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THE KURANDA PAPER

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Festival = **J**oyful **C**elebration

Kuranda launched on the Festival scene in 1980 with the Plant Festival – a celebration for the opening of the newly completed Amphitheatre in the Forest.

The following year, an ambitious programme of Arts, Crafts, Theatre and Music took over our township and Kuranda was up and marching with the Parade a part of the festivities.

Kuranda's festivals are about people, how we live, who we are, our imaginations, talents, skills – all inspired by



this beautiful place which is central to our lives.

A time to gather around to laugh and be joyful. We may be weird, we are certainly a wonderful mob and we know how to celebrate.

A weekend of jollity and mirth - graced by music and song, fashion, art, aqueous battle, wanderings in the forest, wondrous hats and locks and other exotic and esoteric diversions.

A long tradition of mirth and merriment to be enjoyed by Kuranda's young and old. What surprises will this Spring Festival bring?



COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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 which should be headed "Dear Kuranda Paper". Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kuranda Media Association Incorporated, Publishers of the Kuranda Paper.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Firstly can I say that the Kuranda Paper is one of the best locally produced newspapers I have read. It always looks exciting and I always read it two or three times. I think we all keep issues for contact phone numbers which we will need down the track.

Jennie Thomson. - Speewah

Dear Kuranda Paper,

With regard to the magnificent stand of Kauri Pine in the grounds of the primary school. The Education and Forestry Departments should be approached to apply for a preservation order on this stand of trees rather than chopping them down for a few paltry dollars or allowing them to take their chances with developers.

Perhaps Envirocare and Kuranda Conservation could join forces to put pressure on the relevant departments to do something constructive to save this stand this small but significant piece of Kuranda's heritage.

Joan Dods. - Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Ken Veivers, Kerrie, Sharon and Jill along with their families would like to thank the Kuranda and great communities for their cards, phone calls, letters, prayers and thoughts while our Jeannine has been away having treatment in Brisbane. Jeannine is now back home, resting and is as well as expected.

Please accept this as our personal thanks

The Veivers Family - Myola

Dear Kuranda Paper,

On 10 March 1926 the Journals of the Senate record the Crimes Bill being read a second time and an amendment moved by a Sen. Gardiner viz - "leave out all words after 'that' and insert in lieu thereof the words "this House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn with a view to redrafting so as to eliminate the obnoxious clauses referring to industrial disputes, as such clauses associated with the Crimes Act are an unwarranted affront to the great bodies of organised labour".

Today, many readers will find it hard believe that you could offend a union official, or a parliamentary representative who has come up through the union ranks. Current ALP Senator Chris Schacht was quoted in the media on 25 Feb 2006 as saying "First, let's make the point that no Labor leader would waste their time encouraging people to join the ALP - when's the last time you heard Kim Beazley say something like that? It would create far too much grief, the last thing you want is an influx of new members upsetting the factions. But suppose he did turn up at a Labor branch. They'd immediately be suspicious - what's his secret agenda? Which faction is he from? So, they'd take his details and send him on his way. But say he persisted and came back a month or so later. He might be invited to a branch meeting where he would sit like a stunned mullet as each faction tried to work out whether he was a stack or a plant from the other. And he might even have the temerity to raise a policy issue which would be greeted with stunned silence. Branch meetings are for settling personal scores, not policy grunt." So, Chris Schacht tells it as it is.

Kevin Harkins, ALP candidate for Franklin was obviously an affront to the ALP, the unions and Kevin Rudd, so he accepted a salary increase and the promise of a future Senate seat to withdraw from the candidacy for the forthcoming federal election. Recently a WA union official proved to be an affront and was sacked for his bad language and threats to an employee. Kevin Rudd's union lobbyist brother also recently proved to be an affront to the ALP and resigned before being sacked by the powers that be.

The mind boggles when you consider the Rudd's Shadow Cabinet which would consist of 16 former shop stewards, union officials, ACTU presidents, student activists and state secretaries of the ALP listed to sit around Rudd's 'cabinet table'. Are they all 'wilting violets' and victims of "an unwarranted affront to the great bodies of organised labour"?

So where does this place Jim Turnour, ALP candidate for Leichhardt? Has Jim run his course and gained his pips in the manner in which his ALP senatorial comrade has outlined as a requirement to join the upper echelons of the ALP?

Perhaps now is the time for a credible Independent in Leichhardt.

T Rogers Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

AUSTRALIA'S 'UNBIASED' MEDIA! If ever it was suspected that Australia's media suffers from chronic institutional bias then the Cairns Weekend Post, 18 August 2007, proved the matter beyond any doubt.

In a functioning democracy the media has certain responsibilities and to see those responsibilities so blatantly disregarded is a great disappointment. Whether it was a blatant disregard of responsibility or a simple case of self-interest could be argued, but the exclusive publicity given to party candidates as distinct from all declared Leichhardt candidates, is patently deceptive.

There it was for all to see on page 3, under the heading 'Who are they?' and went on to say, '...ONLY one in 11 people polled could recognise and name all three Leichhardt candidates in this year's federal election, The Weekend Post's street survey found.'

Firstly, I must correct the Post's intrepid journalist's mathematics on candidate numbers, as there are actually a minimum of four (4) publicly announced candidates, which includes myself, a fact the journalist should have known had he read a few back-copies of his own newspaper.

However, even though the Cairns Post went into some rubbery statistics as to which of their 'party preferred' candidates was least recognised, the message being sent to those seeking party political 'power' was somewhat different. Arguably, it could well be perceived as a reminder for the political parties to '... pay the piper'!

Selwyn Johnston - Independent Member for Leichardt.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

The column contribution by the Kuranda Police in your Paper has caught the attention of many people. For my part I wish to say that the humorous vein in which it is written, while still conveying a serious message, is much appreciated and fits in with the friendly nature of Kuranda Village. It makes me feel that the local Police are much more a part of the community. They have a difficult job

at the best of times, don't take away this small element of light-heartedness. The Police in Kuranda need to be commended for their community spirit as well as for their dedication to duty.

Graham Nicholson. Kuranda

Dear Kuranda Paper,

You've heard them around town, and if you were quick, you might have seen them as well: Kuranda's own "Highway Hippies". At the Garradunga Bike Show on August 4th, every one of the 300 bikers there were made to sit up and take notice of the Rainforest Range Riders who roared into town in a cloud of dust and petrol fumes, and made a clean sweep of the trophy table.

Best Euro, Best Sportster, Best Twin Cam. That's what I'm talkin' 'bout : 3 Bikes 3 Golds. Surrounded by acres of chrome and big bearded men in black leather, the judges made the only choice possible and handed out the medals and cash to a rag-tag group of misfits from the little hill station above Cairns. With a growing mob of snarling losers closing in, they gathered their trophies and take-away beer and headed off with the best looking women there to celebrate their victory.

Luke Melody - Kuranda



Dear Kuranda Paper

While I understand the sentiments expressed by the Fossils re volunteer groups, I take issue with the phrase 'moribund or faltering'. I suspect the institutions mentioned feel quite lively, and while (for instance) the Kuranda Amphitheatre is no Carnegie Hall, in the regional Australian context it boasts a dedicated following and has an energetic volunteer base.

As a dedicated reader of the

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ALL Articles TO Kuranda Videos At The BP Complex WE NEED THEM

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As a dedicated reader of the paper, I would like the conventions of transparent journalism adhered to. If the Forest Forum is editorial content it should be flagged as such, or if it represents individual opinion I should like to know whose. A forum is a place for debate, but no meaningful discussion can be maintained when one side remains anonymous.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Lee Edwards, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would like the chance to respond to some of the comments made in last months' "Fossil Forum".

Whilst the fossils make some very valid points, I object to their inclusion of Kuranda Amphitheatre society in their list of organizations that are "moribund and faltering". Membership of KAS has risen steadily over the last few years, with current membership at over 277. I'm sure that many of our fantastic volunteers/members would take issue with the fossils' assertion that their ranks are "ageing and thinning".

One quick look around at any mainstage event will show you that the vast majority of our membership are young, vibrant people, and attendance at any one of our varied understage nights will show you a great example of this, Aaron and Damian, both new members of less than a year, both working tirelessly on the bar. In practically any area you choose to look, you will find recent members, working alongside those who've been there for years, combining their considerable energies to keep the Amphitheatre the dynamic, successful and innovative organization that it deserves to be.

I think it would be very difficult to find any other organization that boasts such a large number of willing, fun and community-minded individuals. We at the Amphitheatre feel incredibly lucky to have such fantastic, dedicated members and we are confident that, as we continue to host yet more diverse and exciting acts, our membership will only grow. Perhaps the Fossils might even join the party...?

Catherine Lena, Kuranda.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I read with interest the Forest Forum column by the "Fossils" in the August edition of your paper in which a number of Kuranda venues/organisations including the Amphitheatre were described as "moribund or faltering".

Whilst some points made in column with regards to the reliance on volunteers and the call for Kuranda residents to support their local resources are well made I think that the writer/s are not well informed of the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society's recent activities.

The venue was recently described by a reviewer in the Tablelands Advertiser as "one of the best venues in the country". A member of the John Butler Trio not only complimented the venue but also heaped praises the friendliness of volunteer staff he encountered whilst playing here on August 10th.

The venue would not operate without the input of the volunteer committee who give many hours each week plus the dedicated staff who man the bar, kitchen, tea stall, merchandise stand, soft drink stall, bag search, road closure, gatehouse, ID band staff, clean up crew and community liaison personnel when we host mainstage events. Most of our 100+ volunteers for mainstage events give between 2-3 hours of their time per event but there are also many who give countless additional hours prior to, on the day off and after an event.

This is why various authorities, eg Liquor Licensing, point out the Amphitheatre as being a model community volunteer organisation for our ability to operate in an ever changing and challenging legislative environment.

Terry Blacktopp- Treasurer Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Readers - Are you interested in participating in a food buying group in Kuranda? This would be a small group of people ordering bulk organic/wholefoods directly from wholesalers or producers. Therefore the food would be much cheaper than retail prices and have a lot less packaging. If you are interested please email joyburton@mail2joy.com or call Joy on 40938728 or 0405 679627.

Joy Burton -Kuranda

SCIENCE IN PARLIAMENT Queensland

Science and innovation in Barron River were put under the microscope when Member for Barron River Mr Steve Wettenhall met with Dr Miriam Goosem, Research Fellow at the Australian Tropical Forest Institute, James Cook University of North Queensland as part of Science in Parliament 2007.

Science in Parliament is an annual bi-partisan event that brings Queensland scientists and innovators together with Members of Parliament to discuss science challenges and opportunities facing our State.

Themed 'Celebrating success in Queensland science', this year's event featured a scientist or innovator from each electorate who has delivered economic, social or environmental benefits to their region.

Dr Goosem met with the Member for Barron River at Parliament House to discuss "Rainforest CRC".

Researchers at the CRC for Tropical Rainforest Ecology and Management (Rainforest CRC), have proven that road underpasses and canopy bridges that allow animals to safely cross roads can reduce road kill and help animals

move around the landscape.

Previously, each year about 3,000 animals were killed by cars on every kilometre of a highway through rainforest near Cairns. Additionally, road barriers also create habitat fragmentation: isolating animal populations, probably causing in-breeding and, in extreme cases, threatening extinction.

Using sophisticated sensors, automatic cameras and footprint tracking, researchers monitored animal traffic and found that tree canopy bridges using rope ladders and specially-designed tunnels under the road that protect animals from predators enable native rainforest wildlife to move between fragmented areas. As part of the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility, they are now assessing longer canopy bridges and aim to examine more underpass designs soon.



Steve Wettenhall with Dr. Miriam Goosem

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Things are rather weird in Weir Road these days. Telecom in May put underground lines to one side of the street. Approximately one month later, Ergon advised "**work...to install underground cables in Weir Road to allow removal of poles and wires from world heritage rainforest**" was to be undertaken. After 2 days work, residents found their underground telephone line cut by project excavations. Now residents have been advised that the Ergon work is to serve a commercial enterprise, leaving residents with an additional power pole, existing wires and an additional large unsightly power box at the street's entrance. Meantime over a period of near three months, residents have tolerated high noise levels and extreme degradation of street verges not to mention that some residents still have more than one power pole on their property. Is it possible that our utility providers might co-ordinate their efforts and cease posting evidently false and misleading information.

Three Residents of Weir Rd.

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Due to revised criteria to bring our hall in line with other designated emergency shelters, we regret that we are unable to proceed with the upgrade. We do, however, wish to sincerely thank KMA for its letter of support. **Yvonne Dighton – President Kuranda QCWA**

[KMA would like to thank the Kuranda QCWA for its generous donation and support. Locals are yet to hear what are the proposed designated emergency shelters?]

Spring Into the Visitors Information Centre This Spring

The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre is starting to look pretty good inside with the installation of new display modules, more shelving, and external display rotundas. The windows have been tinted and the floor has been treated with an anti-slip solution to prevent any accidents during the wet season. We also have a fire exit door. Thanks to all the volunteers for their patience during the renovations.. it was a pretty chaotic month with everything in the wrong place for a while. All we are waiting for now is the exterior to be painted and the clocks to be fixed and reinstalled in the next few weeks. The playground is expected to be installed in September. If there are any painters (QBSA licenced) out there that have a spare couple of weeks - please drop into the centre as we need YOU !!!!

Cathy Harvey Coordinator Kuranda Visitor Information Centre



Bloody amazing is - each morning to ariz

To clean where peoples do their biz
A friendly word on mornings cold
And evenings when the shops all sold
Had closed their doors and deserted be
He cleaned the shite and pee
Hail Dave now retired!.

A gold medal rived, should be:
To acknowledge this
That even the mighty still have to shit
and piss!

Forest Forums

by the Fossils

Great to have to eat humble pie occasionally and to acknowledge that at least one of Kuranda's iconic voluntary organizations is apparently neither moribund or faltering. The Amphitheatre is up and thriving as a number of readers have pointed out. Evidently, a felicitous error, all that free publicity for the Amphitheatre and some great letters garnered for the Kuranda Paper. Keep 'em coming.

Top Kowrowa has gained an additional grant for new housing units and refurbishments and hopefully, constructions will be prompt and trouble free this time around.

More delays on the BIG move by the Neighbourhood Center to its new premises and so wearing on its Executive and dedicated staff as they attempt to negotiate reasonable terms of lease. Hang in there all – why not take out membership and rock up to KNC's AGM

on September 3rd at 6 pm to show your support.

A recent pack of dog attacks has proved costly for some local residents what with vet. fees and the worries of injured animals. When dog(s) come to town, owners have the responsibility for making sure they are on leash.

To answer a question raised from time to time - No, the Kuranda Paper does not have an editor. However at the 2006 AGM of the KMA Inc., a resolution was passed to introduce an "editorial comment" to focus, challenge and galvanise public interest and comment on various matters affecting Kuranda and its residents. Forest Forum is the result and content here is usually the gathering of talk around town and after much temperings of the more intemperate ramblings of our writers comes to you relatively sanitized and modified. Yes, occasionally there is an accidental tread on toes or a nose out of joint but in all interests better to speak the unspeakable than ignore the elephant in the room.

Missing Person

[like badly]

Gone his arresting column

What a crime!

Gone his wit and charm

What an offence.

But TIM

Our very favourite police officer

Transferred to Atherton.

We are gunna miss you!

From all your readers – Best Wishes.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT LOCAL INVESTMENT

The recent outright purchase of the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary has been labelled "another significant investment in the tourism attractions and infrastructure of Kuranda and environs on the part of the CAPTA Group" by Kuranda Village Promotions Program chairman Fr Chris Wright.

The group, which is headed by Charles and Pip Woodward, has created a range of significant attractions that continue to attract visitors to the Far North and Kuranda in particular.

Charles and Pip Woodward started their first foray into tourism in Kuranda almost 30 years ago at what is now known world wide as The Rainforestation near Kuranda.

From there, their tourism industry interests have grown considerably as has their financial and personal commitment to Kuranda and Far Northern tourism generally.

While every business that is included in a town which is centred on tourism is important and vital, it also should be noted that major players like CAPTA and the Woodwards have established a long standing and on going commitment towards providing "anchor attractions" in the region.

The CAPTA Group also operates a number of other Far Northern tourist companies including Tropic Wings buses, The Rainforest Habitat, Rainforestation, R'n'R Whitewater Rafting, and the Cairns Wildlife Dome. CAPTA are to be congratulated on their latest initiative.



Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Kuranda Media Association Inc. (producer of the Kuranda Paper) is scheduled for:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH 9.30am

Under the Fire Station

All Management Committee Positions

Open

Membership forms available at Video Shop

\$5.00 pa

Join now to vote at the AGM

New members must be paid up by

20/09/07

Rumour has it that Peter Beattie is considering retiring from politics to live in Kuranda at the recently completed 6 Rod Veivers Drive residence..

Oooops!!



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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"I charge you all that each one of you concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity. When a thought of war comes, oppose it with a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love."

Spiritual Meeting: readings from the great religions, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Baha'i Info Centre, bottom of Therwine St. Kuranda, all welcome.

Study circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Primary School classes each week during school terms

Commemoration of the UN International Day of Peace, Wed `19 Sept at the Baha'i Information Centre, Therwine St., Kuranda, 7 pm

All enquiries welcome. Telephone 4093 7120 / 8499

From the Baha'i Community of Kuranda

Kuranda Seventh-day Adventist Church



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

Services held every Saturday.
ALL WELCOME !!!

St Cristopher's Catholic Church

Church

Barang St

Our Sunday Mass will be held at 6 pm

1st Wednesday of each month
Mass 7.00 pm

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St. Christopher's church,
Barang St. Kuranda.

NEXT SERVICE: 11 am 1st Sunday

Enquiries to Pr. Russell Clark

Phone 4092 1175

& Krishna Buhler 4093 7348





OPERATION RUDOLF THANK YOU

Please accept my apologies for this very belated thank you to the people and organizations who made possible last year's Operation Rudolf:

Our sponsors- Kuranda Rotary Club, Kuranda Lions Club, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, Kuranda Envirocare, Kuranda Fire and Rescue, Kuranda Rainforestation, Zappo Electrical Services, Fitzpatrick's Tavern, Kuranda Homemade Tropical Fruit Icecream and Kuranda Candy Kitchen. **Our participants:** Kuranda Fire and Rescue, Kuranda Ambulance, our areas Rural Fire Brigades and Kuranda SES.

Training Nights and Courses

At our fortnightly training nights (next on 11 Sept), we've completed *Foundation Skills* units *Follow Defined Occupational Health and Safety Policies and Procedures* and *Operate Communications Systems and Equipment*. Members now have the prerequisites to participate in region-based courses. Three members will participate in the **Safety at Heights Course at Mareeba on Saturday, 8 Sept.** In the near future, members have the opportunity to participate in **Land Search, Flood Boat, First Aid** and **Air Observer** courses.



**FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY
132 500**

helmet, belt and two SES T-shirts.

Community Activities.

Members will be erecting and manning barriers for the Kuranda Spring Festival *Grand Parade* and entering in the *Battle of the Barron*.

Recent Activations.

22 July- One member, Land Search initially, then equipment support to the disabled rescue helicopter at Maytown.

18 August- Two Air Observer members, Helicopter search, Tully area

20 August- Two members, Land Search, Dimbulah area

Equipment

Thanks to member Jim, our donated TV, VCR and DVD player are housed in an excellent unit.

132 500 number

Please insert 132 500 in your phone number lists as the contact number for flood and storm assistance.

Interested in joining

My contact details are **Bob Hammond 4093 9143
MOB 0408939143**

Uniforms

Each active member has now been provided with additional equipment in the form of a Kevlar

KURANDA Veranda

88 Kuranda Heights Rd Phone 4093 9320 (Dinner Wed-Mon)

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TUESDAY	Venue For Hire
WEDNESDAY	Two For One Wednesday Vouchers are available below or Kuranda Veranda
SUNDAY SESSION	Live Entertainment 3-6pm
Jazz Art	A smooth fix of local musicians and artists. SUNDAY 9th September 'Wood & Glass'

Kuranda Resort and Spa

calendar

Friday 27 July	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm with Dave Cook
Friday 29 July	Live music 4.30 – 8pm
Friday 3 August	Ladies Lunch 12pm 3 course \$24, wine tasting and more
Friday 3 August	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm
Friday 10 August	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm
Saturday 11 August	Salsa Dancing 5.00pm
Every Tuesday	Creative Dance Class 6.30 – 8pm
Every Tuesday	Belly Dancing 5.00 – 6.30pm
Every Tuesday	Dance, Movement & Fun for 3-6yrs 2.45 – 3.30pm, 3.45 – 4.30pm
Friday 17 August	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm
Friday 24 August	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm
Friday 31 August	Live Music 4.30 – 8pm
Friday 7 September	Ladies Lunch 12pm



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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE NEWS



The Senior Biology students are currently conducting various research projects into plant biology. These include the various water levels held in rain Forest plants and what factors influence this



Also, the students have been looking at salt tolerance in plants and measuring the tolerance range that regular garden vegetables will survive in and yield a viable crop



In addition, they have been investigating germination Factors in seeds. There is a strong shift toward careers in Agricultural Science and Conservation Biology as there are substantial employment opportunities in this rapidly changing industry.



Kuranda District State College has had an eventful month with a visit from a group of Japanese students. Some of their time was spent at the primary college where they were shown, around the school and classrooms so the visitors could see what happened in our school and then we all spent some time in the playground.



BARRON RIVER DISTRICT ATHLETICS - On Friday 10th August, students from Kuranda District State College competed in the district athletics carnival at Barlow Park. The students were very competitive. Our school finished second in the overall aggregate category. CONGRATULATIONS to TUWA HUNTER, MANUAL IRWIN & GINA IRWIN have been selected to



Success from a Past Student.
Tahlia Moore, past student of Kuranda SHS was nominated for Annual Regional Training Qld. Awards. She began her School-based Traineeship at Kuranda SHS as a draftsman with Hedley's construction, completing her studies at the end of the school year. In her short life of full-time work, Tahlia has completed the plans for a new Unit Development for the company – being built in Townsville. Her efforts were awarded with this prestigious nomination. It was wonderful for our College to see our students achieve successes after schooling – a great advertisement that our education is of a high standard. Congratulations Tahlia. Any student in Year 10 or 11, wishing to start their career whilst at school, need to contact Mrs Lesley De Faveri for further information. On 40855333

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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE SHOWCASES SUCCESS

Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall, has congratulated a local state school for becoming a finalist in the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools 2007, Queensland's most prestigious educational accolade.

Mr Wettenhall said Kuranda District State College was among 26 finalists chosen from more than 100 entries in the Showcase Awards, highlighting outstanding educational achievements in Queensland's state schools.

"Kuranda District State College is a finalist in the Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early Phase of Learning category for its entry, *Families as First Teachers*," Mr Wettenhall said. "*Families as First Teachers* focuses on families supporting their pre-school aged children's early literacy and numeracy development. It acknowledges that the early years of a child's life are critical learning years and it takes advantage of a family's natural teaching ability and their desire to support children's learning. The program will receive a \$5000 development grant and is now in the running for a further \$20,000 and a Showcase State Award."

Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said the awards, in their eighth year, featured eight categories covering the three phases of learning, inclusive education, leadership, innovation, academic excellence and partnerships with the community or industry.

"There is a great deal of pride in the work being done in state schools to give students the best possible education," Mr Welford said. "The Showcase Awards are a wonderful opportunity to recognise the best practices that are making a real difference to the lives of young Queenslanders."

Mr Welford said each finalist was selected from a quality field of 78 regional winners who were awarded \$1000 each. The eight state awardees will receive an extra \$20,000 to further their program when they are announced at the Showcase Gala Dinner in Brisbane in October.

The awards are judged by the Showcase Board, which includes educational experts, media and industry representatives, and are supported by Network Ten, The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, RACQ, Media Monitors, Queensland University of Technology and TechnologyOne.

A full list of award recipients and more information on the program is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/showcase

Artist-In-Residence at Claire Souter Gallery

Claire is going on holidays in September. During that time, Terry Johnson will be guest artist-in-residence, working, painting and teaching classes in the Claire Souter Gallery in Kuranda. Terry and wife Nancy hail from Robe in South Australia where they have run their own gallery "Wilson's at Robe" for 20 years. Check it out at www.wilsonsatrobe.com

Terry paints "whimsical, delightful, colourful paintings capturing the drama and spirit of the seaside village of Robe".

While here, Terry hopes to capture the charm and spirit of Kuranda, beginning with the Kuranda Spring Fair. He will be guest judge at the Art Exhibition in the Kuranda Arts Co-op and the Claire Souter gallery.

Please call in, introduce yourselves and make him feel welcome during September, while you soak up the artistic atmosphere in and around the Kuranda Settlement Building.

Claire Souter

Only in Australia heh !!!

It is interesting that the federal government provides a single refugee with a monthly allowance of \$1, 890.00 and each can also get an additional \$580.00 in social assistance for a total of \$2, 470.00.

This compares very well to a single pensioner who after contributing to the growth and development of Australia for 40 to 50 years only receives a monthly maximum of \$1,012.00 in old age pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Maybe our pensioners should apply as refugees!

Let's send this to all Australians so we can all be ticked off and maybe we can get the refugees cut back to \$1,012.00 and the pensioners up to \$2, 470.00 and enjoy some of the money we were forced to submit to the Government over the last 40 or 50 years.

Expose what our elected politicians are doing to the over-taxed Australian

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!

Garden Jottings by Alectura

Things to consider this month: Hopefully with official Spring we will see the temperatures creeping up and the emergence of new shoots on plants cold struck or dormant. With the emergence of new growth on Heliconias and Gingers, time to clean away flowered stems and last year's old growth. Also a good time to divide and replant clumps as forward growths are easily spotted. Water in well with fertilizer .to establish quickly. Find spots for Aristolocia tagala, the host plant for the Cairns Birdwing butterfly. Several should be planted in various spots around the garden as the larvae can quickly defoliate the vine. **Plant of the month: Couroupita guianensis (Lecythidaceae) “Cannon Ball tree”.**

With distribution in northern South America, this large, relatively slow growing tree is bound to be a talking point. Still relatively rare in cultivation, a rather struggling specimen may be found on the Esplanade, Cairns. With large leaves clustered in rosettes at branch tips, the tree is subject to several leaf drops a year. Flowering sees large (to 15cm) striking pinkish red fleshy six petaled flowers with fat yellow off-centred stamens, .emerging from trunk and branches. Some controversy exists over whether the flower's perfume is sweet or disagreeable.

After flowering, seed pods in the shape of round very hard shelled “cannon balls” set at the end of long “strings” which add further to the striking appearance of the tree. These fruits taking up to a year to mature , contain several seeds enclosed in pulp of a very disagreeable odor. Definitely not a tree for small spaces or for the faint hearted but certainly a “must see before you die” tree. Possibly cold tender when young.

Native: Agapetes meiniana (Ericaceae) “Misty Bells” A super little treasure coming from the rainforests of North Queensland above 1200 metres and not frequently found in nurseries but certainly well worth while keeping an eye out for. A member of the heath family which is poorly represented in Australia, A.meiniana is a shrubby, semi-scandent plant with glossy, oval to lance-

shaped leaves up to 70 mm long which have a pinkish tinge when new. The red or pink tubular bell shaped flowers to 30mm long have a waxy texture and occur in the leaf axils. Flowering may occur at any time of the year. Of fairly easy cultivation, it is best grown in a semi shaded moist location protected from full sun and requiring acid soil, good drainage, high humidity with adequate water year round. With its attractive foliage Agapetes makes an excellent container plant or, with its trailing growth, a superb hanging basket specimen. It can also be grown successfully indoors. Propagation is relatively easy from cuttings, however with its very fine root structure extra care must be taken when planting out. Agapetes serpens, an Asian relative, also hailing from higher altitudes is another stunning acquisition so keep your eyes peeled for these treasures.

Q. & A. Dear Carlie, With your plans for a purely Australian native garden, you requested the names of some plants suitable for understorey planting. I would highly recommend *Gardening with Rainforest Plants* by Ralph Bailey and Julie Lake and published by Blooming Books as an excellent reference. To get you started, some easily available plants are Adiantum diaphanum (Filmy Maidenhair) Adiantum hispidulum (Rough Maidenhair), Bowenia serrulata (Byfield Fern) and Bowenia spectabilis (Zamia Fern), Curcuma australasica (Cape York Lily), Gardenia sp “Glennie River, Prophys Chamii (Brisbane Lily) and Viola hederacea (Native Violet).

Dear Robert, Yes what you saw at the Mareeba Markets was a species Hippeastrum, H. papilio with its unique color and pattern with broad rose-burgundy center stripes and striations on pale green on the upper petals and narrow stripes on the bottom three. This has been used to introduce striping into many of today's large flowering hybrids. Also frequently available at the Markets and one to keep your eye out for is the species H. reticulatum, characterized by its prominent whitish mid-vein and head of pale pink flowers. Both, like their larger flowered relatives, are amenable to pot culture or planted in semi shaded position with good drainage, watering well and feeding when in leaf growth. With nearly eighty species and some interesting semi-epiphytic types (H. calyptratum, H. aulicum, H.arboricola), the species Hippeastrum introduce a delicacy of flower and wide colour range into the tropical garden.

Dear Sandy, Yes, you are correct. Seed pods are of Grevillea and should turn brown to black as ripening to open to small flat seed easily sown. Remember that it is important to fertilize carefully using fertilizers low in Phosphorus as, like most natives species, grevilleas are intolerant to high concentrations.

For plant identification/sourcing, general questions contact Alectura or email wortwoad@optusnet.com.au. Keep those questions coming in!

Interested in gardening?

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KURANDA and DISTRICT GARDEN GROUP

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Phone David or Graham 4093 9492

Blooming Beauty in Clifton Beach Garden

Rita's garden, 6 Eden Court, Clifton Beach is a perfect destination to celebrate Spring. Inspired by her upbringing on the Portuguese island of Madeira, Rita Vasconcelos has created a flower-laden haven. In her hometown, all the residents donated flowers, which were strewn for about 2kms along the streets, making for a very festive procession. Ever since, Rita's passion has been for colourful and fragrant blooms, which is evident in her tropical cottage garden filled with masses of flowers including potted azaleas, lilies, bougainvilleas and begonias.

Rita's garden opens with Australia's Open Garden Scheme on Sat 1st & Sun 2nd September 2007 from 10am-4.30pm. Entry is \$5 and under 18yr olds are admitted free. Refreshments available. The garden is not suitable for wheelchairs. UBD Cairns District 1:6C

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My “Satori Story” Continues by Col

The Immediate Message was that I had made myself worthy for this communication. Many people asked themselves who or what is God, and there are probably just as many answers as it is mostly accepted that God “IS”, and in the beginning God created.....

The Bible says God is the WORD, and the Word was God. This is confusing to me. It came to me about December 2006, that I could recall that the God particle and building block in all things is the atom. And as I was taught – the kingdom of God is within, then the minimum or micro within would be the nucleus of the atom and the macro would be the nucleus of all the atoms, being the whole Cosmos.

This means that God started from a single atom and evolved through irrelevant time, gaining in energies and in power by concentrated thought and raising of frequencies. It became the first planet, the first sun and supernova, exploding into nothingness. This probably happened many times since, until now.

God found that he could communicate with all atoms and thus began the Word, and God became all of creation, transforming all into a living breathing , all powerful cosmos. Love y'all!

Dear KNC and Community Members,

I write to advise of the forthcoming AGM for the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and to invite you to renew your membership of the organisation for another year. Details of the Annual General Meeting are as follows:

Monday, 3rd September 2007 at 6.00pm

K u r a n d a Neighbourhood Centre 6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda 4881 (hopefully, we will have moved by this date, if not then the AGM will be at Shop 7 & 8, 13 Therwine Street, Kuranda.)

Your support of the Centre throughout the year has been most sincerely appreciated! We particularly ask for your attendance on the evening of the 3rd September in order to run a properly constituted AGM with a legal quorum. There have continued to

be delays with the new premises, however hope that our relocation to the new building next to the Butterfly Sanctuary will occur very soon. Come to our AGM to find out what's been happening and where we hope to go from here.

If possible, please advise by Thursday 30th August whether we can expect your company. Refreshments will be available after the meeting which will conclude promptly. Bring a plate if you can (eg finger foods or biscuits).

Membership renewal may be paid on or before the AGM (fee: \$2.20/ annum). A renewal form is attached on the following page.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd! Yours Sincerely, **Marg Yandell (Coordinator, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre)**

Application for New Membership/Renewal of Membership of Kuranda Information and Support Centre Association Inc. (incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1982) operating as Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

Please note that fees are due **before** or on the night of the AGM each year to ensure full financial membership. Complete and either mail with payment to PO Box 170, Kuranda 4881 or drop into Shops 7 & 8, Market Mall, 13 Therwine St., Kuranda.

I hereby apply to become a member/renew my membership (delete as appropriate) of the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and agree to abide by the rules of the Association.

NAME of Applicant/Member

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- Bruise fresh herbs, put them in a jar and cover them with oil. Put them in strong sunlight for 30 days. Strain and keep refrigerated. (Calendula oil is made this way, using marigold petals.)
- Cayenne, clove, or mustard powder can be simmered directly in oil on a very low flame for several hours.
- Fresh juice of heating herbs like garlic or ginger, or cooling herbs such as comfrey, cilantro, or fennel can be mixed with equal amounts of oil. The oil and juice will separate and spoil, so needs refrigeration. Shake well before using. These are not designed to be kept for long periods.
- Add essential oil to a base oil such as jojoba, calendula, almond, grape seed, or canola; 20 drops of essential oil to 2 fluid ounces of base oil. Always test on a small area of skin to check for allergenic reactions. If this occurs with an oil that you feel good about, dilute more until there is no allergic response.
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1 cup cornmeal
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1/2 cup oat flour
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 cups buttermilk, or 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt and 1 cup water
1 tablespoon apple concentrate

Sift dry ingredients together. Then mix all ingredients in a bowl. Let stand covered for one hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake in a well-greased pan or 8 by 8 inch baking pan for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve immediately.

This moist, slightly sour dough flavoured bread is an easy one for those looking to avoid eggs. If you like, you can bring the cup of water to a boil and pour it over the cornmeal first before adding the rest of the ingredients. This calms the slight bitterness of the cornmeal and brings out a bit of sweetness.

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The Frog Decline Reversal Project

whom you already know as the Cairns Frog Hospital - is going to be tossed out of its current rental property in September and our group has decided to use this timing to relocate the organisation to the Tablelands. We are looking for expressions of interest from acreage owners for a very long term lease arrangement. This might be to lease a "typical" house with a few acres around it from an owner, or to lease a segment of a larger holding, or to find someone who has the resources to purchase a property which can then be rented to us.

We would prefer that some sort of liveable structure is already present on the property and that it has mains power and a phone line. The liveable structure is to house our Curator and our office (computers, printers, photocopier, fax). A shed/room for some storage space would be good if this is not already covered within the liveable structure. Any water source is fine but we would be willing to add water tanks if they aren't already there. Composting toilet, septic or town sewerage is fine. Some space for a veggie garden, some fruit trees and chooks is desired by our Curator who wants the acreage experience to encourage a more self-sufficient lifestyle.

The rescue of sick and injured frogs is being downsized in our restructure plan in favour of more education, tadpole rescue and breeding. We would prefer the property to be at least partially rainforested or directly adjoining rainforest so that we can enhance in situ frog breeding by adding in a few small ponds. The presence of a permanent creek would be especially attractive. If the situation includes a 'typical' house but the land has been previously cleared, we would still be interested so long as the owner wants it replanted, the soil type supports rainforest species and there is some kind of corridor connection to

intact or secondary forest so that wildlife can return to the property.

We hope for our presence on a property to be mutually beneficial and, as a tax deductible organisation, we may be able to enhance the value of the property through the contribution of water tanks or sheds, for example. Other support such as hand weeding, revege, helping with animal care, etc. can be discussed.

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theme
'A Seniors Lady's Morning'
Wednesday 5th September
9.30am - 1pm

Our female elders of the Kuranda Community are invited to a morning of pampering at your local 'Body & Wellness Centre', shop 22 Kuranda Original Market (next to the Honey House).

This year's theme is 'Seniors Massage'. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a morning of 'hand, foot or neck' massage treatments to the women who work hard for our community.

So, CWA women, Possum Corner, Community Paper, Indigenous Elders, Volunteers, our elder women of the community or even if you just want to talk about your pain issues....

Drop in and see us (Liza Dewey & Jimi Hannam) throughout the morning at your leisure, take a break, have a chat and most of all.....**RELAX!!** TEA, COFFEE AND NIBBLIES will be provided.

A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated, but please, not absolutely necessary! We would prefer to see you there. Thank you

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the Arts page



How good was John Butler? A great time was most certainly had by all, with even the Police having a good time! Another sold out event with no major dramas, a massive thankyou is due to all the amazing people who gave their time and energy to make it happen! The Kuranda Resort & Spa very kindly donated a \$50 meal voucher for us to give away to one of those very people, that was drawn at the committee meeting last week, and Sam Conomo was the lucky winner. Maybe that will



Sunday 30th. September Focus Theatre are having a quiz night at the Understage. So here's your chance to show just how much more intelligent you are than everyone else! Profits from the evening are going to "the Couch" cancer fund raiser, so come along! Get drunk and show off for a good cause!

Very pleased to announce that we have secured "The Waifs" for 20th. October. Many of you will remember that they've played here before. They've been off on re-population duty for a couple of years, now they're back with lot's of new material. Missy Higgins (and her huge set) will be appearing on the 17th. November. I know it's still a way off, but we expect to sell out for this one, so get your tickets early!! Tickets available from ticketlink, and Kuranda Video Shop.



Missy Higgins help ease the pain at the panel beaters for Sam, whose van sustained some injury in the line of duty! Busy times ahead at the Amp! 8th. September, Understage, we have "Ned Kelly" the stage production by Anthony Young. Come along for cocktails and a crash course in Ausie history...



the John Butler Trio at the Amp

MAYPOLE DANCING

A circular dance performed around a raised tree or "pole" with children holding ribbons attached to the top of the pole, around which they dance, gradually winding or "plaiting" onto the pole or onto the ribbons themselves.

Maypole dances have been danced in Ireland, England, Spain and India to name just a few. The modern Maypole Dance is fashioned after the Irish bile pole. People did everything they could to encourage the growth of the sun and it's light. Fire celebration and ritual were important as part of festivals to ensure warmth of the sun's light and to promote the fecundity of the earth.

At the Kuranda Spring Festival 2007, we will just dance around the pole to become familiar with it and to show reverence towards trees we will not plait it. The parade starts at 4 pm. and we will be doing the dance immediately after the parade. There are ten ribbons on this maypole so we need ten people to hold one ribbon each in their hands.

Sunny days, fun and laughter to you all, Joaniz.

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Focus is alive and well, despite the dire warnings about Focus' "moribund" state, as quoted by "The Fossils" (Kuranda Paper, August, 07). Honestly, Fossils (Whoever you are?) No help at all! Perhaps you would attend our weekly get-togethers, each Monday, 7pm till 9pm, Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre. Yes, sometimes a small group like ours finds itself in valleys, but then, there are the peaks! And that's Theatre, which isn't ONLY about performance, it's also about gaining new skills, learning effective communication and working as an ensemble. Here's our news for this month:

- Meet each Monday, as above, lotsa biccies and coffee, games and drama stuff
- Be in The Spring Fest procession (because we ARE the weird Mob!)
- Monthly meeting Monday 3rd September.



- Agenda, 1. DVD remnants of "So This is Christmas" a play by Junction Theatre circa 1990. 2. Play reading of a section of Janice Starck's new play. 3. Update on progress for our massive Trivia Night to raise funds for COUCH (Committee for Oncology Unit Cairns Hospital). We will host a Truly, Righteous, Individuals, Venting, Intelligent, Answers...NIGHT on Sunday 30th September, at the Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre, doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7pm SHARP.

and Food, Theme: Dress as your favourite character. Bookings essential. Ph: 40938827. Other groups from our village will be assisting on the night; Kuranda Amphitheatre has already confirmed their contribution, many thanks. All profits from the night will go to COUCH. Almost all of us have had cancer touch our family and friends in some way, so when you see a Focus member, probably Megan Freeman or Peter Jaensch, asking you for assistance or a contribution to this gig, please be compassionate and give for this great cause. Some of the prizes that Dave Lorenzo has secured are amazing! Well done, Dave! Much kudos to Seren for consistently doing such a good job on the art page.

Yours in Theatre, Diana



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Some of "moribund" happenings at FOCUS THEATRE Amphitheatre Understage on "boring" Monday nights 7-9

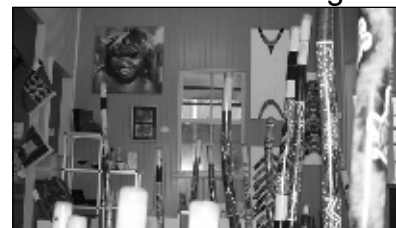
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Reclaiming Local Indigenous Art and Cultural Products



Djuri Dadagal, recently opened in the old "New to You" premises on Coodoo Street is an indigenously owned and operated business supporting local indigenous talent in and around the

Kuranda area. As such it will be supported on these pages as are the many other old and new artistic organisations in Kuranda. Please



feel free to come in and have a look around at the works of the many talented people, both black and white, that we have here in our local community.



Check out the tastefukky refurbished premisis, and the fabtastiuc art at Djuri Dadagal

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KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

New Member: The Arts Co-operative is pleased to introduce artist Gerhard (Naturesface) to the community. This year, Gerhard returned to Kuranda to live after having been away for over 15 years.

Growing up in the rainforest, diving and fishing gave him an appreciation of the natural world and the unlimited creativity it releases. He has lived and studied Art/ Design in San Francisco, Berlin, and Melbourne. However, Gerhard says cities don't interest him right now as he finds himself retracing steps he took many years ago along the Barron River and through the bush. Wait-a-while, leeches and mould bring back memories for Gerhard of how it was, and still is, in this environment.

"Organic Photo Montage" is the style Gerhard uses when creating images and he has labeled his product 'Naturesface'. His process starts by collecting natural textures which are then photographed, scanned and sometimes drawn. The computer is used as a mixing pot allowing things to be combined in a seamless way. Gerhard's imagery is strongly influenced by the Buddhist/Taoist philosophy: nature and humanity are one. The human body contains a miniature universe, a macrocosm. 'Naturesface' reflects this universe embedded in the human body. He has attempted to acknowledge the extraordinary in the ordinary and the art of seeing is what motivates him.

"Head in the clouds and feet on the ground I believe nature is art, and art is my nature," says Gerhard. "I also believe we are spiritual beings having a human experience".

Rak Razaam (writer/co-founder of Undergrowth magazine) says of Gerhard Hillman's images "His lush, organic textures show us a world where nature speaks, where beauty and geometry can be found in the crease of a butterfly's wings, the shape of a shell or the bloom of the vegetal world. In artwork collections such as "Texture in Time", Hillman juxtaposes organic textures with subtle and psychedelic layering, showing the true secret of nature, the sacred consciousness that creates, sustains and amazes.



Gerhard Hillman.
Local artist extraordinaire

Gerhard's colourful and detailed 'Naturesface' cards are available at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative gallery. His artwork can also be viewed on his website www.naturesface.com.au

Gerhard is currently working on a series called "Obnoxious Beauty" which will be exhibited at The Tanks, Cairns, in June 2008.

Arts Co-operative award winners

Two Kuranda artists were award winners in the Mareeba Shire Council's 45th Annual Exhibition Open Art Award.

Darryl Ely took out the metal sculpture award and Mollie Bosworth won the wheel thrown pottery section.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative congratulates these two local artists on their awards and are proud to have Darryl's metal artwork and Mollie's fine pottery and ceramics at the Arts Co-operative's gallery in Rob Veivers Drive.

Recent visit to the Co-op's gallery

Like a colourful page from a magazine, a group of about a dozen ladies in purple clothes and red hats descended upon the Co-op's gallery. When asked the significance of the red hats, the answer was 'we are only having a bit of fun, we are known as the 'Red Hats'. Coincidentally, most of the ladies were members of the Mareeba Art Society and it was a pleasure to showcase the artwork being undertaken by our local artist members. Thanks ladies for putting the Arts Co-op on your visiting list.

The Kuranda Arts Co-op welcomes groups, or visiting artists, to visit the gallery. Our rostered artists (volunteers) are always happy to discuss the work and the artists. Last month we were visited by a very large group from Friends of the Regional Gallery in Cairns. It seems to be coming a regular monthly feature, we hope so, and we welcome it.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative - Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda (next to the Butterfly Sanctuary)



LIBRARY NEWS

It continues to be a busy time at the Kuranda Library and with the upgrade looming ever closer it's set to become even more hectic. On top of that, the tourist season is well into the swing of it, and the internet is proving very popular. If you wish to use the public internet computers in the library we recommend you book by calling on 07 4093 9185 or popping in. Internet is charged at \$3.00/hr for members and \$3.50/half hr for visitors. You can use the computers for some purposes for free - just check with the Library staff.

If you are lucky enough to own a computer then you can access the OPAC from the comfort of your own home. If you visit <http://www.library.msc.qld.gov.au/> you can search for material held at the four Mareeba Shire Libraries - Kuranda, Mareeba, Chillagoe and Dimbulah and can easily place reservations to pick up from your local Kuranda Branch. If you don't have a computer you can browse the catalogue from the Kuranda Library OPAC.

One of the most exciting changes with the new system will in fact happen on the OPAC. Many of the features will be updated and you will now have access to several Reading Lists. These will include; New Titles, Top 10, Prize Winners and Authors by Genre. While this feature should be available almost immediately, it may take a little time to work some of the kinks out. For now, a title listed on one of these pages doesn't necessarily mean we hold it in the library.

For borrowers who have children and with school holidays coming up, it's important for parents to remember that they can't leave their children in the Library unsupervised. It is for the safety of the children and the Library resources (and in rare cases, the sanity of the staff members!) and, while we love having children in the library, we do ask that they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

We also have a few very special Children's activities coming up. Our regular Storytime will be on the 7th of September and all the kids will have to leave their pirate gear at home and be prepared for some MAGIC! The day before our regular Storytime is a Nation Wide Simultaneous Storytime on the 6th of September. We will be reading Mem Fox's *The Magic Hat* at the same time as other libraries all over Australia.

For those who have a slightly more mature taste, we have some fantastic new Adult Fiction in stock at the Mareeba Shire Library Service. Michael Robotham, James Patterson, Jackie Collins, Clive Cussler, Rachael Treasure and Paulo Coelho all have new titles in the Library. If none of these authors interest you then pop into the Library and discuss your reading tastes with us... we have several tools available to help.

With the new system probably in place by the time you read this, it is a time of exploration at the Mareeba Shire Library Service. Come in and discover more about what we do, the books we hold and the things that interest you. We hope everyone enjoys the Spring Fair and the amazing variety of entertainment and life coming to the Kuranda region as summer creeps in again. And when you need to relax, or escape from the daily rush, come into the library - we'll see you there.

KURANDA conservation

Community Co-operative Native Plant Nursery

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Phone (07) 4093 8834 email: envirojax@optusnet.com.au

ABN: 80 421894 165

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♣ **This is a community nursery for you to select trees, drop off seeds, get plants identified, get advice or give it.**

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Brain Teasers

1. What word when you add additional letters becomes smaller?
2. How many pairs of animals did Moses take on the Ark?
3. A snail is climbing out a well twenty foot deep. Every day, the snail climbs up three feet and every night slips back two feet. How many days does it take the snail to get out of the well?
4. You have two pencils, a good one and a cheap one. The good one cost a \$1.00 more than the cheap one. You spent a \$1.10 on both. How much did the cheap one cost?
5. How many months have 28 days?
6. A man wants to grow a tree very quickly. He obtains tree seeds that double in height every day. On the tenth day, the trees are twenty foot high.. On what day were they five feet high?

Answers: 1. Small 2. None it was Noah. 3. Eighteen days 4. Five cents 5. All 6. The eighth day.

‘CARING FOR KURANDA’

The Flu - What To Do?



Flu season is upon us, and this year is shaping up to be the worst we’ve had for a few years. What can you do to help prevent getting it or suffering the worst effects?

What is the Flu? *

First, it is not the same as the common cold. It is caused by a different virus. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense, with more likelihood of it

developing serious complications such as pneumonia. In children, in particular, there can be gastrointestinal symptoms - such as nausea, diarrhoea and vomiting.

How do I know if it is the Flu?

*Usually by symptoms and severity - but a lab test can be done in the first 2-3 days to confirm.

How soon will I get sick if exposed to Flu?

*About 1-4 days

How long is a person contagious?

*This depends on the age and health of the person. In healthy adults the contagious period is usually from 1 day prior to getting sick to 5 days after. Young people and people with weak immune systems may be longer.

How does it spread?

*By droplet. So that means coughing and sneezing and also on hands if they cough on them or touch their mouths.

How can I prevent getting it?

*The best way statistically is by flu vaccination , though by now it is starting to get a bit late as it takes a couple of weeks to build up immunity. Vaccinations are still available though for anyone over 6mths. The best time to get vaccinated is early in the year after the latest vaccine is released around March. If you had the flu or flu shot last year it will give you some level of immunity to other flu viruses of the same or closely related strains. There are many different strains though and each year the vaccine covers 3 or 4 of the most prevalent for that season. Also keeping your immune system healthy by sleeping and eating well, drink plenty of fluids, avoid drugs, smoking and alcohol and of course stress which can be a big immune system depressant. *Other measures to prevent spread * - wash your hands regularly (especially if you are handling money etc). Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid physical contact with others . Avoid social gatherings and going to work while you are contagious - **STAY AT HOME!**

Treatment

Rest - Plenty of fluids - Medications to relieve symptoms. Many have heard of the new antiviral medications such as Tamiflu. This is not a first choice treatment. Overuse can create resistance in the viruses and they may not be then able to help if we get a really bad one such as bird flu.

Most people will recover in a week, with some lingering on for 2 weeks. If you aren’t getting better in this time frame or start getting worse again, go and see your doctor as you could be developing a more serious bacterial infection such as pneumonia.

I realise many need sick certificates for work when you have the flu - but if you don’t or your employer is understanding (employers?) - don’t go to the doctors as you may be infecting people who already have other health issues and it is the last thing they need!

Let’s hope you get through another year without the flu!

KURANDA MEDICAL SERVICE

cnr Barang and Thongon St

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Kuranda Wild Bird Care




40938524 or 0421312542

When you find a bird the best way to catch a frightened bird is to throw a towel or a rug over it and pick it up, making sure that you hold the wings close to its body. If the bird has a broken leg or wing

Put it in a box, in a quiet, warm place. Do not offer any food or water and contact us ASAP. If the bird has been caught by a cat or dog Cats have harmful bacteria in their mouth and on their claws, if the bird has been well and truly caught it is unlikely it will survive, even if it appears to have plenty of energy. The best thing to do is to put it in a box, in a quiet, warm place, and contact us ASAP. Early administration of antibiotics is very important. If you find the bird late in the evening, place in an appropriate size box, cover and keep warm until the morning, then if it is still alive get on the phone. Do not offer food or water. If the bird has hit a window and is stunned. Put the bird in a warm, quiet, dark place for several hours and reassess it. Quite often the bird will recover and fly away. If not, contact us. If the bird is an orphan. Are you sure it really is an orphan? Baby birds are not often far away from their nests. Some birds, such as kookaburras, leave the nest and then spend a few days on the ground, being cared for by the parents, before they can fly competently. Of course, if a cat or dog is watching the baby bird, remove the dog or cat rather than the bird. If you find a baby bird, try to find the nest and return it to the nest. Ducklings: Have specific diets, and need specialised care ASAP. Other

Native Animals: Please Contact Far North Queensland Wildlife Rescue **40534467**



YOGA SHALA

Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Artist in You!

Yoga - Drawing - Meditation

Sunday 16 Sept. (Bookings Required)

Tuesday Yoga Class 6.30 - 8PM

Saturday Life Drawing

9.30 - Noon

27 BLACK MOUNTAIN ROAD KURANDA

ENQUIRIES: 40938 604

Celebrate the Artist in You!

“The constant practice of an Art, in the end constitutes a kind of yoga.” Auro Bindo, Indian Philosopher.

‘Yoga’ implies bringing awareness and consciousness into action, making the experience of reality undivided and whole. All artistic and physical disciplines require the co-ordination of mind and body. In this way they can become a type of ‘Yoga’, and with the right attitude have the potential to create deep meditative states.

The physical discipline of yoga when applied as a moving meditation and awareness exercise can bring harmony to the body. If used with a forceful and competitive mindset the practice can become an imposition on the body and hinder all avenues for meditation. Drawing from Life as a meditation requires no talent or previous experience, just being conscious of your response to what it is before you. It is a way of seeing what there is to see in life, more fully. Taking some time to give unwavering

attention to the act of drawing another living thing can make you realize you had never really seen or appreciated the thing before!

This alertness is immediately potent in effecting our perspective and can create a sense of deep respect and gratitude for all things. It is this attitude that is cultivated in the practice of yoga. Developing awareness, through meditative tools such as Yoga asana and Drawing from life, is the first step in becoming conscious of the tension we create in our daily lives and understanding how to relax the effort. The effects are long lasting in maintaining a peaceful mind and healthy body.

Life is an art, you are the artist! Come Enjoy!

Yoga Shala’s next Sunday workshop of Yoga and ‘Drawing as Meditation’(with life model) is on the 16th of September. Yoga Classes are held Tuesdays at 6.30pm and an open Life Drawing Class is held on Saturdays at 9.30am.



2007 Liftout program



Kuranda Spring Festival

Fri 31 Aug

Sat 7 Sep

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FREE FUN

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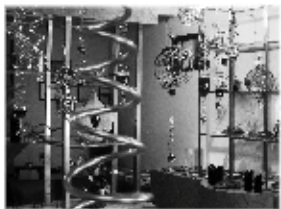
2007 program

Kuranda Spring Festival



Friday evening 31st August

Spiral Studio & Gallery Exhibition - 3 pm.



Wonderfully weird wearable wire wizardry. Screwy spirals that defy logic. Never-before-seen objects displayed by magnificent mystery model. Music by the renowned "Bosko & Honey". Munchies and drinks. Experience the art of Bent & Twisted Pete at Spiral's Spring re-location exhibition, Original Market Arcade (next to the ice-cream van).

Dragon's Fire Show - 8 pm.

Dragon's Fire Toys and Happy High Herbs celebrate the opening of their new shop with a spectacular fire show. Shop 4, Red House Arcade (opposite Chili's).



Nevermind Cafe (bookings 4093 8448)

Healthy organic food, fresh fruit juices, smoothies, latte, lasagna, salads. Shop 1, Red House Arcade.

Kangaventure's Billabong Saloon (bookings 4093 7418)

Fireworks at 7:30 pm. Live music. Sausage sizzle. \$10 cover charge, free entry before 7:00 pm. Lot 44 Mount Harren Rd.



Banjo's Bar & Grill (bookings 4093 9399)

Licensed, full menu available, from 6 pm. throughout the Festival.

Kuranda Rainforest Resort & Spa (bookings 4093 7556)



For the Spring Fair live music from 4:30 pm. to 8:00 pm. Happy Hour from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm.

Kuranda Veranda (bookings 4093 9320)

Asian influenced menu. Open for dinner throughout the Spring Festival.



Billy's Garden Bar, Fitzpatrick's Tavern,



Top Pub (bookings 4093 7203)

Open for meals from 6 pm. throughout the Spring Festival.

WE' SATURDAY

Photography & Art Exhibitions

Hosted by Kuranda Arts Co-op and Claire's Gallery. Entries to the Arts Co-op by 12 noon Friday 31 Aug (ph 4093 9026) Works on display all Saturday. Winners announced on Park St.

Poets' Breakfast - 9 am



Always a great turn out. Breakfast at Queen Bee Cafe (next to the stage at Party in the Park). Therwine St. Original Market.

Songwriters' Competition - 10 am



Billy's Garden Bar. (cnr Coondoo St & Thongon Sts.) Winners will perform on stage at Party in the Park. (ph Debra 0416 3900)

Just Gorgeous Spring Hat Competition



Are you ready for the Spring Hat Competition? Two \$50 gift vouchers for "Wonderfully Weir" and "Simply Gorgeous" will be awarded. Just Gorgeous (cnr Coondoo St & Thongon Sts.) (ph Jill 4093 7500)

Street Stalls & Buskers - 10 am to 5 pm

STALLS: Plants, crafts, food, second-hand chattels. Home grown and home made. Buskers, clever tricks and cunning stunts on the street. Stalls to be set up by 10am. Check with weird official for site allocation.

Best Dreadlocks 10 am to 12 pm



"Dreaded" people of Kuranda! Scouts will be on the lookout for the best dreadlocks seen at the Festival, so look your dread! Sponsored by Queen Bee Cafe.

FREE Party in the Park

For kids and the young at heart, Mini horse Cuddly Toy Picnic (bring your most loved toy), face painting, hair braiding, Lion's merry-go-round, community groups' stalls, Kuranda College display.



Road closures on Saturday 1st. September 2007

Coondoo St between Therwine and Thongon Sts. closed 9am-5pm
All Coondoo St, Rob Veivers Drv between BP and Thoree St,
Therwine St and Morong St closed between 4-5pm.

WE'RE A WEIRD MOB

Saturday 1st September

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The GRAND PARADE - 4 pm

Entry forms at Kuranda Information Centre.

Registrations accepted at Arara St. assembly point no
later than 3 pm. Parade takes off at 4 pm. up Coondoo St. and around
Centenary Park. (ph. Geoff 4093 8899 or Smiley 0412 775 184)
Floats: community groups, businesses, musicians and individuals.



Weird Wheels - bikes, electric bikes,
wheelchairs, prams, skateboards, scooters,
roller skates. Horses and ponies. Prizes for best
decorated entries. Judging and parade compares at
corner Coondoo and Thongon Sts. Prizes presented at
5:30 pm at Stage in the Park.



All Day Stage 10 am till 10 pm

Fashion parades from Kuranda's best fashion houses,
plus bands, demonstrations and performances, singers
and instrumentalists, comedians
and weird commentators.



Presentations - Grand Parade
winners, songwriters, poetry, art
and photography competition winners, Just Gorgeous
Hat and Best Dreads winners.



Red House Art Exhibition

Three local artists will be exhibiting thier works in the Red House
Arcade, 24 Coondoo St. on Saturday. Food available.



Kuranda Idol

Sponsored and prizes awarded by Kuranda Foodworks. (ph Colinda
4093 7260). Winners selected from all the performances in the
Park and on the All Day Stage throughout the day and evening.
Winners announced at the Battle of the Barron, Sunday 10 am.



Sunday 2nd September

Battle of the Barron - 10 am.



Battle of the Barron at the Barron River Esplanade (ph Smiley
0412 775 184) Prizes donated by Kuranda Rotary
and Stanwell Corporation.

Races: Raft, Tyre Tube, Canoe, Anything Goes -
row, paddle, sail (no motors). Lion's Barbeque.



Treasure Hunt Mini-Rogaine - 10 am.

Collect clues at secret points around Kuranda Village. Starts
and finishes at the Battle of the Barron. Prizes for winners.
Be in it to win it! (ph Jeff 4093 8682)



The Kuranda Spring Festival

is a project of the Kuranda Festivals Association Inc. 2007 organising committee:
Paul (Smiley) O'Reilly (President - 0412 775184) Jeff Dieben (Vice President - 4093 8682)
Jax Bergersen (Secretary - 4093 8834) Geoff Thomas (Treasurer - 4093 8899)
Program design and photography by Seven Starlight (0409 499 168)



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Kuranda Spring Festival

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Original Market Arcade, Therwine St.

Dragon's Fire Show - 8 pm.

Shop 3, Red House Arcade, 24 Coondoo St.

Nevermind Cafe (bookings 4093 8448)

Shop 1, Red House Arcade, 24 Coondoo St.

Kangaventure's Billabong Saloon (bookings 4093 7418)

Lot 44, Mount Haren Rd.

Bango's Bar & Grill (bookings 4093 9399)

Therwine St. opposite the park

Kuranda Rainforest Resort & Spa (bookings 4093 7556)

Green Hills Rd.

Kuranda Veranda (bookings 4093 9320)

Kuranda Rainforest Accommodation Park

Billy's Garden Bar (bookings 4093 7203)

Corner Coondoo and Thongon Streets

Saturday 1st. September

Photography & Art Competitions - all day

Artists Co-op, Rob Veivers Drv.

Poets' Breakfast - 9 am

Queen Bee Cafe, Therwine St. (next to Honey House)

Songwriters' Competition - 11 am

Billy's Garden Bar, corner Coondoo and Thongon Sts.

Just Gorgeous Spring Hat Competition - 11:30 am

Just Gorgeous, Coondoo St. (opposite chemist)

Street Stalls & Buskers - 10 am to 3 pm

Coondoo Street, before the Grand Parade.

Best Dreadlocks 10 am to 3 pm

All over the place! Winners at All Day Stage.

FREE Party in the Park 10 am to 3 pm

Centenary Park. Ask at Information Centre.

The GRAND PARADE - 4 pm

Arara St, up Coondoo St, around park. Watch out!

All Day Stage 10 am till 10 pm

Centenary Park, next to Information Centre.

Red House Art Exhibition - evening

Red House Arcade, 24 Coondoo St.

Sunday 2nd. September

Kuranda Idol presentation - 10 am.

Barron River Esplanade, over the Railway Bridge.

Battle of the Barron - 10 am.

Barron River, over the Railway Bridge.

Treasure Hunt Mini-Rogaine - 10 am.

Start at Barron River, then all over town. Good luck!

K.S.F. is a NO ALCOHOL event!



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Kuranda Spring Festival Celebrations
Friday 31st. August at the

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August is already gone and some businesses have been experiencing a slow down; it seems that the number of European tourists were down this season as TNQ would probably confirm it. Fortunately, there is a significant increase in the domestic market.

We congratulate Djurri Dadagal Enterprises and the Coffee Kitchen for their new commercial venture in Coondoo Street. We wish them all the best.

Thank you to Kuranda Resort and Spa for their hospitality at the last Chamber's social meeting and to all the members who attended. The Councillors and Mayor Borzi gave us an update on the amalgamation issue. This will be a big challenge for all the Tablelands area and I am sure the media will keep us up to date. All of the Kuranda businesses need to close ranks to ensure that we will have a strong representation in any future structure of the newly formed Shire Council. Mayor Borzi confirmed the review of the Le Page Report. Chamber's members will be welcome to form a committee to present a submission. We do need some assessments and guidelines for Kuranda future and how the Tourist Levy will be spent to enhance and promote our town.

On the 18th of July the Chamber and the KVPP addressed the

Mareeba Shire Council. One of the issues raised relate to the Coondoo Street Artscape maintenance. This is an important landmark to the town and must be kept in good maintenance. Val Shanahan, Shire Engineer, has met with the Chamber to assess the work to be done.

You can view issues raised at the Mareeba Shire Council's meeting on www.msc.gld.gov.au under Minutes of the 18th July.

Kuranda has received the "Spirit of the Bush" prize in the Tidy Towns competition. Although we did not win the main prize, it is encouraging to receive some kind of recognition and it will give us more insight into our goals for next year competition. I would like to especially thank Judy Breadsell for her hard work done on the submission and to Val Shannon crew for the last minute mulching.

A new Welcome sign has been erected in front of the Skyrail and Railway station. The sign is nearly completed. The welcome in different languages will be added on the welcome tree. The area will be landscaped. Thank you to the Council and the Rotary for their initiative.

Don't forget next general meeting of the Chamber on the 4th September. Mayor Borzi will inform us on the operational structure of the K.A.C.

John Collingwood President.



Kuranda Lions Club has been in existence for over 30 years, during which time substantial assistance has been rendered to deserving charitable cases in the district. At the first meeting in July of this year, Bruce Van Der Weyde was elected President, Bob Hammond, Treasurer and Phil Pearce Secretary. To assist us in our charitable work, we are always seeking new members. Telephone enquires in this regard may be directed to our secretary Phil Pearce on 40938131. Should you have any suggestions regarding the installation of school bus shelters (i.e. locality), please direct them to Kuranda Lions. May we look forward to hearing from you.



were rewarded for their gallant efforts.

They will be presented with this award at a meeting of Rotary to be decided by both parties.

We thank them for their efforts to promote our village and surrounding attractions. Volunteers are very hard to find in this day and age, and we salute you all.

Yours in Rotary,

Valari Birchall - Secretary.

SEPTEMBER IS SERVICE AWARD MONTH

This month we will be presenting a Service Award to a deserving staff who have over the years given unselfishly and voluntarily of their time to the public of Kuranda and beyond. The Kuranda Visitors and Information Centre have been operating in the village for many years on a volunteer basis. Rotary think it is about time they

Keep your sense of humour and the jokes coming



A letter for Bob Postman ex RSL member Man complex. Kuranda Mob Wishes you All the best. Return to health And former zest!

Goodbye and Good Luck

Some people are leaving our little community and their names are George and Joyce Savy-de-St-Maurice. They lived at 10 Douglas Track, here at Freedom County or Speewah as we all know it.



George and Joyce met in India 48 years ago. Moving to Sydney where they lived for 11 years, they then moved to Palm Cove and then decided to settle in Freedom County. Now after 29 years, they are retiring to Atherton so George can put his feet up..... maybe!

However the couple can spend the rest of their lives together although we will miss George's wave whenever we walked or drove past their house. No doubt he will still carry on with this cheerful greeting.

George originally came from the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean, where he was a farmer and, to this day, he still enjoys pottering in the garden. – So to both of you: **Goodbye and Good Luck!**

DIVINE

HEALING MEETING

THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH @ 11AM.

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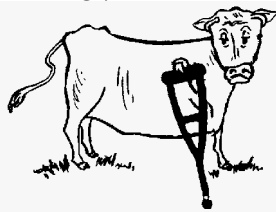
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We know exactly where one cow with mad-cow-disease is located among the millions and millions of cows in Australia but we haven't got a clue as to where the millions of illegal immigrants and terrorists are located. Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of Immigration



Grandma Grace

Towards an open cupboard
She moves
Feather light
One step after another
Woollen socks shuffle
Past old photographs
Silence echo
Each tick of the clock
Gracefully
Her autumn hands
Lay the trembling china
One cup after another
A blue chequered tablecloth
A lavish morning tea
Tiny jam-jars on saucers
Sweet Chelsea buns
Hand delivered by the baker
In the antiquity of her kitchen
She offers her stories
Butter, biscuits, cheese
The teapot purrs
In the safe little room
Of hand-knitted warmth
We sit quietly listening
As her wisdom unraveled



The span of ninety-three years
While the old cat sways
To the hum of the heater
In the brightness of morning
Outside main street
The golden sun streams by
Momentarily lingers
To peep through parted curtains
A glimpse of Grace
Before tiptoeing past the window
Into the continuing day

Lisa Crowley

"Time to move forward," says Peter Hodge

Now that the State government's changes to local government boundaries have been announced and the Tableland Regional Council has been created, it is time to move along and progress the systems of local government and service to ratepayers and residents mayoral candidate Peter Hodge said.

A well known business and sporting identity throughout the newly created local government area, Mr Hodge said that despite the changes apparent in what was formerly Eacham, Mareeba, Atherton and Herberton Shire, he would be standing for election as mayor to the newly formed Tableland Regional Council at the

March 15, 2008 statewide Local Government elections.

As someone who has lived in and invested in this region for many years, I have a strong affinity with this region and its people.

My 16 years of experience in Local Government administration also stands me in good stead to understand the processes under which the local government sphere has to operate and the need for all parties involved to be totally dedicated to serving the best interests of our residents. The Tableland Regional Council mayoral candidate also stressed that rather than attempting to live in the past, it was now time for all residents to reach for, and achieve the opportunities, efficiencies and advances that the new local

government area presented.

The Tableland Regional Council will have an annual local government revenue estimated at \$62 million, assets totalling \$575 million and an accumulated debt of \$11.9 million and will cover an area of 64,000sq km.

It is critical that the 48,266 residents are represented by experienced people who have a positive track record in and out of local government, and that is precisely why I will nominate for election on March 15 next year.

Change creates new opportunities and it is now up to all levels of government and community to combine and achieve an even greater future that perhaps was possible in the former shire boundaries formation.



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Kevin Rudd's Health Reform Plan Will Tackle Problems at Cairns Base Hospital

Kevin Rudd and Federal Labor have taken the bull by the horns and will take responsibility for fixing the problems at public hospitals like the Cairns Base.

Federal Labor will invest \$2 billion to deliver improved health outcomes and will take financial control of Australia's 750 public hospitals if the State and Territory Government's have not begun implementing an agreed National Health Reform Plan by 2009.

The community in the Far North is tired of the buck passing between State and Federal government on health and just want improved services particularly at the Cairns Base Hospital.

This announcement will provide new funding for health services in the Far North cutting surgery waiting times and easing the burden on the hospital and emergency department. Preventative health care will be a major focus of Labor's new approach as will providing medical care in the community, like outreach renal dialysis and chemotherapy services.

Jim Turnour - ALP Candidate for Kennedy

A Reason for the Australian Oil Crisis

A lot of people can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country. Well, there's a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for that is purely geographical. Our oil is located in Bass Strait and off the coast of WA. - Our dipsticks are located in Canberra.

JOIN Selwyn Johnston the Leichhardt Independent Candidate, for a "Pie and a Pint" at an informal gathering on Saturday, 8th September, commencing 1.00 pm. 11 Punch Close, Kuranda. Please call 0418 243 652 for catering purposes.



On Wednesday the 19th of September at 7pm, I am convening a public meeting at the Senior Campus Staff room at Kuranda District State College to discuss the future of the old Kuranda Primary School site in Arara street. The Department of Natural Resources is managing the disposal of the site on behalf of Education Queensland. Already, the site has been offered to state government departments however no interest has been expressed. If local government does not acquire the site (in whole or in part), the land and buildings will be sold to market.

I would like members of the community to put forward their ideas and suggestions for the site. I also want the community to have an opportunity to express an opinion about the fine old stand of Kauri Pines that are now some 60 years old. There is a proposal to cut down the trees and harvest the timber for the benefit of the school. Others have expressed the view that the trees should be saved. I want to try and gauge community opinion on this issue and, if possible, reach a consensus about the future of the site and the trees on it. I encourage you to come along to

Wettenhall Watch

the meeting and have your say.

The need for rationalisation and modernisation of the structure of local government was recognised by the local government sector itself with the establishment of the *Size Shape and Sustainability* process. However, after two years of work, local government failed to agree on substantive reform and the voluntary adoption of new boundaries that reflect modern conditions and circumstances remained a forlorn hope.

The composition of the commission reflected a diversity of political and occupational backgrounds. The timetable for reform was dictated by the need to have the necessary changes so that local government elections could proceed as scheduled in March 2008. The government accepted 22 of the commissions 25 recommendations. One of the recommendations that the government did not accept was that all new local government areas should be undivided. As a result, both the Cairns Regional Council and the Tableland Regional Council will have divisional representation. This is a good outcome for locals and one that I support.

I have to say that most people that I have spoken to do support the government's reforms. Others have expressed concern about the process adopted by the government, particularly the provisions in the legislation that made unlawful the conduct of plebiscites. I am pleased the government has acknowledged those concerns and has introduced legislation

to make those provisions of no effect. However, the new local government structure is now law and it seems futile to waste taxpayers or ratepayers money on conducting a poll that can have no practical effect.

In the electorate of Barron River, Kuranda is the only area directly affected by the reforms and then only to a limited extent. The Mareeba Shire will be amalgamated with Atherton Herberton and Eacham Shire to form the Tablelands Regional Council. The Mareeba Shire was formerly an undivided council, so Kuranda residents will gain divisional representation.

In the meantime, I will continue to work hard on a range of measures that I believe will improve the States' ability to protect our environment, support and diversify our economy and enhance the enviable lifestyle we all enjoy. Some of these measures include:

Developing the FNQ 2025 regional plan.
Strengthening protection for biodiversity.
Improving public transport.
Reviewing the Integrated Planning Act and other state law and policies with the objective of having all old development approvals assessed against current planning laws.
Expanding the range of recreational opportunities afforded by our unique natural land and sea scapes.
Protecting scenic amenity, remnant bushland, waterways and wildlife corridors.

Tourist Numbers Up for Kuranda

While the closure of the regular tourist trains to Kuranda had a significant impact on visitor numbers for the six months ended June 30, the pre February period had registered record numbers of visitors according to Kuranda Village Promotions Program chairman Fr Chris Wright.

Everyone in Kuranda is more than happy that the repairs to the railway link were so quickly affected so that normal visitation volumes could resume, but the preceding period was a busy one

for Kuranda and environs. The KVPP head presented an activity summary to Mareeba Shire Council in which he said that there had appeared to have been an early start to the regular peak tourist season.

Our accommodation sector is experiencing good numbers and the current activity will be enhanced as the 2007-08 promotional strategies get under way.

The KVPP's website continues to perform way above expectations and positive feedback is being produced from those businesses who are doing that little bit extra to serve and welcome our guests.

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The Friday saw the main college day with a 'March Past' showing our new House Colours and Names. Congratulations to all the students who 'had a go' - everyone



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To KNC and Community Members,
The forthcoming AGM for the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and to invite you to renew your membership of the organisation for another year. Details of the Annual General Meeting are as follows:

Monday, 3rd September 2007 at 6.00pm
Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda 4881

- hopefully, we will have moved by this date, if not then the AGM will be at Shop 7 & 8, 13 Therwine Street, Kuranda.)

Your support of the Centre throughout the year has been most sincerely appreciated! We particularly ask for your attendance on the evening of the 3rd September in order to run a properly constituted AGM with a legal quorum.

There have continued to be delays with the new premises, however hope that our relocation to the new building next to the Butterfly Sanctuary will occur very soon. Come to our AGM to find out what's been happening and where we hope to go from here.

If possible, please advise by Thursday 30th August whether we can expect your company. Refreshments will be available after the meeting which will conclude promptly. Bring a plate if you can (eg finger foods or biscuits).

Membership renewal may be paid on or before the AGM (fee: \$2.20/ annum). A renewal form is attached on the following page.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd!



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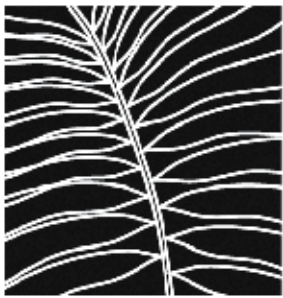
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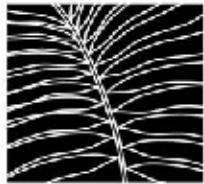
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For Kuranda, situated on the narrow junction of the north and south World Heritage Wet Tropics areas, providing corridors for wildlife to move around the village, highway, railway and gorge presents unique challenges. The EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor to the west of Kuranda offers one such linkage. The Land for Wildlife properties adjoining the Corridor, State Forest, Wet Tropics and throughout the general area are a vital addition to habitat and extend linkages further for moving animals. Cassowaries are regularly seen attempting to cross the highway at Top of the Range. Thanks to the bright yellow "Be aware" signs local drivers know to watch out for them.

As the green Land for Wildlife signs continue to spread throughout the Kuranda area it is possible that not all of you are receiving your quarterly newsletter. There are a couple of reasons for this. If a sign remained when a property was purchased then the registration has not carried over to the new owners. Secondly during a computer changeover at headquarters a number of records vanished. If you are not receiving the newsletter simply call Margaret on 4093 8393

Cassowaries on the move

There have been a number of reports of a mature cassowary on the Range road and sightings of an immature bird as well near where the Be aware signs have been placed. One of our members was lucky enough to photograph a mature bird. What a thrill to see one roaming wild! Please be extra cautious along this stretch of road from the Barron River bridge to Rainforestation. I'm sure no one wants to be the first to create cassowary road

kill in our area.

Seeds are beginning to drop again, from some trees a few drop per day causing the birds to travel to inspect those trees frequently. There have been a number of sightings around Butler Drive and Black Mountain road too as young birds are being pushed away in preparation for the mating seasons. This is a vulnerable time for the young so if you have dogs, please obey the by-laws and make sure they are secure within your property, not out roaming the streets during the day or night.

Plant of the month

Silver Leaved Paperbark

In flower at the moment is the attractive Silver Leaved Paperbark (*Melaleuca argentea*) which can be seen on the Kennedy Highway near Speewah. The trees are generally smaller and more spreading than the Weeping Paperbark, with creamy white to grey bark. The flowers are cream to green, rather similar to the flower spikes on the Broad Leaved Paperbark, but usually smaller (about 50-60mm long). Trees bear a large number of flowers, which would make them a desirable addition to a large garden.

What really makes *Melaleuca argentea* trees stand out, though, is the new growth, which is silver in colour, caused by fine hairs on the leaves and stems. As the leaves mature they tend to lose the hairs and the resulting silver colour. The leaves are widest in the middle, tapering evenly to each end, and have several dominant veins with a network of finer veins between. Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory used the leaves to flavour meat in cooking. The trees commonly grow close to creeks or gullies, and may reach a large size on riverbanks. The fruits are typical of paperbarks, small cup-shaped woody capsules clustered on the stems.

Climate Change Forum

Thanks to John Rainbird for his presentation, to the politicians who attended this event and to all the community members who came to listen and to question. The presentation sparked some good debate, interesting questions, and points to consider.

Identifying rainforest plants/plant identification walk

Unfortunately an act of senseless vandalism has delayed this

worthwhile community offering. We expect to announce this walkway opening in the next Kuranda paper.

Landcare Tree Planting

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CHAPTER FOUR - JAKE AND SASHA MEET A NEW FRIEND

By Mary Oswald



In the small dark hours before dawn the telephone rang, blasting the still of the night. Outside in the rainforest, the clamouring crickets, the croaking frogs and the crying curlews were briefly stunned into silence.

Barefeetthumpedheavilyacrossthe wooden floorboards below to answer the telephone. Jake and Sasha the dog jumped out of bed and ran to the top of the stairs to listen - they heard Jake's mother speaking into the receiver in a trembling voice.

"Yes? Oh? Oh ... I'm - I'm leaving now. I'll - I'll be there as soon as I can." She hung up the receiver, wearily leaning her head against the wall. Sasha whimpered and Jake's mother looked up to see them huddled together on the top stair.

Quickly, she straightened and called in a cheerily, brittle voice, "oh, Jake and Sasha ... umm ..., that was the hospital. Don't worry, everything's fine. I just have to go and see Daddy for a little while. If you need anything, go and see Di next door. You do remember how to dial triple zero for an emergency?"

"Yes, Mum ..." replied Jake uncertainly. Sasha cocked her head to the side, gazing down with questioning eyes.

Jake's mother briskly ordered them back to bed, hastily smoothed her hair and shrugged a coat over crumpled pyjamas. "Remember, there's plenty of home-made bread and jaboticaba jam for breakfast - I'll bring home something especially nice for dinner!" Gathering up her handbag and keys, she hurried out the front door.

At this point, Jake and Sasha realised that something was seriously wrong ... Jake's mother had never, ever left the house without giving them each a hug and a kiss good-bye. She had also forgotten to take the painting Jake did for his father at school; of Jake and Sasha riding the Crocodile Express with wide, ecstatic grins - they could see it lying forlornly with curling edges on the table in the hall.

Long after the car drove away, down the long, winding road, engine thrumming loudly through the trees, Jake and Sasha continued to sit on the top stair, growing stiff with cold, the bleak wails of the curlews echoing their own sad thoughts.

Soon dawn arrived with a cacophony of bird song; the joyous racket of the rainforest waking up to salute the sun. Inside, the house was still dark and deathly quiet. As it slowly filled with cool, citrus light, Jake and Sasha became aware of a soft, rushing sound; of someone stealthily sliding across the floorboards, through the hallway to the bottom of the stairs.

They looked down to see a very large python, dark brown with caramel jagged-ty stripes, the dawn light roiling oily along its scales as it slithered towards them. It paused to stare up at them through small, round brown eyes.

"Hi Jake and Sasha, my name is Isabel. I live in the roof above your bed. I've been meaning to introduce myself for ages, but there never seemed to be the right time. When you're awake, I'm asleep, and vice-versa. In fact, I'm on my way back to bed now."

"Hi Isabel", murmured Jake, without much interest at all. Sasha didn't even stir and she was usually *very* wary of pythons. After all, as everyone knows, small, slightly podgy dogs make the most tempting snacks, especially for pythons as big as Isabel. But, Sasha didn't care - she was too afraid to care ...

Isabel climbed sinuously up the stair post, then looped along the banister rail. In one fluid movement, she swung down to peer earnestly into their eyes. "Look, I don't mean to pry. I just can't help hearing everything that goes on ... I know your mother has gone to the hospital. I do hope everything's okay?"

"We don't know... And if you get to hear everything, then you probably know much more than we do. No one ever tells us anything," Jake sullenly replied.

Isabel sighed and gently said, "Well ... I do know your father is very ill - he has been in hospital for such a long time. And your mother leaving like this in the middle of the night? There's no point pretending that nothing's wrong - I can only guess your mother doesn't want to frighten you - "

"But knowing what's happening, even if it's really, really bad, is not nearly as bad as not knowing anything at all," Jake protested, Sasha yelping in agreement.

Squirming uncomfortably, Isabel explained, "you see, most mothers hate to frighten their children, even if it means not telling the truth. I'm a mother, and I know a little of how it feels. But then, snake mothers are so very different from human mothers. We just lay our eggs, incubate them a bit ... Once the babies hatch, off they wriggle - never to be seen again. Of course, I give them a few warnings as all good mothers do; mind you don't mistake a toad for a frog; don't fall asleep on the road, and so on ... But that's about it. I can't begin to imagine what it must be like to raise a human child - "

"Daddy used to tell us what was happening, but now we can't see him anymore. And everyone pretends that everything's the same, as if we haven't even noticed he's gone, as if we don't even miss him...."

"Well, yes ... No, no, that's horrible ... Look, I can't make your father well again but I can do something nice for you. The full moon after next is a very special night for all the snakes in the rainforest. It's the annual Snake Dance Festival - would you like to come along? Not every boy and dog gets invited to the top of the very tallest tree in the forest to watch the Snake Dance - I could carry you both up in my coils."

Jake and Sasha are utterly thrilled. "Yes, please, Isabel!"

"Wonderful! Now, why don't you both go back to bed and get warm? Before you go, I need to ask a small favour. Sasha, could you please leave a little of your dinner in your bowl each night? That way, there's more melomys about - much easier hunting for me. All I have to do is wait by your bowl and *whamn!* Swee-eet melomy for tea!"

Sasha eagerly wagged her tail. They watched Isabel rapidly slide up the stair post and through a small gap between the ceiling and the wall. "Good night, Jake and Sasha. Sleep well," she called before she disappeared.

Jake and Sasha stumbled off to bed, crawling under the soft, fleecy covers. They were still worried, but greatly comforted by their chat with Isabel. Just before they fell asleep, they heard a few friendly thumps from the ceiling above their bed. Jake smiled and Sasha's tail thumped a sleepy response.

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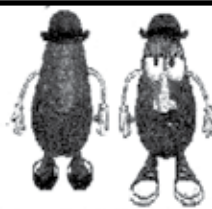
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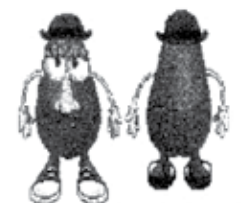
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There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised h. They are called "Hezzie Taters".



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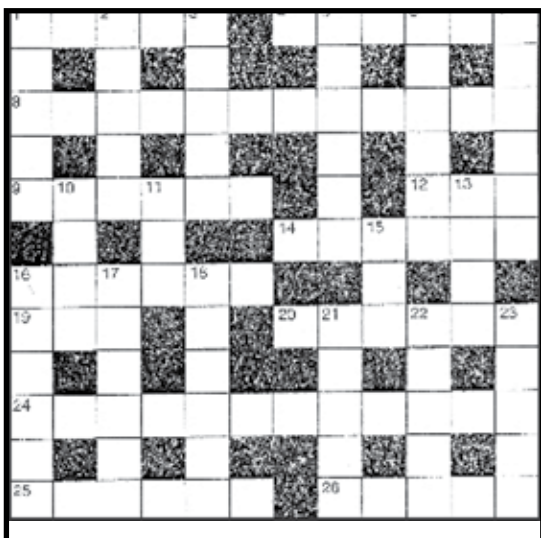
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Across

1. What a macho Kuranda Rangers team needs?
4. Cover the rainforest needs.
8. Another worthy Kuranda community cooperative target.
9. Wisdom of historical Frenchman.
12. Shows you were once a maiden?
14. Swears it was a fish.
16. Trader mad about a bird.
19. Like er... a wing?
20. Tries compositions at school.
24. Local music gallery has ancient reputation.
25. Hear the military is found in nuts.
26. Sign up 2 Down for State College.

Down

1. Bring it home from the Kuranda Butchery.
2. Long range without one has no friends.
3. Sounds like a stone from outer space.
5. Return this rat - a variety of god on earth.
6. Expert knows these vegetables?.
7. Pull a Northerner from the east.
10. This gem is no friend really.
11. Dirt without end makes for a good small joke.
13. Ices Kylie keeps in this tropical container.
16. Cloth for da face, man !
17. Modern conversationalist on speed?
18. Weasel away in a copper mine.
21. Hear that it is looked at in 24 Across.
22. Oil - essential for a sailor?
23. Sense required to fully enjoy 22 Down.



Answers to No.90

