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Join us for an evening with Som Tamang

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2012

8 March 2012

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Thursday March 8, 2012
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Mareeba Heritage Centre
Finger food and drinks provided

Som Tamang left his village at age 10 only to find himself enslaved as a child labourer. Now Som is putting himself through University and has devoted his life to helping Nepalese children by building classrooms, paying teachers, housing orphans and trying to prevent them from suffering his fate. Som was nominated for a Pride of Australia Medal in 2011.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD)

originally was called International Working Women's Day, and is marked on March 8 every year. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration of women's economic, political and social achievements. Started as a Socialist political event, the holiday blended in the culture of many countries, primarily Eastern Europe, Russia and the former Soviet bloc. In many regions, the day has lost its political flavour, and become simply an occasion for men to express their love for women in a way somewhat similar to a mixture of Mother's Day and St Valentine's Day. In other regions, however, the original political and human rights theme designated by the United Nations runs strong, and political and social awareness of the struggles of women worldwide are brought out and examined in a hopeful manner.

70% of those living in poverty are women, Oxfam GB encourages women to Get Together on International Women's Day and fundraise to support Oxfam projects, which change the lives of women around the world. Thousands of people hold events for Oxfam on International Women's Day.

Poster 1: The 1914 Soviet "Internationale" Poster.

Poster 2: The 1932 Soviet poster dedicated to the 8th of March holiday. The text reads: "8th of March is the day of rebellion of the working women against kitchen slavery" and "Down with the oppression and narrow-mindedness of household work!"

Poster 3: Since Glasnost most Posters around the world have lost references to Socialism.



COMMUNITY LETTERS

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Dear Kuranda Paper ...

Kuranda Future Planning Concerns

Friends of the Earth Kuranda are concerned that the Tablelands Regional Council draft document, the community planning review, was made available for comment for only a few weeks during the holiday season and did not give the Kuranda community sufficient time to consider the ramifications of the plan on their security and lifestyle.

FOE Kuranda believe that some of the key proposals that are articulated in the document amount to the WRONG plan for this area. In our view, there's much that is truly wonderful about this area, the biodiversity, the unique aboriginal culture, its attraction to tourism, the infrastructure, services and skills should be conserved, treasured and nurtured.

There are also significant problems in Kuranda and its environs that need to be addressed, over time. Wildlife remains threatened by exotic species – both plant and animal – and human activities such as pesticide/herbicide use, road kills and vegetation clearance. The Kuranda area is chronically car-dependent and the Barron River, source of drinking water supply for the Kuranda township, serves as a sewer for agricultural run-off from the Tablelands.

A frequent comment is that the "village is dead", meaning it lacks people and vibrancy, especially out of daytime trading hours and the region has no effective system for minimisation and/or recycling of solid waste. Additionally the development of Welcome Pocket senior residential centre is a major mistake for the area.

The FOE Kuranda made a submission to the Council with a comprehensive list of suggested solutions to the challenges ahead but seek the support of the wider community. To read the entire FOEK submission and log in to have your say visit the Friends of the Earth website at foekuranda.org.

Right now the earth and Kuranda needs all the friends it can get.

Pat Daly, Kuranda

Thank You

I would like to thank the man who found and returned my handbag which I carelessly left on the roof of my car before driving off. Your kindness and honesty was greatly appreciated.

This is a nice community in which we live.

Toni Rogers, Punch Close

Silver Spoon?

I have begun to wonder if those lucky persons who were born with a silver spoon in their mouth ever asked their mother what she was doing with the spoon at the time?

S.P. Atula

Geronimo's Change of Fortune

I would like to thank Marc Sleeman, Tourism Kuranda, for his short article in last month's Kuranda Paper about the C-47 DL aircraft nestled in the trees at the Kuranda Heritage Markets and for bringing it to the attention of those in the community who were perhaps not aware that it is there. I am pleased to be able to add some more information relating to Geronimo's arrival in Kuranda.

My parents, Vic and Rita Tonkin (Tonkin Steel) donated "Geronimo" to the Kuranda Heritage Markets and this community.

After the film was completed Tonkin Steel was approached by John Lammond Productions to purchase the plane as the production company did not want to have to return it to Canberra. Recognising the historic value of the wartime plane, when it was purchased by Tonkin Steel scrap yard, the last thing my parents wanted to see was this historic relic destroyed. They still have in their possession the nose wheel of this plane.

Several years ago Vic and Rita were contacted by a retired American ex-serviceman visiting Kuranda on holidays, who much to his amazement recognised the plane at the Heritage Markets, as being his during the war years. You can only ponder at his surprise and joy at finding this aircraft located here in the rainforests of Kuranda.

Being appreciative of the value to communities and future generations, my parents have donated many items to various locations/museums. To mention a couple: the majestic old steam engine now located at the Herberton Historic Museum, and ships propellers to several Maritime Museums. My parents donated altar brassware for our local St Saviour's church in Kuranda when the church had its brassware stolen.

It has always been the policy of my family and the company to donate, when and where possible, items of significance back to the community.

"What is one man's rubbish is another man's gold".

Cheryl Tonkin, Myola



Rita and Vic Tonkin with Geronimo

The bird's singing is just beautiful
If you take a look
you will see
What do you think
What do you think

The wolf, the rabbit,
to the rat they are nothing but bodies
Filled with liquid
Bodies filled with love
Bodies filled with life

What do you think
What do you think

Indigo Caddies, Age 9

Don't Rubbish Kuranda

While waiting in my car at a road maintenance stop on the Kuranda Range I had the opportunity to take more than a cursory glance out the window. In the restricted space on the road's curve I counted 17 assorted drink containers on the side of the road. I thought this was a World Heritage protected area. Can't we do better than this?

Gordon Rogers

Editor's note: We are not doing a good job of keeping our village looking its best either. This randomly assorted group of objects adorned the nearest garden bed to our newspaper office this morning. We threw them into the nearest rubbish bin, which took all of a minute. That's all the time it would have taken the original discarder too.



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KURANDA

Village in the Rainforest

Marc's Tourism Tweets

CRUISE SHIPS HIT VILLAGE – We're in the midst of the cruise liner season with February and March the two busiest months for scheduled visits. Many of the passengers book tours to Kuranda providing a welcome boost to visitor numbers. To see the schedule go to http://www.cairnsport.com.au/content/portsnorth-standard2.asp?name=CS_Schedules. The massive Queen Mary 2 arrived at Yorkey's Knob on Sunday 19th February and hundreds of excited cruise ship visitors hit the streets of Kuranda, enjoying our relaxed lifestyle and getting in some overdue shopping.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN BRIEF – A design brief is underway for Kuranda's new website which will offer exciting opportunities for local businesses. Tourism Kuranda will be targeting the local market with advertising and a giveaway in the family magazine, Cairns Parenting Companion.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2012/13 – Kuranda's new strategic plan will soon be launched which identifies the priority markets for the Village in the Rainforest. It has identified overwhelming support for the two Tourism Kuranda funded events – Easter in the Park and Kuranda Day. Funds will be reallocated according to the importance of various markets with the post-arrival market a priority.

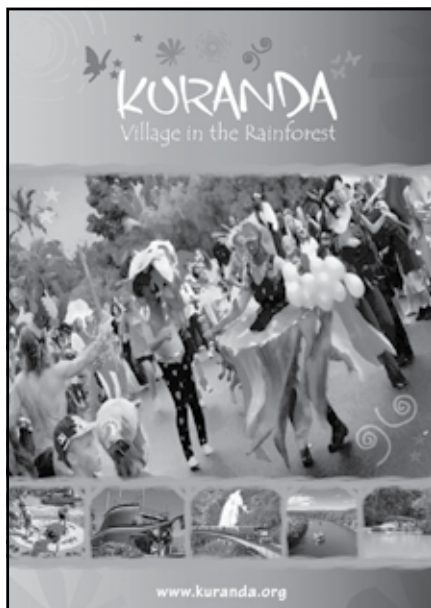
CHINESE GUIDE BOOK – Tourism Kuranda will be featuring a full page selling our Village in the Rainforest in the new TTNQ Chinese Guide Book – "Cairns & Great Barrier Reef Ultimate Guide Book 2012-2013". In the year ending September 2011, Chinese leisure visitors to Cairns and Great Barrier Reef increased by 26% to 72,620. Currently, the majority of visitors participate in organised group tours, however, the Free Independent Travellers (FIT) market is growing rapidly. Reports show Chinese travellers would search for destination and travel information online prior to departure. The demand for extensive Cairns & Great Barrier Reef information for trade and consumers has increased due to the rapid tourism market development.

KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION STATS – 2009/10/11/12 – The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre is a "Gateway Visitor Centre" for our regional visitors travelling west to the Atherton Tablelands and beyond. The Kuranda VIC is by far the busiest centre on the Atherton Tablelands and is managed by Cathy Harvey and a wonderful group of amazing volunteers. The following visitor stats are for our Kuranda VIC.

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	4428	4056	4409	4519
February	3332	3437	3046	
March	3837	3878	3603	
April	4293	4836	4315	
May	4100	4328	4080	
June	4334	5423	4852	
July	6896	7110	6133	
August	6010	6497	5623	
September	5017	5334	4989	
October	4998	5297	4550	
November	4816	4289	4056	
December	4301	4600	4007	
	56362	59085	53663	

JANUARY GOOGLE STATS for www.kuranda.org – 9,416 Visits, 7,582 Unique Visitors, 39,734 Page views
Website DEMOGRAPHIC – Australia: 5,364 visits (56.97%), USA: 768 visits (8.16%), Japan: 680 visits (7.22%) UK : 591 (6.28%), Germany: 417 visits 4.43%.

NEW BROCHURE – Kuranda has a brand new A4 brochure which will be used as an aspirational selling tool for the village and will be distributed to our trade contacts. The new brochure reflects the fun, colourful, friendly, laid-back village in the rainforest and features some amazing new iconic imagery for the village. There are plenty of big compelling images of our attractions and activities, profiling our diverse range of "things to do", "Places to stay" and exciting retail offerings. The new Kuranda brochure hits the streets this month.



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Candidates for Barron River – 2012 Election

Steve Wettenhall – Australian Labor Party

49 year-old Wettenhall is a lawyer and founding member of the Cairns Community Legal Service before being elected to represent Barron River at the 2006 election. He first joined the ALP when he was a teenager and in his spare time before entering parliament used to play violin with a local folk group. His wife is also a lawyer and lectures at the Cairns campus of James Cook University. Both his grandfather and great grandfather served in the Victorian Parliament in the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Wettenhall was appointed a Parliamentary Secretary after the 2009 election.

Michael Trout – Liberal National Party

Born in Chinchilla in 1963, Trout was raised on a Central Queensland cattle property and attended The Southport School as a boarder and in his final year was House Captain, School Prefect and also Captain of the school rowing team. He has lived in the Barron River electorate with his family since 1996. He has more than two decades in small business and tourism and has held numerous positions on tourism boards in North Queensland. His family owns Mungalli Falls on the Atherton Tablelands where he operates a successful outdoor education centre. His family also operates the Aeroglen Sunshine Daycare centre and also operates Blazing Saddles Adventures. This last venture entered the news in 2011 following an outbreak of the deadly Hendra virus amongst horses on the property.

Brendan Fitzgerald – Katter's Australian Party

Fitzgerald was born in Brisbane and spent many years touring Queensland as a professional musician before settling in Port Douglas in the early 90s. There he joined the fledgling local tourism industry as a tour guide taking visitors into the Daintree Rainforest, Kuranda and the Atherton Tablelands and built a particular business catering for people with disabilities. These days he runs a small business producing websites and multimedia presentations.

Mike Squire – North Queensland Party

Squire started his career with the Victorian Police before leaving as a Senior Detective Analyst with the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence. He then worked in the early years of mobile phones in Australia (when they cost thousands) before working overseas as an information technology consultant. He is a qualified IT Forensic Expert, runs an Internet design company in Port Douglas and is Director of Marketing for the local radio station.

Elaine Harding – The Greens

Dr Harding has more than two decades in communications practice, organisational planning and performance, and a decade as a sustainability educator and consultant. She runs her own consultancy Thrivability, having established herself in the region a decade ago after previously lecturing at James Cook University. She began her career as an editor for several publishing companies, as well as a writer of specialist and generalist articles on environmental topics.



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

White page listings are free.

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

Please email kurandapandc@gmail.com



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Neighbourhood Centre News March 2012

KNC Volunteer Training

Friday 2nd March, 1.00-4.00pm

KNC is offering an afternoon of volunteer training on Friday 2nd March. If you are interested in attending please contact the neighbourhood centre to reserve your place.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in our community, build skills and connect with other people. KNC was begun by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1992 and volunteers remain vital to our vision and day-to-day operation. Volunteering options at KNC include being on: reception shifts, gardening, furniture exchange program, website maintenance, administration etc. Volunteer training covers several modules:

- Role of the volunteer
- Rights and responsibilities of the volunteer and the organisation
- Workplace health & safety
- Communication skills
- Dealing with difficult clients/customers.

The Volunteer application process includes applying for and being approved for a Suitability For Working with Children Card (Blue Card). We assist in this process and there is no cost. Please contact the centre if you are interested in becoming a volunteer at KNC.

Community Mental Health: Community Mental Health is renting a room at KNC to provide a base for Catherine Flannagan. She will also continue to provide an outreach/mobile service and therefore is not here all the time. Referrals to the service can be made via the Kuranda Medical Centre and by phoning the mental health service reception on 4226 4871. If you are an existing client, please make appointments using the above phone number and ask to be transferred to Catherine.

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

Step Forward: 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 program is run in a small group format in 2 hour sessions held weekly over four weeks. The program assists people to understand and take control of their own behaviour by exploring the concepts underpinning "the change cycle". Many people find that they can benefit from this course by attending more than once, to refresh their motivation for change. Face to face counselling is also available through referral to an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS) counselor if required. The next program commences on Wednesday 7th March 2012. Referral is necessary, so please contact us to find out more. The program is strictly confidential and we do not even need to know what behaviour you are seeking to change.

Uniting Care General Counselling (formerly Lifeline): Counselling appointments can be made for Wednesday afternoons at the centre through KNC or directly with Uniting Care on 4050 4955. All appointments and referrals are strictly confidential.

Women's group: The Kuranda Interagency Network is continuing to consolidate support to restart the local women's group meetings. Beading, sewing and fishing are some of the group activities that will continue to provide a focus for our women to get together, have a yarn, share a cuppa and get creative when enough keen and interested women have regained their energy after the long school holidays.

If you are interested, we can help put you in touch with other interested women to get the ball rolling for 2012. Also, keep an eye on the noticeboards around the town for further updates.

— The Neighbourhood Centre Team

Kuranda's CYBER CAFE BYO

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Gardening in Kuranda



MARCH and the Wet is still flaffing around with us – hard times when still watering through February. Pretty much too hot and humid to do anything too strenuous in the garden except keep the lawn down but the evening, when cool to sit out and enjoy the perfumes of night scented flowers, is bliss. Think about how you can enjoy the myriad evening scented flowers of shrubs and trees by judicious selection and siting and potted subjects.

Keep vigilant with water features and do not allow mosquitos to breed. For the environmentalist the native blue-eye or, if not fussed, the common guppie will keep control, making sure that the latter cannot return to local waterways in any run-off.

Feral pigs are on the move again and can trash a garden overnight. A call to 4093 8834 will have Jax and her trusty hunters deal with the problem.

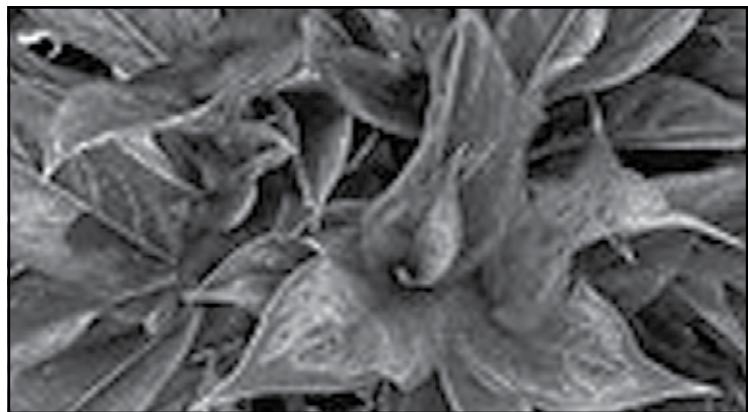
Plant of the Month: Aglaonemas are part of the very large and diverse Araceae (Aroid) family. This versatile and diverse family provide so many different plants for indoor and understorey garden planting. Personally I prefer Aglaonemas with their clumping habit, ease of propagation and maintenance to Dieffenbachia which tend to grow leggy and present bare stem and marred foliage in cooler weather. With approximately 50 or so different species of Aglaonemas throughout SE Asia, many not grown commercially, extensive hybridising has led to a plethora of leaf shape, patterning and colouring – enough to make the most jaded gardener take notice.

Requiring semi-shade or bright light – direct sunlight, particularly hot afternoon sun may cause some bleaching – good friable, well drained soil with regular watering and feeding during the warmer months sees rapid growth. Watering should be reduced during the cooler months but do not allow to dry out completely. Making extremely hardy potted subjects, a top quality potting mix and good drainage is all that is required. Note that all parts of these plants are toxic and care should be taken that pets do not ingest.

Of particular beauty and becoming more readily available are the seemingly endless patterns of highly coloured hybrid Aglaonemas coming out of Thailand and Indonesia. These are highly desirable and would make a fascinating collection since they are proving reliably hardy and require minimum care.

A very good starting point to start with is OZ eBay seller neecie.0402 with very well established plants, great prices and very careful packing. Pics are from seller's site of some plants on offer.

Q @A. Dear Bill and Carol, Congratulations on the new house and empty yard – and yes, while certainly daunting, there is now the opportunity to create your own slice of Paradise. Scaling down from acreage to the suburban block takes a certain discipline and planning. Go slow and resist the urge to get the gardens to be filled. Step back and think carefully on how much effort and time you want to spend on maintenance/upkeep, such as lawn requiring mowing versus hard surfaces, paving and massed plantings. What balance or interest in flower/vegetable gardens – fairly high maintenance as against permanent plantings as shrubs/foliage. Have you a particular plant family you want to specialise in that requires certain conditions



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and how you might establish these?

Note how sun/shade varies as the year progresses, the quality of soils across the yard and where water lies or drains rapidly, any potential wind tunnels and cold dank spots so often the bane of cheek by jowl housing. Is there screening needed – a noisy road or nosy neighbours, are you planning on an outdoor living space – BBQ, a shade house, parking for a boat or visitor? Are there any particular plants, often carrying memories and dreams, a special vine or shrub on your “must have” list requiring the right spot – a lot of thinking so take it slowly.

Before spending big, take walks around the neighbourhood seeing what does well, a particular planting or feature that strikes your eye. Be bold and knock on the door – most gardeners are a sharing, caring lot and a good way to strike up new green fingered friends.

Set priorities: What needs doing now – often times settling in plants brought from the old place or something particular that bugs and nags at you on a daily basis – neighbours looking in your kitchen windows or a noisy street and work out a guesstimate budget on what you may wish to spend over the next 12 months as this will also determine how you proceed.

Lastly, look around for the best plant prices particularly on the basic bones, repeat planting, anchoring the garden – save dollars and make sense looking at Mad About Plants, 25 Davis Road, Edmonton, 4045 5063 and local Country Markets while more specialised and harder to source plants might be found at the Cairns Tropical Garden Show in May or plant sales at the Flecker Gardens held throughout the year.

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



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Steve Wettenhall

Member for Barron River

Working for Kuranda

There's no place like Kuranda, and I am proud to be your local MP. Since 2006, I have worked hard to bring better services and infrastructure for the Kuranda community including:

- ✓ Kuranda District State College created with new P-6 facilities. COMPLETED
- ✓ Myola saved from inappropriate urban development – FNQ 2031 Regional Plan. ACHIEVED
- ✓ Welcome Pocket aged care facility. SUPPORTED
- ✓ New Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and additional operating funding. DELIVERED
- ✓ New Kuranda Pool. COMPLETED
- ✓ Safety upgrades to Kuranda Range Road. ONGOING
- ✓ Tourism infrastructure agreement renegotiated and extended. ONGOING
- ✓ New housing at Top Kowrowa. PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION
- ✓ New science, music teaching and learning facilities at Candlenut Steiner School. DELIVERED
- ✓ Land justice for Mona Mona. SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED
- ✓ Expansion of National Parks. DELIVERED
- ✓ New visitor facilities at Wrights Lookout and Barron Falls Lookout. DELIVERED
- ✓ Special funding for tourism marketing support. DELIVERED
- ✓ Amphitheatre electrical infrastructure upgrade. DELIVERED
- ✓ Fire station upgrade and new equipment for Rural Brigades. DELIVERED
- ✓ Major housing boost - \$18.8 million for 43 new homes. ON THE WAY
- ✓ Wastewater treatment upgrade and mains sewerage extensions. ONGOING
- ✓ New community sports fields at Kuranda District State College. COMPLETED

But there is always more to be done: I am very aware of the need to continue support for small business in Kuranda and will continue to lobby for further safety upgrades to the Range Road, expanded health services and new visitor facilities in national parks.

As always, I value your feedback on existing state government infrastructure and services and welcome your suggestions on how we can improve.

How to contact Steve Wettenhall MP:

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the Arts Page

The Hidden Echidna



Sandy outside the Hidden Echidna Gallery



If you take a walk down the far end of the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets you will find a tiny hidden gallery, not surprisingly called "The Hidden Echidna Gallery & Workshop". There I saw the familiar, but none the less brilliant paintings of Kuranda's Amber Moon, and the bent and twisted wire creations of our own Peter Jaensch. Lunar was there too, making music, but I also met a new Kuranda artist sharing the gallery, Sandy. Sandy is an emerging visual artist based in Cairns and Kuranda. He works with digital art, photography, mixed media, sculpture and painting.

"I moved to Cairns in 1984 with my family and



grew up in Cairns. I have a deep love for the region and most especially for Kuranda. Although always creative, my first serious foray into art was with digital



Sandy's 3D rendition of Danny (Bosko)

art and photography in 2008. I developed a love for photo-manipulation and photography that I still use in my work today. In 2010, I started to learn to paint and in 2011 I enrolled into Visual Arts at the Cairns Campus of TAFE where I am still enrolled and plan to have a diploma by 2014. The decision to study was instrumental in developing my own style as it was there that



Some of Sandy's work at the Hidden Echidna

I started to explore assemblage sculpture. I am now working on digital/analogue hybrids by assembling the two media into 3D artworks.

You can find my artwork on my Art Page on Facebook with www.tinyurl.com/sandypix or in person at the Hidden Echidna Gallery in Kuranda's Original Markets. You can also find the work of two other local and talented artists Amber Moon and Peter Jaensch there..."

Sandy

ALL IS ARI It's good to see that the Loonys are back and running amok once again in our favourite asylum, the Amphitheatre. And when we look out from this creative refuge of the arts, it does at times seem like the lunatics have taken over the rest of the asylum. Wars going on, pollution, violence, greed, and our politicians arguing over who'll preside over it all. You'd have to be a loony to be part of that! I guess it makes good material for us artists, poets, musicians, writers, clowns, etc. Yes, us crazy ones. So let us get on with this dance of creation. Paint pictures, tell stories, sing, dance, juggle, digitise. The basic rule is, if you're not having fun you're doing something wrong. And if you reckon that it's someone else's fault, remember that it's your own stuff that you're seeing, then fix it up, and get on with the dance. Once we all understand this, then there's no going back. Have fun Art lovers, seren.

President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 26th February at 4pm. This is when members elect a new committee to manage the Society and venue.

Come along, get involved and show your support for the Amphitheatre.

At this point I would like to thank all members of the outgoing committee, especially those who continually

As you are most likely aware, the John Butler Trio will be performing at the Amphitheatre on Saturday 7 April. This will be a huge event and KAS team leaders are already in preparation mode. If you can assist the Amphi in any way please get in touch! <http://kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com/home>

Gabe, Tim and Zach have started preparations of the grounds, if you



John Butler Trio at the Amphitheatre, 2007

assist and support the Amphitheatre.

It was a fantastic turnout for the Pad Boys, Koahlition, and guests last week. Great to see our wonderful Kuranda talent performing in the Understage.

Loony Poets 1 1/3 Year Anniversary celebrations is next. Thursday 8th March, 6:30 pm. in the Top Shed (see article below).

can drop in and lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated. Work starts most Sundays (or any day you can) around 10am, with painting, gardening, maintenance, etc. Yummy lunch and refreshments provided,

Mandy.

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th. February 2012

at 4:00 pm.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage

Loony Poets

1 1/3 Year Anniversary

Kuranda Amphitheatre
Thurs 8th March, 6:30

The Hot Wet Swingset
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Loony Poets 1 1/3 Year Anniversary

Since the rebirthing of Loony Poets at the Amphitheatre in October 2010 there has been a handful of crazy creative evenings shared together under the all-encompassing canopy of the open mic cabaret. We have had a fantastic response to the calling of the stage with great performances from many of our local talents covering the various fields of the art world. Loonys is organised both as a fund raiser for the Amphitheatre and as an opportunity for people to grab the stage for a moment to share their talents and love with the local community. But it is also just a fun creative and light-hearted night out where we can all catch up and have a laugh.



Nov 2011

The Full Moon evenings always seem to hold a magical energy. I have to say I have really enjoyed the alcohol free events where families can play together and people can be silly without needing any excuse!

Loonys seems to run with almost nobody at the wheel, but with everyone claiming a piece of the Loony pie for themselves. It finds its own direction and momentum, and amazing shows come out of nowhere to delight us.

Next show, 8th of March, hope to see you there,

Lunar.



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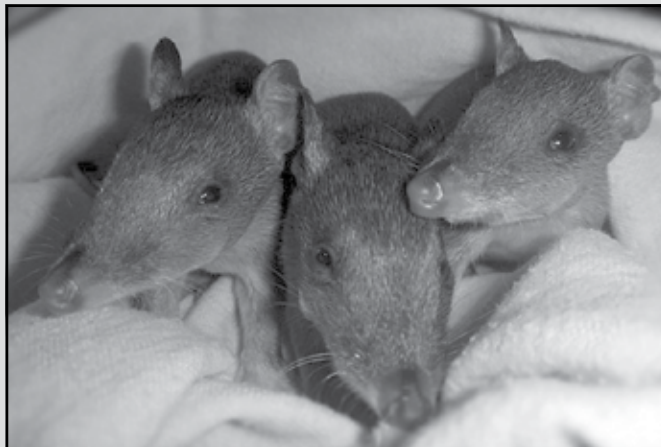
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The Three Musketeers



Three Northern Brown Bandicoots, dubbed the Three Musketeers, recently came into care at BatReach after their mother was killed by a cat. The orphans, just 60g, were also injured in the attack, but are recovering well.

Bandicoots are a small marsupial species, able to have up to four young at a time. They eat a variety of insects, earthworms, berries and seeds which they will spend their nights foraging for, resulting in them becoming the prey of domestic and feral cats and dogs.

Many of the marsupials brought into BatReach come from cat and dog attacks. This is one of the main threats to Bandicoots, Possums and Gliders.

The Three Musketeers will be released in a couple of months, as Bandicoots are fast growers, weaning at 60 days old.

Story and Photograph by BatReach Volunteer Hannah Marco

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MUSIC PAGE



In The Wild Woods

Debut EP & Support Act to The John Butler Trio

Led by singer/songwriter Trish Molloy, In The Wild Wood's deep folk songs will lead you through a world of rich melodies and old time stories that will echo in your mind long after you listen.

In The Wild Woods Members: Trish Molloy (Kurandacoots) – vocals, keyboard, guitar; Nick Emtage (Zennith, FNSC) – trumpet, guitar; Theo Felice – percussion.

The trio hail from the tropics of Far North Queensland, and are best known for their smoky, moody, deep folk music for *Kurandacoots* circus theatre projects 'The Red Ball' (Tablelands and Cairns 2010-2011) and 'The Beast' (Jute Theatre 2011), and play with numerous performance projects such as music and poetry fusions, and immersive multi-disciplinary arts experiences.

In The Wild Wood are launching the debut EP in March 2012. The eponymous EP was produced by the wonderful Danielle Caruana (Mama Kin). "Trish is one of the finest storytellers I know," says Danielle. "Her haunting tales and immortal melodies transport me to faraway vistas that explore the yearning and complexities of the human condition."

The EP is a collection of lyrical stories set to rich melodies in a genre Trish likes to call 'deep folk'.

"Deep folk is my own way of trying to describe the mood of what I write," Trish says. "Lyrically, it's reminiscent of the kind of storytelling of classic and alternative country artists like Gillian Welch and Johnny Cash, and musically it crosses boundaries of traditional folk – you know – those old American Heartlands murder ballads, ghost stories and darkly comic tragedies, as well as gypsy swing, blues, and a bit of crazy circus waltz thrown in."

The launch will tour various North Queensland venues in March/April 2012, including supporting The John Butler Trio at the Kuranda Amphitheatre on April 7th. Other dates and venues to be announced soon.



Trish Molloy, *In the Wild Wood*, support act for The John Butler Trio, Kuranda Amphitheatre on Saturday 7th April. Photo by Zananda



What's On at the Amphi

The Loony Poets are back with a solid line-up of wit, melody, and frolic set to song to celebrate the Full Moon in the Top Shed on Thursday 8th March. (Check the Arts Page & Gig Guide for more details).

Then the Kuranda Amphitheatre gears up for the 2012 entertainment year with favourite *The John Butler Trio*, Mainstage on Saturday 7th April. To open the show on the night is Kuranda's very own hip-hop/reggae legends *Zennith* and up and coming local Kuranda artists *In the Wild Woods*.

One of Australia's favourite artists, John Butler returns to his roots to perform a series of solo concerts throughout the country in March and April. Aptly titled "Tin Shed Tales", the tour takes

in capital cities and a host of regional areas; these shows will be a rare opportunity to hear the music of this iconic artist in a raw and intimate setting.

Currently on tour in New Zealand, John Butler continues to attract capacity audiences with concerts already sold out in Kalgoorlie and Mandurah and tickets are selling fast for the Kuranda Amphitheatre performance for Saturday 7th April.

With local bands *Zennith* and *In The Wild Woods* supporting The John Butler Trio be sure to get your tickets early folks! Tix for the John Butler Trio Concert available from www.ticketlink.com.au For more info on Amphitheatre events go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org



ZENNITH ROCKS!

The nation's top Reggae act, and Kuranda's favourite sons move from strength to strength. Voted 'Top Local Band' for the second year running at the recent Cairns timeOUT Awards, *ZENNITH* powers on...

ZENNITH is in high demand. After performing at the Townsville Uni last Saturday night, the boyz are off to Adelaide this weekend, certain to win over more fans with their energetic, rousing performances at The Spirit Festival.

Taking their ever-rising popularity in their stride, Zennith is buzzing with the news that their performance as

support act for the *The John Butler Trio* is to be filmed for an up-coming documentary by the ABC, as well as for viewing on *myspace*.

Zennith, supporting family and community, will be conducting a special free Children's Workshop and performance in Innisfail on Friday 30th March.

For more info check out www.facebook.com/zennith or www.myspace.com/zennith

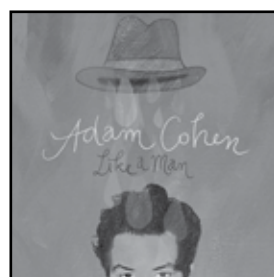
THE BOOGIE BROTHERS & SISTERS MUSIC NEWS & REVIEWS



P J Harvey: "Let England Shake" Shake indeed! This is a savage album. Powerfully committed to exposing the horrors and destruction of war – from the perspective of the dying soldiers; the ravaged landscapes, and the orphaned children. And sheets it back to the warlords, "words that maketh murder". Fierce beyond measure and not for the faint hearted.

And yet, it is light, ethereal, musically gorgeous and lyrically profound. PJ takes her voice into the soaring high range of *Kate Bush* (circa "The Dreaming") and into the otherworldly weirdness of *Patty Smith* (think "Horses"). So, if you can imagine a seamless blending of Kate, Patty and PJ coming at you with wardrums and bugles you'll get the idea.

This is ethereal; anthemic and just glorious in its musical integrity. You can feel it stirring the heart. The children who die; the homelands ravaged and a country on its knees – seen through the eyes and heart of a deeply sensitive woman. *PJ rocks u as England shakes!*



Adam Cohen: "Like A Man" www.adamcohen.com The son of *Leonard Cohen* and a very big chip off the old block. Both the voice and the songs are oh-so reminiscent of the 1970's Leonard albums. And yet, they are fresh, gentle and light. All original songs written by *Adam Cohen* and accompanied by a hand-picked group of musicians who enhance the songs beautifully.

As L.C. goes quietly into the deep reflection that old age brings, son *Adam* picks up the light, continues the tradition of beautiful poetry and the joys and pain of being right into the early lessons of life's rich journey.

This is a real pleasure to absorb and like his dad's work. These songs will repay many, many listenings. Poetic, sensitive and alive. Love it. Tour dates include Melbourne, Brisbane & Sydney in March. Next month we'll review *Leonard Cohen's* new release "Old Ideas".

The Boogies



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Accapella Singers 7.00pm, contact Jane 4093 0463
Monthly Committee Meetings every first Monday

TUESDAY: Eight Ball 7.00pm start, contact Janet 4093 7104
Bellydance 6.00 to 7.00pm, contact Lisa 0409 367 967.

WEDNESDAY: Social Tennis 6.00 to 8.00pm.

THURSDAY: Bushikai Karate 6.00 to 7.00pm, contact Darryl Griffiths 0417 630 779

FRIDAY: Social Night 5.00pm BBQ and sports and board game options

SATURDAY: Bushikai Karate 10.00 to 11.00am, contact Darryl 0417 630 779

SUNDAY: Yoga 10.00 to 11.00am. Contact Aileen 4093 7401

Film Club first Sunday of every month. 4.00 to 8.00pm. Contact Margaret 4093 8393 and Social Tennis 6.00 to 8.00pm

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

Basketball: Anyone interested in using the Backboards contact Gary 4093 8399

Kuranda Soccer Club: If you are interested in helping the Club or want to volunteer some time and energy: Contact: Melina; 4093 7287, Gary & Linda; 4093 7109, Monika: 0418 902 016.

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"See the Lights"

Kuranda Recreation Centre

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Kuranda Recreation Centre hosted the AGM on Saturday 18th February and there was a changing of the guard with the election of some new committee members and new positions for existing members.

The new committee includes:

- Mike Richardson – President
- Gary Davis – Sports Co-ordinator
- Terry Blacktopp – Secretary
- Leone Durant – Treasurer
- Janet Hoye – Bookings and Event Co-ordinator
- Arch McArthur – Grants Co-ordinator and Maintenance
- To be confirmed – Media and Marketing.

Congratulations to all the committee who have ensured that the KRC continues to diversify and sustain the objectives of the centre.

A big thank you to all the past committee members for their contributions and their efforts in assisting the KRC to function as a sustainable venue into the future; they are gratefully appreciated.

Meanwhile, the past Treasurer, Larn Barrett was recognised for her contributions, while it is unfortunate that Dave McDonald has had to move on as caretaker. His efforts were recognised at a recent BBQ held as a show of thanks and to farewell him on his journey.

The KRC has presented an Expression of Interest to the public to locate another caretaker to continue Dave's work.

As advertised in last month's *Kuranda Paper*, a terrific opportunity exists for a unique entrepreneur to take advantage of the commercial kitchen which is now available for use. If you believe that this could benefit you or someone you know, please contact Arch in the first instance for a brief.

The KRC has now a number of Responsible Servers of Alcohol (RSA) to share the needs of the bar and this allows the KRC to open the bar more regularly as demands grow for functions and regular use.

New Volunteers: If you want to give us a helping hand please give Arch McArthur a call on 4093 7511 or Gary Davis on 4093 7388. We are always looking for players and coaches, organisers, events coordinators, committee people, finance and legal advisors, and ideas on how to improve the Centre for your use.

Social Nights: The bar is still open every Friday 5.00pm until late, with a meal offered to the regulars and guests. Boulez, volley ball, netball and twilight soccer are also options for Friday night socials.

Hire: The Centre is being used by a number of groups that take advantage of the location, and we encourage anyone to make contact if there is something that you may like to get off the ground but can't find a suitable location. There is ample parking available in this unique location. There is also a number of chairs and tables for hire should you wish to cater for a home function.

Recent Events: Kuranda Eight Ball Association hosted their sign-on evening with many enthusiasts turning up to participate in this year's competition. Come and see the action and skill of the players on Tuesday evenings.

Soccer Report: This year has the Kuranda Rangers in a great position to take advantage of the revamped Tableland Soccer Competition being organised by the State body that welcomed the addition of the resurgent teams into the competition. For all prospective players up to the Under 12 age group, this presents a real playing experience and entry level into competitive team sport.

At very short notice, Gary Davis assisted by Terry Blacktopp secured the Rangers their rightful place in this comp after being disappointingly rejected last season due the disorganisation of the previous establishment.

Home games are on the agenda this year, so the action will be furious with teams getting ready to take on the district's more seasoned players.

Future Events: An invitation will be sent out to all members, their guests and prospective members, to attend a meet and greet function for the new committee members. If you want to explore what the KRC can offer you, your team, or associates, come along and make your own value call.

With the new levels of membership available, there are options to suit everyone!

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There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband...

A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom.

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Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Hi Darling", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say 'hello'?"

Churchill and Italian Cruise Liners

The current plight of the Costa Concordia reminds me of a comment made by Churchill.

After his retirement he was cruising the Mediterranean on an Italian cruise liner and some Italian journalists asked why an ex British Prime Minister should chose an Italian ship.

"There are three things I like about being on an Italian cruise ship" said Churchill.

"First their cuisine is unsurpassed. Second their service is superb. And then, in time of emergency, there is none of this nonsense about women and children first".





Full steam ahead for Mareeba Airport redevelopment

A staged plan and timeline for construction for the \$13.3 million redevelopment of the Mareeba Airport has been formally adopted by Tablelands Regional Council.

"We have finalised the design,

finalised the delivery mechanism that will be delivered over time in three stages," Tablelands Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The first step is to deliver a useful and useable airstrip for up to 45,000 kg and all the necessary facilities for the development of an aviation industrial estate."

Council has opted to strengthen the existing runway, main taxiway and apron to accept aircraft up to 45,000kg in weight which will allow for the landing of heavy aircraft such as the Dash 8-100, the C130 Hercules and some jet aircraft under certain conditions.

Cr Gilmore said redevelopment of the airport had the capacity to bring benefits to the whole region – both in the construction phase and once the works were completed.

"We want to this project to be job incubator for whole region – we would hope that local companies will tender for works associated with the construction and be cost competitive in that process, and once the redevelopment has been completed, there will be potential for jobs to be created in aviation-related activities."

A Report tabled at Council meeting outlined potential business opportunities that would flow from the redevelopment such as:

- Heavy maintenance of up to Code 3C aircraft, predominately Dash 8-100 aircraft
- Spray painting for up to BAe146-300 aircraft

- Helicopter maintenance and flying training
- International flying training school facility
- General Aviation maintenance, workshops and storage hangers
- Aviation support facilities and services e.g. avionics and aircraft sales
- Freight consolidation and distribution
- Additional refuelling facilities; and,

- Other aviation related activities.

Stage 1 of the redevelopment involves:

- Undertaking stormwater drainage works
- Strengthening the sub-grade of the existing runway and re-sheet with sprayed bitumen seal
- Construction of additional taxiways on the western, southern and northern sides of the runway
- Construction of the helicopter apron
- Construction of the Aviation Industrial Precinct, utilities, taxiways, aprons, fuel facilities, and access road at the western end of the airport
- Construction of an engine run-up bay at the western end of the airport including a hydrant style water outlet for agricultural aerial spraying and fire bombing operations; and,
- Construction of a portion of the flight training school apron sufficient to accommodate up to 20 aircraft.

Tenders for the drainage works will be advertised this weekend, with works expected to commence by the end of April and be completed by the end of June.

Tenders for the works associated with the runway, taxiways, aprons, and industrial park will be advertised in April, with works expected to be completed by December 2012.

"...will allow for the landing of heavy aircraft such as the Dash 8-100, the C130 Hercules and some jet aircraft..."

Council supports funding application for Malanda Falls Visitor Centre

Council has supported a funding application to Regional Development Australia that, if successful, would double the funds available to re-build the Malanda Falls Visitor Centre.

The former Malanda Falls Visitor Centre was destroyed by fire in 2010. Council will now seek to leverage its insurance payout against the \$1.3m funding application to the RDA.

If successful, the centre will be constructed to be an exceptional attraction in its own right, with world-class interpretive facilities, examples of alternative power supply, natural rainforest trails and swimming holes and an amphitheatre for indigenous and other spectacles.

It will also act as a "launch-pad" for many other attractions in the region, allowing visitors to choose particular themes of interest and obtain itineraries that take them through the region to the associated attractions.

The centre would feature technologically-based interpretive displays that feature the creation of the Atherton Tablelands through geological time, through to the unique flora and fauna of the Wet Tropics Mabi rainforest.

Bringing the region's violent geological history back to life, the educational displays would provide a dramatic insight into the volcanic origins of the landscapes seen on the Atherton Tablelands today.

If the funding application to RDA is successful, the new centre could be completed by early next year.

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Approvals begin to flow for disaster funds works

Tablelands Regional Council has received approval from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for \$9.64 million of works to repair roads damaged in the 2011 wet season.

The approvals are part of \$58 million of grant applications which were submitted to the authority after Cyclone Yasi. Council is still awaiting approval on the remainder of the applications which include works to 83 roads throughout the region. Council is still to make another two submissions.

Works that have been approved include Springs Road, Chewko Road, Bilwon Road, Euluma Creek Road, Channel Road, Chisari Road, Springmount Road and the Tolga Kairi Road.

Council has already completed restoration works at Barang Street, Kuranda and has completed the new Fig Tree Close Bridge at Malanda.

Tenders for Chewko and Springs Road have been awarded, while tenders for the remainder of the works approved by the authority are expected to be advertised in the next month.

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Gina

Dengue and severe dengue: key facts

- Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection.
- The infection causes flu-like illness, and occasionally develops into a potentially lethal complication called severe dengue.
- The global incidence of dengue has grown dramatically in recent decades.
- About half of the world's population is now at risk.
- Dengue is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates worldwide, mostly in urban and semi-urban areas.
- Severe dengue is a leading cause of serious illness and death among children in some Asian and Latin American countries.
- There is no specific treatment for dengue/severe dengue, but early detection and access to proper medical care lowers fatality rates below 1%.
- Dengue prevention and control solely depends on effective vector control measures.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the primary vector of dengue. The virus is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female mosquitoes. After virus incubation for 4–10 days, an infected mosquito is capable of transmitting the virus for life.

Infected humans are the main carriers and multipliers of the virus, serving as a source of the virus for uninfected mosquitoes. Patients who are already infected with the dengue virus can transmit the infection (for 4–5 days; maximum 12) via Aedes mosquitoes after their first symptoms appear.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito lives in urban habitats and breeds mostly in man-made containers. Unlike other mosquitoes Ae. aegypti is a daytime feeder; its peak biting periods are early in the morning and in the evening before dusk. Female Ae. aegypti bites multiple people during each feeding period.

Dengue fever is a severe, flu-like illness that affects infants, young children and adults, but seldom causes death. Dengue should be suspected when a high fever (40°C/104°F) is accompanied by two of the following symptoms: severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pains, nausea, vomiting, swollen glands or rash. Symptoms usually last for 2–7 days, after an incubation period of 4–10 days after the bite from an infected mosquito.

Would you like to do a First Aid course?

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What: Apply First Aid Plus

When: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March 2012

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Book Review

“How Culture Makes Us Human”

by Dwight W Read
(Left Coast Press, 2012)
ISBN 9781 59874 5894 RRP \$29.95

THERE is an ongoing and important debate as to whether, as part of the evolution of all living things, human beings are just another animal species, albeit a slightly more advanced animal than others, or whether they are really in a different category or “kingdom” to that of animals even though they share many genetic similarities.

That is, whether human beings are unique in themselves in some very important respects, with special qualities and attributes beyond those found in animals, and which so differentiate them from the animals that they should be separately categorised and regarded. This is not a debate about whether human beings have evolved over a long period of time – the scientific evidence is fairly clear that we have so evolved over millions of years. Rather it is a debate over the correct categorisation of human beings in their modern form and species.

Much turns on this debate, extending to the very nature of civilisation and its future. Those that advocate the former view that we are just animals will stress the animalistic qualities and attributes of humans – the struggle for survival, the potential for anger, self protection, greed and even violence and savagery – said to be inherent/inherited traits. Those that advocate the latter view that humans are unique in certain important respects will downplay (but not dismiss) these negative qualities and attributes and will stress the potential for humans, properly educated and guided, to exhibit higher qualities and attributes – appreciation of art and beauty, spirituality, love and compassion, tolerance and respect, justice and selflessness, foresight and vision, investigation, discovery and innovation, organisation, cooperation and helpfulness.

Dr Read, a distinguished Professor at the University of California and a mathematician and anthropologist, brings a fresh new perspective to this debate. Taking the cultural approach, he examines the existence of rudimentary culture that exists in the higher animals, a factor that can be seen from one perspective as finding its logical evolution and culmination in human culture. On the other hand he examines the question whether the human transition to a much more highly developed culture is so radical a jump as to make a comparative consideration of

rudimentary animal culture of little relevance.

Dr Read states that he begins the book from the premise that human societies are in fundamental ways unlike any other animal society. They are unique, as evidenced by the increasing complexity of their social organisation. Yet what makes for that uniqueness cannot be measured in any simple way. It is much more complex than the capacity to use tools or to develop a fully-fledged language ability. The differences, he says, do not lie in any one behaviour, but more broadly in the cognitive and conceptual capacities that humans bring to bear on their specific forms of social behaviour, not based on genetically determined behaviours. Human societies have evolved and become much more elaborate since the Upper Paleolithic period without additional genetic changes, in ways that our ancient ancestors would find unimaginable.

He concludes:

“The key innovation ... marking the transition from non-human primate to human social systems and making us humans and not just another primate species is the introduction of cultural ideas and relation systems upon which human systems of social organisation and structure are founded”

The approach taken in this book no doubt reflects Dr Read’s expertise in the field of cultural evolution and kinship. Others would argue that the aspects of cultural uniqueness and organisational capacity are only some of the aspects that constitute the uniqueness to be found in human beings. But Dr Read does help to dispel simplistic and commonly held notions as to the difference between human beings and the higher animals. In doing so, he also helps to dispel the simplistic view that human beings are just another animal, a view which in the reviewer’s opinion holds little credibility, and worse is positively dangerous.

The book makes an important contribution to this debate. And in the process it makes excellent but challenging reading.

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Kuranda Aquatic Centre News

Well, all programs are functioning for the community at the moment with all sorts of activities being enjoyed in and around the pool. From Birthday parties to Swim Marathons it's all happening.

The College Swimming program got underway this week with kiddies from Grade 1 right through to Grade 12 getting chances to swim. Mr. Cav at the primary and now myself with the high schoolers, are seeing students between 9.00am and 3.00pm every weekday. The College's Carnival will be held in the last week of term later in March.

As well, at the moment the Steiner School have all of their Year 3 and 4 students coming in Tuesdays for 8 weeks to do a Learn-to-Swim program within their P.E curriculum. This involves 2 class teachers, parent helpers and groupings being developed to support stroke development, safety and lifesaving.

It is exciting to see so many youngsters benefitting from Aquatic's Programs and knowing all the time we are building confidence and sound relationships in the community.

Our own Learn-to-Swim programs are all going busily at the moment with 5 afternoons and 4 mornings available for Learn-to-Swim, Stroke Development and Squads. Morning 7.30am Squads are

proving more and more popular with up to a dozen children swimming in the early morning light on Wednesdays and Fridays.

A big couple of local events we are tied to in the next weekends are **The Rotary Swimarathon for Say No to Polio campaign**. This global event **will be held this Saturday the 25th of February**, 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Swimmers get sponsored to swim a targeted number of laps and monies raised contribute to eradicating Polio. Rotary have been involved in this fight for many years and the local branch has been happy to link up with us and some swimmers to complete the fundraiser.

Food and entertainment will add to the day, so come along and have a "dip for a cause".

The other event is the **Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club Sign On** also on **the 25th of February**, 1.00pm to 5.00pm. As the Soccer season draws near the players need to sign up by coming to the pool during this Saturday and showing proof of identity and filling out registration papers for Season 2012 which will start during March at the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

Cheers in Swimming,
Gary and Linda Davis



How To Fix Anything

I have heard it bandied around the village that these days when your average modern technology is on the fritz you simply must get in the professionals... Ha! Look, there is less to these gadgets internally than a bit of cunning Asian plumbing and I reckon if you have got a little tiny bit of nous you can pick up on where the blighter has snafued its working bits.

Many years ago, when socks were darned and band-aids were the remedy for almost fatal dog attacks, and salt water could cure a sickly tummy, there were old men down the road where we lived who had an answer for everything. These days we call that class of being a politician, but back in the day they were men content to garnish praise from mending little Jimmy's bicycle or tuning a motor car with a hammer handle stuck to their ear.

Still we are not fundamentalists looking to turn the clock back to day one – we just want things to work beyond their warrantee expiration date, and I for one don't think that that is too much to expect. While I know that many of you are so disgustingly wealthy that you throw away your paper plates after one BBQ, well not me boyo! If it doesn't work, regardless of whatever 'it' is, off comes the cover and in I dive.

Now I can hear murmurs out there that that may entail some peril {from the Latin Periculum: danger, risk.} but don't you worry about that, as I mentioned, the warrantee and any chance of tracking down the creator of this worrisome article have both vanished into the mist of time lost and things forgotten. However, if the item in question has an electrical cord attached it may be fortuitous to unplug it from the mains. Having said that and if you are ready to follow my instructions carefully there is no item in the entire household that is beyond redemption.

Take, for instance the internal workings of the average washing machine, given that for a mere \$80 per hour you can employ the services of a seasoned professional to drive directly to your front door and with a smile, and two minutes of his time, removes the

five cent piece from the little door that you were completely unaware of and sits down with the Earl Grey that you made him (or her) and writes out a bill for said amount. While I know that he has a wife and two cars to support, I still feel that I may have had similar success – if only I had known.

Well, Mr fix-it, from now on things are gonna be different. You must take the bull by the horns, so to speak, although if it really is a bull that is the cause of your difficulties you may actually need professional help to remove the electrical cord. In regard to almost every home appliance, however, there are always two avenues of resuscitation available to the keen 'Do-it-yourselfer'. Follow this simple set of instructions and you can't go wrong – trust me.

First, unplug, then remove the outer shell and examine the mess within. The red wire is (almost always) the source of power and the green wire is something other than the source of power. If the actual cause of the problem fails to reveal itself please note that at this stage it is far too early to be swearing blood oaths of a fatwa against the manufacturer, more to the point a few judicious jabs with an insulated screwdriver may release the blocked chakra that is the root of all your problems. Finally replace the outer covering and discard any small pieces of wire or screws that are left over and reinsert the power plug and after you retire to a safe distance restore the power.

Any blue sparks that you see are merely side affects but if the article should, through no fault of your own, burst into yellow flames then it is probably wise to terminate the supply of electricity to that particular appliance.

If by any chance your intervention has resulted in a lack of success there is a burgeoning mania for Assemblage Sculpture and you may be able to create a masterpiece from a disaster.

– Pablo Sevilla



Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Rob Macaulay was quietly stalking a female Birdwing butterfly, camera in hand, as I pulled into his driveway. I sat in the car for a few minutes watching his beautiful subject fluttering from one flowering tree to the next flowering shrub. Rob's wife Lisa has built a haven for her wildlife photographer husband and her garden design, dedicated curatorial skills and ongoing garden maintenance is such a gift to Rob's passion for photography.

Where is your current studio?

In our garden in Kuranda Springs. The native trees and shrubs, and the pond, attract so many species of butterflies, frogs and birds. To satisfy my appetite for wildlife photography I very rarely have to venture out of this garden.

Do you work alone or with others?

Alone, but it is really me and my many photographic subjects. I do not need formal membership to this peaceful society.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Wildlife. Butterflies, frogs, insects, birds – I have so far identified and recorded 79 different species of butterflies, 11 frogs (not including cane toads) and 75 different birds. This garden teams with wildlife.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

There is no particular work pattern, but when the opportunity occurs, my camera is close by. Perhaps I should clarify 'night time for frogs and daytime for birds and butterflies'.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

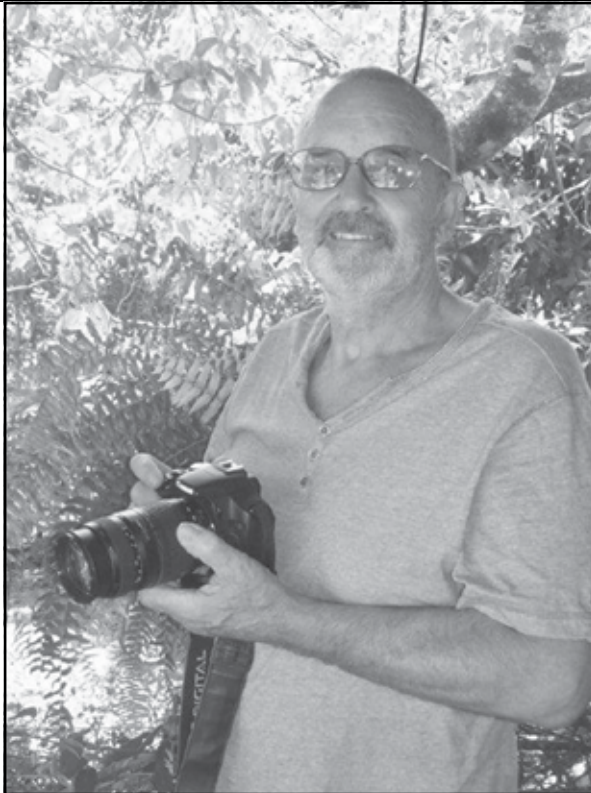
Over the years I have also painted, both watercolours and oils. [At this point in our conversation Rob draws my attention to the framed watercolour paintings on the wall; the most delicately painted botanical specimens and birds.] However, photography has now taken over. I guess it is the instant results that are so attractive, although still time consuming. I would now have to be in a different 'head space' to start painting again.

Why is photography your chosen medium?

Because it gives me so much pleasure. I have no formal art training and I could easily be called a 'point and shoot' photographer, but I am dedicated to it. I also share a living space with these many beautiful creatures and I am a naturalist at heart. I have always been very interested in butterflies and have a number of framed collections.

List three things you listen to while working.

I hear the peace and feel the quiet tranquillity of my surroundings. I listen for the bird sounds – we had a catbird calling from the garden early this morning and I



dashed out with my camera to photograph it. In the evenings I am attracted to the croaking of the many frogs around the lilypond that Lisa has created.

Your favourite tool?

My two cameras. I have a Canon SLR Digital 500D and a 1000D. They are always with me. There are many destructive factors associated with living in the tropics when it comes to the storage of negatives and photographs. We can only hope that with the introduction of digital images and the ever changing storage facilities, photography, as we know it today, has been made so much more attractive and permanent.

How do you identify your work?

On the reverse side of my work is my label "Papillio Photography" by Rob Macaulay. This is also printed on the back of my cards, however, I sign the front of my works on canvas.

How do you sell your work?

Mainly locally in galleries, shops, the Post Office and the Newsagency. I am also an involved member of the Kuranda Arts Co-operative and I have my largest display in the Co-op's gallery.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

I do sell some cards from home but I do not teach.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

No I don't. I am now retired and I am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to express my interest in photography. I also have time now to help my wife Lisa to maintain the garden.

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

I wouldn't change anything in my studio garden, but I do have a wish list for a couple of rather sophisticated macro telephoto lenses. They are a long way off yet. I currently only have a standard 75-300mm lens and an 18-55mm lens.

If you were not working with photography what would you be doing?

Photography would still come into it, but I can see myself on a round the world trip on a large yacht sailing up the Amazon, or somewhere similar, chasing butterfly studies.

Rob Macaulay was a major award winner in the recent 2012 Tablelands Australia Day 'Faces and Places' Photographic competition. Almost scooping the pool, Rob took three awards including two First Prizes and a Second prize. Rob's extraordinary and worthy award winning photographs are on display and for sale at the Arts Co-op Gallery (see Arts Co-op column on Page 16).

Rob's butterfly photograph "Delias Argenthona" features in a Government publication for HILDA (Household, Income and Labour Dynamics) – a Federal Government initiative.



THE KURANDA LIONS CLUB is having a meeting at the Kuranda Resort and Spa, which is under new management. We hope to have our meetings there in the future, on a Monday, which seems to suit most people. If you have been asked to come along and join the Lions Club, we would like to hear from you. Please phone 4093 7187, Col & Carol Jeanes.

With St Paddy's Day upon us, time for some good-natured Irish jokes:

- A Muslim was sitting next to Paddy on a plane. Paddy ordered a whisky. The stewardess asked the Muslim if he'd like a drink. He replied in disgust "I'd rather be raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips!" Paddy handed his drink back and said "Me too, I didn't know we had a choice!"
- Paddy calls the airline to book a flight. The operator asks "How many people are flying with you?" Paddy replies "I don't know! It's your f***ing plane!"
- Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site. Paddy says to Murphy "I'm gonna have the day off, I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!" He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts "I'M A LIGHTBULB! I'M A LIGHTBULB!" Murphy watches in amazement! The Foreman shouts "Paddy you're mad, go home!" So he leaves the site. Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well. Where the hell are you going?" asks the Foreman. "I can't work in the friggin' dark!" says Murphy.
- Two Irish couples decided to swap partners for the night. After 3 hours of amazing sex, Paddy says "I wonder how the girls are getting on?"
- Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbour's dog is barking like mad in the garden. Paddy says "To hell with this!" and storms off. He comes back upstairs 5 minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?" Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Let's see how they like it!"
- Mick and Paddy are reading head stones at a nearby cemetery. Mick says "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!" Paddy says "What's his name?" Mick replies "Miles, From London!"

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Arts Co-op Photographers Take Honours

The Tablelands honoured its community, sporting and cultural achievers at the 2012 Regional Australia Day celebration, held at the Atherton International Club. Co-op photographers **Rob Macaulay** and **Helen Douglas** received major awards in the 'Faces and Places' Photographic Competition.

Rob took 1st prize in the category **Creative Expression (Editing and Manipulation)** with "Bushstone Curlew" and 1st prize in **Call of the Wild (Wildlife and Nature)**. In **The Big Picture** category, Rob collected the 2nd Prize with "A peaceful place in Chilligoe".

Helen received a Highly Commended award in the **Call of the Wild (Wildlife and Nature)** category with "Macleay's Honeyeater".

These stunning award-winning photographs can be seen at the Arts Co-op Gallery.

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A German artist was awarded 2000 euros (\$2480) in compensation after an art gallery misplaced two French fries that were used as a template for his work of two gold-leafed strips forming a cross. When the artist asked for the return of his original French fries last year, the gallery failed to produce them, leading to a lawsuit. In a catalogue for the exhibition "Pommes d'Or" in 1990, Bohnenberger's work was described as being "the metamorphosis of a profane, everyday object into a sacred artwork". Gallery owner denied that the French fries had any value. However, the court ruled that the French fries had "economic value".

Read more: <http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/world/german-artist-stefan-bohnenberger-gets-2500-in-damages-for-lost-french-fries/story-e6frfkui-1226268192301#ixzz1m1kt1tFs>



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Although most small black ants look much the same to us, there are many species of them throughout Australia, and several in our local region alone. They belong to the genus *Iridomyrmex*, and are one of the most significant groups of ants in the country. Some species have incredibly large colonies spanning enormous areas, their trails running hundreds of metres with a multitude of nesting sites all linked together. Other species have colonies which are quite compact in comparison, and the whole colony may be located under the bark of the single tree in which they forage.

Black ants generally dominate the habitats they live in and play vital roles in our ecology. Many interact with other invertebrates and have mutually beneficial relationships with them. There are a number of plant eating insects that are protected by black ants, which get to drink sugary solutions secreted by the insects as a 'reward' for their protective duties. Black ants are also important to native plants as they play a role in the dispersal of seeds and in pollination.

Unlike some ant species where there is only one queen, many species of black ants have super-sized colonies with multiple queens — even hundreds. Each queen will continuously lay eggs; they are simply 'breeding machines'. Worker ants care for the eggs, larvae and pupae and go about the daily duties of finding food, expanding the nests and protecting the colony. Black ants are extremely aggressive towards invaders; this includes larger animals, other species of ants and even

other colonies of their own species. Aggressive species will patrol and protect their territories with their lives, and even the largest of intruders will be attacked. They will swarm onto the intruder, biting and spraying formic acid into the wounds. This acid gives them that familiar 'ant smell' that most people have experienced, when they have either upset black ants or squashed them.

We would have to describe black ants as part of nature's cleaning system, and they are extremely effective. All sorts of organic wastes are picked up and swept away by these industrious little workers. Throughout the country it would be literally tonnes each day. Dead animals are those most usually collected, but all sorts of organic material is taken into their nests. Recently I trimmed my fingernails in the backyard and watched in astonishment as black ants collected every single nail and struggled with them until they were cooperatively dragged into the nest. The aim of this mass collection of course is for food, but not for the adult ants; it is to feed the larvae. Adult black ants feed mainly upon sugars, which are found naturally within plants, but is one of the reasons they make their way into our kitchens!

Finding their way to and from the nest is achieved by an ingenious method of communication these

ants use — scent trails. Chemicals are left on the ground, and passed between ants, and when one ant finds something of significance, very soon the chemical message is spread to many others. If the chemical trail is lost (or wiped away on the kitchen bench), scout ants are sent out to find the food again and re-establish the trail.

As frustrating as these little acid-filled insects may be to us humans, it would be us that would struggle to survive without them. Imagine the build up of carcasses without these ants to clean them up! On the other hand, if we were to disappear they would barely miss a beat.

Alan Henderson.
Minibeast Wildlife.
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Black ants pin down and dismember a cockroach.

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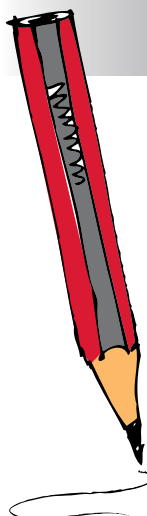
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When East Meets West – the Gohs

This month's profile is of **Tony and Sylvia Goh** of Kuranda, a truly likeable couple. Tony is of predominantly Chinese descent, perhaps with some Indonesian blood also, and was originally from Singapore, where he still has family. Sylvia was originally from England, from an old, distinguished, Anglican family with a proud military service history, and she still has some family there.

Tony grew up and was first educated in Singapore in the 1940s and 50s where his family observed a mixture of Chinese and Malay customs and were Catholics. At that time Singapore was a British possession (apart from the period of Japanese occupation from 1942 to 1945) and Singapore was a very different place to what it is today. It already had a sizable Chinese population but it was not the modern metropolis that it is today. Tony later on trained to be a teacher in Sabah as a bonded trainee teacher, and upon graduation began teaching there. Sabah at that time was still a British possession and most of the teachers were ex pats. He was sports-mad so he taught physical education.

During this time Singapore gained full self-government in 1959, and it, plus Sabah and Sarawak, became part of Malaysia in 1963, so Tony became a Malaysian citizen. In 1964, after graduating in England, Sylvia came out to Sabah with the VSO scheme and began teaching at the same school as Tony. They became friends. Then, after one year, Sylvia went back to England, attending Hull University to get her formal teaching qualifications. She returned to Sabah in 1966. She and Tony decided to marry there, a decision that flew in the face of prevailing attitudes. But they went ahead and married anyway.

Marriage between peoples of different races was still not common at that time, particularly in colonial situations where one of the partners was a European, and even more particularly where the female partner was European. Tony recalls the case of one European colonial officer who married a local girl and kept it quiet, but when the employer found out he was dismissed from his post. Generally there was a lot of discrimination against Asians in the colonies. It is hard now to envisage the prejudiced attitudes of the times, things having changed so much in a comparatively short time since, but it took a lot of courage at that time to marry the person you loved across those perceived boundaries. Tony and Sylvia had plenty of it, despite



some opposition within their families.

They went on to have two children in Sabah, a girl and a boy. Tony went to England in 1967/8 to concentrate on his phys education studies so as to acquire recognised qualifications. He represented Sabah at the Borneo Games and again at the Malaysian National Games as the assistant manager of the teams. He coached in athletics. But he also put in for immigration approval to move with his family to Australia, which was granted. They did not move straight away. When Singapore left Malaysia, Tony suddenly found himself without a permanent position in Sabah, so in 1971 he successfully put in for a three-year position at the prestigious Singapore International School, regaining his Singapore nationality. Sylvia taught there also. Then they

all left after two years at that School and moved to Australia.

Settling in Rockhampton, Tony and Sylvia both took up teaching again at local schools. Then Tony decided to take on a change of work so he acquired a small farm near Rockhampton. Tony has green fingers and loves gardening, so he began growing vegetables for sale. He was moderately successful but it was hard work. He and Sylvia made friends in the area and Tony still likes going down to visit them from time to time.

Tony retired in November 2003, sold the farm and they both moved to their lovely property in Kuranda where they now live. They have four grandchildren. The family of one of their grandsons lives in Brisbane, and the family of the other three grandsons live in England. Despite both of them slowing down, with some vision problems, Tony still likes to potter in his garden and is often seen giving potted plants away to friends. Sylvia also works hard to keep the property trim and tidy. The garden looks beautiful, with extensive rolling lawned areas, flowers, fruit trees and vegetables. Sylvia keeps busy with her activities in the CWA and they are both active members of the Catholic Church.

Always welcoming and friendly, they are a great addition to the cultural blend that is the Kuranda community.

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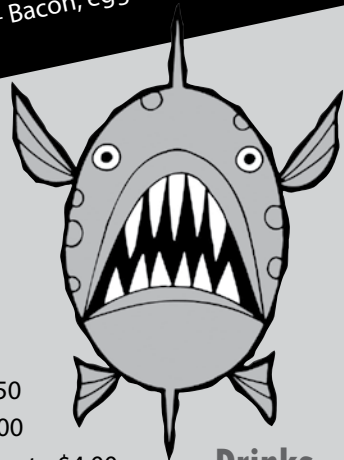
Steak Sandwich (toasted) \$8.00 Lot \$10.00

Grilled Chicken Burger \$7.00 Lot \$9.00 with mayo

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Cas & Kass





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Holiday Essay Contest Winners –

Ages 7-13: First place winner Ori Cobham from Kuranda (*see his winning essay on page 25 of this edition of The Kuranda Paper*) and Second place winner Jaime Gunton of Mareeba.

Ages 14-18: First place winner Rebecca Johnson of Malanda and Second Place winner Luke Fowler of Mareeba.

Congratulations to our winners and a special thank you to all who entered! I had such a great time reading all of the submissions!

National Year of Reading March Events –

We are very lucky to have local crafters from the CWA and the Kuranda community who will be holding craft demonstrations this month.

Tuesday, 6th March – Scrap Booking Demonstration & Discussion
10am-11am - limit 10

Wednesday, 7th March – Floral Art Demonstration & Discussion
10am-11am - limit 10

Tuesday, 13th March – Card Making Demonstration & Discussion
10am-11am - limit 10

Tuesday, 14th March – Embroidery Demonstration & Discussion
10am - 11am - limit 10

Tuesday, 20th March – Off The Page Demonstration & Discussion
10am-11am - limit 10

Wednesday, 21st March – Jewellery Demonstration & Discussion
10am - 11am - limit 10

Wednesday, 28th March – Knitting & Crochet Demonstration & Discussion (bring needles if you have them)
10am - 11am - limit 10

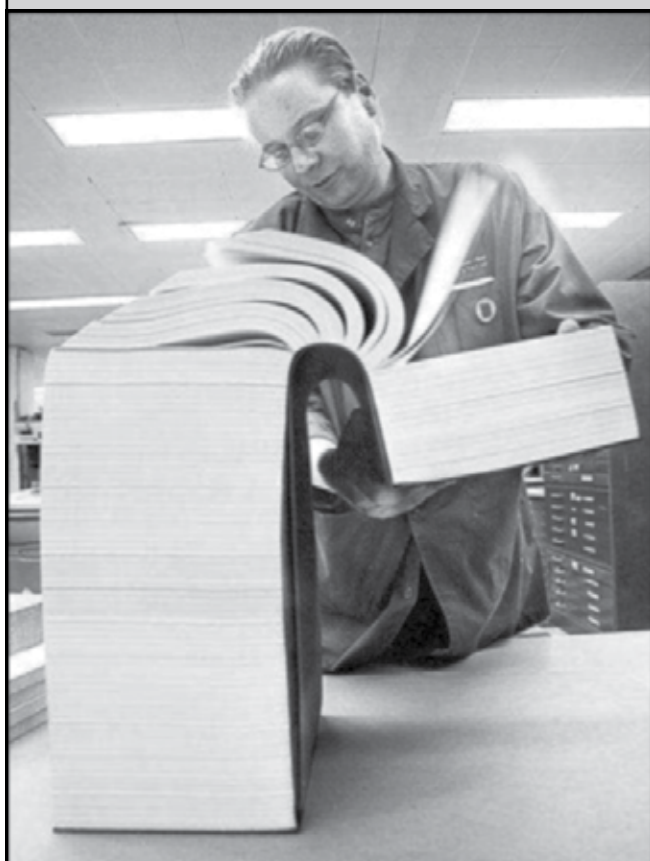
Wednesday, 29th March – Natural Skin Care Production Demonstration & Discussion
10am - 11am - limit 10

Bookings are essential so please come by or call the library at 4093 9185.

Cheers,
Chrissy & Ros

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A Thought for March

THIS month our reading is taken from St Mark's Gospel Chapter I verses 40-45. Did the early Christians remember this episode of Jesus healing the leper because of something special about Jesus' response to the leper? The words that leap off the page for me are those words Mark uses to describe Jesus responding to the request. Mark says that Jesus stretched out his hand "in warm indignation." I find my mind wants to explore that, to try to picture that scene, to feel the texture of that beautiful moment. Why warm indignation?

The way you and I are approached for anything can make a tremendous difference to our response, as we all know. Somebody approaches us demanding, arrogantly, selfishly, and we close up. Listen to this leper approaching Jesus. "If only you will," he says, "you can cleanse me." There is something enormously attractive about him.

Here is a human being who has retained the capacity for trust in the face of all that he has been through with this hideous affliction. Friends have gone, family has been cut off, and others avoid him at all costs. Yet here he is quietly and graciously - albeit, I am sure, desperately and anxiously making his plea to one in whom he can see love and grace, and from whom he knows healing to be possible. His approach evokes an immediate response of affirmation from Jesus. 'Indeed I will,' he says, "Be clean again."

What does the episode say to us? All of us are in some sense "lepers." If to be a leper means to be wounded or cut off from others in some way, then all of us are touched by various forms of leprosy. The very heart of the Christian faith is the conviction that Jesus can be approached in our day as surely and effectively as during his earthly life. Jesus is not merely a past source of grace. Jesus is a present help.

How then might we make our approach? If this long-ago leper has anything to teach us, it is that we should approach Jesus in a spirit of trust. "You can cleanse me," said that magnificent suffering man. I suspect Jesus' warm indignation arose from seeing such a fine human being suffering such affliction.

Again, we are only beginning to realise today the infinitely complex relationships between our physical life and our attitudes. Perhaps Jesus, with his healing power, realised immediately that there were immense resources in this man to effect his healing. They had only to be released and they would affect his body. Such realities are happening every day in the continuing work of God's healing among us. So the long-ago encounter of this suffering man and Jesus becomes for us the Good News for humanity.

News from St Saviour's Church

In January we were very pleased to welcome Elena Ciobo back to St Saviour's as our guest speaker. Elena is with Youth with a Mission, (YWAM) and is based in Mumbai, India. St Saviour's helps to sponsor Elena in her work.

We had a great Australia Day. It began with a service at 9.30, followed with morning tea where our dampers were judged. The day concluded with Midsomer Dinner night.

Possum Corner Op Shop is back in full swing after the short Christmas break and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Cakes and books are also back on Saturday March 3rd from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

February began with the service of Candlemas, (the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple). It was a very hot night and our candle holders nearly melted in the heat. The service was followed by a delicious supper.

On Tuesday the 21st we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake dinner; the next day is Ash Wednesday and we are having two services one at 7.30 am and the other at 7.30 pm.

Lent is a time for spiritual exercise, growth and preparation for Holy Week and Easter; St Saviour's will be holding a weekly Lenten Study and dinner at the Church on Sunday evenings commencing at 6.30 pm.

St Saviour's Sunday school meets each week during the 9.30 service with great teachers as we now focus our studies and services on the journey towards Good Friday and Easter.

Thought of the Month from the Baha'i Faith

"Man must be a lover of the light, no matter from what dayspring it may appear. He must be a seeker of the truth, no matter from what source it come. If we are lovers of the light, we adore it in whatever lamp it may become manifest, but if we love the lamp itself and the light is transferred to another lamp, we will neither accept nor sanction it. Attachment to the lantern is not loving the light... Therefore, we must follow and adore the virtues revealed in the Messengers of God - whether in Abraham, Moses, Jesus or other Prophets - but we must not adhere to and adore the lamp."
(Abdu'l-Baha)

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

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

Study Circles on spiritual themes beginning soon every Sunday afternoon at a Kuranda home, please feel free to enquire.

Baha'i New Year (Naw Ruz) Wednesday 21 March - a time for celebration, please join us. Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Tolga, Malanda and other places.

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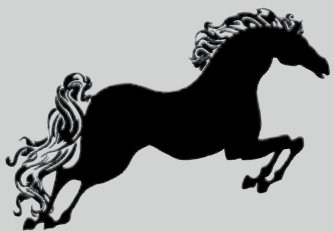
From the Baha'i Community of the Tablelands

Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*The reason divorce is so
expensive is because it is
worth it.*





Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well the sign up and AGM has been held, with all the positions being retained by the previous year's committee.

So a big thank you to our President Dot Mclauchlan, Vice President Judy Pope, Secretary Christine Hewitt, Treasurer Fionna Lane.

We have a few new families who have joined the club and we welcome you and hope your time with Kuranda Horse and Pony Club is a very enjoyable one.

The first Rally day held at the clubs grounds out on Myola Road was on Saturday 18th February. So I will put in an update on how that went in the next paper. Our rally days are held each fortnight from this date and this year it will be a little different as we will hold a Saturday rally from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Then, from the weekend of the 3rd and 4th March, Sunday rallies will also be offered. So you may attend one or both; it's up to you.

For weather reports to see if the rally will be cancelled due to bad weather contact Di Curtis 40 930 379 (Saturday) or Judy Pope 40 937 199 on Sunday).

Events that are coming up are: Saturday 25 February Marcela Atkins Clinic at the Kuranda grounds. For more info contact Fionna Lane 4093 0986 or Christine Hewitt 4093 0650. Two x one hour lessons for \$60.00 are on offer there.

Zone 18 pony club three-day camp at Tepon Park is being held on Saturday 31 March, 1 and 2 April. Any enquires for that, contact Di Curtis 4093 0379.

So until next time, Happy Riding.

Di Curtis, Clubs Instructor

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A First Grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb.

It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, six-year-olds, because the last one is a classic!

First half of proverb:

Don't change horses...
Strike while the...
It's always darkest before...
Never underestimate the power of...
You can lead a horse to water but...
Don't bite the hand that...
No news is...
A miss is as good as a...
You can't teach an old dog new...
If you lie down with dogs, you'll...
Love all, trust...
The pen is mightier than the...
An idle mind is...
Where there's smoke there's...
Happy the bride who...
A penny saved is...
Two's company, three's...
Don't put off till tomorrow what you...
Laugh and the whole world laughs
with you, cry and...
There are none so blind as...
Children should be seen and...
If at first you don't succeed...
You get out of something only
what you...
When the blind lead the blind...
A bird in the hand...
And the WINNER and last one!
Better late than...

First-Grader response:

...until they stop running.
...bug is close.
...Daylight Saving Time.
...termites.
...how?
...looks dirty.
...impossible.
...Mr.
...maths.
...stink in the morning.
...me.
...pigs.
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Principals Message

A great start to the year has lifted the spirit of the staff and students at Kuranda District State College. We have commenced the year with many programs and strategies designed to raise the standard and deliver excellent outcomes for all students. Obviously we are extremely proud of the OP scores our college achieved in 2010/11 with the college topping the region for percentage of students on the OP1 -10 ranges. Whilst our numbers are small in the senior year our school continues to deliver quality outcomes for students.

Our college has moved a great distance in the last couple of years with our data reflecting a completely different picture for the upper year levels. Below is a data story showing the percentages of students achieving a QCE (Senior Certificate) or Vocational qualification. The progress is brilliant and sets the benchmark for this year and into the future.

Year 12 Outcomes	2008	2009	2010	2011
% students Awarded QCE	40%	28%	65%	84%
% of students Awarded one or more Vet Qualifications	30%	22%	80%	88%
% of Students who were not Awarded QCE, Vet or OP	40%	50%	15%	4%

*Year 12 distance travelled from 2008 - 2011

We will continually reinforce the College's number one commitment to improve reading, writing and numeracy. This is a clear focus from the earliest year levels and more and more the parents are becoming focused on this learning journey. We are now recognised for being an Explicit Teaching school which describes the teaching methods we are adopting to reach our targets. Parents and the community are welcome to come to the school at any time to discuss with me the pedagogy being used throughout the college and the new curriculum being phased into all year levels Prep to Year 10. I also invite and community members who would like to visit the school for a tour at any time during the day. There is a hive of activity and learning to witness. No appointment necessary.

Our college is continually asking parents and carers to be involved in the everyday operations of the college and again we thank and recognise the work completed by many volunteers. One area all parents can play an important role in the direction of the college is on the P&C committee. At present we are recruiting former and new parents to be involved with the college on this committee. I ask any parent interested in helping or simply coming to listen to all the news to join the P&C. Our AGM is to take place on the 19th March on the secondary campus. Please come along at 6.00pm and become involved in the school. Our school is also holding a morning tea each month for the parents and carers who are unable to make the evening meeting. This morning tea happens once a month on a Friday. All welcome, bring the little ones.

Gary Toshach

College Principal

KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE RADIO STUDIO TRAINING



Here is our latest Radio DJ talent at the helm of 88.0 HiFM, our college Radio Studio training facility courtesy of Peter McCabe, local luminary and entertainer, who has provided the licence and the initial equipment. The Radio studio has been developing the broadcast skills and oratory eloquence of countless radio DJs in the past seven years and beyond! It's a joyous experience to see the confidence and self-esteem of our students increase tenfold due to this wonderful facility. It's also incredible fun and community members are very welcome to volunteer and train alongside our students.



Living in Kuranda

Hot nights and no cyclones so far and less rain compared to last year. South East and Central Queensland, NSW and VIC have had more rain and storms than us! The latest joys in our garden have been the huge female Birdwing butterflies, baby Friar birds, Butcher birds, and Sunbirds. The latest perfume wafting into the house is the pale lemon acacia blossom. Soon it will rain though and no more sitting quietly in my garden, watching nature. But when the consistent rain arrives and soaks into the ground, are you ready to plant your vegetable garden? Are you planting seed or seedlings?

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Gardening calendar for the tropics - www.gardenate.com and www.abc.net.au/gardening/vegieguide

Here are a few hints taken from the above websites.

Plant all year: chilli, beetroot, beans, sweet corn, radish, mustard greens, malabar greens, eggplant/ aubergine, luffa/loofa, chilli.

Plant February to September: tomato, cucumber, zucchini, pumpkin, squash, silverbeet, celery, celeriac, burdock, lettuce*, carrots*, asparagus* artichoke* amaranth*, choko, Sweet Potato/Kumara (*except Christmas time) leeks. Rockmelon/Cantaloupe.

Herbs: basil, chives. Remember they don't really like soggy, wet conditions.

Asian vegetables: www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s2294625.htm

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- 15 Virtually eliminate dietary exposures to insecticides known to be developmental neurotoxins.
- 16 Reduce hormone disruptors caused by pesticides.
- 17 Give infants the nutrient building blocks they need for a healthy future.
- 18 Reduce the risk of infants' exposure to pesticides.
- 19 Reduce the risk of cancer.
- 20 Eat the best-tasting food.

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2012 Year of Reading: School holidays begin 31st March through to 15th April. A good time to play in the dirt and do some reading too?

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Time-to-Read-a-Book-when-You%27re-Busy>

Here's a selection of gardening books from Australia's own Jackie French

Soil Food – 3,764 ways to feed your garden

The Revenge of the Lettuces – here's an extract. <http://www.jackiefrench.com/topten.html>

How to Guzzle Your Garden – She says... "When I was a kid I hated gardening. Then I discovered gardens you could eat... all sorts of things to grow and munch on, how to turn your school into something you can eat, growing parsley in your joggers or potatoes in a bucket or making wattle pikelets." *Talking of schools and gardening for kids. Take a look at this website.*

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2012 Equinox

Now it really begins. The astrological year commences when the sun, from our orbital perspective, crosses the equator at the zero Aries point. So, from our relationship with the solar system and the stars of the galaxy, our so-named "2012" begins at 3.15pm, local time, on 20th March. This "New Year" is cosmically aligned and precise.

Then, at 12.38am on 23rd March, the New Moon occurs in Aries, very close to the equinoctial point. So we have a 3 day window here of absolute potential. All is new refreshed, about to begin. Like a new-born baby with a whole life cycle ahead. Fresh and innocent; trusting and confident.

How shall we use this time? Well the planet of revolution; flashes of brilliance; lightning strikes and radical change, *Uranus*, is also at the beginning of Aries, settling into a new 84 year cycle. Add to that the fact that *Neptune*, the planet of devotion, mysticism, compassion and willing sacrifice, has moved into *Pisces*, it's home sign. Deep calling to deep, beginning a 164 year cycle. *Neptune* and *Uranus* both indicate a breaking down of old structures – *Uranus* by revolution; *Neptune* by gently dissolving. They both signify alignment with higher dimensions; expanded consciousness and opening to a vaster range of universal truths. Big picture.

Jupiter is settled into *Taurus* and making a perfect harmonious trine aspect to *Pluto* in *Capricorn*. Harmony between strong planets in the earth signs brings it all down to earth. *Jupiter* – expansion, *Pluto* – transformation. Is there no limit to what we can achieve globally in the coming cycle?

Let's pretend that there isn't and with *Mars* quietly retrograde in *Virgo* the warlords have withdrawn to the sacred temple seeking absolution and guidance. OK.

Saturn's hovering around the end of *Libra* before it moves into *Scorpio*. Put it back into balance. The Earth is seething in the dark underground places.

Putting it all together we have a unique window of opportunity to turn the swords into sacred tools of food production. An end to war, and a combined peaceful effort to regain our respect for each other and all the inhabitants of our beautiful planet. It all begins with intention, this is the mother of all beginnings and so have within our reach access to the causal dimensions where intention becomes reality.

Let's use in in the best way possible. It's an offer we shouldn't refuse. *Venus* and *Jupiter*, the bright and the beautiful, align perfectly on 14th March. And make that perfect trine to *Pluto*. This is a day! Not only are these 3 planets aligned but *Mars* in *Virgo*, is also in aspect forming a rare potent grand earth trine. This is the aspect pattern which forms an equilateral triangle around the earth and brings the *Pluto*, *Jupiter*, *Mars* & *Venus* frequencies in a pulsating energy pattern. Earthing through the 3 earth signs and...well, who knows?

Wanna change the world? The 14th March is the day to set our intentions and get ready for the new day. Exciting times ahead.

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THE KURANDA PAPER

Holiday-in-a-book Competition

If I could holiday in a book it would be Eragon by Christopher Paolini. I chose this book because it has lots of adventures and magic and dragons. I would change the story a little bit, and this is how it would be.

I would be there when Eragon found the sapphire egg and I would find an emerald egg. On the same night it would hatch and we would become friends. Our dragons would grow up together.

When the Ra'zac would come to Carvahall and burn the barn down, we would chase them with Brom The Storyteller. We were not travelling very fast, so we got to the next town and bought horses. Saphira, Eragon's dragon and Emeraldal, my dragon had to hide every time we got close to a town.

When we got to Yazuac we found the town empty. Suddenly Brom saw a footprint of a Urgal and shouted 'Run!', but it was too late, four Urgals blocked the gateway. Their giant horns were sharp as knives.

Me and Eragon got our bows and arrows and shouted 'Brisingr!', the magic word for fire. The arrows shot from our bows and fire was blazing from them. The Urgals turned to dust and vanished.

That night Brom gave us a sword each; Eragon a ruby one, and me a Topaz one and he taught us how to use them, and use magic.

After we had finished training, he told us a true story. He said that the Empire was evil, and he had killed all the other good Riders.

He told us that we were the new Riders that he did not know about, and one day we would face him.

The next day was a very hot day travelling across the desert. That night we did more training and went

to bed with bruises. In the morning we reached Teirm, one of the biggest cities on the coast.

Brom said he had a friend named Jeod and that we had to change our names while we were in Teirm. We said to Saphira and Emeraldal that they had to hide while we were in Teirm.

The next morning, me and Eragon woke up and a servant told us that Brom and Jeod had gone somewhere secret. Brom left us some money that we could do whatever we wanted with, but we had to be careful.

We wandered around all day and on our way to Jeod's house we came to a purple shop and went in.

It was dark and dusty and a cat we had never seen before stared at us and said in our minds, 'Greetings, Riders. I am a werecat. My name is Solembum.'

We were shocked that he had used the same language as Saphira and Emeraldal. At that moment a lady opened the door and said, 'Hello, may I help you? My name is Angela.' We said we were Ori and Eragon.

After we came out of the shop, we went to Jeod's house. Brom and Jeod were sitting around the fireplace talking. When they saw us, Brom said, 'I have an important job for you tomorrow.'

The next day all of us tiptoed to the storeroom that had the address of the two Ra'zacs. The door was locked, so Brom opened it with magic and we crept inside.

Inside there were lots of scrolls on the ground. We quickly started looking through them and Jeod found the right one. It said that the Ra'zacs lived in Helgrind, a small town near the city Dras'leona.

The next day, we left Teirm with Brom on the horse Snowfire and me and Eragon on our dragons. When

we got to Dras'leona we stayed the night and in the morning we split up, Brom by himself and me and Eragon together.

We were walking when we saw the two Ra'zacs with an army of spearmen with them. We told Saphira and Emeraldal to tell Brom to meet us at the gate to Helgrind. When we met him there, we travelled as fast as we could to outrun the Ra'zacs army.

That night we were having dinner when I thought I saw something. A minute later a club knocked us in the head and we blacked out. When we woke up, the two Ra'zacs were standing in front of us. Our hands were tied behind our backs, but while the Ra'zacs were talking, Brom was cutting the ropes behind his back.

Suddenly, arrows started shooting out of nowhere. The Ra'zacs started running away, but one of them threw a dagger at Eragon. Brom threw himself in front of Eragon and the dagger stabbed into him.

The next day we woke up and saw a stranger sitting around the fire. Brom was lying on the ground bleeding.

Me and Eragon got up and went to Brom and our dragons were already there. When we got to Brom, he said that he was a Rider once and that his dragon had died, and he told us to protect our dragons and go to the Varden.



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CASSOWARIES and DNA

This week, cassowary enthusiasts are gathering at the nursery to learn the DNA language and better understand what the DNA test results are telling us about Kuranda's birds.

This is cutting edge stuff.

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- if you see a cassowary
- if you see a cassowary scat

FERAL PIGS

They're on the move again – Speewah and along Jumrum Creek (properties behind Green Hills Road and Fallon Road).

STOP PRESS: pig shot at Speewah this week.

SNAKES

We haven't been quite as busy as last month. Last month was chook houses, this month it has been cat lovers.

Mostly, people who cherish their cats keep them secure and locked in at night and not free to roam. But there are still some residents who make no effort to keep their cats indoors, day or night. It is hard to respond willingly to snake removal call-outs in those circumstances.

Please don't hurt a snake. They're part of the environment in which we live. Give us a call if you want one removed: 4093 8834.

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With the "wet season" teasing us with some good rainfalls here and there, plants have been leaving the nursery quicker than we can restock. We have heaps of small seedlings soaking up the sun and the rain – but you just can't hurry them along. They'll be ready when they're ready! So, you'll forgive our nursery for looking a bit lean right now.

HOWEVER, with our focus on not-so-tall trees and screen trees for rural residential and urban sized properties, we are well stocked following such a great year for fruiting (and seeding).

We make a point of propagating food trees for all the birds and butterflies, with cassowaries primarily in mind.

We found an *Acrophylla wuelfingi* - 'Wuelfing's Stick Insect' – one of the largest in the world, in the nursery.



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Kuranda Film Society
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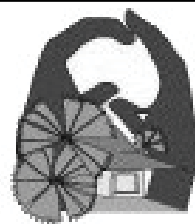
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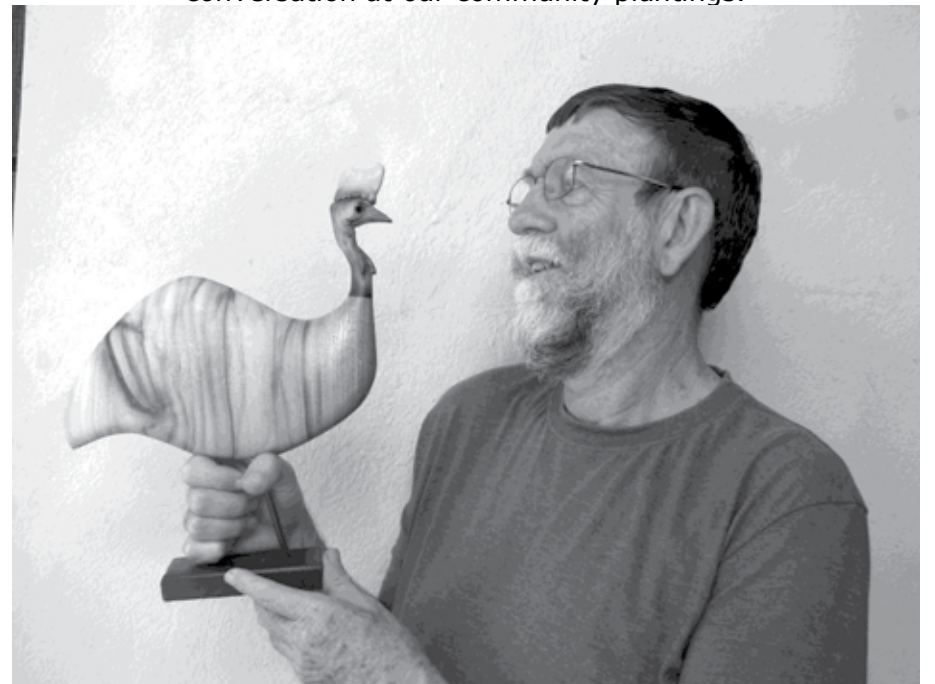
A Tribute to John Beasley Living Life to the Full – Gone too Soon

Always ready with a quick cheeky grin, John Beasley was a real environmental activist, especially in the scene here in the Wet Tropics and Kuranda. He supported Kuranda Envirocare throughout its existence, through his presidency and membership of the executive, while always mentoring others.

Really, the Cassowary Award for Community Conservation, bestowed on John in 2009, says it all in terms of his contribution. With his artist’s flare for creating beautiful sculptures in wood and stone, he applied his precision to countless hours of attending community sector group meetings with WTMA, reviewing planning scheme and development submission documents, always looking for that devil in the detail, to ensure the environmental corridors in this area had a champion and spokesman. His most recent success in leading the charge was lobbying successfully to ensure Myola zone was protected from further development under the FNQ2031 Far North Regional plan.

John had a great drive and enthusiasm, a persistent adopter of new skills, most recently digital photography and desk top publishing, acquiring a great knowledge of local flora and producing a couple of best selling reference books on native flora in Cairns, Kuranda and the Cape York area.

John, we’ll miss your trusty mattock and bright, intelligent conversation at our community plantings.



**John Beasley holding the Community Conservation
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters.
Your opinions are always welcome.

Council Budget 2012-13: Council is currently developing the 2012-13 Budget. I have already submitted a very long list of projects which hopefully will be funded. If there is anything that you would like Council to consider adding to the list for Budget consideration, please let me know. In particular, please let me know of any suggestions for major road works (understandably not all will "get a Guernsey" this coming year).

Local Government Elections 28 April 2012: Council elections will be held on **Saturday 28th April**. Please note that the date has changed due to State Government elections on 24th March. These elections will be conducted by the Electoral Commission and in the Tablelands Regional Council area, voting will be by **Postal Vote only**. You do not need to apply for a Postal Vote as Postal Voting Papers will be mailed directly to you at your enrolled address and you should receive the papers in mid April. If you do not receive your voting papers by that time, please check with the Post Office and or you can also phone the Electoral Commission ECQ Hotline **1 300 881 665** to request that your voting papers be reissued to you. You can check your electoral enrolment on the ECQ website www.ecq.qld.gov.au.

New Kuranda Visitors Centre: Funding has been approved by Council for the construction of a new Visitor Information Centre and funds will come from the Kuranda Infrastructure Fund. Tenders for the Architect design will be advertised in early March. The new (larger) Centre will be a "purpose-built" building located separately to the current toilet block building. The design brief also requires that the building be designed to complement both the community use and the tourism use of Centenary Park. The new building will not take away any park green space. A feature will be new technologies for displays and interpretative information about the area. I am very hopeful that we will see construction of the new building before the end of this year.

Recycling Strategy Plan for TRC: A strategy Plan for managing Recycling across the region is currently being developed for consideration by Council mid 2012. If you have particular comments regards this, please contact TRC Environmental Planning Officer, Kirsty Lamperd at kirstyl@trc.qld.gov.au or by phoning Council.

Strategic Plan for Coondoo Street Fig Trees: A draft Plan for the future Management of the fig trees will be presented to Council on March 7th. This Plan will provide a professional approach to securing the long-

term health and life of the 14 trees, along with a budget to carry out the works and provide a regular maintenance program.

Disaster Management Community Plan: Each local community across the Tablelands has the opportunity to develop a Disaster Management Plan specific to their local community. These plans are simple plans which focus on the specific needs of a particular local area and are designed to add to the overall District/Regional Disaster Management Plan. With assistance from Council Disaster Management staff, four local Plans will be developed in the Kuranda area (Kuranda Village, Top of the Range, Koah, Speewah Myola). If anyone would like to be involved, please contact Council's Community Disaster Planning Officer, Cheryl Matthews at cherylm@trc.qld.gov.au Ph: 4043 4162 or let me know.

RosCommon Speewah: \$32,000 has been allocated by Council for the construction of a small toilet block at RosCommon. The construction should be completed before the end of June this year.

Kuranda Community Precinct: Things are starting to happen at the Community Precinct! **Expressions of Interest** have now been submitted by community groups and individuals for use of the facilities at the Kuranda Community Precinct. A number of spaces are available, including internal carpeted areas and outside undercover areas (suitable for "wet activities") for either: long-term use up to 2 years, regular short-term use or one-off uses.

Council will be considering applications which will not disadvantage the current facilities available at the CWA Hall and the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

Tenders for the removal of the older buildings (buildings A and B) will also be considered at the next Council Meeting. Due to the high costs involved with repairs and long-term maintenance, as well as Workplace Health and Safety requirements to upgrade, Council resolved to work towards the future construction of a purpose built facility at the Community Precinct. Planning work has already commenced for the establishment of the Library at the Community Precinct. It is planned that the entire lower floor of the Block C building will be used to create a spacious community Library and resources hub, with space for small meeting rooms and additional library services for our community.

Thank you to the Kuranda Community for engaging in the extensive public consultation last year and for being

so patient. This is a complex and costly project and it will take some time until the site is able to be used to the full potential. However, things are now progressing and we can all looking forward to the exciting new developments.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Parking Study: The consultants (Bitzios) have now completed their Final Report and there are 67 Recommendations for improvements to parking, traffic management and pedestrian access around the Kuranda Village. Many of the recommendations are for minor improvements (eg. improved signage). Some can be implemented fairly quickly with limited costs involved. Others will be more long term over a number of years. The Report will be considered by Council on March 7th and will be publicly available after that date. Most importantly, the study is focussed on the needs of both local residents and tourism operations. The study and any resulting works will be subject to Council decision and will be funded from developer contributions (not from general rates).

New Aged Housing Units: Tenders for the construction of the next Aged Housing units (2 units in Harriman St and 2 units in Thoree St) will be called in early March and building should commence mid year with completion before the end of 2012. Allocation of places in these units is made by Council in conjunction with Qld Housing.

Contact at Council is Bob Graham Ph 1300 362 242.

Pet Registrations: In an effort to encourage responsible pet ownership, Council is encouraging all pet owners to have their animals registered. (\$11 for desexed animals and \$66 for entire animals). Council currently expends a lot of resources on responding to complaints about pet management.

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

Council Meetings: Council Meetings in March will be held on Wednesday March 7th in Mareeba and Wednesday March 21st in Atherton. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Requests to address Council can be made by contacting the Mayor's Office.

Congratulations: Thursday March 8th is International Women's Day. Congratulations to all the women out there. Hope you enjoy the day and can take some time-out to celebrate.



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With the last parliamentary sitting before the state election now finished, it is a good time to reflect on the some of the major reforms that have been introduced over the past three years.

So much legislation comes before the parliament these days, but for me, one of the most important was the laws we introduced to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

Everyone in our part of the world understands the economic value and environmental importance of our reef. Most people understand the threats to our reef from climate change and land based pollution. That's why we pressed ahead with our reforms to regulate and reduce the amount of sediments, nutrients and pesticides and chemicals running that are harmful to the health of the reef

We did that over some very strident but ultimately misguided opposition.

Major reform is never easy, and hardly ever universally accepted, let alone popular. But the Bligh government has been a reformist government in the best of Labor traditions.

The environment is shaping up as a key battleground in this election with major differences between Labor and the other parties already clear.

Labor will never sacrifice the long term health of our environment- the most important legacy we can leave for the next generations- to the short term gain of vested interests. Achieving the right balance is at the core of our approach.

My passion for our environment was one of the major motivating factors for me to enter politics and it will always remain so. I am proud of our environmental record, particularly in Cape York, and I strongly believe that the environmental and cultural values of the Cape are worthy of World Heritage nomination.

On the local front, I look forward to the opportunity to continue to represent the Kuranda community, a community that has been my home and which I still feel very much a part of.

Kuranda is a very diverse community with many needs. As a Labor MP, I am proud of the improvements I have secured for people most in need in this community and I am particularly pleased to have secured such a major investment in new and upgraded housing from my government. Not only will this benefit the families in need who will have 42 new homes to live in, it will benefit the entire Kuranda community as a whole.

In the future, I hope to be able to continue to work for, represent and support the Kuranda community- a community like no other I know.

As always, I am available to listen to any concerns and ideas and look forward to seeing you on the hustings over the coming weeks.



New Vehicle for Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade



Member for Barron River Steve Wettenhall has welcomed the delivery of a new operational fire vehicle worth over \$100,000 to volunteers of the Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade.

Mr Wettenhall said the new vehicle would enhance operational capacity in the Kuranda Myola area as well as surrounding districts.

"The delivery of this new vehicle reaffirms the Bligh Government's commitment to the hardworking men and women who make up our rural fire service," Mr Wettenhall said.

"This new vehicle is a purpose-built four wheel drive which comes fully fitted out to help fight bushfires and includes features like a diesel powered pump and heat reflective curtains. With an operational life of around 20 years, it will be of great assistance in keeping the community safe for many years."

While the Kuranda Myola brigade already has an existing older vehicle, this will be relocated to the Lockhardt River brigade that currently has no vehicle of their own.

Mr Wettenhall said the body of the new vehicle was removed from an appliance that was written off during the January flooding.

"Although the cab chassis was written off, the body was still serviceable as a fire appliance. I'm sure it will be of great benefit to local rural fire service volunteers during what has the potentially busy fire season."

Mr Wettenhall said the Bligh Government was committed to working with emergency services agencies to deliver safe and secure communities.

"The budget for the Rural Operations arm of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service has increased by 77% over the past five years; from \$20.2 million in 2006-07 to \$35.7 million in 2011-12," he said.

"That's a significant commitment to supporting the 34,000 volunteers who make up the Rural Fire Service.

The Government is determined to continue working with emergency services providers like the RFS to ensure Queenslanders have access to assistance in times of need."

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This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference.

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With great trepidation, his Mom looked at it and to her great surprise, Little Zachary got an 'A' in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said, 'Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?'

Little Zachary looked at her and shook his head, no.. 'Well, then,' she asked, 'Was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? WHAT WAS IT?'

Little Zachary looked at her and said, 'Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around.'



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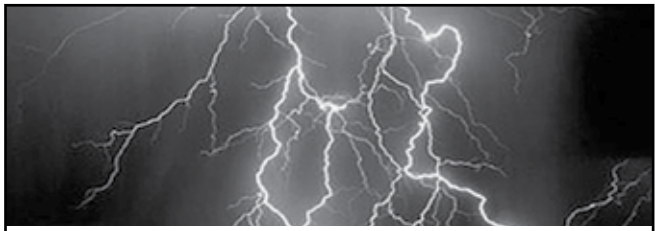
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1st Sat	Garden Group 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
Every Sun	A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599 Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361 Kuranda Film Society 4.00pm to 8.00pm Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Margaret or Hans 4093 8393
1st Sun	Uniting Church Recreation Centre 5.00 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
2nd Sun	Acappella Singing 7.00 to 8.30pm (from 30 Jan.), Recreation Centre. For more info call Jane Younghusband 4093 0463.
Every Mon.	Yoga for Seniors. 9.00am CWA Hall, Phone 4093 7401 Al-Anon Family Groups 7.00pm and 6.00pm respectively Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380 H.A.L.S. (Health Across the Life Span) Stretch and flex class. 8.45am for 9.00am start QCWA hall. Ph 4093 7617 Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109 Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Bayse 4093 7026
3rd Mon	KNC Management Committee Meeting 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
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1st Tue	Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
2nd Tue	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 Yoga at CWA Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome Soccer Training , Hunter Park, Fallon Road. 4093 7109 Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC
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2nd Wed	Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
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2nd Thur	Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
1st Friday	Health and Lifestyle. CWA Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm. (Free) Maxine 4093 9092 or Anneliese 4033 5772
Every Fri	Aqua Tonics at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre, Myola Road, 11.00am. 4093 7109. Zumba: CWA Hall. 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Contact Bryony 4093 7298
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KURANDA	9.10am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.10am	4.05pm	4.05pm
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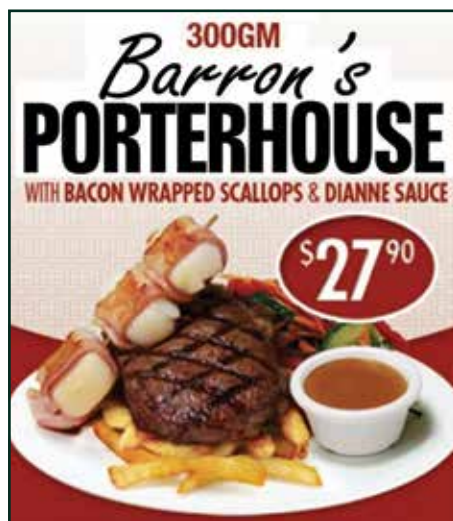


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