council.

"The community returned 1287 responses and the results were overwhelmingly in favour of recycling," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said. "The question 'Do you support recycling' received a massive 96.1 per cent 'yes' vote. That is a very clear indication for council in its future planning."

The community of Atherton also backed the return of a dump shop, with 56.7 per cent of responders saying they would use one. In Mareeba though, only 23 per cent said they would use a dump shop.

Other replies indicated that the existing waste transfer station hours were meeting the needs of 93.7

per cent of responders.

Of those living in the former Atherton and Mareeba Shires, 92.5 per cent said they would use a recycle bin at their household.

"This level and detail of community feedback is extremely useful for council, we are developing policy for a range of issues and this kind of information helps us to bring in documents that do what the community wants us to do," Councillor Lee Long said.

A report on the survey results received unanimous support from Council.

A full copy of the report into the survey results is available to the public on request to the TRC.

### State Government to Force Fluoridation on Tablelands Communities

Kuranda and Malanda water supplies will be fluoridated with the State Government moving to slam the door shut on any other option, Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said yesterday.

"The existing legislation, the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*, had created the situation where legally, council had no choice but to fluoridate," Councillor Lee Long said.

"There has been strong community opposition to this especially in Kuranda and Malanda and council has done everything in its power to honour that position. There was, I believe, a clear expectation from Premier Newman and the Local Government Minister that

community wishes would be respected. In August the Premier was reported in the press as saying: 'Certainly, we would not be removing it from any location where it exists already, but the idea of forcing certain communities right now to put it in and incur the cost, that is something I am more than happy to have a look at.'

"However the new legislation will trample all over that. Instead of allowing these communities a choice, the State Government has tabled laws that, when adopted, will mean there is no option at all."

The new legislation, contained in the South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012, has been introduced to State Parliament and is expected to be debated within the next few weeks.

"If passed, and Premier Newman has a massive majority in Parliament, Council will be left with absolutely no option and there will be very severe penalties if we do not obey," Cr Lee Long said.



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NBN Co regards the proposed installations as Code Assessable Developments under the relevant Planning Schemes. It is noted that all telecommunication facilities must comply with strict safety rules regulated by the Australian Communications Authority.

For further information or to make a written comment by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012**, please contact:

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# Graham Nicholson — A Man For All Seasons

Most people who read this paper will have read Graham Nicholson's interviews. Today it's Graham who is the subject of this interview.

Graham Richard Nicholson was born in 1942, in the bush town of Beverley. He had a grandfather, two uncles and a cousin who were solicitors, and the grandfather was the Leader of the WA Upper House and an ex mayor of Perth. Graham remembers his school life in the bush as monotonous and boring. He was an asthmatic and frequently sick. He gave up his first attempt at University due to a shortage of funds, but gained a Commonwealth Scholarship after going back to school for a further year.

Graham graduated in 1967 from the University of WA in Perth with an LLB(Hons) and a reputation as a bit of a reprobate. His cohort included a future Leader of the WA parliamentary opposition (who was also his future wife Terrie's cousin). Graham was articled for two years in his uncle's firm. He earned \$10 per week: \$1 went on petrol and he lived off the remaining nine. He must have had enough over for flowers and chocolates because at the end of his articles he and Terrie were married.

The couple lived for the next five years in the bush, South West of Perth. Graham worked as a solicitor but was suffering more and more from asthma so they returned to Perth. A friend went to Darwin and wrote back enthusiastically about the prospects in the Territory. He urged Graham to come up and work for the government. A house would be provided. Graham and Terrie upped stakes and followed.

Graham found himself thrust into constitutional review. The Territory Legislative Council had been half nominated and half elected, with the Commonwealth having the right of veto, but was preparing itself for full representation as an elected Assembly, so the machinery of government had to be re-invented. In October 1974 the Country Liberal Party won the election and together with two independents formed the new Legislative Assembly.

Then came Cyclone Tracy, striking at Christmas in 1974. Darwin was demolished and all but a skeleton crew were evacuated for three months. Graham's house was destroyed and his family evacuated but he returned early to help with the legal side of the recovery. Toward the end of the first moratorium the Commonwealth decided to extend it for a further three months, against the wishes of the local Assembly. The Commonwealth needed its desires to become law before the locals could finesse it by unilateral action. Graham was handed a despatch containing the newly drafted amendment to the Emergency Powers and, with no notice, no tickets, no money and few clothes other than shorts and the great-coat he was wearing at the time, told to get himself down to Sydney by any means possible and pass



the paper to the Prime Minister. Graham bluffed his way onto aircraft, firstly to Adelaide, then Melbourne, then finally Sydney and Kirribilli House. At each stop an unhappy fare-paying passenger was bumped from the next leg, with the help of Commonwealth phone calls and Graham's insistence that the mail must get through.

When the Governor General was finally in possession of the paper and the Bill was on its way to becoming law, Graham was no longer needed. He found himself surplus to requirements and wiped, as it were, like a dirty nose. He can't remember how he got back to Darwin but when he finally arrived he was exhausted and spent several days in hospital.

Graham was invited to join the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department and was detailed to assist an inexperienced member of the Assembly with her new portfolio of Law. At one stage he was the complete legal branch of the Northern Territory Government.

Between 1974 and 1978 the family, now with three children, were living in a caravan next to a cyclone damaged house they had bought, and in his so-called spare time Graham rebuilt the house. In July of 1978 self government came to the Northern Territory. Six months beforehand a full public service was installed by Canberra. Life was chaotic. Graham was now First Crown Solicitor in the new Crown Law Office, advising Ministers. There were no precedents. Graham was deep in developing the Constitution. Long hours were worked. He was in and out of the Federal and High Courts due to continued heavy negotiations with Commonwealth public servants. He became a workaholic and his health and family life suffered. He became obsessive. Several minor strokes were glossed over and ignored.

In 1979 Graham broke down, mentally and physically, and briefly took time out, away from Government. He

frequented the library at a local Community College, reading mostly Philosophy and Comparative religion and developed his lifetime interest in the Bahá'í faith, which emphasises the spiritual unity of all mankind.

The Community College transitioned into a branch of the University of Queensland and Graham became part of the team overseeing the transition. He went to the University part time, graduating as a Master of Laws and became an adjunct Professor and Law Lecturer at the now fully transitioned branch. His day job was in the Law Department. During the mid '80s there was a bi-partisan move in the NT Government to proceed to Statehood and Graham became legal adviser to Parliament, serving on select committees over many years. During the early 90s he became Crown Counsel and finally Senior Crown Counsel. He commenced practising as a Barrister.

A referendum on Statehood failed in 1997, largely because of party political machinations and there came a period of recriminations and bloodletting. Graham took early retirement in 1998 and left behind, as one of his legacies, founded by him and named after him, the Graham R Nicholson Law Library of the Northern Territory Government.

Even in retirement the Northern Territory follows him. Because of the high turnover of civil servants, Graham is often the only one with the institutional knowledge necessary to prepare briefs and sometimes to deliver them on behalf of the Territory. It is not backward in coming forward to ask for his expertise. Graham loves the intellectual challenge but is grateful it's not all the time. After living for several years on Magnetic Island, he and Terrie sold up and bid on a house in Townsville but detoured via Kuranda on route to visiting Palau. While here they learnt their bid was unsuccessful and found themselves homeless; they bought a small cottage in Kuranda which they renovated and extended and have been here ever since.

Graham has always been an avid reader and collector of books, and over the years his personal library has grown to overwhelming proportions. Hoping others might share his passion, he took a lease out over his present office in Therwine Street, stored his own books there and started his bookshop, "Hidden Words". He loves tracking down and buying a hard-to-find book for a prospective purchaser: guaranteed to be better priced than Amazon. Graham can be found there virtually every weekday, presiding over one of the most interesting and eclectic collection of books to be seen in the tropics. Presiding also over two of the most indulged and loved dogs in the world, his beloved collies: Misty and Jaffa. Pop in and have a cuppa and a chat. You'll be made extraordinarily welcome by a true gentleman, with a wealth of experience but a humble manner.

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MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$65,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing - I was just talking to Janie and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty-thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

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One theory is that the property the bird was trying to get into used to belong to a wildlife carer and it was coming back for a feed. Water was made available to the bird away from the property and soon after it was seen grazing on the native grass which is its natural food.

For the time being, it seems the emu is OK but we are urging QPWS to take steps to relocate it to a more suitable location where there are other emus.

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## Trout On Line

**NOVEMBER 20** saw me bring the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait and Multicultural Affairs, Glen Elmes to Kuranda, where we met with Sheryl Quartermaine of HACC and Aboriginal elders at the Kuranda Sport and Recreation Centre.

Later in the afternoon I took the Minister to Kuranda District State College, where we met with Principal, Gary Toshach, Dr Kathryn Mannion, coordinator of the Families as First Teachers (FAFT) program, teachers and members of the P&C Association.

Uncle Gerry opened the meeting with Welcome to Country, and a fruitful discussion ensued.

Minister Elmes was very impressed by the program, to the extent that he and I will be meeting with the Minister for Education, John Paul Langbroek before *Trout Online* is published.

While there, the Minister took time to meet the students, and is pictured below with Beau Saunders, Student Leader, and Amanda Dean, next year's School Captain at Kuranda State District College.

My website is now up and running: [www.michaeltrout.com.au](http://www.michaeltrout.com.au), and as always, keep in touch with community news and events on my Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/Michael.Trout.MP>.

***I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.***



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## 2012 Kindergarten Graduates – time for celebration

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We would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the success of these children. Firstly their parents for sending them so well prepared for a great day's fun and learning and supporting the work of the Teaching Team.

Secondly and very importantly our marvellous committee led by President Susan Walker, Vice President Angela Meyer, Secretary Pamela Mahoney and Treasurer Christie Barsley. This year has been a mammoth year of change and Susan has worked stupendously with the committee to support Susan Johnstone Lord our Director.

Their work leaves everything well prepared for the incoming 2013 Committee. Thank you to Leann, our Book keeper for her work in navigating the changes – you are a very important member of our team. Our environment is enhanced by the skills and energy Berend Ackerman has brought to the teaching programme and our grounds.

Thirdly Kuranda Community Kindergarten is blessed. Community spirit can be seen on a daily basis in our kindergarten. It is said that the strength of the kindergarten lies in the commitment of the community. We thank you all for your contributions – what you may have considered small has made wonderful differences to young people lives. We trust we have your support for 2013.

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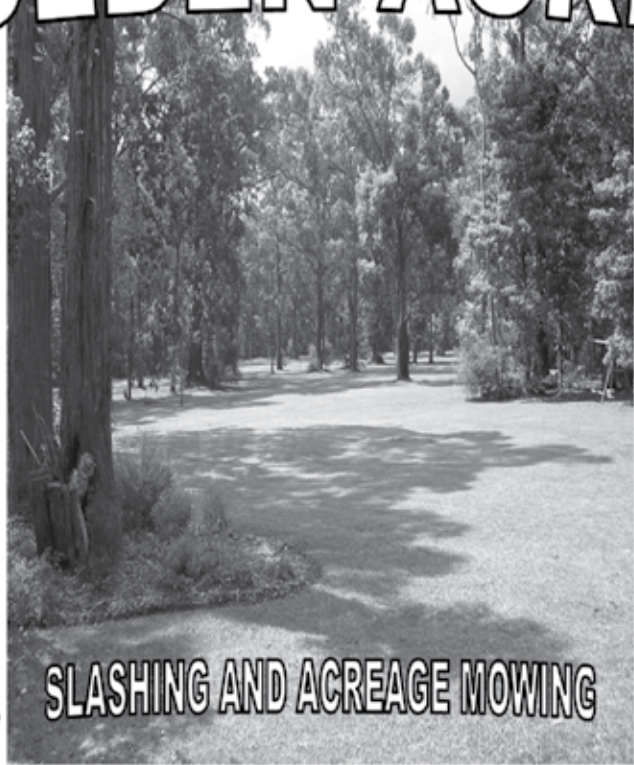
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*Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.  
Your opinions are always welcome.*

**Happy Christmas!** Again the Christmas season seems to have crept up on us. I would like to wish all residents a very happy Christmas and New Year. Travel safe and enjoy your festive cheer and relaxation with family and friends!

**Mayor's Christmas Appeal:** This appeal funds Christmas hampers for less fortunate families in our community. Tax deductible donations can be made at Council. Families who would like assistance can contact Marg or Ceri at the Neighbourhood Centre.

**De-amalgamation Update:** On December 14th the Minister for Local Government will announce whether or not there will be a vote on de-amalgamation. Following the examination of all submissions and Queensland Treasury examination of costs, the Boundaries Commissioner will make his recommendation to the Minister in late November. Further details at <http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/bc/> and on the TRC website <http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-council/de-amalgamation-facts> I am presenting this as information to residents and ask that you consider all the information before you form your opinion on whether or not you support de-amalgamation to a new Mareeba Shire. In the meantime, the Council of the TRC is intent on getting on with the business of running the TRC.

**Kuranda Community Precinct:** If you are interested in joining the Advisory Committee applications are now open (see advert in this edition) Council is progressing the resolution of October 2011 and September 2012. The full resolution is available on the TRC website. There are a number of parts to the resolution, including moving the Library to the site, sale of the Old Pre-School, removal of Block A and B and future planning for the community facilities at the site.

**TRC Draft Planning Scheme:** There are a number of changes to the State Planning Provisions. It is anticipated that Council will be advertising the Draft TRC Planning Scheme for public consultation from approx. Late December until late March.

**FIKS Grants:** Not for Profit Community groups and individuals are eligible for Council's FIKS (Financial and In-Kind Support) grants of up to \$2000 per year. Young people who excel in sports, cultural activities are also eligible for grants. Application details are on the TRC website or by contacting Council.

**Recycling:** Community consultation regarding the TRC Waste and Recycling Strategy has concluded and the results resoundingly support the introduction of kerbside recycling. Council has received the report of

the findings and the next step is to develop costings for implementation.

**Fallon Road Jum Rum Causeway:** Work has commenced recently on the upgrade to the bridge on Fallon Road. The road will be closed until late January to allow for construction.

**Road Projects:** Current works are occurring on reconstruction/upgrade of sections of Black Mountain Road and Mona Mona Road; design work on the safety upgrade to the Morton Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection is still underway.

**Customer Requests system:** If you have a complaint or request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this, either via email to [info@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@trc.qld.gov.au), the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or phone 1 300 362 242 or by contacting me. Council Meetings: Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. (Atherton Dec 20th Jan 17th) (Mareeba Dec 7th) Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

**To Contact Me:**

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Email: [jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au)

## Pet Owners Urged To Protect Pets From The Summer Heat

With Summer fast approaching and temperatures starting to soar, experts are warning pet owners to protect their animal's welfare during periods of extreme heat.

Leading Queensland animal hospital, BVSC, is reminding pet owners that high temperatures can dehydrate animals and may be fatal if not treated quickly. BVSC founder, Dr Rod Straw, a specialist veterinarian, said that everyday activities can cause significant stress on animals during periods of extreme heat.

"There are some simple techniques that can be used to prevent your pets from suffering from heat stroke and heat exhaustion", said Dr Straw.


1. Never leave animals locked in a car, even with the windows down;
2. Exercise animals during the cooler times of the day;
3. Always carry water and a foldable water bowl when on walks and hikes with your dog;

4. Clip animals with long, thick coats;
5. Ensure pets have access to a shaded, cool environment and plenty of water;
6. Put non-zinc containing sunscreen on your animal's nose. It is a part of an animal's body that may not be protected by hair or pigment, and is very susceptible to sunburn. Unfortunately most animals will lick this off, so keeping out of the sun is still the best prevention.

Dr Straw said dogs and cats are at greater risk of overheating as they do not sweat in the same way humans do, and therefore cannot tolerate the heat as well. "In a short period of time an animal can suffer critical damage to its nervous system, heart, liver or brain, which can result in death", he said. "Pet owners should look for signs of heat stroke which include bright red gums and excessive panting. If your pet is having difficulty breathing, has thickened saliva, is

vomiting or has diarrhoea, it is possible it is suffering from heat stress, and will require immediate veterinary attention.

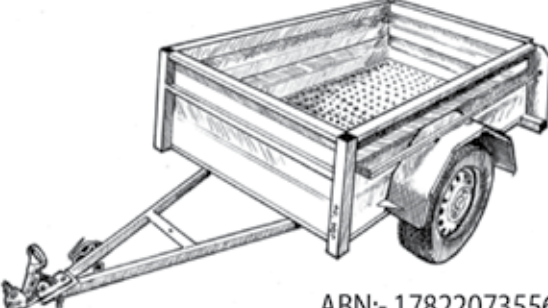
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# Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

## HUGS

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



Emma Chambers



Kitchen



Treats

## A SAILING ADVENTURE

WOW! Cairns Cruising Yacht Squadron is prepared to take the top 3 writers (plus their families) away for an introduction to sailing, like no other. Maybe one day during your summer vacation.

So you will need to write an essay - entitled 'Pearls'. Now it might be about finding a pearl, maybe pretending you are an oyster in the sea, perhaps it might be about Grandma's pearl necklace or anything else ... as always your handwriting, not a computer. (For helpful ideas try - [www.pearluggers.com.au](http://www.pearluggers.com.au)).

PLEASE - don't forget to add Registration details. Drop your entry into one of the special 'MAGIC' boxes, (see below) - before December 10.

## Giggles

Q. What balls don't bounce.

A. Snowballs.

Q. What nationality is Santa? A. North Polish.

Q. What do polar bears eat for a snack? A. Ice-burgers.!

xx from Pixie xx

## Poet's Corner

### THE GREAT, BIG, PURPLE MONSTER

On a tiny, little, planet,  
A long, long time ago.  
Where the turtles were fast,  
And the rabbits were slow.  
Where no one really wanted to go,  
Lived a great, big, purple monster.

He had a great, big pot,  
Which held a lot.  
It was the only one he'd got,  
Oh that great, big, purple monster.

He loved to eat plums,  
He'd only got 2 thumbs.  
And bright green gums,  
That great, big, purple monster.

People say he lives under your bed,  
Where his purple fur he loves to shed,  
But whatever you do, don't feed him bread!  
Not that great, big, purple monster.

If you're looking for clues,  
Find his shoes.  
They're always blues,  
For that great, big, purple monster.

If you find his dens,  
he'll make amends.  
And you'll always be friends,  
Oh that Great, Big, Purple Monster.

by Jacinta Frizelle

## PEPPERMINT CREAMS & PINK SUGAR MICE

Ingredients : 1-1 1/2 pkts pure icing sugar (not icing mixture)  
1 egg white  
Peppermint / Strawberry Essence  
Silver Balls - Flaked Almonds + pieces of wool

HINT : Cover large balls of dough with a damp cloth - otherwise they will dry out before you have made all of your goodies. If you want to be fancy & Mum is there to help, you could dip 1/2 of each peppermint in melted chocolate.

Put the egg white in a bowl, then about a cup of icing sugar. Once that is mixed in, add some more & keep doing this until dough is quite stiff. Turn out onto a board which has been dusted with more icing sugar. Knead like bread till no more icing sugar can be absorbed.

Divide into 2 large balls. Add Strawberry Essence to one (only a little taste before adding more). To the other add a drop of Peppermint Essence (careful it is very strong). Now you can mould your pink sugar mice. Add the silver balls for eyes and almonds for ears, wool for the tail. Peppermints - roll very small balls of dough in your hand, then flatten with a kitchen fork. Place on plates and place in fridge to harden.

## Ditties & Rhymes

One, Two, Three, Mother caught a flea. Put it in a teapot, made a cup of tea. Flea jumped out, Mother gave a shout. In came Dad with his shirt hanging out.

from Shantelle Chambers - aged 6yrs

## The Mailbag

Hello my name is Natalie. I am eight and I like to ride horses. I have a duck, horse, birds, dog and a cat. I read books as well as ride horses. I like to raise little chickens and ducklings. I go to Mareeba District Pony Club. I have lots of friends. My bird is called Scooter. My horse's name is Condor and my Mum has a little Brumby and it's name is Twiggy. I have lots of trophies from lots of different places. Thank you for reading my story.

### MAGIC REGISTRATION

NAME .....  
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## Peek a Boo!

Hello Magic Readers,

Do you know that every time you send something to the 'Magic Club' you are earning Stars? Do you know that the Best drawing received each month is used for the 'Colour - In' competition (and automatically wins a surprise gift)? Do you know that if you return a Puzzlet with answers, you could also receive a surprise gift? Doesn't matter if you are unsure of the answers - what is important, is that you gave it a GO.

I have an entry pass to the 'Mako Track' in Mareeba, for the 1st person who can draw & colour 'The Great Big Purple Monster'.

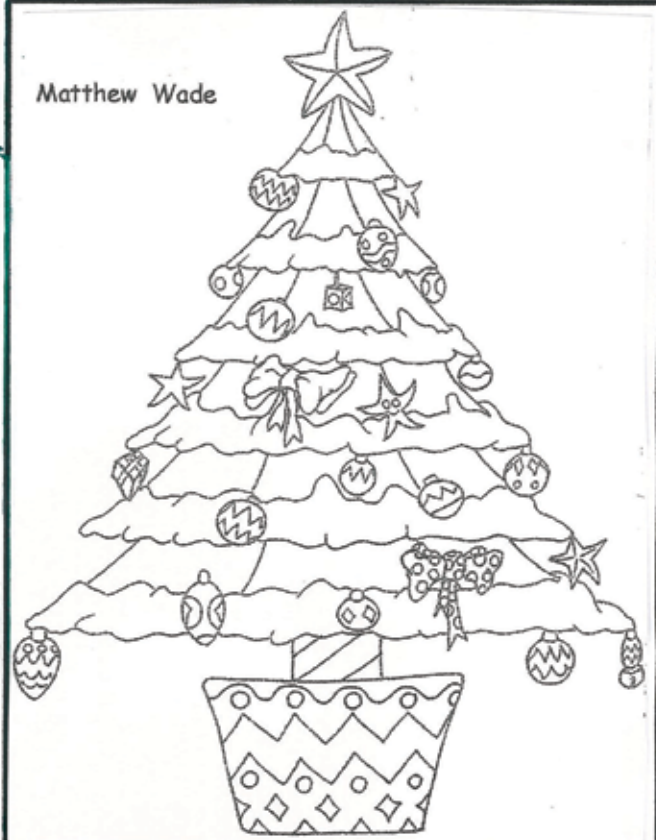
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## Colour in Competition

Matthew Wade



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

WHAT IS THE MAGIC CLUB? \*\*\* A place where your stuff can be published. \*\*\* Stars are given as Reward (Sapphire 8, Ruby 6, Silver 4, Emerald 2, then Gold). Gold Star = A Champion Kid  
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 Carol Service Dec 16, 6.00pm  
**TUESDAY**  
 9.00am Holy Communion

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES**  
**Sunday 16 December**  
 6.00pm Carol Service and Supper  
**Christmas Eve 24 December**  
 7.30pm Carol by Candlelight for children, mum and dad too  
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**A Thought for December**

Each year at Christmas I enjoy the Christmas nativity scene and carols which in their soft familiarity often allow us to forget the harsh details of the birth of Jesus. In the romantic version Mary smiles, her hair is unruffled. She looks fresh as a daisy, unlike any newly delivered mother. Jesus is silent and still, clean and pink and happy unlike most new-borns. But we need to think and imagine a little more accurately about the birth of Jesus.

Joseph would not leave Mary behind, alone to face the shame and difficulties by herself, so he took her with him to Bethlehem. We may want to accuse him for making a young first time pregnant mother travel such a distance. It's no wonder she had the baby after that kind of trip. Donkeys don't carry evenly; they swing their hips as you ride. It would be a lot more of a roller coaster ride than a trip down the range on a bus. We can forget all this, the difficulties and obstacles, but St Luke's Gospel brings them into play.

We have a story of a young girl surprised by her pregnancy which would bring shame and dishonour and a puzzled man engaged to be married to her. Mary and Joseph believed, but she must have been afraid and he must have had his doubts.

St Luke's Gospel provides the detail about the census for taxing and explains why a couple living in Nazareth had their child in a Bethlehem stable but it also shows more of their difficulties for the taxes and the census were part of the Roman occupation of Judah. Mary and Joseph belonged to an oppressed people living in an occupied land.

I always imagine Bethlehem as it is today, and was when Jesus was born - an overcrowded city, full of rotting garbage full of people and noise and jostling everywhere. And let's be honest - stables stink. The stable may have been warm but it would have smelled of manure, animal hair and rotting straw. The stable of a busy innkeeper is not spotless, the smoke from the torches; Mary is tired and dirty from a long trip and despite the angel's assurance, she is afraid. Mary has no midwife, and it is hard to imagine that Joseph attended prenatal classes. So this young mother must give birth in a stable with only the help of an old inexperienced man.

It is our human inclination to soften the dirt and suffering and fear but we must recognize that God was born into poverty, dirt, homelessness and fear, into a very real world, our world. God was born a wrinkled, bloody baby to a scared young girl in a stable.

The world of our imagined nativity scene needs no redemption, it is perfect already. But God was born into the world we know with all its wonders and with all its hatred, fear, dirt and pain. God so loved the world and God so loves you and me as we are.

That harsh manger scene is transformed into something warm and sweet by the presence of Jesus' himself. We see a stinky stable as something warm and mysterious and wonderful because we see it in the light of Jesus Christ.

If we can see something warm and mysterious and wonderful in the nativity scene, it is by the same light of Jesus Christ that we can see something warm and mysterious and wonderful and, see what God loves in us, in ourselves and in one another. My prayer this Christmas is that we might experience something warm, mysterious and wonderful in ourselves, in one another and throughout the entire world at Christmas.

**NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S**

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday 16th of December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Monday 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children mums and dads at 7.30pm and at 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am. Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged Children overseas. This years appeal was a fantastic result with over 20 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the appeal again this year.



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

"Among those who have followed the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh no one says, "I am a Persian," "I am a Turk," "I am a Frenchman," or "I am an Englishman." No one says, "I am a Muslim, upholding the only true religion," "I am a Christian, loyal to my traditional and inherited beliefs," "I am a Jew, following talmudic interpretations," or "I am a Zoroastrian and opposed to all other religions." On the contrary, all have been rescued from religious, racial, political and patriotic prejudices and are now associating in fellowship and love to the extent that if you should attend one of their meetings you would be unable to observe any distinction between Christian and Muslim, Jew and Zoroastrian, Persian and Turk, Arab and European;"  
 (Abdu'l-Baha) (Abdu'l-Baha)

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

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

**Study Circles** Books 1 and 2 now ongoing in Kuranda, please feel free to enquire or join.

**Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha:** 28 November, commemorating in Kuranda His passing in 1921 in the Holy Land. The 100th anniversary in 2021 will also be particularly significant.

**Human Rights Day** 10 December

**Also** regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Malanda, Mareeba and other places.

**All enquiries welcome.** Telephone 4093 7120/9571

**From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands**



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NO COUNCIL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY



## KURANDA COMMUNITY PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Members

Council resolved at its meeting held 1 November 2012 to call for expressions of interest for the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee's next term. The committee is a representative based committee and members must be committed to developing the Kuranda Community Precinct.

#### Nomination for Membership

Council will review the membership of the committee annually. Membership will consist of:

- Chairperson: Independent – to be advertised and if no suitable applicant applies to be appointed directly by Council;
- 2 Council representatives, one of whom must be the Divisional Councillor from Division 8
- 5 Members selected by the Council from nominations received from the Kuranda Community
- 2 Ex-officio Council Officers

To nominate please download the nomination form from the Council website [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) or contact your preferred Customer Service Centre for a copy.

Nominations must be received by Council on or before 4.30pm 8 February 2013.

#### Meetings

It is anticipated the committee will meet every two months in Kuranda.

Should you have any questions please contact Dean Davidson, Manager Land & Facilities on 07 4043 4145.

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## Your Month by the Stars

### December Stars

**So here we are – between the Solar Eclipse and December 2012 Solstice. The Eclipse, of course brought with it a great sense of celebration, unity and optimistic passion. The Solstice puts it all out there into the greater community.**

Looking at the Eclipse Astro chart and the Solstice chart – both calculated for the Cairns region, they are a near-perfect fit! Astounding.

Imagine two halves of, say, the Yin-Yang symbol meeting and interlocking – Yin meets Yang; self meets other; inner meets outer etc.

Jupiter in Gemini was the focal point for the Eclipse chart and is again concentrating tremendous energy in the Solstice chart: an arrow-head pointing straight at the royal star Aldabran with Venus as the driving force and Saturn and Pluto as the guidance system. Nothing less than a huge expansion of understanding and, indeed, consciousness driven by a love of adventure and guided by a very powerful set of principles.

The red eye of Taurus, The Bull, (Aldabran) symbolises integrity; ethics; and focus. With Jupiter bearing straight towards Aldabran with the Goddess Venus as the Archer, this Solstice launches us into a new dimension of consciousness and a much expanded "other".

Much has been said about the 2012 December Solstice. It marks the completion of some very long Earth and Solar cycles, and aligns us with both Galactic Centre and Galactic Equator: a vast ocean of time-space will pass before we come again to this point. And the "other" which merges with "self" at this time expands into the multi-dimensional galaxy we inhabit.

Mars has made its conjunction with Pluto (27th Nov to be exact) and its square to Uranus (23rd Nov) so the major explosions and upheavals have subsided for now, and the main job would seem to be dissolving, with compassionate awareness, the barriers which appear to separate "self" from "other". This is subtle work but it is the prevailing current flowing from the cosmos at this time, not that we become "one", rather that we recognize the truth that we, indeed, are the whole...

So, what does the 21st December Solstice chart promise for the next long cycle? Excitement; adventure; dash and daring; beautiful souls coming into incarnation; and a vast expansion of consciousness; telepathy; gatherings for the fun of it; a green earth with patient compassionate guidance.

Much to look forward to...

Happy Solstice

**Rob Hart**

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader  
 Kuranda Heritage Markets  
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## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!*

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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 26

*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?*

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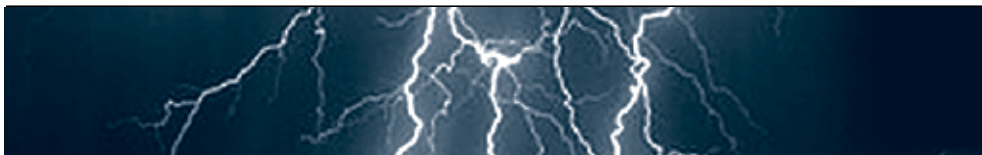
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## Community Calendar

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- 1st Sat **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
- Speewah Country Market** 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
- Yoga with Aileen** 10.00am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 1st Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
- 2nd Sun **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon. **Acappella Singing** No classes for December and January
- Kids Aerial Circus** with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917
- Kurandacoots adult circus jam** Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
- Yoga - Gentle** 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617
- 3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri **Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
- Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
- Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- Every Tue **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.
- Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
- Yoga** 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 2nd Tue **8 Ball** Finished for 2012. Recommences February
- Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.
- Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed **Lifeline Counselling** at KNC (appointment necessary)
- Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9.00am
- Kuranda Playgroup** 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lina 4093 9358.
- Weekly Meditations/Reflections** 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.
- Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
- Mah Jong** at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
- Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109
- \*New\* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6:30 to 7:30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645
- 1st Wed **Yoga Connect** with Tanya Veld, CWA Hall, 6.30-8.00pm
- Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting** 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel
- QCWA meeting** 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
- Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** - 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
- Every Thur **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206
- Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
- 2nd Thur **Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm
- Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
- CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES



Rainfall 22/10/2012 to 26/11/2012 - 36 mm

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Ph. Mark 0437 440 996

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## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies - please phone **000**  
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### RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

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

### Permits required for ALL fires

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS

"The Local Bus"

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
To: Speewah	0900	0900	1000
Koah		1300	
	*1530	*1530	
Ex: Koah	1750	1750	1645
	#0705	#0705	#0815
	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	
Ex: Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0820
	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	

\*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED  
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### Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
	*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY		
Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0930
	1715	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1715	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

\*\*Mareeba

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NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

Tel John 0418 772 953

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### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

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

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

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

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

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

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

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

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SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.10pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.10pm	4.10pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.10pm	5.10pm

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