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Spirit of Kuranda

You have probably heard about the Spirit of Kuranda already – be it via the grapevine or from *The Cairns Post* or from the protest that was featured on the cover of last month's *Kuranda Paper*.

The Spirit of Kuranda is the group of concerned citizens of Kuranda who have made it their aim to develop and maintain the lush and colorful ambience of the "Village in the Rainforest".

Their first symbolic act was to try and beautify the rather unattractive entrance to Kuranda by placing some plants on the new traffic island. Elsewhere garden fairies have planted flowers and plants in several spots in the village. Others have taken to picking up rubbish on important tourist-walks. Letters have also been written to the council and other relevant authorities about the state of several bus stops and more colourful painting jobs are expected to happen via the CAFE project sponsored by Mareeba Shire Council and Queensland Government.

It is wonderful to see how many people care and are willing to do their bit. If you have any ideas how Kuranda can be beautified, or would like to do something for the village, contact Hannah at Spirit of Kuranda, ph 0405 064 488, or via facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343166162473735/> or e-mail: tomamma5@hotmail.com.

A Kuranda Community Garden?

The Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee invites interested people to get together at the precinct, Arara Street (site of new library) on Sunday 13th December, 2015, 3.00pm for an informal get-together to dream, plan and get to know each other. Please bring food and drink to share, your enthusiasm and ideas.

Contact person is Kellie McBride 0404 206 788.

LAST MONTH this paper ran a front page story about the pedestrian refuge in Rob Veivers Drive and Barang Street and how unfortunate it was that its appearance was not in keeping with the plantings and street art in the rest of Kuranda.

Recently there have been several initiatives: firstly, *The Kuranda Paper* has contacted the council with what we think is a workable proposal to modify the refuge, satisfying both council safety concerns and our residents' issues with its appearance. Council has agreed to consider the matter at a regular meeting on Wednesday 2nd December which is unfortunately after the paper is printed, so we publish without knowing the results of the meeting. Secondly, an enterprising new group has been formed, named "Spirit of Kuranda". It has over 160 members and is dedicated to improving Kuranda's ambience. A letter from Hannah Wattel at left refers. Thirdly, members of the Kuranda Advisory Precinct committee are calling for people interested in a community garden to get together and we publish a notice regarding this also.

The common theme running through all this is that of Kuranda taking control of our own destiny and accepting responsibility for how we want to look and live. Some five years ago the Garden Group put a proposal to the then council, suggesting the group take responsibility for the various plantings around the village, choose the plants, maintain and replace them. The council accepted the offer but the initiative stalled and nothing further was done. The Garden Group remains supportive but its members are getting older; the average age is already over one hundred and eight; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Many members would be happy to advise younger and fitter residents about what to do however and Spirit of Kuranda would seem to be the ideal venue for this. We recommend everyone who is interested in what Kuranda looks like to read and contribute to Spirit of Kuranda and those who want to be actively involved to go to the Precinct meeting. For our part, as soon as we know what the council decided regarding Green Island we will post it on Spirit of Kuranda.

Lastly, this is the final issue for 2015 and is where we traditionally wish everyone a happy festive season. So **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and we'll see you all again in January 2016.



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Dangerous Section on Oak Forest Road

There is one particular section in a turn on the Oak Forest Road just before Mantaka that is very notorious for accidents after rain. I think that a majority of locals are very aware of that section but as it happens there are especially the Horse and Pony Club members coming from other areas, driving their vehicles while towing horse floats and, as shown on the recent photo from 22nd November, sliding off the road is very easy, even while driving slowly.

As a local resident I have contacted the Mareeba council and requested something being done but to no avail. So after a bit of rain my family is constantly on edge every time we hear a vehicle's tyres sliding on that turn in the road. Sometimes there is a bump as a vehicle crashes into the trees and so far there has been no serious injury to anyone but something has to be done to make that road safe. I would seriously suggest for anyone being involved in an accident on this patch of road to lodge a complaint to the Mareeba council because the next driver or a family member may not be so lucky and walk away from an accident.

The Mareeba Council has been contacted by me and my husband on several occasions. We have supplied photographs of accidents but apparently there is no funding as the council has made some major roadworks in the area. I just cannot imagine what the council would seriously provide as an explanation to a family who should lose their loved one because our council members had turned a blind eye. At the last accident there were a lot of resources called to the site, all of which costs precious funding that could be spent elsewhere on important projects. And unfortunately, as with most problems which are pushed to the side and not resolved in time, it has to come to some very serious consequences before anything will be done.

Iveta Svihia



Thanks For Support After Accident

I would like to send a massive thank you to all the people from Myola and Kuranda District, as well as the Emergency Services, that helped support myself, my two daughters and our three horses during our vehicle accident on Sunday morning on the Myola Road just before the Kuranda Pony Club Grounds.

This was an extremely terrifying and scary situation, and your assistance helped ensure that my family and the horses are all safe and sore but doing well. Thank you again.

Pamela Evans and family

Help Locate Stolen Guitar

I'm Debbie Robinson. We have had a pretty major fire at our house in Kuranda, damaging kitchen, lounge and dining areas. I had house insurance but not contents insurance. We have been placed in temporary accommodation at Yorkeys and whilst here my son's bedroom has been broken into. His 50" flat screen TV, Xbox 360 and Gibson electric V guitar, plus hard drives and other bits, have been stolen. It's hard enough coping with the fire's effect, now this...his guitar is a really good one which I will never be able to replace, similar to the one pictured.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Debbie 0407 553 039



Village Signage

The "Green Island" may appear to be an ugly blob of concrete and steel but there are two gaudy signs pointing to it as a "Refuge Island", both also with a people sign (what else?). Why does it need signage? Is it incomplete? Will it be roofed to provide a safe haven for little people during cyclones? If not take an angle grinder to both of the useless and unhelpful signs.

I am equally appalled by the other fatuous new signage littering the village. Why the ubiquitous children and cyclists signs which state the bleeding obvious and apply to every town and street in the country? Entering the village before the service station there are signs for "Aged on Side Road" (do we need one in every street?), "Kuranda Traffic Area 3P" then "Area Parking Control" and "Watch for" cyclists/pedestrians. Is the village so tourist unfriendly? These are all road safety graffiti especially as the parking spaces are already fully signed.

Continuing along Rob Vievers Drive at the park why is there a high vis pedestrian crossing sign (replace with 30/40 speed limit) duplicated 10 metres later (remove) then two more signs at the actual crossing another 30 metres hence? Contrast this with the busier crossing at the toilet block which has a single sign obscured by palms and a sign for amenities/information centre.

On Coondoo Street why is the Mareeba/Cairns sign at Venom Zoo duplicated 50 metres later? Have others misread the sign near the fire station 40 END SHARED ZONE? What is the point of END 3P sign on corner of Barang Street? A high vis directional sign to village centre before the turn from Barron Falls Road at the Church is long overdue.

The traffic engineers graduated from Nanny State School but not the School of Common Sense.

I shudder at the outcome of developing the charming Therwine Street.

Barry Hodson

2015 Kuranda Scenic Railway Maintenance Closure Dates

December: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th
Christmas Day 2015: Closed



Library opening

On Saturday 21st November the relocated Kuranda Library and Council Service Centre was opened at the Kuranda Community Precinct by the Mayor of the Mareeba Shire Council, Tom Gilmore.

This is a significant milestone in the re-development of the old Primary School site. The Primary School was moved nearly 10 years ago to help form the College on Myola Road. A key part of the community's acceptance of the move of the Primary School was the purchase of the site by the old Mareeba Shire Council for community use.

Although there has been some intermittent use of the site and a considerable investment in the consolidation and refurbishment of some of the facilities, the fitting-out of the lower storey of old C block to turn it into a first-rate library facility gives the Kuranda Community Precinct a beating heart.

It is a tribute to the many community members, Councillors and Council Officers who have sat on committees, attended meetings and provided feedback at formal and informal community consultations on the future of the site.

A special thank you goes to Mayor Tom Gilmore and



Mareeba Shire Mayor, Mr Tom Gilmore plants a Maniltoa Lenticellatta or silk handkerchief tree at the official opening of the new Kuranda Library assisted by Kuranda College students Ava-Rose McIntosh, Layla Whittaker, Samara Sporre, Darcy De Nittis. Also present is Jax Bergersen from Kuranda Conservation who supplied the tree. The tree was chosen because a large silk handkerchief tree was also located at the front of the old library.

Deputy Mayor and local Councillor Jenny Jensen for their strong and ongoing support of the project.

The vision is by no means complete. An incomplete list of possible future projects which have been suggested includes:

- Development of a high-tech video conferencing room in one of the upstairs rooms in C block
- Seeking a grant to assist in the installation of a lift to allow access for all, to the upstairs rooms
- Further plantings perhaps with botanical labelling
- A series of public signs outlining the history of the site and surroundings as a school, its Indigenous use, the early white settlement and also the natural history of the area
- A children's playground
- Bench seats, picnic tables and BBQ facilities.

Any of the Advisory Committee members listed below would welcome feedback on ideas for future development of our Community Precinct.

— **John Baskerville** (Chairperson)

Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee
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Mandy Dewey, John Robinson, Arch Mc Arthur, Peter Thompson, Kellie McBride

THE KURANDA PAPER



The Production Team would like to wish all our readers, contributors, and advertisers a

Merry Christmas
and a Joyous New Year.

NOTE TO READERS

Please note that this is the last edition of *The Kuranda Paper* for 2015.

In keeping with past tradition, there is no January edition: *The Kuranda Paper* is published 11 editions per annum generally on the last Thursday of the month.

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To China Through Steiner

This morning I had peanut milk and coco flakes for breakfast. I looked up 'How often do Chinese get diabetes' and the search engine told me 30%. I was expecting a lot higher as these days the Chinese seem to have a bit of sugar added to many things they consume such as soy milk and bread products. Thankfully the steamed buns are still savoury! The reason I looked up this statistic is because I was reading the ingredients for everything I've been eating and drinking and the drinks I found are fine as I've been drinking water and milk, however some of the snack food I've been eating has a shocking amount of sugar.

I was driven to school by the home stay Dad from the home where I'm staying. We started the day with Tai Chi. Even those that haven't learned all the moves yet spend 20 minutes of their school morning in silence and the teacher is pretty impressive. The main lesson was good. I had main lesson with the grade 9s and 10s today because the Principal of the school was teaching them and invited me in. Everyone else had electronic translators to help them understand but I didn't really need one as my Chinese is pretty good. That class was pretty interesting. I took a few notes in the class. After morning tea, Callum, Jenna and I had Chinese poems to learn. It was one of those classes that didn't go to plan. The teacher got a bit angry at us for talking while we were doing our work. Chinese teachers can be quite strict and they really want students to take their lessons seriously. Our Chinese language teacher has been patient with us while we learn her teaching style and likes the effort we are making with our Chinese diaries. After that we played soccer and it was pretty close game with the final score was 3-4, my team came second. After sport, we had Maths and woodwork. Then lastly we had choir. During choir Yashoda had a birthday and everyone sung Zhu Ni Sheng Ri Kuai Le (Happy Birthday in Chinese) and we shared some cake. School days are longer in China. We started at 8.10am and finished at 4.30pm when you clean up the school and everyone gets to go home at 5.00pm.

— Seth Danford

snowball fights and had a couple of rest breaks. We also saw a couple of squirrels which climbed up our arms and legs. Along the way they had oxygen bottles for people who could not handle high altitudes. It was about a four kilometre walk up to the top. When we got to the top a couple of us wanted to go further to see some serious snow. We climbed for about a kilometre. By the time we had climbed that high we were basically on a vertical hill using the trees as hand holds and had a snowball fight up there. It was super fun. I practically fell down a kilometre when we were going down, well, rolled back down actually! It was a fantastic day. Great for us that the Chinese people have decided to live in high rise buildings in such condensed areas, so they can still preserve lots of the beautiful nature. At the end of the day we were exhausted but we still had a great time. The whole trip was a really great life changing experience. I loved the noodles, they were fantastic. I also enjoyed the freedom and being able to travel around wherever you want without much difficulty. Public transport in China is awesome! The culture and the performances throughout our trip were amazing. Thanks to our teachers for supporting us.

— Merlan

As I woke up I knew it was getting close to the end of our trip in China but we had time for at least one last adventure that we could do together as a class. That adventure was to go up the mountain to where it was really cold and the snow was light and puffy. After a long and painful six hour bus trip, we finally got there and we stepped out into the minus two degree fresh air and it hit us all like a solid brick wall. After climbing the mountain by actually walking on a path, we decided to get off the path and go bush, have some fun, you know! plus all the inviting snow was where we were going. It was a fun and cold climb to the top and once we finally got there we had the coolest snowball fight in history! It was on the side of the mountain and people would always be falling down and copping snowballs, it was great fun! On the way down we ran and jumped over all the big piles of snow. One of my friends, he was a bit clumsy and must have fallen over about thirteen times jumping here and misjudging it and tripping there, he really is a character. We got to the bottom in about five minutes and our hands felt like they had frostbite, they were so cold. That snowball fight and mountain climb I will never forget, it was just too good. Anyway, that is one of my best experiences from China. I really enjoyed it and I am very thankful to all the people who made it possible for us to go.

— Rhys



This year my school, Cairns Hinterland Steiner School, took on a huge new project – a trip to China. An amazing dream at the beginning of the year, but now as the year draws to a close, it has been a great adventure that was realised. Early in October 2015 after much fundraising, planning, more fundraising, art auctions, car washes and some more planning, we finally go on a plane to visit a Steiner School in China! China is not a place that any of us expected to be going to let alone find another Steiner School in.

Steiner is an alternative style of learning, which follows the philosophy that learning happens through experience. We learn through doing and our classes are more centred around one on one relationships between teachers and students. As a student who has studied in both State and Steiner Schools ways of teaching, I love this way of learning. Steiner is growing all over Australia which is a huge achievement and an amazing experience to be part of. The night we go into Chengdu we were almost immediately billeted out to our host families, many of these families did not speak English. If we were lucky enough to have host brethren who spoke English, it was unlikely that their parents did. It was safe to say our Mandarin really improved along with our cultural knowledge (calligraphy, tai chi, wooden puzzles, etiquette) and self knowledge!

We saw so much from Giant Pandas, baby pandas, rock climbing areas, beautiful snowy mountains in the JiuZhaiGou area and some great nature walks. We watched Chinese Opera with many cymbals, much singing and even more acrobatics and danced around a fire at the Chengdu School's Autumn Festival (a common Steiner tradition). We navigated the subway system, museums, public transport, including tuktuks and really had fun exploring local markets where we had to learn bargaining skills. The food was amazing, full of flavour and often spices. Our host school and families were really very gracious hosts to us.

Though we have now come home from this amazing trip, we are buzzing with the high it has left us on, that or jet lag after our 24 hour red eye commute home. We have now been adjusting ourselves back to English and the heat but we most definitely will not forget our amazing first trip to China and will start planning our next one!

— Taneesha

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KVIC Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame recipient, the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre!

"The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (VIC) won the category for Visitor Services & Information at the former Tropical North Queensland Tourism Awards for three consecutive years. They have now been inducted into the TTNQ Hall of Fame," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The award was presented by Chairman Max Shepherd at the TTNQ Innovations Conference in Cairns on Friday 6th November. We have many trailblazers here in Tropical North Queensland, so it is honour for one of our centres to be recognised like this," Cr Gilmore said.

"The three awards were won while the staff and volunteers were in the old information centre, which is a testament to them to be able to achieve this recognition while working in such a tight space previously," Mayor Gilmore said.

"The Kuranda VIC also received an Award for the Community Relations Category at the QICA Awards at their recent Conference held on the Sunshine Coast this year. The VIC has been successful in the past with these awards, in particular the overall award for winning most categories in 2013," he said.

Last year the VIC won the categories for Customer Service and Statistics. This award recognised efforts in promoting locally made products, artists and musicians. The awards are on display at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.



What a stalwart Beverley Adamson is in the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (VIC).

One of the original volunteers and still going strong, I was very pleased to be able to present to her as a representative of all of the volunteers, the trophy awarded when the Kuranda VIC was inducted into the Tourism Hall of Fame. This award results from the Kuranda VIC being awarded VIC of the years for the three years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the volunteers, and to Cathy Harvey, who does such a remarkable job as VIC manager.

— Tom Gilmore

Kuranda Shines At TEDxJCUCairns

KURANDA local Georgia Bruce recently took to the stage and gave a talk at TEDxJCUCairns. Her talk has since been uploaded to YouTube. Technology Entertainment & Design is a non-profit organisation devoted to 'ideas worth spreading'.

The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes or less.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. These are branded TEDx, where x = independently organised TED event.

TEDxJCUCairns is organised by The Cairns Institute, James Cook University to showcase local ideas and achievements to the global online audience. Other presenters included NAIDOC Scholar of the Year Michelle Deshong; chronic disease prevention researcher Klaus Gebel; community development and social revolution advocate Jesse T Martin and musician Naomi Wenitong.

Georgia's talk titled 'How to really click with people, horses or lions' outlined the best methods to train horses and other animals.

Georgia is a bronze medal winning paralympian who has been training horses from wild brumbies through to elite performance horses for more than 20 years. She has also worked with exotic animals including cheetahs, lemurs, spider monkeys and rhinos.

Georgia uses positive reinforcement techniques (Clicker Training) and demonstrates these techniques at trick shows and training demonstrations around Australia with her quarter horse gelding, "Rumba the Wonder Horse."

Georgia's proud parents Anne Fitzpatrick and Ron Bruce were in the audience. You can view Georgia's talk by following the links from www.tedxjcucairns.com or follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/tedxjcucairns/>

Georgia wasn't the only Kuranda representative, Tai Inoue from Nature Sounds – Filming and Photography was not only behind the camera but is also the main video editor. Allan Dale, a Speewah resident, gave a talk titled 'If you have a pulse then you're a politician,' and recent Koah resident Chris Ah Gee performed his original song 'Fear' and talked about how to find your own voice. The majority of talks are now on line and all talks should be up in December.



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To China Through Steiner *(from page 4)*

Today promised new sights, smells and sounds. Today our teachers with the help of the school had organised a guided tour of the centre of Chengdu. Our teachers told us the previous day to make sure we were on time, 'be there at 8.30am, no later'. So I left the warm apartment and entered the cool, dry air of Chengdu, China. It's like stepping out of a sauna on a cool day with air chills cutting through your layers and touching your bones. Before this week we've had warm weather but the season has changed. It's not all that pleasant. It dries your throat, makes you cough and shiver all the way to school about a ten minutes walk for me, past shops, apartments, pubs, bus stops and so many other things like marjong playing areas, tuktuks, etc. I arrived at school right on time, at 8.28am to be exact. I met my classmates and a few Chinese students who had decided it was a good idea to go in a tour through their own city. The thing was though they looked more excited than we did! We walked to the bus stop and you could smell the food stalls before you saw them. The food stalls were getting ready for the morning rush of people on their way to work. The smell was of so many different things. Deep fried, steaming, boiling and roasting... they were the smells that made our mouths water. We caught bus number 3 and after about 45 minutes travel by bus it was time for us to hop off. Since it was the last stop and the bus was full and of course the Chinese being very impatient to exit the bus, we decided to wait on the bus and watch all the Chinese try to exit a one meter wide doorway all at once. It ended up being extremely amusing and a few people seemed rather impatient to not wait a few seconds to exit the bus behind others. The bottom line is the Chinese people are very hard working and every second is important!

Once we finally exited the bus we were met by our tour guide. She was a young woman in her late 20s and athletic looking at first appearance. We were all handed a small ear piece that we could hear her through instead of her yelling over the noise of the other few thousand people walking or shopping. Our guide took us down the main road and on each side was food, clothes, jewellery and shoe stores all full of customers. Our guide led us into a mall street which used to be the old American Embassy. The Embassy itself was still standing and was a traditional building, not a new concrete box that is built in one day. While on this tour you could really see how China has progressed with the way that skyscrapers reach the clouds but still tower over the small alleyways and hutongs of daily life, almost as if they were not there anymore. It's quite sad to know that all that was before: buildings, houses, shops, markets will soon be knocked down to make way for more high rises. The tour of the magnificent city was almost depleted but so were our stomachs! SO our guide took us to a small noodle shop famous throughout this area of China as being the best noodles. They were not wrong! The smell of the broth was divine and the consistency of the noodles was to die for, I really think I could have gone for another two bowls. Our tour concluded with a short walk to the shopping malls and streets known as Chunxi Road and it was packed with people. It was sort of like Cairns Central but about 12 times bigger and without a roof. It was a great experience never the less.

We met back with our teacher and had a final photo in front of an old Chinese building. We said our goodbyes and thank yous for the informational tour of their massive city. The bus ride back was unadventurous with the exception of the two women who hopped on after us started yelling at each other. The rest of the passengers on the bus found this amusing, I guess you don't really see much public exhibition like this in China, people are good at keeping face. The arguing ladies hopped off the bus soon after. I think that day was one of my favourites because it was a lot of things to see, smell and hear, all in all a good day in Chengdu China, home to 14 million people!

– Casey Cone



As we got off the bus we were given orange ribbons around our necks and greeted with "yashidele" (local way of saying Tibetan Tashidelek). Then the boys were told to line up on the left of the staircase while all the girls were told to line up on the right. We then went past the prayer wheels and a prayer ball which we were all told to spin and touch with our left hand alone and then we had separate photos taken with a monk before we came inside. Inside they had hotpots (spicy stew), low bench seats, a microphone, a radio, dried ingredients for the hotpots, rice wine and tea.

As soon as we started eating they started singing and after one finished they would get us to say "yaso yaso yayaso, oh-yeah oh yeah oh-oh yeah!" After this they invited us up to sing so we sent Taneesha over to the microphone and she sang 'Hit the road Jack' and we all cheered. All of us boys rang out a drum beat on the low bench seats. Layla had a turn with the mic too and Alan, (our music teacher), was happy to see us sharing our performance with our host performers.

After the drumming we all got up and went back down the stairs (not including blondes because the priests and everyone in the China like blonde hair and they had chosen to have a side party with them... today I got out of it because I wore a beanie for the whole time) and we had a group photos at the bottom of the stairs. As well as many Han Zu people, the people that were sharing a bit of their culture with us while we were in the mountain areas near Jiuzhaigou, were the Qiang Zu and the Zang Zu people. There are 54 recognised minority groups in China and we are grateful for your amazing hospitality.

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Friends of Kuranda

New Broad-based Group to Work for Better Planning. Join Us!

On 10th November a public meeting was held in Kuranda to discuss an issue that can all too easily send people to sleep, despite its intrinsic importance: planning.

Last month's **Kuranda Paper** reported the concerns of some residents about the Mareeba Shire draft plan, in particular our view that there has been inadequate (no) consultation over major revisions to mapping of our region which appear in the latest draft of Council's plan.

We reject Council's insistence that the community has already been asked its opinion, and that this latest document must be regarded as more or less final.

At the public meeting, concerned residents had a chance to present our concerns to Councillors and senior Council staff. We were grateful for their attendance, but not greatly reassured by what they had to say.

We believe the new draft plan, if approved in its current form, would be a disappointing endpoint to a process that's now nearly a decade old – and that whereas the Kuranda region deserves the highest standard of planning, we're instead being offered an unsatisfactory plan which is the outcome of substandard process.

Towards the end of the public meeting residents held a discussion, with Council representatives absent, to decide on our next steps.

It was agreed to write to Deputy Premier Trad, whose responsibilities include both Local Government and Planning – and to ask that at this stage the State Government doesn't approve the Mareeba Shire draft plan.

We believe it's imperative that mapping of the region's environmental and heritage values is re-done to a high standard. This plan is expected to last for 10 years and should not be based on inadequate data.

Likewise, we want a plan that can truly be considered state-of-the-art – and which is geared to conservation of the Kuranda region's quite exceptional biodiversity.

So far there are encouraging indications that this appeal by a broadly-based group of residents will receive a sympathetic hearing by the State Government. Especially over the last decade, Kuranda has had a raw deal, forced to rejoin the resuscitated Mareeba Shire Council despite our clearly expressed desire for different arrangements.

This community has a different demographic with different priorities from the Mareeba Shire as a whole. We live in an environment rich with endangered species which constitutes a boundary zone to the World Heritage Wet Tropics. There's a lot of evidence that conserving the region's unique environment matters to locals.

Part of Mareeba Shire Council's pitch is that it simply has insufficient resources to ground-truth and accuracy-check the maps of the Kuranda region's biological diversity it is using. That may well be so.

However, both State and Federal Governments DO have the necessary resources – and both share responsibility for protecting the Wet Tropics and its 'outer skin', which like the Great Barrier Reef is of global concern.

Whether this last-ditch attempt to improve the planning of the Kuranda area succeeds may depend on you!

If enough residents demonstrate a strong desire for something better than the current draft plan, we're likely to achieve our goal.

Please go to the website recently established for this campaign (www.friendsofkoranda.org) for more information and some action ideas.

– Syd Walker



Frog Checks Kuranda Paper
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Cairns Community Enterprise (CCE), now known as BaCC (Building Active Connected Communities) FNQ, has officially unveiled its new name and brand at special invite-only launch events in Cairns and Port Douglas recently.



BaCC, in partnership with Bendigo Bank, provides not-for-profit groups in the Cairns, Kuranda, Mossman and Douglas regions the ability to generate ongoing income streams without having to ask for donations or through time-consuming fundraising activities.

Kuranda recipients were Kuranda Envirocare, Kuranda Community Kindy, Cairns Hinterland Steiner School and Kuranda Conservation Nursery. The cheques totalled more than \$1,450.

Right: Kuranda Conservation receiving their cheque.



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As another year comes to a close, the KRC Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our regular hirers and members of the local community who support the centre. We've had another busy year with more new members joining this wonderful community resource.

We invite everyone in the community to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner and celebration on Friday 11 December from 5pm. On offer we have a beautiful 3 course dinner (with a \$5 discount for members off adult and kids meals!). Bookings are essential and RSVP is Tuesday 8 December. Book via email natureskitchen@mail.com or call **Daniele on 0434 902 048**. See our Facebook page for the menu.

Lots of entertainment for the kids too - jumping castle, 'Gladiator Duel', lucky dips. Adults can relax while the kids enjoy the end of their school year. A special \$100 Lucky Number Member's draw will also be held - you must be there to win or the prize jackpots to January. We look forward to seeing you there and wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

THANK YOU!

KRC Management would like to thank Ron and John Grego at Kuranda Raw Materials for the free delivery of mulch to the KRC.

Xmas Closure

Please check with individual hirers for closures over the Christmas period:

- **Nature's Kitchen** - finish 11 Dec
- **Pilates** - finish 19 Dec. Restart 11 Jan
- **Yoga** - finish 9 Dec. Restart 3 Feb
- **Tai Chi** - finish 14 Dec. Restart 1 Feb
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Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



DECEMBER and last month has seen some useful rains producing some spectacular and prolonged flowerings and leaf flushes. The jade vine in my garden is still carrying racemes to yet open. Now is the time to prepare for the Cyclone Season, taking stock of potential hazards in the garden, trees and branches over-hanging buildings and power-lines, dead palm fronds, garden furniture and children's play equipment, hanging baskets – all potentially serving as damaging missiles carried in gale force winds.

Mulching to conserve soil moisture and cool root conditions and weed suppression is a given. Investment in mulching now will also have benefits in the heavy and continued rains of the Wet, preventing run-offs and soil compaction.

DATE CLAIMER: Sunday 6th December, Flecker Botanical Gardens Plant Sales. Your chance to get something different at a good price from the Friends of the Flecker and other specialist plant stalls. While there, visit the new shade house and its flutter-by of butterflies.

Every best wish to readers for the Festive season and for forwarding your questions. May the New Year see you in good health and your gardens thriving.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Geogenanthus poeppigii*, commonly called the Seersucker plant belongs to the family *Commelinaceae* or spiderwort family. It is a native to Amazonian rainforests and its wandering unbranching growth seldom attains to 25cm. An amazingly long, jaw-breaking name for such a small plant, its broad dark green ovate leaves are puckered and quilted and marked with wavy longitudinal lines of silver or grey.

Requiring an open, humus-rich mix and good moisture during the warmer months, this plant makes a stunning ground cover in shady situations and an excellent potted subject. Easily propagated by division, the plant is sometimes available at nurseries or from house plant specialists.



**For plant sourcing, identification or
general gardening questions,
contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper
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Q & A: Dear Graham: Thank you for the pics and your ongoing watch for invasive plants in the rainforest. The white flowered tree planting at Bentley Park is *Mesua ferrea*, the Ceylon Ironwood. The red new leaf flushes are stunning and their lushness possibly promoted by the recent rains.

Dear Kira: The gratuitous plant in your market purchase is *Pseuderanthemum alatum*, sometimes called the Chocolate Plant, coming from Mexico. I have mixed feelings about the plant, despite its pewter, silvered mid-vein leaf and changeable colouration throughout the season. My reservations are as to its abundant seed-set from its purple-flowered spike and the prolific, tough-as-old boots seedlings. Grows anywhere although fertilising during warmer months will produce a better specimen. May have possible weed potential.



Dear Stan: Your plant is *Justicia brandegeana* (syn. *Beloperone guttata*), commonly known as the Shrimp plant, less frequently seen today as once a standby filler noted for its toughness and near year long flowering. A low to 1m perennial shrub, lasting for several years, it has thin woody upright stems covered with velvety, evergreen foliage. Frequent pinching of growing tips encourage a more bushy plant. Some direct sun promotes better flower colour and firms up stems. Cultivars 'Yellow Queen' and 'Fruit Cocktail' with yellow/green bracts and pink flowers are available at most nurseries.



Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin' – Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall' – Eleanor Roosevelt

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint – Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher – Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury – Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe – Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back – Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat – Alex Levine

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Friends of the Earth Kuranda

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Gas Pipelines Planned For Cape York and Across Northern Queensland

Two members of FoE Kuranda and CSG Free Kuranda along with 120 people from around the country attended a Lock the Gate conference in Lismore. Some of the new gas proposals for our region that were discussed was the gas pipeline from New Guinea through Cape York as well as the gas pipeline coming across from the Northern Territory and on down to export facilities at Gladstone. These pipelines would also enable gasfields to be developed all along their route. Currently over half of Queensland and Australia is covered by coal and gas licenses and could be turned into gasfields.

Naomi Hogan from Lock the Gate said these pipelines were “nothing but a gas giveaway to wealthy overseas companies that want to frack our land and send our gas offshore. Fracked gas is expensive, risky and facing increasing scrutiny and bans across Australia and the world”.

Environment Centre NT director Anna Boustead said in a statement, “The pipeline would lock in climate pollution for decades to come”. She called for a stronger renewable energy sector, which she said would “create far more jobs than the oil and gas sector, and ensure that benefits flow back to local communities, rather than line the pockets of overseas investors”.



Drew Hutton, Lock the Gate Conference
PHOTO DAVID LOWE

Japan Doesn't Know How to Decommission Their 'Melted-Through' Reactors

The findings of a report, which has been given to the International Atomic Energy Agency, were revealed by the Yomiuri newspaper, described a “melt-through” as being “far worse than a core meltdown” and “the worst possibility in a nuclear accident”.

Water that was pumped into the pressure vessels at Fukushima to cool the fuel

rods has been confirmed to have leaked out of the containment vessels and outside the buildings that house the reactors. The plant operator Tepco said it is trying to contain this highly radioactive contaminated water and prevent it from leaking into the sea, but elevated levels of radiation have been confirmed in the ocean off the plant. The radiation has contaminated the soil and plant and animal life around the facility with the estimated cost of dealing with the accident over the next 10 years alone is around \$250 billion. Despite this disaster Labor and the Liberals haven't changed their policy of selling uranium to nuclear reactors that are built near earthquake fault lines.



Caroline Grigor presentation, Lock the Gate Conference
PHOTO DAVID LOWE

Value of America's Weapons Manufacturers Soar as France, US and Australia Call for War

World leaders are calling for escalated military attacks in Syria and Iraq in response to the Paris attacks as they prepare to repeat the same failed strategy they have been pursuing for more than 2 decades in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their bombing strategy has certainly not created political stability in the region as bombing a country actually facilitates terrorist groups forming as well as increasing the refugee crisis around the world.

These war cries reveal the political domination of the arms industry and expose a major flaw of the current economic system where weapons manufacturers need increasing conflicts in order to satisfy their need for increased profits and governments now have a vested interest in calling for war to try and raise the value of their stock markets. Northrop Grumman's stock recently hit a record high after they were awarded a US government contract worth \$23 billion to build new stealth bombers that cost \$550 million apiece.

Hancock Pine Plantation Uses Simazine in Kuranda's Town Water Supply Catchment

A few people recently had a meeting with the manager of Kuranda Pine Plantation who informed us that Simazine is spot sprayed in the plantation. Simazine is a chemical of concern as it is listed as a ground water contaminant, a developmental or reproductive toxin and levels as low as 0.01 parts per billion can damage water-based ecosystems. This is about one drop in 5,000 barrels of water! Because of the way it impacts on hormone function it is also known as the “chemical castrator”. Hancock Plantation says that they do periodically test their runoff for pesticides and that they may make their test results available to FoE.



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Right: A distant galaxy viewed across different spectral ranges. Yes, things are much more than they seem in this hidden world around us. Have a cosmic December, seren.

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KTOWN Productions has been continuing its fortnightly *SoundScribe* sessions and has something special in store for all you budding musicians out there! Recently multi track recording 3 songs by "MontE", a local hip hop artist, and "Josh Hore", a local Cairns musician who supported Ash Grunwald at *The Jack in Cairns* a few weeks ago. Check them both out on Facebook or Soundcloud! If you're a local musician with 3 songs and would love to record them and have a press kit made for you, please feel free to book in to our *SoundScribe* sessions every second Thursday by contacting our liaison Renee on 0447 516 431. Bookings are filling up quick so be fast!



Now for the something special. *Clifford De Silva* has been playing Slide Guitar for over 10 years and is holding a *Slide Guitar Workshop at the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage on the 17th of December*. With influences from the likes of Ben Harper, John Butler, and many more, it's sure to be a treat. Starting at 10am "SlideShow - An introduction to Lap Steel Guitar" will be an informative Slide Guitar workshop containing introductory lessons for the Slide Guitar, elements of the history and nature of the Slide Guitar, hardware (tone bar, picks, slide principles), demonstrations of different genres, and elementary theory. Remember this workshop is for everyone! Anyone is welcome from beginners to pros. Bring in your own guitar to learn how to convert it to a slide. For only \$15 this is one for Musos not to miss! We hope to see you soon from the KTOWN Productions Crew.



Kuranda Amphitheatre News

November 2015

Members and Friends,
Please be advised that the venue will close down throughout the Xmas and New Year period & be ready for action again in February 2016. This gives our Committee & volunteers time to spend with family etc. It also gives Jobfind the opportunity to do works that may not be done otherwise.

A BIG MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!
STAY SAFE

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. is self-funded, relying on venue hire and concert profits to sustain the venue throughout the year.

The Amphitheatre is used on a regular basis by local community hirers. To ensure minimal disruptions site works need to be completed outside of the regular hire periods and the venue may not always be available for use.

Whilst the Amphitheatre is a community space, it relies heavily on venue hire fees to pay the bills, and volunteers for the venue maintenance, cleaning etc.

So as not to disrupt the regular groups utilising the space we request people make an enquiry with the Amphitheatre before using the venue.

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability. Get Membership Forms from:

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or
"The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda.
For all enquiries please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
or email: support@kurandaamphitheatre.org

Support enquiries are accessed by the admin team on a daily basis.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



Original Tattoo Art by Alateia

If you don't remember Alateia from our November 2013 issue then maybe you've seen her lavishly decorated tattoo salon in Coondoo St.

Alateia has been in Kuranda for two years now, most of that time doing beautiful "stain" (removable)

tattoos. All original works of art, many people wanted them made permanent. Well now Alateia can do just that. Create a beautiful



Alateia working on a new design



Vegetable dye "stain" tattoo

permanent ink tattoo for you. She also provides a "trial" service (the only such service in Australia), whereby you can have an original vegetable stain tattoo, wear it for a week or so, then bring it back to be made permanent or modified to your liking. Alateia works closely with her clients to bring their dreams/visions to life. As a fine artist she is able to work freehand, directly onto the skin. Her work ranges from intricate designs to photo realism, depending on what the client wants. Alateia uses only state-of-the-art precision German instruments.

Alateia comes from a Danish-Romany portrait artist mum, and her dad is a Tuhoe (Maori - Children of the Mist) traditional hunter. Tattooing has been



Some of Alateia's more recent permanent ink tattoos

~ MEMBERSHIP NOTICE ~
GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 12th December
at 2 pm in Top Pavilion
Members are strongly encouraged to attend the General Meeting

Have you had a look at the venue lately? Pop in and check out what the Jobfind crew are achieving. They're making some fantastic improvements. Many thanks to the whole team.

We'd like to take this opportunity to explain that the Amphitheatre is primarily a VENUE FOR HIRE, we are not promoters and therefore do not (and couldn't afford to anyway) employ large acts to perform on the main stage.

Yes, the promoter is advised of the weather expectations of the enquiry date. More often than not the enquiry date is one of 2 or 3 days available on a tour, and yes of course we want the gig!

KAS 2016 Membership forms will be available early February for annual renewal!!



Alateia at work in her Coondoo Street Studio

done in the Maori culture for generations, but traditionally it is only the men who practice and pass this ancient art on. Alateia, out of respect for her people's culture, contacted the Tuhoe elders about how they felt about her, a woman, practicing this art. They gave their blessings, so long as she leaves the traditional designs (Ta Moko), to them, however some elders these days are ok about women doing Ta Moko.

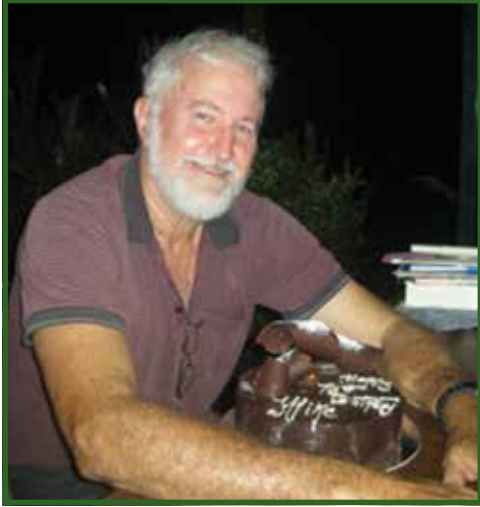


Traditional Ta Moko art



Michael (Mike) John Graham

30/11/1942 – 2/09/2015



Mike Graham, born in Brisbane, completed his Bachelor of Science Geology Honours Degree at the University of Queensland.

As a geologist, he worked in mineral exploration in Mt Isa, Papua New Guinea and Far North Queensland. Upon completion of an Education Degree he was a Science Teacher at Trinity Bay High School, Smithfield High School and Mareeba High School.

His significant sustained environmental achievements were recognised by the Mulgrave Shire first Environmental Award, The Bicentenary Medal

award presented by the Queensland Governor General, for his contribution in the campaign to obtain the Wet Tropics World Heritage Listing and Mareeba Shire Council 2015 Australia Day Award for Environmental Excellence.

A founding member and inaugural President and later Secretary of the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre. A former Vice-President and Committee member active volunteer with Kuranda Envirocare.

Formerly of Jeffrey Road, Oak Forest, Mike was known to many Kuranda residents through his native nursery from which he supplied many rainforest trees to properties around Kuranda, Cairns and Tablelands.

Mike had a great love and interest in science in its many forms, he was rigorous in his pursuit of "good" science, a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher and raconteur, loved nothing more than a spirited debate to share his deep knowledge.

After a long illness family and friends farewelled Mike from his home in Kuranda on the 11th September, 2015.

He is survived by his beloved wife Denise (Donald) Graham (Kuranda).

He is the beloved father and stepfather, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and uncle to Fred and Adri (Morgante) Graham, Kailin and Genevieve (Brisbane), Stewart and Sarah Graham, Kristy, Joshua, Jasmine and Sam (Gordonvale), Lucy Graham (Cairns), Clara Graham (Brisbane), Melanie Donald (Mareeba), Bob and Lorraine Graham, Meghan and Louise and families (Brisbane).

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Speewah Country Tavern

Jeff and Stella Hilton would like to introduce our newest team member,
Chef, Aaron Brien,
who has 25 years in the Hospitality Industry.

Aaron, a new Speewah local, is bringing fresh flavours and a fantastic range of meals to our new menu, at affordable pub prices, beginning Wednesday 25th November 2015.

Our menu will include a variety of starters, entrees, salads, fresh local seafood, pastas, premium Tablelands beef cuts, a selection of chicken and his own Signature dishes.

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Rumble in the Jungle

Saturday 5th December

The Billabong - Kangaventure

6 Bands Rockin' The Rainforest

The scenic surrounds and tranquil settings of Kuranda are about to get a facelift with the 1st Rumble in the Jungle set down for Saturday 5th December at the Billabong in Kuranda.

KSP Productions and The Billabong proudly present the first in what is envisaged to be a semi-regular series of concerts in the idyllic settings of the rainforest.

To launch the event, the presenters have assembled a diverse line up of experienced and fresh bands to bring you a night of music yet to be seen in the area.

Fresh from recently representing the region at the Airlie Beach Music Festival, **Clam Sandwich** will play their infectious brand of pop rock and prove to their hometown fans why they generated such publicity down south.

Tableland's gothic metal band **Vauve Vivious** follows, the young band already having made an impressive appearance at the



Adam Perrett - Odious

Passport to Airlie Battle of the Bands recently.

Punk stalwarts **Meat Bikini** bring their attitude and sweat-laden brand of old school mayhem to the stage, followed by **Swamp Donkey**, who have quietly gone about their business in the Cairns region and earned themselves an underground reputation to match their talent.

Ska exponents **Jobstopper** take to the stage with their lively brand of punk tinged music, their polished brass section capable of bringing a toe tap to even the recently deceased; and **Odious** close the night with their balls-out brand of thrash metal.

With a mix of everything from rock and goth to ska, punk and metal, no matter what your tastes, there will be something for everybody.

There will be a shuttle bus departing Cairns in the afternoon and returning that night (for more details check out the the **1st Rumble in the Jungle** facebook page). Alternately, you can take your own vehicle and stay the night.

Tickets are available on the day at the venue for only \$15, which includes overnight camping. The Billabong has a licenced bar so there is no B.Y.O. – and food and other beverages are available.

Rumble in the Jungle is a licenced/all ages event. Music starts from 5 p.m and goes through till midnight.

Music in Kuranda - There is a hiatus from live events at our local establishments during December, giving us all time to nurture ourselves and prepare for the festive season.

In saying that **The Billabong** gives a resounding **Rumble in the Jungle** with a hot and heavy line-up this **Saturday 5th December**. Rock on down to **Kangaventure**, lovers of metal, punk and ska.

And before we reflect on what upcoming shows are on the horizon, I am happy to share that the performances given by **Kenta Hayashi** in November in Far North Queensland were mesmerising. The layering of vocals, effects and first-class guitar work created an intricate orchestral sound. Awesome indeed. Thank you Kenta.

What is exciting to know is that 2016 brings in a huge influx of overseas talent to our Australian shores and nearby, so for those wishing to wet their musical appetites, this may well be time to plan ahead.

Thanks to the **One Love Festival** (6-7 Feb 2016, Tauranga NZ) during February you can look forward to musical delights criss-crossing Australia and the Pacific with the unforgettable stylings of **Third World**, **J Boog**, **Steel Pulse**, **Common Kings**, **Collie Buddz**, **Maxi Priest**, **Thievery Corporation** and many more.

Third World & Natalli Rize are performing for one night at

the Factory Theatre, NSW on Sunday 14th February. And **J Boog** is performing at the Metro Theatre, NSW on Sunday 21st February. For more information google your favourite performers folks. **KC**



One Love created by Vix at Billabong Beats on 21st November 2015.

Musical Profile & CD Review

Kryston Jones

**Multi-Instrumentalist, Composer,
Singer/Songwriter,
Producer & Sound Engineer**

**"Glimmers of perfection reveal themselves and reaffirm
Kryston's mastery of instrumentation and composition"**
Jason Randall Smith – ReviewYo

From the tender age of seven New Zealander, **Kryston Jones** played recorder, at eight he was learning guitar, and by fourteen had formed the first of many bands. By his late teens he had added piano, keyboards, bass and drums to his instrumental arsenal.

At age 24, after ten years of continuous band work including performances on vocals, guitar, piano and keyboards, sax, bass, drums, blues harp and banjo, **Kryston** embarked on what would become a 30 year professional career as a solo artist, playing at every conceivable type of venue; from hotels, clubs, restaurants, private and corporate functions, to island resorts and cruise ships throughout NZ and Australia.

In 2005, **Kryston** stopped working as a covers musician to concentrate on writing, arranging, sound engineering and the production of original material. His first CD, **"One Man"** was released independently in 2010.

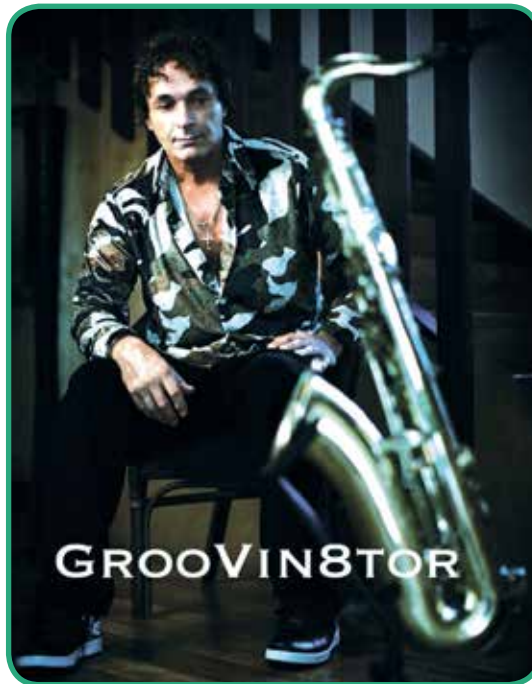
Now a resident in Kuranda, **Kryston** is deeply spiritual with a strong interest in metaphysics. He has also had a lifelong interest in sport, from running marathons, the local pyramid race, triathlons and ultra triathlons.

He is passionate about this planet and supports *Friends of the Earth* in Kuranda.

"When you take the warm, alluring vocals of Barry Manilow and combine that with both the excitement of a swing band sound and the mature demeanour of a practiced jazz musician, you've got a sound that's perfect for the type of music he creates."

Being able to sing, along with playing the saxophone, guitar, percussion, midi wind controller, bass, piano and keyboards, makes Jones a jack of all trades. Subsequently, this range of aptitude is ultimately what lends him the ability to create such complex music and ideas on his own".

With the melodic warm sound of the saxophone, **Kryston** puts his trusty instrument



on display and shows just how much musical variety it can express with his solo release, **Groovin8tor** (Nov 2014). This album is the brainchild of **Jones** alone. Whereas the majority of solo albums employ a variety of help behind the scene with everything from writing to production, this is truly a one man show. **Jones** has done it all from track composition and song writing to mixing and mastering.

From soothing melodies, to 'get up and swing', **Kriston** combines classic jazz music with a new age twist... **As the album title suggests, Jones is truly the "Groovin8tor"**.

"These songs are comforting; there's no other way to describe it. You feel them in your bones and will want to begin bobbing your head or snapping your fingers immediately. And since the majority of his work on this release is instrumental, Jones has paid extra attention to the composition of his melodies. He inserts lyrics in every now and again to wake you up and pull you slightly back out of the wonderful instrumental daze he guided you into in the first place".

"As with Jones' previous work, this too has proven to be a successful venture for the artist. Kris has yet to disappoint; he has a knack for composing outstanding tracks, and he has done so once again with Groovin8tor. So put on a pair of quality headphones and soak in the exquisite melodies and artistic subtleties of this album". (Exerpts of Groovin8tor CD Review by Alec Cunningham). CDs available through www.groovin8tor.com **KC**

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Arts Co-op Major Exhibition – January/February

Fifteen Arts Co-op Members are exhibiting their Recent Works at the Tableland Regional Gallery, Atherton, during January and February 2016. Artists include: Ron Hill, Buck Richardson, Klaus Brucksch, Dorothy Clews, Lisa Edwards, Margaret Genever, Laurel McKenzie, Toni Rogers, Terry Eager, Henri Hunsinger, Raewyn Roberts, Susan Doherty, Mollie Bosworth, Cathy Harvey and Kate Prynne. The opening of this exhibition will be held on Saturday, 9th January, 1pm-3pm. All invited, free entry.



Kick Arts –Get Kickin'

Susan Doherty, Mollie Bosworth, Shane Morris, Buck Richardson and Margaret Genever each have artwork included in the Kick Arts members' exhibition **Get Kickin'**. This exhibition will be on show at the Kick Arts gallery in Abbott Street, Cairns, from 13th November to 16th January.

Mollie Bosworth

Mollie is exhibiting one of her framed cyanotype hand processed images in "**Peace and Quiet – Peace Landscapes**" at the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) from 28th November 2015 until 14th February 2016. Her iconic scene with the Kuranda Red Pendas, along with a large collection of other artworks, will be a powerful reminder of what is lost in times of war and what we strive for in peace. The peaceful landscape images provided by the community will be mounted directly over the First World War wall paper that currently engulfs State Library Queensland Gallery as part of the First World War **Distant Lines** exhibition. The **Peace and Quiet**, as part of State Library's Q ANZAC **100: Memories for a New Generation** program, is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.



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2015 K.D.S.C Fundraising Wrap Up

What a massive year, but we did it !!!

We made the decision to do some big, brave projects and endeavours this year, in regards to fundraising for the Kuranda District State College P&C Committee. Here is what we did and who we helped.

Fundraising Ventures for 2015

Seaswift 5 Day Cruise for two People.
Billy G's Cookie Dough Drive.
The Personalised Drink Bottle Fundraiser – Twice !!!
P&C – Sausage Sizzle at Foodworks – Saturday fortnightly.

Community & School Groups that benefitted from our fundraising efforts for 2015

Kuranda District State College – Primary Campus & Senior Campus
Kuranda "Stars" Cheerleading Group
Peninsular Under 15s Rugby League Team
Kuranda District Chaplaincy Committee
K.D.S.C Year 12 Formal
Kuranda PCYC Football Teams



Firstly, massive thanks to **The Kuranda Paper** for helping subsidise our costs for sausages, bread and the advertising to keep us in the public space. This would never have gotten off the ground without your generous donations and continued support.

Foodworks Kuranda – Colinda & Ray Perry – for allowing us to have the time and space to be able to fundraise and patience with our "teething" along the way.

Thank you to the administration staff at **KDSC** – Jessie, Phillip, Jenny & Mandy –with all the organising of flyers, money collection and being the "go-between" people to pull these efforts off and make them all a success.

Most importantly the parents and guardians who have been nothing but consistent and loyal in helping. Continually putting their hands up to regularly help, giving in their time and effort to help raise funds for the Kuranda District State College...its students...your children.

Thank you and see you in 2016.

Keri Herbert

KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

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Dear Santa,

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The Kuranda Arts Co-operative members and exhibiting artists would like to thank the local community for their support during 2015 and extend their very best wishes for the Festive Season and a creative 2016.

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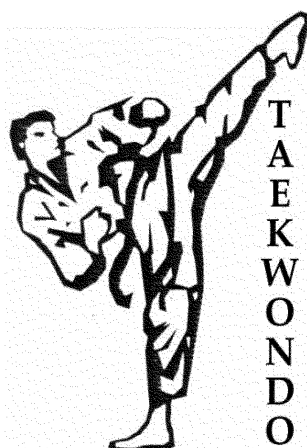
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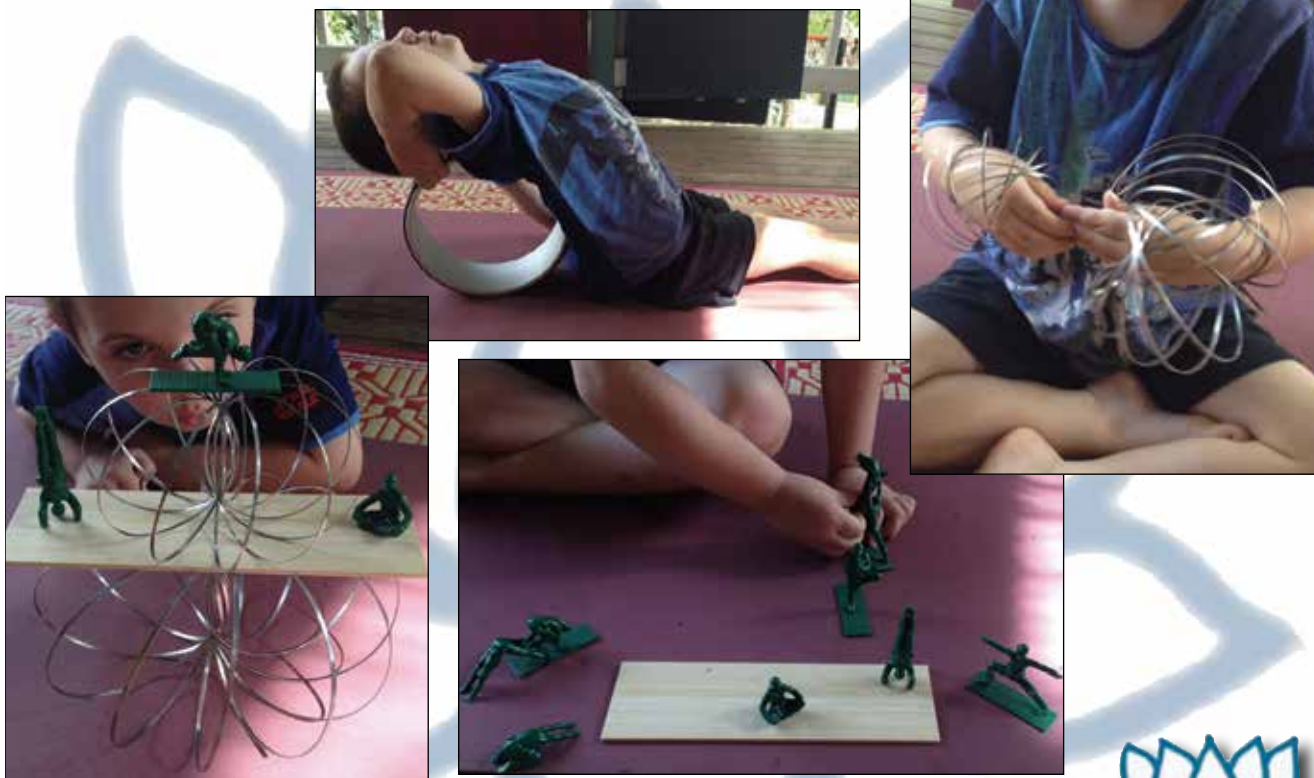
The Eight Learning Styles

Each lesson plan in our yoga class is taught with eight learning styles in mind. Every child learns at their optimum in different ways. The eight learning styles are: Linguistic, Naturalist, Musical/Rhythmic, Kinesthetic, Visual/Spatial, Logical/Mathematical, Interpersonal/Social and Intrapersonal/Solitary. Teaching in this way ensures every student is being engaged as much as possible, resulting in an inclusive learning environment. To achieve this goal props are often brought in to help. These assist kids in staying focused, even when learning outside their best style. It helps them try new things and learn through different experiences. We use lots of fun props in our kids yoga classes as a way to cover these eight learning styles. Things like the Hoberman sphere to help focus on expanding and contracting the lungs during breath work or pranayama, yoga cards, Jenga with yoga activities written on each block, chakra puzzles, yoga wheels to assist in deepening back-bends, toroflux rings to calm the mind, eye pillows, yoga Joes (yoga 'army' men), glitter jars, silk scarfs, yoga workbooks and much more. These props help the kids with imagination, visualisation, relaxation and having fun while practising. If yoga practise is all hard work kids give up and lose interest. Using a variety of fun and challenging toys will keep yoga enjoyable. Below are some photos of great yoga props that would make fun presents at Christmas or for birthdays. I have also included a list of websites if you want to purchase any of these pictured.

<http://www.oceanloveyoga.com/> – kids yoga wheel

<http://www.yogajoes.com/> – yoga army men (available in green and pink)

<http://www.toroflux.com.au/> – arm slinky – flow rings



www.littleyogischool.com

Faye's Training Success Hard Work Pays Off

Faye Cumming recently completed a Certificate III in Business Administration whilst a participant in the federally funded, Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Program.

Although a skilled jeweller and employed for many years, the SEE Program was the first time Faye had participated in formal training.

"I have been a hands-on person all my life. Throughout my life I have avoided learning about the computer and improving my Literacy and Numeracy skills," she said.

"Since starting the SEE Program I've really, really enjoyed the course. The most important thing for me was the supportive mentors, Bridget from Jobfind and trainers from The Learning Workshop. I especially thank Sue, Mel and Joanne for all their support and patience."

Faye has moved to Mareeba where she is pursuing her goal of combining her jewellery and business skills.

Job Seekers registered with Jobfind are eligible to join the SEE program and should speak with Suzanne Mutch or Bridget Holmes at the Jobfind Centre to find out more information.

Pictured L to R: Melanie McKay (SEE Trainer) Suzanne Mutch (Business Manager Jobfind), Faye Cumming (student), Bridget Holmes (Service Coordinator Jobfind) and Sue Muller Director (The Learning Workshop).



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As we all know the heart pumps blood around the body through our blood vessels. With each pump of the heart pressure is exerted on the artery walls to allow them to dilate and transport blood (which contains different nutrients and oxygen around the body). In some individuals the pressure required to push the blood around is higher than others hence causing a condition known as high blood pressure or hypertension.

This month's topic is on **hypertension**. This is the last topic for our health information series which is also wrapping up the heart health topic.

Hypertension is a common disorder of the circulatory system, affecting approximately one in seven adult Australians and becomes more common with age. As we age changes in our body cause the stretchy parts to become less elastic i.e. arteries and skin.

Hypertension usually does not show any symptoms, which means most people don't even know they have it. Experts recommend that everyone should have their blood pressure checked on a yearly basis.

There are two main types of hypertension:

1. Primary or essential hypertension: which is caused by both unmodifiable risk factors (i.e. aging and family history) and modifiable risk factors (i.e. increased salt intake, lack of exercise, excessive alcohol intake, obesity and smoking)
2. Secondary hypertension: results from an identifiable cause i.e. kidney disease which is the most common cause but can be also caused by endocrine conditions such as hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism. Secondary hypertension can also be caused by obesity, sleep apnoea, pregnancy, certain prescription medications, herbal remedies and illegal drugs.

Hypertension treatment starts with you! Reducing your modifiable risk factors, increasing levels of physical activity to the recommended 30/5 rule, (30 minutes of moderate level activity on at least 5 days per week), quit smoking, reducing salt intake and limiting alcohol intake, reducing stressors in life. Lifestyle measures are usually trialled for a minimum of three months (depending on the severity of hypertension) and if there is still no improvement then your GP may prescribe oral antihypertensive therapy.



The most commonly prescribed antihypertensives are angiotension converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotension 2 receptor antagonists, beta blockers, calcium channel blockers and diuretics.

Prevention Is Better Than Cure

As mentioned above, lifestyle measures are always the best way to reduce one's blood pressure. If your high blood pressure is due to stress there are many different relaxation techniques that can be used to reduce this.

Salvia miltiorrhiza, commonly known as Danshen, Chinese sage, and red sage has been used in traditional Chinese herbal medicine for a variety of different diseases such as angina, hyperlipidaemia and hypertension.

The main active chemical in Danshen where the focus is on cardiovascular effects is tanshinone IIA. Danshen is also undergoing clinical testing in America for an alternative medication to typical western antihypertensives but further testing is required before it can be proven effective/comparable to typical products and before a safe product can be produced.

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We have touched on the following supplements in previous issues which have been shown effective in having cardioprotective effects and helping to maintain a healthy circulatory system; fish oils, magnesium, CoQ10 and certain types of plant sterols.

We would like to thank everybody for following our Health Information series over the past few months and wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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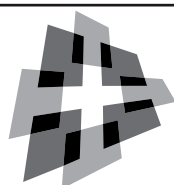
Again, Dave Hartung gave an inspiring speech to an interested and enthusiastic group, and our thanks goes to him.

Right: Cliff Timmins laying a wreath on behalf of the Kuranda RSL

Below: The Poppy Appeal stand outside Foodworks with Mark Wharton, Mick Forde, Dave Hartung and Coke Joffrey with his Jeep.



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The **Wompoo Fruit-dove** is best described as a big colourful pigeon. With its green, purple and yellow colouring you might think it would stand out like a sore thumb in the rainforest. Nine out of 10 Kuranda-ites have probably heard and recognise its distinctive call, but may never have actually seen one except for perhaps a fleeting glimpse.

There are other colourful doves and pigeons lurking in our rainforests (e.g. Emerald Dove, Purple-crowned Fruit-dove) and sometimes these are confused with the Wompoo, but the Wompoo is much bigger.

Similar to many rainforest birds, the Wompoo does not migrate or like to travel any distance from its chosen home. It adapts its food intake to whatever is in season in its area – any variety of figs and fruits are fair game to the Wompoo, and much is swallowed whole, making the bird one of the important seed dispersers of the rainforest.

The Wompoo is relatively common within its widespread range in North Queensland and is listed as “Least Concern” on the Australian Threatened Species list, however it is listed as “Vulnerable” in its Northern New South Wales range due to habitat destruction.

Its excellent forest camouflage combines with its rather secretive preference of keeping firmly out of sight and only allowing its rather human voice-sounding “hhwaampoo” – something like a phlegmy throat clearing – to give away its presence ‘somewhere’ in your back yard. It very rarely goes to ground so is relatively safe from most predators except the airborne raptors and the odd opportunistic python.

Reputedly first named by early explorer Edmund Kennedy as “Whompoo Pigeon” in 1870, he apparently cited this as the name given by the local indigenous, and this was most likely based on its call.



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That's No owl!

Ever heard of a bird that has a mouth like a frog and has camouflage which enables it to look like a tree stump?

Such is the Tawny Frogmouth. Its wide beak gapes open like a frog's mouth, and its tawny grey-brown plumage helps it to blend in perfectly within its environment.

The Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*) is found Australia wide, including our very own backyards! They are nocturnal birds with large rounded eyes, and are often confused with owls. Owls, however, have large strong feet with curved talons which they use to catch their prey with. Frogmouths on the other hand have weak feet and use their strong beaks to capture their prey. They feed on nocturnal insects such as moths, slugs, snails and worms, but will also eat small mammals, reptiles, frogs and even other birds. Some of their prey is actually caught while in flight.

Tawny Frogmouths are a true master of disguise. If you happen to spot one during the day and start to approach, it will change its posture (if it hasn't already done so) with its head tilted upwards to try to mimic a broken branch or a tree stump, and its big yellow eyes closed to slits. The colour of its feathers helps this amazing bird with its mimicry as there is no one solid colour, but a mottled blend of grey and brown. If you get too close, the Tawny Frogmouth may adopt a threatening pose, fluffing up its feathers, showing its bright yellow eyes and opening its beak wide to reveal its yellow throat. It may even screech at you if it is protecting eggs or chicks.

These birds have very interesting breeding behaviours. A male and female Tawny Frogmouth will usually pair for life. After mating between August and December, a flimsy nest is built which consists of a platform of sticks placed in trees five to 15 metres above the ground. The females will lay 2-3 eggs in the nest, and the male will sit on the nest by day, showing unusual parental care for a male bird. At night the pair will share the time on the nest as they both need to feed. While defending a nest, Frogmouths are known to mob predators and spray pungent faeces at them to deter animals like large reptiles coming to devour the eggs or chicks. Such is the devotion of Tawny Frogmouth parents, that once the young have left the nest, the family will still roost closely together.

Tawny Frogmouths rely on humans to keep their habitat intact. They need us to keep mature trees in our backyards and parklands, and to plant new gum trees for future generations. They also need us to keep our cats and dogs in at night to prevent attacks. We also need to be alert when driving at night, as Frogmouths may swoop down to catch moths illuminated by car headlights. Let's do our bit to keep these wonderful birds circling our night skies.

Deanna Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



A family of Tawny Frogmouths roosting together by day.
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Local Batreach volunteer Rebecca has been busy producing these lovely clay painted bats to help support Pam in the current bat season.

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If you would like to buy one please send a private message on Facebook to Rebecca Koller and for Kuranda residents, they are available at the Visitor Information Centre. Thanks to Catherine Harvey for helping with this cause.

All proceeds will go to the care of native wildlife and maintenance work on enclosures.

A huge thank you to Rebecca for the time, energy and skill she is putting into this project. Her initiative and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Pam and volunteers at Batreach wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

SUMMER IS HERE and we look at another month and year across all the disciplines, many and varied.

Our Kuranda club attended the annual Zone 18 Gymkhana and Sporting championships, which were held at the Ravenshoe Pony Club on 31st October and 1st November, with great success on both days.

Two of our riders attended, with Kristy Lane winning 2nd Aggregate for Gymkhana and 2nd for Sporting. Jamie Hewitt-Toms also won 3rd Aggregate for Gymkhana and 4th for Sporting. Well done riders.

On the night of 1st November families attended the Zone 18 Dinner, kicking up our heels. The crowning of the Personality and Fundraising Princess was a great night to remember. Our President was in charge of Princess activities and did an awesome job.

Also a huge thank you to all members who helped run the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on 1st November, with all funds going towards the on-going running and maintenance of our club.

Another event that was held on 14th and 15th November at the Earlville Pony Club grounds was the Interschool Show Case. Two of our riders, Jamie and Olivia Hewitt-Toms, attended. Olivia won Champion Overall Primary School and her School, St Thomas's, came second. Jamie won Overall Champion with her high school, St Stephens, winning overall highest points. The girls received rugs for their horses as their trophies. What a great achievement and congratulations to the girls.

We would also like to welcome back our caretakers, Roy and Lyn. We hope you enjoy your time back here in Kuranda. Roy is available for riding lessons while he is back here. Please email me at paulanddi@bigpond.com if you need any more information about this. Roy is having a clinic on 21st and 22nd November for riders wanting to get in some training before it gets too hot.

Here are some dates to put in your diary as the committee is busy planning many events for the 2016 calendar:

- Our end of year breakup and trophy night Speewah Tavern Sunday 6th December from 3.30pm.
- AGM and sign on Saturday 6th February
- First Rally Day and Meeting Saturday 13th February
- Zone Show Jumping and Equitation Qualifier 20th and 21st February
- Second Rally Day Saturday 27th February
- Annual Gymkhana and Interschool Competition 7th and 8th May

For any more information concerning pony club please email me, Di Curtis at paulanddi@bigpond.com.

Thanks and Happy Riding,

From the Kuranda Club's Instructors, Fionna Lane and Di Curtis



Speewah District Residents Association Inc.

The quarterly meeting will be held on Monday December 7 at 6.00pm at the Fire Brigade Building on Roscommon Park, Speewah. All interested Speewah residents are invited to attend this meeting.

• Our resident Councillor, Deputy Mayor, Jenny Jensen will attend the meeting, she will speak on:


1. Speewah bridge replacement update
2. Nominations for MSC Australia Day Awards
3. MSC Planning Scheme
4. Speewah Polling Booth for March 19th election
5. Update on KCP (Community Precinct) and old Library site
6. Disaster Preparedness
7. Roads priorities for 2016-17 Budget

• Mayor Gilmore and other Councillors may be in attendance.

• John Thomson will provide an update of what is happening regarding the Rural Fire Service in our region.

If residents have any item they would like listed on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact either Margaret Butteling, Secretary on 4093 0100; or Bob Madden, on 4093 0169.





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PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Cathy Retter

Many Kuranda-ites will already know Cathy, even though she has only lived in Kuranda with husband Garth Owen for some 12 years. And even then she was regularly travelling back and forth to New Zealand. But in that comparatively short period of time she has become heavily involved in the local Kuranda community, well justifying this profile. These profiles place considerable emphasis on such involvement.

Cathy was born in New Zealand to a fifth generation New Zealand father and a post-war Scottish immigrant. She had a rural upbringing in a family with three siblings, where they were largely self-sufficient. She shared a love of horse riding with her father. After school, she began a BSc degree in maths at a NZ university, finishing her degree in Melbourne University when she moved to Oz. Her main field of study was computing. Her career has spanned the range from programming to business analysis and project management. Amongst these various computing jobs, she lived from 1980 at Comalco Weipa for eight years. On the way up there she encountered Kuranda for the first time and was greatly attracted to the Village, where she met an old primary school friend.

After Weipa she went to the UK for two and a half years, contracting in computer work, moving back to NZ when her father passed away. She helped her mother move to a smaller property and took work with Air New Zealand, where she met her current husband Garth, a pilot. She was impressed with his skills, wide knowledge and easy humour. Cathy and Garth married in NZ in 1996 and although she has never had children, Garth had four daughters from previous marriages, and they became her step children. She now has six step grandchildren and five, soon to be six, step great grandchildren.

The two of them came to Cairns on a holiday and then came regularly to the east coast for holidays after that. But it was not until 2003, when Garth retired, that they decided to move to Oz. They looked around the Tablelands and bought their present property in Kuranda to live. But Cathy continued to fly to NZ, working on contracts. They also had a vending machine business there and also owned a backpackers in the Bay of Islands. More recently Cathy worked for the Cairns City Council for four years, but is now retired.

Cathy's keen interest in the environment stems from her rural upbringing. She remembers a remnant stand of native NZ bush in which she spent quiet time. Her first engagement as an environmental activist was trying to stop the raising of a lake in the South Island for electricity. She also supported other campaigns such as Greenpeace. She says she has always believed in getting the best environmental outcome possible, looking to creating a balance, protecting the environment with



the most sensitive development.

Her community activities have mushroomed since coming to Kuranda. She has been a very active member of Envirocare, of which she is President. She is actively interested in the identification, cultivation and planting of native species and the preservation of habitat for flora and fauna, so important in a place like Kuranda. Her input into Envirocare has led to other activities. For example she was active in the campaign to keep Myola as rural land and is currently discussing the proposed Kuranda (Mareeba Shire) Planning Scheme. She was also active in liaising with the Barron River Integrated Management Association and has participated in many tree plantings in the Barron River Basin.

She is a member of the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee as a Community representative. She was previously Secretary of the Kuranda School P&C. She was also on the committee of the Kuranda Film Club and has volunteered at the Kuranda Information Centre.

On the professional side, she continues to be a member of the Project Management Institute and is a project management professional.

She is the organiser with, and founding member of, the Kuranda Cohousing Association, with plans to develop cohousing in Kuranda. It is planned to construct a display house soon. She is seeking interest in the project.

Her approach to life has been affected by a number of sources. Brought up a Presbyterian, she has looked into Zen and other eastern philosophies as well as some of the great religions. But she does not adhere to any one religion or philosophy and dislikes the formal administrative side of religion. A favourite quote is Desiderata. Alan Watts is a favoured author. She has a keen sense of justice, especially relating to issues involving children, refugees and the environment. She sees life as a learning journey and seeks to be true to herself. She believes in the power of the team more than that of the individual. Service, tolerance and honesty are key principles.

"And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy."

(Max Ehrmann, Desiderata)

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KNC Closure Dates: The centre will be closed for two weeks from 1.00pm Friday 18 December and re-opening at 9.00am Monday 4 January 2016. In an emergency or crisis please call 000 or Lifeline on 131114.

Kuranda Recipe Book: Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is putting together a Recipe Book. We are requesting family favourite recipes with a story and/or picture including details on how long the recipe has been in your family and where it came from. (Childrens' favourite recipes are most welcome). You can either bring them in or email them to knc@qld.chariot.net.au. Hope to hear from you soon. The recipe book will be available for sale with all proceeds paying for printing and to contribute funds for future programs at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Community recipe books are often a local resource and a keepsake for future generations and also a way to pass on a little bit of your family history.

Mareeba Housing Support Service: A worker is currently coming to Kuranda two days per week (usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays) as part of the Street to Home program to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent or imminent accommodation. Assistance and support is provided to identify affordable and suitable accommodation options and includes applications for housing through the Department of Housing, community housing programs and the private rental market. Please contact Ceri or Marg for a referral.

Justices of Peace at KNC: KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1-5 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 4093 8933.

No Interest Loan Scheme: The NILS program is planning some outreach 'clinics' in the new year to break down distance and transport barriers for some people in the Kuranda District and surrounds. The NILS is strictly no fee and no interest, up to \$1000 for essential household items including fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers, bed furniture, lounges, dining and other items that are considered essential. The items are bought new from a vendor of the applicants choice and the loan can include delivery in the total amount if required. Please phone 40938933 or drop in and ask for more details. Notice of specific clinics will be in future Kuranda Paper articles or available at the centre.

Kuranda Mahjong: KNC wishes to thank Cate Lamont for supporting (and providing afternoon tea for) the Mahjong group throughout 2015. It is a dedicated group of locals who come together on Wednesday afternoons and who have been meeting for over eight years. Members of the group wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and invite anyone to come along in 2016 – both beginners and more experienced players.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
The Neighbourhood Centre Team.**



Make Your Home Work Harder For You Turning your residence into an investment property

Many Australians own their primary place of residence, but an increasing number are making the swap from living in their property to using it as an investment for their future. There are a number of key factors that should be addressed to gain the maximum benefit from renting out your home:

Your tax situation will be transformed

When an owner decides to turn their primary place of residence into an income producing property, their tax situation will change:

- Expenses in holding the property will become tax deductible
- If an owner has only rented their property for part of the year, deductions for this portion the year can still be claimed
- If any improvements are made while the property is being rented, these may also entitle the owner to depreciation deductions.

Common misconceptions

- While it is true that newer properties may receive higher deductions, all investment properties will earn depreciation deductions for the property owner
- When a property is not brand new, owners will still be able to claim depreciation on the structural component for the remaining time within the forty year effective life period
- Investors who own properties that are built before 15th of September 1987 can still claim depreciation on the fixtures and fittings within the property and include any recent renovations, even if the renovation was carried out by a previous owner.


Capital gains implications

- When a home becomes an investment property a Capital Gains Tax (CGT) event may be triggered if the property is sold
- There are various situations where properties will attract a CGT exemption. It is best to discuss your CGT situation with a professional accountant as each individual scenario is different.

Consult with an expert

- There is a common misconception that wealthy people get more tax deductions. They have the same rules to comply with as you or I but they just make sure that they get the best advice on what they can claim.
- Make sure that you get a professional depreciation schedule for the property when you decide to start renting it out.
- You will need to tell the tax office what you are earning so you would probably benefit from the assistance of a professional accountant. The ATO make it quite possible for you to do all the reporting yourself but it's hard work to make sure that all you claim can be claimed and that you are claiming all you should. If you get it wrong, the penalties can be very expensive and, just as bad, the process can be very distressing.





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Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

Chapter 30

Kuranda Popular Attraction early 1900s

In the early 1900s Kuranda was a popular holiday destination with Queenslanders. Tourists would quite often stay for two weeks at a time. One of the popular tours included a visit to Fairyland Tea Gardens which was situated opposite side to Kuranda. The Dick family which operated the gardens would commence the tour in the village and have their guests walk a mile and half along the railway track until they were opposite the gardens. A loud coo-ee brought out Miss Lorna Dick who would then row a boat to the other side of the river to pick up the guests. Fairyland was a maze of leafy trees, palms, ferns and luxuriant



grasses that led to a gigantic Kauri pine which had a girth of 21 feet and the first limb was 80 feet from the ground. The tree was under the protection of the Government. After which the group would sit for afternoon tea where the fairies had just been before being rudely interrupted by the group of tourists.

Chapter 31

Grandstand Carriages

The Grandstand carriages were the only type of its kind constructed in Australia, and demonstrated Queensland Rails commitment to capitalising on the significance of tourism in the Cairns area. The interior had scenic glass windows along one side of the carriage, lavatory at one end, and



two rows of longitudinal seating that was tiered. This design allowed passengers an undisturbed view of the spectacular climb up the Barron Gorge. A small cabinet was fitted for the use of an announcer, and all carriages were fitted with loudspeakers so that the announcer could provide a commentary on the climb up the Barron Gorge to Kuranda, and all other points of interest along the way. The entire train became well known as the Grandstand Train. The innovative service was unfortunately cancelled with the outbreak of the Second World War, when Cairns became part of the war zone in the South Pacific. The carriages were converted into Hospital carriages for service during the Second World War. At the end of the war, the carriages were converted back into passenger vehicles, but not as the popular Grandstand Train.

Chapter 32

Cairns – Mulgrave Tramway and The North Coast Line 1924

In 1911 Queensland Railway's Cairns division, anticipating the pending completion of the Brisbane to Cairns railway line purchased the Shires Tramway's. These southern tramways serviced the Hambledon Mill from Aloomba estate and other cane plantation areas in the region. Queensland Railway then extended the line from south Babinda to Daradgee in 1919.



Construction was then halted waiting for the southern line to be built for twelve years. Finally in 1924 a bedecked B13 class 4-6-0 travelled the 1,043 mile long line from Brisbane to Cairns. The Cairns Railway's isolation ceased to exist after thirty-seven years of being one of the Queensland Railway's northern outposts.

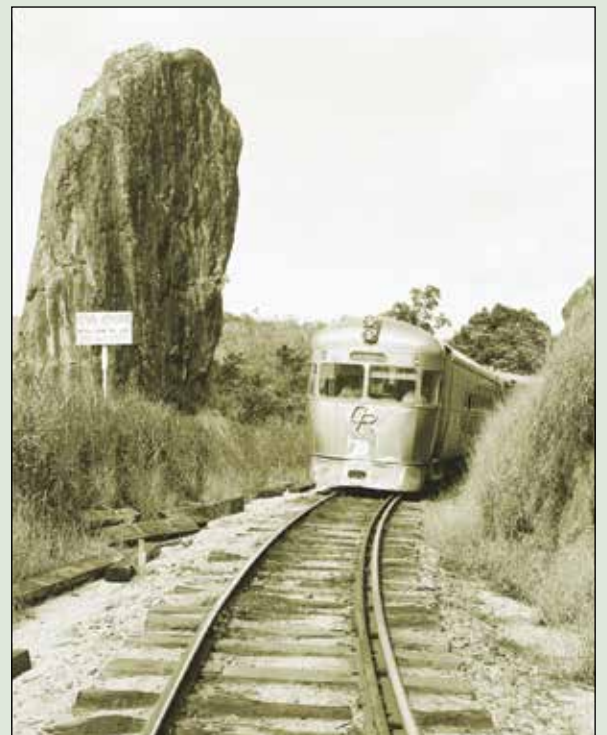
Chapter 33

Railmotors 1927

Railmotors have played an important part in the operation of the Cairns railway since 1927. Would you believe Queensland Rail had semi-suburban services running from Gordonvale to Aloomba and Cairns to Redlynch daily, these services became so popular that they increased the schedules to thirty-three times a week!

The Cairns to Kuranda railway line was also an integral part of passenger movement for local residents in the 1930s with regular services travelling on a railmotor from Cairns to Mareeba then Atherton. In the 1950s a monthly shopper's service was provided by railmotors to Cairns from the Chillagoe and Forsayth lines.

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When you mention the Country Women's Association most people picture a group of ladies sitting around eating scones with jam and cream and knitting. Well funnily enough that couldn't really be further from the truth. Yes there is knitting, and cakes and delicious relishes, and we can't forget about the handcraft and flower arrangements – there are some very talented people amongst this group. But it is more about what they do outside of that that is impressive.

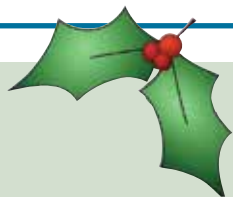
There are 3,600 QCWA members who are spread throughout Northern, Central and Southern Queensland. From there it is broken down into twenty divisions and of those they break up into 255 branches. These ladies and their loved ones support their communities throughout the year and in some cases during times of need. They are always close by when the floods, drought or fires hit. Who else would you want feeding you during these hard times!

Not to mention all the amazing work they do overseas. I could go on and on but I dare you to look into the life of a CWA member yourself...

They support all walks of life. At this year's state conference over three hundred state conference delegates supported the resolution carried unanimously requesting state and federal governments to introduce a program recognising that there must be a standard of respect amongst people for themselves and others regardless of age, gender, beliefs or culture. And I agree that "the institutions of this country should be respected". The other major topic at the conference this year was the changing of the constitution. I was informed by many that I had just witnessed history in the making. There was so much passion, loyalty and honour amongst the women that I felt proud to be a part of it.

On 18th November, Kuranda Branch held their Christmas Morning Tea – a friendly get-together with members, craft friends and several male partners. The musical entertainment was provided by our local Ukulele group, "Honey and Spice". Everyone enjoyed their music and joined in the Christmas Carols. What a great group they are. The Christmas raffle was drawn with 1st and 2nd prizes being won by Ann and Paul McCorry, 3rd prize won by John Todd. Thanks go to our local community for purchasing tickets. A donation was also collected for the Speewah Furies. Our branch is now in holiday mode until February 3rd 2016. We would like to thank our rentees for their regular support in hiring our hall.

Members of the QCWA Kuranda branch would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a bright New Year in 2016. Have a safe and happy time.



Toni Rogers would like to sincerely thank the Kuranda artists who gave their time so generously for interviews for Inside My Studio.

This column highlights the many artists residing and working in our village and will recommence in The Kuranda Paper's first edition in 2016.

Tony would like to extend her very best wishes to all Kuranda artists for the Festive Season and the coming new year.



Responsible Pet Ownership

Owning pets can be lots of fun and pets can provide us with company, stress relief and unconditional love. Pet ownership also teaches children responsibility and helps them develop their social and nurturing skills. While pets can bring us enormous joy they come with a big responsibility. Too often the RSPCA and other rescue organisations are left with the aftermath of impulse buying. Last year 130,000 animals were surrendered to the RSPCA alone, while 250,000 cats and dogs were euthanised in Australia because there were not enough homes for them. Many two and four legged Christmas presents have ended up on the scrap heap.

While owning a pet is a privilege, responsible pet ownership also requires commitment to the relationship for the life of your animal, as well as an investment of your time and money. In addition to providing adequate nutrition, care, exercise, mental stimulation and socialisation, it's important not to contribute to our nation's pet overpopulation. If you are not a registered breeder please spay or neuter your cat and or dog. Desexing isn't just about preventing unwanted pregnancies, it can actually make your pet happier and healthier. Dogs in particular are less inclined to roam and are generally less aggressive towards other canines if they've been desexed.

If you're certain you want to add a fur baby to your family, why not check out the many rescue organisations and give an unwanted animal a second chance. Nevertheless if you've got your heart set on acquiring a designer puppy, please make sure you're not contributing to the problem of puppy farms. Puppy factories are intensive breeding facilities that house their animals in appalling conditions. A good breeder will offer to take back unwanted animals within a specified time period and also offer to accept animals returned as a result of problems arising from inherited disorders.

Make certain your pet is properly identified with tags, microchips or tattoos. It's also a good idea to make alternative arrangements if you can no longer provide care for your pet. We actually have one elderly costumer who has bequeathed her dog to us in the event of her death. Many a time I've witnessed a precious, often old pet surrendered to the RSPCA by surviving family members. I can assure you most of those pets were not re-homed to live happily ever after. It's tragic to witness.

Another important aspect of responsible pet ownership is adequate restraint. Poor management of domestic animals can impact severely on animal welfare and the environment. An untold number of wildlife is killed and harassed each year by unrestrained pets. The health of our environment relies on the harmonious inter-relationship of all species within a given habitat.

Please remember that pets are a life-long commitment but, given the chance, they will love you for life.

Merry Christmas!

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CYCLONE SEASON TIPS

You may have read that the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a less active cyclone season this year due to the presence of a strong El Nino. While this means that we may have fewer cyclones than the average year, it is certainly no cause for complacency. We could still be faced with a severe tropical cyclone hitting our region. Here is some advice for Kuranda householders based on guidelines issued by Emergency Management Queensland:

- First the good news. Planning an evacuation because of a possible storm surge should not be an issue if you are a Kuranda resident! However, evacuation ahead of an advancing severe tropical cyclone can be fraught with problems and certainly should not be a last minute exercise. There are no official government cyclone shelters in Kuranda. If you know that your residence is old or has structural weaknesses you may like to consider moving in with a family member or friend who has a stronger home ahead of the cyclone's arrival. Make sure

your vehicle is fuelled up in case you need to evacuate after the cyclone.

- Prepare your home. Before the season, have dangerous trees and branches close to the house removed – preferably by a professional tree lopper as this can be a dangerous exercise in itself. The bulk of the jobs to which Kuranda SES members are called every storm season are the result of damage from trees – a price we pay for living in a beautiful, leafy green environment. If a cyclone is approaching remove dangerous debris from your property and store or secure loose items such as garden furniture and children's toys.

- Make sure you have adequate fresh water, non-perishable food, cash, batteries, essential medications and generator fuel. After the cyclone, being without power for up to a week or more is not unusual. Have important family documents and mementoes in a secure container as part of an evacuation kit.

- If you do suffer damage to your property during a natural disaster call the SES on 132 500 and SES crews will secure your home against further damage where it is safely possible.

More detailed advice from Emergency Management Queensland can be found at: <http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/plan.asp>

Or type EMQ cyclone advice into your search engine.

THANK YOU CAROL

After nearly five years as the face of SES Kuranda, pressure of work has forced Carol Day to step back from her role as Local Controller. At our recent end of year function, local members thanked Carol for the huge amount of work which she has dedicated to the organisation. Members of the community who have come into contact with her through the SES will also appreciate that Carol brings a cheery, efficient no nonsense approach to all that she does. Fortunately Carol will continue as a member of the group in other roles.

MEMBERSHIP

Kuranda SES is always open to welcoming new members. We are a small but friendly group of volunteers who bring a range of skills and who have been thoroughly trained by SES trainers in specialist areas. Not everyone has to be climbing on a roof or wielding a chainsaw. If you would like more information give us a call.

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Council Election on Horizon

Media Release from Alan Pedersen

The first team of Councillors to publicly come forward for the March 2016 local government elections has made it official.

The team will consist of five sitting councillors, Mary Graham, Karen Ewin, Allan Holmes, Nipper Brown and Alan Pedersen with the sixth position being made up by Kevin Davies.

Spokesperson for the group, Alan Pedersen, said the five sitting Councillors had worked well together over the last two years and the inclusion of Kevin Davies would bring a wealth of experience and new blood to Council. Because the five sitting councillors came from different teams at the last election they will not be running with any mayoral candidates.

Cr. Pedersen said "I believe we have done a good job over the last two years, especially considering what we inherited at de-amalgamation time and the solid financial position we find ourselves in today. We have had to make many difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions at times, however this had put council in a much stronger position and now we need to keep the ship steady."

"I realise that no Government is perfect and we certainly have room for improvement, but we have consciously targeted our core business and actively sought grant funding to build infrastructure to drive our economy forward."

Cr. Pedersen said that the current undivided nature of Council has meant that all Councillors have had to focus on all parts of the shire from Kuranda to Chillagoe to Irvinebank and that the team would guarantee that they will continue to represent ALL communities across the shire, and will continue to ensure that each area receives their fair share of capital works, maintenance and attention to those issues which arise.

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I Heard the News Today Oh Boy!

What's with the news anyway?

Doom and gloom, corruption, disasters, misery, thieves, cutthroats and dastardly deeds— is the world really like that? Do people really want to read about it; listen to it; watch it?

According to evolutionary theory and the media, Yes!

Evolutionary biology theory argues that we are predisposed towards focusing on negative or survival-relevant information because the potential costs of ignoring negative information are dire. Think cavemen scanning for threats.

Certainly negative news tends to increase both arousal and attentiveness and newspapers exploit this by feeding us a daily smorgasbord of negativity. Magazine sales increase when the cover is negative rather than positive while good news covers actually result in decreases in readership. Scaremongering and sensationalism by the media to compete for ratings sees negative stories outnumber positive stories by at least 2 to 1.

Interestingly though social media users tend to forward positive rather than

negative information which may point to the fact that when we are the editors we prefer the positive story. But here's the catch!

So are there consequences to daily doses of doom and gloom?

Rolf Dobelli writing for *The Guardian* believes that 'news is to the mind what sugar is to the body.' He states, 'It grinds us down until we adopt a worldview that is pessimistic, desensitised, sarcastic and fatalistic.'

Most negative news we come across is remote, generalized and you can't really act on it, so it generates feelings of hopelessness. George Gerbner, a pioneer researcher on the effects of television on society, coined the term 'mean world syndrome' which describes a phenomenon whereby violence-related content of mass media makes viewers believe that the world is more dangerous than it actually is.

This fear makes us less adventurous, more likely to see our own situations as negative and causes stress. As we know stress hormones cause illness and prolonged exposure to negativity causes anxiety, depression and inhibited thinking. Then our brains get stuck in grooves, and it's difficult to reprogram them to healthier pathways.

And guess what? The world is actually not such a bad place and is not getting more violent; it's just that the media is highlighting the violence. Actually people have never lived longer, healthier, safer, richer, better lives in human history than they do today.

So can we retrain the gloomy brain?

Yep! The science is called neuroplasticity. It means that our thoughts can change the structure and function of our brains and, more importantly, positive thoughts and activities can rewire and strengthen the brain. So let's steer those 70,000, mostly unaware, thoughts per day into more positive waters. Pinch a secret from genuinely happy people and concentrate on things that truly matter, avoiding any unnecessary stress, i.e. switch off the news.

Mindfulness training, looking for positive news each day and showing kindness to others are all ways to retrain our brain to be more positive.

Making your own good news story!

So this Christmas let's turn off the catastrophe and calamity and consciously chose better stories. Let's have a mentality based on positive notions instead of fearful melodrama. Let's make a New Year resolution to frequently surround ourselves with positive, uplifting, enriching and heartening news.

And joyfully this will translate into, as Rob Brezany puts it, 'manifesting the ultimate goal: to create a heaven on earth in which everyone alive is a healthy, free, self-actualized, spiritually enlightened millionaire dedicated to living sustainably.'

Sounds good to me.

Further Retraining:

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http://www.huffingtonpost.com/amy-neumann/15-uplifting-sites-focus_b_1297094.html?ir=Australia "All of these sites focus on uplifting and creative news stories, ideas, and information." —Amy Neumann, Huffington Post

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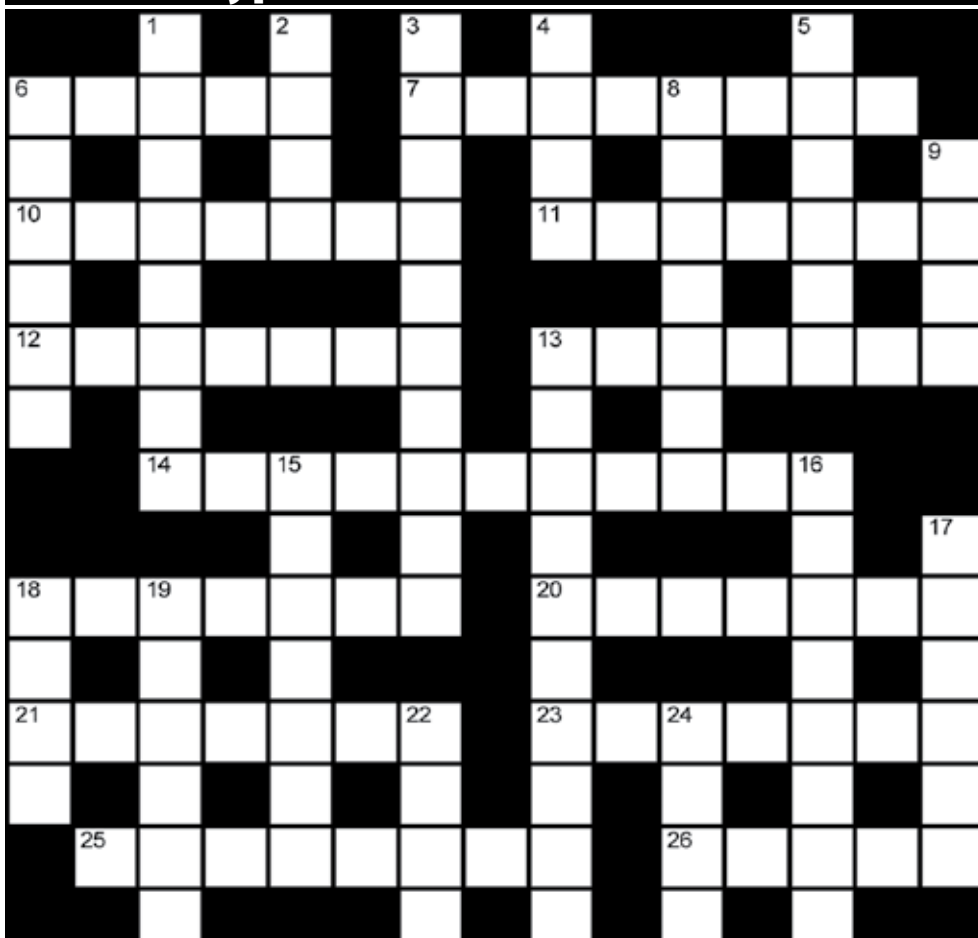
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Cryptic Crossword #20 BY DAVID



Across

- 6 Shepherd finds animal (5)
- 7 Hiding in meandering Hastings (8)
- 10 European city has attractive smell (7)
- 11 Put clothes back on and apologise (7)
- 12 Keeps brewed retsina (7)
- 13 Signs displayed on apprentice potters' wheels? (1-6)
- 14 Coloured rock found in park (11)
- 18 Take wrong turn among hills and find fearful things (7)
- 20 Massage woman and produce skin rash (7)
- 21 Bird portions for snacks (7)
- 23 Trims trees (7)
- 25 Tester finds sulphur in fools gold (8)
- 26 Boxer stands next to goalie and knight in line-up (5)

Down

- 1 E. Z. Taylor converted to fanaticism (8)
- 2 More than enough uprightness for moralistic person (4)
- 3 E. Parsons is making slanders (10)
- 4 Young fish caught by sparrowhawk (4)
- 5 Displace from United Nations position (6)
- 6 Confident about drugs being guarded (6)
- 8 Spanish gentleman makes masked man leave (7)
- 9 Pass grotesque reptiles (4)
- 13 Only chance of bed for the night at tip of Cape York? (4,6)
- 15 I.S. O'Neil performs acrobatics in fete (7)
- 16 Vote has conservative ahead of current key liberal (8)
- 17 Mean boy becomes churchman (6)
- 18 Yugoslavian guerilla leader has songbird and duck (4)
- 19 Check bible studies quiz (6)
- 22 Obi wan kenobi has two items of clothing in England (4)
- 24 Bad pear in harvest (4)

An explanation of the clues can be found at www.davidainge.com

SOLUTION ON PAGE 34



Kuranda Cassowaries: Runners-up

On 24-25 October 2015, Kuranda Ngoonbi Sports & Rec sent a team down to the annual Yarrabah Gindaja ATSI rugby league carnival to compete in the U18s and play for 2015 Bishop Malcolm cup.

The event was carried out over two days in a round-robin style competition against three other teams: Malu Kiwai, Yarrabah Seahawks and Djarragun.

It was a tough first day with us playing one of the best team in the comp, Malu Kiwai, who we eventually went down to by six points in the last five minutes of the game.

Later that day we then had a fixture against Djarragun but unfortunately they had withdrawn from the competition and we automatically advanced to the next day.

Sunday came and we finally got to play against our brother community, the Yarrabah Seahawks (Guyala). It was a fun game filled with frustration and aggression but we came away with a big win, which then advanced us into the grand final, only to meet again with Malu Kiwai.

The Finals arrived. We were the first point scorers on the board, although Malu Kiwai bounced back with a quick reply, sending us into half-time 6-6. The second half came about and Malu Kiwai put two easy tries on us, leading 22-6 with 5 minutes left to go. We finally bounced back with a try, but it wasn't enough.

It was a great effort from our boys and we are very proud of them and how they represented Kuranda. On behalf of Kuranda Ngoonbi Sports & Rec we would like to thank all the boys who competed in the football event and also to all the helpers for their support who made this possible including the supporters as well. Congratulations boys; you did us proud!



BRAIN GAMES

THINK... REASON... SOLVE

1 Find the value of the 3 shapes

$$\triangle - \bigcirc = 4$$
$$\bigcirc - \square = \triangle$$
$$\bigcirc \times \square = 8$$
$$\square \div \bigcirc = \triangle$$

2 Find a nine letter word beginning with the centre letter.
Make 10 words with 3 or more letters using only the 9 letters provided.

s	d	o
h	t	n
u	a	s

3 Miss Lucky won the lottery. She banked half and gave a quarter of the rest to charity. She spent the remaining amount on a holiday, which cost \$5955. How much did she win?

4 A rule connects the numbers in the top row with those in the bottom row. What is the missing number?

4	6	2	8
7	?	2	17

5 You use me from head to toe, the more I work the thinner I grow.

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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome. You can also contact any of your MSC Councillors if you would like to discuss any Council matters.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas: I wish everyone a very enjoyable Christmas season and sincerely thank you for your support during 2015. We are blessed to live where we live and hopefully everyone will have the chance to take some time out over Christmas to enjoy time with family and friends and reflect on the true spirit of Christmas.

“Community Precinct begins”: With the recent opening of the new MSC Library/Service Centre, community life at the KCP Kuranda Community Precinct has now finally begun. The new library is much larger and forms the central hub of the Community Precinct which will develop over the coming years. The community is already using the facility at a high level and I do hope that this will continue for years to come. We do ask that you talk of the “Community Precinct” rather than the “old school”. While the site has a rich education history, it is now 10 years since it was a school and the space is now truly a “community” place.

Speewah Bridge upgrade: Good progress has been made on the new bridge at Speewah. The next meeting of the Speewah Residents Association is at 6.00pm on Monday 7 December at Ros Common. All welcome.

New MSC Planning Scheme: Thanks to all who attended the meetings and/or contacted Council Planning staff with questions and comments. The new overlay mapping is State produced mapping (this mapping has been changed by the Qld Dept). It is also important to note that the Planning Scheme should be considered in total (not just the overlay maps) as the Planning Scheme Codes are the key criteria in assessing any development. The new Scheme has much tighter controls over land-use activities, thus building in levels of environmental and lifestyle protection that promote sustainability.

Recycling Drop off point in Kuranda: Council is working towards placing a drop off point for recycling materials in Kuranda. There is already a drop off point at the Transfer Station and the additional point will make it easier for some residents. The recycled materials do not need to be separated before you deposit them, as all are transported to the plant in Cairns and sorted there.

Christmas Shutdown and after hours contact for emergency repairs: The Council Offices will close early on Friday afternoon December 18 and will also be closed for the period between Christmas and New Year. In any cases of emergency repairs (eg Water, sewerage), please phone Council at 1300 308 461

Mayors Christmas Appeal: Donations can be made at Council’s service centres or by contacting Council. Funds are used to provide hampers/vouchers for needy families within our community. The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is assisting Council in the delivery.

Disaster Management: It’s that time again! Please prepare your kits and home/family disaster plan. Remember the key contacts (Triple Zero 000 SES 125000). The Local Disaster Management Group co-ordinates any responses. Please note that there are NO centres that are open as shelters while a disaster event is happening. Residents should have a plan to relocate to family or friends. Evacuation Centres may open after the natural disaster event has passed. You can also register for the EWN (Early Warning Network) to receive free alerts about severe weather and other emergency events relevant to our area.

Australia Day Awards: Nominations for the Australia Day Awards close at 4.30pm on Friday 15 January 2016 (forms available from the Council offices or on the website), but good idea to do the Nomination before Christmas. This is your chance to recognize the efforts and achievements of community members. Nominations can be made in the following categories: Citizen Of The Year Award, Young Citizen, Senior Sports, Junior Sports, Arts & Cultural, Community Service, Environmental Excellence.

Have your vehicle safety checked before Christmas – FREE: There will be a pre-vacation Safety Vehicle Inspection day on Saturday 5 December from 9.00am to 1.00pm (approx.) in the Heritage Centre carpark, Mareeba. Dept of Transport staff, as well as QPS officers, RACQ, Motor Industry representatives and Mareeba Rotary Club members will be in attendance.

Kuranda Visitors Centre another Award! After having won the category for Visitor Services & Information at the Tropical North Queensland Tourism Awards for three consecutive years, the Kuranda Visitors Centre has now been inducted into the TTNQ Hall of Fame. Well done Kuranda VIC!

Koah Hall: Congrats to the Koah Hall Committee. Due to their hard work, the Hall is now being used regularly. In fact, hall usage figures have increased by 80% since July. Don’t forget their big Christmas event from 5.00pm on Saturday 5 December.

Council Elections March 19: The Electoral Commission has confirmed that Polling Booths will be at Kuranda CWA and at Speewah. Council has also requested that Pre-Polling be available in both Mareeba and Kuranda. Now is a good time to ensure that you are enrolled and eligible to vote. From late January, Council will be in “Caretaker mode”, which prevents any major decisions being made during the last few weeks of the term.

How Do I Contact Council?

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How Do I Contact A Councillor?

The Council website lists contact details for the Mayor and each Councillor, as well the details of their Register of Interests.

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Library Lines

Kuranda Library and Council Office settle into their new premises

The relocation of the Kuranda Library and Council Office to larger premises has been met with very positive feedback, with the main consensus being "love the space" and "wow, it is so much brighter". The overwhelming support from the community was evident at the official opening on 21 November, the Mareeba Shire community gathered to help celebrate and inspect the new premises.

There was plenty to see and do including face painting, a jumping castle and an official tree planting ceremony.

Not only has the Library moved, but this month Kuranda Library welcomed new Branch Supervisor Karla Ward. Karla has had many years' experience in school libraries and hopes to introduce some new and exciting library programs for the Kuranda community members including Chess Club, Reading Rangers (junior reading club) Lego Club just to name a few.

The Go Digital Kuranda program successfully kicked off on the 10th of November at the Kuranda Community Precinct and will be running until the end of May 2016. The community has embraced the free digital business workshops with most workshops now being fully booked with only a few places left.

Social Media One

Workshop 4: Tuesday 1st December 6.00pm-9.00pm: Facebook Demo

Social Media Two

Workshop 5: Tuesday 8th December 6.00pm-9.00pm: Beyond Facebook

Workshop 6: Tuesday 15th December 6.00pm-9.00pm: Visual Platforms

Workshops will resume on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. For more information telephone the Kuranda Library on 4093 9185.

School Holiday Program

School holidays are fast approaching and the library will again offer its School Holiday Program starting with Christmas Crafts followed by Summer Reading Club in the New Year.

Tuesday 15th December: Christmas card making and bauble decorating

Wednesday 16th December: Junior Chess Club

Thursday 17th December: Christmas card making and bauble decorating

Tuesday 22nd December: Christmas bush craft

Wednesday 23rd December: Junior Chess Club

To book your child into a Christmas activity please telephone the Kuranda Library – be quick as there are only limited spaces available.

Thursday 24th December: Opening hours 10am-12 noon (closed over Christmas and New Year)

Monday 4th January: Library open

January: Summer Reading Club program commences, for more information please telephone the Kuranda Library on 4093 9185.

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Again I have had a couple of very busy weeks in parliament and also the Finance and Administration Committee which has been examining the introduction of four year parliamentary terms which would bring Queensland in line with other states.

A highlight this month was a domestic violence forum I convened at James Cook University which was attended by the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women, Youth, Child Safety and Multicultural Affairs.

At the forum we had representatives from many local organisations that offer ongoing support to victims. The forum gave the organisations the chance to network and the Minister was able to hear firsthand the experiences and problems these people face on a daily basis. I was also able to recount domestic violence from my perspective as a paramedic as I would have attended domestic violence call-outs on nearly every shift I worked.

On the subject of paramedics I was happy to announce the establishment of a Low Acuity Response Unit (LARU) for the Queensland Ambulance Service in Cairns. The LARU will respond to non-emergency calls and can treat patients at home or transport them to their GP or a bulk billing medical centre for treatment, thereby reducing the number of patients at the hospital emergency department.

Another highlight was the North Queensland Economic Summit which introduced local businesses to foreign investors with the potential to benefit a number of Barron River projects requiring a capital investment.

Congratulations to Tjapukai which was voted Queensland's number one indigenous tourist experience and congratulations to all the school leavers I have met at various awards nights and graduations who are all embarking on a new phase in their lives.

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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SENIORS COFFEE GROUP

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments at a coffee shop.

"My arms have got so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time because my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you," said one elderly lady!

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said one, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

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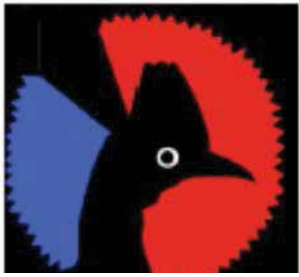
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Another Slithery Snake Story

There was a big, that is "big", python curled up behind a fridge on the veranda. With Sharlene Kemp's handmade snake bag on one side of the fridge, a tickle on the tail from the other side, sent this 4m length of muscle into the bag head first. How easy was that!

If that lovely snake just won't move on, call Jax on 4093 8834 for safe snakes and Miss Hiss Reptiles on 4093 8395 unsafe ones!

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HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS ... DAD'S BACK

Dad (AKA Bruce) went missing with his new chick about two months ago soon after his regular mate and companion, Missy, died.

We all threw up our hands and wailed, fearing the worst. Thoughts too awful to publish crossed our minds. The weeks went by, deepening our pessimism.

Then, one day recently, Sue and Phil Gregory from Cassowary House emailed: "Something amazing has happened. Dad Cassowary has come back! Even more amazing is that his chick is still with him. We had given him up for dead but although he is rather the worse for wear, he is all in one piece. In the 18 years we have been here he has never been away like this.

Keep your eyes open. He went off across Black Mountain road towards Butler Drive.

Lets hope he doesn't disappear again. It was really great to see him."

GANG GREEN

(the name of the JobFind team at the KCons nursery)

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KCons also hosts a regular Conservation Volunteers Australia team. CVA together with Gang Green dug soil, wheelbarrowed mulch and planted out the gardens in time for the official opening of the Kuranda Library at the community precinct on Saturday 21 November. Great team work.

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RUBBISH, RUBBISH EVERYWHERE

It must be the silly season as some people seem to be dumping their weed infested garden waste on the nearest council land! Or are these people new in town? There's free drop off for garden waste at the local transfer station. It's mulched there and we can pick up the cheap, well composted mulching. Better still, keep it in a pile on your own block – your own free compost in 12 month's time. So please let your new neighbours know about the free drop off. We hear tell that the last fine handed out by council for illegal dumping was around \$3,000. Council staff report that there's been a steady increase in the amount of food and drink container rubbish they're collecting from the roadside. What does that collection cost ratepayers! We wouldn't like it if other people dropped their discarded waste all over our block, so please don't trash our reserves, commonly held, in the name of our local council, for all of us. Please keep your rubbish to yourself!

ANOTHER 560 IN AND A GREAT EFFORT BY ALL

Recently we planted another 560 trees at Mantaka with the help of 26 volunteers. The planting is part of our ongoing Biodiversity Project. We're into our 4th year, have planted over 15,000 trees along the Barron River and now have canopy closure at our first 2012 planting site. Two Cairns conservation groups, Treeforce and Holloways Beach Coast Care members, were among the volunteers who gave a helping hand. It is inspiring to be collaborating with so many other active community groups working together with the same dream: to create connections within our communities and our precious natural landscapes. Thank you to our volunteers for your endless support. Without you our organisation wouldn't be alive today. Also a big thank you to the Cairns Conservation Volunteers Australia team who helped dig the holes.

Below: Planters pleased after planting 560 trees in just over an hour



Date Claimers

- Saturday December 5: Envirocare Xmas party 4.00pm till late at Wha Hae. Alternate venue if raining. BYO chair, drinks, dish to share, cooked prawns provided. All Welcome.
- Saturday December 12: Tropical Tree Planting day at Twin figs
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Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

Challenge - # 1 Put 7 bottles all in a row - filled with different levels of water. Now take a spoon and play this tune. What is it?
Hint - an Xmas song.



Kitchen

Treats

Coconut ice

You will need:

- 1/4 cup cream cheese
- 3 cups icing sugar
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla essence
- red food colouring

How to make:

Grease a flat cake tin and put to one side. Beat cream cheese and gradually add icing sugar, coconut and vanilla. Stir or knead till smooth. Place half the mixture in the cake tin. Colour the other half with the food colouring and spread over the first half.

A Needle Can Float!

What to do:

If you just place the needle on the water in the glass, it will sink. But there is a way of making it float. First float a small piece of paper tissue on the water's surface. Carefully place the needle on the tissue. Wait until the tissue becomes saturated with water. It will sink, leaving the needle floating on the surface of the water.

Knot Impossible

What to do:

- Here's the challenge - tie a knot in the string while keeping hold of both ends of it. People get themselves into a terrible muddle trying to do it.
- But this is how it's done. First, lay the string on a table where you can reach it easily.
- Fold your arms.
- Take hold of the right-hand end of the string with your left hand, and the left-hand end with your right hand. Don't let go.
- Unfold your arms. Abracadabra there's a knot in the string!

Colour In



Q. What did the sea say to the sand?
A. Nothing it just waved!

Puzzlet

Long ago folk ate Goose at Xmas. What do they eat now? Fill in the 1st letter of each drawing to find the answer.



HOW MANY XMAS TREES ?



All competitions end on 18th day of month

SUGAR MICE ... A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

You will need ... one egg white ... a full packet of pure icing sugar (Not icing mixture) ... slivered almonds ... silver balls ... strawberry essence ... peppermint essence.

Gently separate the yolk from the white - set the yolk aside. Now put the egg white into a clean dry bowl and stir a cup of icing sugar .. a little at a time. You will need to add quite a lot more so keep stirring. When that gets too hard - use your hand instead, until the mixture is quite stiff. Turn out on to a board that has been dusted with icing sugar and knead till it is smooth. Now divide into 2 portions. One is kept white and flavoured with peppermint essence. The other is coloured pink with the strawberry essence. Mould into mouse shapes with your hands. Add almonds for ears. Silver balls for eyes. Wool for the tail. Add to the Xmas Table.

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TUESDAY

9.00am Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 20 December
6.00pm Carol Service and Supper
CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday 24th
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight for Children, Mum and Dad too
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CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday 25th
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A Thought for December

THE news has been dominated in the last few years by the terrorist attacks in many parts of the world, culminating in the shocking attack in Paris. We feel great sympathy for those who have lost loved ones and suffered. We find it hard to understand the mind-set of people who could behave in such a way.

We worry about what all this means for the future of the world and its peace. It seems that there are those who are determined to undermine the world we know and plunge us into another dark age. Countering that threat is not going to be an easy task in the future and will require more than bombs and war.

At Christmas we think of the song of the angels, 'Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to those with whom He is pleased.' How does the birth of a baby two thousand years ago contribute to the peace of the world? It is obvious that His birth didn't bring a miraculous end to the conflicts of the world. Since then we have invented some pretty nasty weapons of mass destruction, which have made matters far worse.

At that first Christmas the song of the angels celebrated the arrival of one whom the angel had claimed to the shepherds as 'Saviour'. It is as we see the impact of Jesus as Saviour in individual lives that we see how that begins to affect the wider scene. Jesus comes as Saviour to men. He became man in order to 'save' us – to rescue us from the problem of our sin and failure – just the sort of thing seen in the world's conflicts and divisions. He came to reconcile us to God.

On the cross He faced the violence and anger of humanity but we also believe He bore the separation from God which results from our sin. As a result we can be forgiven. We can be restored to a relationship with God. We can experience the power of His love in our lives. The experience of forgiveness and the love of God is something which begins to change our lives.

Those who have been forgiven learn to forgive. Those who have been loved learn to love others. We begin to learn from God how He would have us live our lives—following the paths of peace and righteousness and justice.

Individuals who are learning to live in God's way begin to affect the society in which they live. It is the nations which have experienced the influence of Christians in their history who should be the upholders of peace and of loving others but alas that seems a long way from reality in 2015.

Those values should seem self-evident but not everyone shares those values, as we have seen. We could easily lose those values ourselves if our nation continues to turn its back on Christian teaching and values. Jesus does bring peace to humanity - peace to individuals as they find peace with God and peace in the world as they seek to live in harmony with others. The message of the birth of a Saviour is one which the world very much needs to hear this Christmas.

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOURS

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday 20 of December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00pm. On Christmas Eve, Thursday 24, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children mums and dads at 7.00pm and at 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Thursday 25, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am. Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged Children overseas. This year's appeal was a fantastic result and over 35 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the Samaritans Purse appeal again this year.

St Saviour's Centennial Celebrations were a wonderful time with small St Saviour's stretched to capacity and the new windows are fantastic additions to the Church. A big thank you to all our wonderful helpers – without them nothing would have happened.



Baha'i Thought for the Month

"O peoples of the world! Forsake all evil, hold fast that which is good. Strive to be shining examples unto all mankind, and true reminders of the virtues of God amidst men. He that riseth to serve My Cause should manifest My wisdom, and bend every effort to banish ignorance from the earth. Be united in counsel, be one in thought. Let each morn be better than its eve and each morrow richer than its yesterday. Man's merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches. Take heed that your words be purged from idle fancies and worldly desires and your deeds be cleansed from craftiness and suspicion. Dissipate not the wealth of your precious lives in the pursuit of evil and corrupt affection, nor let your endeavours be spent in promoting your personal interest. Be generous in your days of plenty, and be patient in the hour of loss. Adversity is followed by success and rejoicings follow woe. Guard against idleness and sloth, and cling unto that which profiteth mankind, whether young or old, whether high or low. Beware lest ye sow tares of dissension among men or plant thorns of doubt in pure and radiant hearts."

Baha'u'llah (Baha'i Writings)

- **Morning prayers** each Thursday at 8.00am, in the park in lower Therwine Street Kuranda followed by coffee
- **Meditations/Reflections:** Devotional meeting based on the Scriptures of the World's great Religions, by arrangement
- **Study Circles** now available in Mareeba and Kuranda on spiritual themes. Anyone can join in the study circle, no charge
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Tourism Kuranda Farewells Volunteer



Tourism Kuranda bid a fond farewell to Melanie Wicks this month who is stepping down after volunteering for six years as Chair of our village committee.

Melanie has been a passionate supporter of our village who has dedicated her time and services to help Kuranda grow.

Her role involved helping set a strategic direction for Kuranda, implementing a new brand for Kuranda as well as developing and protecting the brand in the marketplace. Melanie was instrumental in developing an event strategy for Kuranda which included the growth and success of both the Easter Celebration and Kuranda Festival helping act as an economic boost for many businesses which also helped promote and profile Kuranda to target locals and reconnect with this important market.

A big thank you to Melanie comes from the Mareeba Shire Council and the Kuranda business community for playing such an active role in helping the village position itself as a must-do destination in Tropical North Queensland.

Photo above: Melanie Wicks (right) with flowers and Mareeba Shire Councillor Karen Ewin, who is the councillor representative on the Tourism Kuranda committee.

Rob Hart

apologises that his column is not available this month.

Rainfall Last Month

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