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Kuranda Cassowaries

Visitors or Permanent Residents?

By Ewan Leighton



IT'S A WELL KNOWN FACT AROUND KURANDA that the majestic Southern Cassowary (*Casuarius casuarius johnsonii*) is under considerable threat of extinction. In Australia approximately 20 to 25 per cent of their natural habitat remains, with the houses and roads that have replaced it putting the flightless birds under pressure to survive. A constant flow of traffic is the cause of 55 per cent of all cassowary fatalities with domestic dogs contributing to an additional half of that amount. The future looks grim for cassowary populations in the area, unless we act now.

Recent sightings in and around Kuranda have been welcome news, although probably caused by a poor fruiting season, prompting the reiteration of information regarding their safety, the public's safety and who to contact if cassowary related assistance is required.

Cassowaries feed mainly on rainforest fruits and can become sick when fed foods foreign from their natural diet. Food such as pizza and chips, and in fact anything that is not a rainforest fruit, can lead to the demise of our beloved birds. Cassowaries play an important role in the dispersal and germination of a number of rainforest plants, making it vital for their own future that they are not fed foreign foods. As well as the threat of poisoning the animals, cassowaries can become very aggressive if fed even once, putting their own and the public's safety at risk. If a cassowary is sighted do not approach it; they are best left alone.

It is important for visitors and locals alike to note that cassowaries are not born with road sense and, although most people are sensible drivers, there are some who put the birds' lives at risk by driving too fast. By slowing down and staying aware on the road we can reduce the threat of one of the cassowary's biggest killers. There are a number of signs and speed bumps around Kuranda that are in place to protect cassowaries and the rest of our local wildlife. These warnings are there for a reason.

With the increased number of houses popping up around Kuranda so increases the number of domestic dogs. Dogs pose a huge threat to the dwindling cassowary population, however this threat can easily be eliminated. By housing pets in a secure, fully fenced yard, or ensuring they are restrained if the yard is not secure, the number of dog-related cassowary attacks can be greatly reduced. In addition, when walking dogs in and around the Kuranda area they must be placed on a leash at all times. This will ensure the increased safety of not only the cassowaries, but also any other wildlife in the area.

After a few recent sightings it's becoming increasingly likely that someone will need to contact authorities in regards to a cassowary's safety. There are two organisations in Kuranda that can be contacted, Kuranda Envirocare and Kuranda Conservation. If a cassowary, or its scat, is spotted, then Kuranda Conservation needs to be contacted at www.kurandaconservation.org or call Jax Bergersen on 4093 8834. Likewise, Kuranda Envirocare can be contacted on 4093 8989 and 4093 9926. Certain information including the time and date the animal was sighted, the location and direction the animal was heading, is all important, so be sure to remember as many details as possible. Once again, it is extremely important that the cassowary is not approached in any circumstances.

Although the plight of the Southern Cassowary population is at crisis point, it's not too late to make a difference. If the simple information listed above is followed, the outlook for Kuranda's cassowary population can be a positive one.



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COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Action Needed On Fallon Road

Fallon Road has long been a winding, twisting and dangerous little back road, needing to be driven slowly, with care and awareness.

Not only that, Fallon Road is the ONLY access road out to the main Highway for Masons Road, Williamson Drive, Kuranda Springs and draws some traffic from Barron Falls Road. As such, it has been placed under increasing pressure in the past few years with the development of Kuranda Springs. Before the 2020 planning scheme was approved one more development snuck in. It was for 84 lots to be built adjacent to Fallon Road and stretching up to the Kennedy Highway.

The flabbergasting thing about this development (other than that it was approved at all) is that it is ONLY accessed by Fallon Road – so all traffic coming from this 84 lot development will be entering Fallon Road from roughly opposite the Sports and Recreation Centre.

These two major developments were allowed through Council in an ad hoc manner, without consideration of the overall traffic implications, let alone any service/emergency access.

Implications for the environmental cost aside (that's another whole story) this development poses a serious problem for the community – firstly the access of traffic from that development to Fallon Road. Secondly, it will exacerbate the traffic flow onto the Kennedy Highway from the Fallon Road exit, which is already very dangerous.

Whilst Council have been approached in the past and are actually quite sympathetic to the situation, it is the Department of Main Roads that has blocked past proposals for another access road out onto the Highway because they don't want to 'slow down' the traffic even further coming in towards Kuranda. Please, give us a break. The entrance of Fallon Road onto the main Highway is so dangerous at the moment that it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured if not killed. It is difficult to enter, with signage blinding the driver, and the sheer amount of traffic and speed at which the traffic is travelling makes it a daily risk for motorists.

With extra housing going into the whole area accessed by Fallon Rd it is only a matter of time before Main Roads are forced to put in lights. Now that WILL slow down the traffic.

At this time, before all land is sold in both Kuranda Springs and the Fallon Road development, there is a window of opportunity to plan effectively for the future, by purchasing and opening up an access to the Highway thus taking the pressure off both Fallon Road and the entrance to the Highway. This is one solution – a reaction to a problem created by a short sighted council. But if this is to pan out, there needs to be an assessment by State Government of the road from Speewah into Kuranda that takes into account the large number of people who live there and the development planned in the next 5–10 years. There cannot simply be a road going through a community that does not look at the demographics and geography of that community and create a 'rule' for the sake of it.

I would like to call on Advance Kuranda, a local progress association, to take this issue up with Steve Wettenhall, our local MP. We need this looked at closely by the State Government, as it is they who are blocking main road access, leaving the locals to struggle with a dangerous, insufficient and stressed road system and to put our lives at risk every time we come onto that Highway.

The Council has set aside money for the Fallon Road Bridge – after a fatality occurred on it. The people of Masons Road & Williamson Drive petitioned Council years ago about, amongst other things, the problems and pressures on that particular bridge. How convenient it was to ignore it at the time. We are all wiser in hindsight. Well, let's have a bit of foresight and PREVENT another tragedy in our community. Let's get behind Advance Kuranda and take advantage of this window of opportunity to create an access onto the Highway and demand that it is taken into account the growing number of households and consequent traffic problems that are sure to arise.

Advance Kuranda's next meeting is at 4.00pm at the CWA Hall on Tuesday 7th June.

If you wish to express interest or contact me about this issue, you can email me on emundana@bigpond.com.

Marion Mundana

Well Done Bec

I have just finished reading "River Days", by Bec McIntyre, the monthly winner for the best short story in April.

Bec, you are truly talented – this is an amazing piece of writing. I read a lot, have done my whole life, and can recognize a good author – you are definitely one of those. I hope you keep writing, and observing in your own unique way. Well done and I hope to read more of your work in the future.

Name withheld by request

Back Home

It's nice to be home again, although you probably never even missed me. In February my Daughter, Granddaughter, my Sister and I flew to Sydney and boarded the Sun Princess, to cruise around New Zealand and back to Sydney 14 day trip. We all had a great time on our trip.

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Now saving for my next holiday, as I would like to see Tasmania some day before we get too old.

Love and Best Wishes to All, and May God Bless You.

Col Jeanes



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Insurance Due?

Anyone had a quote from their insurance company lately, since all the natural disasters? Prepare yourself for a bit of a shock.

Our insurance for building (\$320,000) and contents (\$20,000) just became due. Our premium for May 2010 to May 2011 was \$805; our premium for the same cover for May 2011 to May 2012 is a whopping \$1525 – an increase of about 90%.

After picking myself up from my fainting attack, I surfed the net to get some online quotes.

They ranged from \$1300 to \$1750. I won't mention the name of any insurance companies.

I managed to find a broker in Cairns who got the premium down to \$1160.

Moral: make sure you shop around when your cover comes up for renewal.

Makes one wonder what the premium would be for the poor buggers in low-lying areas who have to have flood cover.

David Gormley

Join in the Celebrations

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Society will be holding its 30th Year Anniversary Celebrations on the 17th and 18th September.

This is a unique opportunity to highlight and support our community operated venue and attract a large amount of visitors to the area. The society plans to hold a two day event commencing on Saturday and finishing on Sunday afternoon.

This event will feature music (both local and national), theatre performances, workshops, art, culture, memorabilia, health & well being, as well as activities for young (and young at heart).

As the annual Kuranda Spring Fair is generally held about the same time of the year, it has been suggested to KAS, by several people, that perhaps we could incorporate the Spring Fair with the 30th celebrations at the Amphitheatre.

We invite the community to consider activities that could run in town to compliment the event; eg. art exhibitions, busking, parade or any other suggestions.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact:

Diana Russo dianarussoau@gmail.com Liza Dewey lizadewey@bigpond.com

If you are interested in performing please contact dianarussoau@gmail.com ph. 0439 544 482

Cc Zdenek.bookings@kurandaamphitheatre.org

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you,

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society

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Village in the Rainforest

Marc's Tourism Tweets

Kuranda Scenic Rail Celebrates

Kuranda celebrates 120 years of Kuranda Scenic Rail on June 25 with a full day of activities themed around the 1880s. Characters from the bygone era will be busking around the village, there will be a period costume fashion parade, activities for the kids, a jumping castle, horse and carriage rides and games of old such as horse shoe throwing.

The star of the day, the Kuranda train, will be running as scheduled with anniversary celebrations including anniversary pins, balloons and morning and afternoon tea for passengers, plus a welcoming band.

World Champion Joins Train Race

Current Ultraman World Champion Mike Le Roux will be competing in the inaugural 18km Cairns Kuranda Great Train Race on June 25 where competitors will try to outrun the iconic Kuranda Scenic Rail train as it ascends the Barron Gorge on its historic route through the Wet Tropics rainforest from Freshwater Station to Kuranda.

The race will start with a 5km road run from Freshwater Station to the Barron Gorge National Park before runners hit an 8km trail on the undulating four-wheel-drive McDonalds Track to Wright's Lookout, then revert to a 5km road run on the Barron Falls Rd to Kuranda Station.

Runners will be faced with a challenging ascent as they leave from a few metres above sea level on a steady climb to 50m before an extreme ascent to more than 300m, at times topping 400m. Meanwhile, the Kuranda train will be winding its way through tunnels and bridges along the spectacular 31km winding track through the Barron Gorge National Park on its 120th anniversary.

Relay teams of three can take part so now is the time to get your workmates and friends fired up and start training for this awesome event. For more information contact race director Alan Courtenay on 0418759318.

Photograph: World champion Mike Le Roux will be setting the pace in the Cairns Kuranda Great Train Race on June 25.

Long Weekend Getaway

Kuranda is the perfect weekend getaway and for those wanting an extended break there are only two more long weekends left for the year, the Queens's birthday weekend on June 11-13 and the Cairns show weekend on July 22-24. To help plan your getaway, Tourism Kuranda has an accommodation brochure featuring nine Kuranda properties perfect for weekend or extended escapes. You can also get the information online at www.kurandaaccommodation.com. Accommodation choices range from private couples' retreats to affordable family options and budget camping.

Actress Daryl Hannah was a guest at Cedar Park Rainforest Retreat when she was in Kuranda for the 10th Australasian Permaculture Convergence in September last year. The eco-certified nature and wildlife retreat's picturesque setting in the middle of World Heritage rainforest would have appealed to her. The wildlife, including several species of endemic birds, is plentiful and can be seen from the resort or on beautiful bushwalks. Owners Christoph Huber, Markus Ryf and Rosy Maccarrone operate the local wildlife rescue so guests often interact with recovering wallabies, possums and parrots.

Ganyon Creek flows right past the resort and has a flying fox that goes over the creek and its swimming holes allowing guests to explore the walking tracks that meander through the rainforest on the other side of the creek. The swimming holes are great to cool off in during the day, but at night most guests spend many hours relaxing in the unique outdoor spa set amongst huge rainforest trees.



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Kuranda Kindy Capers!

The Kuranda Kindergarten has had a fantastic start to the term. The children are currently doing a unit of work on forests, learning about rainforest animals and plants. This week has seen the children visit the Kuranda Butterfly Sanctuary and the Kuranda Library, and the children have produced some fabulous artwork as a result.

The Kindergarten is still taking enrolments for our Group B (Thursday, Friday and alternative Wednesdays), and we still have places in our After School Homework Club. Please contact Tamara Persse on kcka@westnet.com.au or 07 4093 0038 for more information.

We are organising a family film night in July, and are looking for volunteers to help out in some way. We are looking for donations for prizes to be drawn on the night, as well as volunteers to help with making the event a big success. We are also selling advertising space on the big screen to be viewed before the film begins, so if you are interested or can help us out in any way, please contact Roxanne Harris or Davini Lewis at the Kuranda Kindergarten on kcka@westnet.com.au or on 4093 0038.

Stay tuned for more information soon about our Giant Kindy Jumble sale in July. We are gratefully accepting donations of quality, clean toys, books and kids clothes, which can be dropped off at the Kindergarten. For more information please contact Lisa Macalister on kcka@westnet.com.au or on 4093 0038.

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Neighbourhood Centre News June 2011

Family Day in Centennial Park Scheduled 6th July 2011: If you want to be involved in the activities or to set up a stall please call Ceri on 40938933 or Lolita on 40937118. The Family Day is coordinated by the Kuranda Interagency Network which is represented by key local and external community services and agencies. KNC's role in the events runs to some administration duties and a contact point for participation. If you wish to attend the next Kuranda Interagency Meeting the next meeting is being held on June 7th – contact Marg for venue or to be put on the email mail-out list.

Lifeline Counselling: Counselling by Lifeline available at KNC on Wednesday afternoons. Appointments can be made directly to Lifeline (40504955) or through the Centre (40938933). Please note that all referrals and sessions are strictly confidential.

Step Forward: Step Forward is a relapse prevention program that identifies the change cycle to assist people modify behaviours that are causing ongoing negative consequences in their lives. The program is held by Ceri Hughes and myself with face to face counseling available through an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counselor upon referral. Referral for the program are necessary for numbers - please contact us to find out the next starting date or fill in a referral form. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

Second Hand Books: We appreciate recent donations, however we are a bit down on stock: so if you have old books lying around collecting dust, we are very happy to accept donations – Thanks!

ITEC Employment: ITEC rents rooms at KNC to see their job network clients. Generally this is from Tuesday – Thursday, however you will need to check with the remote team on 40441078 about appointments as there are days they are not here. All of our reception staff are volunteers and sometimes there are days that we do not have someone at the front desk. Thank you for your patience.

Women's Group: A women's group has started and will be meeting at Kowrowa Community Hall on Monday mornings around 10.30am when renovations on the hall are complete. It is meeting at KNC in the meantime. It is being coordinated by community women and there is a request for donations of art/craft/painting/beading etc items for the group. If you want to know more about it, please contact Ceri Hughes (40938933) to be put in touch with the group. All women welcome. If anyone has a working sewing machine or materials they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Family Support Items Needed: Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We are looking for a volunteer who will be able to drive the Centre vehicle, towing the Centre trailer for pick up. The person would not be required to lift heavy items. This program is growing with the support of the local Kuranda District and we have been able to assist families in need of essential household items. Right now we know families who need: double or queen beds/mattresses, washing machines, freezers, lounge suites/sofas, dining table and chairs, fridges and baby items. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call.

Lifeline Financial Counselling: Lifeline financial counselling sessions can be arranged at KNC on Monday mornings with experienced counsellors who can help you sort out how to manage financial problems, debts and budgets. So if you find yourself in a pickle with money troubles, someone is there to help work out the best way forward. Appointments are necessary, so please call or come in to make a time.

Marg Yandell, Coordinator

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Gardening in Kuranda



JUNE and it's looking like a hard cold winter – not exactly what some of the more tender tropicals need. So expect some possible dieback and losses with slower growth until the return of warmer weather. With continued high winds, drying out of soils, container and hanging baskets need particular attention to watering needs.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Calathea (Family – Maranta). A large genus of 300 plus species renowned for their subtle yet striking foliage often with metallic sheen. Hailing from South America, these clumping understory plants are excellent for shady to part shady plantings. Of easy cultivation, preferring open humus rich soil, all need consistent moisture while maintaining good drainage as they are subject to rot if waterlogged. All are cold sensitive. Given the wide variety of leaf patterning, height and growth form, there is an abundance of choice. Possibly the easiest and most adaptable and a good one to start off with is Calathea zebrina from Brazil. Growing to approximately one metre with long leaves elegantly striped, it quickly forms an imposing clump. All calatheas are easy of propagation either from root or rhizome division and transplanting of suckers. Some of the smaller and more tender species may do better as potted subjects.

Q & A: Dear Ann, Welcome to gardening in the Kuranda area and no – you are not alone in losing all your caladiums to brush turkeys. Each year, the keen gardening incomer (and even the more established) are appalled by the losses sustained to these marauders of seemingly insatiable appetite. The problem is often compounded by initial feeding of the birds and/or having nesting sites adjacent to garden areas.

Essentially, Alocasias, Caladiums, Colocasias and some Heliconias, particularly the dwarf Jamaican Red, are most vulnerable and even large plants may be destroyed in a day. Careful fencing from inception of planting or other method of plant protection such as planting through large stones, is the only way to avoid losses.

Depending on the harshness of the season, turkeys will often take other soft stemmed plants such as Philodendron gloriosum. If nest building starts near or in garden beds, this should be discouraged as early as possible giving time for alternate sites to be settled on.

Remember that the brush turkey is a protected species and was here before we started to garden so it is up to the keen gardener to develop a modus vivendi with this critter.

I would certainly encourage you and all gardeners new to the area to consider joining the Kuranda Garden Club where there is opportunity to meet other keen gardeners, learn what does well in the area, tips to minimize losses to turkey, orange footed scrub fowl, feral pig and other munchers as well as visiting other gardens and nurseries.

NOTE: With a Cassowary sighting in the Village proper and an increasing number of juveniles along Barron Falls and Mason Roads, it is particularly important that care is exercised in driving to avoid injury to this threatened species. Every keen gardener should consider planting one or more cassowary fruit trees to ensure that these unique birds have adequate future food sources.

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Libraries don't just have books. You can get all kinds of magazines through the library as well! Why waste precious dollars on a subscription to a magazine that you will read and throw away? Borrow it from the library instead. And what about newspapers? The library carries the Cairns Post, The Australian, and The Koori Mail.

Many people forget that libraries also have a collection of movies, music CDs, and audio books as well – all of which can be reserved.

For additional entertainment, take advantage of free children's classes, workshops, and book discussion groups. The library exists to serve the community. So stop by and see what's going on!

Cheers, *Chrissy and Ros*

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the Arts Page



If you didn't come along to the first night of Theatre Sports with Ms. Kylie Guy, then get along to the next three Wednesday nights of fun and mayhem!

Some folks have mentioned to me that "I have never done theatre, I'd be too nervous". Well, as said above, it's all about pure fun and a lot of laughing. Now what

else could be better for the soul? All the information is on our poster here on the paper's great Arts Page. We will even have coffee, tea and biccies.

Love to see you there. Yours in Theatre *Diana and the Crew.*



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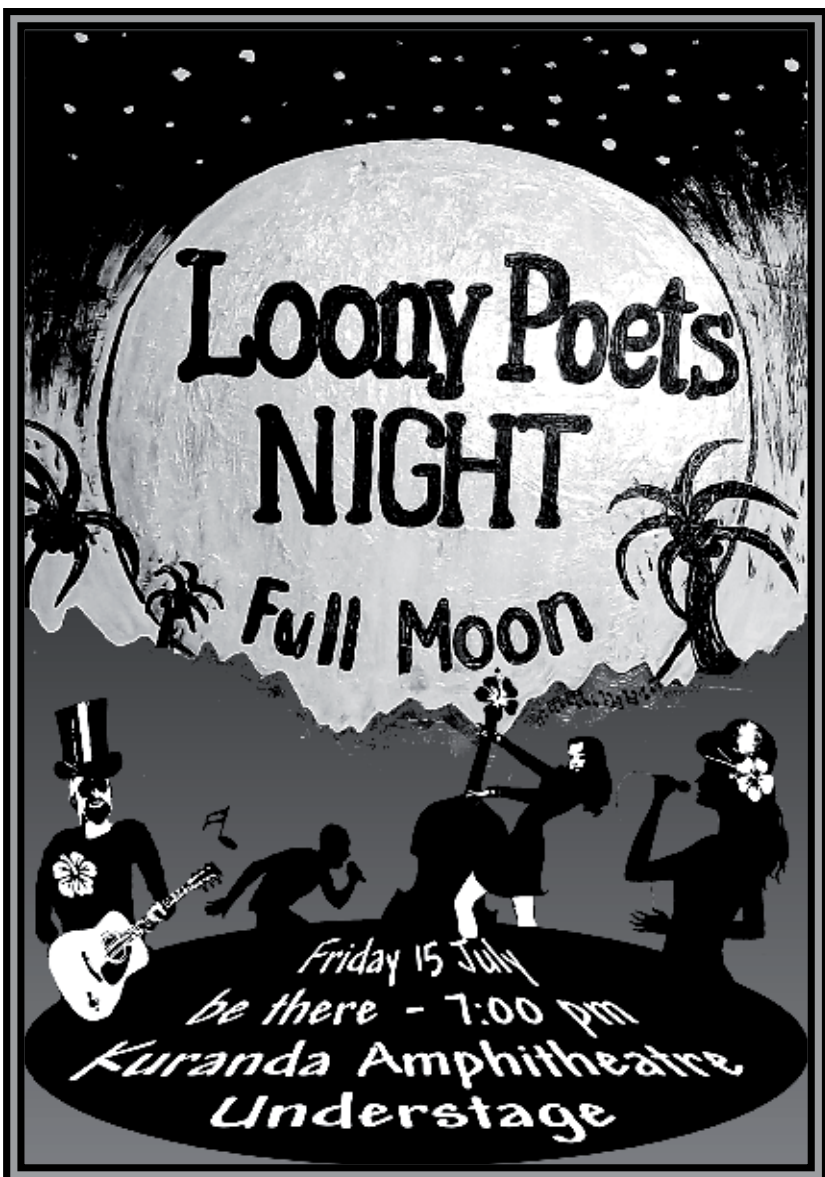


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President's Report

Kuranda Amphitheatre President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,

Lots have been happening and it is shaping up to be a busy year at the Amphitheatre. For June we have Neil Murray, Theatre Sports with Focus Theatre and the ever popular Kuranda Roots Festival making its way back in July. A great annual event not to be missed!

Stage one of the Kitchen upgrade is almost complete. Thanks go to the volunteers who have worked hard on this project over the past eight weeks. A special thanks to Pete Billam, Project Manager.

We are also preparing for The Amphitheatre 30th Celebrations - We would love to hear your ideas on how to make this an event to remember. Don't forget, if you join up at any of our members'

nights, entry is included on the night. Thanks to all our members & volunteers for their support!
email: kuranda_amp@bigpond.com

Cheers,

Mandy



Loony Poets' Night



LAST MONTH'S Loony Poets Night proved, yet again, to be a roaring success at the Kuranda Amphitheatre. The increasingly popular full moon event features an open mic format and brings together musicians, poets, story tellers, comedians and everything in between for a few hours of what can only be described as an outrageously entertaining evening.



Sada

May's full moon fell on the 17th and over 80 people showed up to listen to and share their artistic creations. Hosted by Lunar, Diana & Morgan, there were many local artists on show including guitarist Dave Cook, comedic performer Ciwain, Banjo player Deb and the Moonbear, an Understage debut for duo Mumma Kuna, Astrid Erika, the much-loved Bosco and Honey, Sada and many more. The night was run, as always, by fantastic volunteers who provided an assortment of food (thanks to the Nevermind Cafe), and Kez's delicious Chai. An all-round 'thumbs-up' evening of spontaneity



Ciwain



Astrid



Deb



Mark painting Deb



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Poetry in motion at the Loony Poets night

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The Nevermind Cafe was created by Debbie Robinson and was named after a little cottage on a 70s commune just out of Kuranda at Rosebud Farm.

Nevermind Cafe started out as a 20 seat juice and salad bar on Coondoo Street, and is now a 100 seat licensed restaurant in the Kuranda Heritage Markets. They have wonderful salads and juices plus lots more. Great value meals, all in a family friendly rainforest atmosphere.

Debbie's philosophy of good quality food at a reasonable price has been maintained. A great family vibe is what you'll find at the Nevermind Cafe. You can admire the resident Rainforest Dragons as you enjoy a sumptuous meal. You may even be spoilt with some live music.

The cafe provides lunchtime meal delivery to businesses within the village, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays...

Nevermind cafe is also a great venue for hosting parties or functions, with free venue hire.

The 2nd Friday of every month

starting at 6pm, is the Open Mic Jam night with featured Guest Artists, as well as regular local artists. All are welcome. If you play, sing, dance or just clap, it's well worth a visit. There's even a heater for those cold winter evenings.

Once a month, on a Sunday, (the Sunday after the local paper comes out) Nevermind Cafe has live music featuring local bands. This month it will be Koalition, 29th May from 4.00 to 7.00 pm.

Nevermind Cafe has been hosting music events for nearly 12 months now and all the talent has been from Kuranda. Debbie's love of live music has given her the drive to continue to host these music events. They are now attracting a large following, with artists keen to be able to perform there. Kuranda has a wealth of very creative people and Nevermind Cafe is a beautiful venue to enjoy their craft.

Nevermind's motto:

"Life is made with love and laughter and so is our food".



Debbie Robinson regularly performs at the Nevermind Cafe and seen here, at the recent Loony Poets Night at the Understage in May, where she performed in the duo act **Deb & The Moonbear**.

'Gudju Gudju'

A Winner at the "Wintermoon Festival"

What a representation from Kuranda!! Gudju Gudju was the first multi-cultural band to have performed at the increasingly popular Wintermoon Festival.

With Zennith's Willy, Astro and Aden Brim joining forces with Gudju Gudju's Bertie, Dolly, Leah, and Gail, the sound was breath-taking, and



Gudju Gudju has spread the rainbow again...

Gudju Gudju received a huge reception at Wintermoon.

The 15th Annual Wintermoon Festival, held over the Anzac weekend, in a stunning tropical setting, just 70kms north of Mackay, is where you can enjoy wonderful world music and camaraderie with people who enjoy their escape to tranquility.

Nestled on the north-east edge of the Eungella National Park, beside the beautiful St Helen's Creek, the festival attracted some of the best world music performers from Australia, and showcased over 30 acts over three days and nights, with the likes of Shane Howard & Band, Kristine Olsen, and Aquapella, appearing this year.

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Astro & Aden Brim 'Zennith Boyz' join Gudju Gudju at Wintermoon

musicians in Australia, rumour has it "the jam in the Green Room was exceptional". Gudju Gudju supported by their very own orchestra!

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31st ~ Funky Love Tank at  
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## 'What's On at the Amphi'

June 2011

It's a busy month at the Amphi in June. We have APRA award winning artist, *Neil Murray*, on Friday 3rd June. Neil was one of the founding members of the Warumpi Band, who helped to make contemporary indigenous music more visible in the mainstream Australian music scene.

Come down for a great night! Relax,

and enjoy a delicious meal and drink before the show. Dinner available. The Understage, Doors and Bar open 6.30pm.

### **Kuranda Roots Festival 1-2 July**

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media,

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## Neil Murray NQ tour 2011

This month Kuranda will welcome maverick songman, **Neil Murray**, who is set to perform at the Understage, as part of his 2011 North Queensland tour.

After impressing audiences at this year's Byron Bay Blues Festival he will perform in North Queensland for the first time in four years with five shows stretching from Townsville to Cooktown. To add to the excitement Neil will be

accompanied by Peter Hudson on drums and Tim Finnigan on bass.

One of Australia's most original and respected songwriters Neil has enjoyed a solo career for over two decades, releasing 10 albums and receiving the 1995 APRA song of the year with "My Island Home".

For over 30 years Neil Murray's songs have contributed substantially to the deepening of

Australia's musical and cultural heritage, exploring the nation's conscience and heartland through his work. His captivating

and inspiring live performances are a must see so don't miss one of the country's most significant songwriters in concert at the Kuranda Amphitheatre on June 3.

*Ewan Leighton*

## Kuranda Roots

**Kuranda Roots Festival is back in town. The rainforest pulsating to the soul of reggae music once again...**

Now over two days with camping, Australia's mightiest outdoor stage will celebrate the life and culture of Queensland's original reggae village, with a fine selection of world class performers.

Celebrating its 8th year, the annual Kuranda Roots Festival is one of Australia's finest outdoor celebrations of world, reggae and dub music and is re-known for its unique good vibes and atmosphere.

Headlining this year's festival is the incomparable **Archie Roach** and Kuranda's very own **Zennith**, the nation's top reggae act.

The Kuranda Roots Festival has great pleasure to bring to Kuranda for the first time, **The Bird**, masterminded by keyboardist and program wizard **Si** and the awesomely talented drummer **Ben Walsh**. The Bird take you on a crazy ride from reggae, drum and

bassthrough to live throbbing dubstep. Favourites

Darky Roots, return to the Amphitheatre stage. The Upsteppers with their 'dance floor-shaking roots-heavy reggae with backbone' will get you going, together with Opiou, Solomon, Dubmarine, Rastafari Riddims Feat Marcus Fari & Culture Harry amongst a truly groovin' line-up of 30 acts over two days, on two stages, including the Mayi Wumba Dancers, and Kuranda artists, Koahlition, Ombudsman, Gudju Gudju, and a special appearance by the Blackrobats. For more info on artists check out [www.kurandaroots.com](http://www.kurandaroots.com), first round of Kuranda Roots season tickets and day tickets are available through [www.rudekatrecords.com](http://www.rudekatrecords.com) and [www.ticketlink.com.au](http://www.ticketlink.com.au) as well as from Kuranda Video Shop, Shiva Moon, Shi Sha Beads, and Fetish 4 Life in Cairns, and Pierce on Earth, Atherton.

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**Josh T. Pearson: "Last of the Country Gentleman"** Josh was once the prime mover for the band Lift to Experience (well worth a listen), and this solo album is even better. There's so much honesty in his music – almost too personal to bear as in the eight minute "Honeymoon's Great. Wish you were her". Where he sings, "Whenever we

make love, I'm sadder every time, cuz I feel like I am cheating on a woman who is not my wife". Heart wrenching.

It's not country, nor folk, it's solitary stone-cold, flickering faith and lost hope: "I can bring you to water, but I sure as hell can't make you drink. It ain't Christmas time, it's Easter honeybunny and I aint the saviour you desperately need". Sort of new generation Leonard Cohen/Nick Cave. A bleakly brilliant album that you can't stop listening to.

**Paul Simon: "So Beautiful or So What"** A new Paul Simon CD. Surprisingly, as he hits the big 70. Paul Simon's voice is still as clever, sweet and inciteful as ever it was. We can do no better than quote from the liner notes penned by one, Elvis Costello. "This is remarkable, thoughtful, often joyful record deserves to be recognized as among Paul Simon's very finest achievements."

The first question that jumps out is, of course, is it as good as "Graceland" that sparkling, brilliant once-in-a-lifetime

masterwork? Well, no, how could it ever be? But that said, the rhythms and percussion are fascinating, the guitar work delightful and

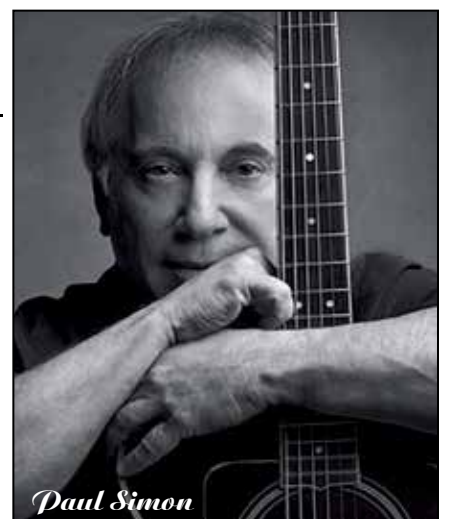
the lyrics profound; inspiring and deeply philosophical as you would expect at 70. Touching on love, spiritual searching and gratitude for all that life has offered.

To quote Elvis Costello again: "So Beautiful or So What rejects the allure of fashionable darkness and the hypnosis of ignorance. Better to contemplate and celebrate the endurance of the spirit and the persistence of love."

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Monthly Committee Meetings every second Monday  
**Tuesday:** Eight Ball 7pm start (contact Janet 4093 7104)  
**Wednesday:** Tennis, 6.00pm-8.00pm  
**Thursday:** Bushikai Karate 6 to 7pm contact Darryl 0487 460 597  
**Friday:** Social Night, Pool, Lawn bowls, Darts, Table Tennis and Tennis. Meals in Sandra's Kitchen, Bar.  
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## Kuranda Recreation Centre

### NEWS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

#### Kuranda Club Soccer News

As President of the steering committee, I am extremely pleased to be able to watch my youngest son play soccer for Kuranda in a club team. The Soccer Club formed in 2011, has two great little teams in the Tablelands Regional Junior Soccer Association's Competition. This competition is played by Mareeba, Atherton, Malanda, Dimbulah and once again Kuranda. We have teams in the Under 7 and Under 10/11 age groups. It is massive fun!

The Club has taken up residence at the Recreation Centre, using the facility's two fields at Hunter Park, an under lights 30m by 15m mini field and the venue for meetings, functions, presentations and training.

Twice a week about 35 kids come between 3.45pm and 5.45pm Monday and Wednesday to train. About half of these play on Saturday in the district competition. The kids that play weekends are decked out in a beautiful strip, including QSA approved socks and shorts. During the training the bigger numbers allow for strategy and teamwork development.

Each trainee pays a base fee that entitles them to attend organised training and the other benefits of the Recreation Centre. The Soccer Club players pay additional fees to cover insurance and the strip, and it is all competitively priced. The best part is doing the training at home. I have been privileged enough to go along to two of the seven games this season and a wonderful spectacle these Carnivals are. Kuranda will host a Carnival later in the year, other teams all coming here. On 20th of August it will be all hands on deck.

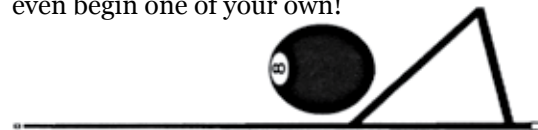
Our teams (not boasting) are very knowledgeable and fit for soccer; the little guys have won games by a couple of goals each time. I've seen them (not that we keep score). The older team needs a couple more players to cover all 9 positions and have some in reserve, but they always score goals and defend very well, usually worrying other teams with their running and enthusiasm.

Nicholas Fogale and Nelson Clark are mini stars for "Danger Rangers" with Wil, Lane, Ben and Conor all learning fast as the six-year olds. Aurora Clark and Joel Rivers have both already been selected for the District teams in their respective boys and girls teams. In the "Space Rangers", "well done" to Bunie, Indigo, Marlu, Hamish, Alexander, Max and Daniel.

Also, "well done" to all the committee and helpers, including managers, coaches and parents (drivers) who present their youngsters so well. If you are interested in helping the Club or want to volunteer some time and energy please contact Melina on 4093 7287, or Gary and Linda on 4093 7109 or Monika on Mob: 0418 902 016. Likewise if interested in playing and/or training please contact the same numbers or Proud and Satisfied Dad Gary Davis.

*Gary Davis President Recreation Centre*

We welcome all interested participants to enjoy the facilities on offer at the KRC, so much so that an **ACTIVITIES PROMOTIONAL DAY** is planned for this June 11th from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Come to the KRC for a special opportunity to see what is available to you and speak to the promoters of their activities. You never know, you may even sign up for one of the activities on offer or even begin one of your own!



**Kuranda Eight Ball.** Four Kuranda 8-Ball teams now call the Recreation Centre home, and with the relocation of a third table at the Centre, more teams will be able to play.

On Saturday 14th May the Centre hosted a play-off for the second place between Far Cues and Crackpots, with Crackpots the winners. Crackpots became the Premiers of the Pre-Season when they played Jag Arses at the Fitzpatrick Tavern in the finals on Tuesday night.

Hoons have been attempting to hone their speedway skills on the oval. This has resulted in large rutting of the surface and damage to the playing area. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and when caught the perpetrators will be reported to the police and TRC.

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## BatReach news

BatReach recently welcomed a young British woman by the name of Christine Hipperson, a stay-in volunteer with an Environmental Science degree and a passion for helping injured wildlife. During her stay Christine formed a special bond with one of the shelter's other stay-ins, the vulnerable-listed Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) named Romy.

Romy was found around the time of Cyclone Yasi at only two months old and missing her mother. She was rescued and taken to Atherton Animal Welfare and eventually found her way to the sanctity of BatReach. Now about six months old Romy is nearing her release age, at which time she will hopefully be paired with a mate and released into the wild.

Squirrel Gliders live in tight family groups in the wet eucalypt forests on the western side of Queensland's ranges and can be found as far south as the Victoria/South Australia border. The gliders make dens in hollow trees, coming out at night to feed on a variety of local goodies including insects, fruits, tree sap and pollen. In Queensland, the Squirrel Glider is threatened by loss of habitat, barbed wire fences and household pets namely cats and dogs.

It's June now and Christine has made the return trip to her homeland. But at BatReach unfortunately it's business as usual, with May seeing the rescue of eight injured animals. Hopefully June will see a decrease in the number of injured wildlife in the area.

*By Ewan Leighton*



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# Mere Males

IN MANY VERTEBRATE SPECIES such as birds, for example, males are often those we take more notice of. They are larger, sometimes more colourful and quite often control the flock, herd, pack or pride. Enter the invertebrates. The minibeast world is dominated by females and the males are quite often subordinate, insignificant, and on occasions not required at all!

Social insects such as bees and ants are dominated by females. The colonies are controlled by a queen or, in the case of some ants, multiple queens. The rest of the functioning colony are female – the workers, guards, and soldiers. Males only exist in low numbers, and have the single role to mate with new queens. That's it. It is a far cry from the way the sexual dynamics are portrayed in the Hollywood films "Antz", and "A Bugs Life". Apparently our society can't deal with the truth!

In the spider world it is a case of size doesn't matter, or in some cases, the smaller the better. Most female spiders are much larger, more powerful and longer-lived than their male counterparts. But there is no more extreme example than in the orb-weaving spiders. Some males are 10 times smaller than the females they are attempting to court, and one wrong move results in them becoming nothing more than an extra mouthful of food. Some male spiders deliberately sacrifice themselves to the females after mating to provide nutrients for their developing young within



**A male Rainforest Praying Mantis continues to mate for up to 24 hours after the female has eaten his head.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN HENDERSON

her body. And why not? – they have nothing more to live for; their mission in life is accomplished.

Most human males would be aware that reincarnation as a male praying mantis would not be a wise move. Apart from the dangers in attempting courtship (just approaching a female is a matter of life and death), the actual mating process often results in the male being partly consumed before it is even over. The male continues on pure instinct and nervous function, until the process is over and she can finish him off.

The pinnacle of this demoralisation of males would have to be within the stick insects, grasshoppers and crickets – the orthopteran insects. Some of these insects can do without males altogether. In simple terms, if Mr Right doesn't come along, they just go ahead and lay eggs anyway. They produce clones of themselves, which are of course all female. In some populations males are extremely rare – in some cases, even non-existent.

Considering that invertebrates make up around 99 percent of all animal life on earth, maybe we human males should feel lucky that we've landed the role that we have. It's a good thing we don't need to continually look over our shoulders just in case a huge female is lining us up for dinner (well most of us anyway).

**Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife**

## Recharge Kuranda: Choosing our Future

What would a world without fossil fuel look like? Is 100% renewable energy possible? How can we start using less energy and have a good standard of living?

There was much energetic discussion about these and other questions in the recent Recharge Kuranda forum and people were inspired by the Transition Town's vision of a post-carbon world: "one that is energy – lean, time rich, less stressful, happier and healthier."

With the aim of turning Kuranda into a town that chooses its post carbon future, a second forum is planned in the Original Markets community hub on **Sunday 12 June** from 3-5.00pm. Everyone is welcome, especially families with children.

The aim of this meeting will be to identify individuals and groups who can or already are contributing to the work required to make Kuranda sustainable and to develop a resilient community together.

A crowd of more than 35 people, ranging from toddlers to more seasoned campaigners, participated in this first forum organised by the RealFood network together with Friends of the Earth Kuranda.

Topics debated included the National 100% Renewable Energy campaign, outlined by Anna McGuire, CAFNEC sustainability officer; how we as a community can act to protect Australian wildlife and bees from the hazards of pesticides especially the insecticide Strike Out; sourcing clean drinking water, uncontaminated by pesticides and other positive actions inspired by the global Transition Towns movement.

Janet Millington of Transition Towns Cairns, a permaculture author, teacher, co-founder of the first Transition Initiative in Australia and a wealth of information and experience commented, "This is a good time to get the message to council while they are doing their community plan and to drive the change we want through a responsive council asking for direction."

At the end of an interesting and informative few hours, and a shared lunch of delicious market food and home-made snacks, Sjoerd Aadema summed up by saying "Recharging Kuranda is



*Janet Millington*

going to be an all inspiring happening and a long-term project for positive change.

"Through the RealFood network we plan to bring real organic and biodynamic certified produce from the Tablelands to the Kuranda original markets and to use this stall as a community hub for forums, workshops and social gatherings. There is no end to what we can achieve when we all work together as one community"

For further information on:

- the next Recharge Kuranda Forum ph Sjoerd on 0457 129 516 or Robert on 4093 0987 email [robert@realfoodnetwork.com.au](mailto:robert@realfoodnetwork.com.au)
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- Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
- Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.
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## Back in Health

Back pain can be caused from many different conditions. A moderate level of degeneration from wear and tear should be expected within our life time. Improper lifting/carrying techniques, standing on hard surfaces for long periods of time, sleeping positions, posture, accidents or trauma to the back can all present with complications days, weeks or even years later. It can even cause pain in other parts of the body such as the hips or buttocks and can be increased by such activities as sitting, lifting, turning or bending over. When addressing the back many factors need to be taken into consideration.

**Bone health:** The vertebrae consist of bone and can become weak due to deficiencies. Both calcium and silica can help strengthen bone structure to help protect against osteoarthritis and other conditions relating to general wear and tear. Comfrey can also help broken bones mend.

**Muscle health:** Magnesium is the main mineral to relax muscles. Each time our muscles contract, we require magnesium to 'release' the contraction. We also lose magnesium in our perspiration, thus needs are increased in warmer climates or when working

outdoors.

Signs of magnesium deficiency include muscle cramps or twitches, tight, sore and aching muscles, tension headaches and sleep disorders. Dietary sources include almonds, brazil nuts and sunflower seeds but our soils are fairly depleted from mass production. Sea vegetables such as dulse, kelp etc. are also high however a good powder supplement is often required.

**Sprains/Strains:** Ligaments and tendons stretch and tear, causing pain and unfortunately are slow recovery. Rux tox and ruta grav are two homeopathic remedies which can quicken the healing process. Arnica can also be very helpful and a heating agent to increase blood flow to the area increasing nutrient supply.

**Anti-inflammatory:** Many herbs can help keep inflammation down whilst remaining gentle on the stomach and even having other health benefits.eg Boswellia, Ginger and Turmeric. Fish oil contains EPA which is an excellent anti-inflammatory also found in krill and green lipped mussels. At least 6 fish oil capsules are required to have this desired effect.

**Repair:** Bovine cartilage and glucosamine all help by promoting rebuilding especially over the joint areas.

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**Pain relief:** White willow bark and MSM are great analgesics. Liniments and heat packs can also relieve pain.

**Exercises:** Core strength is very important and can be addressed with such exercises as Yoga or Pilates. Acupuncture has also been proven effective for many.

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## Not a Sweet Story!

A lot of people have a 'sweet tooth'- like myself! The funny thing is - I have a two year old granddaughter who loves everything green and actually dislikes sweet things altogether (don't know what planet she is from). Unfortunately most of us 'normal' people would probably prefer if spinach and green salad would taste a bit more like chocolate or peaches 'n cream!

Almost everybody likes the sweet taste at least to a certain degree. After all - we don't call people we adore 'sweetheart' or 'sweetie pie' for nothing.

Sometimes the taste for concentrated sweetness can also be acquired in childhood because it was given to us by Mum or Dad to cheer us up or to reward us and 'Sweets' might have become emotional comforters which we still use as adults.

In western countries the average person eats one kilogram of sugar per week, some in coffee and tea, others hidden in cakes and biscuits, cereal, alcohol or chocolates, candies and desserts.

Too much sugar produces a surge of insulin and stress hormones like cortisol and adrenalin, which in turn promotes inflammation. It causes an overdose of intestinal yeast and bacteria. It causes disease, obesity, and dental caries, hyper-activity in children, fatigue and overweight. It also causes loss of Vitamin B and loss of the body's calcium supply.

As if that wasn't enough, excess sugar also overworks the pancreas, causing it to lose some of its efficiency and then produces either too much or too little insulin. If we lack insulin in response to high levels of blood sugar, Diabetes can be the result. If we produce too much insulin, Hypoglycemia is the result, that's when blood sugar levels drop too low and the brain doesn't function well. We might feel low in energy, weak and a bit jittery and desperately looking for a 'quick fix' like a sweet, a cup of coffee, alcohol or a smoke.

If this roller coaster continues for any length of time, adrenal exhaustion may be the result and sugar needs to be avoided in all its forms including soft drinks, honey, dried fruit and even fruit juice.

But don't be dismayed - under normal circumstances we don't have to give up 'Sugar, Spice and all things nice', we have to have some fun in life and most things are alright in moderation!

Also, if necessary we can use sugar substitutes as sweeteners. I am not talking about artificial sweeteners like Saccharin or Aspartame - they have shown to have harmful effects on your health in the long run. I am talking about natural things like unrefined honey, or a natural sweetener called 'Stevia' which is a South American herb that is 100 to 400 times sweeter than sugar.

There is also a powder sweetener called 'Xylitol' which is found in the fibers of many fruit and vegetables. These products can be purchased in health food stores.

If you happen to be a 'Chocoholic', you might like to try some carob chocolate instead. The carob bean is a legume with naturally sweet seeds. The taste is similar to chocolate and very nutritious with three times as much calcium than milk, Vitamins A, D and B and many minerals. You can buy carob in powder form, as a substitute for cocoa or as a solid chocolate bar without added sugar - try it, it's yummy!

Still the best sugar-hit we can give ourselves is from complex carbohydrates like whole grains, vegetables like the humble potato, beans or lentils. Our body will release their potential energy gradually over several hours. Also, we could try to get hooked on our beautiful delicious tropical fruit, it will give us a fairly quick but healthy 'fix'...

Let's stop the 'Blood-Sugar-Merry-Go-Round', because in the end it might not be so merry anymore!

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# Going in to Bat for FNQ Kids

THE QUEENSLAND RAIL BULLS MASTERS bowled up a week of excitement to budding cricketers across Far North Queensland earlier this month, but their tour also brought a serious safety message.

During a series of school visits, the QRBM touring side provided advice on bowling, batting and fielding, while Queensland Rail Community Education officers spoke about the importance of keeping a level head and being smart around tracks and trains.

As part of the Queensland Rail Bulls Masters Far North Queensland tour, former Australian champions Allan Border, Ian Healy, Matthew Hayden, Jimmy Maher and Michael Kasprovicz hosted coaching clinics across Cairns and Port Douglas.

Coinciding with these coaching clinics, Queensland Rail Community Education officers delivered their RailSmart programs to schools from Yarrabah to Port Douglas and west to Kuranda.

"It's great for us to go to the Far North and lift some spirits in the community," QRBM player Jimmy Maher said.

"It's fantastic to be able to go and visit some kids at hospital, to do some clinics for the kids at schools and to raise money for much needed charities."

Queensland Rail Chief Executive Officer Paul Scurrah said RailSmart teams would be delivering educational sessions to thousands of students, urging them to keep safety front of mind at level crossings and near tracks.

"Through the hands on RailSmart program we can influence young minds to do the right thing around trains and tracks, as it is never too early to teach a child about rail safety," Scurrah said.

"Trespassing, taking shortcuts and other unsafe behaviour near railway tracks is not a joke. It's illegal and risky behaviour that endangers not only their lives but the lives of Queensland Rail train crew and customers."

"In 2010 there were 26 level crossing incidents reported in Far North Queensland. From January to December there were four level crossing collisions, three incidents of motor vehicles hitting level crossing infrastructure, such as boom gates, and 19 Near Misses, including two incidents involving pedestrians.

"The difference between 19 near misses and 19 fatalities is literally a matter of seconds."

The RailSmart rail safety education sessions were delivered at Kuranda, Yarrabah, Mossman, Wangetti, Port Douglas and Miallo schools.

Children around Far North Queensland not only benefitted from RailSmart sessions and coaching clinics with cricket legends, but also received free entry to the Twenty20 showdown when the QRBM took on Cricket Far North Invitational XI at Port Douglas Sporting Complex on May 21.

Team members also attended a free community breakfast at Cairns Station (adjacent to Cairns Central) at 7.30am on Wednesday 18 May.

The QRBM touring squad included Allan Border, John Buchanan, Lee Carseldine, Joe Dawes, Steven Farrell, Matthew Hayden, Ian Healy, Ken Healy, Michael Kasprovicz, Martin Kent, Jimmy Maher, Scott Prestwidge, Greg Ritchie, Greg Rowell, Chris Simpson and Wendell Sailor.



*Nowlan Thomson batting with Sage Brown and Michael Kasprovicz as wicket keepers.*

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## Thank You

I am very sure that the people who gathered at various ceremonies to commemorate Anzac Day at Kuranda this year enjoyed both good company, had a significant experience, and were able to solemnly and quietly give some thought to the meaning and message of Anzac Day.

Many individuals and groups work together to stage events on this day.

All those who attended are mindful of the efforts of the people who worked or supplied material and those workers and suppliers appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

Kuranda RSL Sub Branch Members are grateful to you all. See you again next year.

Many thanks,

*Ken Harley, Secretary*



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## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well it's all happening now. The weather has been very kind to us with some sunny skies. The club has had a few rally days with a good turn up of riders. I have included some photos of the kids having fun. (Below: Hannah Craven on Casper.)

Over the Easter break there was a Zone 18 camp held at Tepon Park at Herberton. This was for 3 days and all the pony clubs in North Queensland participated. Again



the weather was beautiful and the kids all got to have a go at lots of different events from trail rides to polocross, games and jumping. At night we had a quiz night and a 'show your talent' night! I am very proud to say that one of our Kuranda riders, Kristy Lane, who did the "Bindi Dance" won first prize in the event, So, Go Kristy!! It's great to be able to have these camps as you get to meet so many kids and make new friends and just get out and have some fun on your horse.

Then, the next big event after that was the Anzac Day Parade. Kuranda members did a fantastic job riding down the main street of Kuranda in the parade. The club laid a wreath in remembrance to those who have lost their lives, including the horses from the light horse brigade that helped in the wars.

We have two entrants in this year's Personality and Fundraising Quest for Zone 18 which will be held later in the year. Kristy Lane (Junior) and Heather McLauchlan (Senior). Make sure you keep an eye out for special fundraising events coming up. We wish them well.

Each year clubs hold a Gymkhana on their grounds and Kuranda's is on the 4th June. We have already had some great support from local business with sponsorship for the trophies so I will let you know more about that event in the next edition of the paper.

If you have a horse and would like to know more about Pony Club, it's never too late to join. Just contact Di Curtis on paulanddi@bigpond.com and I will answer your questions. Till next time, Happy Riding!

*Di Curtis (pony club instructor)*



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## Book Review

**"The Meaning of Things"**

by A.C. Grayling

(Phoenix, Reissue 2007)

ISBN 9780 75381 3591 \$15.95

Grayling is the distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of London. He is a philosopher who has written many books. His writings challenge scepticism in philosophy. He has a strong interest in the practical application of philosophy in everyday life, which enables him to write in a way that the average person can readily comprehend. According to Wikipedia "He is .. interested in both practical and theoretical questions of human rights and related ethical problems, and has been a significant contributor to philosophical pedagogy and scholarship through writing and editing."

This book is a good example of this. In it, the author writes first of those virtues and attributes which the author sees as being of value to human flourishing and the human spirit, such as tolerance and courage. In the second part of the book he writes of the enemies of human flourishing, such as racism and hate. In the last part, he writes of those of those things which he sees as giving meaning to life, such as human reason, peace and art.

Now many readers may be wary of writers who pursue a discussion of ethical principles, for fear of a moralistic approach. Grayling immediately disavows such an approach by condemning moralising – the practice of seeking to impose one's views on others as to how they should live or behave. He sees this practice as rarely working. Rather, he seeks to inculcate mature and tolerant debate and reflection on how society can best be ordered in terms of fairness and decency.

Of course the field of ethics has been the subject of legitimate philosophical consideration for thousands of years. Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics is a classic example. In it Aristotle considered what was conducive to happiness within society, and developed his concept of the "golden mean" in human conduct. All of the great religions have themselves been much concerned with ethical and moral standards and have had a huge impact on human conduct. Often in the past, philosophical discussion was merged with spiritual beliefs. But in the 20th century, philosophers tended to take a narrow view of the subject, largely divorced from the religious context, examining such concepts as "what do we mean by good?" and "what do we mean by ought?"

Grayling is not in this category. Rather he belongs in the liberal, humanist tradition. He is most concerned to examine the values by which people can best achieve human flourishing in society, and to encourage discussion of them. But he does this from a contemporary secular position, contemptuously dismissing the trappings of religion as practiced in a manner that has become common through the writings of Dawkins and others. He is particularly dismissive of Christianity based on the worst of its history. God to him is a human invention. One has to accept this controversial standpoint to get anything of value from the book. The book is saved in many ways by his emphasis on many of the core values found in the original teachings of the great religions, such as love and mercy. He also accepts the value in some religious traditions, such as that of the Quakers and Theravada Buddhists, and he himself professes to be a believer in the human spirit and the importance of spirituality.

Given his perspective on life, the author has much of use to say on ethical principles that are worthy of consideration. For example, on the subject of blame, he says:

"Whereas blame is justified in this universal sense, it is by contrast inappropriate in an important aspect of the particular, namely, in the breakdown of personal relationships, where it likewise tends to be endemic. One way of recovering from these smaller tragedies is, in fact, to learn how to stop blaming."

In the contemporary debate on ethics as applied in many fields of human endeavour, this is a book for the ordinary person who wishes to consider some of life's most important issues. The discussion of virtues and attributes for life is now firmly on the table as a result of books like these and also books written from the religious perspective.

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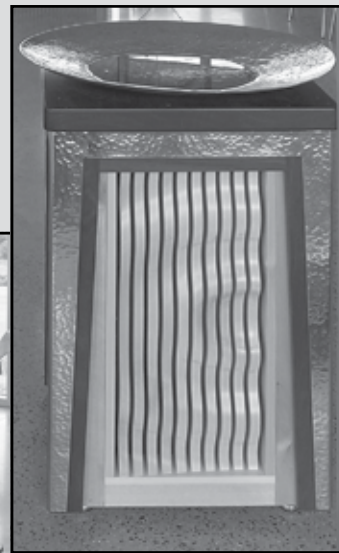
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# KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

## Grand Designs

At the recently announced Far North Queensland Regional Architectural Awards, one of the recipients was the St Andrew's Catholic College Chapel. Under the guidance of Fisher Buttrose Architects, Kuranda Arts Co-op metal artist and sculptor Darryl Ely completed collaboratively with Trevor Allwood (Tolga Woodworks) the commissioned 'carefully crafted' artworks in the chapel. Our congratulations go to Darryl, Trevor and the Architects for this Excellence Award.

A number of Darryl's steel sculptures, including many whimsical pieces, can be seen in the Arts Co-op gallery. Darryl also works collaboratively with his partner Jana Iriyadi and their glass and metal artworks are also on display.



## Art Skills Workshop – Photo documentation of Artworks

A workshop by Mollie Bosworth covering basic equipment and techniques to get good images suitable for an artist's portfolio and website, will be held on:

**Saturday, 28th May**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm**

**at the shop next door to the Arts Co-op Gallery, Coondoo Street**

Bring your camera, notebook and any art object you wish to photograph. Free to Arts Co-op members and \$15 for non-members. Bookings essential: 4093 9026 10am–4pm.

## Watch this space!!!

Soft sculptures for display outside the Arts Co-op Gallery are currently being designed and crafted. Fun, colourful and jaunty. We won't be missed by the daily passing foot traffic. Watch the space outside the Gallery.

## Mareeba Art Exhibition

The Mareeba Art Society Inc has its popular annual exhibition coming up. It is open to entries from all artists. This year's exhibition will be from 12th–17th July. It is held in the PCYC Sports Hall, Walsh Street, Mareeba. Awards total \$4,500.00 over many categories. Entry forms and conditions for entry can be downloaded from <http://artscrafts4880.tripod.com/id15.html>. For more information ring 4093 3199.

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# The Way it Was (Part 8)

by Peter Ryle

This is the eighth instalment of the article "The District of Cairns" from The Cairns Post 13 August 1890.

## The District of Cairns

By our own reporter  
(Continued)

To continue my account of Mr. Koch's selection I must say a few words for the forest land which is so prevalent about here. Not so rich as the scrub soil and not so fertile or so adapted for close settlement, forest land has its advantages. It is generally considered unfit for cultivation purposes and written down as so. This is to a certain extent correct, but not wholly so. As it now lays it would not do to plant crops among the timber and cultivate them by the hoe, as is possible to do on scrub soil. It is now sour and unfit for even cultivated grasses, but if it were turned over and the air allowed to sweeten it, very fair results could without doubt be obtained. A selection with forest pockets is invariably a poor man's selection. To grub out the roots from forest land is of necessity pastime compared to the laborious backbreaking operation of rendering scrub land fit for the plough. If a £100 contract was let to get a piece of scrub land grubbed out, the piece done for that amount would be but the small area of three or four acres, while the same amount of money spent on forest land would result in a large paddock. If then the plough was more generally employed these large tracts of forest could be made to produce almost as much as the scrub soil will. The judicious employment of fertilizers and small water schemes, not necessarily expensive, would in many cases being in returns where none are at present drawn. To return to Mr. Koch's selection. Since writing the last paragraph which appeared in our last issue I discovered that the return of 30 bushels of corn to the acre had been obtained from the scrub land and not the forest as quoted by me. However, the difference there is not great, as the soil is the same, only the scrub is manured with the decayed vegetation of years and the forest is not. Mr. Koch is a great believer in grape vines. The situation and the soil cannot be beaten for the purpose of a vineyard. There are about 1300 vines now in, and this year (the third) a good crop may be expected. Mr. Koch has a thorough method in cutting and training the vines, and there is every probability of a fair return. About 70 excellent healthy fruit trees are flourishing and some 100 banana plants have been put in. the fruit trees are oranges, citrons and lemons. At the other side of the selection Mr. Koch has several acres more under cultivation, but time forbade me looking over. A sawn timber house, 22ft by 12 ft is being built with an 8 ft verandah all round. It is astonishing what a quantity of really nice looking houses are going up around, and the familiar split stuff humpie

seems to be going out of fashion.

Below Mr. Koch's selection is that of Mr. Dillon, who is but a recent arrival there. He has a considerable slice of the forest country, and is running a big herd of cattle.

At Myola is the selection of Mr. Emil Scholz. This is a very pretty selection, adjoining the township, and fronting the river and route of the third section. There are two beautiful creeks through this land, and the soil and situation make it a valuable piece of property. Mr. Scholz has 100 full sized banana plants, paw paw trees, pines, and sugar cane. About six acres is now ready to plough. The clearing is fenced with a good fence of wire with top rail.

Lower down on the other side of the river adjoining the late Mr. George Hobson's place is the selection of Mr. Wm. Knocks. While waiting for the railway to be completed before starting in earnest to cultivate his land, Mr. Knocks has cleared about 12 acres, and planted it with fruit trees, following the rest of the selectors by going in for oranges, citrons and lemons, besides other fruit. He believes in grafted trees, and being a gardener has selected them for himself.

Before touching on any more of the selections around I will give a brief description of the roads, railways and townships. The road from Middle Crossing to Welcome Pocket is perhaps one of the best and cheapest works done by the Divisional Board for some time. Some very ingenious cuttings have been made over some of the many gullies, and a very good crossing or causeway of stones has been put in at Owen's Creek. Without this track the Welcome Pocketites would indeed be shut off from the outside world until the railway reached them, and therefore the road is regarded as a boon and a blessing.

(To be continued.)

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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

**Terry Eager** focuses on the diverse and unique uses of glass in contemporary arts practice. Glass is such an alluring medium, it luminates and glows. Terry creates magnificent flowing shapes which come to life before your eyes. Terry's glass works include fine sculptural pieces as well as decorative bowls and plates. Every part of the process is critical. Her willingness to experiment and challenge the medium has resulted in a spectacular array of artwork.

## Where is your current studio?

Mainly on my verandah, but also under the house and at times has been known to take over the dining table, laundry and kitchen sink!

## Do you work alone or with others?

Generally alone, but I have worked in collaboration with other artists. The artist I have worked with most in the past was Hans Pehl.

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

Good light and lots of horizontal space to spread out!

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

I don't think the word 'pattern' comes anywhere near my work habits! Sometimes if I have a deadline, it occupies all my available time, other times I might go weeks without doing anything. My other jobs take up a lot of my time available, and there is a lot of other life to fit in too!

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

Mainly I do my production series of bowls and plates, which involves a lot of cutting and assembly, then finishing edges after the first firing to get a nice clean edge. They all go through two firings to get to the finished product.

I also do cast pieces, mainly for exhibitions as it is very labour intensive and involves a lot of mould making which are generally for once-off use. Lately I've been using computer and TV glass for this.

## Why is glass your chosen medium?

It was something that at the time was not being explored by many people and I have always found glass to be a seductive medium. It has a lot of variety of aspects to explore.



In cast glass you have the added dimension of inside space as well as the usual colour, texture, form. You also have the effect of light passing through! Though a lot of my pieces are opaque, I always include a transparent element so you can tell, yes it is glass!

## List three things you listen to while working.

I mainly listen to Radio National on demand – it can be a music show like Music Deli, but sometimes if I don't have to think too much it might be In Design or All in the Mind.

## Your favourite tool?

At the moment it is probably my diamond saw, because it has opened up new possibilities – but I should say my kiln in case it gets offended and decides to get revenge!

## How do you identify your work?

I engrave my name with a Dremel on the bottom.

## How do you sell your work?

As I am not producing a lot these days I just sell through the Arts Co-op and the Cairns Regional Gallery Shop.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I am not home enough!

## What do you do with your seconds?

If it is only a minor blemish I will sell it on sale days or give them as a present. But often if something goes wrong, it is a crack or I've programmed the kiln wrongly late at night – then it is a bin job!

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

Yes I have two paid jobs at present – at the surgery, where most people know me from and also I do a few odd shifts at Lotus Glen. Otherwise I certainly would not survive!

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

I'd have an elf to tidy up after me!

## If you were not working with art what would you be doing?

Everything else I do!

Terry's glass art can be seen and enjoyed at the Kuranda Arts Co-op Gallery in Coondoo Street. Her public art glass installations throughout the village are identified on the Kuranda Art Trail brochure, available at the Arts Co-op and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.



## NEWS from your COUNCIL

### Thanks to sponsors of 2011 Great Wheelbarrow Race

The Great Wheelbarrow Race is over for another year and what an event it was! A record number of teams, 44 in total, contested the annual three-day event which took them over 140km from Mareeba to Chillagoe, with plenty of fun had along the Wheelbarrow Way. And, a record amount was raised for charity – more than \$120,000!

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### MAJOR PROJECTS TAKING SHAPE

#### Malanda Sewerage Project

Mayor Tom Gilmore and Cr Rhonda Sorensen were given an inspection of the new Malanda Wastewater Treatment Plant recently to see how the project was progressing now that the region is experiencing clearer weather.

The main bioreactor structure is complete while the control building is expected to reach lock-up stage this week. At this stage, the plant should reach practical completion during August, when clean water commissioning can commence.

Tenders will be invited during June / July for the house connection works. It is anticipated that house connection work should be able to commence in Malanda during September.

The Malanda Sewerage Project is a \$14 million project which is being supported by the Queensland Government through a 65 per cent subsidy on the overall cost of the project.



Mayor Tom Gilmore inspects the progress of the aged units being built in Malanda.



#### New Aged Housing Units

Tablelands Regional Council, with funding from the Federal Government, is constructing additional aged housing across the region. The \$3.44 million of funding is being used to construct 18 one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units for rental by seniors who require subsidised housing.

All units are now underway, with the slabs for the four one-bedroom at Malanda poured recently. Other aged housing units are being provided in Kuranda, Mareeba, Mt Molloy, Atherton, and Yungaburra, with all to be available for tenancing towards the end of 2011.

A second package of units, to be located in Atherton, Malanda and Mareeba from \$4.5 million in funding by the State Government, will commence in the second half of 2011 and be completed during 2012.

### COMMUNITY PLAN Get involved!

Over the coming months, Council will be offering many opportunities for residents and stakeholders across the region to have their say in the 10-year Tablelands Community Plan. Council will hold community engagement events at the following venues soon:

#### CHILLAGOE

**Tuesday 31 May** – 10.30am-2.30pm Indigenous Planning Workshop, Chillagoe Town Hall

**Saturday 25 June** – 11am - 2pm, Community Planning Workshop, Chillagoe Town Hall

#### KURANDA

**Friday June 10** – 8.30am - 1pm, Voting Stall, Kuranda Post Office

**Tuesday 14 June** – 10.30am - 2.30pm, Indigenous Planning Workshop, Kuranda Community Precinct, Block C

**Tuesday 28 June** – 6pm - 8pm, Community Planning Workshop, Kuranda Community Precinct, Block C

#### ATHERTON

**Monday 6 June** – 5.30pm-8.30pm, Community Planning Workshop, Merriland Hall

#### MAREEBA

**Tuesday 7 June** – 10.30am - 2.30pm, Indigenous Planning Workshop, PCYC Hall, Walsh Street.

**Tuesday 21 June** – 5.30pm-8.30pm, Community Planning Workshop, Mareeba RSL

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# KURANDA VILLAGE TAX TIP

By **Fay Allen** BCom CPA

## Does my association need to be audited?

On 15 March 2007, the Queensland Parliament approved changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981(Act) to make life easier for associations.

These changes mean that associations will have different financial reporting requirements depending on whether they are a Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 association.

**Level 1:** Level 1 associations have either current assets of more than \$100,000 or total revenue of more than \$100,000. There was no change in financial reporting requirements for Level 1 associations. These associations must lodge financial statements audited by a person with the appropriate qualifications.

**Level 2:** Level 2 associations have either current assets between \$20,000 and \$100,000, or total revenue between \$20,000 and \$100,000. They are required to lodge financial statements that have been verified by a person who can audit Level 1 associations or by a person approved by the Chief Executive. An audit is not required. The verification statement must state: "I have sighted the association's financial records and the financial records show that the association has bookkeeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities" or words to the same effect.

**Level 3:** Level 3 associations have total revenue of less than \$20,000 and current assets of less than \$20,000. Level 3 associations will need to lodge financial statements that have been verified by the President or Treasurer of the association. An audit is not required. The verification statement must state: "The Association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities" or words to the same effect.

Level 2 and Level 3 associations need to be mindful of any governing body of your association that requires a full audit. They also need to be mindful of the rules of the association although the Act overrides any rule that is inconsistent with the Act.

If you have adopted the Model Rules after 15 March 2007 then the changes are included in these rules.

I hope this has been helpful to those generous people who volunteer as committee members of associations in the community.

The above information is a summary only. If you have any questions about audits please feel free to call me on 4093 8222 at Kuranda Village Accountancy or visit the Office of Fair Trading website [www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au).



## Seedsavers Up North – Meeting Notice

Seedsavers Up North is our local seed network, part of the seedsavers network Australia-wide. Seedsavers provides gardeners with the opportunity to learn about the importance and procedure of saving non-hybrid and organic seeds. It is also an opportunity to meet and share with like-minded people, sharing knowledge and experiences as well as the bounty from our gardens, in the form of our collected seeds, cuttings, plants etc. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. And, to all the people who connected with seedsavers thru the beautiful national permaculture day, at the flexible learning centre, we welcome you and hope that you can attend.

People from Cairns will come up to this meeting and discuss forming a seedsavers group in Cairns – hope to see you there too...

*Lisa*

### Next Meeting – Sunday 5th June 2011

**Time:** 10am – 12 noon – seed exchange clean, pack, label and put seeds in seedbank.

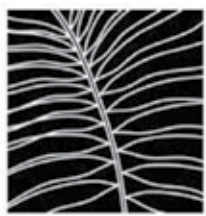
12.00 – 1.00pm shared lunch

1.30 – 5.00pm – introduction and sharing circle, seedsavers meeting, garden tour, afternoon tea, networking

**Where:** John, Dulcie and Gary Delai's place, 'Wongabeena', 47 Ray Road, Mareeba, ph 4092 2149 or contact Sandra on 4092 7105. Follow the signs.

**What to bring:** seeds for the seed-bank if you have some, any seeds, cuttings, seedlings, plants for the share-table, chair, folding table if possible, cup, plate and cutlery, something to share for lunch and/or afternoon tea, gold coin donation. Tea and coffee available.

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*Where*

**In the shop next door to the Co-op Gallery, Coondoo Street**

*When*

**Saturday 28th May**

*Time*

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*Presenter*

**Mollie Bosworth**

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# Determinedly Dr Dave

MOST PEOPLE in Kuranda know **Dr Dave Cuming**. He is the driving force in the Kuranda Medical Centre and the subject of this month's profile.

A determined man, his character reflects his main interest in his youth – rugby, and to look at him in his fit middle age you can still believe it. Born in Kent in England nearly 50 years ago, he ascribes his career as a doctor to his ability at rugby (although he admits that he was also good academically). How's that, you say. Well, his answer is that the Dean of the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School was a great rugby fan, and was intent upon maintaining that school's good form in the inter medical school rugby cup. The School had a distinguished history dating back to the mid 1900s. And it had the advantage of having many students from Wales, a rugby centre. So Dave was accepted as a medical student and graduated from there as a doctor, qualifying in 1985.

He spent a little while working in paediatrics around London before putting his name forward for Operation Raleigh in West Africa, where he served for three months. This gave him a new perspective on the practice of medicine.

Coming back to London, he met his future wife Margaret, a senior nursing sister from Cairns. In 1990 they moved to Cairns to live, and they married at the end of that year. Together they then went back to England to live for 10 years, where Dave practised as a GP in the west country (Devon). They had two girls. But Margaret was still homesick, and while the girls were still young it was possible to contemplate an Australian return. So they made the move back again to Cairns.

By a twist of the immigration laws Dave was not eligible to practice in Cairns. But with the assistance of the QRMSA, Dave was eligible to practice in Kuranda, and it just happened that the two Kuranda GPs, Ian Williams and Ashley Peake, wanted to sell at that time. So Dave took over the practice, operating from the old buildings that were then on the site of new Foodworks. Dave also bought a house in Cairns.

In 2003 Dave bought the land where the Kuranda Medical Centre is now located and made extensions to the building. It opened for patients in September 2003. Later he opened



the practice in Redlynch. Dave now spends about three days a week in Kuranda and about two days in Redlynch. The practice is now thriving with 15 practitioners plus staff, with Dave as the senior practitioner and mainstay. Dave now lives in Redlynch, with room for his children's horses. You often see Dave cycling up and down the Range Road to and from work, so please, please be careful.

Dave loves Kuranda and its people and enjoys the mix of work and patients, from senior citizens to indigenous people to many other races. Work is his way of providing service to the community, and this he does with great assiduity. But he is not a doctor to be taken for granted. He strongly believes that people have to take responsibility for their own health in all aspects of their lives. He does not accept the common practice of defensive medicine and is opposed to over prescribing and over testing. Patients may not always be happy with his views. He puts his views into practice in his own life, through healthy living and plenty of exercise. He sees his role as setting an example, not only to his fellow practitioners but also to patients. One cannot help but to admire this approach, at a time when many people look for external sources and excuses to explain and resolve their problems rather than looking at themselves. He sees preventive medicine as beginning with the patient and his/her responsible choices in life.

But within these limits, service to others remains for him a key driver. This includes an extensive use of bulk billing in the practice and the maintenance of high standards. His recruitment policies reflect this. And he is keen to limit the waiting time for patients to see a doctor.

In his limited spare time, Dave is a tennis fan and also at futsal. He is active in the Freshwater Pony Club. He is a devoted family man. What an advantage it is for Kuranda-ites to have such a man and such a medical practice on their doorstep. Surely a great positive for the community.

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## Tablelands Community Plan Kuranda District

### Get Involved - Have Your Say!

The Tablelands Community Plan will set out the community's priorities and long-term vision for the diverse towns and districts across the Tablelands region. It will also identify the high level regional issues and global trends likely to affect our future. This is an opportunity for you to identify the top priorities for the Kuranda district for the next 10 years!

Please choose ONE of these ways to tell us your top 5 issues:

1. Cut out and return your completed survey to the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre or the Kuranda Library by **17th June 2011**; OR
2. Complete the survey on the Council website:  
[www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/community-plan](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/my-community/community-plan) OR
3. Post your issues on our Facebook page.  
Search Facebook: **Tablelands Regional Council Community**; OR
4. Vote at the information stall we will be holding in Kuranda on Friday 10th June from 8.30am to 1pm at the Post Office.

### Kuranda District Community Planning Workshops

Please make time to attend the Community Planning Workshop to find out what residents have identified as the top community priorities for the Kuranda district and help develop actions to achieve these.

#### Indigenous Planning Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday 14th June 2011  
**Time:** 10.30am - 2.30pm  
**Place:** Kuranda Community  
Precinct Block C

#### Community Planning Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday 28th June 2011  
**Time:** 6 - 9pm  
**Place:** Kuranda Community  
Precinct Block C

Council is also conducting separate community consultations for the Kuranda Community Precinct (Old School Site).

For further information contact Glenys Pilat on 4043 4110.

### Kuranda District Survey

These are the main issues for the Kuranda district identified in other community consultations and reports. Please tick the **top 5 (five)** issues that you think are the most important for the next 10 years. If you believe there are any issues missing, please add them.

## Kuranda District Survey

Choose 5 issues

- ☐ Community and health outreach services needed
- ☐ Connect Kuranda facilities with a network of safe walking and cycling tracks eg. Pool, school, recreation centre, town centre
- ☐ Continue to upgrade and improve town and community infrastructure eg. public toilets, sewerage, footpaths, parks, gardens and recreation areas
- ☐ Diversify the local economy
- ☐ Emergency/crisis accommodation required
- ☐ Greater community support for the Kuranda Recreation Centre needed
- ☐ Greater control of pests, weeds, feral and domestic animals required
- ☐ Greater recognition by council & government of Kuranda's specific needs
- ☐ Greater support of local arts and culture required
- ☐ Improve road infrastructure, e.g. widen roads, sealing, upgrades
- ☐ Improve telecommunications services, e.g. TV, internet, phone
- ☐ Improve water quality of Barron River upstream of Kuranda
- ☐ Improved access to Cairns needed
- ☐ Improved community health and safety
- ☐ Improved educational outcomes for children
- ☐ More aged care, accommodation & support services required for seniors
- ☐ More affordable and appropriate housing required
- ☐ More employment and training opportunities required
- ☐ More youth venues, events and healthy activities required
- ☐ No more clearing of rainforest for residential use
- ☐ Planning for the Kuranda Community Precinct (old school site) required
- ☐ Preserve and promote the cultural and heritage features of Kuranda
- ☐ Preserve the natural environment
- ☐ Promote and support local businesses
- ☐ Public transport for Kowrowra, Mantaka and Myola needed
- ☐ Revitalize the village character of Kuranda
- ☐ Strategies for the ongoing viability of the tourism industry needed
- ☐ Upgrade walking & cycle tracks through Barron Gorge National Park

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Living in Kuranda

**As our temperature drops and 'Winter' conditions continue, prepare yourself and your vehicle for seasonal road conditions on the Kuranda Range and Kennedy Highway.**

## Driving in mist & fog – what can I do to prepare my vehicle?

- Refill your windscreen washer bottle with water and check the squirt pump operates properly.
- Clean your windscreen wipers and do a 'test run'. If they are not working properly, buy new ones.
- Clean all windows and windscreen (interior and exterior) to remove any smoke haze, dirt, grime or chemical residue.
- Read your car manufacturer's instruction manual, to learn how to de-mist or anti-fog the interior of your car.
- New cars especially European and Asian vehicles are fitted with front and rear fog lights. Check and read the owner's manual.
- Check all headlights are working and aimed correctly.
- Check the condition of your tyres and ensure correct tyre pressure for better traction and control on slippery roads.
- Check your battery, as lights, heaters, air conditioners and windscreen wipers use a lot of battery power.
- Use Rain X Anti-fog liquid for the interior windscreen.
- For 'Wet Season' driving use Rain X Water Repellent on the exterior windscreen only. Heavy rain will glide easily off the outside glass. (Do not get these two products mixed up). Removing Rain-X from a Windshield <http://tinyurl.com/3kamqab>). If you can't afford or don't have Rain-X, try using shaving cream smeared on the interior glass and polished clean. It makes a good temporary anti -fog remedy. (Do NOT use on the exterior windscreen.).
- Before driving to work in the morning, quickly spray water all over your car and exterior windscreen.

## Remove condensation

- Do not wipe the screen with your hand, use absorbent cloth, towel, or chamois, won't smudge the windscreen.
- Set the de-misters to the fresh 'outside' air, not interior air.
- If your air conditioner and heater work correctly, switch both of them on. If not, then safely wind down driver and passenger windows to fully open.
- If the windscreen still fogs up inside the car, switch the fan on, and direct it onto the interior windscreen.
- For outside condensation turn on your windscreen wipers and use the squirt pump.

## Mist & fog = low visibility

- Most driving decisions are based solely on vision or speed, so please SLOW DOWN.
- Fog creates a visual illusion resulting in limited sight, incorrect distance judgement, and the illusion of slow motion. So please slow down because you may actually be speeding.

## Make sure you can be seen

- Be aware! Grey or white vehicles are almost invisible in heavy fog or mist.
- Re-check your rear view mirrors before you switch on lights and adjust de-misters. Beware of speeding tailgaters.
- Some vehicles are fitted with fog lights front and rear. Know how to use them and don't forget to switch them off or you will incur a penalty. New rules on fog lights: <http://tinyurl.com/5ws452q>
- No fog lights? Then switch on headlights (not high beam). Dipped headlights direct the light down onto the road and help other drivers to see you.
- Double the normal distance between you, and the car in front, to allow for safer braking and reaction time.
- Tailing someone's rear lights can give a false sense of security, and is dangerous.
- Never stop in the middle of the road – you will be rear-ended.
- While driving, gentle manoeuvres are safer. Gently touch your brake and steer smoothly.
- Your full attention is required. Turn off the radio, music and mobile phone to reduce distractions.
- Beware of fallen rocks, trees and cassowaries.
- Driving DOWN the Kuranda range, do not drive too close to the left-hand side.
- Driving UP the Kuranda range, do not drive too close to the middle white line.
- Driving between Kuranda and Mareeba (Kennedy Highway) – stay alert for kangaroos, cows, horses, stalled cars or slow moving trucks.
- Read all electronically operated warning signs and follow instructions from TMR Road Tek staff.
- Be patient! Don't put other traffic in danger, especially school and tourist buses, caravans and trucks.



June comes in with a Solar Eclipse at 21:00 hours G.M.T. on 1st June (actually 7.00 am AEST 2nd June). There is a partial Solar Eclipse at 11° Gemini. The eclipse shadow tracks from East Asia to North America. All the symbolism speaks of duality; polarities; reflections and interfacing opposites. Insubstantial, but subtle, butterfly effects. The eclipse influences the next six months. So, on a personal and global level we'll see the "butterfly effect" rippling through our own lives, and around the globe. What will happen? Whatever you set in motion really, but much amplified – thoughts and intentions no less than actions. Gently, gently.

Then, at around 6am AEST on 16th June there's a total eclipse of the moon at 24° Sagittarius. So it's possible that if you have a clear view of the western horizon you might just see the eclipsing full moon setting in the west as the sun rises in the east. This Lunar Eclipse occurs right on the moon's north nodal position, which just means that the sun, earth and moon are exactly in line and this of course creates the total eclipse as the earth's shadow is cast full upon the full moon. If you extended the sun-earth-moon line out into the galaxy you would also be very close to aligning with galactic centre. So, yes, it is a total eclipse of the heart. And the western horizon corresponds with Venus who rules affairs of the heart. So from our perspective in this part of the world the next six months will be very heart centred bringing many endings and beginnings in affairs of the heart. Ultimately bringing an expanded and healing awareness of the power of love and true beauty.

This could awaken some wonderful creative and artistic opportunities and, no doubt, test a few relationships, but that's the universe for you. Never a dull moment!

From 26th to 29th June we have a very interesting flowing alignment of planets. Here's how it goes: Uranus in Aries; Jupiter in Taurus; Mars in Gemini and Sun in Cancer all sitting around 5 degrees. All in harmonic resonance with each other. Pluto sitting across in Capricorn and Chiron in Pisces also around the 5 degrees. This will create an incredible resonance as the energy flows on and amplifies through each sign and planet.

As this follows on from the Winter Solstice on 22nd, and the two eclipses – everything is amplifying, cranking-up and pulling us into the vortex. Just be aware of it; go with it, and drop the baggage. Yee-ha!

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- Other drivers may not know the road, and may not know how to use the control panels on the car dashboard.
- At a road crossing or junction with limited visibility, stop, open the window, and listen for traffic. When you are sure it is safe to proceed, do so positively and do not hesitate in a position that puts you directly in the path of approaching vehicles.
- Do not pass other vehicles in foggy conditions.
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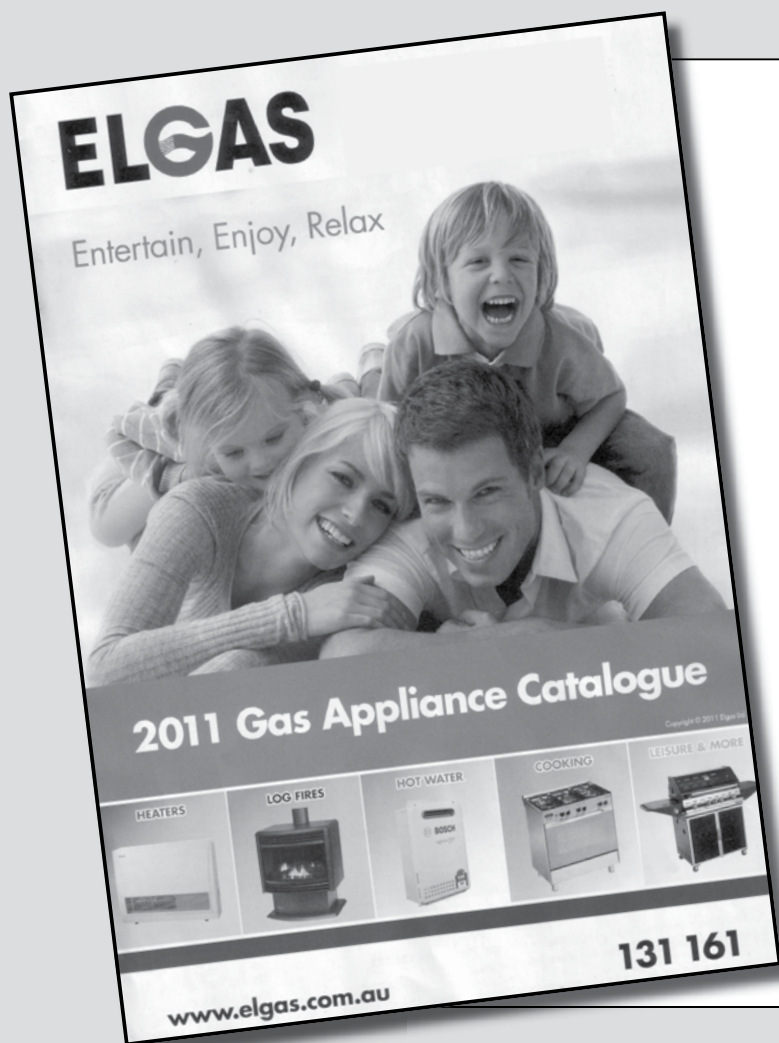
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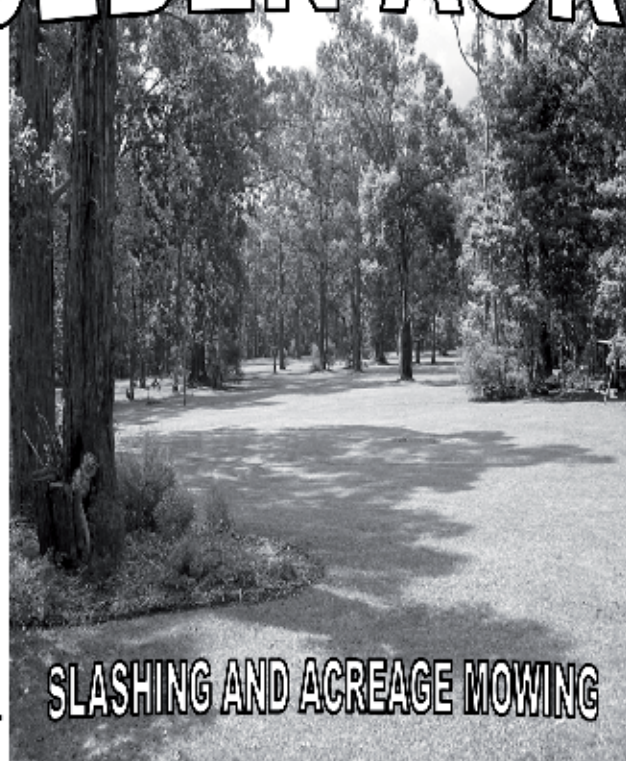
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## Principal's Message

The college is a very busy place at present with students engaged in many very significant learning opportunities and events.

Our college main focus must remain on teaching and learning however many other elements of the school are noteworthy.

Our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students recently participated in the Naplan testing. This yearly testing is now a core element of all schools. Our school devoted a large amount of time and effort in preparing students for these tests. We do encourage parents and carers to be careful placing pressure on students based on one testing regime. Our school has a number of other testing methods which together with Naplan results gives us a truer picture of the students' progress. Naplan results will be published later in the year.

We have just completed our college athletics carnival and at time of writing this article a winner had not been determined. The students turned up in large numbers and were great ambassadors for the college. Our school representatives will now go on to compete in Barron River District competitions. Our age champions will be published in our next school newsletter.

Our Parents & Citizens Association is very active this year with a number of projects in the pipeline. One of the most significant changes this year is the movement of the uniform sales facility to the P-6 Campus. All uniforms will be sold out of a specifically allocated room near the primary tuckshop. If parents or students wish to purchase uniforms they are available on Thursdays between 8.30 and 9.15 each week. On other days students can put orders in at the office and the P&C committee members will attend the requests as soon as possible. The second significant change for P&C is the meeting date. Our meeting time this term is now the second Monday night of the month at 6.00pm in the secondary administration office. New and former members are most welcome

Gary Toshach  
College Principal



## ATHLETICS DAY at our College

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May we held our annual Athletics Days. Students across the college participated in events over a two day program gaining points for their house teams. Events ranged from the traditional long distance races to sprints, long jump, high jump and shot put. The junior school program consisted of tag tigg, egg and spoon races tunnel ball. Lots of smiling faces showed that a fun time was had by all.







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## A Thought for June

This month we read a passage from St John's Gospel Chapter 20 verses 19 to 31. 'Jesus said to [Thomas] "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. John 20:29.

Things went a little haywire for Thomas, at a time when the other disciples were daring to believe that the unbelievable had actually happened. Thomas could not take the news on board without proof. So Jesus allowed him to go a week beyond belief, in continued doom and gloom and uncertainty – and then, very daringly, challengingly and convincingly, made it impossible for Thomas not to believe. That was the 'God of the second chance' at work.

As we re-live the wonderful Easter story, doesn't it home in on us that God is in the risk business in a big way, as we see one after another of the disciples, nearest and dearest to Jesus, failing to understand, doing or saying the wrong thing, being slow on the uptake? It took Jesus most of Easter Day to get the message across to those in whom he was placing his trust to take the Church out from Jerusalem and into the world at large. He had to convince them that it had happened – that preaching the gospel was more important than trawling in a netful of Galilean fish. So what chance have we of convincing the millions of people out there that the gospel today is worth more than the National Debt?

At times we are like Peter, Thomas and the rest. We are slow to respond to God's hints and prods. Sometimes, when we think we're actually doing quite well, we let down our guard and do, or say, the wrong thing – not deliberately, please God, but often because we've taken off some of the attention our Lord requires. But God is still the 'God of the second chance'.

And nothing is too big or too trivial for him. We have his word that if we sin in ignorance, he understands. Yes, he does, and we are not to be too hard on ourselves. God not only forgives sins confessed and repented of, he also forgets them. If God is so magnanimous, we also need to forget them. The world will try to tell us that such is not the case; but the world does not, in general, know the meaning of magnanimity and love.

But then, the world is not God. If we let go the pull of the world, and hitch on to the gentle pull of God, we shall let go all those inner tensions that threaten to surface, and which tell us we are no good; we've failed in our calling; it would be best to chuck in our lot with the rest of the world.

If Satan can get us to believe all that junk, he is one happy Devil. Peter could have been so devastated by his threefold denial of Jesus that he high-tailed it out of the limelight, never to return. Who would then have become the missionary to the Gentiles, and the first Bishop of Rome? Thomas could have wallowed so whole-heartedly in his doubting that he broke off all relations with the other disciples, and never returned to the upper room. Who would then have been the first to take the gospel to India? – for that is where tradition tells us Thomas went.

Even today, in some parts of India Christians are known as 'Christians of St Thomas'. The disciple's grave is said to be in the church at Mylapore, near Madras. God knows what it needs to keep us in his will. He'll work with us, as he worked with Peter and Thomas. He will give us all that is necessary to keep us on the right lines. We can bank on it; God's assurance is gilt-edged. And, praise him, it's not beyond belief.

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

"Again, consider how much the principles of the religion of Christ have been forgotten, and how many heresies have appeared. For example, Christ forbade revenge and transgression; furthermore, He commanded benevolence and mercy in return for injury and evil. Now reflect: among the Christian nations themselves how many sanguinary wars have taken place, and how much oppression, cruelty, rapacity and bloodthirstiness have occurred! It is then clear and evident that in the passage of time religions become entirely changed and altered. Therefore, they are renewed."

*(Abdu'l-Baha, Some Answered Questions, p. 166)*

**Meditations/Reflections:** all welcome to this special spiritual time, different theme each week, every Wednesday, 7.00pm, Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom Therwine Street, Kuranda.

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

**Ascension of Baha'u'llah:** Holy Day commemoration, 28 May 2011. All welcome.


**Study Circles by arrangement:** please feel free to enquire.

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

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

## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*The difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.*

*To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.*



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## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 4pm - Kuranda CWA Hall**

Kuranda's about to put on another spurt of growth in an area already feeling the strain, that is, in the Fallon Road / end of Mason Road (Kuranda Springs) area.

Some 80-90 house blocks are to go in along Fallon Road, backing on to some Mason Road properties and stretching to the Kennedy Highway. There is no plan for any access to Kennedy Highway apart from existing Mason and Fallon Road. This is looming as an issue of concern. We'll be discussing this at the next meeting.

There was a good turn out of people interested in discussing ways of raising morale in the face of reduced visitor numbers to Kuranda and poor takings. For some, the income has hardly been worth the effort. The town's viability depends on the businesses so we're looking at how we can inject some zing into the businesses. Here's a summary of a great deal of discussion:

- ❖ Continue to develop the "Unique to Kuranda" concept - merchandise you can only get in Kuranda
- ❖ Make busking easy and regular;
- ❖ Tourism Kuranda to run an 'ambassador program' at the airport;
- ❖ Make streets look busier and brighter by dressing up vacant shop windows (with merchandise and artwork available elsewhere in the village);
- ❖ There could be financial help available for businesses through DEEDI's 'Job Assist' program

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We received a call reporting a very young cassowary in the valley behind the markets the day before. We visited the place but could find no trace of it. The next day it was found in the markets. It was captured and taken to Townsville to be fed up and nursed. How did it get separated from its parent bird?

Wherever it came from, we are on notice that cassowaries are close by. What a thrill and what a responsibility.

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If you spy a cassowary on the Kuranda Range Road, you can call 13 19 40 and the Dept of Transport and Main Roads will warn motorists with a message on their flashing lighted signs at the top and bottom of the range road and send out an SMS message to all the mobile phones on their register. You may have to verify that your call is bona fide.

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If you absolutely have to have pretty flowers that don't belong here, please also plant some native plants as well.

Another thing to check on if you must plant non-native plant species is the likelihood of them spreading out of control and becoming a pest, such as "mother-in-law-tongue", syngonium (butterfly creeper in hanging baskets), African tulip trees and many creepers with their attractive flowers.



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Last year Mobile Muster ran a campaign asking people to hand in their old mobiles and accessories and they would donate \$2 a kg for a tree to be planted through Landcare Australia. Kuranda Envirocare was lucky enough to be chosen as one of four groups in Australia to receive this funding and we'll be using it to extend rainforest habitat for endangered species, such as the Myola frog and Southern cassowary. We'll keep you posted on progress. Watch for community plantings next year.

**Boral supplies constructive change**

Thanks to our on-going CVA team sponsorship from Boral Australia, we once again hosted a planting day with CVA international volunteers and members of the Boral team from Tichum Creek and Cairns. Our combined crew of 20 dug 600 holes, and planted and watered-in the last plants for our Caring for our Country

funded site. It was great for Boral crew to see the planting done by the Boral sponsored CVA team in March. With all the heavy rains we've had they've shot up over the last 2 months. The other reward for their efforts was a BBQ, which for some of the newly arrived international volunteers was a novel experience - a true Aussie day.



"A job well done" Boral and International volunteers - Thank you!

**Community Planting & Field Morning- Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> May 8am**

Help us plant 500 trees, sponsored by individuals through our Envirocare GROW Project. We're restoring the margins of the forest on Warril Creek to provide more rainforest habitat for the endangered Myola frog and palm.

Bring a hat and water, gloves and a trowel if you have them. All holes will be dug and fertilised, so you just need to plant and mulch. We'll do the rest.

Then return to the nursery for a session on soil erosion with Joe Rhodes, followed by morning tea and a cold composting demonstration. After a cuppa we'll take a short stroll through a couple of sites near the nursery - one 3 years old, and the other one year old. Come along to all or part of the morning.

See you there.

Program

Planting 8am to 9am

Speaker session - Soil erosion controls by Joe Rhodes 9:30 to 10:30

Morning tea and cold composting demonstration 10:30 to 11am

Revegetation site walk from nursery 11am to midday

Park and meet at Envirocare nursery, 284 Myola Road

**SPEAKER MEETING - Mike Richardson - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June 7pm**  
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*Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome.*

## Budget 2011-12

Budget preparations are almost finalised. Councillors and staff have worked through a number of Budget Workshops to trim the budget as much as possible. Once again, the budget will be tight; however there will not be significant rises in the General Rate. Some increase in residential sewerage rates is anticipated. The Budget will be publicly presented in mid June.

## Valuations

Landowners should have recently received their property valuation notices. These valuations are determined by the State Government Valuers Dept and are used by Councils to calculate General Rates. If you have any questions regarding the valuations, please contact the Dept of Resources and Environment Ph: 137468 or check their website [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au). If you have concerns regarding your valuation, the objection period closes on July 4th.

## Community Consultation for Kuranda Community Precinct

The consultation process is still underway and progressing well. There will be opportunities for further community input over the next month. Details will be mailed and will be available at the Library and Post Office and online. If you would like more information, please let me know or contact Engagement Plus (consultants) at [pat@engagementplus.com.au](mailto:pat@engagementplus.com.au) or Ph: 07 3368 3008 or Mob: 0400 188 373.

## Community Plan: Meetings in Kuranda

The Community Plan is also progressing well with consultation across the whole region in all centres and districts. This is a legislated requirement of all Councils to guide Council plans and budgets over the next 10 years. Kuranda Meetings are as follows: Stall at Post Office, 12-4pm Friday 10 June; Indigenous Community Workshop: 10.30am Tuesday 14 June; Community Workshop: 6pm Tuesday 28 June at Block C at the Community Precinct. More information and a summary of the workshop ideas are shown on the TRC Community Planning Facebook page. You can still contribute your comments and ideas either via Facebook (search

“Tablelands Regional Council” on Facebook), or by emailing [joyw@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:joyw@trc.qld.gov.au). Further information is also available elsewhere in this edition as well as a tear-out survey form.

## Barang Street Closure

I have had many questions about Barang Street. Please have a look at the article on Barang Street on page 29 in this paper. Basically, the crossing is significantly damaged and the crossing is unsafe. The repair estimates are around \$300,000. Council has secured funding for the works through the NDRRA (Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Reconstruction Authority). The funding guidelines require tender processes. Unfortunately, all this has added delays to the commencement of works which has meant continued inconvenience for residents.

## Fallon Road/Jum Rum Crossing

Council has approved signage and lighting upgrade to the approaches to the crossing and also allocated \$150,000 to constructing a bridge access on the causeway. The signage and lighting works should be completed before next wet season.

## Lights at Ros Common

The lights are installed at Ros Common Tennis Courts and will soon be available for use. Residents will be able to purchase tokens for a small fee, which will enable them to use the lights. More details will be available at the Residents Association meeting on June 6th.

## Council Meetings

Council Meetings in May will be held on Wednesday June 1st in Malanda and Wednesday June 15th in Herberton. Any resident is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

## Councillor Contact Details

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## Safety Upgrades on Kuranda Range Road Continue

Ongoing safety improvements for users of the Kuranda Range Road remains one of my top priorities so it is good to see the latest equipment being installed. Seven electronic Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are being installed on the Kuranda Range including on the approach to the downhill 'hairpin' bend.

These intelligent wet weather and speed detection signs will alert motorists to drive to the conditions and remind motorists to slow down if they are driving too fast. These types of signs have proved to be effective in reducing crashes.

Departmental officers have also completed road friction safety tests for the bend, showing that if motorists are adhering to the conditions, using VAS warning signs and static 40kph advisory sign on the curve, there is adequate skid resistance on this section of the road.

Many people who live in Kuranda who also regularly drive the Kennedy Highway to Mareeba will also be pleased to know that planning is underway to determine the best way to manage traffic increases on this section in the years ahead.

## Government Funding Supports Tourism

Cyclones, floods and the high Aussie dollar have all played their part in making operating conditions for tourism businesses extremely difficult. That's why the additional \$12 million funding for tourism marketing and development has been so important over recent months with reports of strong Easter bookings. Congratulations to Marc Sleeman and the team at Tourism Kuranda and Kuranda businesses for putting on such a lively and effective Easter promotion for Kuranda.

## Housing Upgrades Underway

Work continues on the new housing at Top Korowra with families already moved in to completed stages. As part of this project, the State Government also funded

the extension of the sewer line which will enable connections from the School, Mantaka and other properties in the area including the proposed Welcome Pocket aged care facility delivering both environmental and health benefits.

I also recently met with community members to discuss further improvements to housing in the district and I will continue to lobby government for more investment in housing in the Kuranda area.

## Barron River Queensland Day Awards

This year I will be again be holding the Barron River Queensland day awards to honour constituents who have served our community through volunteering. Recipients are nominated by their peers and need not be from an organisation, it could be a helpful neighbour or friend. Please visit my website to download the form [www.stevewettenhall.com.au](http://www.stevewettenhall.com.au).

## Regional Parliament

Following the success of the Cairns regional sitting of Parliament, the next regional sitting is to take place in Mackay 24-26 May. I will be travelling to Mackay on the Queensland Rail Tilt Train, One of the Tilt Trains has been transformed by 301 meters of Queensland Indigenous artwork, the first of two destined to become striking tourist attractions. Aboriginal artists Judy Watson and Torres Strait Islander Alick Tipot, both with well established international careers are featured.

## In Memorium

I would like to record my respectful acknowledgement for the life of the late Milton Brim. Milton Brim is a loved and respected Djabuguy elder who will be remembered and missed by so many from his country and beyond including the many thousands of people he met through his work as a ranger at Skyrail. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.





## Barang Street roadworks

Barang Street, Kuranda has been closed for some time now, due to the collapse of pipe work under the road that needs to be replaced.

The works will cost significant funding (approximately \$290,000) so Council applied for funding and has been successful.

Tenders are set to be advertised on Saturday 11 June, with Council expected to receive a report and select a tender at the Council meeting of 20 July. Tenders are being called for the removal of the existing embankment and broken pipe, placing new box culverts, replacing the embankment and then constructing batter protection gabions or similar, followed by the restoration of the road surface.

The project is expected to take an estimated eight weeks once works have begun (weather dependent). In the interim, motorists are asked to take alternate routes – via Thongon Street and Thooree Streets, Kuranda and Masons Road and Fallon Road, Kuranda.

## Trees to be removed

Three large pine trees near the bus parking area and entrance to Skyrail will be removed after a request from the management of the tourist facility due to safety concerns.

Skyrail has advised Council that it is concerned about the trees due to the number of falling pine cones. The cones are being dislodged by both natural means and the activity of cockatoos.

Due to the height of the upper branches, pine cones fall at great speed, damaging paving bricks and could cause injury to visitors to the Skyrail station.

There has been work done in the past to mitigate the risk, with trees being reduced by half the height, but this has left unsightly trunks as the variety does not re-shoot. Three trees and two unsightly trunks will be removed on 3 June.

## Bridge to replace causeway

A bridge will replace a causeway on Fallon Road, Kuranda where a woman died earlier this year after her vehicle was caught in floodwaters.

Tablelands Regional Council has approved the construction of the bridge, estimated to cost \$155,000, with the majority of funding to come from developers' contributions currently being held in trust for that area.

Following the fatal car accident, Council officers conducted a road safety assessment of the site to identify any future improvements that could reduce the likelihood of any future incidents occurring during times of flood.

Officers recommended enhancing warning signage of the Jum Rum Creek causeway as a short-term measure, and replacing the causeway with a two-lane bridge to reduce potential future accidents.

Fallon Road serves as the key access for people living in the growing Kuranda Springs area, with traffic volumes currently in excess of 800 vehicles per day.

## Bursary on offer for young sportspeople

The call has gone out to young people all over the region who are seeking to excel in their chosen sport.

Tablelands Regional Council will be nominating two aspiring young sportspeople from the region to the North Queensland Sports Foundation for the 2011 BHP Billiton Cannington Mine North Queensland Sport Development Bursary.

The \$500 bursaries, as well as a unique embroidered track suit jacket for each successful applicant, will be awarded to two recipients to enable them to pursue

their chosen sport.

Applications must be submitted through member Councils of the NQ Sports Foundation. So, now Council needs to hear from people in the community to be able to determine the two nominations to go forward

Applicants must be under the age of 18 during the year the Bursary is awarded (that is, they must be still 17 years of age on 31 December 2011). The applicants must also live in the Tablelands Regional Council area.

Applications need to be received by Council by 3 June, 2011. Application forms can be obtained from all Tablelands Regional Council service centres or by contacting Council's Coordinator Sport and Recreation Christine Leet on 4043 4769.

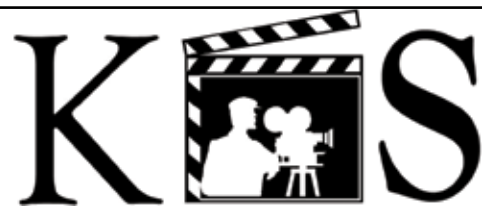
## Monastery Life

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, 'We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son.' He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot. So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the fu%#@#ing R!" His forehead is all bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.. The young monk asks the old abbot, 'What's wrong, father?'

With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, 'The word was CELEB R ATE!'



## Kuranda Film Society

Sunday 5th June at 4.00 pm

at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Subscription for 2011 is \$20 per year, commencing February, or \$5 for a one-day membership.

For more information ring Hans at 4093 8393

**"Absurdistan" (2008) (comedy)** Germany's Veit Helmer's 3rd movie. An allegorical comedy centered on two childhood sweethearts who seem destined for one another until the women of their isolated village, angered by male indifference toward the water shortage, go on a sex strike that threatens the young couple's first night of love. (Russian, 88 mins)

**Interval** – bring along a snack to share; tea, coffee, green tea provided. followed at 6:00 pm

**"Fearless" (1993) (drama)** Australian Peter Weir's 10th feature movie. Francisco architect Max Klein can see clearly now. He's been transformed ever since he stared death in the face - and discovered he was unafraid. Jeff Bridges plays Max, more wildly alive and taking more risks than ever since surviving a plane crash. Isabella Rossellini is Laura, struggling to find in Max the man she married. Rosie Perez, is fellow crash survivor Carla: alive, yet devastated by a grievous loss. It seems no one can heal her pain. But then she meets the one person who fearlessly knows how. (English, 122 mins)

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# Kuranda Community Precinct

The Kuranda community's interest and participation in the consultation process about the future use of the Kuranda Community Precinct has been both wonderful and exciting. A total of 217 survey responses have been received.

What quickly has become apparent is that people in Kuranda are passionate about their community and environment. It is a very diverse region with many different community and business interest groups.

The future development of the Kuranda Community Precinct is seen by many in the community as an opportunity to revitalise the village, address wider social needs and help create better community cohesion.

The community have suggested the following Key visions for the Kuranda Community Precinct:

- The desire that the Precinct be developed to act as a community service hub providing Kuranda residents with a place to access community services and engage in activities that enhance social connection. Suggestions include consolidating existing community services and facilities in the one location (e.g. the relocation and expansion of the Library).
- That the Precinct be a multi-purpose space that provides and supports recreational, sporting, cultural, educational and ecological experiences for the entire Kuranda community while preserving the significant environmental and historical aspects of the site.
- Integration of the Precinct with other surrounding facilities and services (e.g. Kindergarten, Amphitheatre, basketball court, JumRum Creek walking track, Bartley Park).
- Provision of an education/training facility that supports a wide range of learning opportunities and needs.
- Provision of a conference centre that caters for 150+ people that can also be used as a place to hold exhibitions and expos.
- Development of an aged care facility/residential units for seniors to provide for Kuranda's aging population.
- Development of an indoor sports and recreation facility in addition to providing facilities that support existing sporting groups that use Bartley Park (e.g. club house for rugby league).
- The Precinct is an opportunity to address some of the wider social needs apparent in Kuranda. Suggestions include the establishment of a men's shed, day care facility, youth centre, women's shelter and community housing.

The community have shared their views about the important considerations that should shape the future directions of the Precinct including:

- The long term financial and social viability of the site and its structures.
- The cost of developing and maintaining the precinct to ratepayers.
- Community ownership and acceptance over any proposed development.
- Facilities developed should complement, and not compete with existing facilities such as the CWA Hall, Neighbourhood Centre, Recreation Centre and Amphitheatre.
- Any development of the site should plan for the future long term needs of the Kuranda community.
- Aesthetically, any development of the site should be consistent with the existing character of the town and its buildings. It should also preserve the significant historical and environmental aspects of the site.
- The precinct should not be developed in such a way that becomes a white elephant, under-utilised by the Kuranda community.
- The precinct and facilities it contains should be inclusive of, and accessible to all aspects of the Kuranda community.
- The development of the precinct should be used as an opportunity to revitalise and reinvigorate the Kuranda community. It should be a vehicle for community involvement, communication and community building.
- The site should be retained as a public asset for the benefit of the Kuranda community now and into the future.
- The Precinct should be developed primarily for the community's benefit, with very little, if any, commercial development.

## What's Next

We are currently in the process of finalising the development of options for the site based on our consultations so far. These options will be the subject of a second survey which is likely to be distributed in the community by early June 2011. The survey will be mailed

out to residents, available in hard copy in key locations around Kuranda, and online via the Tablelands Regional Council website.

This second survey will close on Thursday 7 July 2011.

While the response to date has been fantastic, we hope to better that this time, thereby ensuring that any preferred direction developed is truly reflective of the wider Kuranda community.

We encourage everyone to participate!

Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle Feenan, Engagement Plus on 07 3221 7443 or email [michelle@engagementplus.com.au](mailto:michelle@engagementplus.com.au). We'll ring you back!

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**Fully Furnished** Airconditioned Open Plan Cottage for rent in Kuranda from early June. \$275 per week plus electricity. Bond and references required. Phone 4093 7316

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**Tribal Bellydance** in Kuranda. Free introductory class Tuesday 7th June. Contact Lisa for details on 0458 182 489, email kurandatribal@gmail.com, web http://kurandadance.blogspot.com



## Kuranda Pony Fair

**SATURDAY 2 JULY 9.30am – 3.00pm**

JUMPING CASTLE ★FACE PAINTING★LOLLY SCRAMBLE  
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 FANCY DRESS COMPETITION – ENTRY \$2.00 – JUDGED 11.30am  
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**This is a fundraiser for the Kuranda Pony Club entrants Heather McLaughlin & Kristy Lane**

STALL HOLDERS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME. \$10 A TABLE  
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## Rural Fire Levy Meeting

KURANDA/MYOLA  
 RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

*When:*  
**20th June 2011 7.30pm**

*Where:*  
**Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade Shed**

**Dawn Hughes**  
 Secretary/Treasury  
 Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade

### Things got you down? Well then, consider these...

- In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11.00am, regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the super natural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11.00am. Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11.00am all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11.00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.
- The average cost of rehabilitating seals after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$8-million. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.
- A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.
- Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.
- Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet did not pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits. Allah is Great!

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Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)  
**Tai Chi Chuan** 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 042 705 4132 or Tai Chun Academy 0409 104 753.  
**Bushikai Karate** Rec Ctr. 10 - 11am Darryl 0487 460 597  
**Kuranda Camera Club - Photo Shoot** 2.30pm, (see Art Pages for this month's location)  
**Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492  
A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599  
**Yoga** 10am Recreation Centre Contact Aileen 4093 7407  
**Speewah Country Market** 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361  
**Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393  
**2nd Sun** **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5:00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730  
**2nd & 4th Sun** **Simply friendship club.** Men and women over 45. Kuranda Resort 12.00 to 3.00pm. Nola: Ph 4093 8824  
**Every Mon.** **Tai Chi** 6.00–7.00pm, Recreation Centre, contact Les Anwyl, 4093 8276 or 0400 938 276.  
**Every Mon & Fri** **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15 pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**H.A.L.S.** (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617  
**Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109/4093 7109  
**Kuranda Horse and Pony Club** 7.30pm Mantaka  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026  
**3rd Mon** **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Dr. Ph 4093 8933  
**Every Tue** **Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537  
**Aquafitness** 6:15 pm Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109  
**1st Tue** **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm's original markets at 4.30pm.  
**2nd Tue** **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St. Saviour's Church.  
**Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642  
**2nd & 4th Tue** **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30–9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.  
**Every Wed** **Volleyball under lights** at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. contact Lisa 4093 9659 or Leo 0405 116 066  
**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA hall 9.00am  
**Kuranda Playgroup** – 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda Ph 4093 8361.  
**Weekly Meditations/Reflections** 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street.  
**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm–7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Yoga** at CWA  
**Mah Jong** at KNC 12:30 to 4pm. All welcome  
**Soccer Training**, Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109  
**Aquafitness** 8:30 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109  
**1st Wed** **Kuranda Interagency Network** Mtng 2.00pm at KNC  
**2nd Wed** **QCWA** meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.  
**Every Thur** **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30 pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Lifeline Counselling** at KNC (appointment necessary)  
**Women's Acapella Choir** Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays  
**Bushikai Karate** Rec Ctr. 6-7pm Darryl 0487 460 597  
**2nd Thur** **Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road  
**Every Fri** **Sandra's Kitchen** at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road. Contact Sandra 4093 7393 Thursday. Bookings essential  
**Barefoot Bowls** 6.00pm at the Recreation Centre Fallon Road  
**Aquatronics** 11.00 am Kuranda Aquatic Centre Myola Rd. 4093 7109  
**Zumba.** CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298

Contributors: CHECK THAT ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT



## Kuranda Amphitheatre June Events

**Friday 3rd June:** Neil Murray in the Understage, Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm, Food available, Entry \$20 and \$15 Members/Concession

**Wednesday 1st, 8th & 15th June:** Focus Theatre 'Theatre Sports' with Kylie Guy, The Understage, 6.45-9.00pm, KAS members free, others \$5/session

**Every Mon & Thurs:** Circus workout with Piers & friends, From 4pm, for info contact Piers ph. 0438 368 117

**Wednesday 22nd & 29th June:** Focus Theatre Group, The Understage, 7pm. Anyone welcome.

**1st & 2nd July:** 'Kuranda Roots' Festival of Soul, Reggae & Soundsystem Culture, (see Kuranda Roots article on music page for more information).



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000  
SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone 132 500

## RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

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

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| Departs Kuranda                                                     | #0720      | #0720     | 0830               |
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| CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)                                      | 6.47am                       | 8.32am  | 11.32am | 1.32pm | 3.02pm |
| CAIRNS (Central)                                          | 6.50am                       | 8.35am  | 11.35am | 1.35pm | 3.10pm |
| KURANDA                                                   | 7.30am                       | 9.15am  | 12.15pm | 2.15pm | 4.05pm |
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| Departures                                                | Daily (Except Christmas Day) |         |         |        |        |
| KURANDA                                                   | 7.30am                       | 9.15am  | 12.30pm | 2.15pm | 4.10pm |
| CAIRNS (Central)                                          | 8.20am                       | 9.55am  | 1.10pm  | 2.55pm | 4.50pm |
| CAIRNS (Spence St)                                        | 8.25am                       | 10.00am | 1.15pm  | 3.00pm | 4.55pm |
| CAIRNS (Mall Zone D)                                      | 8.32am                       | 10.02am | 1.17pm  | 3.02pm | 4.55pm |
| 7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH |                              |         |         |        |        |
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| MAREEBA                                    | 6.45am           | 9.30am  | 4.00pm | 6.45am   | 9.30am  | 9.30am  |
| KURANDA                                    | 7.30am           | 10.05am | 4.30pm | 7.30am   | 10.05am | 10.05am |
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| MAREEBA                                    | 9.45am           | 4.40pm  | 6.40pm | 9.45am   | 4.40pm  | 4.40pm  |
| ATHERTON                                   | 10.20am          | 5.10pm  | 7.15pm | 10.20am  | 5.10pm  | 5.10pm  |
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