

# THE Kuranda PAPER

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## Opti-Minds Winners

During this term, six students from our school (KDSC) entered in the Opti-Minds competition. At JCU's Open Day on 19th August 2012, we participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge and we won! In this challenge we had to make a machine that could mix colour. Despite an unfortunate malfunction during our presentation, our great teamwork won the judges over. We are now going to Brisbane to compete in the Opti-Minds Creative Sustainability Challenge State finals, on October 13th & 14th.

We are very excited to represent the Kuranda community. To cover our transportation costs we would welcome donations from any sponsors out there! For more information on helping the kids get to Brisbane, please contact Kylie Jones at Kuranda District State College 4085 5344 or email [the.principal@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au)

### The Kuranda Opti-Minds Team

Sky Fielder, Maggie Slater, Paige Stevenson, Ben Brucksch, Oscar Bowie, Mia Whittaker.



## Bring Back The Buskers

by Ian Melville

**K**URANDA has recently been inundated with festival punters and travellers alike. Kuranda has always been renowned for its entertainment and value for money.

In recent years Kuranda would normally put on a public display of art works, buskers and entertainment throughout its streets. Currently the Tableland Regional Council has placed restrictions on street entertainers.

Buskers who wish to perform on the Kuranda streets need to apply for a licence from the council in which each single performer pays a \$10 fee. Buskers must also supply their own insurance or pay for the use of council's at a \$10 fee. Busking may not continue after 3.00pm. Buskers must also nominate a specific area for entertaining and are not to "roam".

With Kuranda holding a reputation for having such a vibrant street culture it is a wonder why council wants so many restrictions toward these travelling acts. Festival organisers have been, and are working extremely hard in order to keep the Tablelands a part of the national festival circuit. It is evident to this journalist that the council has lost touch with the Kuranda community. Although, "Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Kuranda community and is happy to investigate further sites for busking if the need arises," said Rosa Lee Long, TRC Mayor.

The business community in Kuranda would like to see more street entertainment. "We would definitely like to see more street performers in and around our town" said Maurice Arias, owner of The Windmill Café. Tourist and travellers expect to see Kuranda for what we are renowned for and that is our vibrant street culture. TRC could be looking



*Debbie Robinson, with mandolin and harp.*

*Photograph by Ian Melville*

at other councils for inspiration if needed, with markets such as the Eumundi markets on the Sunshine Coast, making it extremely easy for buskers with no budget outlay for performers.

"Eumundi Markets are the best markets I have been to because of the live music and performers", said Maggie Berzozowski, a tourist from the Sunshine Coast.

TRC really need to work more intimately on this front and should be trying to reel these sort of entertainers in, rather than scaring them away.

The organisation and application process of street space for artists and performers is currently the responsibility of the Information Centre in Kuranda. With this entity being held by the TRC it seems the obligation lies within the ranks of the council.

TRC has a strong obligation to its tourist market and business communities to keep the attractions that keep people coming. Busking, street art, street performers and street culture are attractions that grab the attention of many. Without a diverse and unique expression from our communities to our guests we take the risk of becoming just another tourist spot.



*Trish Molloy*

*Photograph by Marc Gibson*



# COMMUNITY LETTERS

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## Dear Kuranda Paper ...

### In Support of the FAFT Program

I'm shocked and angry to see that people in this day and age still like to rubbish our community in a way that dishonors what our teachers and Community are trying to achieve, in promoting early childhood education within our community for our next generation. Mothers and Grandmothers are teachers also who have an important role in steering our children in the right direction and as a grandmother, I find this program has helped my grandchildren be prepared for Pre-school and it gave my grandchildren a lot of confidence, self-esteem and social abilities. My hat is off to those who teach in this program called FAFT. You made YOUR point in telling us how our FAFT program isn't working [K P August p15 Ed]. Well I'm telling you there's more to it then meets the eye. Please explain what free meals; the school actually supplies meals for school children at school? You have a full page of negative views on the subject but you haven't even met us or our community and shame on you for putting us down in ways you think that we get offended. We are Indigenous and we face and deal with people like you every day with nothing good to tell us. As the Aboriginal community we are not easily bribed with food. You think that FAFT is not a good thing, but you don't offer any other solutions to assist us in making the program better. If you are not a part of the solution therefore you must be part of the problem. I would really like to know exactly where you got your information from as you are willing to share everything else about us.

*Grandmother and great supporter of FAFT program*  
**Sheila Brim**

[A further letter on this subject FAFT appears on page 25-Ed]

### Against Fluoride

I took the point of view that putting a toxic waste – fluoride – in the Kuranda water was not really my issue as I live on bore water. Then my point of view changed when I realised that any food or drink I bought in Kuranda would have fluoride.

There are two main issues for me:

1. I do not want to be medicated by a toxic waste – I know I am not toxic waste deficient.
2. I do not want to pay for it in my rates.

**Clare Hensley**

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### Food For Caterpillars

Recently I had the joy of taking my little granddaughters on a Butterfly Sanctuary guided walk, where I made an interesting discovery – that one of the caterpillars that eventually turns into a beautiful moth or butterfly eats "something" that I have been removing as a weed. It quite possibly is because according to a Burke's Backyard article a lot of the natural foods for moths and butterflies no longer exist, consequently these beauties have found replacement plants.

In our actions to remove insect and plant problems "we" have resorted to commercial sprays and an endless variety of homemade brews, which gives a lead-in to a topic in August Alectura of white fly – so I did a little research and one article mentions "white fly" as a modern pest created by the overuse of pesticides that have killed off its natural enemies.

Now I don't wish to stir up a hornets' nest, but interestingly it is a tiny wasp (*Encarsia Formosa*) that is the white fly predator – I will not give you my reaction to wasps of any kind.

All those "things that move in the garden" are part of the food chain, so I promise not to squash any more caterpillars or pull out any more unchosen plants until I've investigated what they are and who feeds off them. I'm looking forward to many more butterflies, birds, bees etc.

Also every month I look forward to "Our Kuranda Paper", which keeps us all in touch with local events and most interesting articles.

**Lorraine Gould, Amateur Gardener, Kuranda**

### Mareeba Water Fluoridation Survey Results

Tablelands Regional Council has compiled responses to a survey of Mareeba residents regarding the re-introduction of fluoride into Mareeba's water supply.

Of the 601 surveys returned, 69% of all respondents voted against reintroducing fluoride to the Mareeba town water supply and 31% voted in favour of its reintroduction.

The survey was distributed to approximately 5,800 Mareeba residents connected to the town water supply, with the closing date for responses extended until the 17 August 2012.

"These figures provide Council with a strong indication of the views of Mareeba residents regarding their town water supplies," stated Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

The results of the Mareeba Water Fluoridation Survey will be presented in a report to Council at the next ordinary meeting on 6 September 2012.

**– TRC Media Release**

### Congratulations to Kuranda Paper

I have been travelling extensively throughout Australia for the last year, and hit upon Kuranda recently.

I was taken with the setting of the village, and particularly (being in the newspaper business myself), would like to congratulate the village for the production of such a professional, informative local newspaper, which surpasses what I have seen elsewhere in Australia.

**– Shirley Douglas, Nebraska, USA**

## Vale Jim Edwards

**The late Jim Edwards, who recently passed away in Cairns, was buried at his original home, Wakka Wakka country, Cherbourg, on Friday 24 August. People will recall him as one of the principals of the Aboriginal Art Shop in Therwine Street, Kuranda. A profile of his life and times as a boxer, Aboriginal activist and renowned artist will appear in the next issue.**



## Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 6th October 9.30am**

at the **CYBER CAFE**

Settlement Building, Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda

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The committee is further assisted by unelected volunteer proofreaders Toni Rogers and Sue McArthur, and a team of paper folders. The AGM gives Kuranda Media Association financial members the opportunity to have their say on the affairs of the paper, and elect/re-elect the four committee members for 2012/13.

If you are a current member of KMA you are urged to attend the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the KMA or nominating for the committee, please complete and lodge the relevant form available at the Kuranda Video Shop together with your annual membership fee of \$5.00, by Monday 25 September 2012.

Only members financial as at 6 October 2012 are eligible to vote at the AGM.

**Refreshments provided by the Cyber Cafe will be served at the completion of AGM business.**

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# KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest

## Marc's Tourism Tweets

### Bring the Bolt

Kuranda is doing its bit to bring champion Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt to Tropical North Queensland with Skyrail posting an image of the trademark lightning bolt pose being performed in a gondola on the Bolt to Cairns Facebook page. Rainforestation got guests on one of its Army duck tours to strike the pose. We would love to host the Bolt in Kuranda so we can't wait to see some more pictures of the Bolt being performed in our village. Post your Bolt images on Tourism Kuranda facebook site for your chance to win a family pass on Kuranda Scenic Railway! The Bolt image with the most likes will win the prize!

### Keepers help joey

Wildlife keepers at Rainforestation Nature Park in Kuranda are hand-raising a tiny koala joey after its mother stopped lactating. The 7-month-old joey is fed six times a day on an artificial milk formula after staff noticed he was not being fed by his mother and was showing signs of being hungry.

Wildlife supervisor Beau Peberdy said the joey was lucky that his mother had still produced and fed him "pap". "This is the substance koala joeys need to help line their stomach and assist in the digestion of gum leaves," he says.

It is hoped the hand-rearing of the unnamed joey will allow it to grow and mature, so it may be photographed with visitors from around the world.

### Wired for success

Kuranda wire sculptor Amanda Purkiss is celebrating her win at last month's Cairns Show where "Merlin", a ram's skull crafted from recycled aluminium and galvanised wires, took the first prize for sculpture and was named Champion for 3DWork of Show.

Amanda's sculptures can be seen at the Amanda designed stall on Thursdays at the Heritage Markets. Most of the art on display at the markets is small enough to fit into a suitcase, but at home Amanda has incredible pieces including life-size broilgas and has made a 1.4m seahorse for a client.

### Skyrail's Nature Diary

A number of primitive rainforest trees produce seeds without the use of flowers, including the Queensland kauri (*Agathis robusta*) which can be seen at Skyrail's Red Peak station. The kauri can grow up to 50 metres in decent soil, but 30 metres on the granite ground at Red Peak is probably the limit. The trunk of a kauri is incredibly smooth. Even the normal presence of knots where a branch used to be is absent on these trees because all bark is shed regularly to maintain the smoothness. It is possible that this is a defence against cyclones, presenting the strong winds with very little to tear at. Both the bark and sap are acidic which may explain why termites and insect borers avoid it.

These trees were second only to the red cedar (*Toona ciliata*) as the most sought after timber in the Wet Tropics. The beautiful honey golden timber was used in the production of ship's masts, cabinet furniture, walls and floorboards.

### Kuranda Day

The countdown is on for the Kuranda Day Festival on October 21. Kuranda Day marks the official survey of the village back in 1888 and will include the annual Bash of the Barron River Raft Race & Undie Fun Run, music in Centenary Park and a day of fun and festivity celebrating everything that makes Kuranda such an amazing place. Tourism Kuranda is seeking volunteers to join our Events Team to assist with the co-ordination and promotion of this amazing community event.



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## Speewah District Residents Association Inc

**Next meeting: 3rd September, 7.30 pm Fire Brigade Building, Roscommon.** Agenda will include:

- An update of Council matters from Councilor Jenny Jensen
- Details of what the National Broadband Network Co. will be providing for the Speewah area
- Any update available on the provision of mobile phone reception for our area.

Report on the meetings (AGM and General), held in June:

- Our visiting speaker was the new Mayor of the TRC, Rosa Lee Long. Rosa provided us with a background on her personal and political life. She answered question from the floor on her approach to the mayoral role.
- Councilor Jenny Jensen gave a detailed report on Council activities in our area, including – revised opening hours for the transfer station; Councils policy on the inspection of onsite waste treatment plants; Ganyan Drive and Speewah road upgrades at a cost of \$650,000; Roscommon toilet installation which will be included in the 2012-13 budget; Community Disaster Planning for Speewah; feedback on the recent elections conducted by the ECQ.
- John Thomson spoke on the issue of the proposal for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service's plans to take over the community facility of the Fire Brigade building on Roscommon. A motion was carried that the Association write to Council expressing our rejection of this proposal.

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



## Temporary Road Closure

### VARIETY CHILDREN'S CHARITY BASH

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## Neighbourhood Centre News September 2012

**Rent Connect:** Will be coming to Kuranda on 14 September 2012, 10.30am-12.30pm to talk to prospective tenants and landlord/agents about how to secure and maintain a private rental. If you are interested, please register your attendance on 4093 8933 to Marg or Ceri.

**Step Forward:** Next program commences on Wednesday 5 September 2012 at 10.30am. If you are having problems with drinking or cigarettes or other habits that are affecting your health, relationships or finances in a bad way, you might want to think about coming along to the Step Forward program at KNC. This confidential program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks.

**Furniture Exchange:** Thank you to those who have generously donated items recently. We have a program where we maintain a register of items that people need and match them with donations we receive from the community. In this way, we have been able to assist families in need of essential household items. Right now we know families who need: queen and single bed bases (not mattresses), washing machines, lounge suites/sofas, dining table and chairs, fridges and baby items. If you have any of those items that you no longer need, please give us a call. We can arrange pick up if required.

**Seniors' Cottages:** To be eligible for Seniors Cottages a current application with Department of Housing is required. KNC staff will assist with social housing enquiries and applications.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Will no longer be having meetings in Kuranda due to low attendance. NA in Cairns is still operating and can be contacted on 4054 3483.

**Go Forward for Men:** Joseph Oui from Relationships Australia is coming up every second Tuesday to support males around family violence and related issues. This is strictly confidential. Please contact Relationships Australia directly on 4052 7900 for appointments. The next time Joseph is here is Tuesday 4 September 2012.

**ATODS Counselling:** Two counsellors come to the Kuranda Medical Centre – Raelene from Mareeba and Claire from Cairns. Please contact the medical centre for a referral and appointment on 4093 7118.

**Uniting Care Counselling** (formerly Lifeline): Counselling appointments can be made for Wednesday afternoons at KNC by phoning KNC on 4093 8933 or Uniting Care on 4050 4955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.

**Financial Counselling:** Monday mornings

**Gambling help:** By appointment.

– The Neighbourhood Centre Team

## Peek-a-Boo!

Hello! How are you today! My name is Steffany and I want to start a new group playing Board Games such as Scrabble, Backgammon, Upwards, Dominos, Checkers etc. If you would like to come and have some FUN, please call 4093 8933 to register your interest. (By the way, there is no worry if you don't know how to play – all are easy to learn.)

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# Gardening in Kuranda



**S**EPTEMBER and maybe time to put away the doonas? In the garden, lengthening days and increasing warmth of air and soil will see the tempo of growth quickening. Treasures like Caladium, Globba and Kaempferia will begin to emerge from dormancy and other more heat-loving plants slowly pick up from their winter bedraggled state.

If, like me, you have undertaken a winter purge of less than successful plantings or opened a new garden bed, the urge to fill the voids is almost irresistible. However, time spent in careful consideration of available sun/shade, water requirements/wet season drainage, eventual growth height/maximum spread, any particular pH requirements, set/contrast of foliage or flower in garden schemes and any particular sought attribute like perfume or cut flowers, will long-term save costs, time and disappointments.

For Newbies to the area, joining the Kuranda Garden Group is a wise investment. As well as making new friends and accessing other gardens and seeing plantings successful in different areas, it gives the chance to avoid costly mistakes. Longer-term residents have much to share – the difficulties of successful vegetable gardening, ill-siting of palms which, when mature, break understory plantings with fallen fronds, the pros and cons of the home orchard and the need to protect some plantings from wild pig, bush turkey, golden footed scrub fowl, bandicoots and other bush bandits.

For the keen gardener, some special events: **Sunday 2nd September** (Father's Day) sees Carnival on Collins where the many plant stalls usually yield some unexpected treasure. The weekend of **27-28 October** sees two iconic local gardens: Kuranda Palms and the Retreat open under the Australian Open Garden Scheme. More of these next edition, but only now to say, each visit sees both gardens evolving and revealing new delights – so definitely pencil in the date.

## Plant of the Month:

*Kaempferia* (*Zingiberaceae* – ginger family) – the Peacock plants. This family, highly decorative but often overlooked, provides many ground hugging gems, the tallest less than 70cm. and, although winter dormant, are superb for spot filling and potted display.

Shade lovers of the easiest cultivation, *Kaempferia* only require an open humus-rich soil, good watering in growth but care with drainage particularly during the Wet. Although fleeting, their often mauve/purple, orange/yellow



or white flowers are beautiful, the peacock gingers are grown mainly for their foliage, sometimes iridescent with a multiplicity of subtle patterning or variegation which slowly change as their season progresses.

*Kaempferia galanga* (*right*), the lesser galangale, although plain leafed is much loved as a spice used in Bali in its most famous dish of roast duck “bebekbetulu” and in China, dried and ground as an optional ingredient in five spice powder and is particularly common in the cooking of Sichuan province.

*Kaempferia* are of the easiest propagation from rhizome division at commencement of the growing season. Remember that these rhizomes are often sought out by bush turkey so some protection may be needed.



## Q @A. Dear Julie,

Lucky you! *Portlandia grandiflora* is a most desirable and much sought after rather slow growing shrub grown for its long white trumpet flowers, redolent with the scent of warm chocolate. From Jamaica, growing on limestone areas and sensitive to winter cold and wind, a sunny warm protected spot with well-drained open alkaline soil should see your *Portlandia* thrive, although maddeningly slow growing. *Portlandia* is a very amenable potted subject where its specific requirements may be better met. Certainly you have got yourself a treasure.

As desirable and even more difficult to obtain is the closely related *Cubanoladomingensis* (the Tree Lily) with its greenish pendant trumpet flowers and again a chocolatey perfume. Again, another slow growing gem with similar cultivation requirements.

**Dear Max,** Yes, the Missus is right – again. Those small white fading to isobel yellow flowers are scented of apricots and come from the shrub *Osmanthus fragrans* (Sweet Olive, Tea Olive or Fragrant Olive), coming from China as does the slightly larger flowered *O. delavayi*. The flowers are used to scent tea. These shrubs are sometimes available locally but under our conditions struggle to attain the same growth and flowering as seen in more temperate areas. Extending choice are the recently introduced varieties of *Osmanthus delavayi* ‘Pearly Gates’ with zig-zag growth habit and “Heaven Scent”, more upright.

Max, as all *Osmanthus* flower on old wood you will need to resist the urge to prune the *Osmanthus* plant your wife won in the wager. It may take up to five years for wood to age sufficiently to flower again. So just sit back and enjoy the smell of apricots!

**Dear Jenny,** I suggest that eBay is probably the best source for seeds of some of those heirloom, rarer and less well known vegetable and fruit seed. If seed is not presently listed, you may set for eBay notification when sought item(s) are listed.

Two Australian eBay sellers: **Col's seeds** and **nabou9** are good sites to start and both, from experience, give good seed count and seed true to description.

Another possible route is to import seed. Use the AQIS data base IKON to determine import conditions and possible restrictions. Site at: [http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex\\_querycontent.asp](http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp)

Chiltern Seeds (UK) carry an extensive range of heirloom vegetable seeds and have both superb hard-copy and on-line catalogues: <http://www.edirectory.co.uk/chilternseeds/>

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [wortwoad@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wortwoad@optusnet.com.au)



Kuranda  
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Club Inc.

## Saturday 1st September

We are organising a day trip to The Botanical Ark, a private Botanical Garden in Tropical Australia's rainforest region, Whyanbeel, north of Mossman, home to Alan & Susan Carle, their family, and 3,000 species of plants.

Meet in Mossman ready to leave at 10.00am.

For lunch we have booked High Falls Farm restaurant. By way of a change there is the Hoglund Art Glass Studio, internationally renowned glass blowers, nearby that we can have a look at after lunch.

For further details contact David or Graham 4093 9492 [dpsgkp@people.net.au](mailto:dpsgkp@people.net.au)

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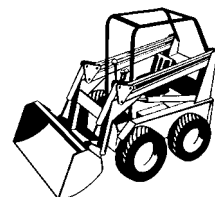
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## Help Clean Up The Tablelands

**FROM Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September**, people will take to the roadsides, riversides and parklands for the **Great Northern Clean Up**.

This is a chance for communities across the top end of Australia to get together and take part in **Clean Up Day** at a time more suited to our climate. Tablelands Regional Council and Clean Up Australia are calling on residents to pitch in and help make 2012 the greatest clean up yet.

"Mark your calendars, gather some friends together and let's all pitch in and help clean up our local towns and waterways," suggested Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

In 2011 thousands of Queenslanders removed 340 tonnes of rubbish from 6200 sites.

Clean Up Australia's Chairman and founder, Ian Kiernan, is confident that 2012 will be even bigger. There are currently several sites registered across the Tablelands region for cleaning up.

"It's not too late to get involved. Go to [www.greatnortherncleanup.org.au](http://www.greatnortherncleanup.org.au) to register a clean up site or find a local site where you can register as a volunteer," said Cr Lee Long.

Great Adventures have donated a Green Island Eco-cruise for two valued at \$160, with every volunteer going into the draw to win. McDonalds, as founding partners with Clean Up Australia, are sponsoring the event and providing vouchers for all participants.

All local residents are encouraged to come down and lend a hand. For enquiries call 1300 362 242.

# PEOPLE POWER

Hi, my name is Clare Hensley. I currently volunteer at the Kuranda District State College as part of the P&C. My intention with this column is to inspire people to take the plunge and find a place in our community where they can volunteer and enjoy it. Each month I hope to share stories of people who volunteer in one of the many organisations around Kuranda about the ways in which being a volunteer enriches their lives. Check out page 144 of the 2012 Kuranda & District phone book for community groups who need volunteers.

### Volunteering – Why do people do it?

Volunteers are people who give of themselves to help others. Volunteering helps to: gain new skills, meet new people, improve our communication with others, achieve goals that could not be done alone and help others to help themselves.

Volunteering is a pleasure not a chore.

**This month the story is about me (Clare) and the Kuranda P&C.** Upon the request of my neighbour, I undertook to share the Vice-president role at Kuranda State College P&C and I must say it has been great. I enjoy spending time with younger children, organising things, learning new skills and meeting new people, so for me it is a good fit.

My first project was to help bring together the 2012 Kuranda & District phone book, which is now on sale for \$10. Helping out with the phone book I learnt heaps about what my computer can do and what many of those strange pictures/icons mean! Now my focus is how to build an easy, supported pathway for others in our community to help find a place that is beneficial to themselves and the school.

Earlier this month, the P&C ran a volunteer workshop at the college to which eight people came – you may have seen the flyers. The office staff – thanks Linda – helped everyone apply for a blue card. As people's main interest was in helping in the classroom with reading, a Reading Ready workshop was then held on 30th August. This workshop aimed to give volunteers some skills in listening to and working with young readers as they practise their reading. If you missed out on the August Ready Reader workshop, watch this space for the next one.

Are you waiting for someone to ask you to help out? I am asking you for your help at the College. Call me (Clare) on 4093 9038 to find out more about where we need help:

- **Book covering** – anytime, with a special working bee on September 7th
- **Reading** – times and grades that need help (Primary School)
- **Gardening** – with the children (Primary School)
- **Arts & craft** – Wednesday afternoon (Primary School)
- **Woodwork** – middle/high school
- **Cooking** – all ages
- **Special events** – screen-printing, disco, sports day.

### Want to know what is happening at the school?

Email [pandc@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au) to be added to our mailing list.

Next month the focus will be on FAFT program (Families As First Teachers) that is currently running in Kuranda.



## Candlenut Steiner School

Peace Protection Enlightenment

Nestled on 40 acres of beautiful bushland at Boyles Road in Kuranda, Candlenut Steiner School offers a unique educational experience, from Kindy to Class Nine, to families in Cairns, Kuranda and the Tablelands.

We are currently taking mid-year enrolments for 2012 and new enrolments for 2013.

## Rainbow Fair

We would love to invite everyone to our Annual Rainbow Fair and Open Day on **Saturday, 08 September 2012** from 10am to 4pm

It is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school, see the children's work, talk to the teachers and find out more about Steiner Education!

We will have craft stalls, plants, books, live music and food and drinks.

For further information, or an enrolment package, please visit our website at

[www.candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au](http://www.candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au)

or contact the office on **4093 8809** between 8am & 4pm.

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# the Arts Page



Susanna Isabella

**Susanna Isabella** is an internationally known (ex-Kuranda) artist, whose visionary artwork looks into the world of spirit. Her paintings are a glimpse of heaven, and show us our inner sacred world. Born originally in Hamburg, Germany, in 1959, she embarked on her own quest and journey to Australia in 1981 and became an Australian citizen. Deeply inspired by her experiences in Australia, she has entered her own "dreamtime" of fantasy, visionary and surrealistic painting. This has brought an opening up of her own intuitive talent in many different fields, including having the ability to transfer her magic mystic touch through her artwork. I met Susanna at the "Regroup" festival at James Cook University where she was exhibiting some of her amazing visionary artwork, including the not-for-sale "Dreamtime" (below).



*"Dreamtime" by Susanna Isabella  
A portrait to honour*

**Max Dulumunmun Harrison**

*"We are blessed to be here in Australia. It is a sacred land. Remember: We never own any land within this world - we are all visitors passing through. Learning to honour nature and the ancestors of this land. The Dreamtime is alive with unseen forces, walk gentle with respect and appreciation."*  
Susanna calls Kuranda "the Gateway to the Dreamtime" and will paint any Elder in their Dreamtime. Call 0421128110.



*"All my paintings are 'Healing Paintings'. They are a gateway to another world. Like your eyes are the window to your soul, a picture goes much deeper than the surface of colour and paint. It is your invitation to awaken your mind through dreams and vision in a busy world of high technology. To dream is good. It is a very healing and uplifting, guiding you to listen to the voice within, to inspire you to explore your inner treasures. It is your spiritual pathway home, to connect you with the creator of Love and Life, giving you strength, hope, and faith through dreams, because every soul is beautiful and unique. Each Soul essence is like a magical world which I like to call 'Soulmagic'."*  
*May my paintings take you on an inner journey between fantasy and the other world of mysteries and magic, and lift up your spirit with Wings to Fly."*  
**Susanna Isabella**



## DOME 1 BY AL DENTE

...from Issue 235

Her fairly unorthodox application to go ex was speedily processed due to noble ranking. Parking in a deserted maintenance bay, she unhooked the hovercopter, switched it through its operational sequence, checked all readings, slowly screwed in some thrust, then....ex! Hurtling through the outer skin, through a tunnel twenty metres of solid glass, her image reflected on either side racing her like strange demonic replicas then, suddenly, nothing. Everything falls away. Nothing around her but the mottled brick-red against a blue so hard, so crisp, it made her eyes buzz, especially with the optobuzz setting cranked. The central desert had only been greening in the last few centuries, even though the first Great Cooling, which had fully greened the rest of the continent had started fully eight hundred years before. And it was here that the fluoroactivity was lowest. But the desert remembered the raging hatred of the wars that had battered the tormented earth. The temperature could still soar fantastically during the day. Veins of pale green corruscated through the brick red soil, as lichen, gone wild in the moist heat, grew in glabrous and ungodly forms. Low, low hillocks were interspersed with a fine skein of waterways. One of the four arteries was to her left, the Eastern Road, piercing the red land like a thin, silver thread cut clean and straight into distant hills, but there was no-one moving in the shimmering



heat and the hot air was stock still. Besides some distant specks far to the north-east, where a cargo road hit the northern artery, she was alone ex Dome. Shouldn't play with optobuzz at high speeds but. She left the Dome behind and pushed the scopter due east towards the fringes of the 20 k limit, taking in the tortured ochre landscape as it unrolled beneath. Towards the limit, the massive rotting insect carapaces that haunted her dreams began to dot the landscape. Ugh! She had never seen a living roach or even an ant, they were nocturnal, and even she could only apply for a day time trip ex. Besides, nightspotting was scary, not something for ladies of her breeding. Vast emptiness pressed in on her, her solitude, her gall to come out here solo. Suddenly she felt terror, a lone woman in a tiny craft, where myriad things could go wrong. Testing a new imp! "Are you completely insane?" her father's voice cut through her mind. She noticed her heart thudding and a light sweat broke out on her forehead. Slowly, slowly. Slow heart. She brought her cardiac system back into balance. Veering south east, she could keep the Dome at the edge of her vision. Home was still there. Be at peace, brave heart. Was it her imagination or did the imp track a bit roughly just then, when her heart rate spiked? Hasten slowly amiga, get used to this space. Learn its ways. Respect it. Someone got lost, once, out here.

...to be continued



## President's Report

**Dear Members and Friends,**  
**We're chugging along nicely, or is it frantically, getting the venue ready for Reggaetown on Saturday 1st September.**

It's been a while since Reggaetown was hosted by Kuranda. This is a great year for it with the Amphitheatre receiving the Timeout Award for Excellence in Community Arts and Entertainment in its 30th birthday year, and Reggaetown gaining the Best Event in its 10th birthday year. Should be a good party!

We'd like to take this opportunity to not only thank the amazing Amphi volunteers, but also the Kuranda SES and St Johns Ambulance volunteers for giving their time to assist at every outdoor event at the Amphitheatre. When you see them, give a donation, a smile, a thankyou, as they too are contributing for the benefit of our community.

Most of you are probably aware we have Mumford & Sons performing on Sunday 28th October. Tickets are selling fast through TicketLINK and it's looking to be another full house for the Amphitheatre, with another to be announced soon.

Regular users/hirers of the Amphitheatre are still on the go, with Kurandacoots each Monday and Thursday evening, Kids Aerial Circus on Monday afternoons, Blackrobats on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and WING CHUN every Wednesday at 6.30pm. Come along and join in the fun!

All in all, another couple of busy months coming up, so keep your eye on the noticeboards and the website for working bees, gigs etc.

Join our mailing list on the website, [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) and keep informed of all upcoming events and happenings. Have a great month.

KAS Management Committee

[www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)



## ALL IS ART

It's time to speak of the Grasshopper and the Ants. You may already know Aesop's fable where the ants work hard all summer gathering up food for the oncoming winter, while the grasshopper plays his fiddle and dances. The inevitable happens. Winter comes, and the ants party on, snug in their warm ant-hole with plenty to eat while the irresponsible grasshopper is left out in the cold to starve to death.



The moral of the story being that "one must work hard and store things up for the future". The common version around today ends with the grasshopper begging the ants for food, but they shun him and leave him out in the cold to starve because he didn't do any work. Get it kids, if you don't work, you starve. Disney, of course softened the ending, where the ants, out of their "generosity", take in the useless, lazy, irresponsible musician and give him some food while getting him to play for them. How bleeping kind of them! There is a wealth of philosophical discussion and many political takes on this story, out there in cyberspace. In some modern American versions there are even shootouts, and one where the very hungry grasshopper eats the



ant. However, the one I like best was passed on to me in the traditional oral style by a German backpacker. Thanks Nina. Nina is convinced that the original ending goes like this (now listen up Art people) - It's winter. The ants are enjoying a feast. They see the grasshopper out in the snow, cold and hungry. They invite him in to share, but he declines, saying that he doesn't deserve any food because he didn't do any harvesting. However, the ants insist, stating that he does indeed deserve food because without his music to lift their spirits, they could never have done the work. Now that this story is out, I hope that people will stop thinking that artists shouldn't get paid just because they enjoy their work. Anyhow grasshoppers, keep on playing, singing, dancing, painting, sculpting, digitizing, etc. The ants aren't so bad really. They do get a bit grumpy because they work hard now in order to live life in the future. So it's up to us grasshoppers to help them enjoy life now. Take care, seren.



**- Loony Poets' Night -**  
**You'd be a Loony**  
**To go in September**  
**because the next one is**  
**not until OCTOBER.**  
**See next month's issue**  
**for exciting details.**



# BatReach Fundraising Raffle

We would just like to take a moment to thank everyone in Kuranda for their support in our first ever raffle!

Several local businesses were generous in donating prizes to our raffle that took place over July and August. The winners were drawn on the 20th August with great result! The tickets were sold to people all across Australia and some even around the world!

We raised over \$1000 for the animals of BatReach. With the imminent orphan season, we are hoping to raise some extra money to get us through what we are expecting to be a rough season. Already we have several orphaned flying-foxes, half a dozen possums and several other small animals in our care – not including the 80 adult flying-foxes!

We would like to make a special thanks to the local businesses who donated to our raffle:

**Opals of the Earth • Dream Catcher Holiday Apartments  
The Jewellery House • Ian Stephens Gallery  
The Butterfly Sanctuary • The Kuranda Tea House  
Emu Ridge Gallery • Australis Gallery  
Just Gorgeous • Deva Productions  
Something Special • Daydreams Jewellery**

Thank you again to our generous businesses and to everyone who bought tickets and to the Information Centre staff for drawing out our winning tickets! We had a great result! The money raised will go to repairing some of our animal enclosures and to the care of our current and future patients.

Congratulations to all our prize winners!



## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well another month is about to end, and there is still plenty more events and activities to come.

The Kuranda members have been out and about and doing the club proud. Everything from the shows that have come and gone, to Gymkhanas, Horse sports and Showjumping.

At the recent Atherton interschool competition quite a lot of our riders go to St Thomas's school and this was the winning team for primary school. Sophie Curtis from Kuranda was the only rider for Cairns State High winning the senior age group for grade 10 which placed her school 3rd overall. So well done everyone.

The club has seen a steady climb in memberships which is great to see, a few rally days have been held between all the other events.

With the weather being cooler and not too wet it's a great time to get some riding in.



**The Kuranda Motorcycle Festival** is gearing up to be *hot, loud and sexy*. With **Thunder on Wheels, Hot Rods, Billabong Babes** and a **Mash up of great Bands**. **The Highway Hippies** present the **5th Annual Kuranda Motorcycle Festival at The Billabong, (Kangaventure) Kuranda, on Sunday 30th September**.

A stack of bands bring non-stop entertainment to the festival. Headliner **Chris Finnen (Chain)** returns to deliver another solid dose of the raw honesty of the blues. **NQ Scots** the alter-native pipe band will have you stomping. **Herberton Boys, Munition** join the line up with their high energy rock/punk style "*We work hard, play loud and have fun, We love what we do*". Indie Rockers **Jimmy the one**, Kuranda rock band **Engine Room: John Larson Band; Black and Blu; Gary Reeves Smith; Bosco and Honey; The Tank Johnson Band; Nozmo; Hell for Leather; Slobs Option; Camel Foot; Gary Dosier and Tropical Zombie**.

Joining the line-up, **The Go Set** will hit the stage with their fired up Gypsy Punk fusion. **The Kuranda Motorcycle Festival** will headline the act just hours before they leave North Qld.

The Billabong Saloon Bar and deck is the place to catch the band action and for great food and drinks. The property features a large billabong surrounded by expansive gardens. Motor Bikes and Cars will be on display throughout as well as a showcase of vintage memorabilia. The gorgeous **Pole Play Studio** girls will dazzle with their sexy

performance and will be posing for a photo shoot during the event. Stunning performer **DalliAnce LaRed** will raise the temperature to **smoking** later in the night.



**DalliAnce LaRed**

the night at The Billabong (Kangaventure) Kuranda. Camping available all weekend. Enquires ph. Ginger 40 937 684.

Entry is just \$20 and includes camping for the night.

Kuranda SES will benefit from the proceeds.

**The Launch Party is on the Saturday, 29th September** with bands, food, and camping. It's the long weekend so stay safe and stay



*The winning St Thomas's team at Atherton Interschool Horse Sports (left); Sophie Curtis and her horse Muddy with her winning Trophy at the Atherton Gymkhana (above).*

The clubs Gymkhana has now been rescheduled for the 24th November, due to the recent Hendra case at the REA at Redlynch, this caused Freshwater pony club to cancel their event that was to be held at that time, so we have given our September date to them so that club can hold an Official Showjumping competition.

In the first week of the September holidays, Cairns will be holding the State Showjumping and Equitation Competition at the Cairns Show grounds over 4 days. 3 members of Kuranda Horse and Pony Club will be competing at this event, so we wish them all the best. It is not very often an event like this is held in the North, so it is a real opportunity for all riders in this Cairns and surrounding area to compete at this level, as most years riders have to travel South.

So everyone remember our new date for our Gymkhana is now the 24th NOVEMBER. We will let you all know how our riders did in the next **Kuranda Paper**.

For any enquires about the club contact Di Curtis on paulanddi@bigpond.com

*Till Next Time, Happy Riding!*







# MUSIC PAGE



**REGGAETOWN**  
WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

**SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE  
CAIRNS AUSTRALIA

## Reggaetown World Music Festival 10th Anniversary Event

Saturday 1st September at the Kuranda Amphitheatre

**Reggaetown Festival** would like to draw your attention to what we believe is an amazing movement of people and culture.

The **RIZE of the Morning Star** is an organisation that through the entertainment industry aims to bring hope and encourage West Papuans in West Papua and abroad, in their plight for freedom. We hope the global community will hear their cries, speak for their rights, learn about their past, and give them hope for a better future.

**RIZE of the Morning Star** is a show that builds from traditional Melanesian rhythms, through the island reggae of Tabura, featuring the

3 Rumwaropen sisters (daughters of the late great Agust Runwaropen of the Black Brothers) performing Black Brothers songs, as well as their own new material. The show explodes with the electronic beats and hip hop/krump of globe-trotting Grrilla Step featuring DJ Dexter (The Avalanches). And to top it all off, they are the surprise special guests of the Reggaetown Mash-up Finale!!!

The show has been produced by Airileke Ingram and, following **Cairn's Reggaetown Festival**, will be crossing the water to Port Moresby and onto Vanuatu.

To find out more about his amazing group and the movement go to [www.rizeofthemorningstar.com](http://www.rizeofthemorningstar.com)

Of course **RIZE of the Morning Star** join an already amazing line up with

**BLUE KING BROWN – KATCHAFIRE (NZ)– GRAMPS MORGAN (JAMAICA) – RIZE OF THE MORNING STAR (PNG) – BOBBY ALU Kuranda's own ZENNITH – J MO & THE 3 BEANS 5 – SISTA ITATIONS TUFF TUMAS – KANAKA**

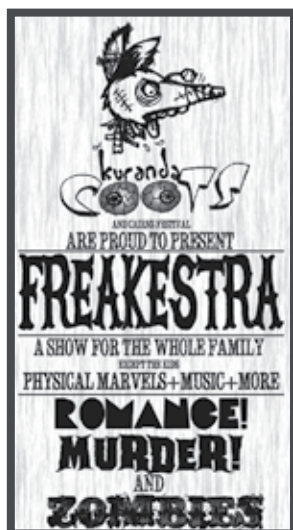
Key Festival Info you need to know: There are NO EFTPOS machines on



the festival site at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, so come cashed up for a great day of music, food & markets.

Organisers wish to advise people that **TICKETS ARE LIMITED** due to the venue being smaller than previous years. There is no guarantee that tickets will be available at the gate. Tickets can be pre-purchased at [www.ticketscairns.com.au](http://www.ticketscairns.com.au), and [www.ticketlink.com.au](http://www.ticketlink.com.au) and Shiva Moon, Cairns and Kuranda Video Shop for \$65 +booking fee (more at door).

Congratulations to Leonie Baird, the winner of the **FREE** double pass to **Reggaetown World Music Festival**; your tickets can be collected at the Kuranda Video Shop. Another amazing competition to enter on the day of the festival is for the House of Marley Bag of Rhythm Portable Audio System, so hang on to your tickets to enter.



**Freakestra at the Village**  
Cairns Foreshore  
30th & 31st August  
7.30pm \$15/\$10

## Lush Cabaret presents The Clown Fish Salon A Deep Sea Cabaret Feast

**If you haven't made it to The Billabong yet, enter Friday 7th September in your diary.**

Set deep beneath the Coral Sea, **The Clown Fish Salon** will take you to the untamed edges of the burlesque wilderness, with a two hour show packed with ocean delights.



Lush Cabaret presents The Clown Fish Salon at The Billabong, Sat 7th Sept.

Witness King Neptune's mid-life crisis, and meet his wayward daughter Naunet. Marvel at the Clown Fish Cuties and the dancing Jelly Fish Jugs. Be beguiled by Ms Sea Foo Buffet, and settle into the sand for some sweet and sexy syncopation from The Hot N Wet Swing Set.

**LUSH** producers Dave Breeze, Zelda Da and Velvet Eldred say: "Our cabaret reflects the wildness and luxuriance of the Wet Tropics. LUSH brings together an incredible array of talent, proving that Far North Queensland is fertile creative ground - you won't find entertainment like this anywhere else north of the tropic of Capricorn. We have mermaids, musicians, contortionists, fan dancers, snake charmers, divas, magicians, acrobats, hula dancing and hot swing music. Risque, bizarre, sexy, hilarious - that's LUSH!"

After the show, dance into the night to the eccentric electro swing Dj's; **Ombudsman** (Kuranda), **Andy King** (Byron) **Edonist Beat** (faak lab France).

In a night of top hats, fishnets, cocktails and swing, join in the spirit, think Burlesque and dress to impress on the night and be in the draw for a special Door Prize, sponsored by **Just Gorgeous**, Kuranda. Drop in to the Just Gorgeous Boutique for great accessories and ideas for the night, and collect an entry ticket to be in the draw...

Enjoy a great night out with door to door Shuttle Service available: bookings essential ph 40937684. Camping available on site. No Byo 18+

## KURANDA GIG GUIDE SEPTEMBER

**SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
REGGAETOWN  
WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

Kuranda Amphitheatre  
**KATCHAFIRE; BLUE KING BROWN GRAMPS MORGAN, ZENNITH BOYS Bobby Alu. J Mo & the 3 Beans 5 RIZE of the Morning Star**  
Pre-sale tix \$65 plus booking fee, at the gate \$75  
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**FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**  
LUSH CABARET

Presents: The Clown Fish Salon  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Entry: \$20 per person  
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**SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

Launch Party  
**ZILCH & MUNITION, EDONIST BEAT**  
Andyking  
The Billabong, Kangaventure  
Great Food & Drinks  
7.00pm till Midnight  
Entry: FREE  
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**SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**  
KURANDA MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

The Billabong, Kangaventure  
See Pg.8 & 11 for more details  
Gates Open 10.00am  
Bands from 1.00pm till late!!  
Entry: Adults \$20  
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**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**THE BILLABONG**  
presents

**BIKE SHOW  
LAUNCH PARTY**

**!! Free Entry !!**

**LIVE BANDS**

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- **Andyking**

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**The Billabong : 186 Mt Haren Road**  
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## WHAT'S ON?

### Monday

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**  
4.30-5.30pm  
Contact: Gary 4093 7109

**Tai Chi** 6-7pm  
Contact: Les 4093 8276

**Acapella Singing** 7.30-9pm  
Contact: Jane 4093 0463

### Tuesday

**Tennis Training** 4-6.30pm  
Contact: Corinne 4093 8369

**Yoga** 6-7pm  
Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

**Eight Ball - Competition Night** 7pm  
Members support welcome and play all other times.

### Wednesday

**Dru Yoga** 9.30-11am  
Contact: Sandra 4093 9861

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**  
(optional) 4.30-5.30pm  
Contact: Gary 4093 7109

**Social Tennis** 5.30-7.30pm  
Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

### Thursday

**Bushi Kai Karate** 6-7pm  
Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

**Kuranda Soccer Club Training**  
(compulsory) 4pm  
Contact: Gary 4093 7109

### Friday - Social Night

**Tan's Kitchen** 6.30-8.30pm  
Eat-in or takeaway - bookings essential by 5pm Wednesdays  
Contact: Tan 4093 9868

### Saturday

**Tennis Training** 8-9am  
Contact: Mike 4093 8257

**Bushi Kai Karate**  
10-11am (family sessions a specialty)  
Contact: Darryl 0487 460 597

### Sunday

**Yoga** 10-11am  
Contact: Aileen 4093 7401

**Social Tennis** 5.30-7.30pm  
Contact: Aileen 4093 7401



## KURANDA 8 BALL Legends

Kuranda 8 Ball's Representative teams were in action at the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) on Saturday 11 August against the Tablelands Team. The tournament was well attended and the mighty Kuranda Team came away winners with the final score: Kuranda 46 - Tablelands 29.

The Men's 'A' Team, superbly led by Aaron Baker, defeated their opponents by 18 frames to 7, which was punctuated by an outstanding Master break by Rob Shandley. Team members Bartie Simon, Shane McMahon and Dave Munro all contributed well to the solid victory.

The Men's 'B' Team was also in tremendous form, defeating their somewhat depleted opponents by 22 frames to 3, highlighted by an outstanding performance on debut by Chris Habel. The rest of the team, Caleb Bell, Tim Wason, Andrew Fitzgerald and Dameon Hunter all played very well and showed a great team spirit, which was good to see.

The Ladies Team were up against a fairly strong Tablelands team, and despite Janet Hoye's fighting contribution, winning 4 out of 5 frames, they were comprehensively beaten by 19 frames to 6.

Six teams of 8 ball players meet at the KRC every Tuesday. The bar is open, the video and music is playing on the flat screens, and there's a great atmosphere of team spirit and competition.



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With the reconfiguration of the KRC bowls green almost complete, this multi-use area will accommodate boules, junior soccer, netball, and volleyball, as well as basketball with new hoops on the way.

Come and enjoy a fabulous meal from Tan's Kitchen followed by a 'game of chance' under the KRC lights—or play a spot of tennis, or enjoy a beverage in the sports bar whilst cheering on your footy team.

**Watch this space for news on the Community Challenge – a charity fundraiser open to the Kuranda Community and all newcomers.**

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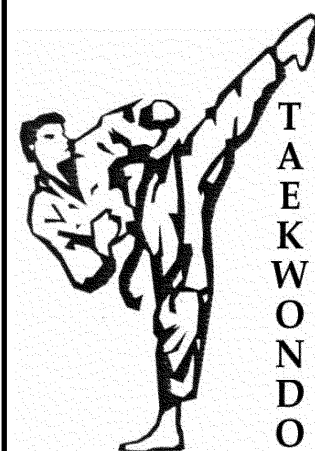
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# 5th Annual Kuranda Motorcycle Festival

Sunday the 30th of September, 2012 will be the 5th anniversary of one of Kuranda's prime annual events. First staged in 2008 as the **1st Kuranda Motor Cycle Expo**, this was a roaring success attracting motorcycle enthusiasts and admirers from all corners of Australia and now the world!

This year's Expo promises to be bigger and better again and guaranteed to be enjoyed by young and old alike. The Festival will again be held at **Billabong Kangaventure**, Kuranda, with a smorgasbord of musical acts echoing around the hundreds of motorbikes that are expected to be on display. The bikes are proudly owned by bike riders that have made this yearly event their opportunity to display their pride and joy to other riders and the general public. All motorbikes and show cars as well as stall holders are welcome and are invited to be part of the display.

The musical line-up is sure to please the musical palate of all, and the return, by popular demand, of **Chris Finnen**, S.A. Blues legend from **CHAIN**, as the main headline act, and special guests, punk band, **The Go Set**, from Melbourne.

Other prime bands and musical acts to entertain the bike loving crowd will include: **Engine Room; DalliAnce La Red; NQ Scots; Munition; Jimmy the One; John Larson Band; Black and Blu; Gary Reves Smith; Bosco and Honey; The Tank Johnson Band; Nozmo; Hell for Leather; Slobs Option; Camel Foot; Gary Dosier** and **Tropical Zombie**, with possibly a few more to entertain and surprise all.



In the Kuranda Village Centre – Bike Expo 2011

The gorgeous girls of **Pole Play Studios** will also be performing at the **Kuranda Motorcycle Festival** – an act sure to get your engines running!

Other entertainment and competitions will also fill this exciting day and night. Competitions like Burn-Outs and Slow Race are certain to entertain, as will fashion shows, display stalls

and not to forget, no decent motorbike expo of the calibre of this event would be without Girls!

Not only Billabong but the Kuranda village will also be specially catering to motor bikes and their riders by opening Coondoo Street to the rumbling two wheeled motor vehicles. Classic and vintage car enthusiasts are welcome to join in and parade through town, from 10am to 1pm. A shuttle bus will also operate between the Village in the Rainforest and Billabong.

A Rolling Bike Show is planned for several hundred motor bikes, departing at 9.00am from the Cairns Pier, to ride in group ride formation into the Festival, via the RexRange, Mareeba, and a short stop in the Kuranda village. A full licensed bar service as well as food will be catered by Billabong, to ensure that no one will go thirsty or hungry.

Eftpos transactions are available but not cash withdrawals. Free overnight camping is also on offer.

Gates at the Billabong open at 10.00am, with the official programme to commence at 1:00pm and taking the Festival goes into the late hours of an exciting night to be.

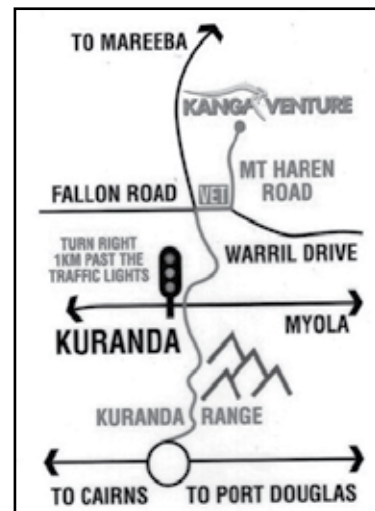
The Billabong is located 3kms from Kuranda. From Cairns, drive through Kuranda lights towards Mareeba. Take the first right into Warrill Drive, left into Mt Haren Road then follow the signs to the party.

The **5th Annual Kuranda Motorcycle Festival** will be officially opened by Michael Trout, Member for Barron River.

Admission is only \$20, payable at the gate, with free admission for 12 y.o. and under.

A group of local motorcycle riders have been staging the Kuranda Motorcycle Expo, also referred to as The People's Expo, every year as a community event, with the view to developing the event to be one of the biggest in the Southern hemisphere, 2012 will celebrate its 5th year. Funds raised from the event are earmarked to benefit the Kuranda S.E.S. and the Kuranda Lions Club.

For enquiries, please contact Carl Neal, Events Manager on 0427 811 113.



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# Weight Loss Made Easy

With this year's winter chill, our extra layers have kept us warm. However warmer days are on their way and so may a desire to see a trimmer, leaner and healthier you. Simply understanding the foods you eat, and how they affect you, can be the helping hand required for significant weight loss. There is never a hard and fast rule that works for everyone but the effective recipe is similar for most.

The modern diet is often high in carbohydrates and lacking in protein. Most weight-loss diets reduce carbohydrates and increase protein which works in the majority of cases. Protein rich foods include meat, dairy, nuts, eggs, lentils, chick peas and tofu. A protein shake can make it easy.

I usually don't recommend them as a meal replacement but for in-between meals, to stimulate metabolism and reduce appetite come next meal. Eating every 3-4 hrs is important to keep the metabolism stimulated.

A common misconception is that oil and dietary fats make us fat. Whilst 'bad' fats cause their own damage to the heart etc, it is in fact excessive sugar that is usually the problem. This stores as Adipose Tissue (what we call fat) when there is too much in the blood stream.

The Glycemic Index measures how sugar is released. Eg: Whole grains will always be a lower GI (released slower) than white/refined foods. Having 2 portions of complex carbohydrates per day (ie cereal and rice) is okay to maintain your current body weight but should be reduced in order to lose weight.

All sweets, lollies and high GI foods should be avoided. Slimming foods include those rich in omega oil ie avocado, nuts, protein, cayenne pepper and green tea. Portion size is another issue as many of us over eat.

A general guide is: your meat portion should be the size of the palm of your hand and your complex carbohydrate (rice/pasta) the size of your fist.

Whilst fruit is healthy for us being full of fibre and vitamins they are also high in sugar. Opting for a high protein snack is the better option when trying to lose weight as this puts the body in ketosis (fat burning mode).

There may also be health conditions which reduce your ability to keep the body running in a balanced order and therefore make it far more challenging to lose weight. A sluggish liver can dramatically reduce nutrients absorption essential for maintaining balance and slow toxin elimination, leaving the body heavy and overloaded. For some a detox program would be needed before starting the diet to boost liver function, digestive system and also eliminate parasites.

We can't consider weight loss without considering our general health. The body needs balance; if one system is overloaded the others suffer. Low blood sugar can

result in cravings, inability to focus and headaches.

Chromium helps balance blood sugar which can stop cravings. An underactive thyroid can also be an underlying cause. If there is a vitamin or mineral deficiency then your battle and required willpower could be far greater.

Many health conditions are exacerbated by being overweight. With simply half hour a day of moderate exercise, a healthy diet and health issues addressed there should be little reason to continue feeling overweight and restricted. Don't sell yourself short of a longer, happier life with the mobility and motivation to achieve your desires.

— **Kim Stedman**, Kuranda Health & Healing

## The Accumulative Effects of Fluoride

Did you know that fluoride accumulates in the body over time, reaching toxic levels as a person gets older. Fluoride intake includes ALL sources such as food, air, water, medications and dental products. Approximately half of each day's fluoride intake will stay in the body.

Even though we would think that toothpaste and drinking water would be the main sources of fluoride exposure, the most common source is non-organic foods! This is because of the use of fluoride-based pesticides. Non-organic food could give an adult up to one-third of their fluoride intake. Many people think that by avoiding fluoridated water that they will have put a stop to their primary intake of fluoride.

However, if you are eating conventional farmed foods your exposure to fluoride is still quite high. For example an iceberg lettuce contains 180 parts per million (ppm) of fluoride, which is 180 times higher than recommended for drinking water.

Healthy kidneys can eliminate only about 50% of fluoride ingested and absorbed. This is not good news for people with kidney problems. It is well recognized that individuals with kidney disease have a higher susceptibility to the cumulative toxic effects of fluoride. KIDNEY HEALTH AUSTRALIA and the NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION (US) no longer support water fluoridation.

According to the US National Research Council "it is apparent that fluorides have the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain". Children are especially susceptible to early fluoride toxicity. IQ levels have been shown to be 5 to 19 points lower than children not exposed to fluorides in all age groups.

In the 1990s, it was discovered that the pineal gland is a major place of fluoride

accumulation in the body. The accumulation of fluoride in the pineal gland can affect human health in a variety of ways, including effects on sexual maturation, calcium metabolism, parathyroid function, postmenopausal osteoporosis, cancer, and psychiatric disease.

Fluoride also has potential to impair thyroid function. Up until the 1970s, European doctors used fluoride as a thyroid-suppressing medication for patients with hyperthyroidism. Fluoride was used because it was effective at reducing the thyroid gland's activity, even at low doses of 2 mg/day.

Excessive exposure to fluoride is well known to cause skeletal fluorosis. According to UNICEF millions of people are suffering with skeletal fluorosis which is endemic in at least 25 countries.

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## Get Your Heart Pumping With Local Walking Groups

If you like catching up with friends, meeting new people and doing something that's good for you, joining a walking group will tick all the boxes.

**Heart Foundation Walking** is a free community program which is being kicked off in communities across the Tablelands by Wellbeing Tablelands for Healthy Communities, a program facilitated by the Tablelands Regional Council and funded by the Australian Government.

A call is going out for volunteer walk organisers to assist in starting up new walking groups within the community, as well as residents keen to become more active, who may be interested in joining a walking group.

Walking groups already exist in Atherton, Dimbulah, Kuranda, Mareeba, Tolga and Yungaburra.

Walking is a fun and easy way to improve your health; reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke, managing weight, blood pressure and cholesterol, maintaining bone density, reducing the risk of osteoporosis and helping you feel stronger and more energetic.

"We all should be doing a decent walk every day. Getting together in a walking group makes it easier to stay motivated and you get to enjoy good company while you're exercising," emphasised Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

It is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. Across Australia, over 17,000 people participate in Heart Foundation Walking, with nearly half (47%) being between 51-70 years of age.

If you are interested in joining a walking group or becoming a volunteer walk organiser, please contact Shiralee McHardie or Cassie Burness on 4092 6899 or email [wellbeingtablelands@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:wellbeingtablelands@trc.qld.gov.au).

Details on existing walking groups are available from Council's website [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) or [www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking).

### Kuranda Walking Groups

#### Julbus Walking Program

Walk times: Thursday 12:30pm

Meeting point: 36 Coondoo Street

Walk detail: slow-medium paced walk, no dogs permitted, distance varies

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## The Healthy Yogini

Our Yoga topic today is "the benefit of Inversions in Yoga". Inversions can be loosely translated as poses that hold your heart higher than the head and in some poses, feet higher than your head. Flipping upside down benefits the cardiovascular system, encouraging delivery of nutrient rich blood to your heart, improving circulation and also the respiratory system is benefited, promoting healthier lung tissue.

Being upside down also increases blood flow to the head, relieving the heart of some of its duties (water flows downhill) and increasing circulation to the brain for clearer thinking and mental clarity.

As time goes by our heart doesn't pump as much blood to the brain, so inversions give it a helping hand. Our brain represents 2% of our body's weight and utilizes approximately 20% of our body's blood and oxygen supply. A pretty greedy organ.

As our endocrine system is responsible for hormone delivery so inversions are recommended for menopausal women (especially the shoulder stand) due to the belief that these poses stimulate the thyroid and parathyroid glands in the throat that regulate our metabolism, also the pituitary gland (the master gland at the base of the brain) promoting a positive state of wellbeing.

Inversion also helps lymphatic drainage and the nervous

system. In addition, years of gravity's pull on the spinal column can often wreck havoc on our back, creating pain that cannot be explained. Inversions can relieve this problem.

Our Yoga asana of the month is "Viparati Karini" which basically means "legs up the wall" This is an inverted pose that can be practiced by most people. It is a safe non-threatening pose that most people can hold long enough for gravity to return the venous blood from the extremities to the vital organs, a healing restorative pose. (Helping to iron out a few wrinkles too)

**Technique:** Position the body sideways, knees bent, as close as possible to the wall and swing the legs up so your body looks like a right angle. Arms are out to the sides. You can perform this posture away from the wall supporting your hips with your hands and bringing your straight legs towards the head.

In this position, the blood flow collects in the pelvis and spills over like a waterfall to the heart, flushing open all those cardiac vessels, wonderful for our circulation and helping to prevent blood stagnating in our limbs.

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So let's fight that very powerful pull of gravity on our bodies and thus fight the aging process and the ravishes of time.

Please contact your health professional if you have high blood pressure or heart problems before attempting inversions.

— **Aileen** Phone 4093 7401



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# Rocky Creek War Memorial Ceremony Marks Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific

Remembering Tableland men and women who served, or were injured and recuperated, on the Atherton Tablelands during World War II was the focus of a ceremony to commemorate the day fighting ceased in the Pacific during World War II.

On Sunday, 12th August, people gathered at Rocky Creek Memorial Park to witness the traditional Military Muster including a flyover by the Warbirds, the unveiling of 17 individual plaques to honour former servicemen and women, a commemorative plaque for the 2/3 Australian Independent Company as well as the beginning of a new tri-service memorial of an anchor representing the navy contingent.



The ceremony, which marked the 67th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific, started at 1pm with an official welcome by Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

A Meet and Greet was held on Saturday 11th August at 3pm to enable southern visitors to meet each other and exchange a few memories with locals before the big celebration day.

A variety of static military displays and memorabilia proved to be crowd pleasers supported by Atherton Maize Festival Queens entrants in the cavalcade of Cars and Queens along with historic vehicles, military jeeps and motorcycles.

*Rocky Creek Memorial Park Advisory Committee members Terry Edmondson, Cr Peter Hodge and John Hardy with the new memorial anchor at the site of the VP Day celebrations.*

## Skills and resource register For Kuranda & District Community all hazards disaster plan

Concerned persons met on 26 July in Kuranda to develop the Community All Hazards Disaster Plan for our District.

A Skills and Resources Register was one idea that could involve the wider Community in response to a disaster event and would identify community members who have skills which could include languages other than English, licensed operators, first aid, nursing, etc. and resources such as a ute/truck, trailer, chainsaw, bobcat, bulldozer, UHF/VHF radios, etc.

The Register is a restricted contact list, held by the Disaster Co-ordinator and will only be accessed in the event of a disaster. We would encourage community members to give serious consideration to offering their skills and/or resources. Remember that seniors and retired people still have many skills and heaps of experience to contribute.

As part of the Community All Hazards Disaster Plan, *Exercise Whirlwind* will be conducted in October in conjunction with Tablelands Regional Council. The exercise has been designed to provide Community Disaster Teams with an opportunity to test the activation and operation of their Community Disaster Plans and enhance their co-operation and communication.

Though not the Co-ordinator, should you seek further information I willingly offer my phone number as contact: Ph 4093 0211, Yvonne Thomson, Speewah.

## Black is Green: Biochar & Carbon Farming in Australia

Professor Michael Bird B.Sc. (Hons) (ANU), PhD (ANU), Federation Fellow at James Cook University will present a talk providing an introduction to the nature of biochar and its potential applications in carbon farming in Australia.

'Biochar' is charcoal, produced for use in agriculture by pyrolysis, burning of the biomass at high temperature under conditions of limited oxygen supply. This process produces a stable and carbon rich charcoal which has many uses in agriculture. Once formed, the biochar remains stable for centuries and hence can take carbon from the atmosphere which can then be stored in the soil. Biochar has the additional advantage that it can improve overall soil health and crop productivity in many instances.

Professor Bird describes his research as lying at the interface between geography, earth sciences, archaeology and biology. He has many interests including modern environmental change, the terrestrial carbon cycle and biomass burning. Some of his current research projects include Holocene sea-level histories from Malaysia and Singapore and 'whole system' carbon cycling in tropical savannas and forests.

With such a wealth of knowledge and carbon farming being one the leading concerns in modern agricultural practice this promises to be a most enlightening presentation.

The event will be held in the amenities area behind the old office, Wednesday 12 September, 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. \$5 for FOBG members, \$10 for guests.

– **Ruth Bichhoff**, Friends of the Botanical Gardens Publicity Officer

## KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

### Co-production of REEF CIRCUS

A large sculptural collaboration by Kuranda Co-op artists Henri Hunsinger and Buck Richardson has been installed on the Cairns foreshore to last the few weeks of the Cairns Festival. Henri was 'in charge of the reef', Buck was 'in charge of the fishes'. Although working independently, their artwork took 3–4 months to complete. The audience, snorkel-free, can wander through and around a labyrinth of the abstract hard coral pillars each topped with a different giant reef fish swimming through a nest of soft corals (*see colour photo page 16*).

For Henri's part, the eight colourful plywood columns with eight sides each, bearing 64 different paintings, are incorporated with the QR code system. Henri made a few short films available to people with a QR code reader on their mobile phones. On the columns he has glued little square codes to be scanned to see if the process could be useful for "artistic" purposes. Cleverly, it will indicate how many visitors paid a visit to the sculptures (the codes link to YouTube).

Please contact Henri through the Arts Co-op to obtain the links available for the QR code reader.

Buck has produced a cavalcade of players costumed corals, clowns, butterflies, angels, triggers, parrots, surgeons and sweet lips to name a few, in dazzling colours and startling patterns. The fish are made from laminated vinyl prints of stylised digital art mounted on 2mm polypropylene. The flexible 'corals' at the top of Henri's pillars are made from spray painted off-cuts of polypropylene and some laserlite left-overs from recent roof repairs.

This colourful installation is a 'must see' on the Esplanade in Cairns during the Festival. The Arts Co-op applauds these two artists on this exceptional artwork.

### That's Life

JCU Library is hosting '**That's Life**'; an exhibition from the Life Drawing Open Workshop which has run continuously at JCU since 1996. The workshop was established primarily to cater to the needs of JCU visual arts students, but, from the beginning, community engagement with local artists was a vital factor. Artists and models from across Australia and abroad are regular visitors. The drawings in the exhibition represent a very small fraction of the number of artists who have attended over the years. They are in a wide range of mediums, starting with the not so humble pencil. There has not been space to show paintings or sculptures which have had their genesis in workshops, although perhaps you will have seen some in exhibitions in Cairns and further afield.

Kuranda artists represented at JCU are James Keightley, Barb Baskerville, Brenda Howarth and Margaret Genever. There is plenty of time to see these works. The exhibition runs until 23rd September. Opening hours are: 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday; 8am-5pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday.

### Pop Up Art Galleries in Cairns

As part of this year's Cairns Festival during August, Kuranda Arts Co-op artists presented their work on the Esplanade in four 'pop up galleries' in this one off market style event on 25th August. It provided our local artists a unique opportunity to engage with the audience, enabling the public to meet the artists and buy artwork directly.

Co-op artists represented on the Esplanade in Cairns were Mollie Bosworth, Peter Brown, Henri Hunsinger, Toni Rogers, Cathy Harvey, Kate Prynne and Sasi Victoire.



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## Kuranda Branch

it takes very strong willpower to show restraint and not indulge too heavily in the sumptuous morning and afternoon teas provided at each meeting. So many home baked delights to tempt one. The Division annual meeting this year was hosted by Cooktown branch. This entailed a fairly lengthy bus trip (first members boarded at Silkwood around 6.30am) followed by two meetings on the one day. However, the hospitality shown by Cairns, Mt. Molloy and Cooktown CWA members – along with the enjoyable social periods before and after meetings well outweighed such inconveniences.

Kuranda branch craft ladies had moderate successes with their displays in both Cairns and Innisfail shows while, in the Floral Art section, Cairns Show awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (in three different techniques) to one of our own Branch Members. Some of the Kuranda residents who enjoy FLORAL DESIGN did very well at both the Atherton and Cairns Horticultural Shows in July. Only a title is given for an arrangement design and judgement is made on the interpretation of the title. Well done to all who entered.

Looking through the Division Annual Reports, the amount of community work done over 12 months is astounding – as are the total volunteer hours clocked up by members in all QCWA branches. Community work ranges from organising restoration of the Tully branch hall which was damaged quite severely by “Yasi” and building a “Men’s Shed” in their grounds along with a playground and creating a community garden project.

Division Handcraft members, as well as doing and teaching lovely crafts, also have several local projects ongoing making ‘Pemmie Pockets’, toiletry bags, small blankets for Backpacks 4 Aussie Kids, shoulder bags donated to the Cancer Council for women who have had breast operations – and turbans, items for the Marilyn Mayo Cancer Lodge and Sarah’s House.

There are donations of knitted/crocheted rugs, caps, and shawls to several nursing homes. Outside local communities, our members send rugs etc to Fr Chris Riley (Youth on the streets), shawls and rugs to the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, birthing kits to East Timor and PNG.

We assist with “Driver Reviver” stations, raise funds for the Coast Guard, YAPS

At last all of our Far Northern Division Annual Meetings are over for another year! With 18 branches plus 4 Committees holding their yearly meetings over 10 days, it is quite hectic for the Division Officers who are required to attend these meetings from Cooktown to Tully. I might add that

and quite a few more. Is it any wonder then that when we add up the volunteer hours, the total for many branches is over 1000 – 3000 hours of volunteer work.

Our Branch congratulates and highlights the benefits of stretch exercise practised each Monday morning in our hall commencing at 8.30am. H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Lifespan) started in 1994 when funding became available, for a short period, through Qld Community Health Services. This was sufficient time for local people to realise the wonderful benefits of movement, and, when funding ceased, the group continued by charging a small fee to continue the classes independently.

H.A.L.S. is for everyone and all ages along the life span as the group STILL MEETS weekly. Attendees work gently to improve body control, balance, core strength, flexibility and mobility – they are a happy, smiling, good looking bunch and they also enjoy sharing jokes. A sociable cuppa is also available and after 18 years they still enjoy the use of our hall every Monday morning.

The craft and social mornings are held every Wednesday 9.00am- 12.00 noon. Why not come along and join in, learn a craft – show/teach a craft or just have a cuppa and a homemade biscuit with us. Our hall is available for hire – by the hour or the day, catering can also be arranged.

For Hall bookings, please contact the Hall Convenor on 4093 7599 or Branch Secretary on 4093 7016.

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## Chopper Locates Rainforest Invader

AERIAL surveillance and public reporting have pinpointed two infestations of the exotic pest plant Miconia in the Kuranda rainforest recently. Biosecurity Queensland tropical weed eradication project coordinator Mick Jeffery welcomed the joint effort between Biosecurity Queensland officers and the public.

“The community play a major role in protecting Queensland from pests and we are pleased that a public report alerted us to an infestation,” Mr Jeffery said. “The report came from a landholder who had read about the helicopter surveillance in the media and recognised it on their property. Fortunately the plant had not yet seeded, so we were able to eradicate that particular infestation and one flowering plant was spotted from the air and was removed by Biosecurity Queensland before it was able to set seed. When these plants seed, fruit-eating birds can easily spread hundreds of seeds around the rainforest and into less accessible areas. Humans can spread them on vehicles, machinery and footwear. It has the potential to replace native plants and impact on wildlife”.

Mr Jeffrey said the helicopter surveillance around Kuranda in June had proven to be an effective method of detection.

Miconia can grow as high as 15m with large leaves up to 70cm long. Each leaf has three prominent veins and a purple underside and can thrive in rainforests where it forms dense thickets and grows rampantly.

These distinctive leaves are what the helicopter spotters search for among the hundreds of other plants in the rainforest. Miconia has pink or white flowers and mature plants can produce more than 100,000 fruit each year. Miconia (*Miconia calvescens*) and two other species, *M. racemosa* and *M. nervosa*, are Class 1 declared pest plants in Queensland and are the target of a national eradication program. They may be in backyards and acreages because miconia was sold as a nursery species in the 1970s and ’80s before it became a declared weed.

If you think you have seen miconia call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23. More information and photographs of Miconia are available at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au).

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In mid-August we received in a little bowl full of wriggling critters that we first thought to be mice! Found on the ground at Koah when a gentleman dropped his keys in the grass, these four little Pygmy Possum orphans had been dropped by their mother when a tree branch fell down.

These tiny marsupials only grow to 40 grams. They are endemic to a small area of Far North Queensland and although they are quite common they are rarely seen!

Their diet is mainly made up of nectar and insects but these four little orphans are still on milk, every three hours, day and night. They start to leave mum's nest at about 45 days old, being such fast growers we are confident that this little quartet will return to the wild in a few months once they are big enough.

Bambi, Belle, Bailey and Baxter are a delight to have in care. Often Pygmy Possums will have only two babies and we haven't had one in care for several years as they are so small they are often overlooked.

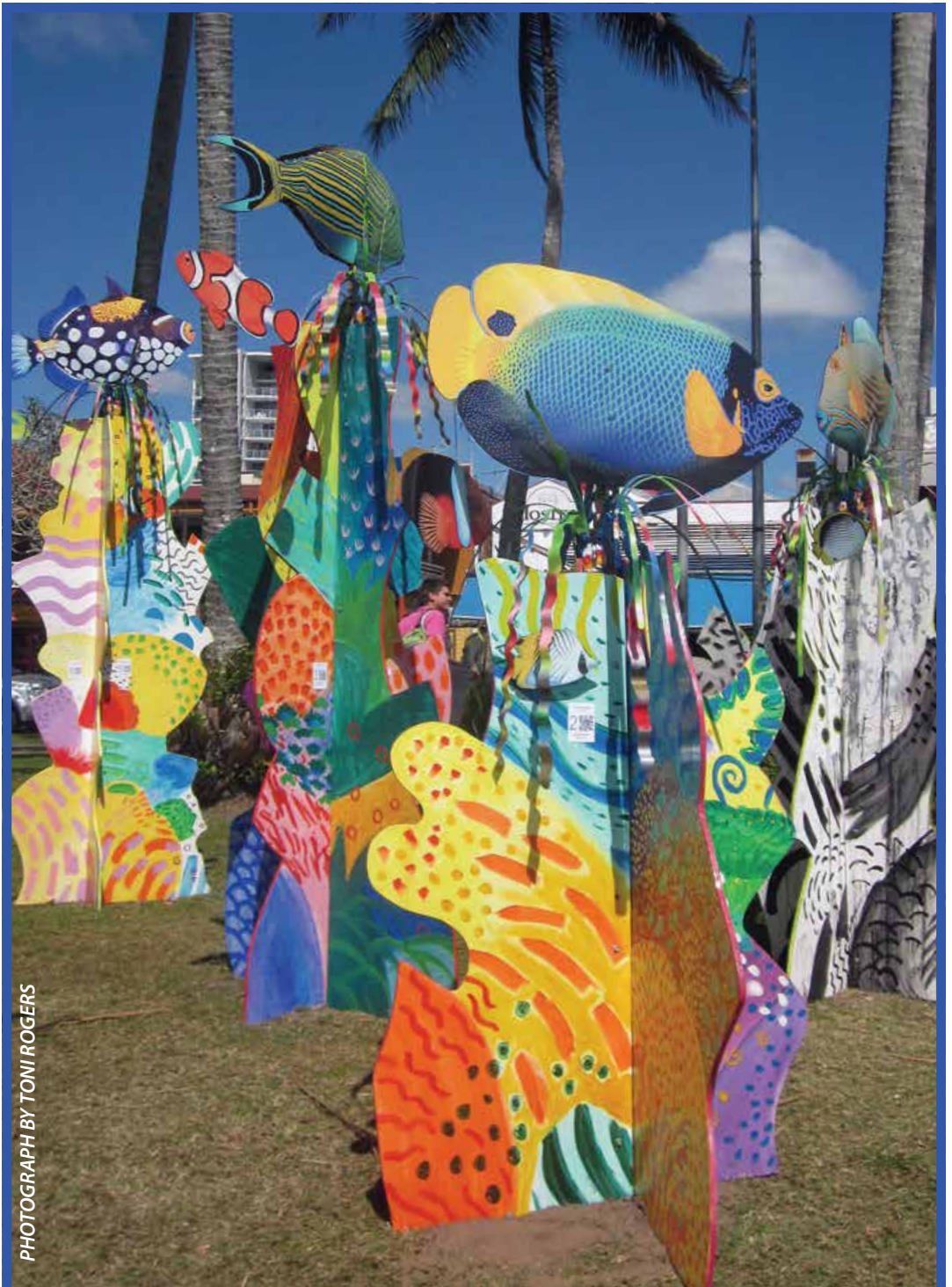
We have had a big influx of animals the last couple of weeks – an echidna, two quolls, several possums and orphaned flying foxes. We are being kept on our toes!

Because of the ever-increasing animal workload, we will not be opening to the public quite as regularly as we have been so far this season, but will endeavour to open when we can!

To see the photos of all our latest additions, check out our Facebook page: **BatReach Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre**.



STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY HANNAH MARCO



PHOTOGRAPH BY TONI ROGERS

## Reef Circus

**Don't miss this spectacular artwork on the Esplanade  
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Kuranda artists Henri Hunsinger and Buck Richardson created these colourful sculptural forms especially for the Cairns Festival.

(See Kuranda Arts Co-op article page 14)

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A Longicorn beetle taking off. The beetle instantly transforms from an armoured tree-dweller to an aerobatic master.

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## The Perfect Design

**B**EETLES are one of nature's greatest success stories. They first evolved almost 300 million years ago, even before the appearance of the dinosaurs. They watched the dinosaurs come and go, and in the meantime evolved and conquered the earth in a myriad of forms, shapes and sizes. Today there are more than 350,000 species of beetles on Earth, and their success is largely due to their extremely adaptable body structure.

Beetles, like other insects, have three body parts, and three pairs of legs all attached to the middle body segment (the thorax). Antennae are attached to their heads, and they have two eyes (made up of many lenses) which are known as compound eyes. Like many other insects, beetles have wings, but the way in which their wings are kept is very different.

When the insects first took to the skies millions of years ago, one of the biggest risks they faced was damage to their delicate wings. Insects such as butterflies, moths and dragonflies face this issue, and slight damage to their wings often results in the loss of their ability to fly – which in turn may result in death due to predation. Beetles overcame this problem through the evolutionary modification of their fore-wings into hard protective covers called elytra. The elytra protect their delicate hind wings when not in use, significantly decreasing the risk of wing damage. This meant that beetles could move into all sorts of habitats and were not restricted to life styles that revolved around protecting their wings.

One of the obvious habitats that insects with exposed wings could not exploit is underground. This is one area where beetles are plentiful. Thousands of beetle species live on or under the ground, and many have become expert burrowers. Dung beetles are one group totally at home digging underground. In fact, burrowing into animal droppings would not be at all possible had they not evolved with their wings protected. But when dung beetles need to travel, their elytra open up and their wings are perfectly functional.

Other beetles took to life within the trees, some even boring into the hard wood to lay their eggs. Longicorn beetles have strong jaws for chewing through wood and long antennae which hinge back out of the way when they move through the tunnels. Some longicorn beetles are very large – among the largest beetles in Australia; yet with an armoured body over 70mm long they can still fly.

Weevils are the largest group of beetles in the world. There are around 60,000 species known worldwide, with more yet to be discovered. They are well known for their long 'nose', called a rostrum, and are a very diverse group of beetles with species living in the deserts, rainforests, and some even living in the cold alpine country. Our smallest Australian weevil is 1mm long while the largest is 60mm.

The jewel beetles are one of the most spectacular of the beetle groups, some species instantly recognisable for having iridescent metallic sheens covering their bodies. These beetles feed on nectar and play important roles in pollinating native plants as they move from flower to flower to feed.

Beetles are survivors; success stories that have been through hundreds of millions of years of evolution which has fine-tuned them into perfectly adapted animals. The sheer number of beetles on earth makes them an extremely important animal group, critical in controlling the natural balance of living things.

*Alan Henderson  
Minibeast Wildlife*

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# Taking in Kuranda History - Duggan Stratford

For this month's profile, let me introduce you to another Kuranda community elder, **Dug Stratford**. You may have seen him driving around in one of his many buses.

You may have even been on one of his buses. He and his family have a history relating to Kuranda going back as far as 1919, when his grandparents first bought a property on the Range Road on the Cairns side of the present Barron River Bridge in 1919. His grandfather was a unionist of Irish descent who came up from Townsville selling sewing machines.

His grandmother was of Polish descent and came from Bundaberg. They moved up to Kuranda to live, clearing the land, establishing a dairy farm to supply Cairns and building a house.

Their only decent access was by railway and then across the Barron River crossing if possible, otherwise by boat. There was a rough track down to Cairns which Cobb & Co used for a while, with passengers camping at the Stratford's place if the River was up. They worked hard.

Then the grandfather started up a small tourist venture on the property in the early 1920s. He called it "Paradise".

Tourists would come up by rail and then be rowed across the river. Dug remembers doing his share of the rowing. There was a small golf course and a shop and eatery. Tourists came to go on bush walks, visit the lovely fan palm grove and climb Governor Goodwin's Lookout on the property (no longer accessible).

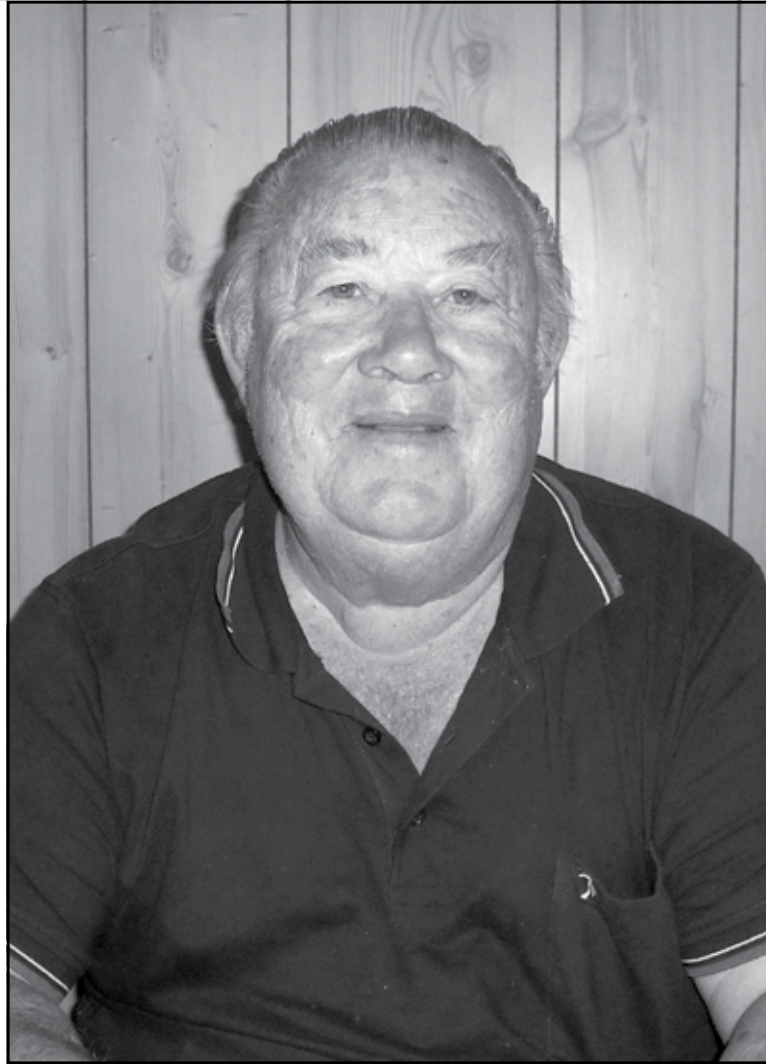
Kuranda as a small village was doing well at that time, with two sawmills, the railway and several dairies, although the coffee experiment had already failed with the frost. The tourist venture continued though the war years, supported by the US troops.

But then the grandfather became ill in the 1950s and it was terminated. The dairy also ended with pasteurization.

Dug's father worked on the railways until his retirement. They lived in Cairns initially. Dug was evacuated as a child in 1942 to Chillagoe where his father was working at the time, and then his father only just managed to save the Cairns house from being taken over by the Americans.

Dug was schooled mostly in Cairns as there was no high school in Kuranda at that time. He also helped out with the tourist venture. A lot of time was also spent in and around the Barron River.

He remembers a small hydro-power station (since dismantled), and then the present much larger hydro-power station being built, finished in 1964. The high level bridge was built about the same time. After those were finished, Kuranda became dead.



The highway went through the Village but most people did not stop. There were the two pubs, a little local shop, Police Station, Post Office, petrol station and café, Hunter's shop, the railway station with refreshment room and the Honey House, but not a lot else.

There were dances every Saturday night and everyone came. His father returned to the property after his retirement to grow oranges and strawberries.

Then Jim Mealing opened the original markets and paid for a train to come up to Kuranda, and things began to change. By the 1970s the hippies began to move in, quite a shock, the population increased and land values began to climb. Visitors increased once the international airport was opened.

Dug completed an apprenticeship as an electrician in Cairns and then travelled around inland, working for a railway contractor.

In Cloncurry he met his wife Coral. They married in Cairns in 1963. They went on to have three girls. Dug got a job with the Barron Falls Power Station while living in a caravan until their present house was moved to the property from the Power Station in 1965.

Coral worked at the Post Office. In 1990 Dug and his mother reopened "Paradise", but then closed it again in about 1995 when Skyrail opened. Dug was very active in Kuranda in those days, being President or other office bearer of the Lions Club, the P & C and the Pony Club.

The old Post Office building was moved from its present site to the Stratford property when

the new Post Office buildings were constructed.

When the Power Station was automated and "Paradise" was terminated the second time, Dug bought a couple of school bus runs with buses left over from the tourist venture and started his bus business from the property. He now has ten buses running on various routes – school bus runs, including the Steiner School, a tourist run and other runs.

Dug has mixed feelings about Kuranda today. It is much bigger and perhaps not as friendly. He and his wife now prefer to lead a quiet life apart from the bus business and his involvement in Lions.

With some others, Dug authored a book on Kuranda for its centenary in 1988 from the time when it was first surveyed. He proudly points to the article on "Paradise" in it. He has a good knowledge of local history.

His main advice to people is "be happy!"

**Graham Nicholson**

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Last week a fit and tanned young man came into my bookshop searching for books on the history of Cape York. He had recently walked from Cairns to the tip of Cape York, a trek taking some 50 days to complete, and is now working on a book of his travels. His walk, along with his desire to become an author, had created an interest in the history of the Cape.

When the Cape York walker appeared I was reading a Kylie Tennant book entitled 'Speak You So Gently' (Victor Gollancz Ltd, 1959) which tells of her accompanying the Reverend Alfred Clint, an Anglican minister, to Lockhart River in the 1950s. The customer's request and my current reading material made me realise that one source of historical information on Cape York, perhaps overlooked, are works by and about the various ministers and missionaries who travelled to and worked on the Cape.

'End of a Beginning' written by Margaret Ford (Hodder and Stoughton, 1963) the wife of an Inland Mission padre, is about her and her husband's missionary work in the 1950s. Margaret Ford's book tells of travels to the 'forgotten top end of Australia' and in particular to Coen where they helped establish the Hospital-Hostel outpost. 'Northern Frontier' by Frank Flynn M.S.C. with Keith Willey (F P Leonard, c. 1970) covers the story of Father Frank Flynn priest and doctor. While the book details Father Frank's travels all over Australia and beyond there are three chapters, "The Coasts of Cape York", "Early Voyages" and "Travels in Torres Strait" which contain interesting material about the Cape including several paragraphs on the early mariners who visited the Cape and Torres Strait and also on Frank Jardine. As well it contains some interesting earlier black and white photos of Thursday Island and Weipa.

'A Remarkable Venture of Faith: An Examination of the Fiduciary Relationship between the Anglican Church of Australia and the Missionary Diocese of Carpentaria' by Anthony Hall-Matthews (Access Press, 2007) is the

publication of the author's thesis, which is described as 'a work of great academic and historical value to a far wider audience than only students of Indigenous affairs and Church politics'. It contains information on the Diocese of Carpentaria, plus valuable references to works on Cape York. It also contains some wonderful black and white photos taken on the Cape among which are photos of the Kowanyama School before and after Cyclone Dora in 1964.

A book about earlier Church involvement on the Cape is 'White of Carpentaria' by J W C Wand (Skeffington & Sons, c.1949) a biography of Bishop Gilbert White who became Bishop of Carpentaria (Queensland) in 1900 and Bishop of Willochra (South Australia) in 1915. The book deals with the founding of Mitchell River, Roper River and Moa Island Missions, and mission work in Torres Strait. Interestingly Bishop White also wrote two books 'Round About The Torres Straits: A Record of Australian Church Missions' (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1918) and the second, 'Thirty Years In Tropical Australia' (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1917). The second book is available to read on (<http://archive.org/details/thirtyyearsintroowhitgoog>) and it contains some interesting material on not only the Cape but also on Cairns and the Tablelands.

John Bayton's 'Cross over Carpentaria: being a history of the Church of England in Northern Australia from 1865-1965' (Smith & Paterson, 1965) has information on the establishment of the Mitchell River Mission (Kowanyama).


'Wings across the Sea'

by Done, J.J.E (Boolarong Publications, 1987) is an autobiographical memoir of Anglican mission work in the Torres Strait in the period 1915-1924. The author was resident nine years on Mabuag Island but travelled throughout the Strait and the book also includes history of the Cowal Creek (Injinoo) Lockhart River, Mitchell River (Kowanyama) and Groote Eylandt missions.

'Missionaries, Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Exchange' edited by Patricia Grimshaw and Andrew May (Sussex Academic Press, 2010) has a chapter entitled 'A matter of no small importance to the colony: Moravian missionaries on Cape York Peninsula, Queensland, 1891-1919' by Joanna Cruickshank and Patricia Grimshaw

'The Strenuous Saint, Being An Account of the Longest Journey of William Magney Wilkinson Mission Priest of the Diocese of Carpentaria 1909-1919' by Smith, P McD (Diocese of Carpentaria, 1947) focuses more on the trip to the Cape from the Northern Territory. The author does tell of a visit to the Mitchell River Mission (Kowanyama).

*Continued next edition of  
The Kuranda Paper*



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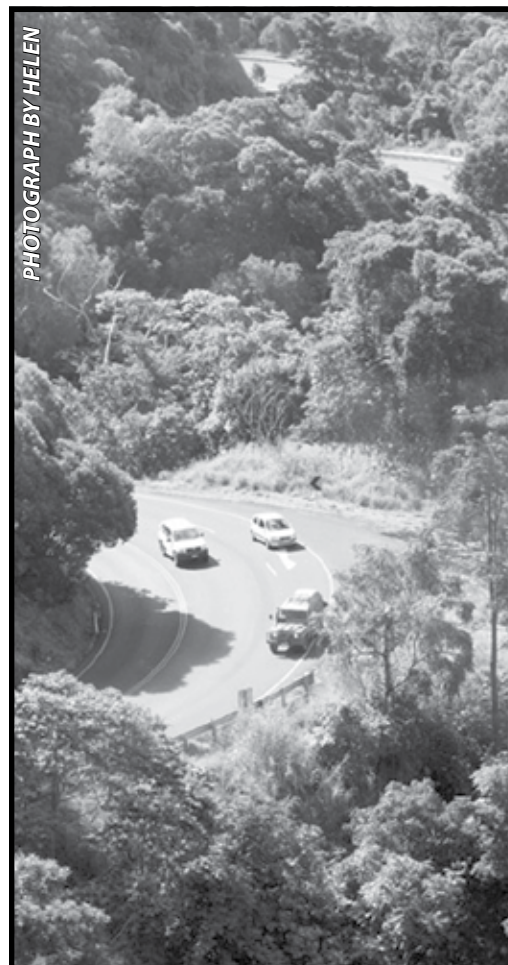
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# What Are We Drinking?

Is our town water safe to drink at all times? Friends of the Earth Kuranda has been investigating this question for several years and we remain unconvinced.

The water for both Kuranda and Mareeba is sourced from the Barron river with ever changing water conditions. In contrast, Cairns water is sourced from Lake Morris which is a fairly stable water source, the catchment area being relatively pristine rainforest. There is no agricultural run off or other human impacts.

Yet the Barron acts as a drain for all sorts of human activities. There are speed boats on Tinaroo, diesel and petrol pumps all along the waterways. There is sewage run off. A gold mining history along the Clohesy River, which runs into the Barron, adds a risk of arsenic and mercury contamination. There are unlined old community dump sites along rivers and creeks.

And of course a largely unmonitored cocktail of synthetic pesticides, fungicides, fertilisers and herbicides is used each year in the catchment and still others, now banned, persist in the soil from decades before. Literally hundreds of different chemicals are in use, each with different breakdown products of varying persistence. When the rains come, these are flushed from the land surface into the river.

Some of these chemicals can accumulate in the body and disrupt hormones in humans. Others contain heavy metals such as cadmium and mercury which can lead to premature aging and nerve damage.

We understand that filtering arrangements for the drinking water supply in Kuranda and Mareeba are not designed to remove these chemicals. This water is tested just twice a year by council for what they say is "a full suite of tests". We have asked repeatedly for a list of what is being tested for and for the results. So far we have not had access to this data though Council will, apparently, be putting these results on its website in the near future.

As for pathogens, Council does treat water with chlorine. However even chlorination will not destroy Giardia or Cryptosporidia so these are acknowledged by Council to be an ever present danger.

Sunwater, an irrigation water supplier, essentially deals with the same water as raw Kuranda and Mareeba water, but gives no guarantees to customers regarding the quality of the water. In fact it sends out disclaimers about possible toxicity due to blue green algae and says the water is used at everyone's own risk.

In conclusion, we believe that current drinking water arrangements for Kuranda and Mareeba are unsatisfactory. We do not believe that Council can reasonably guarantee that the tap water in Kuranda and Mareeba meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines at all times.

At the very least we believe the Council and State Government should follow duty of care and warn residents, so they can choose to filter or buy drinking water in order to be assured of safety.

It is high time that we cleaned up our rivers and catchment areas. We need sustainable agricultural and land management practices that do not pollute our rivers – and we need town water supplies of unquestionable quality (which may involve sourcing some town water supplies in other ways).

The Barron River is the lifeblood of this region and its community. We need a healthy river that does not pollute the downstream environment – ultimately the Coral Sea and reef.

That's a big job, but it can be done. The transformation of the Rhine and Danube in Europe, once heavily polluted but now cleaned up, show what's possible with the necessary political will.

We believe the community is entitled to access all the relevant information from Council and the State Government who should cooperate in good faith to ensure our drinking water is safe and our river unpolluted. We invite others in this area to become involved in this important issue too. Please email foekuranda4881@gmail.com for further information or see [www.foekuranda.org](http://www.foekuranda.org).

## **Bimblebox screens Thursday 6th September 7.15pm Kuranda Rec Centre**

Acclaimed filmmaker Michael O'Connell's film is about an epic campaign to protect Queensland's Bimblebox Nature Refuge from turning into the largest open pit coal mine in the world to feed China's growing demand. Featuring the heroic work of Australian activist Paola Cassoni, *Bimblebox* chronicles the effort to stop the "China First" mining project, which will not only destroy the country's beloved Nature Refuge, but serve as the conveyor belt of climate-destabilising dirty energy to Asia for the next thirty years.

Doors open 7.15pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gold coin donation. All welcome.

Joint FoE Kuranda and Kuranda EnviroCare event sponsored by CAFNEC.

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## Kuranda Pool News



We are back in the splash again with the pool open and heated from the first of the month. A lot has happened over the two month break with Placid Pools and Council relocating the heating units to more open space to increase their efficiency.

This means less energy and more warm water for patrons. We have always aimed to heat the water to 29 degrees and in an open-air pool this is difficult but with the changes we are hopeful to achieve this even on the wettest of days.

So there are no more excuses, Kurandaite, to not get fit for this Summer by swimming or water exercising to strengthen and tone, while still being kind to the joints by avoiding the jar from land-based exercise.

The pool is open long hours every day of the week, for general community use; see our ads in this edition for details. Learn to Swim classes are available and groups are small, conducted every afternoon for older kids and 3 mornings a week for babies and toddlers.

We run Learn to Swim, Stroke Development and Squad levels across after school hour periods with the biggest students latest in the evening with training into the sunset from 5.00pm. Squads are also offered 2 mornings a week from 7.30am. We are happy to fit adults into any of these groups, the more the merrier.

We are hopeful this season of putting in place a Masters Swim Club, form a committee that is not-for-profit and gain some leverage with various levels of government to help this facility become a greater focal point for this community, who deserve better support for basic infrastructure like shade, trees and seating, even Solar heating.

The group, of course, has to have an interest in water and exercise/fitness. If this is you please contact us for details. Signups will happen during September and October. If enough interest is generated some swim meets and racing would be made possible for some community fun to raise awareness of where Aquatics can take anyone.

Congratulations to Melanie Schlanger, Olympic Gold Medalist who had a swim in our Magnapool back in 2009 and still holds the fastest time for women in our water of 28.56s for 50m freestyle with a push off start.

She is a fine ambassador for Australia and swimming and stands for all sport is about; courage, determination and humble with it. A fine job, well done. Anyone is welcome to challenge her time. I'm happy to get the stop watch out.

Keep on Paddling,  
– **Gary Davis**





## September: School Holidays & Community Environmental Activities

Australian TV was buzzing with 2012's London Olympic coverage with 205 nations, 300 events, and 26 sports, followed by the Paralympics with their 147 competing nations.

Now that it's all over, imagine the huge Clean-Up for such an event.



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Their waste management aims included recycling of oil, paper, metal, plastics, glass and batteries plus a certified organics plant was implemented, so no waste would end up in landfill but treated as a resource.

The 'after market' was also considered too. Not just return hired items to suppliers but also to sell, donate, offer to a 'reuse network', or prepare for reuse or repair, anything discarded or left over.

So rubbish is now considered a resource! Great! And especially for artists too, in this case millions of plastic bottles. <http://tinyurl.com/8ulohpc>.

Repairing, recycling, and revamping is not for everyone, but take a look at this initiative quickly gaining popularity around the world: the Repair Café. Free meeting places where people can get help repairing things together. "The trouble is, lots of people have forgotten that they can repair things themselves or they no longer know how".

Match this with the proposed Kuranda Men's Shed, and both ideas can become much needed community initiatives.

But what about inspiring our kids too?

School holidays start end of September/ beginning October, and if you hear the cry "Mum/Dad, I'm bored", tap into their need for creativity! Call it the Environmental Games.

Go to <http://greentopia.org> or check out the planned 1st ever Ecological games in 2013. [www.ecogames.org](http://www.ecogames.org)

So, imagine all that Olympic cardboard, advertising material, newspaper, pamphlets and magazines, etc. What would you make out of it?

- From advertising materials or pamphlets, cut out any designs, logos or cartoon strips. Cut out each one, mix them up, re-arrange them and make a funny mixed up pretend story.
- Have a contest with your brothers/sisters or neighbours who can make the best made kite or paper aircraft?
- Start a worm farm or compost bin using your left over food and garden waste

- Ask our local restaurants for their discarded coffee grounds
- Ask neighbours or shops for discarded newspaper to begin a no dig garden
- Use plastic crates to make garden planters
- Recycled broken umbrella material becomes a girls' skirt, or a picnic food shield
- Decorate egg crates or cupcake holders into ornament storage
- Make pet beds out of shredded paper stuffed inside a pillow case
- Shredded junk mail makes good pet nesting or bedding material
- Sacks or bags become bright laundry washing sorters
- 2 litre plastic bottles with or without a handle make good string dispensers, watering cans, funnels, terrariums, seedling starter pots and bird feeders
- Cardboard postal tubes keep cords tangle free, become a vacuum tube extension or a fun hamster tunnel
- Cardboard wine racks become towel organisers
- Make a floatable holder or tray in a kids bath or swimming pool out of styrofoam
- Crates can become book shelves
- Upholstered drum shells become circular seating
- Crates and salvaged boxes become coffee tables
- Stacked books covered in bright paper become instant side tables
- A ladder becomes a hanging magazine rail
- A screen door hung from the ceiling is turned into a hanging pot rack
- A bookcase actually made out of 2 stacks of books and a plank
- Unique papier-mâché furniture or sculptures. <http://tinyurl.com/9sg52a3>

Any of that inspire you – even a little bit?

Enjoy.

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Three Aussie blokes were working up on an outback mobile phone tower: Mongrel, Coot and Bluey. As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Bluey says, 'Well, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife'. Mongrel says, 'OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.'

Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer. Bluey says, 'Where'd you get the grog, Mongrel?'

'Coot's wife gave it to me,' Mongrel replies. 'That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?'

'Well, not exactly', Mongrel says. 'When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Coot's widow." She said, "You must be mistaken.. I'm not a widow.'

Then I said, 'I'll betcha a case of beer you are.' (Aussies are good at that sensitive stuff!!).

## Kuranda Village Accountancy TAX TIP

### Individual Tax Rates for the year ending 30 June 2013

You may have heard recently about the tax changes for the year ended 30 June 2013. The changes were introduced as part of the Household Assistance Package and will apply to Australian residents for tax purposes.

The tax free threshold increases from \$6,000 to \$18,200. The Low-income Tax Offset (LITO) is reducing from a maximum value of \$1,500 to \$445. With the tax free threshold increasing and the LITO decreasing it is a mixed bag really.

The combined effect of the increased tax-free threshold and the reduced LITO is that individuals with taxable incomes up to \$20,542 will not pay income tax.

Individuals with a taxable income of less than \$80,000 will receive a tax cut. Most will receive a tax cut of around \$300 a year.

#### Tax rates for 2012/2013 financial year

| Taxable income       | Tax on this income                            |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 0 - \$18,200         | Nil                                           |
| \$18,201 - \$37,000  | 19c for each \$1 over \$18,200                |
| \$37,001 - \$80,000  | \$3,572 plus 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000 |
| \$80,001 - \$180,000 | \$17,547 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$80,000  |
| \$180,001 and over   | \$54,547 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000 |

If you have any questions about the tax rates please feel free to call me on

**4093 8222** at Kuranda Village Accountancy  
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# Kuranda District State College

## NEWS

### Date Claimers

4-5 Sept - QCS Test

12 Sept - Middle School Parent Forum

17-20 Sept - NAIDOC Week

### P & C Meeting

**FRIDAY 7th September**

9am

Social Cuppa P-6 Campus

**Tuesday 11th September**

6pm

Secondary Administration

### Top of the State



#### Congratulations to Holden Molloy

who received a High Distinction in the National ICAS Writing Competition.

This placed him in the top 1% of Year 4 students in Queensland.



Kuranda DSC is currently hosting a number of international visitors at our school. We have two schools from Japan being part of our college for a number of days. These students come from a vastly different area of the world and educational perspective. In their time with us we will share how our school operates and demonstrate the things that we value at

Kuranda. The visitors will also be able to share their educational experiences and add to our student's knowledge and global perspectives.

Our school has also hosted a Beacon Charter signing event last week. This is a function totally catered for and entertained by the Year 8 - 10 students. It is a valued partnership with the Beacon Foundation which is a group who links our school to the business world and assists us to gain work experience and financial support for our students.

The Year 10 students all participated in a Work Education Certificate and pledge to continue training or education which leads to employment. Our school service commitment strives to have every student prepared for university, training or employment by the end of Year 12. Our Beacon program is a significant part of this process allowing students to take ownership of their pathway in partnership with the college.

We are very proud of our sportsman with recent success in the Barron River Interschool Sports Carnival. Our college won the Primary School Average Aggregate Trophy for the second time in three years. Our stand out star was Jack Maunsell-Gould who won the 12 Years Boys Age Championship. On the secondary sporting stage we had five students selected for TCN to trial for Peninsula selection. These students were Lexie Chandler, Hunter Richardson, Lycia Erwin, Ryan Osborne and Raymond Parkes. Congratulations to all these students.

Gary Toshach

College Principal



#### Regional Opti-Minds Winners

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August, six primary students from KDSC competed in the Opti-Minds Regional Finals at James Cook University. 56 teams from various schools across our region joined in the competition. Ben Brucksch, Maggie Slater, Sky Fielder, Oscar Bowie, Paige Stevenson and Mia Whittaker effectively used their creative thinking and amazing team working skills to be named the Regional Science and Engineering First Place Champions. These students blitzed the competition and are now invited to represent the Cairns Region at the State Finals in Brisbane in October. These Kuranda District State College students are currently seeking financial support to help them cover the cost of travelling to Brisbane to compete at the State Competition. Good Luck!

#### KURANDA WINS

#### BARRON RIVER TRACK AND FIELD TROPHY



Kuranda Students recently won the Barron River Primary Schools Average Aggregate Trophy. Jack Maunsell-Gould (Second left) also won the 12 Years Boys Age Champion.

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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

There are real, tangible thrills in being a published author. It is more than just having your name on a book jacket. There is the privilege of having your words available to an audience of readers, the knowledge that you are 'stick-with-it-enough' to have finished and published a book. You are the one who actually DID write a book, instead of the one who said they were going to and never did. Kuranda author, **Joyce Berendes**, has now identified herself as a doer instead of being a talker or a dreamer. There is nothing more satisfying for her than when she has someone tell her how her books have touched their life, or she receives an email or letter from her accumulated fan base. Becoming a published author doesn't happen overnight, it is achieved after years of meticulous detailed work. Joyce Berendes has now written and published five books. This speaks for itself. It doesn't matter so much if the book is a physical bound hardcover, paperback, Kindle or some other electronic format... it's the content that makes Joyce's writing what it is today.

## Where is your current studio?

I always use our old caravan. We travelled in it for over four years. It is now about 50 metres from the house on our property in Speewah. It is perfectly complete for my needs with power, telephone and a fan for the warmer summer months.

## Do you work alone or with others?

Alone, however, until 2011, I always had my big dog with me, going in and out at his discretion. I really miss my companion. He was never an interruption. But, I am never lonely. Being a fiction writer, when I step into the caravan I step into another world; a world with the characters I have created.

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

My computer, my printer, a Thesaurus, my memory stick, and in the summer a couple of fans to keep me cool.

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

Seven days a week and 2-3 hours per day (but sometimes more) of physical typing. However, the imagination and the thinking process continues, even though I try not to, I am still writing in my head.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

I write, create and do a lot of research. You will only have to look at the acknowledgements in my books to find that out. Readers always work out whether you have actually been to a place or not. It is essential to do that to make your stories realistic.

## Why is writing your chosen medium?

I have written all my life. I wrote my first one-act play as a 9-year-old ballerina which I then acted out for my friends. I continued later with children's plays, musicals and theatre so it was a natural progression for me to go into writing books – all fiction. With my theatre experience, I sometimes stand up and act out a passage I am working on. As I said I am an extremely realistic writer.

## List three things you listen to while working.

I don't listen to anything. I am totally and utterly involved in my writing. I even disconnect the telephone when I don't want to be interrupted.

## Your favourite tool?

Certainly my computer with Windows Word is my favourite tool. I don't know what I would do without it. I had never touched a computer until 2000 and I am now about to launch my 5th book.

## How do you identify your work?

I write under my name, Joyce Berendes. It appears on the cover of all my books. I



do not use a nom de plume.

## How do you sell your work?

I sell very successfully through my publisher, bookstores, websites, book launches and word of mouth. I also attend by invitation, 'Meet the Author', in libraries and with interest groups. I am a member of the 'Book Creators Circle' website and my first novel "The Fourteenth Day" is on the www Amazon Kindle.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I don't.

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

Yes, of course. I have a permanent unpaid job. I am a wife...

I was told by a doctor that when a man marries, he increases his lifespan by at least four years, but it makes no difference to a woman's. How about that!!

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

My old caravan is deteriorating with age, like the writer, so I may need to find a new studio. I hope not as I am so happy working in this environment, watching the forest and its wildlife.

## If you were not working writing books what would you be doing?

I would find myself a gorgeous man, who would sweep me off my feet, take me somewhere nice and make me remember what it is all about.

Jokes aside, this decision is taken out of my hands. However, music makes me want to dance again and if I could locate my 9-year-old's leotards and fit into them, I may still return to the stage.

## "The Hand of Fate" by Joyce Berendes and Zeus Publications

will be launched as part of the Tropical Writers Festival by Kier Shorey, Cairns ABC Radio Early Morning Presenter at Rydges Trade Winds, Cairns on Sunday 16th September at 3.30pm.

50% of the royalties for each book sold at the launch will be donated to The Leukaemia Foundation.

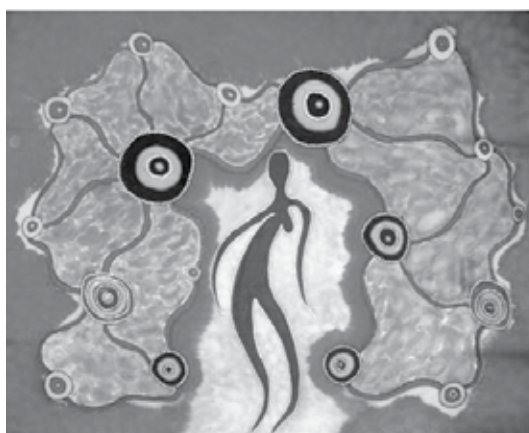
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## Eva Wanganeen 'The Spirit of Silk and Art' Paintings on Silk

Australian Indigenous silk artist and designer Eva Wanganeen produces her art on silk. "I have a real passion for painting on silk; it has such a luxurious texture and delicate beauty. The colors are intense and permeate through the silk. Silk painting allows me to express my Aboriginal heritage in a unique way to produce fine art pieces or as a piece of wearable art."

Exhibition continues at Cell Artspace, Lake Street, Cairns until 6 October. (Right: Spirit Lady)



A bloke walks into a bar in NEW ZEALAND and orders a shandy. All the Kiwis sitting around the bar look up, expecting to see another Australian visitor. The barman says, "You ain't from around here, are ya?" The guy says, "No, I'm from Canada." The bartender says, "What do you do in Canada?" The guy says, "I'm a taxidermist." The bartender says, "A taxidermist? What the heck is a taxidermist? Do you drive a taxi?" "No, a taxidermist doesn't drive a taxi. I mount animals." The bartender grins and yells, "He's okay boys. He's one of us."

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## Trout On Line

August saw me hosting a 'Community Corner' sausage sizzle outside Foodworks on Saturday 4 August. The purpose of this is to allow everyone the opportunity to come along and share your thoughts, opinions, suggestions or just say hello. I'm hoping to get back up there

on Sunday 23 September at 11am, so put this in your diaries. If I don't know the issue, I can't help, so here's your chance.

On the subject of fluoridation, over 800 signed mandates from Kuranda residents fighting its reintroduction, were despatched from my office several weeks ago to the Minister for Local Government, David Crisafulli and Minister for Health, Lawrence Springborg. Tablelands Regional Council Mayor, Rosa Lee Long, Councillor Jenny Jensen and myself met with representatives of Tablelands Against Fluoridation, who should be congratulated for a sterling effort collecting so many signatures over a short period of time. Mayor Lee Long has also lobbied these Ministers, and together I feel confident we will obtain a good outcome – that is, to have responsibility for the decision to return to fluoridation placed with local Councils.

I also managed to attend the Kuranda Interagency Network meeting on the same day – great to have the opportunity to catch up on local projects first hand. Parliamentary sittings prevent me attending many meetings and events in which I would like to participate, throughout the electorate.

**A big reminder – Community-based environmental groups have just four weeks in which to apply for funding** in the first round of the Everyone's Environment grants. Applications close on 28 September.

Individual grants between \$2,000 and \$100,000 are available for projects like tree-planting and restoring land, water quality improvement, land and waterway clean-ups, and monitoring pollutants in streams, and are open to community service organisations such as parents and citizens' groups, Landcare, Coastcare, Bushcare, Rivercare and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.

Scouts and Guides, Rotary, Lions, catchment care, NRM groups and local environmental and conservation groups and volunteers all do excellent work for the environment and I encourage Barron River community groups to apply.

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As a community kindergarten, a holistic approach is taken with the involvement of supportive parents and professional staff. This caring environment provides a scope for children to follow their interests and engage in experiences that allow them to learn and develop skills for life. A display in the Kuranda Post Office window from the 4th through to 18th September will exhibit some of these talents.

For more information please contact us for the best time to visit. We are now taking enrollments for 2013. The kindergarten program is primarily targeted for four year olds however we do accept three year olds depending on availability. To help ensure a place, please put your name on our waiting list.

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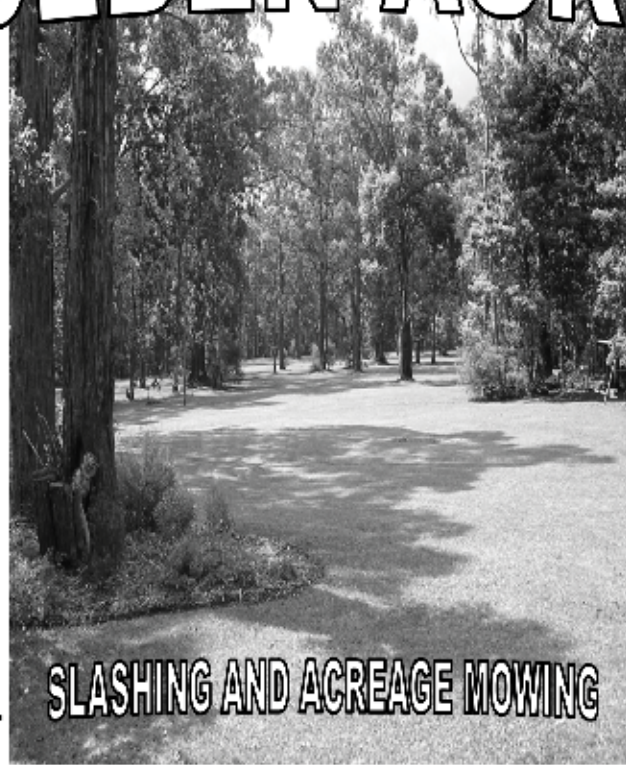
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### Storm Boy

Three characters live in isolation amidst the coastal sand dunes of the Coorong in southern South Australia. In a shack on the beach live Tom, a fisherman, and his young son. Out amongst the dunes lives an aborigine, 'Fingerbone Bill' who forms a friendship with the boy, naming him 'Storm Boy'. The story is conveyed with simplicity with many events left unspoken and undetailed. The relationships between the characters, and the scenes where the boy and his pet pelicans play together are subtly sketched and never lapse into the cloying sentimentality

apparent in so many children's films. Burton's photography effectively captures the wild beauty of the Coorong.

### The Minder

As a bodyguard it's Ruben's duty to keep the Minister of Planning under constant surveillance. If the Minister gets out of the car, Ruben gets out of the car. If the Minister turns left, Ruben turns left. If the Minister goes to the country club with his family for the weekend, Ruben must follow along. If the Minister decides to rest and have a nap, Ruben must keep watch over the sleeping man. Although Ruben must always be present, he must also go completely unnoticed. As a shadow, Ruben witnesses everything from the sidelines, as if life was passing by some metres away from him. Yet, despite his insider's view, he never understands clearly what's going on, what's being talked about, nor where the characters come from or go to. Single Ruben is hardly even a protagonist in his own life. A lonely life, involving a mentally unstable sister and a dizzy niece, sale of illegal arms and cheap prostitutes. Plus the monotonous routine of being a bodyguard and the occasional humiliation from the Minister or his family... Some jobs result in virtually replacing one life for another. Such pressure can ultimately explode. This is Ruben's inevitable outcome.



### Kuranda Lions Club

At present we are looking into doing a couple more bus shelters around our Kuranda area, where they are needed. Colin still does his fundraising down town most days – rain, hail or shine.

Our next lions meeting will be on **Monday 17th September, 2012** at

the Kuranda Resort, 3 Green Hills Road, Kuranda at 6.30 pm.

All welcome, please phone Carol Jeanes on: 4093 7187 if interested, or talk to Col down town selling his joke books.

Thanking You, Yours in Lionism,  
Col and Carol Jeanes.

# In defence of FAFT

## What a Tangled Web He Weaves

Last month Duncan Mills published "Wrapping a Politician in Silk" [The Kuranda Paper, August 2012, page 18] in which he greatly criticized the "Families as First Teachers" program run for the indigenous communities here in Kuranda.

The FAFT program is designed to support families in helping to get their children ready for school and engage them in early literacy and numeracy activities.

The damage an uninformed writer can do with a pen is a scary thing. I have been working with the FAFT program as a volunteer for just over 2 years and I found this article to be both insulting and ill-informed.

As far as I am aware Duncan Mills has no background in early childhood education and I do not believe that he has ever witnessed the FAFT program first hand. All information regarding the program has come from his "trustworthy professional informant from within the local FAFT program". In Mr Mills words "the truth is very different to the picture given". If Mr Mills is so truly interested in the truth wouldn't it have made more sense to investigate beyond one informant who may potentially have their own agenda.

To penetrate Mr Mills "spin" there are a few facts that I would like to address. Facts that he either neglected to present properly or is simply unaware of.

- Attendance figures: yes every child, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle and truant is counted. The program is after all called Families as First Teachers. Who does not fit this description? Grandparents and other family members are an important part of the learning and teaching process and are encouraged to attend.
- Dogs: FAFT does not bring the dogs with them to the program. The dogs are part of the community and the children live and play with their dogs every day.
- "The indigenous community has been crudely bribed into attending with free meals taken by bus near their place of residence": This is not only ignorant but insulting to the community. Yes a bus brings the program to the community. Does Mr Mills have a better idea on how to get there? Yes there is a shared meal at the end of the day and for good reason. A shared meal brings staff and the community together giving them a chance to talk freely about many things including any questions and concerns they may have, ideas for the program as it stands and for the future as well as a chance to socialize. This meal is also preparing the children for the structure of a school day – learning activities through play followed by Mat time activities with their teacher and finished with morning tea together as a class. This is all part of school readiness.
- Meaningless craft activities: If Mr Mills were to look closely at the activities designed by the experienced early childhood FAFT team, he would see that each and every activity has a specific literacy, numeracy or oral language focus. In fact the teachers work extremely hard to ensure that these activities are meaningful and will become engaging and fun learning tools for use at home with their children.
- Some children don't even know the names of basic colours: Mr Mills, I am not a teacher but I do know, having spent time in the program, that school readiness is more about helping to build a child's positive attitude to learning. It is also about familiarising them with school routines. Their confidence is developed to ensure they are emotionally mature enough to start school. Colours will be learnt as these skills develop – keeping in mind that many of these children are 0-4 years of age.
- Unplanned and unaudited: Over the past two years I have witnessed first-hand the extensive planning that goes into the program. It is also my understanding that the FAFT team are required to write bi annual reports about the program. These reports are submitted on an annual basis to Parliament. The funding bodies also require annual acquittals which are audited. This, I believe is accountability.

FAFT is a program that has developed over the last seven years from a need that was identified in our community. It is not a carefully spun web of deception.

As we all know Kuranda is a very unique and diverse community with many caring and intelligent individuals. FAFT is a positive program working very hard to bring our community together through education and understanding.

Of course there is room for improvement as in any program and if that is what Duncan Mills would like to see happen then can I suggest he do so in a positive way. A more constructive approach would be to present his concerns with the program to the appropriate people including our P&C instead of publishing a negative and destructive article in our local paper.

I will say this though Mr Mills, your letter has resulted in a great deal of discussion in our community. People are standing up to defend against your allegations. In this way I believe it has shown that the FAFT team and the Kuranda communities are certainly on the same page. Thank you.

– **Kate Slater**, Kuranda

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- networking across the Wet Tropics region

**Pig trapping**

- building traps (thanks to TRC for supplying materials)
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Is this because their habitat range is very restricted? If so, what can we do about that? We're also keen to know where the juvenile birds go when they're sent off to find their own home ranges.

What about the threats to eggs and young chicks? We have more questions than answers. That's why we're busy.

### PIG ERADICATION

With a good deal of community co-operation, feral pigs have been eliminated from some areas, but still persist in others, such as along the length of Jumrum Creek.

We are trialling different trap designs and baits. There are some expert shooters in Kuranda who can bring a running pig down with a single, well placed shot. Kalle is one of them, so to are Geoff White and the John & Yvonne Thomson team to mention just a few.

We are not into dogging, just humane trapping and dispatching.

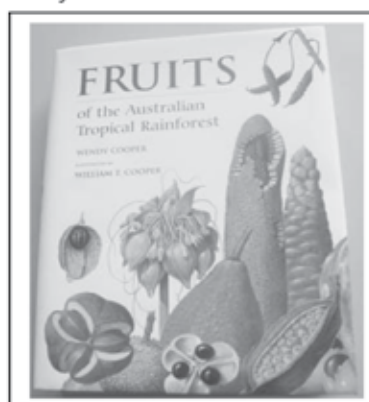
### SNAKES

We've had a bit of a break from rescuing pythons from chook houses while it's been cool, but that's likely to change with the mating game due to get going in September and October.

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## News from the Council



### No Fluoridation for Atherton

Queensland Health has advised Council that there is no longer a requirement to fluoridate the Atherton town water supply. Council is still awaiting a response regarding the fluoridation of the Malanda and Kuranda town water supplies and the shortfall in funding for this project.

### Development & Building Approvals

During July, 54 building approvals were issued including 16 dwellings, with the total value being just under \$5million.

### Ongoing support for Barron River Catchment

Council will be renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Barron River Catchment Management Association, recognising the ongoing support for their work. Funds will also be provided towards meeting the operational costs of the association and continuing with the Catchment Coordinating Committee meetings.

### Ergon Envirofund Energy Audit Toolkits

Ten energy audit toolkits are proving very popular at Tablelands libraries. Residents are able to borrow the toolkits for two weeks and find out how to improve the energy efficiency of their household. Reservations can be made through any regional library.

### Council recognised for best practice

Outstanding work in the area of future planning and consultation undertaken by Council Officers has been recognised through the nomination of excellence awards. The Tablelands Community Plan 2021 has been shortlisted for the Best Practice in Local Government Award 2012, conducted by the Institute of Public Administration. Award winners will be announced on 6 September 2012.

### Financial and In-kind Support Program

Council has approved the following applications through the financial and in-kind support program for community groups:

- Senior Women Enjoying Later Life (SWELL) \$1000 cash donation for excursions and insurance
- Ravenshoe Men's Shed \$1806 cash donation to purchase equipment to meet Workplace Health & Safety standards
- Mareeba Basketball Association \$1000 cash donation for a 'come and try' event
- St Mark's Anglican Church Yungaburra \$580 in-kind assistance for chairs and tables for the centenary event on 7 October 2012
- Abundant Life Centre \$541 remittance of fees for food licence to sell burgers at Centenary Park, Mareeba

Community groups can access information and download application forms for the financial and in-kind support program from the website at [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) or contact a Customer Service Centre on 1300 362 242.



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### Myrtle rust (continued)

Myrtle rust is now recognized as established in our area and unable to be eradicated. Large numbers of trees in FNQ forests belong to the Myrtaceae family. It is hoped that some species will be resistant to the rust. With sufficient feedback from the community it is hoped to be able to identify resistant and susceptible species. It may also be possible to identify populations within susceptible species which have a natural resistance to the rust.

Biosecurity Queensland, with staff numbers being reduced under the current Queensland government, is asking the community to report suspected cases by phoning 13 25 23 or at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au). This will assist in determining how far the disease has spread and importantly which species are attacked.

If you are seeking assistance with identification, **bring a photo**, not diseased plant material, to the EnviroCare nursery. Our nursery follows the practices recommended by Biosecurity Queensland to ensure the health of our seedlings. As more information becomes available we will keep you informed.



Students from JCU who joined us for a special Heyday Festival tree planting at WaeHae. They planted 300 trees along the Barron River Esplanade.

### Tree of the month

The fruit of Cassowary plum, *Cerbera floribunda*, as their name suggests, are eaten by cassowary. The cassowary's short, fast digestive system and unique combination of digestive enzymes make it immune to the toxins in the fruit which are poisonous to other animals including humans. In a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship, the cassowary eats the fruit and then spreads the seeds through the forest.

A mature tree can grow to about 30 metres and produces egg shaped, large, smooth and blue fruit. It is an ideal tree for improving biodiversity and increasing available cassowary habitat.



Advanced plants of cassowary plum are now available for planting out from the EnviroCare nursery, 284 Myola Road. It is an ideal tree to plant in gaps in the forest or along the forest edge. As a reasonably fast growing tree it makes an attractive garden specimen. It can be seen as a street tree around Kuranda.

**Great Northern Clean Up 15<sup>th</sup> September** meet at the nursery at 8 am.  
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**Screening – Bimblebox. A light supper to follow**

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*Your opinions are always welcome.*

**Recycling:** Do you want kerbside recycling? I believe that most residents in the Kuranda District would like such a service (provided the cost to residents is minimal). However, I need to have your opinions on this important matter. Council is currently surveying all residents across the region regarding the TRC Waste and Recycling Strategy. Please complete the brief survey before September 28th. The survey is available on the TRC website and at the Library. A copy has been mailed to all ratepayers.

As well, there is a community consultation stall on Wednesday September 12th outside the Post Office. You can also email direct to [info@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@trc.qld.gov.au) Contact person is Kirsty Lamperd at Ph: 4043 4390 Email: [kirstyl@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:kirstyl@trc.qld.gov.au) Recycling can be implemented according to a local district so if you do have an opinion on recycling for Kuranda District, be sure to have your say.

**Fluoride:** The fluoride has not been “turned on” at the Kuranda Water Plant. Council has resolved not to go ahead and has written to both the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Health.

The State Government has given a clear indication to Council that the current legislation requiring Councils to fluoridate water supplies will be changed to allow local Councils and communities to decide for themselves. To date, the State Government has not replied officially to TRC, so residents may still wish to contact your State Member.

**De-amalgamation Update:** Council has provided a submission to the Minister for Local Government in support of retaining the current boundaries of the TRC based upon detailed cost estimates of approx 8 million to de-amalgamate. A Mareeba based submission for de-amalgamation has also been submitted.

The next step will be consideration by the Minister and if he believes there is a case, he will refer this to the Boundaries Commissioner who will then work with Queensland Treasury to establish the exact costings of de-amalgamation (total costs will be paid by the de-amalgamating Council). Queensland Treasury will then be asked to consider whether or not there is a case for a Referendum on the issue. A Referendum will not occur until Queensland Treasury has provided full costing details to residents. Only the residents of the former Mareeba Shire would be able to vote in the

referendum. I urge you to consider the matter very carefully as there will definitely be cost implications for Kuranda ratepayers. I also urge you to contact me if you have questions re details and figures which are currently being talked about. Further information also available from Queensland Department Local Government website link: <http://www.dlqp.qld.gov.au/bc/>

Should de-amalgamation proceed, new elections in both the Mareeba shire and the TRC would be held. The Mareeba based de-amalgamation group has indicated that a new MSC would recommend a Council of approximately 6 Councillors to represent the MSC as regional Councillors and that there would not be Divisional based Councillors.

I am clearly in support of retaining the TRC, because I was elected as a TRC Councillor and I believe that the TRC has provided good service to the Kuranda District and a “voice” for Kuranda residents. You may or may not agree, however I ask that you consider this matter as important and I will fully support whatever the majority of residents choose. Right now, as your elected Councillor, my main focus is upon ensuring that the TRC operates well and serves you well.

**Rates Notices:** Notices were mailed August 20th. The 10% discount ends at COB on September 20th. I have already had a number of enquiries regarding rates notices and you are welcome to contact me. TRC Rates Officers are also able to answer any queries regarding amounts or rates categories. Ph: 1300 362 242 or email [info@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@trc.qld.gov.au) Mail: CEO Tablelands Regional Council, PO Box 573. Atherton 4883.

If residents still have questions re the Digital Television in Speewah, please contact me or you can also contact Tracey Cuthbertson at TRC [traceyc@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:traceyc@trc.qld.gov.au) for specific details.

**Road Projects:** Works have commenced on the reconstruction/ upgrade of sections of Speewah Rd. Ganyan Drive works are not forgotten, but will be undertaken as a separate contract. Safety upgrades to the Morton St/ Rob Veivers Drive intersection should commence soon; Council is endeavouring to have the projects at Mona Mona Road and Black Mt Road, Fallon Road/ Jum Rum Crossing completed before wet season. NDRRA (Natural Disaster/ Reconstruction) federal funding for reconstruction of Windy Hollow Rd expected very soon.

**New Kuranda Visitors Centre:** Charles Wright Architects will present their final design to Council next week. I have seen the design and in my opinion, it is terrific. We will end up with an attractive building which provides a very functional Visitors Centre designed also to link in with community use of the park... and all within the budget.

**Residents Association:** Speewah Residents Association meets on Monday 3rd September. I will be providing further information regarding issues such as the NBNco plans for the Speewah area (which potentially will provide mobile coverage for the Speewah area). I am still keen to hear from residents who may be interested in forming a residents association in any other areas of the Kuranda District.

**Tourism Kuranda:** Nominations have closed for Members of the TK Committee. The new Committee will be appointed in early September. Particular thanks to all Committee Members (particularly the Chairperson, Melanie Wicks and the TK Executive Officer Marc “New Dad” Sleeman) for their work over the past 3 years.

**Register your pets:** Lots of media lately re pet registration. The cost is \$11 (for de-sexed animals). Registration has advantages. If your registered pet if lost, Council is able to locate you and you do not incur any cost for the first time your pet is “picked up” by TRC officers.

**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](mailto: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:** Council Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, alternately in Atherton and Mareeba. September Council Meetings will be on Thursday September 6th in Mareeba and Thursday September 20th in Atherton.

Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor’s Office 40434411.

**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 4093 8466 Email: [jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au](mailto:jennyj@trc.qld.gov.au) Also check out Facebook [www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ](http://www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ)



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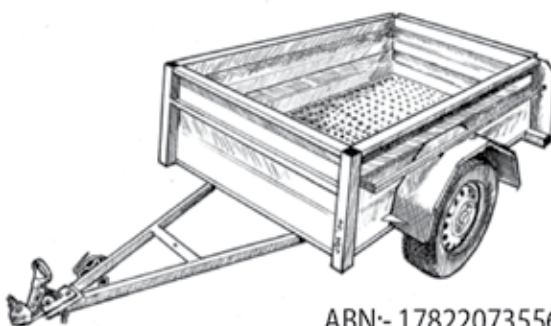
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Wiramoo St.  
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Divine Service - 11 am

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**9.30am** Family Eucharist  
**9.30am** Sunday school  
**5.00pm** Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY

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Saturday September 1  
8.30am-12.30pm

### KID'S CLUB

Saturday September 8,  
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**Enq Chris Wright Tel 4093 8735 • Email [wrightc@iig.com.au](mailto:wrightc@iig.com.au)**

## A Thought for September

**THE MONTH'S** Bible reading is from St Johns Gospel Chapter 6 Verses 51-58.

Reading this sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is like wading out into deeper and deeper water until one either panics and wades back to the shore, or plunges in and swims out into the depths. Jesus is still involved in this long conversation with people around him.

The strange event of the feeding of the five thousand is now well known, and it has triggered many reactions, some angry and distrustful. Jesus is dealing with these reactions.

Above all, he is trying to use the symbol of bread as a means of talking about the relationship between humanity and God. Many of those around him either cannot or will not understand. "The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." Suddenly and chillingly a new note is injected into the conversation. Up to now it has been about bread as the image of God's grace.

We are hungry. God supplies spiritual bread for us if we seek it from God. That is what everyone has been hearing, at least those who have been prepared to listen. But now Jesus names the cost of that spiritual bread.

The cost is his own life. As we know, Jesus is referring to the actual physical threat to himself. But another truth is being communicated to us.

"Unless you eat... and drink" says Jesus. Jesus is also telling us a fundamental truth about religious life. He is saying that we must fully internalize our religion before it can become grace to us. In other words, we must take Jesus, his words, his life, his pattern of response, into our own lives. One must blend with the other.

Many of us may know the old Hymn "Breath on me breath of God", there in the heart of the hymn is a line that prays, "Until with thee I have one will to do and to endure." That is what it means to internalise the spirit of Our Lord. We take his spirit into our spirits. As Jesus spoke to the people around him, he used an image familiar to them from their history.

Jesus spoke of manna, a kind of bread which centuries before had appeared to their ancestors each dawn in the wilderness. The image familiar to us as Christians is that of the Eucharist. We act it out in a visible and tangible way when we come forward and reach up our hands for the broken bread of his body and the poured wine of his blood. As we do these outward actions, we also stretch out our spirits toward the spirit of Our Lord, and silently and simply ask Our Lord to come into us and live with us as we live out our daily lives.

If we invite him, he accepts our invitation. Our Lord may be the source of our grace, but the cost for him has been great.



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

"O kings of the earth! He who is the Sovereign Lord of all is come! The Kingdom is God's, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but God, and with radiant hearts, lift up your faces to your Lord, the Lord of all names. This is a Revelation to which whatever ye possess can never be compared, could ye but know it. O Christian believers! For your own sakes and for the sake of the churches, for the sake of mankind, for the sake of the Kingdom, cast away your conflicting dogmas and interpretations which have caused so much disunity and lead us to the verge of wholesale self-destruction. Recognise the age of truth. Recognise Christ in the glory and power of the father..."

*(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 Street, Kuranda.

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

**Study Circles** Books 1 & 2 now underway, please feel free to enquire and join.

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

**All enquiries welcome.** Telephone 4093 7120/9571

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

## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*A married man should forget  
his mistakes. There's no use in  
two people remembering the  
same thing!*





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## Irish Medical Dictionary

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Artery:           | The study of paintings             |
| Bacteria:         | Back door to cafeteria             |
| Barium:           | What doctors do when patients die  |
| Benign:           | What you be, after you be eight    |
| Cat scan:         | Searching for Kitty                |
| Cauterize:        | Made eye contact with her          |
| Colic:            | A sheep dog                        |
| Coma:             | A punctuation mark                 |
| Dilate:           | To live long                       |
| Enema:            | Not a friend                       |
| Fester:           | Quicker than someone else          |
| Fibula:           | A small lie                        |
| Impotent:         | Distinguished, well known          |
| Labour Pain:      | Getting hurt at work               |
| Medical Staff:    | A Doctor's cane                    |
| Morbid:           | A higher offer                     |
| Nitrates:         | Rates of Pay for working at night, |
| Node:             | I knew it                          |
| Outpatient:       | A person who has fainted           |
| Pelvis:           | Second cousin to Elvis             |
| Post Operative:   | A letter carrier                   |
| Rectum:           | Nearly killed him                  |
| Secretion:        | Hiding something                   |
| Seizure:          | Roman Emperor                      |
| Terminal Illness: | Getting sick at the airport        |
| Tumour:           | One plus one more                  |

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Kuranda Transfer Station**  
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# Astrology



## Your Month by the Stars

### September Stars

**S**o here we go. The final equinox before the final solstice at the end of a 5,100 year earth cycle. Equinoxes and solstices literally divide the solar year into quarters: out of which evolved our division of the four seasons.

At the Aries and Libra equinoxes the sun rises and sets along the line of the Equator – equal length of day and night in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. At the Summer and Winter solstices, the Sun reaches its furthest point, North in June and South in December.

The solstice and equinox lines bisect the Earth north-south and east-west: symbolically, the cross of matter, literally our alignment with the Sun. More simple and earthy; more better.

In September this year, the Libran Equinox, where the sun crosses 0 degrees Libra, is on the 23rd. We then have three months before the December 21st solstice: the shift-point of the ages. We are still in the 6 months influenced by the zero degrees Gemini solar eclipse back in May. Remember? Everything getting busier; constantly having to make choices to find a path through the chaos.

Well it won't get any easier, we're halfway through and if you think the last 3 months have been busy; confusing; chaotic, and challenging well just watch the next 3 months. Riding the wave is the only way through. Make it fun. This is the big wave.

Some reference points: the Sun is moving through Virgo up until the Equinox – a time for healing; purification and patient attention to detail. On 16th September the Virgo New Moon indicates deep attention to health issues and again, purification – physically, mentally and emotionally.

Mars moving through Scorpio all month really arcs up the Scorpio sting – especially during the first week when it allies with Scorpio's ruler Pluto. Vengeance goes exponential! Stinging and getting stung seem rampant. Find something that you're really passionate about and pour all your intensity into that.

Jupiter through Gemini just means that the information (wanted and unwanted!), choices, and insistent expansion of mental horizons just keep getting more and more demanding. Stay on the wave!

Pluto makes a station and begins forward motion on 18th September so, yeah, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. This is the day. Harden up Princess, the future of the world is in our hands.

With Venus going through Leo, the roar of the lion is a mating call. The true king rules with love and creative vision. On 16th September, with the New Moon, Mars and Jupiter get together to force through some huge changes. Don't just watch for, be part of it! The warrior dance in action, as Mercury at the zero Libra point keeps it light, delicately balanced and mercurial.

Freddy is smiling down.... Any gig scheduled around the 16th will be truly awesome. Some serious musical channelling coming through.

Oh, and Uranus and Pluto begin the month exactly square – a huge challenge to break with the old; the obsolete and all patterns which we have outgrown. This one is definitely not going out with a whimper!

Enjoy the ride!

**Rob Hart**  
Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader  
Kuranda Heritage Markets  
Ph. (07) 4093 0218



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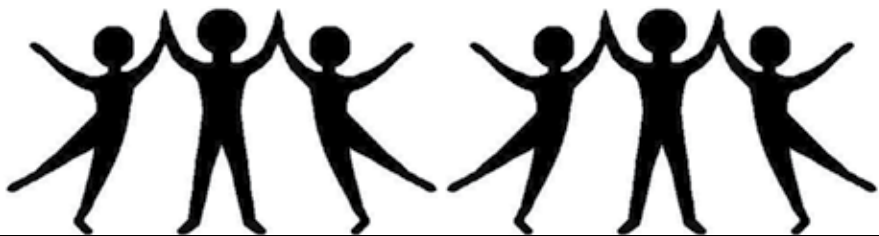
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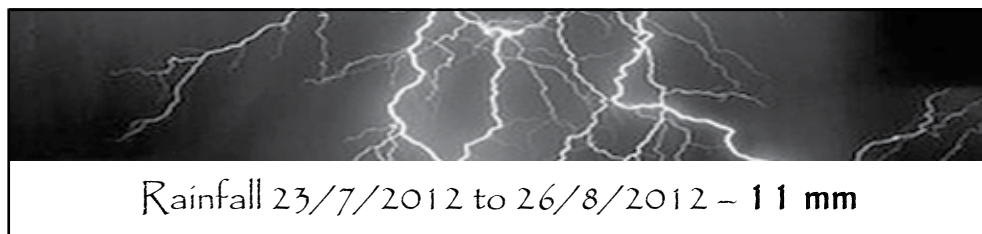




## Community Calendar

- Every Sat **Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)  
**Tai Chi Chuan** 9.30am CWA Hall. Contact Sifu Julie 0427 054 132 or Tai Chuan Academy 0409 104 753  
**Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492  
1st Sat **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30am Ph 4093 7599  
Every Sun **Speewah Country Market** 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361  
**Yoga with Aileen** 10:am Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401  
1st Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393  
2nd Sun **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730  
Every Mon. **Acappella Singing** 7.00 to 8.30pm, Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.  
**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.  
Every Mon & Fri **Al-Anon Family Groups** 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON  
**Yoga – Gentle** 8:15am for 8:30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617  
**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380  
**Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026  
3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933  
Every Tue **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
**Yoga** 5:30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre : Contact Aileen 4093 7401  
**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre and Barron Falls Hotel Ph 4093 8827  
1st Tue **The KCCT** meets at Malcolm's Original Markets at 4.30pm.  
2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.  
**Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642  
2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.  
Every Wed **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  
1st Wed **Kuranda Interagency Network** Meeting 2.00pm at KNC  
2nd Wed **QCWA** meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016  
**Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group** – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.  
Every Thur **Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206  
**Tae kwon do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196  
2nd Thur **Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam** at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm  
**Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

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| Koah         | 4093 7006                | Peter  |
| Kuranda      | 0408 077 746             | Nick   |
| Myola        | 4093 7190 / 0408 151 199 | Duncan |
| Speewah      | 4093 0211                | John   |

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| *1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY           |            |            |                    |
| Departs Cairns                                                      | **0825     | 0825       | 0930               |
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| All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required           |            |            |                    |
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| Departures           | Daily (Except Christmas Day) |        |         |        |        |
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| CAIRNS (Spence St)   | 6.45am                       | 8.30am | 11.30am | 1.30pm | 3.00pm |
| CAIRNS (Mall Zone D) | 6.47am                       | 8.32am | 11.32am | 1.32pm | 3.02pm |
| CAIRNS (Central)     | 6.50am                       | 8.35am | 11.35am | 1.35pm | 3.10pm |
| KURANDA              | 7.30am                       | 9.15am | 12.15pm | 2.15pm | 4.05pm |

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

| Departures           | Daily (Except Christmas Day) |         |         |        |        |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| KURANDA              | 7.30am                       | 9.15am  | 12.30pm | 2.15pm | 4.10pm |
| CAIRNS (Central)     | 8.20am                       | 9.55am  | 1.10pm  | 2.55pm | 4.50pm |
| CAIRNS (Spence St)   | 8.25am                       | 10.00am | 1.15pm  | 3.00pm | 4.55pm |
| CAIRNS (Mall Zone D) | 8.32am                       | 10.02am | 1.17pm  | 3.02pm | 4.55pm |

7.30am Shuttle via SKYRAIL, CARAVONICA, TAFE, CAIRNS HIGH  
3.00pm Shuttle via CAIRNS HIGH, TAFE, CARAVONICA

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

| Departures         | Monday to Friday |         |        | Saturday |         | Sunday  |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| ATHERTON           | 6.15am           | 9.00am  | 3.30pm | 6.15am   | 9.00am  | 9.00am  |
| MAREEBA            | 6.45am           | 9.30am  | 4.00pm | 6.45am   | 9.30am  | 9.30am  |
| KURANDA            | 7.30am           | 10.05am | 4.30pm | 7.30am   | 10.05am | 10.05am |
| CAIRNS (Spence St) | 8.15am           | 11.20am | 5.20pm | 8.15am   | 11.20am | 11.20am |
| CAIRNS (Central)   | 8.35am           | 11.25am | 5.35pm | 8.35am   | 11.25am | 11.25am |

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

| Departures         | Monday to Friday |        |        | Saturday |        | Sunday |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| CAIRNS (Spence St) | 8.30am           | 3.15pm | 5.45pm | 8.30am   | 3.15pm | 3.15pm |
| CAIRNS (Central)   | 8.35am           | 3.20pm | 5.50pm | 8.35am   | 3.20pm | 3.20pm |
| 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 |
| ATHERTON           | 10.20am          | 5.10pm | 7.30pm | 10.20am  | 5.10pm | 5.10pm |

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