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Kuranda Family Fun Day

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL – 10AM TO 3PM
CENTENARY PARK

The Family Fun Day is a **Grog Free** community event to bring families and community together for a day of fun and enjoyment. There will be displays, games, barbecue, fruit, races, tug of war, story telling, colouring comps, face painting, circus activities, and much more. There will be input from a range of services, agencies, clubs and groups including:

Nintiringanyi, Ngoonbi Co-operative Projects, Jobfind, Youth Substance Misuse Service, Kuranda Paper, Kuranda Justice Group, Kuranda Medical Centre, Gambling Help, Tableland Counselling Service, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Community Health, Kuranda Playgroup, Wuchopperen, Uniting Care Financial counselling, Kuranda Women's Group, Aftercare and others...

Kuranda Medical Centre will be offering Health Checks for school age children.

WELCOME BY ELDERS
10.30am
CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
WITH BLACKROBATS
from midday

Bus pick up:
Kowrowa and Mantaka from 9.15am
Mona Mona from 9.30am
Koah and Speewah pick up if requested –
contact Neighbourhood Centre ASAP

Danny the Clown
ARRIVES ABOUT 11AM
Don't Miss Out!

For further information or to contribute to the event please contact
Ceri at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 or Thea at Ngoonbi on 4093 7298



Program for Anzac Day 25th April in Kuranda

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join the Kuranda RSL sub branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service.

Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

On completion of the Dawn Service all are welcome to a gunfire breakfast available on the railway platform with Brian and Gayle from Queensland Rail again providing their time and cooking expertise, of which we are eternally grateful.

The Anzac Day March begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10am for a 10.15am start)

The march is organized on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005.

All groups and individuals are welcome to march, see Mick on the day.

The March goes to our park where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Tablelands Regional Council we are lucky to be able to provide

marquees for sun and rain protection.

With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies.

Again this year Father Chris Wright will officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities, everyone is welcome.

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde 0412 126 204 or Adrian Joffrey 0429 937 257.

Mick Forde
President
Kuranda RSL sub branch



COMMUNITY LETTERS

PO BOX 66 KURANDA 4881

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Shortage of Camping Areas for 'Grey Nomads'

Recently there has been some discussion regarding what should happen with the old Kuranda Primary School area. The Chamber of Commerce should seriously approach the Shire Council to make the land available as a camping ground for grey nomads. There is already infrastructure in place, such as toilet facilities and sheltered areas within the school grounds and it would not take much to upgrade the grounds and facilities for this purpose. The grounds are easily accessible with sealed roads leading right up to the entrance.

As Kuranda entirely relies on the tourist industry, this would benefit businesses in the town by attracting more people to spend time in the area. This can be controlled by setting a time limit on length of stay, so that the area will not be turned into a permanent caravan park. A caretaker could be appointed and a small fee charged to cover maintenance.

Kuranda would make an ideal grey nomad stop-over as it is an attractive village with all the necessary facilities, including a supermarket, cafes, markets, restaurants and hotels. It has a comfortable climate and many natural attractions, such as the Barron Falls and rainforest walks, and is almost directly opposite the Skyrail and Railway Station.

Wolfgang Rusch, Trinity Beach

The Community Plan

I would like to thank Friends of the Earth Kuranda for their comments on the draft Tablelands Community Plan.

Council has sent a comprehensive response to FoE Kuranda's submission, but I wish to address a comment made by the group in the March edition of your paper, particularly in relation to the comment that "key proposals articulated in the document amount to the wrong plan for this area".

The Community Plan was developed as a result of an extensive community consultation campaign which involved some 89 events across the region through which more than 11,000 people gave their views.

In Kuranda, a regional survey was conducted, two community voting stalls were held near the Post Office, an Indigenous survey was carried out, a town survey, a community planning workshop, and an Indigenous planning workshop. A separate community planning workshop was held at Koah and another at Speewah.

Overall, 750 people from Kuranda, Koah and Speewah participated through these actions to provide Council with the ideas and aspirations of our community.

I am very proud of the efforts of staff members who undertook this project and am confident that we have a Community Plan that truly reflects the views of Kuranda residents and Tablelanders.

I urge the community to view their plan on the website (www.trc.qld.gov.au) or at the Kuranda Library.

Cr Jenny Jensen

Thank You Kuranda

I would like to thank you for publishing my article in *The Kuranda Paper* last month about my father's involvement and donation to Kuranda of the C-47 DL aircraft nestled in the trees at the Kuranda Heritage Markets.

I would like to again thank Marc Sleeman, Tourism Kuranda, for raising the item the month before, as it provided some very concentrated and happy time for me with my father when talking about the C-47DL and its position in Kuranda before I wrote the article.

My father, Vic Tonkin, unfortunately passed away on 21st February, just days before the paper was published and he did not see the finished article. I made sure, however, that a copy of *The Kuranda Paper*, along with his favourite *Financial Review*, went with him for a little light reading on the way.

I would like to thank the many Kuranda people who expressed messages of sympathy to our family and/or attended my father's funeral. He was certainly very highly regarded in this community.

Cheryl Tonkin, Myola

Thank You Kuranda II

To all the local residents of Kuranda, we, Caz and Kass of Wotta Bout Fish 'n' Chips, would like to say a really big thank you for your overwhelming support and feedback since we opened. We could not have come this far without your patronage.

Thank you.

Caz & Kass

A NEW Kuranda Phone Book

is being collated by P&C volunteers and will be published shortly.

For business adverts in the yellow pages, please email to kurandayellowpage@gmail.com for advertising costs.

For residents wishing to change their address or phone details (home and/or mobile) or new residents wishing to ensure they are listed, please email to kurandawhitepage@gmail.com

White page listings are free.

If you'd like to lend a hand to the volunteers organising the phone book, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email kurandapandc@gmail.com

Stop Negative Public Comments

Recently, a small group of Kuranda residents have become quite vocal about perceived negative aspects of our village. Whilst I relish vigorous debate and difference of opinion within a community in order to make it dynamic and strong, I take exception to the spokesperson airing these opinions through the local mainstream media. The opinions expressed include the (supposed) disgraceful state of the village, rampant crime, disunity within the community and the need for us to "come together to fix things"

As a proud member of the Kuranda community for many years, I find it difficult to understand this rhetoric, particularly in the current difficult economic climate. Promoting a negative image of our town can only add to the pain.

On Saturday 7th April, Kuranda will host the biggest day of the year (from a retail perspective), being the annual "Easter in the Park". The Amphitheatre will also host the biggest event on their calendar that night, being John Butler Trio. These two events will bring thousands of people to our wonderful village.

Unfortunately, the spokesperson has been addressing these same potential visitors with negative – and in some cases, outlandish – portrayals of a neglected, run down place to visit. I fail to see how such comments can be of benefit to anyone in the community.

Let's promote the positives! We have a diverse population, which thankfully hold as diverse a range of opinions – this is what makes a community vibrant and proactive – evidenced through the many interest groups and organisations (most voluntary) that this community have spawned and supported. Some examples include our two conservation groups; our world class entertainment venue, Kuranda Amphitheatre, the Kuranda Arts Co-operative, Sports and Recreation Club, Pony Club, CWA, Neighbourhood Centre, SES, Rural Fire Brigades, Kuranda Film Society – not to mention this publication, *The Kuranda Paper*.

These wonderful organisations are proof of people "coming together" to make the changes they would like to see. Let's see a more positive pro-active approach than the current bagging of this fantastic town that we are all so lucky to live in.

Trish Green, Kuranda

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KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest

Marc's Tourism Tweets

Calling For Volunteers – WE NEED YOU!

Kuranda's events are drawing such big crowds that Tourism Kuranda has decided to set up an events committee to help run them. Volunteers will help set up Easter in the Park, co-ordinate games and ensure the smooth running of the event which brought thousands of people into the Village in the Rainforest last year.

We've got heaps more Easter eggs for the kids to find this year, so there's sure to be plenty of smiles on faces as families enjoy the festivities. If you are keen to support your community by showing just how friendly the people of Kuranda are, please contact me at discover@kuranda.org and we'll get the events committee underway.

Easter Busking Is Free

It is free to busk in Kuranda for the Massive Easter Celebrations on the 7th April so let's turn our village into a busking destination for the weekend. Contact Cathy Harvey at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre on info@kuranda.org for your approved street position.

Variety Bash 2012 Visit To Kuranda

Tourism Kuranda recently met with the organizers of the NSW Variety Bash 2012 and they will be including Kuranda in their itinerary this year. There will be approximately 350-400 participants visiting Kuranda in August this year. In the spirit of the Variety NSW Bash theme 'B to B' – the Bash will start at Balmain on the 19th August and arrive at Bamaga (Cape York) on the 28th August, visiting Kuranda on the 25th August. They will all be travelling up to Kuranda aboard Kuranda Scenic Railway, up in the morning with plenty of FREE TIME to explore the village and returning on Skyrail in the afternoon.

Kuranda Trivia Night

The annual Kuranda Trivia Night in Port Douglas will be held on Thursday, April 19. It's a fun evening and a great opportunity for Port Douglas tourism industry workers to learn more about the Village in the Rainforest. This is another exciting initiative of Tourism Kuranda and will be an excellent opportunity to further showcase Kuranda Village and will be a great way of thanking all of the wonderful booking agents who help promote Kuranda Village to visiting tourists.

New Smart Phone Travel App

Tourism Tropical North Queensland has recently launched a brand new Smart Phone Travel App for North Queensland which includes a separate section for Kuranda. The new travel app will be promoted through a significant regional marketing network with exposure to over 4 million locals and visitors annually. The new app is Android and iPhone friendly and FREE to download from the Apple iTunes Store now.

www.kuranda.org Google Stats

The Google analytics for February/March showed www.kuranda.org received 9,317 Visits, 7,670 Unique Visitors, 38,534 Page views, 4.14 Pages/Visit, 00:02:24 Avg. Time on Site, 49.10% Bounce Rate and 76.57% New Visits.

Winter Getaways Magazine

Tourism Kuranda has secured a double page feature for Kuranda in this publication which will be circulated through 75,000 letterboxes in Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne in April 2012 to promote Kuranda & North Queensland to potential visitors in time for them to make winter holiday decisions and will encourage them to head North in 2012!!

Caravan & Camping Shows

Tourism Kuranda has been well represented at the following Caravan & Camping Shows with our new brochures highlighting our colourful new imagery;

- Feb 22-26 Adelaide Caravan & Camping Show
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Celebrate Easter at Kuranda

Join the search for 4000 Easter eggs hidden around Kuranda in a monster egg hunt on Easter Saturday.

Tourism Kuranda Executive Officer Marc Sleeman said the village in the rainforest was the place to celebrate Easter in the tropics with a full day of entertainment at Centenary Park from 10am to 4pm on April 7.

"In the morning there will be street performers, busking around the village, circus workshops for the kids, horse carriage rides, a magic show and an Aussie whip cracking show," he said.

"It's a great day out in Kuranda and with the markets operating, great boutique and arts and crafts shopping plus 23 restaurants and cafes to choose from, there is plenty to do."

Easter in the Park will kick off with games for the kids including egg and spoon races and balloon blowing up. Face painting and a couple of huge jumping castles will also keep them busy.

The adults might like to try breaking last year's Kuranda Thong Throwing Competition record of 40m or join in the cane toad race with the funds raised going to the Kuranda Lions Club.

After the Easter egg hunt, there will be live music in the park.

Kuranda's Easter in the Park is at Centenary Park from 10am to 4pm on April 7.

RADF FUNDING SECOND ROUND 2011 - 2012

Individuals and groups within Tablelands Regional Council area are invited to lodge applications for the **second round** of funding under the 2011-12 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The fund is a partnership program between the Queensland Government and local councils to support professional local arts and cultural development in regional Queensland.

Applicants must reside within the Tablelands Regional Council area and funded **projects must commence only after Council approval** (within 8 weeks of the closing date).

Full guidelines and application forms are available from Council Offices and Libraries. Applicants are also encouraged to download forms from the website www.trc.qld.gov.au/discover/arts-culture/regional-arts-deve and apply electronically to ArtsOfficer@trc.qld.gov.au

For more information please call Mark Both on 4043 4109. **Applications must be lodged no later than 5pm Friday 27 April 2012.**



Loony Poets Night

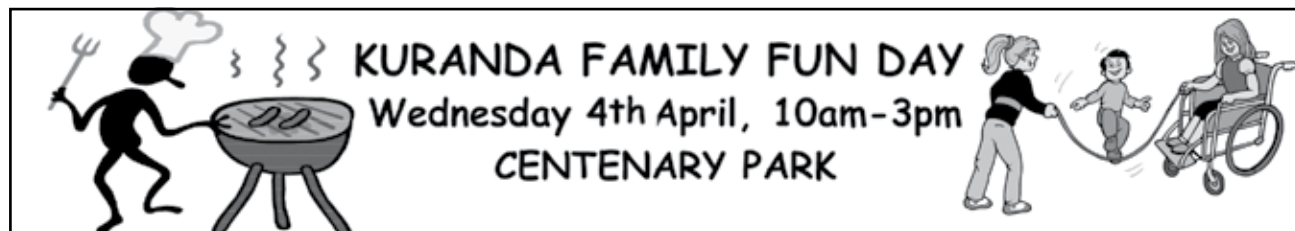


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Neighbourhood Centre News April 2012



Women's Group is meeting at KNC on Monday mornings 10am onwards. All women are welcome. Beading, sewing and fishing are some of the group activities that will continue to provide a focus for our women to get together, have a yarn, and share a cuppa. Craft donations are welcome, so think of the Women's Group when you are cleaning out your craft and sewing cupboards.

Relationships Australia is providing services for men dealing with issues of Family Violence. Joseph Oui will be at KNC on alternate Fridays, commencing 30th March. Enquiries and appointments can be made by contacting Joseph on 4041 6063.

Senior's Cottages: To be eligible for Seniors Cottages a current application with Department of Housing is essential. KNC staff are happy to assist with social housing assistance enquiries and applications.

Free Condoms: Stay safe and healthy by using the sexual health information and free condoms available from restrooms at KNC.

SCAM ALERT: It has come to our attention that vulnerable people in our community are being targeted through mobile phone and internet SCAMS that seek people's bank account details, personal ID, Tax file numbers and even signatures by promising loans, lottery wins etc. If something seems suspicious, too good to be true or asks you for personal details, it is likely to be a scam.

Narcotics Anonymous: Weekly meetings continuing at KNC on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

Step Forward: Next program commences on Wednesday 4th April 2012 @10:30am.

Uniting Care Counselling (formerly Lifeline): Counselling appointments can be made phoning Uniting Care on 40504955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.

Financial Counselling: Monday mornings

General Counselling: Wednesday afternoons by appointment

Gambling Help: By appointment.

EASTER BOOK SALE

2nd - 13th April

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Take care on Black Mountain Road

Tablelands Regional Council is warning users of Bridge 3 on Black Mountain Road, Kuranda to observe the load and speed limits on the structure.

Council is aware that the bridge needs repair/replacement and has budgeted for this to occur.

In the interim, it is critical that users of the bridge observe the 10km/h speed limit and the 5-tonne load limit.

Signage at the approaches of the bridge clearly indicate these limits and Council stresses that users must adhere to the limits in place.

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Gardening in Kuranda



APRIL, and the Wet is certainly with us. The heavy rains with their run-off and compaction of soil only reinforces the benefits of mulching.

Again, the combination of very heavy rain and winds has brought down trees, confirmed in the local SES report, and highlights the need to carefully remove trees potentially hazardous to structures and power lines and the foresight needed in any proposed tree plantings.

It is usually better to overestimate height and width of subject as too often resolutions to keep in bounds go by the wayside until too late.

One of the joys of gardening (as well as its therapeutic benefits) is in making new friends and learning the secrets of their successes.

This is why Gardening Groups, generalist or specialist, are so beneficial. I note here the great program for 2012 planned by the Kuranda Gardening Group.

Another notable characteristic of the gardening fraternity (and sorority) is their remarkable generosity in sharing – plants, cuttings and advice. Often this generosity extends to sharing specialist knowledge developed over years of study and close observation.



Louwrens Opperman, Pretoria, South Africa has kindly allowed use of his very useful Platycerium Habitat Table used below and this is taken from his most interesting site: <http://www.platycerium.co.za/species.htm>

Thanks Louwrens, bloody great mate!

Plant of the Month: Platycerium superbum, the “Staghorn fern” (Polypodiaceae family) occurs naturally in lowland rainforests in Queensland and northern New South Wales and like the more commonly seen *P. bifurcatum*, the “Elkhorn fern”, makes an impressive garden subject.

Basically, *P. superbum* is epiphytic (grows on trees) or sometimes

lithophytic (growing on rocks) and can obtain huge ‘nest’ fronds and considerable weight. The ‘nest’ fronds are designed to collect falling leaves, bird droppings and insects, giving valuable sources of potassium and calcium.

The ‘nest’ attaches to the host tree, protectively wrapping the rhizome and short roots, clasping onto the furrows in the bark with root like structures. In season fertile antler fronds emerge from low on the nest frond and during summer produce spore masses.

Best seen to advantage attached directly on trees or mounted onto hardwood boards and hung in suitable positions, their eventual size and weight (particularly when wet), must be calculated for.

Of the easiest cultivation once established – small plants can sometimes be difficult to transfer to host from pot or basket – an occasional good watering during the drier months and some topping, if required to the ‘nest’, sees them thrive.

Some gardeners swear by the application of banana skins for their potassium yield. Taking some morning sun, but preferring dappled to shade, scorching and yellowing of plant can occur in too harsh sunlight.

Unlike many species *P. superbum* doesn’t produce plantlets and must be cultivated from spore so small plants can be expensive.



Paid advertisement Authorised by J.J. Jensen c/- 21 Mahogany Ave, Speewah

Jenny Jensen

“Working for you”

I am asking Kuranda residents for your support at the Council elections on April 28th.

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With more keen gardeners in the area collecting a range of Platycerium species, the following listing by habitat, provided by Louwrens is extremely useful and consideration will save money and heartbreak.

From wettest places: Platycerium madagascariens (Madagascar cloud forests), Platycerium hillii (Tropical rain forests of North Queensland, Platycerium alcorni was (vassei) (West African coast), Platycerium ellisii (Western Madagascar), Platycerium ridleyi (Borneo, Sumatra, Malay Peninsula)

From places with wet and dry seasons: Platycerium coronarium (Vietnam, Burma, Thailand, Philippines), Platycerium bifurcatum (Eastern Australia, along the coast, and inland in some places/an under story plant.), Platycerium willinckii (Considered to be the most primitive Platycerium. Native to Java.), Platycerium andinum (Isolated pockets of Peru and Bolivia/Tropical dry forest), Platycerium elephantotis (Angolensis) (Equatorial Africa except the Congo basin), Platycerium stemmaria (Central and western Africa), Platycerium superbum (Australia only). About the same range as *P. bifurcatum*), Platycerium grande (True grande is only from the Philippines), Platycerium holtumii (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand), Platycerium wandae (Only in Java/Largest Platycerium), Platycerium wallichii (India, Burma, Thailand, Yunnan Province of China).

A good source of established and tube stock for a number of Platycerium species is: <http://www.zabel.com.au/platycerium-for-sale.htm>.

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



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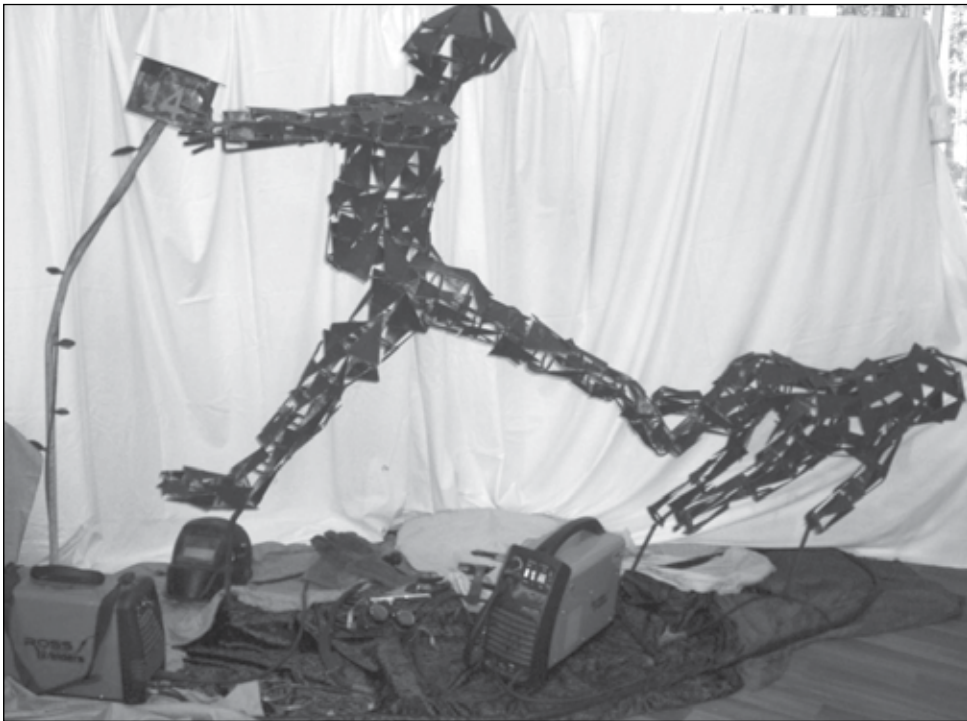
Candlenut Steiner School

Peace Protection Enlightenment

Candlenut Steiner School has started the New Year at full speed, and is in a very exciting phase of our development. Our school has gained more students, taken on more staff, and will soon have more buildings.

We are awaiting final approval to begin building our new High School classrooms, and the first phase of the building works will include a Science laboratory and an Art studio.

We have qualified for a Solar Schools grant, and are currently installing solar panels on our hall roof so that we can generate our own power, and potentially

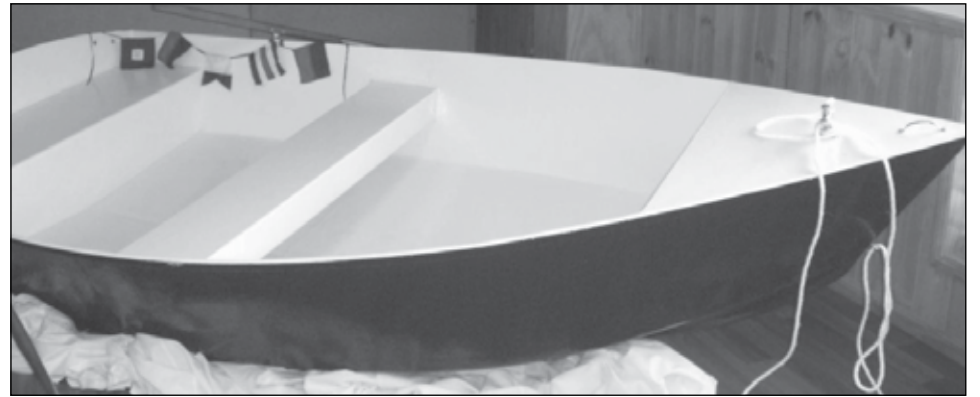


Year 8 Project 2011 'Postman in trouble at mail box' by Luke Parker-Brown

feed back into the grid. This will also assist us in our challenge to become a carbon neutral school.

Candlenut is committed to forging links with our local community, and has various projects currently on the go to encourage community involvement in our school. Our craft shop is open five days a week, and is filled with beautiful crafts created by our parents and sold to raise funds for the school.

There is a weekly Craft Group on Wednesdays, where parents can learn and



Year 8 Project 2011 'Coriander' by Monika Church

share skills in a warm, informal and child-friendly environment. We also have a market on Thursday afternoons that is proving to be a great success, with all sorts of food, crafts, plants and handmade articles available.

Our school has a Community Music Festival each term where we showcase our local musical talent, along with food, stalls and entertainment for the children.

These are great family afternoons so keep your eyes out for posters advertising the next scheduled event after the first term break.

Part of the Steiner approach is to nurture and develop the individual strengths and interests of the students, and our current Class 8s are poised to become the second group to undertake a year-long individual project.

Each student chooses a topic or area of interest that they wish to delve into for the entire year, works on it independently out of school time, and presents their project to the school community in November.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to really engage with a particular idea, topic or skill, and this year's Class 8s look set to impress.

Candlenut is always ready to welcome new families into our school community.

If you would like to come and visit our school, or would like to know more about Steiner education, please contact us at 4093 8809, admin@candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au or have a look at our website www.candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au.



Tom Gilmore

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11.5 Years in the State Parliament (2½ years as Minister)
20 Years as a farmer and business person

Four years ago, the community of the Tablelands Region elected me to guide the amalgamation process.

Today, much of the heavy lifting has been done and we are on track to finish the job in 2013.

VOTE 1 Tom Gilmore for Mayor

Authorised by Tom Gilmore 27 Anzac Avenue Mareeba Q 4880 for Tom Gilmore (candidate)



the Arts Page

Artemis Rising Art Exhibition

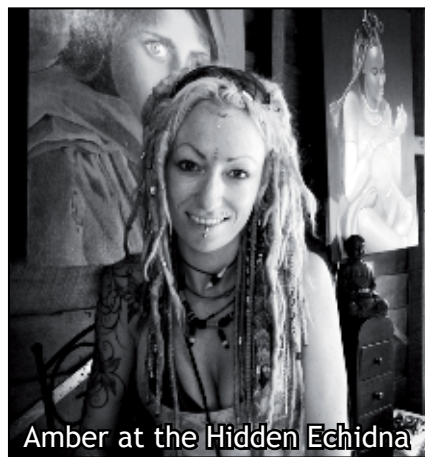
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A night of visionary and auditory delights and distractions to enhance the mind and soothe the soul...

Artemis Rising is an exploration of the feminine resurrection, of beauty and magic, mysticism and wrath... The supreme internal polarity shift weaving its way into reality. Come and join us in an exhibition of new work and installations from Amber Moon, Jenna Varley and Jilly Manning. Alongside an electric mix of local electronic music producers and DJ's.

A night to soak up the ambience and let your imagination out to play. Just \$10 entry, yummy things to eat, originals and prints for sale, and licensed bar in beautiful surroundings.

Exhibiting Kuranda artist Amber Moon, of the Hidden Echidna Gallery, has this to say about her work...



Amber at the Hidden Echidna

"Art is my sanity. I'm a self taught artist and have spent many years exploring deviating styles and techniques where the subject matter and mediums are as varied as thoughts and dreams, without the constriction of devotion to any particular category. Through this exploration, and with curious fascination of inner soul and spirit, I choose realistic subject matter for my images in order to provoke emotions, thoughts and questions in the viewer."

Enjoying the exploration of shading and light, I find myself discovering dimension in the expression of beauty, truth, spirit and magic, while allowing me to express the strength and symbolism of the physical being. The aim of my art is to captivate, through natural symbolism and visionary delight, a metaphorical figuration of thought through spirit, provoking questions in the viewer. Share in the indulgence of the pleasure of art..."



Some of Amber's art at Loony Poets' Night

...and what about Loony Poets' Night? Well just take a look at these pics. Singing, dancing, poetry, music, art, circus. Don't miss the next one, coming up in May at an Amphitheatre near YOU! See you there....



an ode from Odie while she spins a hoop



President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. is a not-for-profit community organisation, built and managed by VOLUNTEERS from our community for 30 years.

KAS is not a private enterprise, so all KAS profits benefit our community by assisting us to upgrade and maintain the venue for everyone to use.

It costs a lot for the Amphitheatre to remain alive. At least \$40,000.00 per annum is required for base operations (and that's without gigs!). If we don't achieve at least this amount (and we really need much more just to maintain what we have, let alone make upgrades!) the venue will revert to Council. Support your community and the only community place we have (Our Town Hall!) where everyone can come together as one. Enjoy this beautiful place we have. **Support the small gigs as well as the large,** come to **Working Bees** – help keep it maintained – lend a hand – and most of all **attend meetings** where decisions are made for the future of the Amphitheatre – be involved in these decisions, bring your ideas, ask questions and bring a friend!

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 26th February and we thank those committed members who attended. Thank you to the outgoing committee, and welcome to the Management Committee of 2012:

President – Mandy Dewey
Secretary – Lynda Bell
Treasurer – Amber Gill
Vice President – Trish Molloy
Bookings – Michael Crowley
Promotions – Zach Barclay
Caretaker/Grounds – Gabe Gibson
Assistants to the Executive
– Lunar Moon and Liza Dewey

If you wish to contact the Amphitheatre, please go to:

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org – Contact Us.

The Support Desk is managed on a daily basis and **YOU WILL RECEIVE A REPLY.**

Our first gig was Looney Poets on 8 March in

the Top Shed, organised by Lunar Moon, Amber Gill and Morgan Hurst. A great night was had by all and it didn't rain! (much)

Assistance to set-up and pack-down was minimal. **If you can help out with the small gigs please let us know.**

Gearing up for John Butler Trio on Saturday 7th April has been our main focus, with Working Bees every Sunday. Much work has been done and much more needs to be done. **We will be on-site each day of the week leading up to the event, so if you can lend a hand with ANYTHING please come along.**

There will be a working bee each Sunday leading up to the event - 10 am - refreshments and Lunch provided.

Thanks to our Team Leaders for once again stepping up to ensure the Amphitheatre, as always, has a smooth running event. Hope to see you all there.

Bar management – Meghan Freeman
Kitchen management – Liza Dewey
Chai management – Tess Wilson
Soft Drink management – Helen Andersen

Gate management – Lynda Bell and Gill Lelliott

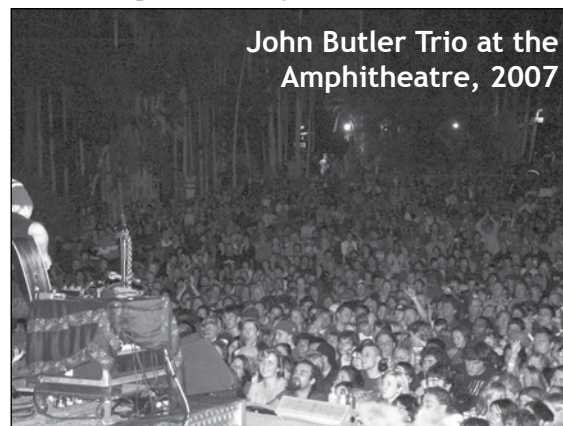
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John Butler Trio at the Amphitheatre, 2007



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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Artists Beware

Most artists would consider themselves lucky to be exhibited, but new proof-of-ownership laws mean they 'need to think again'. When a Melbourne gallery went bust last year, the accountant helped recover works for almost a dozen artists from the receiver.

Most artists sell their work on consignment, with any not sold remaining their property. But since 30 January 2012, when the Government's Personal Property Securities Register (PPSR) came into effect, any unregistered artworks left with a failed dealer can legally be sold by the liquidator. Recovering money from those sales is another thing.

One artist, trapped in this scenario, said "The new laws need to protect artists otherwise we are left in a world where everything is made in China and bought on the net". Source: "The Week" 24 Feb 2012.



Another Arts Co-op Sidewalk Sale

Kuranda Arts Co-operative will be holding an EASTER SIDEWALK SALE on Sunday, 8th April 10am–4pm showing the diversity of artwork by our member artists.

Artworks will be available for sale on the sidewalk at the Gallery in Coondoo Street, Kuranda, at reduced prices.

You can experience Kuranda's flourishing arts scene at any time of the year but it's on this Easter Sunday that the Kuranda Arts Co-op will really come alive.

2012 – Arts Co-op 15th Birthday

This year the Kuranda Arts Co-op is celebrating its 15th Birthday with a special members' exhibition in August. The exhibition, yet to be named and themed, will be included in the official Cairns Festival program. Wow, what a celebration. Watch this space.

In the meantime...

Opening in our Gallery 2, Coondoo Street, on Friday, 4th May will be a small exhibition "A Bird in the Hand" by local fibre and photographic artists, **Toni Rogers**, **Marcia Bird** and **Helen Douglas**. These three birds are working on their very contemporary artworks now. More about this exhibition next month.

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Easter Celebrations in Kuranda, Saturday, 7th April 2012

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There's plenty of activities for the family; music, egg hunt, games and entertainment all day. Live music in the Park with the tropical reggae flavour of the **Koalition** band, the dulcet tones of **Deb and the Moonbear**, and the **Get Real Band**.

Then rock on down to the Kuranda Amphitheatre to celebrate the Easter full moon on the star-lit terraces with the **John Butler Trio**. Opening the show on the night are special guests **Zennith Boyz** and **In the Wild Wood**. Revered for their brilliant live perform-



ances and superb musicianship, and one of Australia's most esteemed bands, **The John Butler Trio** will bring their live show to Kuranda. Performing at



the spectacular Kuranda Amphitheatre, fans will experience an awe-inspiring two hour plus show as the John Butler Trio captivate the audience with tracks such as 'Revolution', 'One Way Road' and 'Close To You' from their esteemed album 'April Uprising', as well as a good dose of all time crowd favourites from the JBT's vast catalogue. 'April Uprising' is the



John Butler Trio

band's third consecutive album to debut at number one on the national Australian ARIA album charts, as well as gain critical acclaim by fans and media alike. This will be one awesome night of live music in Kuranda with Kuranda's hip-hop reggae giants **Zennith** setting the groove, and a mainstage debut for the rich melodies of **In the Wild Woods** opening the show for **John Butler Trio**. Tickets available thru www.ticketlink.com, Ticketlink in Cairns for \$54.25, and at the gate for \$55.



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THE BOOGIE BROTHERS AND SISTERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS

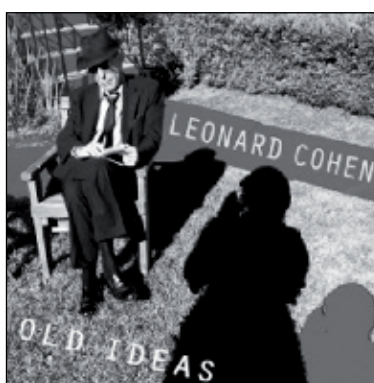


Bosko & Honey: "Pretty Please"

Kuranda locals **Bosko & Honey** have been delighting audiences here, interstate and overseas with their highly original take on playing ukeleles and singing. Now they have an album and it's an eclectic collection of little gems.

MANY musical genres are given Bosko & Honey's unique treatment, from bossa-nova to metal. Songs like "Sunbird" and "Honeymoon" reveal the real power in being subtle, while the punky fun of "Tuck Me In" and the virtuoso flow of "Odyssey" show us just how many ideas these guys have. Lots!

Amazingly tight playing, imaginative arrangements and warm production all help to make this a very special album, one that gets better at every listen. Thanks guys. Those who were raised on rock salute you; this opens up a whole new world...



Leonard Cohen: "Old Ideas"

As he says in the first track "Going Home", he's "just a lazy bastard, living in a suit". Self-deprecating as always but lyrically as deep as anything he's ever done.

A voice like a dusty, oak-paneled cathedral; lyrics to humble the most arrogant, and depths of perception that resolves into the most sublime poetic imagery. Sharon Robinson and The Webb Sisters again provide the harmonics in perfect counterpoint to the old man's gravelly delivery and the musicianship is as delicate and precise as ever.

If you haven't heard any Leonard Cohen since the days of "Suzanne" and "So Long Maryanne", then you might have missed his superb "The Future", "10 New Songs" and other excellent albums. Now is the chance to tune in again. L.C. is nearing 80 and brings out an album that actually charts (no. 1 album in 9 countries!) for the first time ever. It may not be his last album, but its mood of calm reflection, inner peace and wry humour certainly reflect his acceptance of, as he says "I got no future; I know my days are few... I thought the past would last me, but the darkness got that too..."

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the Boogies



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TUESDAY: Tennis Training 4.00 to 6.30 pm. Contact Gene 4093 9007 or Corinne Smith 4093 8369
Eight Ball 7.00pm start, contact Janet 4093 7104
Bellydance 6.00 to 7.00pm, contact Lisa 4093 0090
WEDNESDAY: Kuranda Soccer Club 4.30 to 5.30pm Training Optional Contact Gary 4093 8399
THURSDAY: Bushikai Karate 6.00 to 7.00pm, contact Darryl 0487 469 579
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SATURDAY: Tennis Training 8.00 to 10.00am. Contact Gene 4093 9007
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SUNDAY: Aileen's Yoga 10.00 to 11.00am. Come along, take some time out to connect with yourself. Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Social Tennis afternoon 5.30 to 7.30pm. Contact Aileen 4093 7401

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Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Kuranda Recreation Centre committee met for the first time in March and from the active banter, it is apparent that the new committee means business. A full agenda was on the table and there is an exciting year ahead to get you out with your friends for new activities like Boules or Petanque and State of Origin series on the big screen.

A new caterer will re-start our Friday social night with dining and takeaways. Functions and activities can also be catered for. Welcome to Tan's Kitchen, which started March 16th at 6.30 pm with a simple menu to tempt the taste buds. Positive feedback will reflect in an extended menu in the future. Bookings are essential so ring 4093 9868 by pm Wednesday or take your chances.

New Volunteers: If you want to give us a helping hand please give Arch McArthur a call on 4093 7511 or 0409 367 967; also, Gary Davis on 4093 7388.

We are looking for a marketing coordinator and always looking for players and coaches, organisers, events coordinators and committee people, finance and legal advisors, and ideas on how to improve the Centre for your use.

Social Nights: The bar is open every Friday 5.00pm until late with a meal from Tan's Kitchen. Boulez, Volleyball, Pool and Twilight soccer are also options for the Friday night social – it's up to you.

Hire: The Centre is being used by a number of tutors and groups to take advantage of the location and we encourage anyone to make contact if there is something that you may want to get off the ground but can't find anywhere suitable. There is ample parking available in this unique location. Ring Janet on 4093 7104.

Recent Events: Kuranda Eight Ball representative players hosted an Inter-city competition on Saturday March 10th against the representative team of Cairns. Women's and Men's teams participated in the daylong event. Fortune for the home sides eluded the teams on the day but the standard of competition was world class.

Rob Shandley makes a shot at the Kuranda versus Cairns Intercity competition.

Eight Ball News: The KRC renovations have been given the tick of approval by players as a great start to what could be a foundation to grow the sport in the district. Come and see the action and skill of the players on Tuesday evenings and encourage them as they compete at the local event. More female players are always welcome, as it is a struggle to form a representative team each month.

Soccer News: Players can still register by calling 4093 7287 or 4093 7109 or dropping into the Kuranda Swimming Pool for forms. Completed forms go to the Bendigo Bank in Kuranda's main street.

Players can join any of the teams from U6s to U14s and we even have quite a few 16s interested in playing as well. KRC fields have been inspected by C.E.O. of FNQ Football, Mr Duncan Sims, and he is very happy with our setup for hosting games within the Tablelands Competition for up to U11s.

Our 13/14s team is growing all the time and when established could have to travel to Cairns depending on how the organisation in the North dictates. We believe we have the resources to do this and be able to participate wherever they tell us. In this respect being between Cairns and the Tablelands is a good thing, imagine how hard this would be for Dimbulah or Malanda.

Training for all weekend travellers will be Thursday from 4.00pm at the Rec Centre. Resources for training will also be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays also from 4.00pm. See you there.

Tennis News: A very big thank you goes out to the existing tennis facilitator and coach, Gene Soenario for his continued contribution and support for training the tennis juniors courtside at the KRC. Gene was instrumental in the mid 90s in getting the young enthusiasts of the day on the pathway to success as many continued on in the sport well after having valuable lessons from him.

The potential for tennis players to gather more skills has been boosted by the addition to the coaching ranks of Corinne Smith. She will take juniors from 4.00pm-6.30pm, Tuesday afternoons. Corinne is an experienced player and enthusiastic coach and her passion for the game can be shared by contacting her, Ph 4093 8369.

Future Events: Now that the 'Footy' seasons have kicked off, the KRC will be hosting evenings to include State of Origin and Test matches or whatever members may be interested in viewing. Get a bunch of friends around and enjoy all the action on a big screen.

Don't forget to support the soccer competition as it gathers momentum and kicks off in April. Remember – we are a long time gone, enjoy it while you can. Don't forget the rock and roll.



STOP PRESS

Make it a date claimer on Friday March 30th when we host a Meet and Greet with invitations extended to all members and their guests to join us in celebrating the fourth anniversary of the revitalisation of the KRC (we are still here) for the benefit of the community and hear our plans for the 2012.

It will be a monumental evening so if you wish to eat, please book with TAN and come along for a night with friends and enjoy the atmosphere you will create.

ALL MEN/ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past).

For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.

My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

"SAY A PRAYER"

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."



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We all know too well what it looks like but did you know that mould spores can become air borne and cause damage to our health and well-being: primarily compromising our body's immune system by adding on it an extra load to process. This can create respiratory issues like nasal congestion, lung infections, worsen asthma and allergies.

How to kill/prevent mould!

Fill a spray bottle with 80mls of water and 20mls of white vinegar. Add 10 drops of Clove Oil and 10 drops of Eucalyptus Oil. Spray on and wipe clean with a cloth in all rooms of the house.

Having recently moved premises, my previous shop had little issues with mould after completing this process 2-3 times. After a while the residue builds up and remains on the surfaces preventing the mould growth. I have had to start this process again since moving. I anticipate a few cleaning sessions specifically for the mould, then, by adding this into my regular cleaning regime it will be ample to keep it at bay.

Place three drops of Clove Oil into the water of the washing machine to prevent mould on clothes, bedding etc. Add three drops onto a tissue and place in drawers to prevent during storage. Spray a fine mist onto carpets/rugs to prevent growth here also.

Other issues that can arise are tropical skin conditions, just like mould, other fungal and bacterial organisms flourish in warm and damp environments. These can enter our body when we have an opened wound, causing a

fast growing infection i.e. impetigo, tinea and many forms of staphylococcus. There are several ways of treating such infections. Essential oils like Tea Tree, Kunzea and Neem Oil can be very effective. Add one drop of essential oil to every 10 drops of coconut oil and apply. Lavender Oil is also a very good disinfectant that helps with scarring.

Lavender can also be useful for calming and insomnia. If you enjoy being active and find the wet restricts your exercise, then sometimes this can lead to feelings of sadness, lethargy or stress. What I refer to as 'cabin fever'. Exercise is so important for a healthy mind and body. Mood enhancing essential oils include: Sandalwood, Jasmine, Bergamot, Lemon and Lemongrass (having a euphoric effect on the body).

Note: When buying essential oils make sure they are not 'fragranced' oils and are 100% pure to ensure they will have the desired therapeutic effect. Most oils will cost between \$4 and \$16. With a basic collection of 2-3 oils they will usually last for years, great for cleaning and a cheap and personalised way to manage many health conditions.

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Book Review

“A God of One’s Own”

by Ulrich Beck

(2010, Polity Press)

ISBN 9780 7456 4619, RRP \$21.95

This book by German Professor Beck, a leading European thinker, is now available in English. What makes it interesting is that Beck writes as a sociological secularist, but does not accede to the secularisation theory that religion is at best of no value (and at its worst positively dangerous) and that religion is approaching its demise in the contemporary world. Rather, he sees religion having an ongoing and useful role, notwithstanding the secularisation of public life. His comments are mainly directed at the position in Europe.

In support, Beck draws upon the experience of Etty Hillesum, a secular Jew in the Netherlands during WW II, and her diary. As the Nazi horrors unfold, she developed her own internal conversation with God, which enables her to respond to her inevitable fate in the concentration camp with equanimity, without bitterness or hate.

Beck uses this to illustrate the trend towards personal religion, the development of a God of one’s own, free of the churches and synagogues, inflexible dogmas and rituals, extending to new age and other esoteric beliefs and practices.

As an atheist, he personally regards this trend as banal and trivial, but he sees a need for an internal life of one’s own in the modern invasive world.

This can include the choice of one’s own private “sacred canopy”. Membership of the existing universal priestly religions is confining and a restriction on individuality and free choice.

Moreover, he views the entrenched beliefs of these priestly religions as being inimical to the goal of peace and mutual tolerance.

He fortifies this view by observing a contemporary revival of a wide diversity of individualistic religious beliefs in Europe, largely based on a decoupling of institutional religion and subjective faith, but with transnational or global links.

Beck proclaims his goal as being peace, not truth. The trend to individualisation in religion he sees as a self-civilising process capable of leading to a new degree of toleration and peace, an unforeseen consequence of the individualisation and cosmopolitisation of religion. Truth is regarded by him as being of much lesser importance.

There is no doubt that the much publicised attacks recently mounted by

prominent members of the New Atheist Movement against organised religion have disturbed many people, indicating the rise of a new, secular, aggressive form of fundamentalism.

Beck is to be congratulated for adopting, as a secularist, a much more tolerant approach to religion. But his views will offer little comfort to the vast numbers of people throughout the planet, including in Europe, whether members of organised religions or otherwise, who do believe in the existence of a Higher Power or greater Reality, some form of transcendental, supreme deity, “God” or however called. To them, the truth of this belief is critical.

Beck is entitled for himself to assume that these beliefs are false, but there is something odd about an argument that says that false beliefs can be tolerated if they lead to peace. Surely any lasting peace must be based on the truth.

While the world is still subject to many violent expressions of religious intolerance and prejudice, Beck does not examine whether this could be changed by reconciling the variety of religious beliefs on the basis of a central core of truth.

For example, he could have considered whether the contemporary Interfaith Movement, extending to most religions, offers any hope for the future. This Movement at the World Parliament of Religions has recently proclaimed a Common Global Ethic.

He could have gone further and examined whether the various great religions are in fact linked, a progressive and cyclical unfoldment of the will of the one supreme deity to humanity through the chosen founders in different ages and places, although in each case then burdened with man-made additions and alterations to introduce the elements of exclusivity, sectarianism, fanaticism and bigotry.

More and more people are coming to the conclusion that there is, and can only be, one “God” of all humanity, and that the differences between the religions only relate to the non-essentials or to man-made alterations and additions.

In a world that is rapidly becoming one community, a global village, as a matter of rationality and common sense as well as of faith in the one God, there is a great need for the abandonment of the causes of disunity, prejudice, hatred and violence, including in religion.

But then, Beck’s stated position as a secularist presumably prevents him undertaking the search for such a truth, to be abandoned to his more pragmatic and limited offering. But the book does provide much to think about.

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Many of these were close to exhaustion, on the hot afternoon, when finished. This was a mighty effort and matched by the stirring effort to gather \$1,000 for this great cause.

In April 2009 a girl by the name of Melanie Schlanger came to our pool as part of a Health promotion

program with the FOGS boys (Former Origin Greats). She was the first to sign our comments book, after having a training swim and coaching session with students from the Kuranda District State College. She now is the fastest woman swimmer in Australia after a stunning win in the 100m Freestyle at the Australian championships. She will be off to her 2nd Olympics and could well be the fastest woman in the world soon, best of luck to Mel and all the team in London. By the way, her time of 28.56 seconds for 50 metres is still the fastest time by a woman in our pool. Only Olympian Matt Welsh has gone quicker.

We fast approach Easter and the end of first term swimming programs. We will still offer lessons for Term 2 after the Easter two week break, and as the days shorten, we begin to fire up the heaters toward the end of the month and this will level us out at around 29 degrees, as we like to keep our little ones comfortable as they continue any developmental programs we have on offer. Mornings 2 or 3 days a week are offered for the bubs and toddlers and all afternoons after school are

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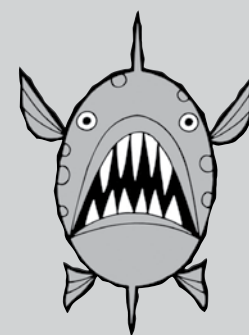
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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

The cultural expressions of Aborigines form a central core which, through the media of the storyteller, the artist, keeps alive the beliefs of the tribe, and at the same time provides the people with a wealth of creative pleasure that enriches their lives. Talking with the proud, young Kunju and Djabugay artist, **Briana Enoch** in her studio/gallery, certainly enriched mine.

Where is your current studio?

I paint in my Din Din Arts Gallery at 1/40 Coondoo Street (main street), Kuranda. I started painting at 15 years of age and have been painting, and learning, ever since.

Do you work alone or with others?

I paint alone. There are, of course, international and local visitors coming into the Gallery during business hours so I am not always alone. I find much inspiration from young local Aboriginal people; they all paint at home but I hang and sell their work in my Din Din Arts Gallery. I encourage the much younger ones to paint bookmarks with traditional and contemporary Aboriginal designs.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Music. I listen constantly to the traditional guitar and lyrics of Geoffrey Gurrumul. I find it harmonious and relaxing and it gets me into the 'zone'. I have a connection with this musician, he is a blind Aboriginal man from Northern Territory. I find it meditative as I pray while I am working. My art is inspired by my Christian beliefs. God is the greatest creator and I ask Him for creative guidance to guide my hands and my thoughts to express the truth and His image in my art. I pray to Bulurru, the creator and Christian God in my Djabugay language.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I try to be very disciplined as I have difficulty working at home. I have the Gallery open from 10.30am – 3.00pm Monday to Friday, six day per week and I paint during that time.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I paint on canvases, large and small, with acrylics. I have been using only traditional Aboriginal designs and colours – browns and yellows, however, I have started introducing a little purple and blue, the colours of the sunsets, sky and sea. I would like to travel and collect ochre from the land. To do this it is important that I consult and go through the protocols and seek permission from my elders. The collection site may be sacred. I would love to branch out and learn other mediums, perhaps ceramics.

Why is painting your chosen medium?

My Auntie Coralie Wason produces great works and I wanted to learn from her. She has been my teacher and my inspiration. My family has always carved and painted to financially support the family during the years when my parents were in the



Seventh Day Adventist ministry. My father still carves and I paint his finished pieces for sale in my Gallery.

List three things you listen to while working.

Mainly Geoffrey Gurrumul's music. He speaks about God through his music. I listen to my prayers and my God.

I also involuntarily hear the traffic noises of cars, buses and trucks. I hate it. I much prefer to paint at the family property Minya Mulla (Hands that Provide) at Boyles Road owned by June and Finley Grogan for more than 20 years. I am in the process of setting up a studio in my parents' vacant home.

Your favourite tool?

My paint brushes; I have a few. All with thin, long bristles to enable me to get a constant paint line. I am learning to use a new paint brush. (*Briana hands me a brush with multiple length soft squirrel 'hairs' - made in Japan.*)

My paints all have a dry matte finish, giving the quality and appearance of traditional finishes.

How do you identify your work?

Aboriginal artists are given a language name at birth. At 3 weeks old I was named 'Jarawee' meaning "pretty little bird" in my Djabugay language. I sign my paintings

'Jarawee' and the year date.

How do you sell your work?

I sell my own paintings from my Din Din Arts Gallery and I am also asked to do commissioned works through the Gallery. Because I am seen painting in the Gallery, this adds credibility and authenticity to my paintings. Customers commission a work with a theme, a specific colour, a particular animal or a size, to their specification. I have been painting and selling here at the Gallery for just over a year now.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

I only sell other artists' work from the gallery. I do not teach here. My little 4yr old son comes into my work area on occasions and sits, observes and paints. He has his own canvases and paints and has sold 7 paintings so far.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I teach craft to the very young members (the 'Cradle Roll') of our SDA Church on the weekends. It is part of their Bible lessons. They do creative learning from these lessons. I really enjoy the opportunity to see these little artists create.

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

I would like a bigger space. I am too confined and limited in the size canvases I can paint on here. (*I note behind the counter is an extremely large cellophane wrapped blank canvas- 48 x 60 inches just waiting for Brianna's brush strokes and a commission.*)

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

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Most people would agree that cockroaches are not much to look at; fairly boring, brown or black in colour, and we don't see much of them anyway since they love dark places and only come out at night. Well, if cockroaches were to hear that, they would very likely march in protest – what a way to stereotype a group of animals!! Cockroaches are amazingly diverse, and they play an important part in our lives. They perform a number of different jobs for us such as helping to pollinate our plants and decompose our wastes – without them and their insect cousins carrying out these roles, humans could not survive.

And as for boring, they are far from it! Cockroaches come in a myriad of sizes and colours. There are more than 600 species in Australia alone, and our largest species is the Giant Burrowing Cockroach, (*Macropanesthia rhinoceros*), found only about 30 minutes inland from Kuranda. These cockroaches grow to 80mm in length and can weigh 30gms, about the weight of a mouse. A few days a year, these cockroaches will surface en masse to find a mate. During this time, people have mistakenly reported sightings of small turtles crossing the roads! These cockroaches are extremely good parents. The female gives birth to live babies, and both parents care for them for many months before the young leave home.

Mitchell's Cockroach (*Polyzosteria mitchelli*) is one of Australia's brightest coloured cockroaches and is found in the semi-arid regions of southern Australia. It has a green back with yellow lines, and bright blue legs. It is also a sun-loving species, and will bask in the sunlight during the day, instead of hiding away in dark places. They can be seen feeding on flower pollen and make no effort to hide themselves. We can only assume that they must taste awful to birds.

If you think it's too cold in the alpine region for cockroaches, think again. The Kosciusko Metallic Cockroach (*Polyzosteria virridisima*) lives in the sub-alpine zone, and while it is not very active during the snow season, it is able to tolerate very low temperatures. It is also remarkably coloured, with a bright metallic green back and loves to sunbake upon plants during the day.

David Rentz, a local entomologist, is currently writing a CSIRO Guidebook to Australian Cockroaches. On his property in Kuranda, he has found 91 species of cockroaches and almost half of them have yet to be described and given scientific names.

Australia's cockroaches are truly diverse, and whether they have ornate colours and textures, incredibly flat bodies, or the ability to produce strong chemical defences they aren't at all the dull pests they are often assumed to be. Unfortunately it is the half dozen introduced pest species that have given our native cockroaches a bad name.

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The colourful Mitchell's Cockroach from northern Victoria.

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ANZAC DAY

Peter Ryle



Each year on 25 April people all over Australia celebrate Anzac Day. Most people know that on 25 April 1915 Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli, at a place now known as Anzac Cove. These Anzac troops were part of an English attack that was supposed to take Constantinople, the capital of Turkey. The ill-planned mission failed to gain its objective, and the Allied forces eventually withdrew after many lives were lost. Despite the defeat, the landing at Anzac Cove became a rallying cry for many Australians, who saw it as somehow "proving" to the world that we were a worthy people.

Given this attitude, it is not surprising that there was a call to commemorate the event. With the passage of time Anzac Day has become a part of Australian life, but how many of us know when this commemoration was first held, and where.

On 11 January 1916 a public meeting was called in Brisbane by the Queensland Recruiting Committee to discuss the promotion of a celebration on the first anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. The meeting was attended by many influential people, including Premier Ryan, the Governor of Queensland, Sir Hamilton John Goold Adams, the leader of the Opposition, J. Tolmie, and General J.W. McCay, Inspector General of the Australian Forces. A committee was formed to organise the celebrations and make the necessary arrangements. The committee consisted of the Mayors of Brisbane and South Brisbane, the Premier, the leader of the Opposition, the chairmen of the Queensland Recruitment Committee and the Patriotic Entertainments Committee, and Canon Garland.

In subsequent meetings the committee formulated an official plan of observance:

- (1) That the object of the observance of the day be the commemoration of our fallen heroes, the remembrance of our wounded, the recognition of the gallant courage displayed by Australia's sons in fighting for the preservation of liberty and civilisation.
- (2) That all the religious bodies be requested to observe the day by such religious services as each such body shall decide.
- (3) That in the evening a public meeting be held in every town in Queensland, when the events of the day shall be brought before the people, a uniform resolution submitted at every such meeting, and simultaneously throughout the State during the meetings, every person and all work come to a standstill for a period of one minute at 9 p.m. in honour of our fallen heroes. (a) That the Mayor or

shire chairman be requested to constitute forthwith a local committee to program the observance of Anzac Day, and to carry out this plan in such manner as to ensure united action in every part of the State. (b) That at such public meetings, the place of honour be given to the relatives of those who have died in Gallipoli, and those who have enlisted.

The Minister of Public Instruction undertook to educate the children in the historic value of Anzac Day, and to produce a special edition of the School Journal devoted exclusively to Anzac Day. Copies of the journal were to be issued to private schools also.

The State Commandant agreed to a parade of all available troops through Brisbane, on condition that the parade was not used for raising funds or for jubilation. It was to be a sombre affair.



The Cairns Post of 13 January 1916 carried an article informing the public that a memorial day was to be held to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli: "It is pleasing to note that the citizens of Brisbane have taken up the



FIRST ANZAC DAY CAIRNS 1916
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question of celebrating Anzac Day, and it is hoped the proposal will be heartily received in other parts of the Commonwealth and New Zealand."

The article said that some people had questioned why we should celebrate a failure, and the Premier, Mr Ryan, replied that the dearest memories of nations had sometimes occurred when events "had not proved an entire success." He said that "it was a day when many of the flower of Australian manhood were cut down, and when others, who were more fortunate to escape the withering fire of the enemy, rushed ashore and accomplished deeds which will live for all time."

The call was taken up enthusiastically, and almost every small Queensland settlement arranged to commemorate the first Anzac Day in 1916. Many small

towns near Cairns, including Mareeba, Ravenshoe and Innisfail had their commemorations. Unfortunately, there was no record of a separate commemoration at Kuranda, but from the fervour with which the people of the town supported the war effort it is safe to assume that the residents were well represented.

Some businesses advertised that they would close in honour of the occasion, and a call was made for the day to become an official holiday. However, there were a few anomalies in Cairns on the first Anzac Day. Some people complained that the dredge continued working that day, but the captain said he had not received permission to give the crew the day off. It seems the message did not get from the Harbour Board to the captain.

The idea of a commemoration of Anzac Day even reached London, where a service was arranged in Westminster Abbey, attended by the Royal Family.



The world has changed dramatically since 1916, and it is difficult now to understand how such senseless slaughter of the cream of our youth could be seen as something to be proud of, whereas it would now be seen as a crime against humanity. However, in that era many Australians regarded themselves more as British than as Australians, and answered the call to arms "for King and country" without question. The utter disregard by many senior officers for the losses their own troops suffered appears to have been common, especially in those countries like England, France and Germany, where the armed forces operated on the class system. "Good breeding" was more important in the "officer class" than competence, as can be seen by the significant blunders that were accepted without reservation. Imagine how the public would react now if we suffered thousands of casualties in one day, as happened many times in World War One, especially when the casualties were caused by incompetent officers on both sides.

Despite the incompetence of many of their officers and the fact that the young soldiers were often used as "cannon fodder", they deserve every honour they receive, and much more. One sad aspect is that when the war was finished most of the politicians and community leaders conveniently forgot the promises they made to the youth they so willingly sent to fight. Even today, those who go to fight "for the preservation of liberty and civilisation" find that when they come home, they frequently have to fight for fair treatment against the very system that sent them into conflict. ■

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Col Jeanes : from Disability to Enlightenment

Most of us know Col Jeanes from seeing him in his wheelchair in Coondoo Street Kuranda, selling his joke books and other things. He is the choice for this month's profile. He has a story to tell about his personal tragedy. But he also has a story to tell about hope and positivity.

He was born in Atherton to pioneer farmers immediately after World War II, the youngest of four children. His parents had to do it tough, carving a dairy farm out of the virgin rainforest scrub. It was a struggle, but Col learnt the virtue of hard work and self-sufficiency. His life was enhanced by the presence of a former Kanaka slave, who lived with the family until the age of 104, when he was gored by a bull. Col was an active young fellow, helping on the farm, fishing and hunting, attending Cubs and then Scouts. Later on his parents took on the school bus run. Col was not very good at schoolwork, leaving at 15 and going his own way looking for whatever work he could get. He first went to Victoria, doing various jobs, returning to Yungaburra where his folks now lived and finding various jobs on the Tablelands. He then moved on to other places to work – Mt Isa, Julia Creek, Gumlu, Mareeba and Gordonvale.

At Gordonvale, he met his future wife Carol, who was then a 15-year-old schoolgirl. Col says it was love at first sight. But they had to wait until she was 18 to get engaged and marry. They went on to have three children. Col continued to move with work, although after injuring his back in Julia Creek he had to slow down a bit. He continued, however, to hunt and fish and led an active life playing tennis and cricket and swimming.

Col decided to do a Station Master's course at Townsville, which he passed with some difficulty in 1974. He continued to move around with work, this time with the railways. He managed to take a second honeymoon to Fiji and other Pacific places. In 1980 he became assistant Station Master at Kuranda where Col became active in the local Lions Club, and Carol in the CWA, in 1982.

The accident that changed his life occurred in 1984. Col and his brother acquired a hang glider and had a few lessons. With the instructor absent, Col took a turn, ascending quite high until a gust of wind upturned him and he crashed



to the ground. He severed his spinal cord at the neck and was in hospital for a long time with considerable pain. He was paralysed from the chest down and had difficulty moving his arms. The daunting reality was a future lifetime in a wheelchair, but Col is grateful for the assistance of his wife and the local Lions Club in dealing with this. Col brought his present house in Kuranda in 1985.

Col was not a religious man, but in his wheelchair he began to attend the Cairns Spiritual Group. He was introduced to the concept of Satori, or "enlightenment" in Japanese Zen Buddhism, engaging in meditation and prayer. He reported an incredible surge in consciousness as part of three deep spiritual experiences he had. This was of considerable help to him in dealing with his injury. Then in 1998 he travelled with his son to Brazil to consult a "miracle man". Much more recently he went to Bali with a carer and also on a cruise around New Zealand with daughter Sandra, granddaughter Christine and sister Irene, still in a wheelchair (now electric).

Col is mostly known for his activities in Coondoo Street, selling his own joke books and other items, mostly for the Lions Club, Hospital and other local organisations. He also distributes his own booklet "Far from Heaven", which tells of his physical and spiritual journey. He likes meeting people from all over the world. He feels at peace with himself, has

no hang-ups from the accident and has no enemies. Being now more orientated to his own version of Christianity, he says that what is most important to him is to understand the promises of God and the return of Lord Jesus in the Bible. After that, his family is the most important part of his life. This now includes six grandchildren. He enjoys life.

For a very active person who, at still a relatively young age, suffered such a devastating injury, Col has a remarkably positive approach to his life. Good luck to you Col, you deserve it.

Graham Nicholson

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JAGANNATH'S CAFE REVISITED!

by Sarva.

For the sake of new comers or the ones who don't remember, Jagannath's Café was operating in the Red House (next to the Ark) some 10 years ago. It was one of the most popular places for locals to eat. It was Kuranda's only pure vegetarian outlet with a large selection of mouth watering dishes. Unfortunately the long hours of cooking (12-16 hours) took a toll on my spirit. As a result I needed to have a break from the stove. At that stage we had been living in Kuranda for over 10 years and we decided to have a sea change for our family. We sold the restaurant and moved to the Gold Coast. We knew we wouldn't last long and sure enough within one year we were back in Kuranda.

My long term passion is health and wellness where I spent most of my working life for the next few years. I was involved in the health food industry. I then spent the next 7 years in a new field becoming involved in the water treatment industry. It was enjoyable, although with some challenges. I learned some lessons along the way too. At this point I reached a low point of my life for more reasons than one and I really needed to re-group to keep my sanity, which is why I spent the last two years in South America doing a lot of healing, thinking and soul-searching. I loved the simple life there and the beautiful people of Ecuador, but I did miss my family very much.

During my time over there I started a very successful vegetarian Indian dinner night every Friday in a popular resort, which was an instant success. When it was time to come home I wanted to continue the Friday dinners in Kuranda. I discussed it with Terry at Frogs and he was very supportive of the idea.

We started 6 weeks ago and it took 3 Fridays to fine-tune the menu and setup. We have extended the number of preparations to over 15 and have implemented an all-you-can-eat style, self serve buffet. We also wanted to combine the dinners with some local talents in the music front having already had Astrid Erika, Deb & The Moonbear and In The Wild Wood (Trish Molloy). We appreciate the support very much & we welcome any muso's that would like to have a play.

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The evenings are becoming quite popular for the whole family, with the kids really enjoying themselves while giving the parents a chance to sit back and enjoy the night. The feedback is very positive as people like the idea of sampling first, to see what they like and then fill up their plate as many times as they want. Many preps are vegan and we also have enough choices for the "raw foodist" too. Though we have our usual Indian dishes we've also included many other preparations from other countries and cultures. If you haven't had the chance to join us, come along on the next night!

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Vets Issue Warning on Dog Obesity

Veterinary experts are urging Kuranda pet owners to combat a growing trend of domestic canine obesity.

Brisbane Veterinary Specialist Centre founder and leading veterinarian Dr Rod Straw said pet obesity is often overlooked as a serious issue by pet owners.

"BVSC has recorded a steady increase in the number of overweight and obese dogs requiring treatment recently. Approximately 30 percent of dogs treated at BVSC are either overweight or clinically obese," he said.

Dr Straw said obesity in animals can be linked, in part, to a busy lifestyle which leaves little time for pet owners to exercise pets.

"Like humans, dogs will gain weight if they fail to expend sufficient energy to burn off the calories they consume. To help counteract dog obesity, pet owners are encouraged to walk their pet regularly. Pet owners can also make gradual adjustments to their dogs' diet but are advised to seek advice from their vet before reducing an animal's food intake. A vet can provide a recommended diet to ensure pets consume the nutrients they require," said Dr Straw.

According to Dr Straw, obesity poses many health dangers for dogs and contributes to a shorter life span.

"Canine obesity can lead to a number of serious health issues including respiratory problems, arthritis, heart disease, skin problems, diabetes and urinary problems.

"Obese dogs are also more likely to be tired and lethargic, greatly reducing their quality of life. As dogs are not capable of regulating their own weight, the onus is on their owners to look out for their health. Owners can check their canine for a possible weight problem by feeling its ribs cage. An indication that a dog is overweight is if the ribs cannot be easily felt," he concluded.

Tablelands Libraries



KURANDA LIBRARY ACTIVITIES APRIL 2012

National Year of Reading April Events

We will be having trivia sheets in the library for TRIVIA month so come in and see if you are "Smarter Than a Five Year Old! Prizes include free time on the internet and free prints and copies!

School Holiday Activities

We will be doing some special Easter Crafts in the library on Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th so come and join us! Bookings are essential so please come by or call the library at 4093 9185.

Kuranda Family Day Activities

The library will have a table at the Kuranda Family Day in the park on Wednesday, April 4th. There will be free library bags, balloons, fresh fruit, supplied by Ray and Colinda Perry from Food Works, story time, craft and face painting. We hope to see you there!

A Very Special Thank You

To the ladies of the CWA; Sheila, Yvonne, Judy, Christine, Janet, and Colleen Blakey, from ScrapnCards, for the wonderful demonstrations they held in the library during the month of March in support of National Year of Reading, Art and Crafts - you are all so fantastic and I am very thankful to you all for volunteering your time and the wonderful demonstrations you put on! The art-minded folk of Kuranda are better for it!

If anyone is interested in joining an evening class to learn crewel and embroidery at the CWA Hall please let me know - there are three of us interested and we need four to make it a go! Also if you would like to learn the art of paper craft contact me and I will get you in touch with Colleen - she is amazing! A group of us attend her card making class the first Wednesday of each month and it is a fun time and we make some beautiful cards!

Cheers,
Chrissy & Ros

Good Samaritan:

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Did Noah fish? A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

> "No," replied Johnny.

> "How could he, with just two worms."

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A Thought for April

I often get told: "Oh you don't know what it feels like. You have never experienced anything like what I have been going through". It is a not an uncommon reaction from people who have been facing up to tragedy in some shape or form. We can try to sympathise. We can try to draw on our own experiences or observations but sometimes they just don't connect with the experience someone is facing. What they need is someone who can draw alongside them who will be able to sympathise and to fully understand. Even as a Priest I sometimes find myself at a loss in such situations. I know, however, that I can point them to God as someone who will understand and with whom they can share their feelings.

Jesus is at the right hand of God interceding for us, St Paul reminds us in Romans 8, and he is someone who in his life here on earth experienced suffering in many of its forms. At his birth he was a refugee, as his family fled to Egypt. He faced up to temptation in all its forms – and faced that temptation to the full, because, unlike us, he did not give in to it. During his ministry he experienced misunderstanding and persecution. His followers were slow to understand him, his enemies quick to attack him. He was even rejected by his own family who labelled him a mad-man. He experienced hunger and thirst, poverty and homelessness; He knew grief as he wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. There's quite a few of the pressures we face in that list.

It is his 'Passion' that we see Jesus plumb the depths of human suffering, however. Over the next

few weeks we turn our eyes upon the cross of Jesus and the arrest and trials which led up to it. There he experienced betrayal by one of his followers. All his friends ran away, leaving him to face the music alone. He was falsely arrested, accused and condemned after a rigged trial. He was abused, mocked and mistreated. He faced physical agonies – beaten and scourged, nailed to a cross – his mobility taken away, feet and hands nailed to a cross, fighting for every last breath as he hung there, until his heart gave up. He even experienced the spiritual pain of feeling deserted by God. (He was bearing the judgement of God on our sin, a judgement that came between him and the Father with whom he had always lived in perfect fellowship.) Physical, mental, spiritual, emotional pain – Jesus experienced them all.

Whatever our problem we can take it to Jesus. We can be assured of his understanding and of his love. His death and resurrection enable us to know God's love and presence in our lives. Having dealt with the judgement on our sin, the barriers between us and God have been broken down. God can come into our lives. Jesus is Risen from the dead, he is alive for evermore. He has overcome all the evils of this world. There is hope for the future where sin, sickness and sorrow will all be done away. That gives us hope for the future but now we can know he is there for us. It is to this Jesus that we can turn in prayer. We can be sure that he understands and cares. Those around us may not understand our troubles but Jesus can. His life, death and resurrection are a guarantee of that.

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"If thou wishest to find the truth, compare the days of the Manifestation of the Beauty of Abha (Baha'u'llah) with the days of Christ; consider this is identically like that and the same doubts and oppositions are put forth... Not one Prophet of God was made manifest Who did not fall a victim to the relentless hate, to the denunciation, denial and execration of the clerics of His day!"

(Baha'u'llah)

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

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

Study Circles by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

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From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*We could learn a lot from crayons.
Some are sharp, some are pretty
and some are dull. Some have weird
names, all are different colours; but
they all have to live in the same box.*





Kuranda Branch

With the Wet Season presently dictating travel conditions, our branch has not done a lot of travelling. But once the skies have cleared, members will be out and about.

Hopefully the road conditions will be better by the time our executive officers have to head to East Palmerston for the next Division Meeting. QCWA has a fairly big agenda this year.

Most branches/divisions are already planning their "Women Walk the World", on Sunday 29th April (ACWW Day). This is a "sponsored" walk with all monies raised going to assist Associate Country Women of the World projects.

The QCWA not only supports women around Queensland but is also involved in international support and projects. The QCWA is affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), along with 360 other member societies, from over 70 countries worldwide.

Later in the year, along with branches throughout the State, our branch will be celebrating QCWA 90th Birthday! A rose has been developed especially for the occasion and we are all looking forward to the delivery of our rose bush in October.

Luckily, the other occasions planned will take place in the drier months – an International Luncheon, International Weekend at Kurrimine Beach, Northern Region Meeting/School at Ingham and various other projects to keep us busy all year right up to our State Conference that will be held in Toowoomba in October. By then, we will all be looking forward to the Christmas break again.

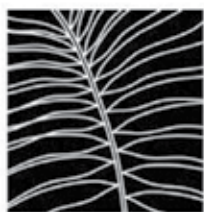
Arts & Crafts: Apart from our regular craft and social days every Wednesday, our branch has been working with the Kuranda Library providing, throughout March, demonstrations of Floral Arranging, Embroidery, Knitting & Crochet and Natural Skin Care products.

We are also enjoying the company of several local ladies who have been joining us on our craft mornings – it is nice to have new faces amongst us. Our handcraft teacher spent a recent weekend at QCWA Holiday Units, Kurrimine Beach – teaching Crewel Embroidery and Dorset Stitchery to an enthusiastic group of ladies who travelled from the Tablelands, Silkwood and Mossman.

It was a great weekend. 6 Teachers demonstrating and teaching a variety of handcrafts to over 30 students. So successful, that another craft weekend is already in the planning stage.

Our craft and social mornings are held every Wednesday 9.00am-12.00 noon. Come along and join in, learn a craft – show/teach a craft or just have a cuppa and a homemade biscuit with us.

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FRIENDS OF THE EARTH KURANDA was formed in 2006 by the members of the "Range Defenders". Their primary goal was to prevent developers and the Mareeba Council from turning Kuranda and the Myola valley into a dormitory suburb of Cairns. This development would have had to be facilitated by the construction of an expressway through the Wet Tropics World Heritage area at a cost of many hundreds of millions of dollars, and the destruction of much of the habitat of many endangered species. The enormous cost and the strong local community opposition meant that sanity eventually prevailed and the State Government and the Council shelved the proposal for the time being.

FoE Kuranda works regionally for sustainable local planning, social justice for the local Indigenous people, improved water quality in our rivers and drinking water, better waste management and campaigns for the preservation of our unique wildlife and the rich endemic plant bio-diversity of this area. For details, see our web site, **www.foekuranda.org**

FOE Kuranda is affiliated with the Australian and International Friends of the Earth, who is the world's largest grassroots environmental network, uniting 76 national member groups and some 5,000 local activist groups on every continent. With over 2 million members and supporters around the world, they campaign on today's most urgent environmental and social issues. They challenge the current model of economic and corporate globalisation, and promote solutions that will help to create environmentally sustainable and socially just societies.

FoE Australia functions both through the activities of its local groups, and on the national level through appointed spokespeople, campaigns and projects, the national magazine, *Chain Reaction*, and the work of the national liaison officers.

The local Kuranda FOE group is now looking for volunteer help in two critical areas. If you have time on your hands and would like to become involved and support a local community group, please contact us. Firstly, we need an experienced accounts person to keep our records. As an incorporated body, accounting for our funds is essential. Secondly, we need an organiser to set up and run community events, social groups, and functions to help raise funds to support and expand the work of Friends of the Earth locally. If you can spare a few hours, please leave a message on our web page, and we will have one of our members contact you.

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- ♦ 24 April ANZAC Day Ceremony
- ♦ 27 April College Cross Country
- ♦ 1 May Parent Teacher Evening Year 7-12

Congratulations



A big congratulations to Jack Maunsell-Gould who was recently selected in the U12 Barron River Rugby League representative squad.

BEACON BREAKFAST

A good 'turn out' for the Beacon Business Event on 22nd March at Frogs Restaurant. A collective of businesses have put forward their interest in many events. If you would like to be involved please contact Kylie Guy at school. Thank you to ambassadors – Rita, Rachael, Liam, Wendy, Serene and Chelsea for their MC abilities.



P & C Meeting

AGM

16th April, 6.00pm
Secondary Campus Office



Leaders Plan for Big Year

Recently our Junior Campus leaders attended the annual leaders' camp at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre. The major focus of the camp was public speaking. Our leaders were given the opportunity to network and share ideas with leaders from six other local schools. They gained much confidence and have returned full of enthusiasm, with action plans they will now work towards achieving, with the help of our school council representatives and the wider school community.

Year 8/9 Agricultural Science

The Year 8/9 Agricultural Science class has been learning about and practicing different methods of plant propagation. So far they have grown plants from



seeds, cuttings and divisions. Some of the plants will be available to students to grow at home. Others will be used to expand and maintain the school's permaculture gardens and the Year six vegetable gardens. The students have also been helping to harvest passionfruit which are the result of previous year's activities. Fruit is being distributed to students, the Families as First Teachers programme and staff. Surplus has been sold to a local business to help further offset the cost of materials.



Students meet Footy Legends

Students from the College travelled to the Cairns Convention Centre to attend the Former Origin Greats (FOGs) Indigenous Employment and Career Expo. Students enjoyed the opportunity to connect with a selection of Queensland's most prominent employers, education and training providers, as well as former (and current) State of Origin heroes, including Corey Parker, Sam Backhoe and Alfie Langer.



READING READING READING

A major priority area for the college this year is reading. One of the programs operating is our Friday Buddy Reading Program which sees Year 6 students mentoring and reading to our Prep students.



Student Art Work Exhibited at Cairns Regional Gallery

Congratulations to the Year 6/7 artists who will have their art work exhibited at the Cairns Regional Gallery. The exhibition opened on Friday 23rd March. The student caricatures provided us with a whole new view of staff at our college.

Ms Matley by
Ruby McClounan

Mr Anderson by
Georgia Smith

Ms O'Reilly by
Timmarlah Wason



The Story of Pod



Pod, a Brushtail Possum, recently came into care after being found by Mareeba ambulance staff. Pod was only 50g, furless and eyes unopened when he arrived at BatReach but has since thrived to a healthy 350g – still on milk, he will eventually be weaned onto solids.

Brushtails in the wild have a varied diet of eucalypt leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds, and on occasion eggs and insects.

Possums are nocturnal, arboreal marsupials with prehensile tails and despite spending most of their time in the trees; they often have to come to ground to cross roads that fragment their habitat. This often results in accidents and young in the pouch becoming orphaned.

Pod will spend 10 months in care before being big enough for release.

*Story and Photographs by BatReach Volunteer
Hannah Marco*

Pod's Progress...



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!

If you would like to keep up to date with the animals at BatReach or would like to keep an eye on our opening days, you can find us on Facebook at 'BatReach Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre'.

JULIA COOPER, BatReach supporter and passionate environmental advocate, passed away last December after a lengthy battle with a rare illness.

British-born Julia, a North Queensland resident for 10 years, embraced Australia's wildlife and the tropical lifestyle. She took every opportunity to promote awareness of all native creatures great and small.

With her partner Dr Martin Cohen, Julia co-authored popular publications such as *101 Animals of the Wet Tropics*, *101 Plants of the Wet Tropics* and *Rainforest Animals: Rare, Threatened and Significant Wildlife*.

A beautiful life taken too soon. Julia you are greatly missed.



Your Month by the Stars

The Stars in April

A reader asked me why I didn't do the "Your Month by the Stars" kind of column. Good question. Here are a few reasons why not:

Sun Sign Astrology: Predictions based on what zodiac sign the Sun was in when you were born, must, by nature, be hit and miss, never personal; always general. They are usually self-fulfilling and you'll probably find something that fits your day, week or whatever.

There are already plenty of those columns out there in media land. They're an easy earn for the working astrologer – doesn't take long to knock one up if you know the tricks.

But they are something of a debasement of the ancient science. If we observe the placement of all the planets at your birth, and look at where they are right now, we have an exact picture of you and your life at this point in time-space. Not you as a member of a group of five hundred million people (roughly the number of people with the Sun in your zodiac sign).

"As above, so below" can get a bit spooky when you explore the finer points of star and planetary motion and see how accurately our lives are a reflection of our celestial cycles.

So please, forgive me for not offering another Sun Sign column.

Having said that, April will be a very exciting month for Aries sun sign people. The Sun charges through Aries while Uranus pushes along behind. The full moon on 7th April reflects this highly-charged energy field back to us, and Mercury also in Aries from 17th April just adds to the electrical charge and speeds it all up. Venus is dancing in Gemini so there's lots of fun to be had by those Aries folk looking for a bit of light entertainment. You'll be hard to resist. Same for Gemini people. Enjoy.

And for the rest of you, if you're not in the spotlight or on the dance floor, then enjoy the show.

Taureans will make money and get fat. Pisceans will withdraw to the safe waters of fantasy world and Capricorns will self-destruct. Virgos will pick themselves up, dust off, and really get started. Who else? Librans? Full Moon for you guys on the 7th. What you see out there is an even clearer reflection of yourself than usual. Like it? Cool. Hate it? Change yourself. Easy.

Scorpio sun signs? A wonderful time for finding partners who share your lust and passions, that's all you need to know isn't it?

Cancers? Just the usual; stay out of the firing line and keep the essentials ticking over. Sagittarians and Aquarians: not your time guys – look at the big picture; chart your course and prepare the starting blocks. Something pretty exciting is in the wind.

OK. There's a sun sign thing. Next month we'll get back into the deep current again as our amazing home planet continues its journey through space and time.

Oh yes. Leo. "What about me?!" They cry. C'mon guys give us a break. You own the Sun! It's always your time – you know that. Just give the rest of us a little chance to shine for a while. We all love you.

Cheers.

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Kuranda SES News



**FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY
132 500**

Well the wet season has finally arrived, we may have had a late season, but it sure is making up for it.

I firstly would like to ask the person/s who "borrowed" the witch's hat from Queens Creek on Oakforest Road on the 19th March, if they could kindly return it to the SES unit. As part of our volunteer work, we had to assess the creeks and rivers around the area to help Council out.

As Queens Creek went over about 10.00pm, SES used the only signs we had available, which was "prepare to stop" we backed this up with 6 witches' hats. When I arrived to pick up our equipment one of the hats was gone. I realize now that we should have stamped them with SES, but as they are fairly new we haven't had the time to do this yet. As we do not get these supplied we will now have to buy another from our hard earned fund raising events.

Okay: on with other news – we had several calls to our 132 500 line, but I am afraid that most of these were not related to SES. To clarify this:

With trees down – SES jobs cover trees across driveways where an emergency vehicle can not gain access to your house (ie: Ambulance/Firies/Police).

Trees in the backyard do not come under our jurisdiction; also trees that are still upright and are a threat to your house – these jobs I am afraid are for the tree loppers to do and you need to pay for the job.

Trees across roads are attended to by Council. The emergency number for them is 1300 362 242. Please record this number in your phone as it is very handy to have.

As I am writing this we have had no call outs for roof damage, which is great as this means that everyone did their pre-work and cleaned gutters etc.

So to all of you: thank you. Spare a thought though for the people in Townsville as there were over 30 houses which lost their roofs; we were very lucky to escape those winds.

We have another two members going on the Heights course in April, so this will give us over 3 teams now in the event of a big disaster. Good luck to both of these guys.

Events coming up: the SES will be helping out with the parking at the Amphitheatre for the John Butler concert, and of course Anzac Day is coming around again next month.

SES will be having a sausage sizzle after the Anzac march so come along and have a feed.



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The recent AGM reflected on an eventful and successful 2011. Thanks to the huge efforts of the 2011 committee there is a strong and well organised platform for the upcoming year. Well done guys!

Elected office bearers for 2012 are:

President: Susan Walker,

Vice President: Corrine Smith,

Secretary: Pamela Mahoney,

Treasurer: Christie Barsley

General members: Lynda Barratt, Leah Hammett, Angela Meyer and Matthew Cotton.

Upcoming events include the kindy disco planned for Friday 4 of May, 5.00–7.00pm. It's a great night where our kindy friends can let their hair down.

A sausage sizzle is provided and parents, can you please bring a plate for the sweet or savoury palates.

Other attractions on the night include lucky door prize, spinning wheel and raffle.

Invites are open to all current and last year kindy families so come along and join the fun.

Also pencil in our spectacular Lantern Parade coinciding with the winter solstice on the 21st June. But more about that in the next issue.

We are happy to put names on the waiting list, so feel free to visit our kindergarten, chat to Susan and staff and experience first hand our playful, learning environment. Wishing you all a safe, happy and well rested Easter break.

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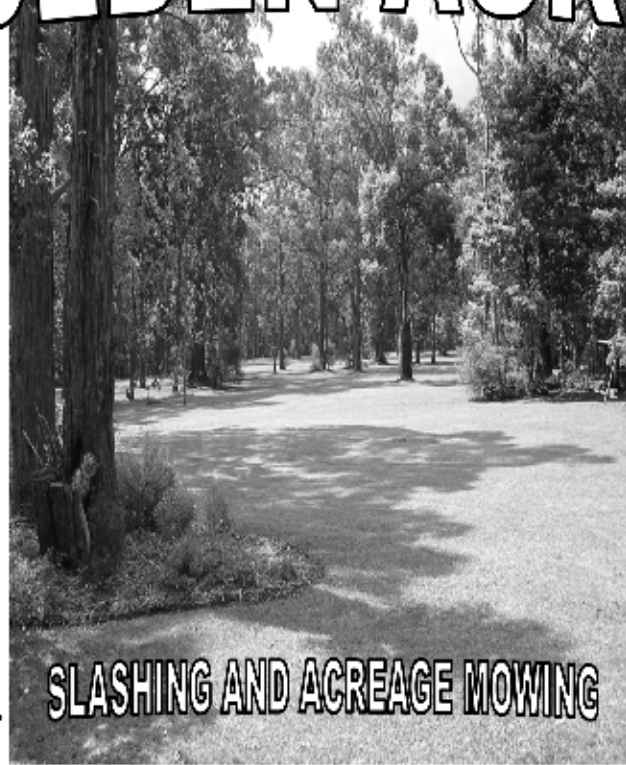
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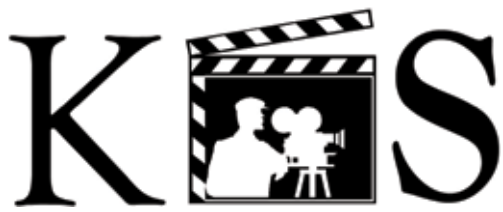


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AGM will be held in the break between films. Would you like to select films for the group?
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Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

A musical comedy about two showgirls' exploitation of uniformly sexless males for different, if complimentary reasons. Lorelei's money-obsessed outlook is paralleled by Dorothy's sex obsession. Subtle similarities/differences are suggested by the use of costume, colour and the consistent symmetrical framing of the two women. This is the ironic culmination of the reversal of sex-stereotyping explicit in His Girl Friday and I Was a Male War Bride. The two women play the same sexual games with men as the two male sailor-buddies play with women in A Girl in Every Port. Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell, Charles Coburn, Tommy Noonan, Elliott Reid.

The Getting of Wisdom

Told with a delicate blend of satire and nostalgia, this award-winning coming-of-age tale introduces one of Australian literature's most beloved characters to the screen, Laura Tweedle Rambothan. Chronicling her stormy passage through the sedate halls of an expensive Melbourne finishing school, THE GETTING OF WISDOM delivers a rich and amusing portrait of an imaginative country girl who refuses to be broken to fit the mould of a Victorian-era young lady. Based on the immortal best seller by Henry Handel Richardson, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Bruce Beresford and boasting top-class performances from Barry Humphries, John Waters and future stars Sigrid Thornton and Kerry Armstrong, THE GETTING OF WISDOM is an Australian cinema classic.



AGM

Clohesy Rural Fire Group

Thursday 29th March
7.30pm
Speewah Fire Shed
ALL BRIGADES WELCOME

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

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A SNAKE STORY

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She nudged it with her broom and it didn't even blink. Some more aggressive nudges got it heaving its long body up a nearby small tree, its long neck cantilevered more than a metre high into the tree. When it had most of its weight in the small branches, down came snake and bush crashing to the ground. That was the moment Jax pounced, pinning its head to the ground (very gently of course) and grabbed it close behind the head.

Now comes the hard part.

Two hulks of men and one little old pensioner lady with snake head in one hand, had to get the tail of this writhing monster into the bag.

As soon as its tail was in, its middle bit was wrapped around someone's arm or leg. When the long snake was unwound from their legs or arms, the tail end had found its way out of the bag. And, so the scramble continued. They were all wee-d and poo-d on and stank, but they finally managed to get it all in the bag and tie it off. (The reward: another snake was saved).



Above: Jax and a not-so-keen John at each end of the python.

AN INSPIRING CASSOWARY STORY

A call came in from Christine: a regular bird with his two chicks was limping badly. He had sliced himself from his foot up the back of his leg. The chicks were boisterous and he was having difficulty keeping up. What to do? We phoned QPWS and wildlife caring vets. Being a Sunday, there were no immediate responses. We were on our own.

The cassowary was used to people and Christine was able to get close to it. We decided to try to douse the wound with Betadene in the hope of stemming infection in the hugely swollen lower leg. Remarkably, this was achieved and Christine reported the next day that the swelling had reduced dramatically.

During the ensuing days, the QPWS ranger had suggested it might need antibiotics. We wondered how they might be given to the bird.

"In a rat", explained the ranger. "You should see their eyes light up when you give them a rat."

Apparently, the antibiotics are sewn up in the (dead, of course) rat and there is no doubt the bird gets the full dose.

You learn something new every day.

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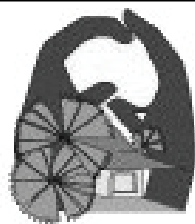
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Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo
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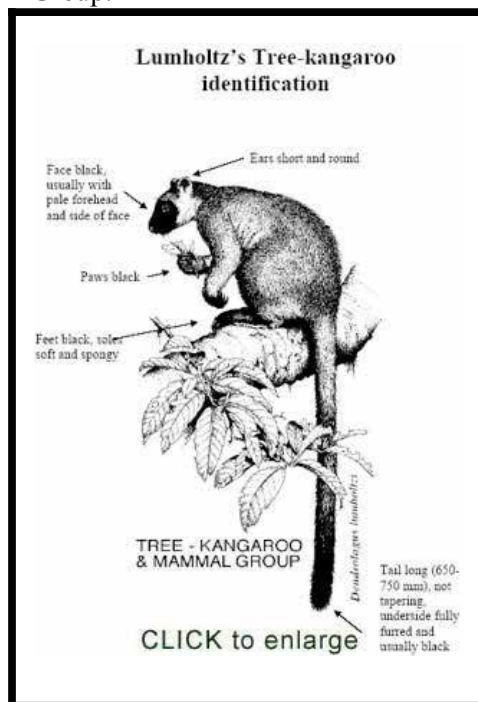
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This variety of the species is rarely seen on the ground during daylight, spending the days curled up in the fork of a tree. It's very slow moving, "ambles" rather than hops and has a very distinctively shaped head and thick muscular forearms.

For a clearer copy of the identifying features go to the TK group website

www.tree-kangaroos.net and select TK info, TK Spotting. There's lots of good info supplied by the Tree Kangaroos and Mammal Group.



Nursery News Golden Pendas

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Your opinions are always welcome.

Happy Easter to all!

I hope you will be at the big Easter celebrations in Centenary Park on Easter Saturday.

Local Government Elections

28 April 2012:

Council elections will be held on Saturday 28th April. These elections will be conducted by ECQ (Electoral Commission Qld) and voting will be by Postal Vote only. You do not need to apply for a Postal Vote as Postal Voting Papers will be mailed directly to you at your enrolled address on April 2nd.

If you do not receive your voting papers by soon after Easter, please check with the local Post Office and/or you can phone the Electoral Commission ECQ Hotline 1300 881 665 to request that your voting papers be reissued to you.

The Ballot papers need to be mailed back in the envelope supplied before 6.00pm on Saturday 28th April. You can check your electoral enrolment on the ECQ website www.ecq.qld.gov.au.

Council Budget 2012-13:

One of the first tasks of the new Council will be to finalise the 2012-13 Budget. The current Council has been working on the development of the Budget for some months.

I have submitted a long list of funding projects with the hope that many of them will be funded. If there is anything that you would like Council to consider adding to the list for Budget consideration, please let me know.

Road Projects:

Update on road projects: Fallon Road Bridge is planned for construction in the coming year; Morton Street/Rob Veivers Drive intersection is planned for July-October this year; Local Projects submitted for NDRRA (Natural Disaster/Reconstruction) federal funding are Ganyan Drive/ Speewah Road, Mona Mona Road, Black Mt Road, Koah Road. These may take some time to deliver, however, there is a strong possibility of federal funding for the projects

New Kuranda Visitors' Centre:

Funding has been approved for the construction of a new Visitor Information Centre and funds will come from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund (not ratepayers). Tenders for the Architect design have closed and the design work will begin soon.

The new (much larger) Centre will be a "purpose-built" and will be designed to complement both the community use and the tourism use of Centenary Park. The new building will not take away any park green space. A feature will be new technologies for displays and interpretative information about the area. I am still very hopeful that we will see construction of the new building before the end of this year.

Fluoride:

I know that many of us do not want fluoride in our water and I can assure you that I have tried and Council has tried to have this changed... but this is State Government legislation with severe penalties for Councils... and so the construction work has started on installing the Kuranda fluoride plant (State funded). This is expected to be completed by May 1st.

Before the fluoride is added to the water supply, by law, residents will receive at least one month's notice.

Recycling Strategy Plan for TRC:

A strategy Plan for managing Recycling across the region is currently being developed for consideration by Council in June 2012. If you have particular comments regarding this, please contact TRC Environmental Planning Officer, Kirsty Lamperd at kirstyl@trc.qld.gov.au or by phoning Kirsty at 4043 4390. In the interim, recyclables can be left at the special bin at the Kuranda Transfer Station.

Tourism Kuranda:

The tourism promotion group continues to do a wonderful job of promoting the Kuranda Village, with Marc Sleeman providing the hard work. (See you at the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday!)

Members of the TK Committee are all volunteers who devote hours to promote Kuranda. The current Committee is due to retire in August and nominations for positions on the Committee will be advertised mid-year.

Transfer Station Hours of Operation:

I am seeking your feedback on the opening hours. An increase in hours is important as well as finding the most suitable opening times. Would you like an increase in week-end opening hours? Would you prefer earlier or later opening times? Please let me know what you think.

Library Hours of Operation:

I am also hoping to see an increase in Library opening hours. As the Kuranda Library also provides basic Council office services, an increase is definitely needed. Please let me know your thoughts, particularly regarding the times and also possible opening on Mondays.

Strategic Plan for Coondoo Street

Fig Trees:

A comprehensive Management Plan for the future care of the Coondoo St fig trees has been approved by Council, along with a commitment to \$20,000 per year to maintain the trees accordingly.

The Plan provides a professional approach to securing the long-term health and life of the 14 trees, along with a budget to carry out the works and provide a regular maintenance program.

RosCommon Speewah:

The small unisex toilet block will be constructed at RosCommon near the Children's playground before the end of June. \$32,000 has been allocated by Council for the construction. Roscommon has always been a real community park and it is good to see some more facilities there.

Kuranda Community Precinct:

Applications for use of the community spaces in Building C (the newest building) have now been approved. Groups such as the Junior Rugby League and Yoga and Dance classes will soon be using the facilities.

Council has ensured that the current facilities available at the CWA Hall and the Kuranda Recreation Centre are not disadvantaged. Tenders for the removal of the older buildings (buildings A and B) are now open. Council is working towards the future construction of a purpose built facility at the Community Precinct. Planning work has already commenced for the establishment of the Library at the Community Precinct. The entire lower floor of the Block C building will be used to create a spacious community Library and resources hub, with space for small meeting rooms and additional library services for our community.

Thank you to the Kuranda Community for engaging in the extensive public consultation last year. The Advisory Committee will soon be reformed and will work towards a long-term plan for the facilities. It will take some time until the site is able to be used to the full potential.

New Aged Housing Units:

The next Aged Housing units (2 units in Harriman Street and 2 units in Thoree Street) will be constructed before the end of 2012. Allocation of places in these units is made by Council in conjunction with Qld Housing. Enquiries: Bob Graham Ph 1300 362 242.

Off-Leash area for dogs:

Many pet owners have asked about "off-leash" areas for their dogs. I have made a submission for funding of such an area in Kuranda through the 2012-13 Budget. The area would be fenced appropriately. The exact location has not been decided. Your ideas are welcome.

Disaster Management Community Plan:

If any residents are interested in assisting with local community Disaster Management Plans (Kuranda Village/ Top of the Range, Koah, Speewah Myola) please contact me or Council's Community Disaster Planning Officer, Cheryl Matthews at cherylm@trc.qld.gov.au Ph: 4043 4162.

Anzac Day:

I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the Anzac Day services in Kuranda. The services are always quite sobering reminders.

Customer Requests system:

If you have a complaint or request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this, either via email to info@trc.qld.gov.au, the link "Report a Problem" on the Council website, or phone 1 300 362 242 or by contacting me.

Council Meetings:

The final two meetings of the current Council will be held on Wednesday April 4th in Malanda and Wednesday April 18th in Herberton. The Council still meets until Election Day to undertake operational decisions; however, no major contracts or policy decisions can be made during this caretaker period. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

Councillor Contact Details:

Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or 4093 8601 (all numbers have voicemail; please wait for the message) Please do not use the "old" number 40938466 Email: jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au Also check out Facebook www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ

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COMPETITION FOR KURANDA RESIDENTS

Design for the new Kuranda Information Centre

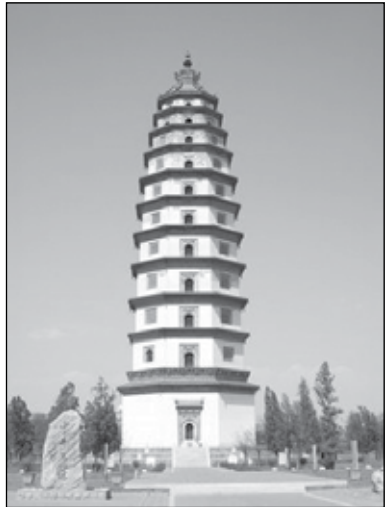
The newly-formed Foundation for Unification of Community Consultation Kuranda, is calling for expressions of interest from groups and individuals to vote on the most aesthetically pleasing design for the proposed new Kuranda Information Centre.

In view of the expected vastly increased numbers of Chinese and Asian tourists over the coming decade, the Foundation proposes a distinctly oriental design for the new building, to be housed on the current Kuranda Library site.

The Group's terms of reference require that a thorough community consultation take place before the design of the new building is finalised, and as part of this consultation process, you are asked to nominate your preference of design from

the samples shown below. Please complete the application form on page 30 of this paper, and return no later than **1 April 2012**.

Nominate your preference on page 30 of this edition of the Kuranda Paper. Clockwise, from top left: 1. Kuranda Spire; 2. Kuranda Mansions; 3. Kuranda Towers; 4. Kuranda House.



• A lady was invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening. She was impressed by the way her old friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as: 'Honey', 'My Love', 'Darling', 'Sweetheart', etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was in the living room, the lady leaned over to her hostess and said, 'I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving names'. The elderly lady hung her head and said, 'I have to tell you the truth, his name slipped my mind about 10 years ago, and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old bastard what his name is.'

• Two young businessmen in Redcliffe were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new store in the shopping mall. As yet, the store wasn't ready, with only a few shelves and display racks set up. One said to the other, "I'll bet that any minute now some old fart is going to walk by, put his face to the window, and ask what we're selling." Sure enough, just a moment later, a curious senior gentleman walked up to the window, looked around intensely and rapped on the glass, then in a loud voice asked, "What are you sellin' here?" One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling ass-holes." Without skipping a beat, the old timer said, "You must be doing well. Only two left." *Seniors – don't mess with them. They didn't get old by being stupid!*

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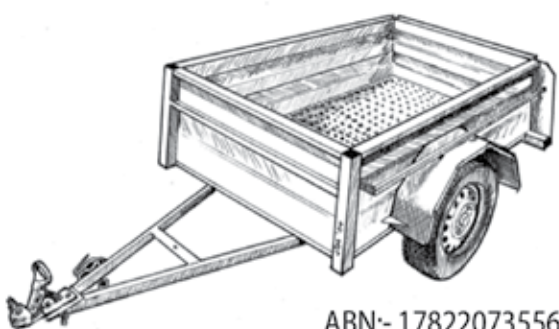
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When he's finished, the old man tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he's had in years.

But he wanted to know what would have happened if he had swallowed that little ball.

The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does".

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Tribal Bellydance in Kuranda: New tribal bellydance beginner class 17 April, Tuesday 6.00-7.00pm at Kuranda Sports and Recreation Centre. Beginner and experienced dancers welcome. Also, look out for us at the Kuranda Easter Festival. Please contact Lisa for details on: Phone: 0409 367 967 Email: lisa@kurandadance.com.au Web: kurandadance.com.au
Business space available to rent: Sunday to Monday, suit natural therapist, hairdresser, professional. Ph: 0400 301 622.

Living in Kuranda

A record deluge of 227mm of rain in 24 hours was recorded at Mt Sheridan and other heavy downpours that followed signalled the late but spectacular arrival of our 'Wet Season'. As usual, the Emergency Services were kept busy, many roads were blocked or impassable and the Gillies Highway was closed. Traffic north and south of the Smithfield roundabout was blocked and traffic on the Kuranda Range slowed to one lane. Kuranda Railway closed for a few days, but Skyrail was fully operational. Disappointed tourists who managed to get here, instead of their planned day out on the Great Barrier Reef, arrived to a wet, almost depressing Kuranda, with a distinct lack of tourists.

A concerned resident commented on local TV that Kuranda is losing its appeal and the reason wasn't the weather. A Letter to the Editor in last month's edition of *The Kuranda Paper* commented on the amount of rubbish strewn along the verge of our Kuranda Range Road, now probably washed down into hidden hillside creeks and valleys, or now drifting in the brown muddy Barron River before being deposited onto Machans Beach.

Photographs of the white and muddy turbulent Barron Falls reveal our precious red earth scoured from farms, land development, and river banks swept from along the swollen creeks and rivers on the Atherton Tablelands. This cascading river of toxic water ruins our Great Barrier Reef and marine life. How many tourists are aware of this, I wonder? They may be more concerned at the inconvenience of a heavy downpour of rain, as they dash past dejected stall holders and shop owners who lose business.

Bored kids during the upcoming school holidays and Easter may like to try out this interactive online recycling game to help protect our rivers and oceans. <http://cleanup.noco2.com.au/> or check out lots more activities here too. <http://www.kidactivities.net/category/Holidays-Earth-Day.aspx>

It's a shame those plastic bags, so prevalent in a tourist shopping themed village such as Kuranda, are the scourge of the sea!! <http://tinyurl.com/6qstjp5>. Paper bags or re-usable carry bags, and reusable water bottles, not one off items, are just a few items more suited to our green environment. I'd love to see Kuranda join with other towns and villages like these, to become a plastic free zone but more importantly a trendsetter in green educational ideas. Village a plastic free zone <http://tinyurl.com/7pgtbhn>

Lane Cove community strive for a plastic bag free suburb. <http://tinyurl.com/czkc3al>

Welcome to the town of Modbury. Just don't ask for a plastic bag <http://tinyurl.com/62q6yov>

Monash University is a Plastic Bag Free Zone <http://tinyurl.com/ceom4e6>

And thank you to our very creative local artists for turning rubbish, junk and found objects into art: Toni Rogers, Susan Doherty, Marcia Bird, Darryl Ely, Jill Chisholm, Rosie Miller, Sue Ryan, Tom Risley, Sally Morony, Kylie Burke, Tign Meulendijks.

FNQ Environmental Art, Kuranda Arts Cooperative Ltd. www.visualartist.info/visualartist/artist/?artistId=2024 or www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au

kuranda_cares@yahoo.com.au

Foundation for Unification of Community Consultation Kuranda
 If you are looking for the voting form mentioned on page 29, alas, you have been the victim of the Kuranda Paper editorial team's April Fool's joke! Cheers.

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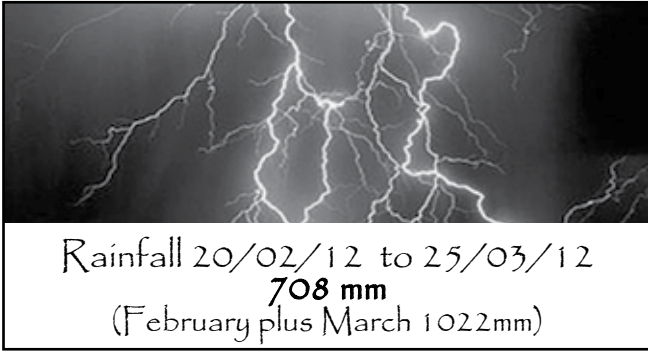
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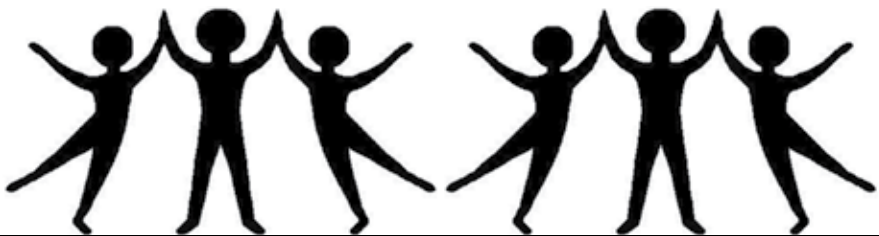
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1st Sat	Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
Every Sun	A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599 Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361 Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393 Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730 Acappella Singing 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463. Yoga for Seniors 9.00am CWA Hall, Phone 4093 7401 Kids Aerial Circus with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917 Kurandacoots adult circus jam Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
1st Sun	
2nd Sun	
Every Mon.	Al-Anon Family Groups 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109 Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026 KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
3rd Mon	Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109. Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196 Yoga 6.15pm 2 Morong Street, Kuranda: Contact Aileen 4093 7401 8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda RSL, Top Pub, Recreation Centre, Speewah Tavern, Kuranda Resort, Kangaventure Ph 4093 8537 The KCCT meets at Malcolm's Original Markets at 4.30pm. Tourism Kuranda meets behind St Saviour's Church. Kuranda SES Training , 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
Every Tue	Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome. Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary) Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am Kuranda Playgroup 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 8361. Weekly Meditations/Reflections 7.00pm at The Hidden Words Bookshop, bottom of Therwine Street. Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109 Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016 Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Aquafitness at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 6.15pm. 4093 7109. Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206 Tae kwon do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196 Women's Acapella Choir Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre, Cumberland Ave, Smithfield 7.00-9.00pm Thursdays Narcotics Anonymous 6.30-8.00pm at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam at the Amphitheatre 6:30pm Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road Aqua Tonics at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 11.00am. 4093 7109. Zumba : CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298
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CAIRNS (Central)	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.10pm
KURANDA	7.30am	9.15am	12.15pm	2.15pm	4.05pm
KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE					
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CAIRNS (Central)	8.20am	9.55am	1.10pm	2.55pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.25am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm
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KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.30pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS (Spence St)	8.15am	11.20am	5.20pm	8.15am	11.20am	11.20am
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KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
MAREEBA	9.45am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.45am	4.40pm	4.40pm
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