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# Kuranda State High School



## Goodbye...

Kuranda State High School farewelled our 2005 senior students at a formal ceremony at the Kuranda Resort on Friday 18th of November. We wish these students every success in their lives after school, and thank them for their many contributions to our school over the last five years. Special congratulations to Meggie Voogt, Dux 2005; Louise Clout, winner of the 2005 Envirocare Award; Aden Brim, winner of the 2005 Principals Award as well as the "Outstanding Achievement, Cultural" Award and "Outstanding Achievement, Citizenship and Community Service" Award



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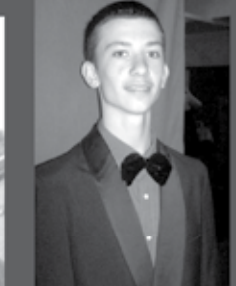
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CLASS OF 2005



# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper,

I would just like to write and thank the local volunteers for the effort they put in on a daily basis at our Information Centre. I don’t think any of us fully realise the valuable contribution these volunteers give to our community. At the recent opening of Jaques Coffee at Emerald Creek I was amazed and delighted to see the large contingent of our volunteers who had given up their Saturday afternoon to find out more about an attraction in our own backyard. As a business owner in Kuranda, once again thanks to our village volunteers for the wonderful work you do and may we all be more appreciative of your efforts.

Judy Fitzgerald Kuranda Candy Kitchen

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported us in our aim to attend the Myth Busters event in Brisbane in early December 2005. We would like to thank you all the businesses for their donations and contributions. We would like to extend our appreciation to all the community members who bought raffle tickets in our raffle. We had an awesome time and we learnt a lot. Your kindness and generosity is a warm reminder of the spirit of communities working together. Thank you, thank you, thank you,

Linda Abenthum, Tahlia Moore and Trent Blue of Kuranda State School

Dear Kuranda Paper,

How thin is the “Thin Blue Line”? Within the past few weeks Kuranda has seen a sexual assault, an aggravated assault near the P.O., some minor altercations in the main street and the usual break and enters. The recent Cairns’ Post Crime and Safety Survey confirmed general concerns with after-dark safety and I know that I am reluctant to walk around Kuranda after dark. Despite eight police stationed in Kuranda, their presence is rather a rare sighting and it seems that the station itself is frequently closed. Maybe The Kuranda Paper could obtain from the Kuranda Police a monthly report on crime statistics in the area, which would show us residents that the “Boys and Girls In Blue” are not sleeping on the job.

Emily Brown, Myola Road

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Myola Alert! There are three cats which visit my place at night without bells, one is champagne colour, another is black and the third one is ginger. The problem is they chase the black and white possums on my roof. This problem can be resolved easily if owners could attach two (2) bells to the cats’ collar it would enable the possum to escape uninjured.

Many thanks for your help for both cat and wildlife.

J. Byrnes

Dear Kuranda Paper,

Ordinary clichés such as “Deeply Appreciated” or “Heartfelt Thanks” don’t quite express my response to Jax and her team of voluntary tree-planters from EnviroCare. How about unbridled delight and a whoop of joy when these wonderful people – with the OK from Mareeba Council – planted not one or two but a whole row of native shrubs in the little park beside the CWA Hall. The EnviroCare people truly work to keep the dream alive. The dream of “Kuranda – The Rainforest Village”. Many of us remember when Kuranda was famous as the rainforest village and the EnviroCare mob deserve a big hand for the work they do to maintain that beauty. Thank you Jax and friends.

PS: The visiting birds, butterflies and other assorted wildlife will be very much appreciated from my front porch.

Rose Cairnes

Dear Kuranda Paper,

In mid January I am moving to N.S.W for the start of my new life. I would like to thank all my friends for their love and support since the passing of Kon. I shall be back to visit. Bye for now. Maria Cavalliotis “Oscar” and “Misty” (the Pomeranians.)

Dear Kuranda paper,

The proposed 4-lane Kuranda range highway is the wrong solution for a wrong planning decision.

The 2010 plan calls for 50,000 to 90,000 people in the Kuranda area. Surely that many people and their tens of thousands of dogs and cats would be having a devastating effect on our water resources and very diverse and sensitive fauna and flora. Such huge development **would undoubtedly destroy Kuranda** as the village-in-the-rainforest tourist destination which supports so many of us. It makes sense to have any big development in less environmentally sensitive areas like Mareeba, where there is already significant infrastructure anyway.

High speed rail leading from Mareeba through a Davies Creek-White Rock tunnel to Cairns with drive on/off carriages, space for bikes & motorbikes as well as passenger seating will allow for 30-40 minute commuting. This will make development around Mareeba feasible, saving Kuranda’s Cassowaries and tourist industry. A rail tunnel will save hundreds of million dollars in car costs and millions of man hours simply by reducing the distance by over 15km.

It will also enable the international airport to be shifted to the Mareeba area in time for the inevitable sea level rise as well as having many other benefits (environmental, tourism, greenhouse emissions, extra Tableland access, less accidents, less maintenance, shorter construction time, no 10-20 years of traffic delays during construction etc). Its huge long term savings and benefits will more than repay any possibly higher construction costs. And with Peak Oil looming, electric rail with regenerative braking is a much smarter transport option.

The existing road should get a couple of extra overtaking lanes now to alleviate increasing traffic until the tunnel is built. Once all big trucks will have to go on the train our range road will be a joy to drive.

Tourists wouldn’t like the proposed highway with its 1.7 meter high concrete and steel barriers which would feel like an open roofed tunnel. How many tourists would still come on a 4-lane highway to suburbia in what used to be rainforest???

Let’s not allow our future and our community to be destroyed for the profits of a few trucking companies and developers. **Please speak up for our beautiful village** and object to the proposed 4-lane Kuranda range highway “upgrade” with its devastating follow-on developments.

Please email your submission to: WetTropicsManagementAuthority, margaret.woodland@epa.qld.gov.au by March 3rd.

For more info on above alternative call Svargo on 40937755  
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Dear Kuranda Paper,

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Pip Clarkson, Kuranda Economic Localisation (KEL)

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**Kuranda  
Videos**  
At  
**The BP Complex**  
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# The Kuranda Paper and the Community

The stated objectives of the Kuranda Paper are to provide means of open communication in order to enhance the spirit of community involvement and reflect the ongoing aspirations of the residents of Kuranda.

The Kuranda Paper is probably the longest running community paper in Queensland with 163 editions produced in its present incarnation.

The generosity of the **Kuranda Fire and Rescue Brigade** provides the paper with housing and office space. This tremendously valuable offering is intrinsic to the regular production of the paper and is much appreciated.

A recent grant from the **Reef Casino Community Benefit Fund** has enabled the purchase and upgrading of computers and software.

A couple of keen and computer-savvy volunteers keep our equipment ticking over and virus free.

A dedicated and hard working group of volunteers (around 10 in number) contribute their time and effort in the production of each month's edition. This work includes copy entry, graphics, design, layout and proofing. Approximately 70+ hours of volunteer time is donated here.

Importantly, the paper relies on **your contributions** to fill its pages. Regular contributors include EnviroCare, Kuranda District High School, Ngoombi, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and the Kuranda Library along with faithful individuals like John Brookbank's Kryptic Krossword, Val's Health and Beauty Tips, Fr. Chris Wright's Reflections, Baha'I

Thought for the Month and numerous others.

The many **Service, Sporting and Social Clubs** with their monthly updates keep residents informed of activities and these updates are most welcome.

**The Kuranda Paper** costs approximately \$3,000 per edition (printing, postage, computer upkeep, office supplies, telephone, insurance and public liability. Our **Regular Advertisers** keep us afloat. Without them, we would not have The Kuranda Paper.

Each month, rain, sun or freeze, a small group of volunteers meet each month outside the Post Office, to fold The Kuranda Paper to bring it to your post box.

Last but not least, a proactive **Management Committee**, meeting regularly keeps an eye on finance, policy and protocol. All up, it is estimated that volunteer contribution to the Kuranda Paper is in excess of over 100 hours per month.

You too can help! Keep those letters, articles and classifieds coming in.....

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## Short Story Competition



Got a *good tale* to tell?

Why not enter the Kuranda Paper Short Story Competition? Get writing now, while the rain keeps you indoors. Watch this space for entry details.

Dear "A rather plain girl in Kuranda"

Limerick No 9 and Third Prize Winner in The Kuranda Paper's recent competition. Your prize is at the Video Shop – please bring identification to collect.

## Una Bares All

Felicitations and Farewells from KMA and the Production Team at The Kuranda Paper to Una, mine host at Billy's and Fitpatrick's and a major supporter of The Kuranda Paper and so many other community fund raisers and events. We are going to miss you kiddo, and take this opportunity to wish you well on your next ventures and (no doubt) adventures. The Kuranda Paper has been fortunate to secure the unexpurgated version of **Una's Years in Kuranda**. Keep your eyes peeled for the page sizzler, bodice ripper in our next edition of the Kuranda Paper!

Dear Kuranda Paper,

We would like to apologise to those residents of Boyles Road, Kuranda, for any inconvenience which was caused to them by our kennels operating over the Christmas holidays. We certainly had no intention of causing any problems, however we were let down by some of our building contractors who did not meet their deadlines as promised for completing the complex prior to November 30, 2005.

We have now ceased boarding any further dogs until the entire complex is finished, and wish to thank Mareeba Shire Councillors and staff for their assistance in expediting the completion process.

Over 90 families used our services for their dog(s) over the Christmas period and all were very happy with the care and attention provided to their pets. We hope to reopen around the end of February, and we will offer an unrivalled dog boarding facility and service to the people of Kuranda and surrounds. We have carefully designed our facility for the health and benefit of dogs and the community, and we trust that we will fully meet our own and others' expectations for a high quality, professional dog boarding facility throughout the future.

Thankyou to the many local people who have supported us through December and early January, and who have wished us and our business every success.

Diane Ward and Graham Wright  
Kuranda Pet Resort

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9.30am Sung Eucharist  
9.30am Sunday school  
5.00pm Afternoon Worship  
Holy Communion (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Informal Praise (26<sup>th</sup> Feb.)  
all other Evening Prayer

**THURSDAY**

10.00am Holy Communion

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST  
IN THE TEMPLE  
(Candlemas)**

**Thursday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**7.30pm Sung Eucharist by Candlelight**

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## Interfaith Dialogue - the Alternative for all Communities

Whatever our views might be about the value of religion in the world, whether we are believers of one kind or another, skeptics or atheists, it is clear that religion is a permanent feature on the social landscape of all global communities. Totalitarianism and various other anti-religious movements and ideologies of various kinds have markedly failed to eradicate religion in the world. If anything, religious and spiritual beliefs are a growing phenomenon in both the West and the East. It is no use simply railing against the abuses of religion and just hoping the offending religions will fade away - this is simply not going to happen! A sensible society is one that accepts this reality, that religion and belief are an integral and permanent part of the life of many of its members. Society must learn to live with, respect and value religious plurality. It must look to maximize the benefits which this can impart to society and to minimize the detriment to society.

The one fact that is increasingly being brought home to us by much of the current debate about religious fanaticism and its damaging effects in the world is that much more needs to be done to establish genuine interfaith dialogue. We need much better relations between the religions. Hans Kung the

famous theologian said there would be no peace in the world until there was peace between the religions.

The interfaith movement has made great strides in recent decades under pressures created by intolerance, religious exclusivity, division and hatred, terrorism and other gross abuses perpetrated in the name of religion. The late Pope Paul made a special effort to promote inter-religious dialogue and good interfaith relations, work that may well be advanced further by the new Pope. The centenary of the World Parliament of Religions in 1993 also contributed to this work, and many groups are pursuing this by ongoing work since. The World Council of Churches has recently held a landmark international interfaith conference. The United Nations held a conference in 2005 on interfaith cooperation for peace. Many other interfaith activities are being held around the planet, including in many communities in Australia. They are reaching down to the grass roots. Muslim communities are increasingly adopting a more conciliatory approach in Australia and elsewhere to participate in, and to explore the need for better relations with, the wider community. To be continued...

Graham Nicholson

### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHA'I FAITH

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## A Thought for February

Why was Jesus baptized? The question has haunted Christians for centuries. If he was the Word made flesh, if he was the Incarnation of God, why did he submit to a rite which essentially addresses the salvation of the lost, the healing of the sick, the renewal of the broken. If he was neither lost nor sick nor broken, why was he baptized?

The question rises from our broad vision of the role of the Saviour. I suggest today that our unsatisfactory answers are the product of our narrow vision of baptism. Today our narrow view is challenged.

The water of baptism is, for us, still and peaceful. It is, at best, a few litres in a bowl or the calm waters of the Barron. Even for Baptists it is only a few hundred gallons in a tank. It is contained, limited, harmless.

In the bible, water is always a symbol of power. In the bible, water is always ambivalent. The water of God's creation is both perilous and life-giving. The water of the flood was deadly, although Noah and his crew survived it. When the Hebrews crossed through the Red Sea it was a dangerous crossing, although it led to life. In the book of Genesis the waters of chaos before the first word of creation: they are a raging ocean, covered in darkness. Psalm 29 suggests the rainpocked, white-capped surf, driven by the edge of a storm.

Water speaks of the extremes of creation. Water both threatens and sustains life. Water is unbridled power. It also calms and cleanses the body, and quenches thirst.

Water defines the conditions of humanity, the beauty and the ugliness, the tranquility and the storm. The baptism of Jesus affirms and confirms the humanity of Jesus. He is no interloper from another world; he is one of us in every detail of our lives.

We should note, however, that the story of the bible does not end with creation. It is a story of new life, new possibilities, beyond the limits of the old creation. That is why each of our three readings today speaks not only of the water of baptism but also of the presence and power of God's Spirit. Every reference to the Spirit of God is a reference to newness, to unexpected creativity, to life in new and fuller terms. Today's readings are telling us that God is making a new creation out of the old creation, a new human race out of the old human race.

The baptism of Jesus demonstrates his share in our humanity. The Spirit of God affirms him as the pioneer of a new humanity, whose profile he will determine in his life and death.

Christian baptism must always reflect this pattern: the water of God's creation and the Spirit of new life. When we ask, 'Why was Jesus baptized?' we miss the point, especially if we think of baptism only as a corrective, only as a medicine for ills. The baptism of Jesus, in water and Spirit, proclaims the inauguration of a new age and our baptism is admission into what he is. He did not stoop to be baptized. In our baptism God's Spirit took us by the hand and led us into that new world which was first seen in the baptism of the Lord. And all our longings and aspirations for love, and peace, and justice, and even fun, are longings for the realization of that new world. Amen.

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**  
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# KURANDA ARTS CO-OPERATIVE

What a great start to 2006 and the Management Committee and members of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative would like to wish the community a very happy and prosperous New Year.

We were surprised and grateful to see a very good article headed 'Kuranda haven for crafts and art' in the Tableland Advertiser paper last week. It was almost a third of a page. We would like to thank Fr Chris Wright Chairman, Kuranda Village Promotion Program (KVPP) for his input into the article. For those who missed the article, it covered the artistic history of the village and listed the many arts mediums distinctive in Kuranda today. The article featured a large photograph of KAC member, glass blower Raymond Mifsud, Fire Design Glass. Raymond's significant glass sculptures can be seen at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative Gallery along with affordable and beautiful glass jewellery by Fire Glass designer Nicki. Raymond works in his studio beside the Red Ice Cream van and many beautiful and creative pieces are displayed.

Kuranda Arts Co-operative welcomed many locals to the gallery during the festive season to do some of the their Christmas shopping. Many were regular customers, and quite a few who had lost track of us when we moved to Rob Veiver's Drive. The comments we received about the quality of the work of our local artists is always pleasing.

We have received a number of new memberships from artists who have recently moved to the village. We have new and very exciting work on display. One piece in particular is a digital drawing (in colour) on canvas by Paul Summerfield. Computer buffs will be fascinated by the precision, design and composition of this lovely piece. Come in and have a look now as it can be assured this piece is not going to be on our wall for very long.

There are a number of national art prizes, art awards, and photographic competitions for 2006 being advertised through many interstate art galleries. Information on many of these is available at the Arts Co-operative Gallery.

2006 art classes and local workshops are commencing, some at the end of this month and a number in February. In particular, our friend and neighbour Claire Souter is recommencing her very popular morning classes at her gallery. Contact the Claire Souter Gallery for details and enrolment and enjoy those classes.

Rachel Skipsey and Toni Rogers are combining their talents for two very fun mornings in February. Their workshops will be conducted in two parts and inspired by the Kuranda landscape and local produce. Summer is the time for seriously sensational & versatile food. Easy to make - easy to eat. It is also a time to introduce new & simple design & colour into our lives. Easy to do - easy to live with.

Rachel is an accomplished chef who has amassed her culinary knowledge in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. "Food is one of the very few resources that draw family and friends naturally to the table". Toni is a photographer, artist, weaver and conceptual sculptor who is well known for her use of natural materials, her skills and innovative approach to these disciplines.

**'A Recipe for Inspiration'** on Tuesday, 7th February 10am 1.30pm. Freedom in expression of drawing and design by Toni, and preparation of quick and easy 'cool food and drinks' by Rachel.

Then on Tuesday - 21st February, 10am - 1.30pm a second workshop called **'Outside the Square'** will be held.

These two workshops are guaranteed to be full of fun and enjoyment. The price of each workshop is \$35.00. This includes all materials, food and drinks. There will be limited numbers and bookings are essential. Contact Toni at Cantata Studio 40939293 for details and bookings, or the KAC on 40939026.

Again, the Kuranda Arts Co-operative is calling for volunteers to man the Gallery, on an odd day. It is important to us that our local artists gallery is open 7 days. It is also important to the many visitors and locals who are utilising the benefit of our internet service on a daily basis. If you have a day free day, even once a month, and you have an interest in the arts, please contact us and come and join us.

# QCWA NEWSLETTER

By the time this newsletter appears in the Kuranda Paper, our Branch will be back in session, with the ladies donning running shoes for the year ahead and by the look of our Division Calendar, we will need those shoes!

We would like to correct an omission from the December newsletter. Following a phone call, Marcelle Dieben attended our branch meeting and presented a cheque on behalf of the local Taekwondo Academy (towards the upgrading of the hall floors). What a lovely gesture of appreciation from a group who use our hall on a regular basis - and very much appreciated. Many thanks to Jeff, Marcelle and their students.

Congratulations to Kuranda students - Meggie Voogt and Linda Abenthum (Kuranda State High School) and Daniel Whipple (Kuranda State Primary School) on being selected as recipients of Kuranda QCWA annual bursaries - we hope the money will help with school purchases or whatever in 2006.

Speaking of Hall floors - our Hall floors have received a long overdue facelift. The wooden floor looks lovely with boards sanded and given a 2pack finish. Came up very well considering the floor is over 60 yrs old! The concrete section has had commercial vinyl laid and also looks great. Now begins the task of fundraising to recover the cost of this upgrading. To the groups who hire our hall on a regular basis, we apologise for any inconvenience that may have been experienced and ask that consideration be given to maintaining the "new" condition as long as possible. Please remember to lift chairs etc. when relocating same around the hall. New mats have also been installed at each entrance - so no excuse not to wipe your feet when entering the hall.

Craft days begin again on Wednesday, 1st Feb. New and old crafts will be featured and taught during the year. Why not come along and join our friendly group - learn a craft, teach a craft or just come along for a bit of social time - have a cuppa - we would like to see you. Our Rummage Room is also open to the public on these days.

For further information contact:  
Yvonne Dighton 4093 7016

Hall Convener 4093 7599



**QCWA Kuranda Branch President Yvonne Dighton and Treasurer Sandra McCorry receiving donation from Marcelle Dieben on behalf of Kuranda Taekwondo Academy.**

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# Swimming Pool Update

## KURANDA DISTRICT AQUATIC CENTRE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### “Much is Happening”

All being well the application to the State Sport and Recreation department will be sent by our Council on 10<sup>th</sup> February asking for 50% of the funds towards construction. If merited as successful we will be seeing work begin after June. Issues with land tenure between Education Queensland and the Council still exist and Lesley Clark is working hard to ensure this is sorted out by deadline. Any delays like this put us back 1 year and no-one wants that at this stage.

Recent speculation has it that costs have blown out and Council seeks to increase the ratepayer levy considerably while at the same time not increasing its own commitment above the original \$200,000. Let our committee assure you, we will do our best to keep this figure down. We will lobby Council to meet us 50 - 50 or, with negotiation, get the costs back down. Our committee was well consulted with originally about the small levy and feedback to us from you was acceptable. This time we were only informed about the changes after the fact. Currently ratepayers will meet 73% of the Council's commitments. Unacceptable!! Let them know!!

Many, many thanks to all the individuals and businesses who contributed locally to our Raffle, Auction and Gala Dinner function for March and April. A full list will be acknowledged in the next Kuranda Paper. Special mention, however, have to go to:-

- (1) the Tae Kwon Do association, Mr and Mrs Dieben, for their \$200 donation,
- (2) the folks at the Speewah Tavern for collecting \$148 on our behalf, and
- (3) Joe and Mary Evert of Evert's Opals for their sponsorship of \$1000.

Any sponsors with over \$ 1000 will be forever acknowledged with a plaque on the wall outside the new pool.

Some exciting upcoming local events are in the pipeline to help with the fundraising so stay tuned.

We meet on the last Friday of each month at the Sports and Social Club, Fallon Rd, 6.30 p.m. Contact us on 40938399, GnL.davis@bigpond.com or kurandapool@yahoo.com , if you want to make a splash with this valuable community asset.

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# Kuranda 8 Ball

First things first, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, a very safe new year and a prosperous one.

Kuranda 8 Ball is looking forward to another successful year of competition with the first round starting February 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces, as well as the old ones, and we are hoping that a new venue or two will be joining us to participate in the fun.

For those of you that may not have heard of our association we have a few details.

Generally we play once a week in the evening, either Monday or Tuesday between 7pm and 10pm. If you become a member of a four person team (the minimum amount of players required to avoid forfeits) you will get to play three games. Points are awarded to individuals and teams every match night. At the end of each season we will have a winning team and individual. We play **World Rules** which can only improve a player's game. If you don't know the world rules there are plenty of people who will help you. If you register to play you receive a rule book as part of the registration fee. Registration fee is \$15 for the year and match fees \$3 each match night.

The rewards are; you could be receiving a trophy at the presentation that is held after the grand final match amid the fun and frolic of the ever successful end of season parties that we have. If your not receiving a trophy your having heaps of fun, enjoying the camaraderie with your opponents and looking forward to next seasons battles.

There is more to it than that though.

All players who show dedication and a reasonable amount of skill and knowledge of the game will certainly be in the selector's sights. We play against teams from the Tablelands, Cairns and Innisfail in the Intercity Competition. If you were chosen in the fifteen person Squad (ten men - five women) you could be playing for Kuranda on a weekend and meeting and beating new friends. If you do well in this competition you might well be playing for F.N.Q. and then Queensland and then, who knows? The 8 ball sky is the limit, if you want it.

We have had our official registration night but that does not matter. Look for the notice in this paper for details if you are interested.

*Have a great year, Kuranda 8 Ball.*

## Friends of the Earth Kuranda Action Alert

### PHASE II: KURANDA RANGE 4-LANE HIGHWAY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The proposal to 'upgrade' the Kuranda Range Road to a 4-lane highway has entered a new phase.

As well as requiring environmental approval at a Federal level, the Highway project requires an amendment to Wet Tropics World Heritage legislation. This is because part of the proposed new alignment traverses areas of World Heritage that have been zoned for special management to protect the high conservation values within that zone. The zoning system is designed to restrict infrastructure development in the WHA and ensure the ecological integrity of the area is maintained. Rezoning undermines the very purpose of this zoning system.

Currently, the Wet Tropics Management Board is considering an application from the Department of Main Roads to rezone approximately 25ha of high conservation value land from Zone B to Zone C, where infrastructure may be permitted. IF the application is approved, it will be only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time a World Heritage Zone has been downgraded in this way in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area:

Without the rezoning approval, the proposed 4-lane highway cannot be built. A public submission period began in December and ends **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a chance to express your view as to whether a zoning amendment should or should not be allowed.

Whilst this is a long, drawn out process, it does at least provide an avenue for citizens to have input into decisions which concern them personally and affect their community generally. For democracy to function, we the people have to participate – otherwise instead of things being done for us, we get things done to us. Please engage in this process if you want to see Kuranda spared from becoming just another satellite town on a major freeway.

Your submission is a statement of your views and concerns. Below are issues you may wish to include:

- This is yet one more pressure diminishing the natural integrity of the World Heritage Area and the ethical integrity of World Heritage management and international obligations
- Changing the zoning to suit demands of the day makes a farce of the zoning process.
- Subsequent urban development of Kuranda region would destroy reality and perception of Kuranda as the Village in the Rainforest. The freeway will have far-reaching and irreversible impacts on community and ecological values
- It is essential that the already limited rainforest habitat be maintained to increase the resilience of the forest ecosystems to the variety of threats including the impacts of habitat contraction due to global warming.
- The freeway will visually dominate the range landscape and completely destroy the current rainforest drive experience with continuous concrete barriers and numerous bridges above the treeline.

This is an important and pivotal time for Kuranda. No change that has occurred in Kuranda up to now can be compared with what would eventuate should this rezoning approval be successful. The subsequent intensive urbanisation would change the character and community identity of the Kuranda area, forever.

To obtain submission-writing assistance or a copy of a sample submission contact Di Horsburgh 4093 8901, dianne.horsburgh@bigpond.com or Sarah Isaacs, 4085 0054 sarah.isaacs sarahisaacs@qldnet.com.au

For more information on the rezoning application: [http://www.wettropics.gov.au/mwha/mwha\\_kurandarange.html](http://www.wettropics.gov.au/mwha/mwha_kurandarange.html)

#### How to have your say

Written submissions should be forwarded to:

Zoning Map Amendments

Wet Tropics Management Authority

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or emailed to [margaret.woodland@epa.qld.gov.au](mailto:margaret.woodland@epa.qld.gov.au)

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## Close encounters with a welcome kind by Petra Lovey

The other night my home was invaded.

Everywhere I looked bright green creatures with webbed feet and yellow eyes surrounded me. To top it off they were showing off their vocal skills. Talk about serenading me to sleep.

Yes, *Litoria caerulea* has made a comeback! With many of our frogs declining at a rapid rate, the sight of countless green tree frogs was welcome to say the least.

The causes of their decline are poorly understood or not known. What we do know is that frogs are affected by loss of habitat and pollution. Compounding the problem are introduced predators such as cats and cane toads. Unfortunately cats eat frogs and toads eat frog tadpoles.

Green tree frogs breed between November and February, when eggs are

laid in clumps and deposited in still water. Tadpoles are a mottled brown colour and reach lengths of 45 to 100 mm. They are completely developed in about six weeks. Adults are capable of reaching sizes of up to 10 cm with a lifespan of around 25 years.

One way to get frogs back into your garden is to create a healthy ecosystem. Getting rid of predators such as cane toads is a good start.

In Gladstone a dedicated group of kids have captured a record 10,000 toads over the last few years. Week by week the children would go out in the evening and collect the pests from local parks and waterways. Their dedication has paid off; native frogs have finally made a comeback. Inspired? Grab yourself some kids, gloves and plastic bags and .....happy toad hunting!

## FINDING FOREST FUNGI

by Sapphire McMullan-Fisher



Despite the sparse rain over the festive season, a walk from Barang Street to Jumrum Creek on the 30th of December 2005 revealed enough fungi to keep us all busy for nearly two hours!

One of our fungal finds was the glorious bright orange, fan-shaped fungus *Laetiporus sulphureus*. Europeans call it the 'sulphur polypore' although the Northern Americans have a far more unusual name for it - chicken in the woods! In northern climes this large, conspicuous fungus often heralds the start of the fungal season as it needs very little rain to trigger fruiting. It seems that it has the same modus operandi here as it fruited at the end of the driest December on record! Hopefully some of you who enjoyed the Creek walk saw many specimens covering several large logs in all their glory. Some specimens we saw were up to 30 cm in diameter.

The tiered, fleshy fans are hot orange in the centre, fanning to a pale cream colour at the edges and the undersides. As these bracket fungi age the brilliant oranges fade to sulphur yellows. Specimens become more wrinkled and their radial zones become more pronounced. Their flesh also becomes considerably tougher.

## MULCHING TIP

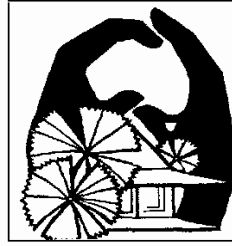
One purpose of mulch is to supply growing plants with food, as it breaks down (there's a whole fungi story waiting to be told here). Other purposes include keeping moisture in the soil and suppressing weed growth. Yet another is to prevent erosion of exposed sloping areas. Yes, it's a good idea to cover areas which could erode before heavy rain, but if you want to get moisture into your soil, wait till AFTER the good soaking rain before you mulch to keep the moisture in the soil.

To get the best value for mulch money, lay just one or two sheets of newspaper on the ground and cover it with the mulch. The thin newspaper covering will help to keep the weeds from shooting but will allow follow-up rains to soak through.

This spectacular cosmopolitan polypore is commonly found from the Wet Tropics south to the Queensland border region, although it has occasionally been reported from New South Wales.

The "body" of this wood rotting fungus is in the log, breaking down the tough woody fibres and releasing nutrients into the ecosystem. They are often eaten by invertebrates. The fungus remains in the log, producing fabulous orange fruiting bodies when the right environmental triggers occur. These fruiting bodies release spores that are carried by air currents, allowing the fungus to spread to new woody substrates such as newly fallen trees.

A second fungi walk from Wrights Lookout to Surprise Creek on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006, was very successful with over 35 species of fungi seen. A number of Fungimap targets were seen: *Cyrtotrama aspratrum*, *Cymatoderma elegans*, *Dictyopanus pusillus*, *Marasmius elegans*, *Microporus xanthopus*, *Oudemansiella radicata* and *Stereum ostrea*. Pictures and descriptions of these can be found on the internet at <<http://fungimap.rbg.vic.gov.au/fsp/fsp.html>>.



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## SINGING IN THE RAIN what a glorious feeling

**plant plant plant plant plant plant plant**  
We can't complain; we've had some good rain during the 'dry season', and the 'wet season' is now with us. This is the period we have been working so hard for in the nursery—to have the seedlings ready to plant out so they can get a good root hold while the wet weather lasts.

### SATURDAY MORNING WORKING BEES

For the next few months, we'll be spending every available hour planting trees. We'll have to put off some of the tree planting we've been doing on residents' properties till after the 'wet'. These plantings can be looked after and watered by the residents while the corridor projects (see below) need the community.

If you've always promised yourself that you'd come to a tree planting one Saturday morning, now is the time. Please make the effort—just once. We do it every Saturday from 8am-9am, then enjoy a cup of billy tea. Wear covered shoes and gloves (if you have them, but we have some extras) and, of course, a hat. You'll find us along Oak Forest Road (continuation of Myola Road) at Kowrowa. Look out for our signs.

We have a good routine: the ground you'll be planting into has already been prepared. We dig holes, spill in a little fertilizer, plant the tree, water it in, tag it with coloured tape and mulch around it.

If we're planting on level ground, we'll plant in rows so that we can get the tractor/slasher in for herbicide-free maintenance.

### FIRES (never a natural occurrence)

Fires have not been a major problem this year. There was one fire below Bottom Kowrowa (near Big Sands) which could have been a threat to one of our plantings which was heavily mulched, but strategically located fire breaks saved it.

As with areas cleared by fire in the past, we've taken advantage of it and kept weed regrowth in check. We'll be planting out this area on Australia Day—what an appropriate Australian thing to do! We should never again see fire in those areas which were burnt out then replanted with rainforest species.

### MULCH

Mulch can be both your greatest garden ally or bring your worst nightmare to reality. In small isolated garden patches, mulch can turn your garden into a splendid thing, but when used widely to protect the soil through the long dry months (and the fire prone months), it can carry a fire through a planting and wipe it out. (see Tip on Mulching)

### TWO MAJOR 'CORRIDOR' PROJECTS

**The Green Corridor:** A partnership between the Cairns Port Authority, Barron Catchment Care, Conservation Volunteers Australia, KURANDA **EnviroCare** and other groups will, over the next 20 years, undertake environmental rejuvenation of the Barron River from top to bottom (140km of it).

**EnviroLink Wildlife Corridor:** A 10km link around Kuranda which connects the northern and southern sections of the Wet Tropics World Heritage area. It runs from Kowrowa through to Speewah. We're working at the Kowrowa end now.

### FASCINATING FUNGI WALK

A whole new world of wood rotters and mycorrhiza was revealed to us by PhD student, Sapphire McMullan-Fisher, on a walk from Wrights Lookout to Surprise Creek last Sunday. Thank you for opening that door for us.

**General meeting Wednesday 1st February 2006, 7pm at  
Kuranda Primary School, Arara St. (AGM 7 April)  
Refreshments, all welcome**

*EnviroCare is planting, planting, planting*

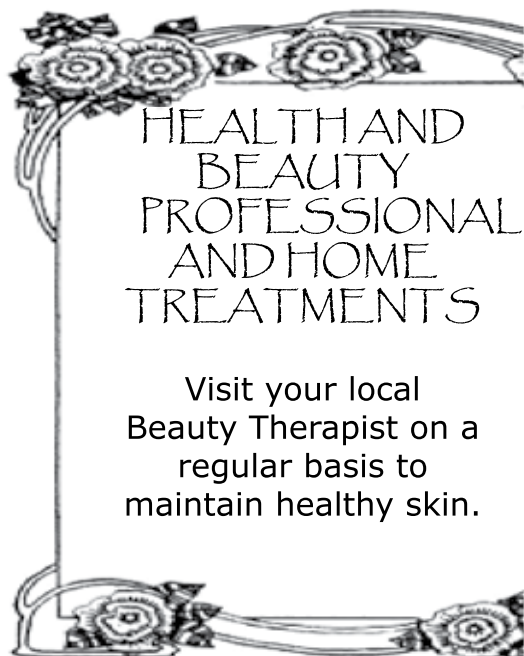
## The Gripe Fruit

\$30.00 and an off-sider supplied for a 4km transport of load, it looks like over \$120 per hour for carrying!. Maybe transport by Zulu porters would work out cheaper!

.....and then we heard about the Kuranda eatery who was seen rummaging through the rubbish bin collecting used milkshake containers, washing them and reissuing them to the public the next day.

*Keep those bouquets and brickbats coming in about your best and worst service encounters. -*





## HEALTH AND BEAUTY PROFESSIONAL AND HOME TREATMENTS

Visit your local Beauty Therapist on a regular basis to maintain healthy skin.

## KNOW YOUR SKIN

Beauty care, being a vast topic, has been split under various headings for the convenience of readers. Through the ages, beauty care has been practised by all women in one way or another. Since the earliest times there is proof of the fact that beauty aids existed, and were very popular. The difference now is that beauty care has become more scientific. A lot of research and all-round effort has gone into formulating various cosmetics, for maximum benefit to the skin. The most important aspect of these beauty preparations pertains to skin preservation. The cosmetics industry as well as beauty therapists are, therefore, concentrating a lot of time on improving skin-preparations. No wonder there are so many products in the market, in response to the never-ending demand for effective skin cosmetics.

Before deciding what to do for your skin you must analyze your skin type, as skin care is different for different types. Basically, there are three types of skin: oily, dry and combination.

### HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR SKIN TYPE:

**OILY SKIN:** This skin is always oily especially on getting up in the morning, and throughout the day has a tendency towards open pores. Blackheads, spots and pimples appear fast if neglected. However, the good news is this type of skin lasts longer, and looks younger than a dry skin. It has to be looked after. Cleansing is the most important duty of the owner.

**DRY SKIN:** This skin seems dry after

washing, and can have small lines, especially around the eyes and mouth. It needs protection all through the day.

Dry skins are very fragile and must be cleansed and treated gently at all times.

**COMBINATION SKIN:** This is the most common of all skins. Usually has an oily patch down the centre panel of the face, but may vary. The unfortunate aspect of this skin is that it will need two different products to cleanse and treat.

Always remember if you cannot afford the cosmetics that are on the market today, anything you put in your stomach can be used on the face. But you must know the chemical content of the food, as well as your skin type before applying to the skin.

Valarie Birchall, Aesthetician

## Health Across The Life-Span (HALS)



The HALS group has been enjoying their activities for over twelve years and will recommence classes on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006**. Our gentle stretch and fitness programme meet each Monday morning at 9.15am (for 9.30 class commencement) at the QCWA hall, cnr. Barang and Thongon Streets, Kuranda.

Miguel is going to guide us through our how-to-keep-fit one hour programme and if further information is required telephone 4093-7617 (evenings). Exercise mats are available, but if you have a mat please take it with you. It is important to bring your drinking water. Tea/coffee refreshment is available after the fitness session.

We welcome all to join us in our fun-related fitness group and our words for brain processing this month are:

*.....when you are in your forties you have reached the old age of immaturity, and when you reach your fifties, you are in the youth of maturity. It's rather a nice way of looking at the advancing years, isn't it?*

S. Wilhelm



Pictured Top and Left: Dorothy, Valerie, Sylvia, Sarah, Elaine, Genevieve, Mavis, Joyce, Sheila, Aleisha, Binny (not in pic) as members of HALS are seen handing their donation of \$150 to

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# KURANDA SES

**Operation Rudolf-21 Dec 2005.** Thank you to local organizations and businesses- Lions and Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, EnviroCare, Fitzpatrick's Tavern, Hotel Motel and Homemade Icecream- whose generous donations made this event possible. With sirens and flashing lights, Kuranda's Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, Police, Rural Fire Brigade and SES completed an attention grabbing circuit of the town, Myola Road and Speewah as they distributed gifts to onlookers. This year we hope to combine the event with carol singing at Centenary Park.

**SES Headquarters and Equipment.** Mareeba Shire Council's work in building the toilet extension (disabled shower/toilet and male and female toilets) make us better able to meet the needs of volunteers during training and when coming from other SES groups to provide emergency help to our local residents. Moving the toilets into the extension has also enlarged our workspace inside the building. A recent grant of \$10 000 will enable the building of an air-conditioned Operations Room (and provision of equipment) and mezzanine floor to further increase storage space. Security will be improved by the construction of a security fence. Through submissions this year, we hope to complete a roof over the bitumen area in front of the building and obtain a more modern, higher output generator.

**Members and Training.** Throughout the past year our membership has grown and through training, our group is preparing to meet the needs of our community in emergencies.

Night training included Map Reading, Fieldcraft, Safety, Land Search, Navigation, Radio Communication and Storm Damage Operations. Members attended courses on Field Search, Chain sawing and General Instructing. We were activated on a number of occasions to search for missing people, provide traffic control and chain saw assistance. We provided help to our community for the Spring Festival and traffic control for cycling races. Thank you to Cairns Cycling Club for the donations which will assist in equipping members.

Tuesday, 17 Jan, was our first Training Night for the year and we conducted maintenance checks on mechanical equipment and looked at training opportunities for the year. Members have applied for courses listed on the calendar on our regions website [www.fnqses.qld.gov.au](http://www.fnqses.qld.gov.au). At our next meeting we'll continue with Storm Damage Operations. By May, we'll be ready to compete at the Regional Competition. We train fortnightly (Jan 31; Feb 14, 28; March 14, 28 etc) from 7.30pm at the SES HQ in Fallon Road next to the Ambulance Station.

**SES Activation.** Kuranda residents need to be aware that for the provision of Workers' Compensation coverage, any SES Group Leader can only activate the members of the group for controlled risk activities such as- training activities or exercises; participation in fundraising, community, or promotional activities; or to carry out maintenance of facilities and equipment.

At the local level, we are normally activated by authorised officers of the police, fire and rescue services, ambulance service, our Local Controller of the SES, or local government representatives, to alleviate loss of life or property.

## IN MOST CASES REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE NEED TO BE MADE BY RINGING 000

In the aftermath of a major disaster, such as a cyclone, it is not possible, nor practical to direct requests through 000.

The SES Headquarters will be manned and assistance can be obtained by ringing **4093 8816**.

**Interested in joining?** We need the participation of more members of all levels of fitness, age and with differing expertise. Intending members should be aware that it is not necessary to attend every training night. For more details about the SES, please contact me on 4093 9143, 0408 939 143 or email [sasbob@tpg.com.au](mailto:sasbob@tpg.com.au)

# Rural Fire News

Rural residential property owners in urban fringe areas have a responsibility to ensure that they are adequately prepared for the fire season. People moving to a "tree change" from inner city life must be aware that 70% of fire fighters' time is spent making makeshift breaks to save property, in the event of a wildfire. Residents and also absentee landholders do have a responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their own property. Any residents who are uncertain of which Brigade area their property is included, are welcome to phone District Rural Fires Office on 40398240.

## Some points to consider -

- Easy access to property for fire vehicles.
- Ready access to reliable water supply. Remember the power could be off and pressure pumps will not then work. Rural fire trucks carry limited amounts of water.
- **Fitting a 50mm Camlock male fitting to a tank could save a home.**
- Adequate break around property.
- Cleared clean area around home.
- Garden taps and hoses that work.

In the New Year the Group will arrange another letter drop through the Post Office. Unfortunately only residents who have letter boxes will receive one. Ask your local Brigade for one.

Yvonne Thomson



## Jokes

Snow White received a camera as a gift. She happily took pictures of the Dwarfs and their surroundings. When she finished her first batch she took the film to be developed. After a week or so she went back to get the finished photos. The clerk said the photos were not back from the processor. Needless to say, she was disappointed and started to cry. The clerk, trying to console her said, "Don't worry. Someday your prints will come."

One night this guy enters a bar and asks the bartender for a drink. Then he asks for another. After a couple more drinks, the bartender gets worried. "What's the matter?" the bartender asks. "My wife and I got into a fight," explains the guy, "and she said she wasn't going to speak to talk to me for a whole 31 days." The bartender thought about this for a while. "But isn't it a good thing she's not talking to you?" asked the bartender. "Yeah, except tonight is the last night," he muttered.

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Words & Photos by Zananda

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# She was small

She was around nine  
She was light skinned  
She was marked  
She was lost  
It was only a matter of time

For transportation  
Was the genocide call  
Transport, transport, transportation

2. Her mother shied  
Her mother cried  
Her father cried too,  
then fought and died  
Her mother tried to hide her  
Some brothers fell -  
same as the father  
But the child was marked  
She had but a short time before  
meeting the call

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3. They came on horses  
They were in uniform - they stank  
How many - twenty - white guns  
One was black, eyes averted  
Barefoot and all - but he too had to  
meet the call

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4. Bang, bang, shoot em down  
Savages without a crown  
Stomp and stamp!  
Bang, crack and smash  
Spear meet bullet and lose in a flash  
She runs before galloping demons  
She runs, she speeds, 1 day, 2 days  
She doesn't want to heed the call

For transportation  
Was the genocide call  
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5. With the wind she runs  
Stumbling all the while  
Pushed by her forefathers and  
mothers she goes  
Then hitches a ride with stampeding  
cows  
Go cloud - go dust - hide her away  
Clip, clop the demons chase  
Crying, shaking, legs awry  
She climbs a tree to hide from the  
call

For transportation  
Was the genocide call  
Transport, transport, transportation

6. Third day sleeping up a tree  
Too tired to care  
Bare foot tracks the signs and climb  
You can't hide; you can not run em no  
more  
Give in - little girl - give in  
Dem legs no more run em away - you  
got to  
Meet the call

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Glgnis Grogan

## OBITUARY

JAN ALAND KOAH 1943 – 2005

Once again, we farewell a good friend and neighbour from Koah Road. With her children around her, Jan passed away at her home on December 20 2005 after a brief illness. This lady was well respected by the Koah Community and the many others who knew Jan through her various business and community areas. In the words of her children, she was "Mother, Grandmother, Friend – Selfless, Generous, Loving, Considerate, Faithful, Resourceful, Powerful and Unique"  
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# Gangsters Take Out 2005 Touch Grandfinal

The inaugural season of the Kuranda Cassowary Touch Football Competition successfully reached a close on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, when "Kullaroo Gangsters" defeated the minor round premiers "Mantaka Hawks" in the 2005 Grandfinal at Bartley Park.

In oppressive heat and humidity of the day, Kullaroo Gangsters, the most consistently improved team during the minor round had enough energy and good team plays to win 7 tries to 5 against the previously undefeated Hawks.

The Grandfinal game was the finale of an afternoon of Christmas celebration and sports fun.

Around 350 people attended and there were loads of free activities to participate in including facepainting, jumping castle, Blackrobats Circus and come and try rockclimbing. Famously popular with the kids was a visit from the "Lolly Men" and "Choice."

The Sportscene Curtain Raiser highlighted Kuranda's Touch Footy talent when the "best of" Kuranda (who weren't playing in the final) took on an invitational side from Cairns. Kuranda won!

Thanks to all who supported the Touch Competition in 2005; players, spectators, sponsors, and of course the 42 people from Kuranda who volunteered their time and their energy across all aspects of putting this together and making this community sporting event possible.

We had an outstanding 138 registered players aged 13-50yrs participating in the inaugural 2005 Touch Season. It had good representation (42%) by women in the competition and was hugely supported by our Indigenous Community (97% participation).

There have been many outcomes of this new sporting event in Kuranda, too numerous to mention but

perhaps the most obvious being positive community building and social interaction amongst members of our community.

We'd like to especially thank the Queensland Government, through Sport & Recreation Queensland and the Indigenous Community Development Program for providing ongoing support to Ngoonbi Cooperative Society for our Sport & Recreation Program which has lead to the establishment of this new sporting competition to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.

Details for the 2006 Season will be available soon. Anyone interested in playing or volunteering should leave your name and contact details with Daniel Gutchen or Jane De Col at Ngoonbi, 36 Coondoo St, Kuranda or phone 4093 7177.



## Kuranda Cassowary Touch Football

wishes to congratulate all teams and players and thank our volunteers and sponsors for their outstanding support and contribution towards the Community Christmas Sports Sunday 18 December 2005 and our inaugural Touch Football Season 2005.



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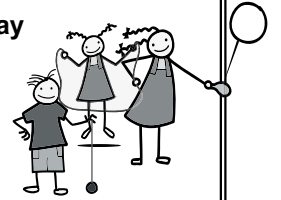


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All executive positions will be open for election

**All Welcome**

**Ready, Set, Play !!!**

## Kuranda Kiddies Playgroup Kicks Off

If you are under five, the best news is that the Kuranda Playgroup is starting in February at a fantastic venue - the Kuranda Community Kindergarten.

Our playgroup will start on Wednesday 8 February and be held each Wednesday from 10am - 11am. Do you know what that means? FUN, FUN, FUN! Fun hanging out with new friends in a safe and stimulating environment learning new things. I can't wait! There is going to be great stuff like storytelling, dancing, singing, art and crafts, outdoor play, and outings - well you get the picture - all the kinds of things that us bubs and tots enjoy. It is sooo exciting!

Everyone with children under five are welcome, so bring your parents, grandparents, other family members and carers, but Playgroup places are limited and filling fast, so you need to get in contact quickly.

A HUGE thanks to the Kuranda Community Kindergarten for their generous support. We are going to have a great time playing outdoors and undercover, and we have use of their kitchen and toilets.

We are in urgent need of our own toys, and art and crafts materials to kick us off - so if you have any preloved toys in good condition cluttering up your house that are suitable for rugrats - please contact us. Over time we hope to amass a good collection of toys to keep our young minds stimulated and amused. A membership of \$28 to Playgroup Queensland entitles your family to use of the monthly Cairns Playgroup Toy Library, a quarterly newspaper, and other membership promotions and discounts. As a member of Playgroup Queensland, our playgroup will be covered by comprehensive insurance, get Playgroup information resources, and free use of the Cairns Playgroup Toy Library. If this sounds like the gig for you, tell whoever looks after you to contact Lida or Lisa. See you there!

**At a Glance:**

**What:** Kuranda Playgroup  
**Where:** Kuranda Community Kindergarten  
**When:** Wednesday 10am, from 8 February  
**Contact:** Lida on 4093 9882 or Lisa on 4093 0038



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**Watch for our posters**  
We may do it again in Term 3 - 2006.  
Places for 2006

We have several places both in 3 year old Kindergarten group and the Mixed Age group.

A new Management Committee will be elected at our **AGM on Saturday 18th February at 9am**

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## Neighbourhood Centre News

### Happy New Year!!

Hope you've all had a lovely Christmas, and can look forward to a happy and prosperous 2006.

Here at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre we're looking forward to more groups, meetings, events and activities, some of which are already established and running, plus some new ideas and ventures that have been suggested. It just needs some interest and feedback from the Kuranda community in order to get these or any other ideas you may have up and running, so please don't hesitate to get in touch and let us know what you'd like to see happening at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (Tel:40938933 Mon-Fri 9.00-4.00).

### Community Tapestry Project

The first meeting with community members interested in being a part of this project took place on Tuesday 17/1/06 here at KNC. If you're interested in getting involved, or finding out more, come along to the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 2/2/06 from 10.30 am at KNC (7 Rob Veivers Drive, next to BP servo). As well as planning meetings in preparation for the hands-on practical work of learning to weave, Dorothy (Project Facilitator) is also planning a trip to Malanda to see how their community tapestry project is progressing.

### Historical Society for Kuranda?

The idea of establishing a historical society and small museum in Kuranda was raised by two members of our community late last year. So far the interest in this idea has been too limited to pursue, but should more interest/commitment appear then we could look at the possibilities in terms of grants, funding, premises, liaising with other local historical societies, etc. I also understand that this is not the first time that this idea has been raised. So, if you have any comments or input on the subject (including why the idea failed last time), please get in touch. I'd love to hear from you.

### Interagency Meetings

These take place on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.00 pm onwards at KNC, with the next meeting falling on the 1/2/06. The aim of these meetings is to keep all organisations, agencies and the Kuranda community informed about what's going on in the local region, and to see how we can help address any issues or concerns that arise.

All are welcome to attend. Regular participants are also kept informed via e-mail, and this year we hope to start including information from our meetings in the monthly reports for the Kuranda Paper.

### Groups

**Computers.** We will continue to run a basic beginners' word-processing class on computers on Friday afternoons from 2.00-4.00pm, kindly facilitated by Marie Boswarva. This class has typically attracted small numbers and this has become a part of its strength as the group is so small that it is not at all intimidating for the computer shy, and Marie can often work on a one-on-one basis with people.

We have also had some enquiries from people wanting to learn other computer skills, so if there's anyone prepared to share their computer knowledge on a voluntary basis, please contact us.

**Social/Mah-jong Group.** This group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 pm at KNC. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteer Training Program.** No dates yet confirmed for the next volunteer training program, but it will probably run during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> school term this year, depending on the numbers of interested participants. So, if you're interested in attending please get in touch.

The Program consists of 4x3-hour sessions and is designed for those interested in volunteering at KNC or any other similar organisation.

**Health Issues.** We have nothing running at the moment about health issues, but the following suggestions have been received:-

- Living with cancer - run previously with great success; covers issues relating to the patient & his/her carer
- Living with specific illnesses eg rheumatoid arthritis, or chronic fatigue disorder - covering exercise, nutrition advice, etc
- Health Lifestyle Patterns - could cover healthy mind & body practices including nutrition, exercise, meditation, etc

**NB** If you're interested in any of the groups described above, or you have any other ideas/suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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*Vicki Donovan KNC Coordinator*

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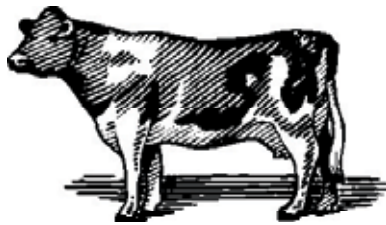
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2kg Fillet of Beef  
Butter for basting  
3 cups beef stock  
2 tablespoons basil, chopped  
2 tablespoons tarragon, chopped  
2 tablespoons parsley, chopped  
3 egg yolks, beaten  
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
ROAST the fillet, basting it with butter. When it is  
done, remove the meat and keep it warm. Pour the  
stock into the roasting pan, scraping the entire residue  
back into the stock as it begins to boil. Add the herbs

and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes; then  
strain the stock into a saucepan, heat some  
hot stock with the egg yolks, return to the  
saucepan, and cook over low heat, until it has  
thickened. Add pepper and salt if needed.  
Carve the fillet and pour the sauce over the  
slices.

**THAI-SPICED GOAT & NOODLE SOUP**

350g goat tenderloin  
375g thin egg noodles  
2-3 garlic cloves  
1 1/2 -2 tbsp. Red curry paste  
1/2 tspn turmeric  
700ml coconut milk  
2 1/2 cups stock  
2 1/2 tspn fish sauce 1 tspn palm sugar 1/2 cup  
canned sliced bamboo shoots  
1/2 cup canned straw mushrooms, drained.  
1 large lemon, juiced  
1 1/2 tbsp fried shallot flakes  
3-4 spring onions, sliced  
1/2 bunch coriander leaves  
COOK the egg noodles in a large pot of  
boiling water. Drain, rinse in cold water and  
set aside.

Take 150g of the noodles and deep fry until  
golden, drain, and crumble into small pieces.  
Leave aside to garnish the soup.

Gently fry the garlic in 2 tbsp of peanut oil.  
Spoon approximately 200ml of thick cream  
from the top of the cans of coconut milk and  
add to the garlic. Combine with the red curry  
paste and turmeric and stir until smooth.  
Add the goat and cook for a further 3 mins.  
Add the remaining coconut milk, stock, fish  
sauce, palm sugar, bamboo shoots and straw  
mushrooms. Bring to the boil and simmer  
to establish the flavours. Stir in the lemon  
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February 2006.

Another year starting, the monsoon influence here and a good time for the keen gardener to re-examine their hopes and dreams and possibly take a more realistic evaluation of what is feasible in terms of maintenance, watering and general care of their gardens. A close look at most gardens will reveal unthrifty areas with either poor choice of planting or positioning.

A simple summary of gardening in the area would boil down to its care and maintenance during the Wet and the Dry - drainage during prolonged rains and then ability to keep moisture up to plantings during the drier months. These two requirements suggest that the gardener should think carefully about grouping plants requiring similar conditions, moving and grouping more thirsty plants to positions where watering and mulching is more easily maintained, with hardier, less water hungry plantings again grouped together.

A temptation on the larger block is to open too much garden at once. Advocating a go slow approach, careful examination and reflection over time on your site will pay dividends. Better to establish new areas sequentially over time, attempting to improve soil texture, establish sheltering and microclimates for the introduction of more exotic and tender plants into the basic framework of established gardens.

If visited by various diggers and scratchers, think about permanent fencing or netting. A little late when a favourite specimen or crop ready to bring in is taken.

Consider costs. What time have I to spend in the garden? What watering will be required? How much mulch will be needed across the year to maintain moisture and fertilizer for vigorous growth? What amount of lawn needs maintaining? Is it cheaper to buy vegetables and flowers than growing my own? How many plants in pots can I keep in good condition? And remember that none of us are growing younger.

Finally, remember to work with Nature. While not deriding the contrary wish of gardeners to grow their favourite plant even if it comes from Alpine regions, be reasonable. Forget the mannered approaches of most gardening magazines and revel in the great range of tropical native and exotic introductions and plant closely. Nature abhors a vacuum and vacant soil is always an invitation to weeds.

Presently a great time to set out divisions of costus, gingers and heliconias.

#### Plant of the month:

**Calathea and Maranta - Marantaceae.** Calathea is a large genus with an estimated 300+ species with Maranta coming from a smaller genus of approximately 40 species. Both families hail from tropical South America and are grown mainly for the diversity and beauty of their leaf patternings. Sometimes it is difficult to distinguish between the

## Garden Jottings by Alectura

two families but often the leaves of Marantas will draw inwards at night. All are cold sensitive and require even moisture but with good drainage as rather susceptible to root rot. Ranging from ground huggers to a metre+, the smaller beauties make excellent ground covers and fillers. Most will take some morning sun but prefer dappled shade. Some of the Calatheas have interesting bracting patterns while actual flowers are mostly small and insignificant and always three lipped. Both families are easily propagated from division and take easily in the Wet. Both Calatheas and Marantas, easily grown, are wonderful additions to the tropical garden.

Calathea burle-marxii cv "Blue Ice" - famous for its ice blue bracts like carved plastic. With plain green foliage to 1 metre, when well grown gives a stunning display. However it can be difficult to maintain in top condition and propagation of new plants is recommended to replace old specimens. Easily done by striking cuttings of flowered elbows with some leaf removed. Less attractive but more hardy and vigorous are cultivars "White Ice" and "Green Ice".

Calathea crotalifera "Rattle-snake plant". Inflorescences rise directly from the ground reaching to 1 metre with yellow and orange-red bract forms.

Large growing Calathea lutea "Cigar plant" is even taller, up to 2.5 meters with green leaf and unusual cigar shaped brownish bracts.

Calathea makoyana "the Peacock plant", C. ornata, C. roseopicta, C. stromata and C. zebrina, are a clutch of fabulously patterned and coloured leaf forms, all easily grown and excellent to bring colour to the shaded garden. All are smaller than above plants.

Maranta bicolor and the varieties of M. leuconeura (the old original "Ten Commandments") are exceptional ground covers to about 15cm, again preferring dappled to full shade.

#### Q & A

Dear Louise, Thank you for your letter. The Aristolochia you are wanting to attract the Cairns Birdwing is Aristolochia tagala. Plants are usually available at Envirocare, Limberlost and other good nurseries. If you know somebody with the vine, ask for seed which can be a bit fiddley with quite good germination but very prone to damping off. The introduced and common Aristolochia elegans (Dutchmans Pipe or Calico Flower) is to be avoided as it is poisonous

to the Birdwing larvae. The South American Aristolochia family has some stunning flowering vines and opinion is divided as to whether all are inimical hosts to the Cairns Birdwing. Responsible gardeners should pay close observation.

The following is a good site for information on this particular butterfly:

<http://linus.socs.uts.edu.au/~don/larvae/papi/euphor.html>

while [http://www.plant.id.au/trade/guide\\_view.aspx?id=84](http://www.plant.id.au/trade/guide_view.aspx?id=84) is quite a good starting site for general information on butterfly gardening.



#### RAINFALL

21/11/05

to

31/12/05

70mm

Total Year 2005

1629mm

01/01/06

to

18/01/06

198mm

The **Kuranda Garden Group** had their annual Christmas get together at Eve and Rays place. We kept cool among the palm, bananas and rainforest environment. After the wet we will meet again on March 11 2006. Every one who is interested in gardening is welcome.

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## SEASONAL GARDENING by Aleisha Klein

Here in the far north our "wet" season has only just begun but as last year's rains tapered off well into the winter months, we have hardly had time to miss it. The grass around our place only began to dry off in late November but since August of last year regular watering of the vegetable garden has been necessary.

We first started our current fruit and vegetable garden during the last part of winter in 1999. We had just moved to the tropics and my experience of gardening in clay soil was next to nil having grown up in a sandy area of the midwestern USA and then having lived in a sandy coastal town in NSW before moving here.

As I soon found out, clay is not the most forgiving surface, in fact it would be more accurate to say it can be down right impenetrable. My first attempt at working clay soil began when I watered a potential garden site, in the hopes of loosening the soil, and then spent several minutes digging a hole approximately 2 cm in depth. Having been told that the main growing season was almost over I was a bit anxious and resorted to drastic measures as we hauled in loads of compost and garden soil (the type you can easily dig in) to fill raised tank beds and topdress the hard clay soil. Later I learned a little patience would have made this process much easier as the rains do wonders for loosening hard soil.

Yet the results were worth the effort as a steep slope was terraced for 3 garden beds and 5 raised tank beds were added near the house. Only within the last year

was an attempt made to plant vegetables directly into clay and this time the rains had already loosened the soil and the use of compost greatly aided the growing process.

Next on the agenda was discovering what vegetables did well in the tropics especially during the wet season which was almost upon us. One of my favourites was discovered early, jicama, a root vegetable which has a mid to long term growing season (4-9 months), and is sold by Green Harvest in Maleny QLD. Jicama, which also goes by the name of yam bean, is especially good as it sets lots of seed so there is always an abundance for planting regularly throughout the year. It also self seeds easily without getting out of control as the seeds fall to the ground and are not blown or carried to other areas. Care does need to be taken with the seeds as they are toxic, but it also means that they can be planted directly into the soil and won't be eaten before they have a chance to sprout! Each month I plant a section of jicama so we are able to harvest roots all year and if planted in well composted soil harvested roots can weigh over 1.5 kg. We primarily use the root raw in salads or as a snack and guinea pigs love it.

Another bonus I find, especially with root crops, is during cyclones I cut the tops back to 6 inches or so and they survive the winds much more easily with less interruption to the growth cycle.

*Until next time happy gardening!*



# Library News • • • • •

Welcome to another year. I trust everyone had a restful break and are ready to head into the fray again.

The library has been humming with lots of people using the break to discover new authors and to relax with a good book.

We have also been holding a reading club for children called Cooe. Held every Tuesday afternoon over the holiday break we have been busy doing creative craft, reading books and catching up on movies.

Last week we had a guest author Ann Harth.

She took the children through the process she uses in creating a story. I was amazed by the creativity of the children. We had a six foot eleven year old with

rainbow hair as the hero. He decided to live on Mars and come to earth to visit. He did not have any friends as he was so different. So to make friends he decided to be helpful. The earth was in danger of destruction from a meteor. So our hero saved the day by towing the earth out of the path of the meteor with his space ship and tow rope. All earth is saved he made friends and all lived happily ever after. Well done children and a huge thank you to Ann Harth for her time and experience. ( We have children's books by Ann Harth in our collection if any one wishes to inspect.)

The Kuranda and Mareeba Libraries are continuing the story time mornings this year. They are held in both Libraries on the 1st Friday of every month. We tell stories and complete a craft. It's great fun. The next story time is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11.00am. See you there

A suggestion was made to have a series on Authors by genre to help people expand their reading lists. So to kick this off I thought I would start with Science Fiction.

The most popular authors in this field (at the moment ) are *Robert Jordan* and his wheel of time series ; *George R Martin* and the *Song of ice and fire series* ; *Peter F Hamilton* and the *Commonwealth Saga* ; *Terry Brooks* and the *High Druid of Shann series* ; *Terry Pratchett* and his book *Going Postal* ; *Raymond E Feist* and the *Flight of the night hawks*. First book in the *Darkwar Saga* ; *Trudi Canavan* and the " *Age of the five series*" ; *Cecilia Dart Thornton* and the *Crow thistle chronicles*.

Interesting Australian authors in this genre are *Paul Brandon* ; *Paul Collins* ; *Sara Douglass* ; *Jennifer Fallon* ; *Kate Forsyth* ; *Kate Jacoby* ; *Juliet Marillier* ; *Sophie Masson* ; *Garth Nix* and *Matthew Reilly*.

Other authors are ; *Kim Stanley Robinson* ; *Sherri S Tepper* ; *Paul Levison* and *C J Cherryh*. To name but a few

Childrens series I have loved; *The Artemis Fowl series* by *Eoin Colfer* ; *The Bartimaeus trilogy* by *Nathan Stroud* and the *Inheritance series* by *Christopher Paolini*

We have books available from all the authors listed so feel free to come in and discover some new titles.

Until next month

Good bye and happy reading

## KURANDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After a short break over the Christmas/New Year period all members are invited to attend the first General Meeting for 2006 which will be held at **5pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Billy's Bar.**

Following the meeting it is intended to hold an informal 'get together' to farewell Una in recognition of her 26 years of business in Kuranda. Those wishing to stay for a drink are cordially invited to attend.

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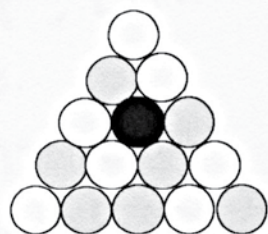
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4th Saturday

Atherton (Platypus Park), Babinda, Cardwell - Easter to December (Esplanade), Cooktown (Lions Park) Gordonvale (Norman Park), Mission Beach, Mossman, Mt Molloy (QCSW Hall)  
Port Douglas (Anzac Park), Tolga (Morrow Park Racecourse)  
Cooktown, Mareeba (Centenary Park), Mossman, Tully (Showgrounds)  
Kairi (Community Hall), Port Douglas (Anzac Park), Ravenshoe Lions (Archer Creek)  
Cooktown, Malanda (Jack May Park), Mossman  
Herberton (Wondecla Park), Innisfail (Anzac Memorial Park), Mission Beach, Port Douglas  
Cooktown, Mossman, Tully (Showgrounds), Yungaburra (Main Street)  
**4th Sunday** Port Douglas (Anzac Park), Ravenshoe (Railway Station)  
**5th Saturday** Cooktown, Mareeba, Mossman

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### Contacts

Mark Freeman 40938827  
Gordon Metcalfe 40939595

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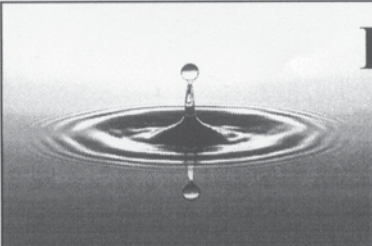
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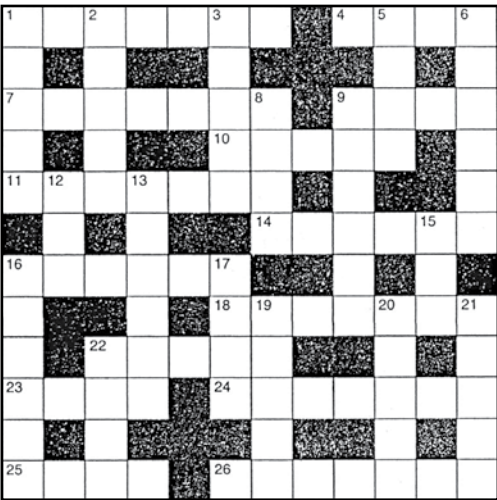
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Across

- With Jaspar a soldier it could be a ladies' summer defence.
- 4 & 7. Shazaam !! exotic imports from this local marketeer. (4,7)
- Bird found on one, Goldie?
- A certain malaise in this religion one thinks.
- Shiver, a dance with a twirling follower of 10 across.
- Forever ancient'?
- Cold houses still contain toilets.
- Sort of a standing still investment.
- A nut from North Cape.
- Leave without it?
- Four Mile Beach home to one of these optical illusions.
- Fitting back together they swarm.
- Enticed stand-in Robert & probably the devil himself.

Down

- Prodded Dave after a pig sales container.
- Palindromic ambush on the Range Road.
- Fragrant iris rootstock feeds on itself.
- Local family on the edge.
- Treed street is a location.
- He ends as Arthur played tennis.
- Cool - from the Barron or bottles.



- Encourage chooks to produce.
- Nameless she is no longer violent in the garden.
- Nautical shorthand about the front.
- Turn rivet and pole upside down.
- Junk mail in a can from Foodworks?
- Mine is with a manga flick.
- Lost dore bar in all the toing & froing.
- Is relieved from disease - by Dr Cuming?
- Long for this coniferous salad nut.





Community Calendar

**Mondays** Come & Try Junior Rugby League **3:30pm Bartley Park Oval adjacent Primary School.** 4093 7177

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**1st Sunday** **R.S.L.** 5pm, Lower Market Mall, Therwine Street. Uniting Church. St. Christophers.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** **Bowls Club Meeting** 1.00pm

**Every Mon** **Life Span** exercise QCWA Hall 9.30 am.

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**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30 pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

**Kuranda State Primary P & C Assoc** 7.00 pm in school staff room, all parents welcome

**2nd Monday** **QCWA Meeting** 1.30 pm at the CWA Hall

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**Focus Theatre Group** 7pm Kuranda Amphitheatre, under stage

**Creative Movement Classes** (except school hols) for 4/5 year olds at Kuranda Primary School Music Room at 3.15pm only \$7. Everyone welcome. Contact Bronwyn for details 0429 070 393

**First Tues** **Chamber of Commerce** 5.00 pm Billy's Bar Ph 4093 8834

**3rd Tues** **Rangers Soccer Club** 6.30 pm Ph 4093 8803 Norman Guy

**Last Tues** **Kuranda Sports and Social Club** Management Committee at 7.00 pm – All members welcome as observers.

Every Wed

First Wed

2nd Wed  
Last Wed  
Every Thurs

1st Thurs  
2nd Thurs  
Every Fri  
2nd Sat  
3rd Sat  
Every Sat

**Craft classes** at QCWA hall 9.30 am.

**Kuranda Playgroup** - Kuranda Community Kindergarten, 10am, from 8 February. Contact Lida on 4093 9882 or Lisa on 4093 0038.

**Baha'i "Spirit of the Forrest"** 7pm at Bahai Information Centre, Therwine St, Kuranda (next to Monkeys)

**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm – 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

**Yoga** at CWA

**Creative Movement Classes** for 3 yr olds (except school hols) at Kuranda Primary School Music Room at 3.15pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Bronwyn for details 0429 070 393.

**Tai Chi Sports and Social Club** Ph 4093 8276 also on Tuesdays

**Focus Theatre** 6:30 – 8:30 pm Understage Amphitheatre. All Welcome.

**Kuranda Envirocare**, Primary School 7.00 pm Ph 4093 8834

**Kuranda Interagency Network** Meeting at 2.00 pm @ KNC

**QCWA meeting** 12.30 pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016

**Kuranda Pool Cmtee**, 7.00 pm Neighbourhood Ctr 40939594

**Rotary** 6.00 pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph: 4093 7206

**Kuranda Bowls Club** Night Bowls - Casual 7.00 pm [reg. 6.30 pm]

**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 7.00 pm CWA Hall Ph 4093 8682

**8 Ball** S & S Club 7.15 pm & RSL

**Koah Tree Planting:** junction of Barron & Clohesy Rivers Ph 4093 7979

**Creative Dance Classes** for grades 1-3 (except school hols) at Kuranda Primary School Music room at 3.45pm. Everyone welcome. Only \$7. Contact Michelle for details on 0438 796 713.

**Creative Dance Classes** (except school hols) for grades 4-7 at Kuranda Primary School Music room at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome. Only \$7. Contact Michelle for more details on 0438 796 713.

**Kuranda Charity Bowls** 7 pm (reg. 6.30 pm)

**Ambulance** 7.30 pm Ambulance Centre Fallon Road

**Cloggers** at CWA

**Garden Group** 2 pm Phone Arlene Wienert Ph 4093 7927

**Ambulance Committee Stall** outside St Saviours Church (bi-monthly)

**EnviroCare** 8-9 am. Tree planting bees Ph 4093 8834

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPENING TIMES

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

7.00 am

3.00 pm

7.00 am

8.00 am

1.00 pm

to 10.00 am

to 6.00 pm

to 10.00 am

to 12.00 pm

to 5.00 pm

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ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs -	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Ravenshoe	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
		6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.15am arr
#7.45am	#8.15am	8.45arr / * 9.15dep	*9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr
				2.10pm	2.50pm arr
#2.00pm	#2.30pm	2.50arr / 3.30dep	4.00pm	4.30pm	5.15pm arr

Saturday (not Public Holidays)

Departs -	Herberton	Atherton	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
		6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.15am arr
#7.45am	#8.15am	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am	11.15am arr

Sunday and Public Holidays

Departs -	Mareeba	Kuranda	Cairns
	9.15am	9.45am	10.20am
			11.15am arr

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs-	Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)				
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
*8.30am	*9.05am	9.40am	10.15arr/11.00dep	#11.15am	#12.00n arr
10.00am	10.35am				
			3.00pm	#3.30pm	#4.00pm arr
3.15pm	3.55pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	#5.30pm	#6.00pm arr
5.30pm	6.05pm	6.40pm	7.15pm arr		

Saturday (not Public Holidays)

Departs -	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton	Herberton	Ravenshoe
9.30am	10.05am	10.40am	11.15arr/11.45dep	#12.05pm	#12.45pm
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr		

Sunday and Public Holidays

Departs -	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton
Cairns	Kuranda	Mareeba	Atherton
1.00pm	1.40pm	2.15pm	2.45pm arr

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(Subject to change without notice)

\* Connect with Chillagoe Bus Service (Mon/Wed/Fri) Ph 40947155

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• AIRPORT/TRINITY WHARF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST (Surcharge Applies)

• HOSPITAL & DOCTORS SURGERIES DROP-OFF (Eastern Side of Sheridan St. only) (Surcharge Applies)

• INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CARDS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CONCESSION

• NO SERVICES OPERATING CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY

• PASSAGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SEATS

LOCAL SHOW HOLIDAY IS NORMAL TIMETABLE (Cairns Show please check with drivers/office)

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KURANDA

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HEAD OFFICE

PHILLIPS NEWS, 48c Main St

46 Spence St (Pay driver)

15 Therwine St (Pay driver)

MAREEBA NEWS, 125 Byrnes St

6 McConaghie St

4091 1855

4091 1105

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4092 1030 (Bus stop is at old Railway Station - behind KFC)

Kuranda Branch Library Council Office

4-12 Thooree Street

Phone 4093 9185

OPENING HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Closed

11 am - 6 pm

11 am - 5 pm

11 am - 5 pm

9 am -12 noon

9 am -12 noon

No Council Services available Saturday

Council Cashier Closes at 4 pm

Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday.

Your Rural Fire Brigade Contacts

For Fire Permits etc.

Davies Creek - Lloyd 4093 3181

Koah - Peter 4093 7006

Kuranda/Myola - Paul 4093 8540

Speewah - John 4093 0211

KURANDA S.E.S. 40939143

In Case of Fire or Other Emergency Please Phone 000

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"THE LOCAL BUS"

MON

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DEPARTS

KURANDA

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DEPARTS

CAIRNS

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\*\*1600

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