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What A Wild Wet



BARRON FALLS BY CHRIS DARVALL

MARCH 2018 will be remembered for delivering the kind of Wet Season we long for, or dread, according to taste and experience. Early March saw days of relentless rain which swelled creeks, filled dams and turned on Din Din (Barron Falls), eliciting local and world wide attention.

When Kuranda local Richard Gilmore took a little video of the pumping Falls on the morning of March 9th and posted it to his Facebook timeline he had no idea it would be picked up by *The Cairns Post* and *Daily Mail*, among many others, and eventually be viewed just over a million times and shared over 20,000 times. Even less likely was that he would be posting Din Din pumping again and even harder before the month was out.

Locals and visitors flocked to Kuranda, braving the wet and wild conditions to experience the roar and rumble of Din Din and to be refreshed and invigorated by the clouds of mist thrown up by the water crashing down into the Gorge on its way to the coast, and sea.

It's a truly wonderful privilege to be so lucky to experience a real wet season where Nature is unleashed, and Kuranda-ites count themselves lucky to have both the mostly tranquil beauty of the Barron River all year round and then magnificent spectacle of the Falls when we are blessed with heavy rain.

March departed as it arrived, wet and wild and wonderful, with a huge dumping of rain pulled in from the Coral Sea by Cyclone Nora which crossed the western Cape on the night of March 25th. But the final flourish was a staggering amount of rain dumped across the Barron River catchment on the night of March 26th. The Bureau of Meteorology reported rainfall totals of 100mm an hour in areas west of Cairns, including the Kuranda District. Creeks, paddocks, bridges all disappeared under an inland sea of water.

The Kuranda Railway station recorded an official total of 166mm overnight for March 26th, making the total for March, as this Paper goes to press, a staggering 1170mm.

The Wet is not officially over yet but should it finish tomorrow no one can say we haven't had a truly memorable one this year, with all the dams, tanks and watersheds topped up. Certainly one for the record books and photo albums. Thank you to all who have shared their photos with us.



BARRON FALLS LOOKOUT BY SUZANNE LENNOX



FLOODED ROAD AT KOAH BY SAM SMEATON



BARRON RIVER JETTY BY MELISSA FRANCIS CLINTON



LITTLE ROAD BY BAZ CHILD



WARRIL CREEK BRIDGE 27TH MARCH BY NEIL DAVIS



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BANNER PHOTO by Koah Resident Marc Jaschok. "The Barron River, up from where the Clohesy River joins it, taken by a DJI Phantom drone on Friday 9th March".

FEATURED PHOTO: Local Kuranda youngster Maya enjoys viewing the Falls from the shelter of her big umbrella, March 9th. Photo by Yamuna Sztraka, Kuranda



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Watch Out Warril Drive – Here They Come!

At the MSC meeting of 26th April 2016, Reeve and Ocean
applied for several permanent road closures on the Barnwell
property. The Council had no objections for the following
reasons:

**“While these unused road reserves ultimately
could form a link from Barnwell Road to the Kennedy
Highway via the Warril Drive Estate, the link is not
considered to be appropriate now or in the future.**

Warril Drive has been designed as a low volume rural
residential road access and all lots fronting it are fully
developed which does not allow much opportunity for any
upgrade works to handle the greatly increased traffic flows
likely to be generated by this link.

Therefore, as the formed section of Barnwell Road
currently stops at the property and no future linkages are
considered appropriate, it is recommended that Council
approve the application for the road closures.”

**By agreeing to this, MSC effectively gifted some 26
hectares to the proponent!**

The **Initial Advice Statement** for KUR-World from
Reeve and Ocean stated:

“The southern portion of the site also has lawful access
from unformed road reserves, albeit not necessarily practical
access via **Mt Haren Road and Warril Drive**, both of
which are accessed from The Kennedy Highway. These
accesses are not yet constructed and it is intended that **NO**
substantial traffic will use them, other than for maintenance
and infrastructure requirements.”

Now the developer has had the audacity to submit a plan
that is in direct conflict with both the MSC's stated position
and their own Initial Advice Statement. **They have named
Warril Drive as a main access point** to their proposed
sub division.

Is this yet another example of the sheer contempt this
developer holds for both the MSC and the residents of
Kuranda?

Julie Cohen, Kuranda

MSC: Signage

I have lost count of the many occasions on which I have been
driving down Coondoo Street in the 'shared area' (10kph) and
get either tailgated or roared past by other motorists doing at
least 30–40kph. Some even have the audacity to toot horn or
make a derogatory gesture. I am sure that many locals are not
even aware (or care) that the speed kimit is 10kph in Coondoo
Street. The signs at each end of the 'shared area' are nowhere
near clear or visible enough. MSC: do something before a
pedestrian is injured.

Kuranda Resident

Increase in Flights

The Koah airstrip application for increasing the current
approval of 52 flights a year to 365 and the number of
pilots from one to thirteen has been passed by Council.
This is despite 169 submissions being recorded against the
application, expressing their concerns about safety, loss of
privacy and sound level. An amendment moved by Councillor
Angela Toppin reduced the maximum flights allowed from
six to one a day, a flight being one take off and one landing.
This is still a huge increase on the 52 flights a year that are
currently approved.

The Council decision was not unanimous. Councillors
Mary Graham, Alan Pedersen, Angela Toppin and Mayor Tom
Gilmore voted for the increase in flights. Councillors Lenore
Wyatt, Kevin Davis and Nipper Brown voted against the
increase in flights, highlighting the widespread community
concern and the change in amenity. After a huge effort by
the Koah community, it is good to know that at least three
Councillors have been listening. We can only hope the pilot
has heard us too.

Sarah Isaacs, Koah

Frog Hospital Relocation

Thanks kindly *Kuranda Paper* for running our article in your
March issue. We just wanted to add Speewah to our preferred
list of places to relocate. If there are sales under \$350K or
caretaker cottages for long-term rent, please contact Frog
Safe, Inc. on (07) 4088 6572. THANKS!

Deborah Pergolotti, President Frog Safe Inc.

Community Grant For Computer Use

Computer Courses Survey request to enable me to apply for a
Community Grant for (older) residents to know more about
the use of their computers and or electronic notepads.

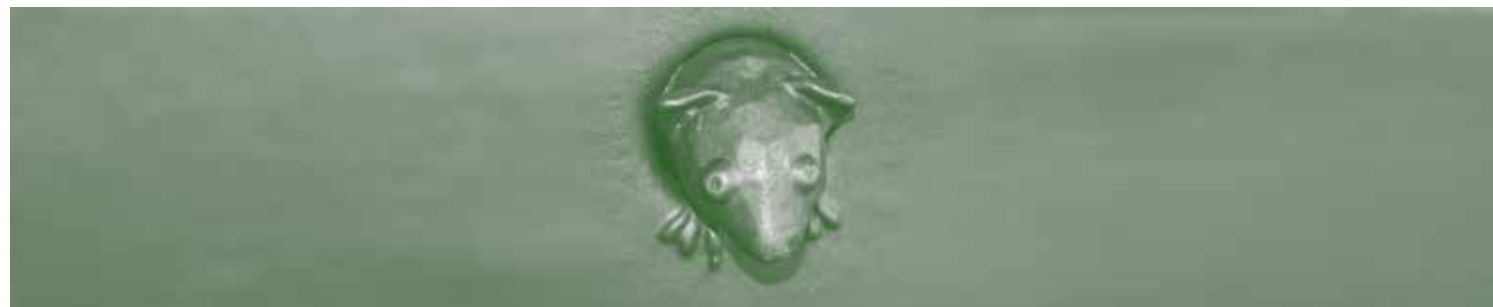
M.S.C. Susan Parsons is supporting my project and has
given me possible grant application sites and assistance.
I need to know who would like a bit of computer coaching.
Please inform interested friends – don't forget those who do
not 'do' or have Facebook to receive this message.

The Grant consideration would cover:

- Small groups (large groups learn very little).
- Close venue (travel is out of the question for some older persons).
- Lesson costs for students to be subsidised.
- Trained paid facilitator.
- Purchase of a number of reasonably priced devices.
- Service Provider internet connection (we now have mobile reception here so could go Wi Fi rather than use the land line in the Fire Brigade Shed).

I have been toying with this idea for quite a long time but
need to begin somewhere.

Please contact *Yvonne Thomson* H: 4093 0211



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RSL Profile

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER A.F.M. GOOGE, RAN

LCDR Ange Googe, RAN, was born in Ipswich, Queensland. From a military family, she was educated in various schools in Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory before completing her registered nurse training at Ipswich General Hospital in 1985.

Joining the Royal Australian Navy as a Nursing Officer she graduated from the Royal Australian Navy College at HMAS Creswell in 1987 as a probationary Sub-Lieutenant.

Promoted to Lieutenant in January 1987, between 1987 and 1995 she served in a variety of clinical nursing roles in RAN health centres throughout New South Wales and the Northern Territory, completing a Bachelor of Nursing in the process. During the first Gulf War (1990-91) she deployed with the Australian Task Group Medical Support Element on United States Navy Ship *Comfort* and was subsequently awarded a United States Navy Unit Commendation.

Transferring to the RAN Reserves in 1995 allowed her to accompany her husband on a posting to the United Kingdom where she worked as a registered nurse in the National Health Service. On her return to Australia in 1998 her work at *HMAS Cerberus* Health Centre and Medical Training School was coupled with clinical placements at both Rosebud and Frankston Hospitals. Studies towards a Master of Nursing Studies – Midwifery, was successfully completed in 1999.

Her operational experience outside the Health Services branch was achieved through postings as Staff Officer Commander Northern Command and then as Staff Officer Special Projects for Commander Australian Patrol Boats (2000-2001). During the latter posting Lieut. Googe was responsible for relocating the final four southern-based Fremantle Class Patrol Boats from Sydney to Cairns and *HMAS Stirling* to Darwin. Her performance in this role was recognised with a Maritime Commander's Commendation.

In 2004, following two years living in the Republic of Palau, Lieut. Googe joined *HMAS Kuttabul* as the First Lieutenant and re-entered the Permanent Navy. She then assumed the role of *HMAS Kuttabul* Executive Officer for several months prior to taking on the duties as Kuttabul Security Officer responsible for security oversight of all Navy assets under the *HMAS Kuttabul* command. As OIC Environmental Medicine Unit in 2005 LEUT Googe completely restructured and rebadged the unit to reflect the contemporaneous requirements driving both efficiencies and focussed effectiveness for which she received another Maritime Commander Commendation. This experience ultimately drove her studies, culminating in a Master of Public Health in 2008.

A posting as Primary Casualty Receiving Facility Manager on *HMAS Manoora* late 2005 finally secured her a sea posting, Harbour Watchkeeping Certificate, and participation in Operation Acolyte, Operation Astute, Exercise Croix du Sud and Exercise RIMPAC.

Promotion to LCDR followed with a posting to *HMAS Coonawarra* as OIC *HMAS Coonawarra* Health Centre in 2007. A short tenure writing health service delivery concept papers was followed by a posting as the Navy's first dedicated Aeromedical Evacuation Nursing Officer (2010-11) prior to taking up the position as Deputy Director Navy Occupational and Environmental Health. 2012 was spent at the Australian Defence College graduating with a Master of Military Studies. Work as the Global Health Planner at HQJOC preceded LCDR Googe's 2014 posting as the Executive Officer *HMAS Cairns*, a posting she completed in January this year.

Passionate about health and fitness, LCDR Googe's lifelong partner is Bob. They currently reside in Far North Queensland with their loyal Labrador 'Pirate' and blonde Golden Retriever 'Boo'.



PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY

Wednesday
25th April 2018
in Kuranda

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join the Kuranda RSL sub Branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service. Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

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

The Anzac Day March begins at the Foodworks in Thooree Street (gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start).

The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005/0412 126 204.

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

The march goes to our park in Therwine Street where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection.

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

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

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

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

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde: 0412 126 204, Mark Wharton: 4093 0326 or Adrian Joffray: 0429 937 257.

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BARRON FALLS BY SUZANNE LENNOX



VIEW FROM RUSSET PARK ACROSS THE BRIDGE BY ASA LINDHAL



ON THE RIVER WALK BY JILL MELODY



CLOHESY RIVER AT BOLTON ROAD BY MEG GARLAND



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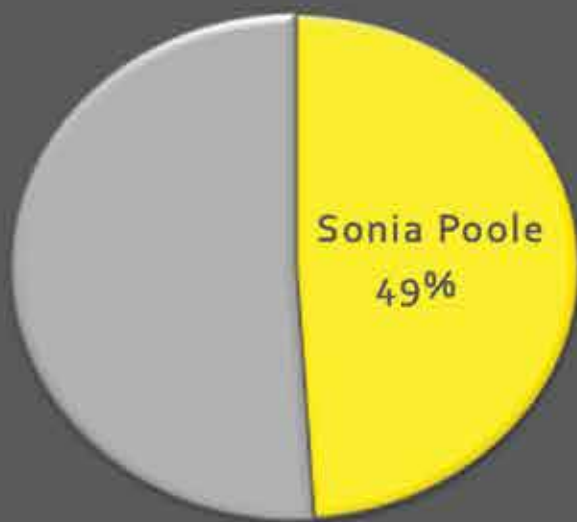
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FEEDING CASSOWARIES

How To, When To, When Not To and Why

By Jax Bergersen

The purpose of this article is to elicit discussion on the issues surrounding the feeding of cassowaries, or any wildlife for that matter. For many years there has been an absolute attitude that to feed cassowaries was forbidden – “a fed bird is a dead bird”. But, over the past decade or two things have changed, and I believe there is a need, even an imperative, to reconsider the matter.

WHY should we reconsider? We’re taking their habitat, pushing wildlife into tighter ranges/habitat. We’re invading the territory of all wildlife with the space we take for our houses and roads. If you live in Kuranda you are living in cassowary habitat. Then we have our dogs, cats, horses and domestic stock. We clear the scrub (habitat) to grow grass for our stock and all manner of non-native vegetation – because we like it. We build fences to keep our stock in and to keep wildlife out. We cut through wildlife corridors as an “as of right”. We urbanise. It’s all about us.

We can’t continually push wildlife further and further into smaller and smaller areas and expect them to carry on as normal. Today there is a new “normal”. Normal has moved from being “before us” to being “now”. We need to acknowledge this and make adjustments accordingly. This is one good argument for feeding the wildlife. It’s a bit of compensation for what we’ve taken. I’d go as far as to say it’s our obligation. BUT, and there are a few buts we must take into account.

It’s appropriate to acknowledge our human impulse to foster and nurture. It’s natural. We go out of our way to rescue an animal in distress; to give milk to a lost kitten; to befriend a stray dog and to care for sick or injured birds and other animals. It’s also a great honour to be visited by an awesome cassowary and his chicks. Don’t you want to make them like you? Don’t you want them to stay for a while? To think that people won’t feed cassowaries because it is unlawful or you shouldn’t do it, is putting your head in the sand and expecting that therefore they won’t do it. They will and are doing so right now. It’s more important to ensure that backyarders who are bound to feed wildlife, will do so correctly.

The WHAT and HOW of Feeding Cassowaries

Feeding wildlife has to be on their terms, not ours. You must ask yourself “what’s right for every different species we’ve displaced?” Let’s pick cassowaries. Here follows a very basic list of WHAT cassowaries eat and what will make them sick or kill them. BUT, before you rush out with unbridled enthusiasm, the equally important issue is HOW to feed wildlife. The answer to that is it’s got to be the RIGHT FOOD delivered the RIGHT WAY, and the right way is that it simply appears (food from heaven) with



absolutely no evidence that it came from a human hand. So, do NOT feed with buckets or bowls or any container and do NOT allow the animals to see that you have put the food out for them. Finally, feed only occasionally and NOT regularly.

WHAT CASSOWARIES CAN EAT: Most importantly, native fruits and fungi in their natural environment. They appear to do well on fruits such as grapes, apples, pears, palm fruits, watermelon, kiwifruit, nectarines, peaches and bananas. They’ll also eat protein foods such as mice, rats and dead animals.

WHAT CASSOWARIES MUST NOT EAT: These things may make them sick or kill them. Processed meat, food scraps from pizzas, pasta, cheese dishes, bread, biscuits, any processed food or dog food. Avocados are toxic to them.

It’s always best not to feed wildlife. But sometimes things are tough out there and their natural food is scant. Remember, DON’T feed wildlife regularly. You’re doing them no favours by making them dependent on you. In fact, you’ll be killing them slowly. After devastating cyclones, QPWS and local conservation groups will spring into action in a coordinated effort to tide over needful wildlife.

Cassowaries are the only animals which are able to distribute large seeds throughout the forest. They can eat a large cassowary plum whole, strip off the nutritious pulp, walk a kilometre or two and deposit the seed, complete with fertiliser. This goes for native walnuts,

candlenuts and quandong to mention but a few. If they don’t do this because you are feeding them regularly, the forest diversity will suffer over time – and it’ll be your fault.

Conversely, by feeding cassowaries non-native fruit including seeds, you can be contributing to the spread of weeds (a plant that does not belong in a certain place). Just because a bird likes a certain fruit is not a good enough reason to feed it to them. In fact, it’s irresponsible.

Some other considerations: DON’T entice wildlife into unsafe areas, i.e. across roads or into conflict with dogs. DON’T you be responsible for training a cassowary to become aggressive because you fed it regularly and it learnt that food comes from people. The next person it comes across may be a child which could turn out badly for the child!

DON’T you be the one that kills one of our precious birds because you fed it with bad food.

Consider all the pros and cons and you may find it’s not appropriate to feed a cassowary, however tempting that may be. DO be responsible.

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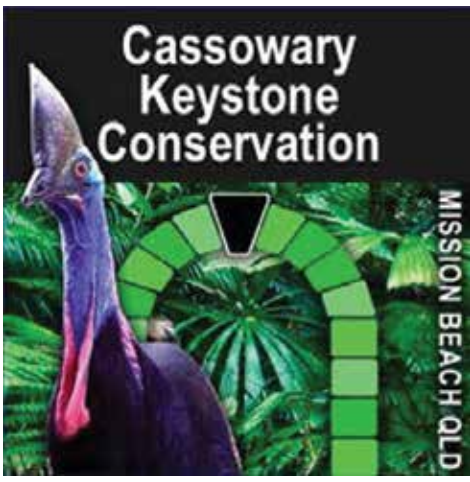
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As Australia has no primates to disperse seeds across the landscape, this important role is achieved by cassowaries. This is vital to the diversity and health of the rainforest, creeks and water quality, entering the reef catchment therefore the health of the Great Barrier Reef. A prehistoric apex species, it is important to

note as an adult, “Queen of the Jungle” has no natural predators and can survive cyclones. And yet they are on the brink of extinction.

Key Threatening Processes

- Loss of habitat – significant community goodwill and in-kind philanthropic support, has been invested to ensure healthy landscapes, with community and NRM groups achieving good outcomes with buybacks and revegetation projects. However stronger land protection laws are needed urgently.
- Car strikes – Many community groups across the Wet Tropics are working with DMR to reduce speed limits and other identified hazards in known hot spots. Generally <70km strike will result in the bird being brought to the Garners Beach Rehab Facility to be nursed back to health. Over >70km the bird generally will be killed or require euthanizing.
- Domestic dog attack – are a persistent and increasing threat, to cassowaries and in particular juveniles no longer in their father’s lengthy parental care. Cassowaries are solitary, long-lived (approx 50 years), slow-reproducing animals. Studies suggest cassowaries are breeding but that most birds die when leaving father’s care, before recruitment to adult populations
- The 2014 review of the Cassowary Recovery Plan (2007) stated “the disappearance of many sub-adult cassowaries for reasons unclear is of concern”.
- A monitoring program in Mission Beach between 1990-92 found sub-adult cassowaries to be the age most vulnerable to dog attack. Of the 24 reported dog attacks on cassowaries recorded 2003, 82% were fatal.
- A juvenile cassowary released from care and radio tracked by Dr Hamish Campbell on the Basilisk range in 2013 was found killed by dogs within 48 hrs of release. Another juvenile was found killed by dogs in the same area by Dr Campbell in 2012.
- My research clearly highlights the laws entrusted with protecting cassowaries is ineffective with ambiguous wording. No data is currently being recorded, and

as these attacks happen within the rainforest, the birds die out of sight, with the evidence decomposing on the forest floor.

Let me take you down a rabbit hole of how the laws and policies are failing.

- Local Councils are responsible to enforce the Animal Management Act AMA (dogs and cats) ensuring dogs are kept in a fenced property and under effective control at all times, microchipped and registered.
- Many Councils say they are under resourced to do the management, and yet they don’t require rural dog owners to pay registration. This loses revenue to enforce the AMA. resulting in many rural dog owners not bothering to comply to the AMA of fencing, registering or microchipping their dog. Councils have no data on dog numbers within each Shire. It is estimated only one-third of dogs are registered, so how can you manage a problem if you don’t know how big the issue is? If a dog attacks, kills or causes an accident and the dog is not registered or micro-chipped, the owner can escape all responsibility and liability for their dogs actions.
- This highlights the problem that rural dog owners generally live adjoining rainforests and protected areas, own large bodied dogs, frequently own more than one dog and these dogs can often be taught to hunt and kill. When you look at a regional map you can see the Wet Tropics is surround by domestic predatory animals (dogs) or roads – cassowaries are trapped.
- QPWS have insufficient resources and legislation to adequately enforce the existing laws to keep dogs out of protected areas – the offences generally occur after hours and weekends.

Regional Councils are aware of the issues posed by roaming dogs on cassowary conservation, and the bio-security threats to farmers livelihood from Panama Disease, are now increasing enforcement of the AMA, working with QPWS and farmers to crack down on irresponsible dog owners and pig hunters who illegally enter protected areas or trespass on farms which by law is considered poaching.

We need to apply the precautionary principle of prevention. Cassowaries that are habituated to humans or pushed into marginal habitats are statistically more vulnerable to dog attack and road mortality as they move through rural and semi-urban landscapes looking for food and territories. I believe by engaging and listening to the vital undervalued asset in cassowary conservation, the many regional Community and Conservation groups, if recognised and funded as key stakeholders in research, monitoring and habitat rehabilitation, could be the future of best practice for wildlife conservation.

*Ingrid Marker
Cassowary Keystone Conservation Inc*



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Easter in Kuranda



The Easter Bunny will drop eggs on the hour from 11.00am to 2.00pm in Centenary Park. With each hourly egg drop there will be one GOLDEN Egg that will be thrown out into the crowd. The lucky person who catches the Golden Egg will receive an amazing Kuranda prize package!

Included in the free family fun will be three jumping castles with one set aside for the younger kids, kids' games, street performers, a magic show, four face painters, horse and carriage rides and stalls.

A separate area has been arranged for the littlies aged five years and under to meet the Easter Bunny for a photo, and to collect their own little bag of Easter eggs.

Dream State Circus duo Sophie and Jacob McGrath will give an action packed performance with diabolos, juggling balls, hula hoops and stilts.

The Kuranda Candy Kitchen will give free candy making demonstrations at their Coondoo Street store at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

Schedule of Events:

10.30am: Magic Show in Centenary Park

11.00am: Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

11.30am: Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Performance

11.30am: Kuranda Candy Kitchen candy making demonstration (21 Coondoo Street)

12.00pm: Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

12.15pm: Dream State Circus performance

1.00pm: Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

1.30pm: Kuranda Egg & spoon race and sack races

1.30pm: Kuranda Candy Kitchen – candy making demonstration (21 Coondoo Street)

2.00pm: Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

4.00pm: Festival finishes.

Kuranda is open Good Friday and all Easter weekend



Focus on Kuranda

Focus on Kuranda Photography Group is a Facebook group initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin.

The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor.

It's also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

The Moderator of the page has advised *The Kuranda Paper* that the photograph that has received the most 'likes' this month from 27 February to 27 March is Hans Van Veluwen's male Cairns Birdwing.



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Club news

Kuranda Rangers Football Club teams have started training for the soccer season. It's not too late to join the fun! Check out their Facebook page.

Kuranda 8 Ball has six teams playing in the weekly Tuesday night competition. This year there will be more fun events and money comps open to the public and members. Watch this space.

Memberships now due

Reminder to pay your KRC membership for 2018. Forms available at the bar or download from our website. Pay only \$10/adult or \$40/family for the year. Tennis court access is an extra \$20/single or \$40/family for the year. Tennis players please note: the tennis gate code will be changed on Good Friday 30th March so make sure you pay your memberships to get the new code.

And we will soon have eftpos facilities for payment of bar purchases and KRC memberships!

WHAT'S ON AT THE KRC

- EIGHT BALL** - Tuesday Team Comp - kuranda8ball@gmail.com
- KURANDA RANGERS** - Training Thursday 4.30-5.30pm
- PILATES** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday - Jaide 0488 229 700 and Davini 0414 994 123
- TAI CHI** - Monday 6pm - Les 4093 8276
- TENNIS (KIDS)** - Friday 4.30pm (Term 2) - Nathan 0430 080 090
- TENNIS (SOCIAL)** - Aileen 0419 726 955
- WING CHUN KUNG FU** - Wednesday 7.30pm - Grant 0414 966 823
- YOGA FOR ALL** - Wednesday & Sunday - Aileen 0419 726 955

Check "What's On" calendar on website/facebook for more details.



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NB New Times
Expressions of interest for market stalls contact Nicky on 0488 961 660
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Saturday 7th April
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Come feed yourselves and help raise funds for the final kitchen fit-out!! So our Kitchen can receive commercial status and be hired and used by our amazing foodie community

Working BEE 3.00pm-7.00pm
Complete Kitchen painting and a few other small tasks followed by a shared potluck dinner afterwards

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Community Calendar

- Every Month KNC Management Committee Meeting** 5.30pm
Rob Veivers Drive; Ph 4093 8933 for details
- Every Saturday**
Texas Holdem' Poker Mareeba RSL, sign on from 12.00 noon, game starts 1.00pm. Prizes for 1st and 2nd. Details Terry 045 990 9900
- Pilates** 8.15am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700
- Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
- First Saturday Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph Angela 0403 788 187
- Every Sunday**
Texas Holdem' Poker Mareeba RLFC, sign on from 12.00 noon, game starts 1.00pm. Prizes for 1st and 2nd. Details Terry 045 990 9900
- Kuranda A.A. Group** CWA Hall 9.30–11.00am Ph 4093 7599
- Yoga with Aileen** 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955
- Every Monday**
Dream Big Tiny Tots 2 Class (5 years and under) 3.45pm–4.30pm
- Aerial Kids Trapeze** 4.30pm–6.00pm Age 8+ Contact Sophie 0409 333 404
- Kids Aerial Circus** Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphi 3.30pm, 0424 928 917
- Pilates** 9.30am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123
- Yoga – Gentle** 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**
Al-Anon Family Groups 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON
- Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
- Koah Sports & Social Club** 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026
- Every Tuesday**
Tiny Tots (5 and under) 3.15pm–4.00pm
- Family Circus** 4.00pm–5.30pm. All welcome. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404
- Pilates** 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700
- General Yoga Class** at Koah Hall 6.00pm. Ph Tanya 0428 590 203.
- Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
- 8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre
- First Tuesday Kuranda Interagency Network** Meeting venue rotates. 4093 8933



- Second Tuesday Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213
- Second & Fourth Tuesday**
Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Lenore Wyatt 0447 757 336. Guests welcome
- Third Tuesday Tourism Kuranda** meets in the office, Centenary Park 4.30pm
- Every Wednesday**
Rotary Club of Cairns Trinity: 5.45 for 6.15pm, Cairns Sheridan Hotel, contact Secretary 0402 253 673
- Pilates** 9.30am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123
- Pilates** 5.45pm and 7.30pm at the Koah Hall. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700
- Yoga** 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955
- Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact Carol 4093 7187
- Mah Jong** at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
- Yoga for kids**. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283
- Second Wednesday**
Financial and Gambling Counselling by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933
- QCWA meeting** 9.30 am at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 7187, Treasurer 4093 7393
- Every Thursday**
Pilates 9.00am and 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123
- Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
- Capoeira Training and Roda**. 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963
- Kuranda Rangers Soccer**: training 4.30-5.30pm Linda 0437 255 229
- Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am
- Second Thursday Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road
- Every Friday**
Pre-Natal Yoga at Koah Hall 9.30am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876
- Mums & Bubs Yoga** at Koah Hall 11.00am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876
- Fourth Friday**
Rotary Club of Cairns Trinity: 11.45 for 12.00 noon, Cairns Sheridan Hotel, contact Secretary 0402 253 673

CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES



Gardening in Kuranda

with Alectura



PRIL, and some welcome rains, although combined with sometimes high wind gusts, has seen localised flooding and tree falls with blackouts and road closures. Potted plants and hanging baskets have benefitted greatly with exposure to rain although it is important to ensure that they do not become waterlogged or are caught out in strong sunlight.

Both the passionate gardener and the beginner can learn and share together their knowledge and skills in joining the Kuranda Garden Club. In meeting and sharing, it is always surprising what one learns from others' experiences and the social interchange gives opportunity to visit other gardens and share often hard to obtain plant material. Remember also that The Friends of the Botanic Gardens Cairns, <https://www.botanicfriends Cairns.com.au/> also hold meetings and very informative lectures and activities.

Given the unique and privileged environment in which we live, it is incumbent on all gardeners to carefully watch the careless dispersal and disposal of introduced plants by seed or waste disposal. Already too many exotics have escaped cultivation and threaten rainforest or rural land holdings. One such example is the purple morning glory, *Ipomoea indica*, allegedly bought to the Tablelands as seeds given by a Scottish Laird from his conservatory to an emigrating estate worker.



PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Anthurium chamberlainianum* is a personal choice from the estimated near 800 species of *Anthurium* for an easily grown and spectacular leafed plant for garden or pot culture. Noticeable for its large heart-shaped persistent purplish-red new foliage finally turning to a dull green, once established it is remarkably hardy. Bright, indirect light and a sheltered position sees it thriving with minimum attention. It is important soil be free draining and, if potted, a half and half mix of potting soil and orchid mix or perlite is suitable and will provide the kind of open soil anthuriums prefer. Outdoors, plant in a well-drained location, again in a light, open humus rich soil.

Ensure regular watering when soil is dry to the touch but don't overwater as Anthurium plants don't like continually moist soil. To optimize growth, the plant only needs to be fertilised with a one-quarter strength fertiliser once every three to four months. Very seldom troubled with pests, the occasional aphid maybe hosed off new growth.

Propagation is usually by division as seed may often prove unreliable if open set.

Q&A *Dear Tricia*, From your description, I would suggest that the destruction at the tender base of your recently planted golden-leafed Colocasia and the loss of its corm is due to the depredation of a bush turkey. Even large mature plants may be totally destroyed. Bear in mind that *C. antiquorum*, eddoe, and *C. esculenta*, taro, are widely cultivated for their edible corms which have to be carefully prepared for human consumption. I have found that *Heliconia stricta* 'Jamaica Dwarf' is also sometimes taken in a similar manner.

Dear Stephen, *Abelmoschus manihot* is your tororo aoi encountered in Japanese cuisine. It also goes by the names Aibika, hibiscus manihot, hibiscus spinach, bele, pele, and others. A short-lived perennial shrub in the tropics, it is frost tender. It prefers at least morning sun and rich fertile soil and good moisture supply and grows 2 - 3 m high with large, nearly round, soft green leaves which can be used like spinach, cooked or eaten fresh. Young leaves and shoots may be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, stir-fried or added to soups. The leaves cook quickly and contain mucilage giving a slightly slimy feel in the mouth. It is a very nutritious vegetable high in vitamins A and C, and iron. With various types, the annual types flower and self-sow readily and have the potential to become quite weedy.

Dear Helen, The plant is *Christia vespertilionis* (syn: *Lourea vespertilionis*) commonly known as the Moth plant, Red Butterfly Wing or Bat Grass. Belonging to the Family Leguminosae, it grows as a small shrublet to 120 cm and prefers full sun for best colouring. Easily grown, it needs well drained loamy soil and regular watering. Easily propagated from hardened stem cutting or by seed. It is a somewhat spindly plant, bearing inconspicuous whitish flowers on slender racemes. Although having seen this plant growing luxuriantly from self-seeding in Darwin and Gordonvale, I have had very limited success in maintaining the plant, as have other keen gardeners in the area.



For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email alectura2015@bigpond.com



Fruits of the Forest is the theme of the talk environmental scientist **Dr Geraldine McGuire** will give to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens on **Wednesday 11th April**. Geraldine will talk about the work being done in her company Rainforest Bounty's facility near Malanda to commercialise products made from rainforest fruits such as ooray plum, lemon aspen and Cape York lilli pillies. The talk, to be held in the Gardens Visitor Centre, starts at 6pm with a light supper. The evening culminates with a quiz, prizes including a session at Rainforest Bounty's cooking school on Saturday 14th April and some of the company's products.

Cost: \$5 for FOBG members, \$10 for visitors.

GOLDEN ACRES

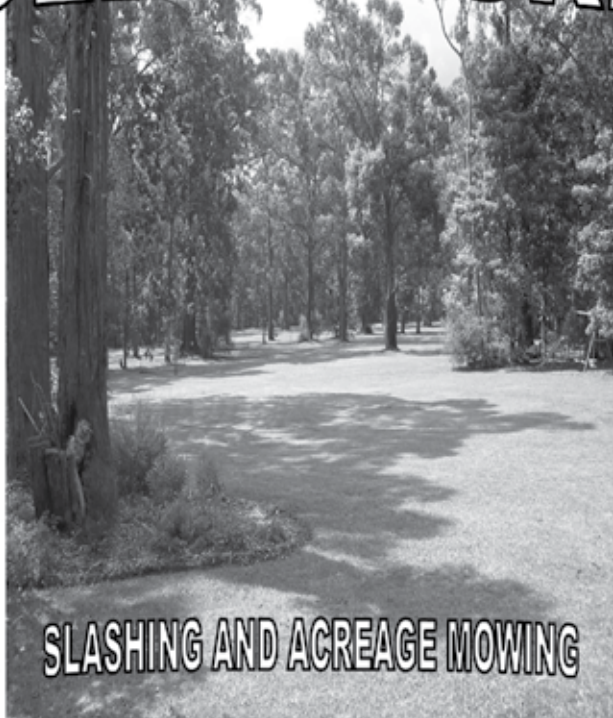
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NEXT MEETING:
Thursday 26th April 6.30pm via Zoom or phone link.
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Herbicide Complacency

Our Kuranda property was recently sprayed with the herbicide *Roundup* by Council workers without our authorisation. Our property adjoins Jumrum Creek which ultimately flows to the Great Barrier Reef via the Barron River. Due to the ecological sensitivity of our property and region, we initiated a formal complaint through the *Queensland Ombudsman*. *Mareeba Shire Council's* actions and subsequent dismissive response reveals a common belief that *Roundup* is innocuous. While this complacency has been fostered through decades of aggressive marketing by agrochemical company *Monsanto*, there is mounting research suggesting *Roundup* is toxic not only to the environment, but to human health.

In 2015, the *International Agency for Research on Cancer* classified *Roundup's* declared principle ingredient 'glyphosate' as "probably carcinogenic to humans". The *European Chemicals Agency* has classified it "a substance causing serious eye damage and being toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects". After bitter division in 2017 the *European Union* approved a limited 5-year licence for glyphosate, with France declaring a ban within 3 years. Currently, more than 700 US farmers, landscapers and gardeners are involved in a lawsuit against *Monsanto* claiming that exposure to glyphosate caused their cancers.

Tests for glyphosate routinely find traces in soil, water, food and human urine. A long-term US study indicated a 1200% increase in glyphosate levels in urine over a 20-year period since the mid-1990s. As glyphosate is the declared "active principle" in *Roundup*, it's the only one tested for regulatory purposes. However, research suggests that the so-called "inert" substances in *Roundup* are around 1,000 times more toxic. *Monsanto's* lead toxicologist acknowledged that "you cannot say that *Roundup* is not a carcinogen...we have not done the necessary testing on the formulation to make that statement".

Since our experience with *Roundup* we've noticed Council workers (themselves unprotected) spraying in public spaces – around playgrounds, waterways, nature strips and footpaths. While we all appreciate Council's work in maintaining our public spaces, we need to prioritise the health of our community and future generations. In 2015 *Byron Shire Council* resolved to be chemical-free by late-2018 and now use steam weeders as part of the solution. *Mareeba Shire Council* owns one of these steam weeders, though hasn't yet introduced policies to transition away from poisons.

As we know from asbestos and cigarettes, our regulatory processes lag tragically behind research. We invite you to join us in initiating a planned transition in partnership with our local council – from poisons to sustainable weed management. For more information (including full references) please refer to *Friends of the Earth FNQ* (foefnq.org.au) and Kuranda Regional Planning Group (kurandaregion.org).


ACTION: Please send us photos or stories of spraying with a notice of where and when via our facebook page or PM us. Also, if anyone else in the Kuranda and Tableland area has had a similar experience with council spraying, please contact us.




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The Arts Page

ALL IS ART

A little bit of magic is just what we need, not only here in Kuranda, but the rest of the world too, could do with some, as nothing else seems to be working. If only we could rub our fingers together and eliminate poverty. I'm sure there are some out there who could, who have the means, but somehow are reluctant. Is it fear that holds them back. 60 odd people own half of the world's wealth. Come on guys, give the rest of us a break. We're sick of fighting your wars, sick of working to produce trash at the expense of the Earth, and sick of the big lie that we will be better off when the economy gets better. In the *mean* time we will keep making our art, at least until everything runs out. Then we will need someone to pull more than a rabbit out of a hat. Happy April art lovers, seren.



KEV'S PHOTO SHED



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Kev Koelmeyer, photographer, moved to FNQ from Melbourne 2 years ago. Still living down at Trinity, Kev hopes to move up to Kuranda soon, where he has set up his photography shop, "Kev's Shed", shop 44 at the



Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets.

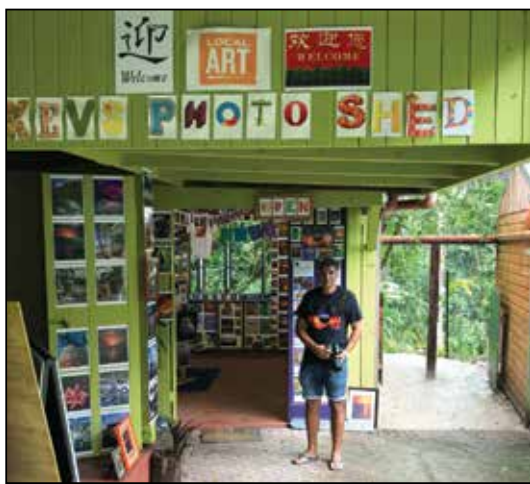
Kev has always loved photography and has worked professionally for the past 4 years. His favourite subjects are nature, both landscapes and wildlife, with emphasis on the local environment. Some of Kev's work includes aerial (helicopter) shots of the Great Barrier Reef, but Kev is happy to photograph "anything" for "anyone".

Prints of Kev's work are available at Kev's Shed, in various formats including quality T-shirt prints. Custom framed prints are ready within 10 minutes, and custom T-shirts can be produced within a week. Other items, as well as hundreds of samples of Kev's work, can be seen at the Shed.

We wish Kev the best in his artistic endeavours, the next being a photo shoot, "Magic in Nature". This one involves Kuranda's other very recent talent NOMAD the MAGICIAN (see below). That's all I know, but you can see much more of Kev's work at his online addresses -

Instagram - @kevloelmeyer
Facebook - Kev's Shed
email - kevloelmeyer11@gmail.com

Photos (right) by Kev



NOMAD the MAGICIAN

Wondering where to take the kids these coming school holidays? Wonder no more - Nomad the Magician is in town. Traditional magic for the whole family 5 times a day at the Original Kuranda Markets. Nomad will be in Kuranda for a couple of months, possibly longer.



"Nomad The Magician is a unique performer who proves the hand is quicker than the eye. A blend of amazing miracles performed to have you wondering "Did that just happen". The man behind Nomad is Damon Hoitink an ex Australian ballet student. His ability to mystify any audience with his cheeky style will have YOU hooked on MAGIC!

Nomad The Magician built his reputation as a street magician, busking his way up along the east coast of Australia to get his name out there. Performing his magic for a solid 6 months on the road in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, and Gold Coast. His corporate clients include St George Bank, Hungry Jacks, LJ Hooker, Peter Blackshaw Real Estate, Mirvac



Shopping centres, Hyperdome Shopping centre, Royal Canberra Show - plus a list of foundations and charities where Nomad has gladly donated Magic Shows and his time: Cancer Council, Heartkids, Make A Wish Foundation, Camp Quality, Salvation Army, and Create Foundation. His private bookings list goes on, and his kids party act is second to none. His Wandering style of magic has been spotted at Dragon Dreaming and Festivals Around Canberra. Nomad has his eyes set on Vegas, he has performed his own show

twice with rave reviews and a small stint on AGT 2013. He read the News with Chris Bath on Channel 7 from the Sydney Royal Show and he performs for 31 days straight at the famous Bells Carnival In Batemans Bay over new year's and Australia Day. Nomad The Magician is an entertainer at heart which shines through with his unique style of performance suitable for all ages and events." - *Nomad the Magician.*



Amphitheatre News - April 2018

Members and Friends, volunteering your time ensures our sustainability, KAS Thanks You!

Your membership and input assists the Society in keeping this unique place in our hearts and ensuring not only its existence in our village, but that it flourishes for generations to come.

MEMBERS' NIGHT!

The first Members' Night for the year was scheduled for March 10th with Koahlition, unfortunately due to the extreme weather conditions that week the event was postponed until March 24th. It's been a while since Koahlition played the Understage and it was a great night of dancing! Thank you to those who ventured out in the wet weather and made this a very enjoyable night.

And a big welcome to new members for 2018.

A yummy dinner was available on the night, cooked by the Kuranda NAIDOC team with all proceeds from food sales going towards this year's NAIDOC event.

Many thanks to *Thea Buthman* for the beautiful, hand made gift which was raffled on the night. These proceeds are also going towards Kuranda NAIDOC 2018.

The next Membership Drive will be in May, so keep a lookout for news of this next event.

Annual Membership fees:

\$20 single and \$25 family.

PLEASE NOTE: A Designated Smoking Area has been established for Understage events. This will ensure guests are not being affected. We ask all guests to be considerate of others and use the designated area.

THE UNDERSTAGE:

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with Understage events. It is becoming harder to host/hire for events without the volunteer back up of membership to make this happen.

An Understage crew of regular or rotating teams of volunteers is required to assist with its sustainability and availability on a regular basis.

The following are the positions and tasks required for the UNDERSTAGE:

• Set up - (KAS Members' Nights)

Check venue and Foyer are clean and tidy, set up tables and chairs.

• Door - (KAS Members' Nights)

Manage and staff the venue entry (Foyer), collect entry fees, assist with membership registration, pack down and clean up area at end of event, liaise with Treasurer or designated officer at the event.

• **Bar** - (most hires, Members' Nights) Staff bar, RSA (KAS may assist with this if required), set up/pack down and clean up of bar area, stocktake before and after event. Liaise with Treasurer or designated officer at the event.

• **Food** - (KAS Members' Nights) Organise menu and preparation of meals/snacks, staff temporary kitchen area. Safe Food Handling certificate is desirable (KAS may assist with this if required), pack down and clean up area at end of event, liaise with Treasurer or designated officer at event.

• **Pack down** - (KAS Members' Nights) Assist with venue clean up, pack up tables and chairs.



If you can assist with anything please contact the address below or the Kuranda Amphitheatre official Facebook page.

UNDERSTAGE UPGRADES:

In the month of April an upgrade of Understage facilities will be happening. The three-phase power and regular electrical utilities will be upgraded, which will make the Understage both safer and more reliable.

WORKING BEES:

This year Working Bees will be held on the **second Sunday of each month**. If you can lend a hand with anything at all, e.g. gardening, there will be a Working Bee on **Sunday 8th April** starting from **10.30am** (weather permitting). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE KAS ADMIN TEAM

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

Membership Forms available from:
www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
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Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.



Patrons of the Arts Studio Visit

The Arts Co-op Patrons were invited to visit Cantata Studio for morning tea on 17th February, the workplace of Co-op member and fibre artist Toni Rogers (right). Toni was putting the finishing touches to her Pake cloak for exhibition the following month. This visit is part of our ongoing Patrons' 2018 program.

Anyone wishing to become a Patron of the Arts Co-op, please call and enquire at the gallery. Subscription is \$20 per year and invitations and information about what is happening, not only at our gallery, but exhibitions and theatre in the region, is distributed regularly to Patrons. The Co-op really appreciates the support of this program.



"The Show Must Go On"

On the day of the worst flooding in the region for many years, the official opening of *"All in the Detail"*, an exhibition by eight **Saltwater Creek Fibre Artists** went ahead on 10th March despite flood waters, road closures and advice by TRC of possible closure of the Gallery (and other TRC venues). The opening was attended by many, including TRC Mayor Joe Paronella, the gallery Patron Louise de Marzi and former Cairns Mayor Val Shier. Two Arts Co-op members, Marcia Bird and Toni Rogers are included in the eight exhibiting artists. Kate Prynne was the clever winner of the fun competition of guessing 'How Long is a Piece of String?' Toni Rogers had twisted 165 metres of fine plant material string. Kate guessed 164 metres; you really couldn't get any closer than that! She won a miniature woven basket. This exhibition runs until 29th of April. The **Saltwater Creek Fibre Artists** would like to thank those who braved the elements to attend the opening and support these artists.



Marcia Bird
"Basket Maker's Memoirs"



Marion Gaemers & Lynette Griffiths collaboration
"Longitudinal Fragments"



Bonnie Alison
"Pagoda 1"



Toni Rogers
"Conversation Over Afternoon Tea"

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SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

KURANDA RIVERBOAT CRUISE

++ Jeanette Wormald Duo ++

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4.15-6.15pm

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SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

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++ Matiu Te Huki ++

Support by Sunny Ray

Music Concert

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SUNDAY 15TH APRIL

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++ Matiu Te Huki ++

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SUNDAY 29TH APRIL

KURANDA RIVERBOAT CRUISE

++ Becci Nethery ++

Live Music Cruise

4.15-6.15pm

Tickets: \$25 per person BYO Drinks/Bookings on line www.kurandariverboat.com.au

See Article this page.



MUSIC PAGE

Jeanette Wormald Duo

Kuranda Riverboat Music Cruise

Sunday 8th April



Join nationally acclaimed singer songwriter, Jeanette Wormald, as she celebrates Australia and her Irish heritage with musician, Paul Vandersar on Sunday, 8 April 2018 from 4.15 pm. Tickets are \$30/adult and nibbles are supplied. BYO drinks. Bookings on line www.kurandariverboat.com.au

MATIU TE HUKI

Musical Concert

with support by Singer Songwriter Sunny Ray

Saturday 14th April

Koah Hall

Charismatic New Zealand artist Matiu 'The Hook' Te Huki will be giving a riveting musical performance at the Koah Hall on Saturday 14th April as part of his first F.N.Q. tour.

Renowned for his amazing vocal skills, positive energy, ability to connect with and uplift a crowd with his stage presence; Matiu's soulful, roots music is interwoven with Maori language, the haka and chants. With support on the night by the delightful and effervescent Sunny Ray, the evening is set to be a wonderfully entertaining one for all the family.

Matiu will also be conducting his Sacred Stance through the Maori Voice Workshop at the Koah Hall on Sunday 15th April from 12 noon, sharing wisdom and culture that he doesn't get a chance to share on stage musically. Workshop is \$30.

Pre-sale Concert Tickets \$16 / Door sales \$20 / Couple \$30 / Kids are free. Tickets and bookings are available at www.sunnyraymusic.com See the Gig Guide for more details.

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Becci Nethery

Kuranda Riverboat Music Cruise

Sunday 29th April

Becci Nethery's song writing makes for easy listening, in a laid-back story telling country folk style. Local fans and friends will be happy to see Becci returning to Far North Queensland for a string of performances in April, including a musical cruise aboard the Kuranda Riverboat on Sunday 29th April.

Becci is very excited to share that her original song 'Just Not Today' was selected as the winner by the Tamworth Songwriters Association in the 2018 Open/Contemporary category earlier this year, and, is also a Top 20 finalist in 4 categories of the Songs Alive AUSTRALIA Competition.

Becci Nethery released her first (full) album 'Beautiful Life' in Tamworth in July 2016, all singles to date released from this album have charted Australia wide. The current single 'Can't Just Kiss You' has been a #1 on the Australian Country Tracks Chart and the Official Tasmanian Country Music Chart.



With performances at Country Music Festivals and awards presentations in many states of Australia, including the Tamworth Summer and Hats Off Festivals NSW, the Mildura Festival Vic, The Far North Queensland Country Music Festival, the Mt Isa Country Music Festival Qld and the Tasmanian Independent Country Music Awards. Becci has opened shows for Amber Lawrence and James Blundell and performed alongside countless other Australian Country Music stars including Adam Harvey.

Hailing from Chillagoe, 21 year old Becci comes from a musical family, having learnt guitar from her grandfather from the age of eight. Music 'runs through her veins', and Becci continued to study with her Aunt Penny during her teens, a music teacher in Chillagoe. Becci is a proud graduate of the 2012 Academy of Country

Music in Tamworth, and is now a music teacher based in Sydney herself, privately teaching singing, guitar and ukulele. Bookings on line @ http://www.kurandariverboat.com.au. See Gig Guide for more details. KC

Kuranda Roots Festival

Saturday 23rd June 2018

The Billabong

Kuranda Roots Festival organisers are super stoked to announce the first release of artists for 2018!! Hot off the press is the announcement that Australia's bass-heavy roof-raisers KINGFISHA are head-lining Kuranda Roots, along with Byron Bay's reggae & dancehall collective, the 4'20" SOUND feat SK Simeon, and Melbourne based drum'n'bass specialist LICKWEED, bringing the latest underground selections to turn up the heat.

KINGFISHA have been laying down weighty reggae and dub music, and bringing their passionate music to eager audiences for over 5 years. The Brisbane based band are very much in the process of cementing



Kingfisha

themselves as Australia's premier reggae act. The 5-piece band deliver crafted and modern reggae music by coupling their love of Jamaican rhythms with personal depth and style.

Regularly touring, KINGFISHA performances have included the massive Reggae Sun Ska Festival, Rototom Sunsplash, Boomtown Fair, Rainbow Serpent Festival, Island Vibe, IOMMA, Woodford Folk Festival and Ostróda Reggae Festival, to name a few.

On June 22 Kuranda Roots will be warming up the festival with a special solstice reggae meltdown at a secret location (weather permitting) and June 23, are back at the fantastic Billabong venue, running from 10 am til rather late. Artist applications are open.

Send applications for bands, DJ's and performers to info@kurandaroots.com

Stay tuned for the next line up announcement, in the meantime check out www.kurandaroots.com for updates, and all market stall enquiries please contact: Rsharaz851@gmail.com KC

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

Margo Price "Midnight Farmers Daughter"

Pure Nashville, at its best. Kinda country; kinda southern rock; hard & soft; sentimental and cynical. Margo's songs are like a rich, maturing southern bourbon, and just gets better with each listen. Every song is special. Margo's lyrics are up there with the best country poetry - they just roll off her tongue in the best tradition of Nashville heroes; Back to Hank, George Jones, Tammy, Dolly, Waylon through to Steve Earle and Chris Stapleton.

The music is rich; stylised and a treat to the ears. Classic Hank country through to driving blues/funk with wa-waa, strings, heavy drum beats and a range of keyboards and guitar work that continues to surprise and delight "The Midwest Farmers Daughters really make you feel alright" (Beach Boys "California Girls").

Nice touch Margo. Lost loves, lost farms, Weinstein-style music, industry predators, faithless men, women in prison, drinkin', blowin' it, bridges to burn. "I'm an outcast and a stray and I plan to stay that way".

Sweet Margo you're beautiful...

The Boogies



Wet Tropics Rainforest

"The most extraordinary place on earth"

Early in March, Sir David Attenborough, OM, CH, CVO, CBE, FRS, FLS, FZS, FSA, veteran English broadcaster and naturalist, was awarded the 2017 Britain-Australia Society Award at Australia House in London. He was honoured for showcasing Australia's natural wonders. In his acceptance speech he explained that he is often asked by children to name his favourite place on earth. He responded:

"I have no hesitation in answering that question. My favourite place is North Queensland. It has for a naturalist everything. It has an amazing rainforest which is quite unlike any other rainforest in the world."

"In Australia's Tropical North, there's a tiny pocket of tropical rainforest that has survived for millions of years, from the time dinosaurs wandered the Earth. It's quite unlike any other place on the planet."

Previously Sir David has expressed his concern for the fate of the natural world if we do not as a species take responsibility for our actions, and their consequences for the planet and all who live on it.

"The future of life on earth depends on our ability to take action. Many individuals are doing what they can, but real success can only come if there's a change in our societies and our economics and in our politics. I've been lucky in my lifetime to see some of the greatest spectacles that the natural world has to offer. Surely we have a responsibility to leave for future generations a planet that is healthy, inhabitable by all species."

The enormous responsibility of making sure that future generations, and the peoples of the world, can continue to experience this truly extraordinary place falls heavily on we who live here. And on our elected representatives. Our council, our State members, our Federal members. Sadly, none seem to take the threat to this place of unique natural value seriously.

Another eminent voice has also spoken up in regards to a very unique and vital part of the Wet Tropics—and close to our hearts. James Cook University's Distinguished Research Professor Bill Laurance, PhD, FAA, FAAAS, FRSQ, Distinguished Research Professor & Australian Laureate Prince Bernhard Chair in International Nature Conservation. Director, Centre for Tropical Environmental and Sustainability Science has called for the Barnwell property (slated for development by KUR-World and in imminent danger of widespread clearing) to be acquired for permanent conservation.

Presently, the Kuranda community is mobilising to find a suitable conservation buyer for the controversial 'Barnwell Estate', in the event Macao-based developer Mr Ken Lee loses interest and wishes to on-sell the rural-zoned land at a fair price. Several letters of support have been received from relevant stakeholders, backing the principle of acquiring land for conservation in the biodiverse Myola Valley. A support letter from JCU's Distinguished Research Professor Bill Laurance is of key interest.

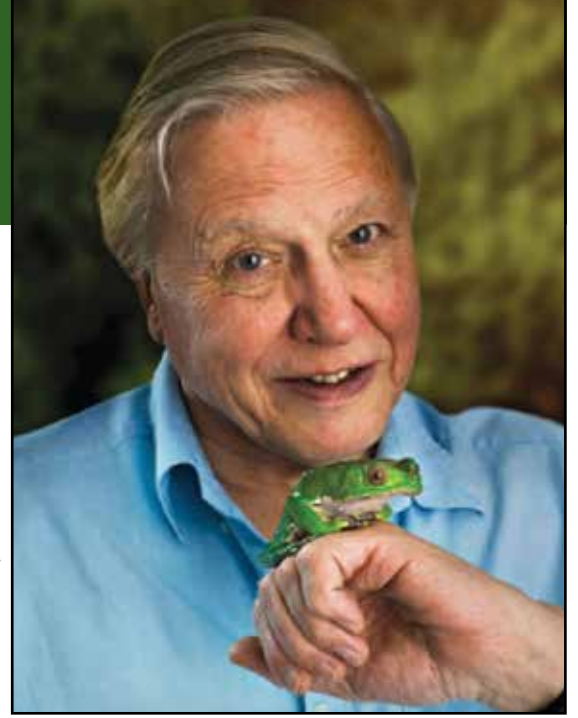
Professor Laurance, who works as a conservation biologist in native and damaged forests all over the tropical world, puts the region in global context:

"I can say with complete confidence that the Wet Tropics region is among the

most ancient, most biologically unique, and most small and imperilled ecosystems on the planet. It literally leaps off the global map as a hotspot of vital conservation importance."

Professor Laurance continues: *"It is fundamentally important, 30 years on from World Heritage listing of the Wet Tropics of Queensland, to ensure that what remains is protected and that further incursions into the bioregion are tightly restrained. In this region, most (70%) of the lowland forests have already been destroyed. Much of the upland forests on the Atherton Tablelands and Windsor Tableland have also been cleared and fragmented."*

"Government support for improving protection outcomes for remaining critical habitat on freehold land is the first vital step to protecting the bioregion for the future."



Lending his support for conserving the Barnwell property, Professor Laurance added:

"Without doubt, the best possible outcome for this land parcel is to support the Kuranda community's desire to restore the land to its natural state, and for it to be held in trust for nature conservation in perpetuity."

Such an outcome would be a wise investment in the future of Kuranda, whose very lifeblood rests on being framed by such extraordinary natural values, and the connection of community to them.

A little over forty years ago, you could stand on the bridge at Jum Rum Creek and see platypus (from whom Kuranda's traditional name "Ngoonbi" came) but no more... in another forty years, but probably even less, the same could be the fate of other iconic, endangered species.

Imagine no more cassowaries in the wild. Imagine the only relatively recently discovered "Kuranda frog" becoming extinct, a terrible possibility as its only tiny habitat sits right in the bulls eye of Kur-World. But this land has much greater importance than just in a local development sense.

Professor Laurance explains:

"The 'Barnwell land on which I am focusing here is centrally located in the Myola Valley and spans a large and critical portion (626 hectares) of the ecological north-south corridor for the Wet Tropics bioregion. In a landscape setting this biogeographic context is critical."

The full text of Professor Laurance's letter can be read here: <http://kurandaregion.org/content/uploads/2017/11/Rainforest-Trust-Laurance-Kuranda-letter.pdf>

"My favourite place is North Queensland..."

— Sir David Attenborough

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Traditional Indigenous Games on the Esplanade April 4th, 7th, 10th, 12th & 14th 2018

PCYC Indigenous Programs Unit will be holding Traditional Indigenous Games (TIGS) down on the Esplanade during the Cairns Regional Council's Commonwealth Games activities.

Each day will run from 10.00am through to 3.00pm, please view our itinerary.

The games delivered are from the Australian Sports Commissions Yulunga Traditional Games manual and coordinated by PCYC Sport & Recreation staff. PCYC acknowledges all peoples involved in bringing these games to life particularly Ken Edwards extensive research and work to collate the Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games.

In the language of the Kamilaroi Gamori people of the north-western New South Wales, Yulunga means 'playing'. The TIGS activities will be a FUN, SOCIALLY FRIENDLY and INCLUSIVE environment. We are targeting youth aged 12-17yrs boys and girls to participate, however, if you are keen to give the games a try, do come down and enjoy the fun.

These sessions are free of cost. If you would like to make contact with Marc please do call 4032 0555 or email Marc.Harbrow@pcyc.org.au or Shannon Duffin, Ruby Nandy on 07 4093 7177



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If you need a learners or driving test put your name down at the Kuranda Drop In Centre, 36 Coondoo Street, Kuranda.



Kuranda Water a Creative Cocktail?

Biologist Dr April Furrst is seeking to discover just what is causing an unusually high percentage of creativity in the Kuranda population and has narrowed it down to ... something in the water.

It's a cliché of course, but in this case it may have some truth to it, although research is still in the very early stages.

Dr Furrst has taken numerous samples from various watercourses throughout the Kuranda district weekly over a three year period and is now compiling her findings. The implications should she be able to narrow down the specific agent could be very wide ranging and include commercial applications for the less "naturally creative", which in turn could have positive effects for mental health.

Dr Furrst said that although she was very confident of the existence of some kind of causative link between consumption of water from Kuranda watercourses and elevated creative expression, the hard work of pinpointing just how this creative stimulation occurs was extremely daunting and she felt she could not put a time frame on it. "The Wet Tropics rainforests of Far North Queensland are a giant open air laboratory just full of the unknown and undiscovered," she said.

"Who knows what is out there to be discovered, and how it might be utilised. This is why it is so important to keep this ecosystem full of potential as pristine as possible. We just don't know what great scientific discoveries are waiting for us."

Once the challenge of identifying the active agent in this creative cocktail is achieved it is hoped human studies will begin. This will involve both subjects already creatively endowed and those who don't exhibit the same qualities. A sizeable number of Kuranda artists have already been co-opted by Dr Furrst. "There is no problem finding creative types in Kuranda," she laughed. "The problem is finding someone who isn't!"



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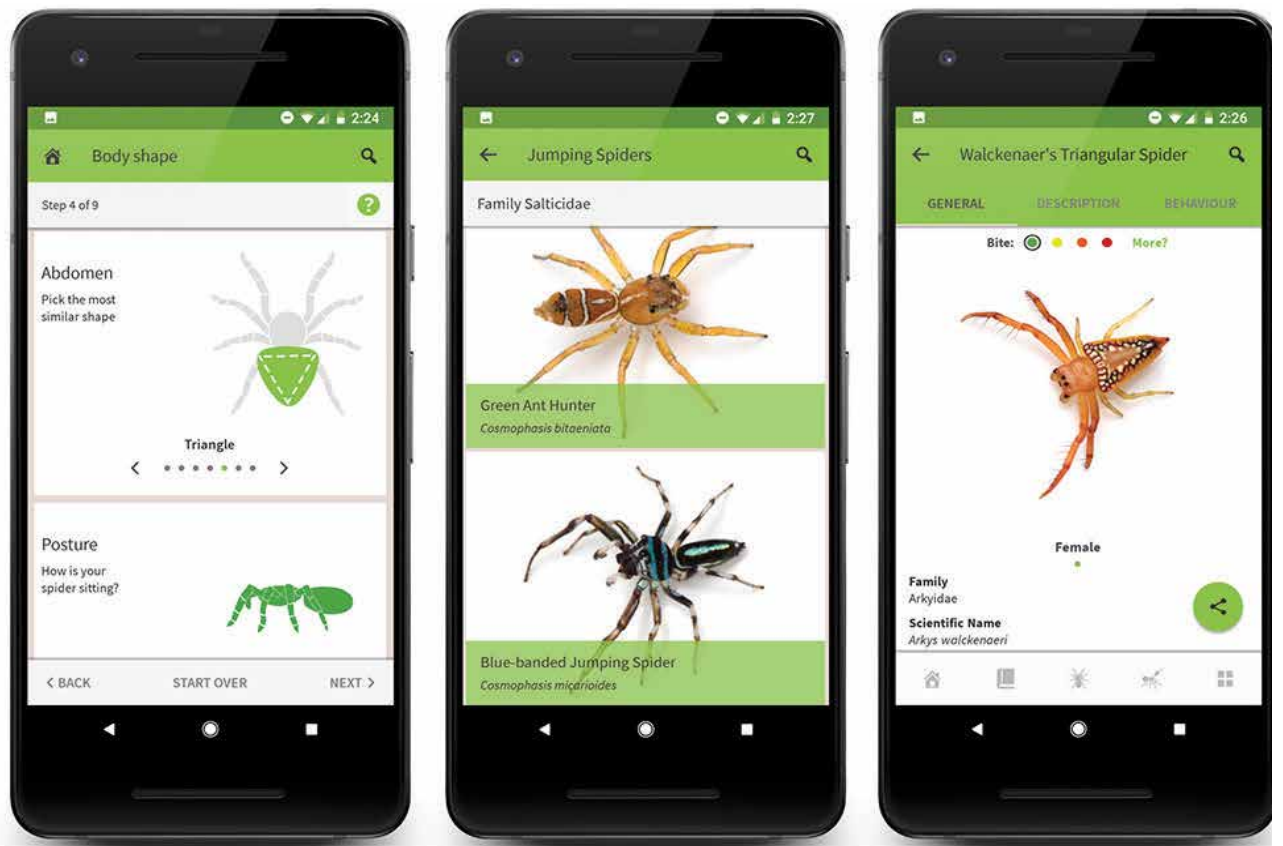


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Identifying Australian Spiders

An encounter with a spider often evokes a unique response, emulated by very few other types of animal encounters. While many people are fascinated with spiders, for others such an encounter can cause anything from grave concern to outright terror. Although some of the extreme forms of arachnophobia may have complex psychological roots, many of the negative reactions to spiders are simply the result of misinformation and myths. Uncertainty of what the species of spider is and what it is capable of also plays a big role in how people perceive these important animals.

Over the years we have received thousands of requests for spider identifications via our Kuranda-based business Minibeast Wildlife. In recent years the number of requests has grown with an ever-increasing flow of them coming at us via social media. We seemed to be repeating ourselves over and over and it became very apparent that there were a handful of 'usual suspects' that were causing concern all throughout Australia – even in Kuranda.

About three years ago we decided to address this and embarked on the production of Australia's first dedicated spider identification app. While there are many field guide books on Australian spiders, they generally appeal to biologically minded people, and the price usually excludes those who would only have occasional and random use for them.

Introducing 'Spidentify'. Our app is aimed at anyone who encounters spiders in Australia and needs assistance identifying them. We have made it very simple to use for those with no biological background and have included a great deal of detail for those who have.

For Spidentify we wanted the images to be crystal clear with no distractions, so we decided to photograph all the spiders on white backgrounds. This has been a style we have used on our website for many years, and for the purposes of the app seemed not only a logical choice to maintain our 'style', but one which made the identification process much easier. While we already had a massive catalogue of spider images in our collection, not all were on white backgrounds, so we needed to start clicking away.

Early in the project we drove from Melbourne to Kuranda, travelling 3600km photographing spiders all along the route. We stayed on the beaten track deliberately as we wanted to encounter the species that the majority of people do when travelling. This meant poking around park benches and even in public toilets - we did get some strange looks! That one trip alone added over 100 species to the Spidentify app.

Spidentify was produced completely in-house by our family team at Minibeast Wildlife, which includes everything from the imagery, graphic design and the unique app programming. It has taken an immense amount of work and was completed and released on the 19th of March. Within hours of release we were receiving glowing reviews and attention from throughout Australia and even from overseas. The response has been quite overwhelming. It even reached the number 1 position on the Google Play Top Selling Chart!

While the app allows users to browse through images based on various criteria, the unique part is the ID tool. It guides users through a series of simple questions about the spider they have encountered and delivers a set of likely matches. This makes the identification process very simple for everyone. Each species of spider has a colour-coded 'bite rating', the vast majority of which are at the low end of the scale. The app also contains a wealth of information about spiders including sections on popular spider myths, many of which circulate Australia as 'truths'.

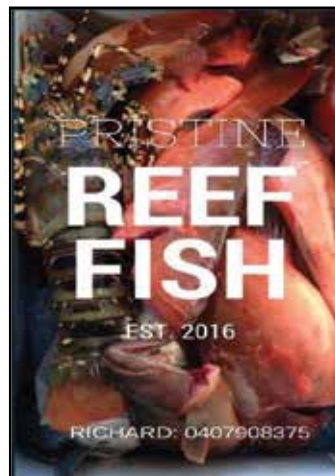
We hope that Spidentify will help to chip away at the negative image spiders have in Australia and will not only be helpful for Australians, but tourists coming here, often very worried about such encounters.

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Missing Inland Route Holding Back Northern Australia

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND was brought to a standstill once again after the Bruce Highway was inundated by flood waters causing the north's only road access to be cut for several days.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Tom Gilmore is calling on the State and Federal Governments to make a commitment to invest and develop northern Australia by filling in the missing links of the inland highway.

"It seems to me that in Queensland to the greater part, the Bruce Highway is where we get a majority of our goods and services from," Cr Gilmore said.

"When you get a catastrophic flooding event as we had in Ingham, all of this stops — no food comes north, no product goes south. Far North Queensland is isolated from the rest of the world, simply by one road."

Councillor Gilmore said "It's simple. If we had a clean sheet of paper and we were starting from day one, surely we would look to ensuring we had resilient, robust and reliable access to and from the south to ensure the free flow of commerce and goods and services into and out of our region."

The latest push is to essentially weather proof and secure access to and from the region, generating immediate productivity efficiencies for agriculture, beef, mining and tourism industries and their suppliers. The inland freight route is free from extreme tropical weather risks including flooding, cyclones and climate change.

An inland route that connects through to the Hann Highway, servicing eastern seaboard markets and ports increases would be more cost-effective infrastructure.

The State and Federal Governments have spent billions of dollars upgrading the Bruce Highway which Councillor Gilmore says is not where people necessarily want to go. "It takes us to the southeast corner of Queensland then down to Sydney and Melbourne—the long way around," he said.

"Not only have we got a road which is currently monumentally incapable, it blocks the free flow of traffic and commerce, but to the greater extent for the free flow of traffic and commerce to the southern states, it takes them 1000km out of their way," he said.

He said it was just not about running out of fruit and vegetables. "It is about the development of northern Australia, that is where we are at, and the Bruce Highway isolating us from the rest of Queensland, our capital and the functions of Government," Cr Gilmore said.

These impacts hold back the capacity of the region to contribute to the State and national economies. "It's time we resolved that by ensuring that the inland route beginning from Weipa, coming down through Mareeba, Ootann, the Hann and

further south—that has got to be a very high priority for Government both State and Federal," Cr Gilmore said.

Councillor Gilmore said he was pleased the Government has recognised the importance of the completion of the sealing of the Hann Highway. "It's like links in a chain. That link will be sealed, and that section of the road will be good. But the Ootann Road and the section from Torrance Creek south are the weak links," he said.

"We have to focus on those, so we have a complete chain."

"It's a fairly simple formula but needs the Government's attention. The Government needs to start focussing their minds on what is important to people in far north Queensland," he concluded.

Keeping Our Community Litter Free

MANY community volunteers across the Mareeba Shire are constantly seen collecting rubbish from public places, helping keep the community litter free.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said their contribution is valued and they do a wonderful service for their community. "There are people out there picking up rubbish, not for recognition but because they have a sense of pride in where they live," he said.

"Every day you can see these people beautifying our towns and the work they do is certainly recognised and appreciated."

Councillor Gilmore also said the community should be conscious of the generous efforts of these volunteers and all do their bit to help keep the Shire clean and tidy. "People should think twice before they throw their litter out the car window or leave their rubbish for someone else to pick up."

"Let's all have a sense of responsibility and pride in our community and put our rubbish in the bin," Cr Gilmore concluded.



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BBC Documentary – Great Continental Railway Journeys – Kuranda History

In September 2017 I was contacted by BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) from the BBC travel and history documentary series and are currently producing in London a documentary series called *Great Continental Railway Journeys*. The program sees presenter, Michael Portillo, follow a travel guidebook from 1913 to explore various countries and continents by rail. He stops off in places mentioned by the guidebook to see what remains of places mentioned in the book and how they have developed today. To give you a little overview, they are filming six one-hour programs on Australia next year. This will be the first time in Australia for this documentary and Kuranda is now so lucky to be in it!

After many phone calls with producers which I explained Kuranda's brief History, 1920s Paradise walk, Kuranda Hotel, Historic Railway and the local Djabugay people, they became so very interested in wanting to film here and wanted to talk to local historians of the area. After calling the Cairns Historical Society I gave the BBC two people which are Kuranda's very own Dug Stratford and Peter Ryle.

Peter Ryle has been selected to be the Historian to be filmed on the BBC documentary.

The BBC were going to simply do train and drive to Cape Tribulation for the history/rainforest segment (not stopping in Kuranda!). I was able to convince them (with all those phone calls) to stay in Kuranda. (Now not going to Cape Trib. YAY!)

BBC are filming the Kuranda Scenic Railway heritage train from Cairns and then filming a story on Kuranda History in the 1920s. Skyrail down in the afternoon about preserving the rainforest now and ending the night at Tjapuaki about what the indigenous culture is doing now.

Filming dates are:

Recce Shoot: Saturday 24th March

Main Shoot: Saturday 28th April

They will be fully escorted and hosted by Tourism Kuranda.

Works out to be around 15 to 20 min of airtime on the documentary about Kuranda.

Even if it's only 15min of film time on the Documentary series I believe this will lead to significant and ongoing international exposure for Kuranda. I have watched this show on the ABC and it does some great indirect destination marketing. Kuranda has some fascinating and significant history which no doubt would interest any viewer. Fingers crossed!



Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Baton in Kuranda 15th March

The Queen's Baton arrived briefly in Kuranda on Thursday 15th March by making its way up to Kuranda on the Skyrail, and down on the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Community was invited to celebrate and given the opportunity to engage with the baton as it arrives into Kuranda Village. Mareeba Shire Councillor Lenore Wyatt welcomed the baton and congratulated the Baton bearers.

Picture at left – Lenore Wyatt (MSC), Kuranda District State College, Kelly Adam (Skyrail), Angela Westaway (Kuranda Scenic Railway), Reg Brim (Skyrail), Kuranda District State College students and Kevin Parise (Skyrail).

Barron Falls In Flood

On 9th March Tourism Kuranda did a Barron Falls LIVE video on @Kurandavillage Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels. All three LIVE videos of Barron Falls exceeded beyond expectations and the posts gave Kuranda and Barron Falls good exposure with a huge reach of 1.7 million views and 405,000 interactions. People interacted from all over the world with many saying they have now added Barron Falls and our destination as a must-visit for their travel bucket list.



Angela Westaway, Kuranda Scenic Railway, carries to baton to the coast on the Kuranda train.



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The Cairns and District Historic Vehicle Club will be hosting a spectacular 3-day Nor'Easter Hub Meet over the Easter weekend on the Atherton Tablelands and surrounding district. The theme for the event is Mismatched with the best dressed car club winning the Shannon's Insurance Perpetual Trophy.

A display of the rare and unique cars participating in the event will be open for public viewing at the following venues:

ATHERTON: Saturday 31st March 2018 between 8.00am and 10.30am. Atherton Showgrounds, Merrilands Hall.

MAREEBA: Sunday 1st April 2018 between 12.00 noon and 1.30pm. 100 Centenary Park, near the Heritage Museum/Info centre

A Grinter's Tale

Our Cup Runneth Over...

Yessssss, we have lift off. We actually have a real Far North Queensland wet season!

Oh, how good it feels to see Tinaroo Dam at nearly 77% as I write; the Barron Falls showcasing Kuranda, and our own dams filling or overflowing.

I've just come in from digging trenches to stop the water running in my back door followed by further digging behind the stables before moving 14 barrowloads of tree mulch into the stables to keep the horses' feet dry. There's something about digging trenches in the mud with a mattock that brings out the kid in me. But I rejoice at that, it is the first time I have seen such rain since building here seven years ago, with the house completed just after Cyclone Yasi in 2011. It's funny how we forget, but it was a good wet season that year, in fact soaking the roots of the trees so extensively the winds around Yasi caused otherwise stable trees to topple.

Like a lot of people of my vintage, I think of the Eighties as the benchmark for real wet seasons; the late afternoon build up in November, entertaining thunderstorms as evening drew in, then heavy rain during the night, with the mornings fine and fresh from the overnight cleanse. Living at Clifton in those days, and being young and irresponsible, we prayed for torrential rain, as the Barron River and Thomatis Creek would close the highway, providing guilt free abstention from work and excitement as the helicopter delivered the essentials to the little shop in the caravan park on the highway.

No empty supermarket shelves in those days—there was no supermarket at Smithfield, in fact there were no shops. And you just got on with it, or maybe we were just prepared all year—a few batteries and candles, and something to do when the lights went off. For many, that meant stocking up on Bundy of course, but it's hard to stick a tarp over your roof when you're pie-eyed.

I drove a Kombi in those days (who in Cairns didn't?). Those were the days when most Cairns residents lived in sarongs and thongs of the footwear type, and some guys still wore safari suits and long socks, and horror of horrors, leather sandals with the socks. Nancy the Kombi was a pain in the proverbial, despite her fuel injected, air cooled 2000cc engine. She constantly overheated, the reason baffling numerous mechanics and I frequently ended up in the middle of nowhere with an Irish Setter and German Shepherd sitting at the roadside with me, giving me that "Argh!

Not again!" look, the same look I get now if I dare stop to talk on a dog walk.

When the Cook Highway was being extended to four lanes, driving in the monsoon was a nightmare of mud, diversions and confusion. The works seemingly went on forever, and Nancy's wipers gave up the ghost one day just before I set off for work in the evening. Using a squidgee mop with my arm out of the window, I struggled through the roadworks and managed to get to work in one piece. I can't begin to imagine what kind of punishment would be meted for such an offence now, but I was desperate. There weren't too many ethnic restaurants in those days, but I helped a friend out at Thuggee Bill's Indian Restaurant a few days a week, and needs must as it was a busy week, so I drove in that fashion three nights in a row, arriving with a very wet arm and shattered nerves from the confusion of dusk, temporary traffic lights and orange cones, mud, steamed-up windows and torrential rain. The gutters of



Aplin Street, the site of the restaurant, would go several feet under water in heavy rain, so parking was always a challenge, but nothing compared to the drive.

Today is one of those days when you have no excuse but to do those things you've put off, oh, and write your column late once again. Two sets of meeting minutes, and a stack of client work here, but I'd really rather be digging more trenches in the mud, in truth. This is the kind of weather that used to cause us to declare we were 'going troppo', although to classify for that state of mind, the rain really had to be persistent for two weeks on end. The last time I remember that was Cyclone Steve in 2000, a mere Category 2, but the rain was torrential and unrelenting—Cairns recorded 237mm

in one 12 hour period. There was extensive damage from falling trees around Kuranda, and several houses damaged.

Flooding around Lake Placid and Caravonica saw a herd of cattle swept out to sea, many of which amazingly survived. I remember being told at the time that cattle's stomachs bloat in such situations, allowing them to float. The tide washed these live joints of corned beef, highly stressed and beyond exhaustion, up on to Cairns northern beaches, where they were picked up in horse floats and such over the next few days and hopefully, survived their ordeal. A local Clifton Beach man tried to feed a bullock stranded on a narrow strip of sand at high tide at the southern end of Clifton Beach. My daughter and I watched in fascinated horror as it lowered its head and bowled him over. I think his pride was hurt more than anything, so once we witnessed him get to his feet and walk away, we pretended we hadn't seen.

It's that kind of weather where we all want to say 'Okay, enough, tap off thanks', but it's a sensitive issue. I'm guilty of putting a virtual hand in people's face when they say they've had enough of the rain when we spend months bemoaning the fact that it is so dry. For those of us with livestock, it spells a nitrogen fix for our pasture, and beloved green grass. For the farmers, it's life or death, in some very sad cases, the latter being in human terms.

I was always fascinated by the harbingers of weather, particularly in relation to the heralding of rain, for instance when black cockatoos call, when ants build up high, a ring around the moon, cows or horses lying down or arthritic joints playing up.

The protracted drought of the late nineties to 2010 saw significant decrease in numerous native bird species. Early in this period, bird breeders around the region remarked that their caged birds were not breeding, which at time struck me as reflecting their inherent ability to sense the foolhardiness of creation in a time of risk to survival. Animals haven't lost touch with Mother Earth as we humans have. They don't have the interference of mobile phones, the omnipresent hum of electricity, constant entertainment noise, and stupor induced by drugs and alcohol. We have a lot to learn from the heightened perception that accompanies stillness and silence.

Meanwhile, thanking the Universe. It's very quiet and I can hear the grass growing...

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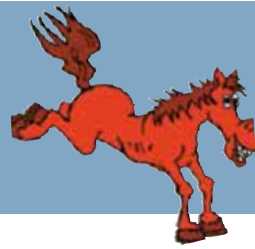
We will be having an **Easter bonnet morning tea** on Easter Monday 2nd April 2018 at 9.30. All welcome to come along for some socializing and fun. Bring a plate of food to share and wear an Easter bonnet.

The Biggest Morning Tea this year is the 25th anniversary so we are having a SILVER theme. Mark the date Wednesday 23rd May 2018. More info in the next *Kuranda Paper*.

We are also planning a **garage sale** on 2nd June 2018, so mark that on your calendar too.

Wednesday craft mornings are back in full swing. Come along for a cuppa and chat and share some craft. We love to see what others are doing.

For more info contact Carol 4093 7187, for hall bookings Sarah 4093 7599.



Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Hello everyone, we are heading into Easter time and many events are on.

We had our first Rally Day on 3rd March. The weather was fine and riders were very keen.

Starting off the year with Flat, Grid and certificate work, riders will work through and achieve many new skills within this year.

We are trying a new sport call Horse Archery and we will have a Rally Day on Friday 6th April at 8.00am.

Guest rider Jim Gaynor, Horse Archery display will be on. Come and have a try. All are welcome.

We wish Jamie and Olivia Hewitt Toms and family all the very best and safe travels as you head off to the State show jumping.

The Zone 18 camp is on again 31st March to 2nd April at the Ravenshoe Pony Club ground, lots of fun making new friends and experiences.

Wishing everyone a great Easter time and safe travels .

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Food Swaps & Community Fridges

Food swaps are events where people get together at an agreed location, date and time to share and swap locally grown surplus backyard produce through gifting or exchange. Community fridges work on a similar basis to Grow Free carts – leave what you can, take what you need. There are special considerations around safety and management, particularly for items that require refrigeration.

How to Set Up and Run a Food Swap: Guide to establishing and running a food swap produced by the City of Charles Sturt and based on the experience of the West Croydon swap:

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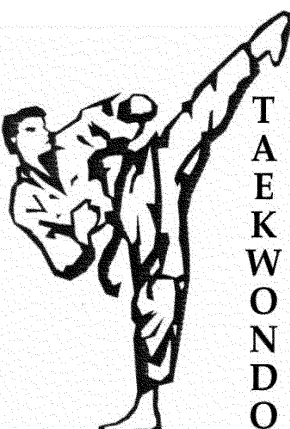
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Tech Talk

WITH THOMAS

How your modem and wi-fi choices can affect the quality of your home internet connection

For many, a modem is just a modem. A simple piece of hardware that connects your home devices to the world wide web. However, modems come in various forms, often packed with different features. Some of which most consumers will never use. However, this month I'm going to focus on one simple yet very important feature all of us use... Wi-Fi. And how it affects your home internet connection and quality.

Firstly, there are two different 'bands' of Wi-Fi signals which are used on a consumer level. You may have heard of 2.4GHz and 5GHz. The primary difference between the two bands is the bandwidth (how much data capacity it can handle at once), and the number of individual frequencies data can travel along.

Additionally, each band is subject to different types of interference, and interference is a big problem when dealing with Wi-Fi.

Lets start by looking at the 2.4Ghz band. Almost every modem you see runs in this band... a pretty crowded space because it is used by more than just Wi-Fi. Old Cordless phones, garage door and gate remotes, baby monitors, microwaves, and of course your neighbours' modem, and many other electronic devices tend to use the 2.4GHz band, and a quick look around the home, I can guarantee that there is at least two of these devices near your modem.

Devices share this band because the longer wavelength of the 2.4GHz band is better suited for transmission through walls and solid objects, and its ability to cover further distance makes it arguably better if you need better range on your devices, or have lots of walls or other objects in your building. However because so many devices use the 2.4GHz band, the resulting congestion and the limited channels available can result in dropped connections and much slower than expected speeds, making it a poorer choice for a quality service. Typically one can expect around 60 to 70% of theoretical internet speeds when using 2.4GHz Wi-Fi.

The 5GHz band is far less congested which therefore means you will likely get a more stable connection. This will result in higher speeds, and near to no drop in connection. On the other hand because the 5GHz band uses shorter wavelengths, it has far lesser ability to penetrate walls and solid objects. It also offers a shorter effective range than a 2.4Ghz band.

There are no other items that utilise the 5GHz band other than Wi-Fi related products so interference is not a problem unless there are multiple 5Ghz modems nearby on the same frequency. And there are far more channels in a 5GHz band to combat this.

On the downside its biggest pitfall is that not all devices (particularly older smart phones and tablets) are capable of 5Ghz Wi-Fi. Although most modern devices made

within the past 2-3years will be fine.

Most entry level modems will only offer a 2.4Ghz band option, however stepping up a level will offer you dual band modems, allowing you to select what band you want for your device.

So which band should you select? In the first instance if you have a device that supports ethernet (network cable connection), and it is within reasonable reach of your modem, the preferred method is to use a cabled connection over a wireless one. Ethernet cabled connections offer lower latency, no interference whatsoever, and simply dedicated and faster, higher quality connection.

That said, as we are talking about Wi-Fi, if you currently use 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi and are wondering whether you need to upgrade to 5 GHz, it's really all about what you need to do with it. If you're experiencing dropped connections or if you need more speed for watching videos or playing games, then you probably need to move to 5 GHz.

There's only so much speed you can get out of a 2.4 GHz network even under ideal conditions. If you live in a crowded apartment complex with dozens of wireless routers, baby monitors, and other 2.4Ghz band devices, then you should consider switching to the 5Ghz band.

If you're already using a dual band router and have both the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands available, you'll have to make some decisions about which one to use for your devices. It's tempting to just go ahead and use 5 GHz Wi-Fi for any device that supports it and use 2.4 GHz for the rest, and you can certainly do that. But it's not always the best strategy.

Instead, think about how you use each device. If a device only supports 2.4 GHz, then your decision is already made for that device. If a device supports both, think about whether you really need to use 5 GHz.

Does that device need the higher speed or are you mostly checking email and browsing the web? Is the device experiencing dropped connections on the 2.4 GHz network and do you need it to be more reliable? Are you okay with the device having the shorter effective range that comes along with using the 5 GHz band?

In short, we recommend using 2.4 GHz unless a device has a specific need for the 5 GHz band. This will help low-use devices from competing on the 5 GHz band and keep congestion down.



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Furniture Exchange Program: First of all, we would like to thank everyone in the Kuranda area who has kindly donated items for re-homing. We especially appreciate the patience of many people who have waited or who have not had items picked up as arranged. We have had some challenges including rain and limited volunteers to work the program. If anyone in the community would like to volunteer in this program, please come and talk to Marg, Ceri or Tricia about how it works. We regret that we can no longer take full size fridges because it could put our volunteers at too much risk of injury. This is a shame but we need to prioritise the wellbeing of those who donate their time to the program. We would like to invite anyone wanting to donate bar fridges to continue to do so as there are always people who need fridges. We have people in the community who need double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs, dressing tables and cupboards. Any items in good, working condition can be picked up or they can be dropped to the Centre. Please contact Tricia or Margaret/Ceri on 4093 8933 – Thanks!

NDIS Emerging Leaders: Zac Mudraby and Silvia MacGregor are coming to KNC every second Wednesday (dates for April will be 4th and 18th) from 10am-1pm. They are providing information regarding the National Disability Insurance Scheme for community providers and community members. You can contact them directly on 0429 820 777 or 0418 917 245. **Please see separate ad on page 27 for these sessions.**

Coordinator Position Job Share Arrangements: Just a reminder that the KNC Coordinator position will be shared between Ceri Hughes and Margaret Yandell while Margaret is on part-time long service leave. Ceri will work Mondays and Tuesdays and Margaret will work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (half day as Centre closes at 1pm). Ceri will not be in the Family Support worker role and will refer all Family Support clients to Tricia. The email for the Coordinator position remains coordinator@kurandanc.org.au for both Ceri and Margaret while in the job share arrangement. Thank you for your understanding.

Kuranda Family Day – April 10th: For those who wish to participate or contribute to the April Kuranda Family Day, please notify via the Kuranda Interagency Network or to Tricia or Marg/Ceri. This is an opportunity for families to connect and have fun as well as find out about some of the services and programs available in and to Kuranda. If you wish to deliver an activity on the day, please let the Interagency Network know via coordinator@kurandanc.org.au.

KNC No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) Changes: Good Shepherd Microfinance has drastically reduced funding which affects our capacity for loan applications and processing. For the time being we have been forced to reduce our loans down to 1 or 2 per week with loans limited to car rego, fridges, washing machines and beds. Once the appointments are made we cannot do any more loans. We apologise for this, however is not our decision and suggest any frustrations that people have about the limitations be directed to the Board of Good Shepherd, Level 11, 350 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 Email: info@gsmicrofinance.org.au Telephone: 03 9495 9600. We will inform the community when any changes occur as we are in negotiation with Good Shepherd and Shelter Housing Action Cairns to work on a potential transition arrangement to increase access for Kuranda applicants.

QuIHN Counsellor: A counsellor is at KNC on Mondays. Peter works as a psychologist for the Cairns Therapeutic Service offering a counselling service, providing support around drug use and mental health concerns, relapse prevention and management, referral to specialist services such as detox and rehab, self-care, stress management and enhancing motivation to change. There may also be some group sessions if there is demand. Referrals and appointments can be made directly to QuIHN on 40321463.

KNC Food Program and Pantry: KNC is still requesting donations of nonperishable food items for our food program and for distribution through a 'food pantry'. This is for those individuals and families in Kuranda who don't have enough food. KNC is partnering with OZ Harvest <http://www.ozharvest.org/news-location/cairns/> to distribute food to those in need in the District and so there will be items for people to take when available from the Centre. This will usually be on the table in reception or labelled items in the fridge in the kitchen. Items available will be determined by those that either are delivered by Oz Harvest or by other donations (eg surplus from farmers etc).

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Kuranda Historical Society MARCH-APRIL UPDATE

Thank you to those who have Liked our Facebook page, created just last month. We are still in the process of undertaking incorporation and getting ourselves, as a Working Group, set up to hold a public meeting which is being planned for May, after Easter and school holidays are over.

Please, if you would like to get involved, have any questions or suggestions email us at kurandahistory@gmail.com. And look for more information in next month's *Kuranda Paper*.

- Garth Owen, Interim President
- Gayle Hannah, Interim Secretary
for The Kuranda Historical Society Working Group

FREDERICK PARKHURST DODD *The Butterfly Man of Kuranda*

Born 11th March 1861, died 1937, FPD was an Australian entomologist, known as the Butterfly Man of Kuranda. He and his family lived on Coondoo Street, near where the Bendigo Bank is now. His garden and insect collections were world famous and eagerly visited.



Born in Victoria, Dodd worked in a bank in Townsville for ten years before taking up entomology full-time. A number of species are named after him and his collection of insects was of importance. He undertook collecting expeditions in New Guinea as well as Australia. A collection of his beautifully arranged specimen cases are in the collection of the Queensland Museum.

His grave in the Kuranda cemetery is the subject of respectful visits by entomologists to this day.

NDIS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Emerging Leaders Project

Connections Inc. is currently facilitating a program involving NDIS Sector Development – Provider Readiness Project for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Project includes:

- Promoting business development and support to become NDIS providers, so local residents can provide services to their own communities.
- Enhancing knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver culturally appropriate supports and services under the NDIS within local communities.
- Offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community members, a Cert III in Individual Support to create a sustainable workforce.
- Providing Service Capacity Building Toolkits, which will be available for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities.

The NDIS offers greater choice and control over a person's life. It is important that people in small, rural and remote communities have access to a full range of supports and services which provide genuine choice. Therefore, this is a perfect opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities to create business structures such as sole traders, and partnerships, and provide services such as plan management and support coordination. It also offers the opportunity for new service providers to work on country.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities and would like more information, contact:

Laurie Perkins – Project Manager 0430 127 618
laurie@connectionsinc.org.au

Sylvia McGregor – Mentor 0418 917 245
sylvia@connectionsinc.org.au

Isaac Mundraby - Mentor Coordinator 0429 820 777
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An information session will be held every second Wednesday at the **Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre** starting on **Wednesday 29th February 2018** **Commencing at 10.00am.**

Community and service providers are welcome have a cuppa and light refreshment will be available.

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AVO-NOTHER-CADO? don't mind if I do

There are a number of culinary milestones in the FNQ seasonal food year. The start of the avocado season is one of the most eagerly awaited. No more looking at the price or finger crossing at your local cafes. The Great Green Globes Of Yum are everywhere, especially the farm gates and road stalls. And they ripen quickly. Which means the golden rule of avo buying (that is to buy rock hard and let ripen) is easy to follow.

Buy 4-6-10 at a time and throw yourself into serious avocado experimentation. One of my favourite breakfasts this time of year is what I call Nancy Toast (after my Californian ex-SIL). Just sprinkle a little Keen's type madras curry powder on your avocado on toast and mash with a fork. Delicious.

This most mysterious and intriguing comment on avocados, on Epicurious, by someone called "stone_age_pipe", I found delightful. I'm not sure I understand it but it is almost poetry to the ear.

"Avocadoes? Choose one and while touching the fruit for and of a first feel of did not know and whatever or anyway taught ability for choices sensations of what appears to be observed as a heavy handed experience of whom has not yet learned that squashing the hard skin and claiming good enough is a brain and mindful person claiming continued dependence for thoughts on how to get the best vegetables at the market to satisfy the soul's wants. When taken home as hard and what is said to be green, what you get is what and of what wine drinkers may describe as a taste of tannins if the avocado is not ready. Nuts.

The softness of the interior felt within from a knowing hand feels the exchanges to the energy given back and forth from within the pesticide free and organic nature of the goosebumpy shell only to tell you of hopes of not again left behind and dropped hard and, and having been left waiting for the right feeler but now old and bruised by handlings or not in the know handlers but hoping for a lover of it to taste the effen goodness and when to take it home and begin the methods of salvaging mushy while the darkness inherent has verboten and waited and has taken the goodness allowed from of ready but fouled and rotten and brokenly awaiting for the spoons to separate yuckiness from good and creamily that awaits to be salvaged as a vegetable matter that brings forth pleasant and not overbearing tasty nutty flavor when you remove the dark cancer of too soft and relate to eating it anyway where the misplaced gut feeling allowed for your epicurious renowned mindfulness to reason that you can know where emotionally yucks of sense of HUH? tells of taste like dirt when just eating the dark matter is the experienced. Or soil. That mush might taste like soil."

Revel in the avocado season, *Queenobears*

Avocado Vegan Naan: Indian flatbread, dairy-free via www.veganricha.com

10 servings

Ingredients: 120 ml warm water, 2 tsp sugar, 1 tbsp active dry yeast, 5 cups bread flour or unbleached white flour, 1½ tsp salt, 1 tsp baking powder, ¼ tsp baking soda, 60 ml organic vegetable (canola, safflower or coconut) oil, ¾ cup very well mashed very ripe avocado. Approximately 2 tbsp canola or coconut oil for cooking and some nigella seeds for garnish.



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Method: In a large mixing bowl, pour warm water and stir in the sugar. Sprinkle yeast on the water and let sit for 10 minutes or until frothy. In another bowl, combine the flour with salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add 3 cups of the flour mixture, 3 tbsp oil and mashed avocado to yeast bowl. Mix well to combine. Add more flour a few tablespoons at a time to make a soft smooth dough (add a tiny bit of water as you go if needed). Knead in the bowl or on a floured surface for 3 to 4 minutes. Place the dough in the bowl. Drizzle a tablespoon of oil on the dough. Roll the dough to coat in oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or heavy kitchen towel and let sit to rise for 1½ hours or until it doubles. Punch the dough down and use a tablespoon or more flour if needed to work for half a minute. Divide the dough into 10 pieces. Roll the dough balls lightly in flour and place on parchment. Cover with towel or another parchment and let sit for 20 to 30 minutes. Take each piece of dough, and roll/shape into 8 to 9 inch oval shape. Roll and handle lightly to keep the dough airy. Dust lightly with flour to help with the rolling. Spritz the top of the naan with water. Sprinkle Nigella seeds. Brush or spray oil.

To Cook: Oven Method: Pre-heat the oven to 230°C. Place a pizza stone in the oven and let heat for half an hour. Place as many breads as the stone can accommodate. Bake 2-3 minutes till the breads puffs and top gets golden. Carefully watch for a minute until surface crisps. **Stove Top Method:** Use a pan or griddle which can withstand high heat. Heat it on medium high until heated evenly. Place the naan with bottom on the pan.

Cover with a lid (optional) till it starts to puff (2 to 3 minutes). Flip and cook for another minute. To char naan, hold directly over a gas flame with tongs for a few seconds. Serve hot, topped with vegan butter or canola oil. To keep for a short time wrap in a clean kitchen towel. To store for longer, cool completely and place in an airtight bag.

Smashed Chickpea/ Avocado Spread

via www.bigflavorstinykitchen.com

3-4 Servings

Ingredients: 1 425gm can chickpeas, rinsed and drained (or equivalent cooked and cooled), 1 large ripe avocado, ¼ cup fresh chopped coriander (or your favourite herb), 2 tbsp chopped shallots, juice of 1 lime, ½ tspn sea salt, ¼ tspn freshly cracked black pepper.



Image via bigflavorstinykitchen.com

Instructions: Place chickpeas and avocado in a medium bowl and smash them together using a fork or potato masher. Add rest of ingredients, stir to combine. Taste for seasoning and adjust if necessary.



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Mango Avocado Strawberry Habanero Salsa

via www.asouthernfairytale.com

Servings 4-8

Ingredients: 2 ripe medium mangos – peeled and chopped, 1 large or 2 small firm or ripe avocados – cut, pitted, peeled and chopped, juice of 2 limes, 1 tbspn lime zest, ¼ cup chopped coriander or favourite green herb (eg mint, basil, parsley), 1 habanero pepper seeded and diced (2 if you like it spicy), 1 cup chopped strawberries, sea salt to taste (just a dash).

Method: Combine all the ingredients into a bowl, toss to coat and mix.

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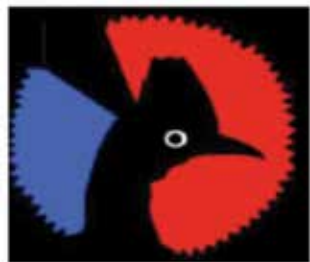
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The KCons community nursery is nearly always open at 1 Pademelon Lane (cnr Fallon Rd and Kennedy Hwy). It's a great time to get plants in the ground right now. We've had good rain and there's more on the way. Also, the worst of the heat is over and it's easier to get those holes dug. Plants are putting on a flush of growth and the golden pendas are bursting into bloom. What a great place to live.

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Right now the huge golden orb spiders are in the middle of their vast webs. You could be frightened, but when you get close up you can see so many shapes and colours. Then there are the large huntsman spiders in the house. No one would like to have one run over them, but they are high up on the ceiling doing a great job eating the mosquitoes and really not scary at all when you get to know them.



Golden Huntsman (*Beregama Aurea*)
Photo by Gerhard Hillman, with Alan by his side

We don't just do cassowaries, you know. We are active in town planning issues (Kurworld in Myola and inappropriate airports in Koah – what was council thinking?!). We relocate snakes if you just can't live with them. We identify good and bad plants; we worry about the Great Barrier Reef and the Barron River's water quality and weed load; we support law reform to protect natural habitat areas from deforestation and over-development. Maybe it's time to revisit the issue of achieving some form of political representation for Kuranda. Right now we have no voice. We're busy behind the scenes with all these matters. In fact, we never sleep!

Is Elvis really Dug? Is Hercules the one seen trying to cross the Kennedy Hwy (100km zone) in the stretch between Windy Hollow Road and the Billabong sign at the top of the hill? Was that Di crossing Mason Road near Williamson Drive?

MORE CASSOWARY QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Lots of birds around, mostly parent males with juveniles. We only know this because you are calling in your sightings. Thank you.

Hercules has been seen around Williamson Drive, now with some colour, a small casque but still mainly brown feathers. Where did he go during the months he's been away?

Is the adult with his juvenile seen eating a dead animal on Kennedy Hwy near the bus terminal Elvis or Dug?

Our **CONNECTING CASSOWARY CORRIDORS** project has been delayed a bit by rain. Very good time to plant as long as you don't disappear into a bog! So far we've planted hundreds of cassowary food trees on to private land where we know cassowaries are or have been in the past. One such area is the far end of Boyles Road where no birds have been seen for some years but recently a juvenile was seen, presumably looking for its own home range. Now that's exciting.

We have a full plan for areas needing revege, but if you have an area desperate for upgrading, let's know. We'll be happy to do what we can to help.

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With the recent flooding of the Barron River, it has raised some concern about YCA rafting downstream. With the end of the wet season near, a priority will be for some extensive down stream surveys from Mantaka to the Barron Falls.

Also the main focus will be on a site survey in early April and an upcoming treatment in early May. See details below. These activities rely heavily on a volunteer taskforce and this is a call out for community members to get involved in these upcoming activities.

Contact me on the details below to confirm your attendance for one or more field days and I will keep you updated on details as we get closer.

Date Claimers - Upcoming Activities

- **Tues 27 Mar** - Monitoring (every 3 weeks)
8:30 am @ 60 Cadagi Dr
- **Sat 7 April** – Survey Field Day
- **Sat 5 May** – Treatment Field Day

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From the wilds of Patagonia

Philanthropic organisations and individuals across the world are focusing on repairing and protecting our remaining unique natural spaces. We have just visited Chile and something wondrous in conservation terms has just come to fruition there after more than 25 years of negotiation and 50 years of dreaming.

More than one million acres of wildlife habitat has been conserved for the future. From the Patagonian steppe, vast open treeless spaces grazed by a camelid species, the guanaco, constantly caressed by a foehn wind, rainless after its climb over the cordillera of the Andes, to the ancient Arucarian forests surrounding the volcanic cones of the Chilean Lakes districts, with endemic birds, otters and huemul deer, wild mountain peaks, intermontage meadows and steppe lands are being handed to the government, extending existing or creating new Chilean National Parks and forming a corridor of bio regions the length of Chile.

This is thanks to the legacy of many people working together for conservation and enabled by two Chilean Presidents, immediately previous and current, both of whom have admired the ethic of the late Doug Tompkins (adventurer, philanthropist and mountaineer, founder of The North Face label) and his wife.

Chile, a rapidly developing country, has understood, at a political and a personal level, what natural wonders it possesses and how they must find sustainable solutions for their conservation, and providing jobs in their remote regions. More than 60% of Chileans live in the capital city Santiago and the regions are lagging behind. Even the current President, supported by an extreme right wing agenda, has bought and placed 250,000 acres into conservation.

Something for us to aspire to in Australia ?



Photos by Cathy Retter— Top: "Torres del Paine"; above left : "Loyca-Meadow Lark, Patagonia"; above centre: "Fuschia-like flowers from Coihue Beech Forest"; above right: "Guanacos —camelids which browse the Patagonian steppe"



RANGERS r e p o r t

First games of the year to start in April



Reminder to our families that the first games of the season start on 21 April in Cairns.

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Did you know—trees can communicate via fungi mycelium; our forests depend on their relationships with mycorrhizal fungi; zombie ants, taken over and controlled by fungi, can be found on the Jum Rum Creek walk. This eye-opening workshop led us through emerging research, finding unnamed specimens here in Kuranda, photographing fungi for inclusion in a future field guide and using microscopes for identification. Our thanks go to the enthusiastic scientists who came from Perth, Melbourne, Cairns and Brisbane, sharing their knowledge and introducing us to this fascinating world.

Date Claimers

- Frog Monitoring: monitoring days vary. Check FB page Kuranda's Frog Friendly Neighbourhood or text Sylvia 0409 647 714
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NGIRRMA BULMBA-BARRA Language belonging to the place

The Bama of this area shared a common ngirrma, language. The Djabuganydji, Bulwanydji, Nyagali, Yirrganydji and Gulunydji have lived here for millennia. Some of their stories go way back in time. The Djabuganydji believe that once their hunting grounds stretched to the Barrier Reef. At the end of the last ice age there was a rise in sea-level that pushed the people back inland and created the present shoreline. Nowhere else in the world have a people been able to reside continuously in the one place for so long, passing on their stories to the present day.

Today we Gadja (non-Aboriginal/ "ghosts") are lucky to share this bulmba, this place, with its incredible history of human settlement and its rich linguistic heritage, not to forget its unique landscapes and bio-diversity.

This bulmba is constantly changing, depending on the time of year, the season, the weather.

The actual word "bulmba" has many meanings: home, camping ground, territory, the world itself, time, the weather and the authority of the elders, upholders of the Law.

Thank you to Michael Quinn for assisting in realising this wordsearch in ngirrma and to DTAC (Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation) for their oversight. Michael would like to dedicate this work to the memory of Gindan, Lalfie Thompson, and the Gurragurra, ancestors, of this bulmba.

Translation

- Bagarra (Rainforest)
- Bana (Water)
- Bayu (Lawyer Cane Shelter)
- Binda (Waterfall/Shoulder)
- Bingganydji (Cold)
- Biri (Fire)
- Bulmba (Home)
- Bulurru (Storywater/Dreaming Place/ Creation Time/ The Law)
- Bunda (Mountain)
- Bungan (Sun)
- Danggay (Rapids)
- Digarra (Sand)
- Djawarray (Thunder)
- Djimbarral (Cyclone)
- Djin.gal (Sky)
- Djugalawurr (Whirlwind)
- Djulbin (Tree)
- Djumbun (Lightning)
- Gabaan (Heavy Rain)

- Gabidjindji (Muddy)
- Gadagada (Dry)
- Gambarr (Mists, Low Cloud)
- Gaway (Star)
- Giligili (Fine Rain)
- Gindan (Moon)
- Ginydjun (Wet)
- Gudjugudju (Rainbow)
- Gulbul (The Sea)
- Gundan (Flood)
- Gurragurra (Ancestors)
- Guyurru (Wind)
- Ngudaa (Cloud)
- Walu (Riverside/Bank/Shore/Edge)
- Waraba (Creek)
- Warrgin (Open Forest)
- Wawubarra (Spirits Of The Bush)
- Wumbul (Hot)
- Wurru (River)
- Yamal-Yamal (Cool)

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A Thought for April

THIS month we read from St Johns Gospel chapter 20 verses 1 to 20.

Mary returns to the tomb alone in the early dawn. By doing so she becomes the voice which announces the unbelievable event to all succeeding centuries. She tells the others. Two of them run from their hiding place. John, the writer, was with them, and he remembers in great detail. How could one ever forget? John even recalls the head-cloth being a little distance from the other cloths. Somehow John knew. He didn't understand, but he knew.

It is important for us to realize that. We are tempted to try to understand the resurrection of Jesus, to seek explanations. Our Western culture is mesmerized by the how and why of life. But even those who were closest to Jesus, who witnessed all this, who actually touched him after it — they never claimed to understand. They just knew. And how do we know they knew? Because it utterly transformed them.

John tells us that they "went back to their own homes." Why is that important? Because that is where we have to live out faith in Jesus. We live it out wherever "home" is, the familiar places of our lives — the home itself, the office, the market.

"They have taken away my Lord," cried Mary. Many people feel this today as they try to find faith in a changing world and a changing church. There can be fear, resentment, confusion, and anger in that cry. But Mary turned and Jesus was there. We who feel alienated and discouraged need to know that. Jesus is in his church and in his world. It is difficult to find him in much of what is happening, but he is there.



We might assume that he is saying to our resentment and regret for past things, "Why are you weeping?" It's a good question. Why am I angry? Why can I not accept this or that certain thing? What is really going on in me? Are these difficulties only symptoms of deeper things inside myself which I have never dealt with? Once such things are admitted, Jesus can help us deal with them.

"Do not hold me," said Jesus to Mary, "but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending." Our Lord says to us in many ways that we cannot hold him. We cannot keep things as they used to be. We know it, but we find it very difficult to accept. Only when Mary accepted the fact that she couldn't hold Jesus for herself, and turned to tell the others of his risen life - only then was she able to say, "I have seen the Lord." When you and I can say those words, we will have to own our Christian faith. Christ will have risen in us. Mary said, 'I have seen the Lord.' Have we? What would that mean for us today?

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Baha'i Thought for the Month

"Still another cause of disagreement and dissension has been the formation of religious sects and denominations. Bahá'u'lláh said that God has sent religion for the purpose of establishing fellowship among humankind and not to create strife and discord, for all religion is founded upon the love of humanity. Abraham promulgated this principle, Moses summoned all to its recognition, Christ established it, and Muhammad directed mankind to its standard. This is the reality of religion. If we abandon hearsay and investigate the reality and inner significance of the heavenly teachings, we will find the same divine foundation of love for humanity. The purport is that religion is intended to be the cause of unity, love and fellowship and not discord, enmity and estrangement. Man has forsaken the foundation of divine religion and adhered to blind imitations. Each nation has clung to its own imitations, and because these are at variance, warfare, bloodshed and destruction of the foundation of humanity have resulted. True religion is based upon love and agreement. Bahá'u'lláh has said: If religion and faith are the causes of enmity and sedition, it is far better to be nonreligious, and the absence of religion would be preferable; for we desire religion to be the cause of amity and fellowship. If enmity and hatred exist, irreligion is preferable."

— (Abdu'l-Baha)

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The Stars in April

So the month begins with the Full Moon. At midnight, as we move into April, the Full Moon in Libra is high in the sky – a point of perfect equilibrium in fulfilment. When the Moon, or any planet, is in the early degrees of Libra it is sitting right over the Equator, and so a Moon at its fullest on the point of balance would suggest that this is a time when events poise on the perfect balance point, enjoy what is now fulfilled and walk the tight-rope, not a time to lean too far either way. On the other side of the world, the Sun, in Aries, is also on the Equator line (the Celestial Equator) and we are balancing on the ball.

Is this a cosmic April fool's joke? Have we really achieved a point of perfect balance, or are we about to roll over and tumble? With Libra, it's always either-or and our interaction with others will determine what is now fulfilled, perfectly...

Venus is also on a shift-point. As the planetary ruler of Taurus, it is a very potent time of fertility and sumptuous pleasure when Venus slides gracefully into Taurus and she does, tonight. To add to the mix, Venus also rules Libra so she is tonight the Queen of the Full Moon coming home into the palace of pleasure as the fool capers at the castle gate. Have a nice night...

So the softies have settled into their pleasures and the female energies are very enticing, but what's happening down in the courtyard. The warriors are gathering. There is a Mars – Saturn conjunction in Capricorn. No soft pleasures in that lot; rules, discipline, line-toeing, regimented, battle-ready and very, very tough.

That's the scenario for the start of April. As we wind down the waning Moon it feels rather tense. Come the New Moon in Aries on 16th April, coinciding, as it does, with Saturn making a station (company, halt!) in Capricorn and Venus and Jupiter in opposition from Taurus to Scorpio we've got real intensity- the beautiful people bursting out of the blocks and the rather dour security forces holding the perimeter. That's the big picture, in our personal lives we can unleash, without restraint, all which is beautiful, creative and loving, knowing that the boundaries in place ensuring our safety.

Yes, and Jupiter and Venus also align exactly with Pluto on the New Moon and the following day. Bringing together in flowing, merging excitement the energies of Taurus, Scorpio, and Capricorn. Very earthy; very intense, and absolute game-changers. Pluto also coming to a station on the 22nd on would you believe, an exact conjunction with Mars? Think marvel comic heroes. Pow! Bam! Explosive fire-power, massive earth upheavals and political demolition jobs!

Well, maybe not quite that dramatic. There's a triple Aries conjunction at the time of writing this, so the astrologer is a bit fired up. Sorry.

Anyway it feels intensely productive, destructive, exciting, and, will be a month to remember.

Enjoy



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SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
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KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
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On Saturday morning at the Heritage Market locals and visitors cheered on as hair stylist Race shaved off Margaret O'Donohue's long locks in support of the World's Greatest Shaves annual fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation.

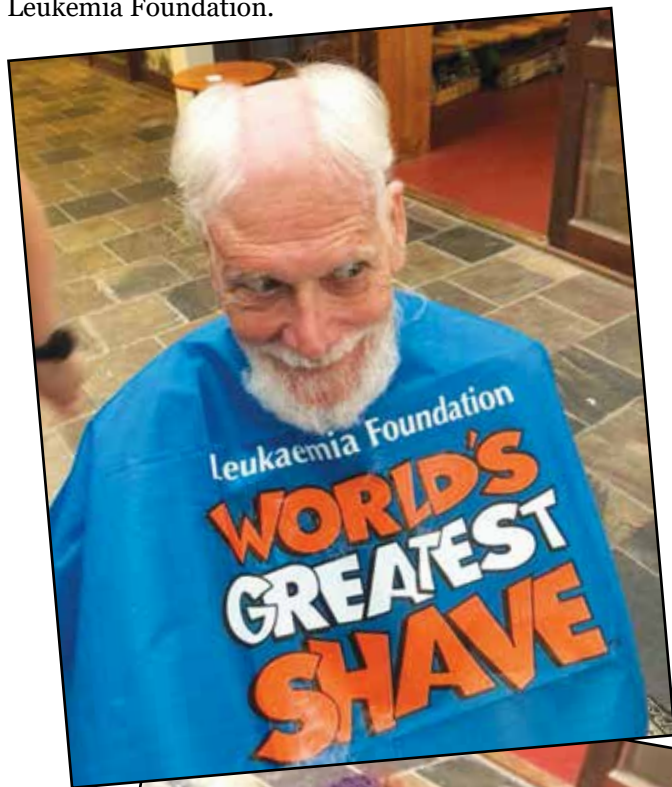
Margaret collected donations and organised a colourful and fun event.

On Sunday morning Sprout café owner Dei Gould hosted an event which support the efforts of locals Robin Anscombe (hitting the chair for the second year in a row) and Didi LaBayasse along with a number of Kuranda residents of all ages who went under the shears and/or spray can in the professional hands of hairdresser T-j Thompson from “Beauty to a T” who donated her time.

The lure of coffee and a new look for a great cause even attracted a mother and daughter to make the journey up the mountain.

Thank you to the community for your support and encouragement for this year's World's Greatest Shave in Kuranda. Start growing those locks for next year.

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