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THE KURANDA MAD HATTER!

HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORD ON THERWINE STREET?

NO HAT WILL BE LEFT UNTURNED AT THE SPRING FAIR CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND. JOIN US!

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Centenary Park</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MEET DANCE JENNY FOR THE DANCE MAGIC PARADE FROM 3:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Day & Night Traders</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 10 AM - 9PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Anzac Park Show</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">INTERACTIVE PICNIC TEA PARTY SHOW STARTS @ 4:30</p>
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<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">PACK A PICNIC DRESS IN YOUR SPRING FAIRY-EST & BESTEST PRIZES DRAWN FOR THE BEST HAT IN TOWN</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SCAN FOR MORE INFO ON SPRING FAIR EVENTS, TRADERS & FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p>
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October
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All copy and advertisements
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Thursday 26 September
Paper published
Thursday 3 October 2024
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Advertisement sizes and rates		Advertisers	
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Please keep letters to under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin may not be published. Correct name, address and phone numbers are to be submitted with your letter. Submissions by group email will be treated as spam.

We welcome your letters via email or post

FLAME TREE GONE

For many years I have smiled when the flame tree in front of the Kuranda Fire Station bloomed. Flame trees are beautiful. They captured my spirit halfway through the last century when there was several hundred around the amphitheatre hills of ETTY Bay. When they flowered one of the most beautiful spots in the world – climaxed!

Some wit, probably Tom Punch, planted a flame tree in front of the (then) new fire station in Kuranda. What could be more apt. Tom knew his trees and probably considered his jest reasonably safe. Flame trees cop pruning so if it got too large you just trim it back to size.

But it has now gone. This year in spring I will frown a little and feel a little dismal as I drive past.

No more smile.

Why kill a jest?

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

GLYPHOSATE SPRAYING IN MAREEBA SHIRE

I recently emailed Mareeba Shire Council in reference to the letter in the August edition of *The Kuranda Paper* "Spray Concerns" by Michelle MacLean expressing concerns (which I share) about the excessive spraying of an unknown substance in areas around Kuranda, which is killing not only weeds, but I believe can also be toxic to people and animals. I wanted to know if the Council is using glyphosate or anything else specifically. I received the following answer to my email:

"Mareeba Shire Council employs trained operators and uses a range of weed control methods to manage vegetation effectively. These include mechanical, biological, and chemical controls, with herbicide used where other methods are not cost-effective or practical.

As a standard practice, Council sprays herbicide in areas where mechanical methods like slashing are impractical, such as in and around drains. Council used Weedmaster Duo in this location, a glyphosate-based herbicide that is approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority for use in a variety of public settings, including aquatic environments, such as along drains, rivers and creeks."

Nava Wahl, Speewah

GRATEFUL THANKS

I'm the president of the Mission Beach Historical Society. Our exhibition, *Echo of the Past*, is currently on display at the Cairns Museum. One of the Museum volunteers brought page 21 of your August edition to the attention of Daniela Vavrova, curator, who sent me a photo of your article.

I looked for *The Kuranda Paper* online (I never heard about it before) and discovered the August edition. Congratulations for your amazing work and dedication.

On behalf of the Mission Beach Historical Society, I'd like to thank the Management Committee and Production Team for drafting and publishing such a beautiful article promoting our work.

Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Dr Valerie Boll, El Arish

Note: All editions of *The Kuranda Paper* from July 1991 to the present are available to view/download on our website www.kurandapaper.com.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Sunday 1 September

The Kuranda Media Association acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. The Kuranda Media Association is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

FLYING THE FLAG FOR FITNESS

I would like to congratulate the Mareeba Shire Council on the recent installation of a sky blue shade cover over the exercise equipment at Roscommon, Speewah. As you can see in the accompanying picture they have bravely chosen form over function, I assume after being inspired by beachwear on a visit to Four Mile Beach or perhaps the Cairns Esplanade pool. There you can often find more exposed cheeks than a Mareeba mango factory.

Just like a shy teenager, the Council has also gone to great lengths to avoid the ultimate embarrassment that a wayward thong might cause, by having the corners firmly anchored. Three thick, long and shiny galvanized pipes hold it in place. And like many thongs, it is way up there.

It has been cleverly crafted to cause those wishing to exercise, maximum sun avoidance. During the winter months, when the sun is low in the sky it offers no shade at all and in the summertime I estimate that coverage will be from 11.55am to 12.07pm. That is more than enough time for one to work up a sweat. The rest of the day/year devotees will be required to move indoors, well away from those nasty rays.

Other indoor alternatives will also be necessary if it is raining, (which rarely happens in North Queensland), because of course we all know that thongs were not meant to be waterproof. However on those cool, dry, heavily overcast days, exercisers will be able to glance up from their toils to admire the tiny blue flag that our Council is flying, here to remind us of their desire to keep us out of the sun, their support for the more whimsical arts, and of their constant fiscal thriftiness on behalf of unfit ratepayers like us.

And just because the last lot of equipment faded and rusted away doesn't mean that these will.

Chris Harth, Speewah



Exercise equipment at Roscommon, Speewah. Photo: Chris Harth

RUBBISH RATES

I recently sent a letter to the Mareeba Shire Council Mayor regarding charges for using the Kuranda Transfer Station for domestic recyclables.

We pay rates for waste, have an extra 'Waste Facilities Charge' to cover transfer stations, but still have to pay at the transfer station?

We compost and recycle and visit the station about every three months. Additionally, we are being charged for kerbside waste collection that we have never used or need. We have not requested or signed up for this service. The waste collection truck merely passing our property I believe there is no reason to put charges on our rates.

I was advised by the Council that under local government law they are allowed to charge what they are charging. So, is this still fair? No.

Iveta Svihla, Kuranda

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KURANDA: Kuranda Post Office (Thoree St), Sprout Café (Coondoo St), Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (Centenary Park), Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (Rob Veivers Dr), Kuranda Pharmacy & Newsagency (Coondoo St), Kuranda Arts Co-op (Coondoo St), Cornetts IGA

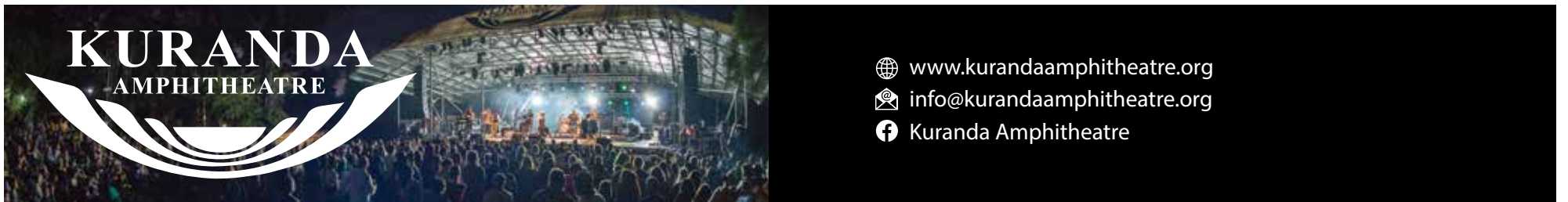
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KURANDA DISTRICT: Speewah Service Station, Koah Service Station.

MAREEBA: Piagno's News (Byrnes St), Mareeba Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre (Byrnes St), Mareeba News (Byrnes St)

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SMITHFIELD: Totem Clothing (Smithfield Shopping Centre), Smithfield Library

CAIRNS: Cairns Library



What's on at the Amphitheatre

COMING UP!

Kuranda Amphitheatre Spring Fair Event – Sunday 8 September 3-8pm, Mainstage and Terraces

Kuranda Amphitheatre is presenting a Sunday afternoon and evening of music and family activities on the mainstage and terraces, as part of the Kuranda Village Spring Fair celebrations, which begin on Saturday 7 September in Kuranda Village and the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets.

Escape to the enchanting surroundings of the Kuranda Amphitheatre for an unforgettable afternoon of entertainment and relaxation. **Flower Power** is the fancy dress theme for Sunday afternoon, so get out your fanciest florals and be in the running for prizes and a parade of best dressed!

Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere with live music on the mainstage from talented local bands Cloud 9, Secret Tuesdays, ZDC and Heyfever. Get involved on the Blackboard Stage—an open mic opportunity to share spoken word & poetry—and the playful lawn games which are perfect for all ages.

Special thanks to Kuranda Koala Gardens for their generous sponsorship of this event and their continued support of Kuranda Amphitheatre.

This event is made possible via the Mareeba Shire Council's Regional Arts Development Fund, a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

FEEDBACK REQUIRED ON STAGE 2 OF THE KAS MASTER PLANNING PROCESS – (Note: Feedback surveys close at the end of September)

The results of the initial Master Planning sessions were collated and presented to general membership at our General Meeting in early July, and are available on the Kuranda Amphitheatre website under the 'Get involved' tab.

The community consultation report, site plan and building drawings available here reflect community feedback received in the consultations held in January. Please fill in the survey if you have more feedback to provide!

At the end of September we will collate all information for the final Master Plan to present at our October General Meeting, which will guide maintenance and innovation of the Amphitheatre's physical infrastructure over the next 10 years.

LOOKING BACK: Kuranda NAIDOC 2024

This event was an absolutely inspiring and heartwarming celebration of the incredibly rich culture of our town and region. There were so many highlights including the amazing dance troupes, the brilliant line-up of music and speakers – including once again hosting local giants The Pad Boys at the

Amphitheatre, superstar MC Sean Choolburra, the free Kup Murri, and the wonderful community who turned up and shared the joy of being part of this event.

The finale had Yarrabah sensation Normey Jay inviting talented local Kuranda kids to dance with him onstage – an incredibly inspiring experience seeing ancient culture continue to thrive in contemporary times.

Congratulations and many thanks to Zami Coleman and the Ngoonbi team for partnering with KAS to present this event, we can't wait for the next one!

This National NAIDOC Week Activity was funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



Zagerub Erub Dancers at the Amphitheatre NAIDOC Week celebrations. Photo: Trish Molloy.

CAST Theatre, Thursday Nights 6pm – all welcome!

Community theatre continues to build at the Amphitheatre, each Thursday night in the Understage at 6pm. This is a Kuranda Amphitheatre initiative, created in early 2023 to increase community engagement with cultural activities at the Amphitheatre. Come along and be part of the evolution!

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Our next AGM is still six months away, but we'd like to encourage members to consider taking on a rewarding volunteer job by joining the KAS Committee for 2025 and beyond.

Many of our current Committee members will have completed two years service at the end of this year, and are ready to make space for new community minded volunteers to step up and bring your improvements, skills, ideas, innovations and commitment to community arts and culture to keep this beautiful and unique venue and society alive for many years to come.

Remember the Amphitheatre belongs to its membership! If you see a job that needs doing, or needs doing better, please come and volunteer your skills to make it happen.

Magic is created when people work together joyfully as a supportive team, and are willing to work cohesively on a shared purpose bigger than ourselves, and bigger than any



Poster artwork by Sophie Marwick.

one person or committee. Please consider contributing to this wonderful, unique, legacy community project. Current committee members are happy to talk to anyone who may be considering this job to let you know what it entails.

One Love Kuranda,

Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

• SALESPERSON REQUIRED •

A casual Salesperson position is available at our Kuranda and Farm Cellar Doors.

We are seeking a responsible, enthusiastic salesperson with excellent people skills for a minimum of 16 hours per week. The position includes weekend work.

- Experience in sales would be an advantage
- Award rate paid
- RSA certificate an advantage (but not essential)
- Drivers licence required



Contact Golden Drop Winery on 4093 2750 to arrange an interview



Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month features detail from *Flower Power* a hand-embroidered fabric 'scrappyball' made by Kuranda textile artist Gayle Hannah from recycled and salvaged materials. Created in June 2023, the scrappyball is 20cm in diameter and features dyed vintage lace, doilies and beads.

"Like most artists, I am a magpie, so I am always looking for ways to incorporate my salvaged (some might say hoarded) materials into my artworks and projects. In 2022, I discovered the world of embroidering on cloth or felt balls, bringing together my love of non-traditional hand embroidery and use of unexpected, recycled materials. Since then I have made over 100 scrappyballs of various sizes as part of a global Facebook group. I find hand-stitching a rewarding and mentally relaxing art practice."

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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR KEVIN DAVIES

I am pleased to share with you an update on ongoing projects and initiatives around Kuranda.

Understanding Your Rate Notice

Understanding your rate notice can be challenging, but it is important for property owners to understand how we calculate your rates. Rates are issued twice a year, in February and August, and are due within 30 days of the notice date. Council collects rates to fund essential services like roads, waste collection and disposal, and upgrades to critical water infrastructure.

Your rates notice includes general rates and specific charges such as water access, sewerage, waste management and emergency services levies. The calculation of your general rates is based on the value of your property and its rating category, and each category has a different rate in the dollar, with a minimum amount to ensure everyone contributes fairly to Council services.

I would like to remind property owners that Council offers a 10% discount to residents who pay before the due date. If you want to make use of this discount, remember to pay your rates in full by 13 September.

For further information, please visit Council's website and search 'Understanding your Rate Notice' for a factsheet that explains sections of your notice visually.

If you are unable to pay the amount outstanding by the discount date, you may be eligible for an interest-free Arrangement to Pay, applicable to current rates only. You can easily apply to make a direct debit payment arrangement through our new payment portal at www.mareeba-pay.enotices.com.au. All you need is your most recent rates notice and bank account or credit card details.

Myola Road Upgraded

I am pleased to see the completion of the project to upgrade a three-kilometre section of Myola Road to extend the pavement's functional life. The section of road is next to the Kuranda District State College and the last of the project was completed in the middle of August.

I would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding while we completed this project and if you would like to issue or lodge a request for service, please reach out to me on the details below or contact Council.

Councillor Kevin Davies

0400 490 493 | KevinD@msc.qld.gov.au | PO Box 154, Mareeba QLD 4880

Cairns Hospital Emergency Department Expansion

The Cairns Hospital Emergency Department (ED) welcomed a \$26.4 million boost to help meet the needs of our growing region and improve patient flow through the hospital. I was pleased to join the Premier and Health Minister to officially open the upgraded Emergency Department.

This ED expansion has delivered:

- 6 new beds (total capacity now 53)
- A dedicated X-ray suite
- State-of-the-art resuscitation bays
- A family room and updated waiting room facilities
- 43 new jobs, including nurses, doctors, radiographers, and support staff.

VET Trainee of the Year

Huge congratulations to Kuranda's Georgia Simpson, who was recently recognised as the 2024 Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year at the Queensland Training Awards regional final. Georgia is studying a Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care.

It was terrific to catch up with Georgia during a recent visit to Kuranda to personally congratulate her on this huge achievement. The Queensland Training Awards regional finals showcase the great work in vocational education and training (VET) right across Queensland. There were 750 statewide nominations across all categories this year, so Georgia has done exceptionally well to be named as our regional finalist. I'm sure the community will join me in wishing her good luck ahead of the state finals in September.

Djabugay Funding

Buda:Dji Aboriginal Development Association A/C (BADA) is the principal administration, employment and economic development arm of Djabugay, driving business and economic development strategies for the group.

I enjoyed catching up with the team and chat to them about their upcoming plans to expand their workforce. They recently received a \$9,720 Arts Queensland, First Nations Arts Business Grant for business related training and coaching. These grants provide important support for Indigenous arts and cultural businesses to access services to strengthen sustainability, skills and capacity. Congratulations to the Djabugay Bulmba Rangers for being featured in National Geographic's article (June edition) highlighting traditional cultural burning and fire management strategies.



Craig Crawford – Member for Barron River

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RATE NOTICES ISSUED DUE DATE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2024



The half-yearly rate notices for the six-month period ending 31 December 2024 have been issued. If you have not received your rate notice, please contact the Rates Department.

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NEW PAYMENT PORTAL - FLEXIPAY

Council has introduced a new payment portal, allowing you to pay your rates or **easily set up a direct debit payment arrangement**. You can choose to make payments weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Scan the QR Code on your rate notice or visit mareeba-pay.enotices.com.au to pay or set up a direct debit arrangement. You can pay via Visa, Mastercard, Bank Account, Google Pay or Apple Pay.

INTEREST FREE ARRANGEMENTS

No interest will be charged on approved arrangements for current outstanding rates and charges provided the payment plan is adhered to.

10% DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

To receive the 10% discount (on your general rates), all rates and charges must be paid and received by Council by 13 September 2024. Council does not take responsibility for the late processing of electronic payments by third parties.

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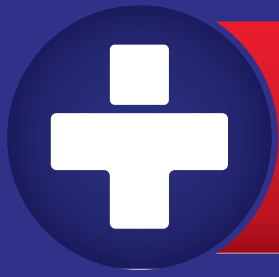
A pensioner rebate may also apply to those holders of a State Government Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card.

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If you are curious about Steiner education or simply want to experience it for yourself, drop by the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School’s annual **Spring Fair and Open Day on Saturday 7 September, from 10am.**

“The Spring Fair is a key highlight of our school’s festival calendar,” continued Deb. “The Kuranda community is invited to join our celebrations.”

The day includes a maypole dance, delicious food stalls, student stalls, and games and activities for the children. A full program of musical performances from students—featuring the school’s string soloists and ensembles, and choral performances—is also not to be missed.

The Spring Fair and Open Day showcases students’ schoolwork from across the class years. The creative, artistic and aesthetic approach used in the delivery of all schoolwork will become immediately apparent as you enter the school hall and see the work on display.

“Displays from early childhood, primary and high school demonstrate how the Steiner principles of head, heart and hands manifest in students’ academic and holistic development. It is truly a spectacle to behold,” said Deb

The Spring Fair is a wonderful time to take the short drive down Myola Road to Boyles Road to visit the school and join the festivities.

Find out more www.chss.qld.edu.au or search for the school on Facebook, ‘Cairns Hinterland Steiner School’.



Vale

HEIDI OTT

1942 – 25 JULY 2024

My partner of 34 years died peacefully on 25 July after enduring extreme pain over an extended period of time. She held on with great strength, long enough for her only child to fly in from Switzerland and say goodbye. Heidi was born in Zurich in 1942, an only child.

She trained as a medical technician. Her passions were art, skiing, travelling and scuba diving. She dived extensively on Elba in Italy, the Red Sea, Costa Rica, Bali, Malaysia. She was on the Swiss Ski Team as a downhill racer.

I told her many times that meeting her in Singapore in 1989 was the luckiest day of my life. She was in a group that dived in Bali and I booked a random hotel at the airport on my way to Malaysia.

Heidi emigrated to Melbourne in 1990. Her mother was shocked and remarked “they are all convicts”. We went to Switzerland a few months later and her parents accepted me.

Heidi resumed her folk art and over the next 20 years taught in Melbourne, England, Ireland, Bangkok, Singapore and at conventions in United States. She published a book on her own folk art and translated an art book for a Swiss artist from German to English.

We also joined a Swiss Dance Group in Melbourne and we soon had dogs, almost always rescue dogs. We took up golf and played every week. She supported my cricket career until I retired in 2000.

We travelled regularly back to Switzerland and also to Ireland, Austria, France, Italy and Germany, USA, Mexico, Bali, Lombok, Thailand, Malaysia, Borneo. We moved to FNQ in 2005. Sadly Heidi was not well enough to travel to Switzerland after 2018.

Heidi dearly loved her son and my daughter and her partner and children.

Heidi was a generous and loving person.

A big thank you to the paramedics over the years.

Thank you for the loving support from our friends Leo, Tony and Wendy, Bonnie and J, Gail, Danny and Jackie, Lunar, Donna and Dean.

Thank you to Heidi’s wonderful carers Laure, Seb and Rena who enabled us to care for Heidi at home which was our agreed plan. Your empathy and sympathetic caring was excellent. Heidi looked forward to your visits and loved you all as I do.

Barry Hodson, Kuranda

Pictured is Heidi in 2018 which was the last time she saw her four granddaughters.

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Exciting Workshops for Mums and Teens this September in Kuranda

Andrea Nerva, Co-creator and Key Facilitator of Every Woman's Rite, will be presenting workshops over two days in September at the Kuranda Recreation Centre on Fallon Road.

Teen Girls Workshop (ages 11-16 years): attend either 11am-4pm Saturday 28 September or 11am-4pm Sunday 29 September. Discover new ways to boost your confidence and self worth, navigate friendship dramas and anxiety, and explore choosing and creating healthy relationships. Learn how to understand your cycle so it works for you and discover how to create more experiences that you love, in a supportive, fun and relaxed setting where you can truly just be yourself! Don't miss out—come and experience a day of growth, connection, and fun!

Mothering Teen Girls Workshop: attend either 5-8pm Saturday 28 September or 5-8pm Sunday 29 September. A fun and beautiful opportunity to gain practical tips, share experiences and wisdom, and find support on the journey of raising teenage daughters. Connect with other mums and get valuable insights on everything from mood swings to social media, menarche and perimenopause and more. Designed to support and increase confidence and relief for the massive motherhood role. Limited spots so book now.

To book for any workshop visit www.everywomansrite.net or call **Andrea 0432 024 722** to reserve your spot.



The Speewah District Residents Association

Opportunity for a Chat for Speewah Residents with Council

The Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA) will meet again from 6-7pm on 16 September at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade Training Room at Roscommon. This is an opportunity for Speewah residents to liaise with other stakeholders including Mareeba Shire Councillors and have input into their local community. We will discuss issues as per an agenda and, if you wish to discuss anything in particular, please email our secretary, Jo Garbellini at jgarbell15@gmail.com.

Membership is an annual fee of \$5 per member, which will give you the opportunity to not only attend our regular meetings, but also to receive any related correspondence.

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A Grinter's Tale

September, the ninth month of the year and only about 115 days to go until Christmas. Any minute now there will be mince pies at the entrance to Coles. I can't wait, yawn.

There's nothing like four months of retail lead up to a seasonal festivity to make the actual day a total anti-climax and put you off mince pies and tinsel forever.

Perhaps buy your turkey now for Christmas before the Avian flu fiasco causes not only an egg shortage, but we learn the true definition of cold turkey when we have to go without.

By then there will be swine flu and prawn flu, but unfortunately there is no flu that I know of that will cause prices to drop like flies.

There's nothing like a good blight to get everyone panic buying. Anyway, it is only September and there is plenty of time for lots and lots of other viruses and a 50% hike in the price of everything.

I have a very old friend, well, not old per se; I mean long term, you know. She's put up with me and all my foibles since she was unlucky enough to meet me as a customer in the bank where she worked many, many moons ago.

She is exceptionally well organised and puts me to shame. She is my organisation heroine and guru, and the downside of this is that when I am desperately trying to find exactly the right present for her 12 hours before her birthday or Christmas Day, she has had mine purchased, wrapped and maturing on the top shelf of her wardrobe six months before.

I started thinking I might take a leaf out of her book and be more organised this year. This came about when Microsoft Edge, against my will, opened up when I started work this morning, as it does every morning since I bought this new desktop computer. I don't get that, because Google Chrome is my default browser, but there you go. I do get it really, but we won't go there. I'm not a technophobe by any means, but these days I seem to spend my life Googling solutions to miscellaneous issues such as these and the password issues etc I mentioned last month.

So, Edge opened, and it is full of sensational news to suck you in when you should be working. As I am my own boss, that is to my own detriment, of course. Despite being the Queen of Scepticism when it comes to the media, I am guilty of giving myself a little dose of browsing while dropping toast crumbs into the keyboard prior to starting work. Then I give myself another five minutes while picking the crumbs out of the keyboard with a serrated tooth pick before banging it upside down a couple of times for good measure.

I'm easily led by sensationalistic news on Edge, even if I don't believe it. This is mainly because dotted all over the place as you scroll, are fascinating pages where you can get rich, healthy, thin, exciting, rich, intelligent but you can't eat tomatoes anymore because their lectins will kill you.

People being murdered all over the place. Superyachts being caught in mystery typhoons,

killing numerous stakeholders in a fraud case, British Airways flights cancelled due to some never-known-before storm, an earthquake in NSW because the rocks, like everything else, are stressed. Donald Sutherland died. That's a bit weird, that's the second time he's died this year. Putin rocked by kamikaze drone attack on oil depot. US nuclear sub arrives in WA... It's good news week, but we won't finish that song line.

Ahh, here we go, here's one I should read. "Ten things that happen to your body when you stop drinking alcohol" I can guess at least nine, so I had better find out what the tenth is to give me a bit more encouragement. My doctor should never have told me that I have the liver of a teenager. Half way through that slide show there's yet more breathable sneakers. Is that the universe telling me I have stinky sneakers, I wonder?

Okay, back to the main page, and I can beat insomnia in a month, fix my hearing, manage my mental load (impossible!), I can join up for training – 'Artificial Intelligence for beginners'. You could read that lots of ways, but I would really prefer to develop my own real intelligence, beginner or not, thank you.

Then you might have to give yourself a few weeks to reduce your salt intake (serious health impacts), stop overthinking at night (yeah, right!), eat less to minimise mercury risk, manage your blood pressure with bananas, foods to eat if you have stomach ulcers, cope with empty nest syndrome, cook rice a certain way so you don't implode, etc.

It gets better... Eat a Mediterranean diet if you are a woman for 23% lower risk of death – I like that one, I thought we were all going to die eventually, but it would be good to think I could make it to the 23% who don't. Or would it?

Take an ice bath for its positive psychological effect. That's not exactly rocket science. I can tell you now, you'll feel soooo much better when you get out.

Twenty tips for reducing your caffeine intake. Surely there is just one? A prize to whoever gets the answer to that one.

I've seen at least 35 sneaker ads as I scrolled so maybe I really should take this divine message on board. No, Suzy, later. It's time to start work.

I did get slightly sidetracked by "8 Mistakes You're Making When Drinking Water". "Many people believe that drinking water before bed is a good idea, but this can actually disrupt sleep." Now there's another prizewinner. Are they taking the piss? Sorry, sorry.

So, I close down Edge and get to work after concussing the keyboard yet again, which reveals not only Turkish pide breadcrumbs, but millet seeds from the bird feeder plate hanging outside the window. Mmm.

I never did get to buy that early Christmas present, but maybe breathable sneakers in five different colours could be a goer?



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Regenerative is a relatively new term, first being used in connection to agriculture in the 1970s. The Collins dictionary defines Regenerative actions or approaches as ‘...powers or processes that cause something to heal or become active again after it has been damaged or inactive’¹.

Regenerative Agriculture shares commonalities with Permaculture and has specific strategies to mitigate climate change including building soil health through carbon sequestration, enhancing biodiversity, integrating livestock, conserving water, supporting farmer livelihoods and long-term mindset².

Since the 1990s, the ideology has evolved as an alternative framework to the capitalist paradigm. The Regenes Institute for Regenerative Practice in America teaches practitioners from a wide array of fields how ‘...human beings and human activities have the potential to nourish and support the myriad ecological systems that they touch and that realising this potential is a pathway to regenerating the health and abundance of human cultures and economies’³.

Here in FNQ, we have the Regen Hub in Tolga. The hub aims to ‘foster unity and community through regenerative practices by creating a hub that inspires and empowers individuals and our local community to learn and live healthier lifestyles’⁴.

Our Home Education group visited the hub to learn more about this initiative in which a cleared parcel of farmland has been regenerated through the cultivation of edible, native and carbon-sequestering plants that nurture and benefit the surrounding ecosystems, including plant, soil, insect, animal, human and climate.

Regenerative frameworks have contributed to innovations in a range of disciplines including economics and craft. The concept of a ‘circular economy’ – in which materials never become waste and nature is regenerated through processes like maintenance, reuse, refurbishment, remanufacture, recycling, and composting⁵ – can be brought to a variety of contexts. For example, Swedish clothing brand ‘Nudie Jeans’ offer free repairs, use organic, fairtrade cotton and apply design principles that stand the test of time⁶.

Recently I created a regenerative craft project called ‘patchy-pants’ – my youngest son’s hard-worn pair of trackies – that I mended by hand for many moons. The project fed my need to care for my son and our planet through craft. Each week he would return home from a day spent in nature with another rip to his pants – sometimes even the patches would be torn! I cut and sewed patches from old t-shirts, revelling in the ramshackle aesthetic of made-by-hand versus the sterile precision of machine production.

Patchy pants finally came to an end due to my son growing out of them. When I asked him if he wanted to keep them, he suggested we could cut them up to use as washers, hankies and household rags.

Lately, my son and I have been reading books published through the Jane Goodall Foundation⁷. Each night we would read about an incredible ecosystem, from desert to rainforest, learning about its geography, geology, flora and fauna. Lastly, the book listed threats to the ecosystem; unsurprisingly, all stemmed from the impact of consumerism and our disconnection from the natural world⁸.

A few nights ago, my son told me he didn’t want to read the books. His face was pinched with hurt and I could feel the heaviness of his grief about the destruction of the natural world. I remember when the weight of this knowledge began to weigh heavy on my heart. Our current situation is even more dire and solutions feel more out of reach. We know recycling isn’t a solution to waste, our screen use keeps us disconnected and our political systems are designed to resist change.

So what can we do?

The choices we make as a family to reuse, repair and upcycle show me that we can reduce waste. The more we eat from a home or community garden show me we can reduce reliance on

supermarkets. Our choice to live in FNQ enables us to live in connection to intact ecosystems that stretch as far as the eye can see.

One essential ingredient that combats ‘eco-anxiety’⁹ for the future is hope. Appalachian researcher and activist, Alaina Wood, found that ‘Without hope, movements fail. Fear will only motivate people so far. They give up if they never learn about solutions and progress’¹⁰. Alaina’s response was to create *Good Climate News*, a video series through which she shares stories of how people around the world are tackling environmental issues with positive outcomes.

American activist, Howard Zinn, reminds us that our personal choices affect global change, as evidenced by the impact of protests that contributed to ending the Vietnam war. Zinn observes that ‘...we don’t have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world’¹¹.

On a local level, Australian author Tim Hollo has written a blueprint for democracy informed by regenerative principles. Hollo states that ‘Like everything else in the glorious complexity of ecology, we can be destructive and creative. But unlike any other organism that we know of, we can choose to be deliberately regenerative. With a regenerative approach, we can plant seeds of trust, social cohesion, cooperation, and generosity, tend them with care, weed out our destructive tendencies, and reap the harvest of a healthy, resilient, joyful, beautiful, ecological, living democracy’¹².

May we all continue to have a bright light of hope burning in our hearts that can sustain us as we embark on a regenerative journey to a planet and people-friendly future.

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Local Artist Exhibition at Café Mandala

Café Mandala has been using its walls to showcase and support local artistic talent for a number of years. Currently, Pam Frost’s work is on display showing a variety of subjects including landscapes and streetscapes in Australia and abroad, as well as native animals, birds and insects. Her medium of choice is oil paint, but she also uses acrylics and modelling paste to create texture and give depth to her paintings.

Pam started painting regularly after attending classes conducted by Claire Souter in 2016. During the COVID years she and her sister-in-law commenced spending half a day a week painting together via the internet. This continues today.

Pam’s paintings can be seen on the wall of Café Mandala, 20 Coondoo Street, Kuranda which is open from 8.30am to 2pm Thursday to Monday.



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We are delighted to welcome Kasey Kennedy as a new exhibiting artist in the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

At 19 years of age, Kasey Kennedy has already established herself as an exhibiting artist in the Kuranda/Cairns art scene; her works often featuring coloured pencil and acrylic paint. Born and raised in Cairns, Kasey graduated from Smithfield State High School in 2022 and was awarded Subject Dux of Visual Art for high distinctions in two Visual Art subjects. During and following the completion of her studies, Kasey has exhibited at the Tanks Art Centre, Cairns Courthouse Gallery, Crate59, and Cairns Art Society among others, on multiple occasions and has been involved in a multitude of local arts projects and mentorships.

Having been mentored by successful local artists, Kevin Mayo, Naomi Evans and Julie McEnery, Kasey has gained incredible insight into careers and opportunities in the Arts, that



have led her to seek and take on an exhibiting position in the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

In her practice, Kasey explores various mediums and subject matter, but ultimately enjoys working with concepts encompassing the human condition and social commentary, although recently she has enjoyed producing serene waterscape pencil drawings. Taking inspiration from the vibrance of the local surroundings, Kasey’s works are often colourful and reflect the radiant and warm atmosphere of our local scenes.

In taking inspiration from her local scenery, Kasey enjoys giving back to community through volunteer face-painting, art donation, assisting in local art shows and is planning to host a group exhibition, offering young emerging artists exposure and connections.

We look forward to sharing Kasey’s artwork with our visitors.

The Kuranda Arts Co-operative is open from 10am to 4pm seven days a week. Pop in and meet the artist on duty who will be only too happy to help you find something special or just enjoy a relaxing browse through locally made artworks.

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Left: New artist Kasey Kennedy
Below left: Cassowary Creek
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I'll probably have stopped to stare at a butterfly and let her come closer, so we both can feel the time stop for a second.

I'll probably have stopped to listen to the birds and try to understand the secret message they have for me today.

I'll probably have stopped by the river so the sound of the water flowing down takes my thoughts with it.

I'll probably have stopped to talk with someone about how important it is to receive the sunlight on our faces today.

I'll probably have gone slower, dancing with my headphones in the middle of the jungle.

Or maybe the roots and stems of the trees have trapped me and it will take me a while to convince them to let me out.

So, sorry if I'm late one day, or every day, I am still amazed with the beauty of this place and mother earth every day.

But don't worry, I'm on my way.

Victoria Garcia

"I am 22 years old and from Spain. I have been living in Kuranda for the past three months and I love it. I started travelling and living in different countries three years ago and arrived in Australia last November. I spent some time living in Byron Bay and then in Tasmania. I decided to move up to North Queensland to continue exploring new places in Australia and also to complete my work hours for my visa. I came to Kuranda. I fell in love with it immediately and was lucky enough to find a home and work. I recently discovered *The Kuranda Paper* and as writing is my passion, I thought I would send in a piece I wrote inspired by walks around Kuranda. I don't usually write in English, so this is a challenge for me, but most of all, it's a pleasure." Vicky





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Book Review: *Life Keeps Me Dancing: 108 Years Well Lived, Grounded in Creativity, Adventure and Love* by Eileen Kramer, read by Lisa Armytage
eAudiobook, published by Bolinda/Macmillan Australia, released 31 August 2023

★★★★☆ 3 out of 5 stars

Publishers Blurbs: *Charming, funny, and inspirational, in Life Keeps Me Dancing, Australia's oldest and most graceful dancer shares not just how to live a long life, but also how to live a great life, full of wonder and joy.*

I love a good memoir – especially when the author has lived such an interesting and storied life – and at 108 years old at the time this memoir was published, Eileen Kramer has led a lot of life.

Kramer toured internationally and here in Australia as a Bodenweiser dancer (a style of European modernist dance – the archives of which can be found in the National Library of Australia), worked on and off as an artist's model in Australia, Paris and London, wrote articles for the Australian Women's Weekly detailing her life as an expat, and was taught how to do the twist by Louis Armstrong himself.

I read this as an eAudiobook, and the narration provided by Lisa Armytage, really brought to Eileen's warm and charming authorial voice to life. It rather felt like sitting down for a cup of tea and being told a great yarn by your nan, in the best of ways.

I recommend this if you like celebrity and artist memoirs, or a just fancy a quick and cosy read.

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Meg



Kuranda Writers Group

On arrival, a round-robin followed the format of each person sharing what they had been reading, watching, or writing over the past month. This reveal opened many fascinating conversations, everyone getting to know each other a little better while also providing leads on new titles to pursue.

Anna R. is reading a book by Dr Hannah Royster who grew up in Kuranda before studying medicine. Currently practising in Malanda, Dr Royster took a year off to write *In Turn* (2023), a fictional memoir which uncovers some of the various traumas faced by junior doctors in rural practice. Screen-wise Anna watched *The Bear* (2022), but it was when she revealed she has been enjoying the New York period comedy-drama *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* that the room erupted with cheers of recognition and approval.

Malcolm F. is reading works by American crime novelist and screenwriter Scott Frost (*Twin Peaks*, *The X-Files*); *Stone Age People* (1960) which led us all to a wider discussion on the blatant racism in books of the times, some truth-telling on Australia's brutal colonial history, the contents of the *Little Children Are Sacred* report (2007), and some recalling of harrowing personal experiences of the recent past. Malcolm's screen fare was *Wisting*, a Norwegian police thriller series written by former police officer turned novelist Jørn Lier Horst, and the British documentary series, *Rise of the Nazis*.

Ann H. reported reading British-Australian crime writer Jane Harper's *The Lost Man* (2018) written soon after her blockbuster, *The Dry*; *The Midnight Feast* by thriller writer Lucy Foley; and *Braiding Sweetgrass*, a meditation on science, nature and indigenous knowledge with the plants and animals of the living world. Written by renowned NY-based botanist of African origin Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass* is also on Audible as a soothing audio-book. As for watching, it was *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* (2024), a series based on a book by Heather Morris who extensively interviewed Holocaust survivor Lale Sokolov of Melbourne who told his story for the first time to her when in his late 80s. Ann has just started to write a new novel.

Kaylee J. spoke of ADHD and bi-polar and is currently reading *The Fourth Way*, a series of teachings and practices about the getting of wisdom and enlightenment brought to the West by the gnostic Gurdjieff.

When it came to reading out our homework writings in response to the prompt *Caught in the Act*, these ranged from a boy-meets-girl tentative young love (with a twist); a teenage flit through the bedroom window to an all-night party that failed to fool her parents; a hit-and-run driver who gets caught out; a visceral body language response to an adult daughter telling her divorced mother that her ex-husband has just died; and a piece about culture and identity as being "torn between the East and West in me."

The new homework prompt for each of us to write in the crime genre for the next meeting at Kuranda Library at 10am on 9 September (the second Monday of the month) is "The Last Thing He Told Me". Newcomers are welcome, and/or you can follow us on the Kuranda Writers Group page on Facebook.

PS: For storytelling, don't miss the touring UnderStory Film Festival screening of the best FNQ-made films at 6pm on Friday 30 August at Kuranda Library. Bookings essential on 4093 9185. *Eve Stafford*

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Thank you to everyone involved, including all my sponsors who have got on board this year, and in most cases, previous years too! And let's not forget all the volunteers on the day that helped me get it done – I couldn't have done it without you all. See you out there next year for round 12!

Mick Dowling, Speewah.





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Heads are turning as local residents pass the CWA Hall on the corner of Thongon and Barang Streets. The finishing touches to the exterior repainting of the Kuranda CWA Hall are nearing completion as Clayton Crowe from Nailed It Maintenance and his team have ducked and dived between the extended ongoing rains.



L-R: Kuranda CWA Secretary, Glenda McGowan and Treasurer, Sandra McCorry appreciating the the recently painted CWA Hall.

HELP NOW! – Help is needed to refurbish the ageing furniture within the newly decorated interior. Would you like to volunteer your handiwork? We would love to hear from you. Contact Sandra McCorry 0447 737 415.

Crocheting – Glenda McGowan, our new enthusiastic Secretary, has been showing us her beautiful crochet efforts. Glenda is happy to share her crocheting skills with those interested to learn on the third Wednesday of the month at our Social Gathering mornings. You do not need to be a member to participate.

Kuranda CWA Membership – Check out QCWA website and see the benefits of becoming a CWA member, or enquire locally via email kurandabbranch.qcwa.org.au.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 11 September 9–10am.

Social Gathering – Wednesday 18 September at 9–11am at the CWA Hall. Come and join us for a cuppa and bit of seniors fun! All welcome. For Country Kitchens information contact Vicki Donovan 0400 791 345.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Feldenkrais with Justine – 0408 735 309

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CWA Dance Group – Sandra 0447 737 415

Hall Hire Available – The Kuranda CWA Hall is a venue close to the village with a large safe space, air conditioning, kitchen, toilets, furniture, disability access, professionally cleaned, parking, and flexible hire times. There is also a cheaper smaller space for up to a 4-person activity along the front of the Hall.

We currently have hire availability on Mondays, Tuesdays 1–5pm, Wednesdays and evenings (except on 2nd and 3rd week for CWA meetings 8am–12pm), Thursdays until 4.30pm, Fridays, most Saturdays all day and Sundays free. Please enquire for availability.

Relocation – Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is temporarily located upstairs at the Kuranda Library. We relocated four weeks ago as there is mould and water damage in the building. We hope to be back in the Centre by the end of September. Please drop in and see us if you require support, we are offering all services except the use of public computers (please see the library, until we are back at the Centre).

Staff – We say farewell and best wishes to Florence Williams and welcome Erica Thompson into the Family Support Worker role. Jade Falvo has finished her Community Connect Worker contract and moves into the NILS position two days per week (Wednesday and Thursday).

Congratulations to Suella Wason who completed her Traineeship – Certificate 3 in Business on 17 July. We are hoping to see her back at KNC after a well-deserved rest.

Furniture Exchange – Thank you to all community members that donate to our furniture exchange program. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any electrical items. Please text photos of items you wish to donate to Erica on 0447 126 283.

Street Pantry – KNC is grateful for all the donations to our Street Pantry. Please continue to do this in our absence to assist less fortunate community members.

KNC Community Satisfaction Survey – Thank you to all who completed the survey. Community feedback is taken into consideration during our Strategic Planning process.

Child Protection Week 1-7 September 2024

The theme for 2024 is **Every conversation matters.** "Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well. Conversations can help us to understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people."

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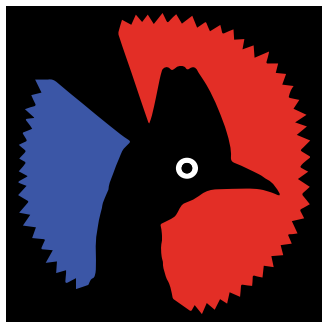
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A TIME OF RENEWAL AND PROMISE

Everywhere you look buds are forming, birds are mating and building nests, butterflies abound and frogs, lots of frogs.



Father with tiny chick in tow. Photo: Sharon McGrigor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CASSOWARIES

The first of the next generation of chicks are emerging on cue. Elvis has been spotted with two new chicks as has Merlin. Will old Dad sit again for yet another year? Many males are still nesting

but will be showing their offspring around in the next couple of months. The chicks are so tiny and vulnerable at this time and for months to come. They can't keep up with their dad, fall into crevices, get eaten by snakes, get trodden on and get squashed on the road. But those that survive grow into beautiful birds, complete the cycle and the promise of continuation is kept.

Please keep an eye out for the tiny, shadowy chicks in places where you've seen them before and give them a chance to fulfil their promise.

SNAKES ARE ON THE MOVE

And they are hungry. Cats and puppies are on their list of favourites. Keep an eye on your pets. A wavy rule of thumb is that if a snake is climbing in a tree or your eaves, it's likely to be non-venomous. Never take this for granted, but if it is not worrying you, then let it be. It's just passing through. We can assist with relocation if required.

IN THE NURSERY

You might be sick of the rain, but we love it in the nursery. Nothing beats rain to freshen up the plants. Lovely fine, warm days and a spot of rain from time to time is just what we need. Plants

are looking good with new growth. Lots of fruit and seeds are coming in from helpful friends in the community. We just collected a bucket of *Antidesma bunius* from Speewah. Marvellous! Great cassowary food.

A special treat is seeing the blue fairy wrens again.



Fairy wren. Photo: ABC Science, Peter de Kruijff (via Anabel Belson)

LOTS OF FROGS

Recent rain has also been a bonus for our nursery frogs. Gee, they can make a racket!

We are finding the free FrogID app a great help with understanding Kuranda's frog biodiversity. Simply record pictures of frogs you find or audio of their calls and send it to the FrogID experts who will tell you who's calling in the neighbourhood.

WORLD CASSOWARY DAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

World Cassowary Day is observed annually and internationally. It is a day to consider how best we can support these magnificent endangered 'big birds' for now and for future generations.

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Spiders of Paradise

31 August – 24 November 2024

Columbian-born, Australian-based artist Maria Fernanda Cordosa's four decade career has been shaped by working innovatively with the natural world. Her work is powered by a fascination with the beauty and sophistication of nature and a desire to explore our place within it.

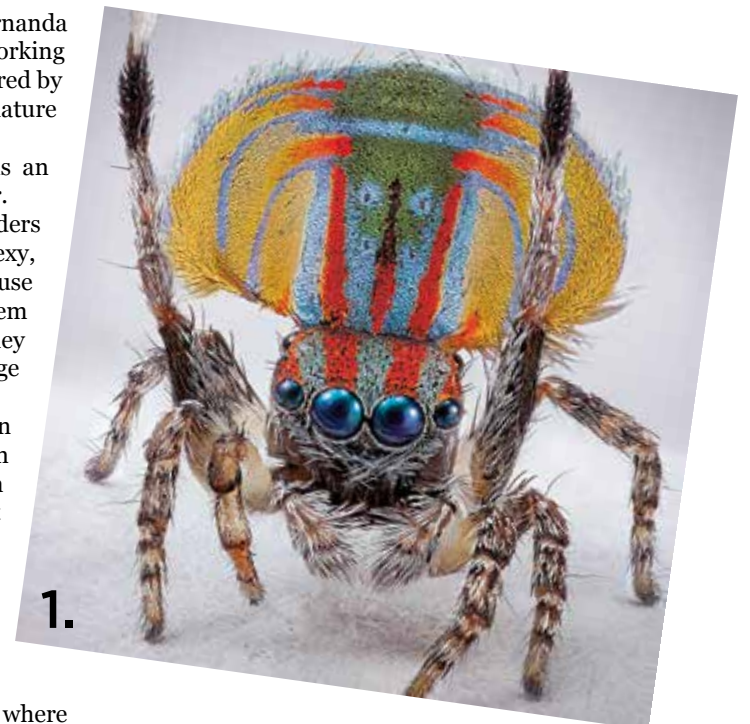
Cordosa's ongoing project *Spiders of Paradise* is an intimate portrait of the tiny Australian jumping spider.

Of her subject, Cardoso says, 'The Maratus spiders of Australia are the most colourful, flamboyant, sexy, and charming spiders on the planet... To me, their use of colour, gesture, sound and movement makes them (...) sophisticated visual and performing artists... They are also the smallest performers I know of—on average about 1/8 inch in size, smaller than a grain of rice.'

Spiders of Paradise is a collaborative effort between the artist and Geoff Thompson who specialises in deep focus microscopy at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane, Australia. This technology allows for great depth of focus with extreme levels of magnification by focus stacking hundreds of photographs into one single, sharp image. Usually at least two of these focus-stacked images are combined in Photoshop to produce the final composite image, which often is combined from over a thousand photographs. The result is a magnificent and detailed photograph, where every scale and hair structure on the Maratus' abdomen is magnified and acutely visible. The images reveal the 'composition' of each 'artist spider's' particular, colourful pattern – his individual scales are a different colour, and his patterned abdomen creates a unique, vibrant composition in itself.

Cairns Art Gallery is the first venue to host this touring exhibition from the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney which celebrates the natural beauty and wonder of the Australian Maratus (or jumping) spider and engages the creative terrain between science, art and nature.

The exhibition comprises a number of large scale, hyper-real photographs alongside a large-scale projection of Cardoso's acclaimed video *On the Origins of Art I-II*. This work presents the complex courtship ritual of the Maratus, a sophisticated communication through dance and vibration, which culminates in the display of their colourful patterns.



Maria Fernanda Cardoso will be in Cairns for an artist talk on Saturday 10.30am to share insights into her exhibition and artistic practice. This will be a free event and all are welcome to attend.

Further information about the exhibition and related events is available on the Gallery website.

Exhibition developed and toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its arts funding and advisory body. This project is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.



1 – *Spiders of Paradise: Maratus volans*, 2 – *Maratus anomalus*, 3 – *Maratus speciosus*, 4 – *Maratus splendens*.
Photos courtesy Maria Fernanda Cardoso and Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney.



Are you interested in learning about the history of Kuranda? Planning to explore a nature trail through the rainforest? Would you like to know more about the public art you can see throughout the village?



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We acknowledge the Djibugay Nation speaking people which include Bulwarrdjil, Yirrganydjil, Gulumyji, Nyagalindji and Djibuganydjil, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



This project has received funding support from the Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action grant program



Tricks of the trade



Predators in the animal world use a wide range of methods to get themselves a meal. Speed, strength, camouflage and at times ingenious trickery are part of the repertoire of predatory animals – anything that can give them a chance to feed and survive. In nature there is no pity or no prizes for second. It comes as no surprise then that some species have evolved amazing tricks to lure their prey directly to them.

Lures are one method used by predatory animals to encourage their prey to approach within striking distance. Some species of deep sea fish called anglerfish are well known for the light emitting lures which extend from the top of the fishes' heads and dangle invitingly above their huge tooth-filled mouths. Smaller fish approach the lure and find themselves quickly dispatched.

On land lures work just as effectively. The northern Death Adder (*Acanthophis praelongus*) are small stocky snakes found in the open forests of region that use a specialised lure on their tail to entice prey. This method is known as caudal luring. The Death Adder positions its tail near its head and begins to writhe and wriggle the light-coloured tail-tip like a squirming grub. Small animals such as lizards, frogs, and birds are attracted to what they assume to be a juicy meal. Instead, in the blink of an eye they themselves end up on the menu.

Luring is not just confined to wiggling one's body parts to attract a meal. Some predators have taken it a step further and use chemicals to lure in their prey. The Australian Bird-dropping Spider (*Celaenia excavata*) is an excellent example. This species releases a pheromone (an airborne hormone) similar to that released by female moths when they attempt to attract a mate. The male moths are incredibly sensitive to these smells and will track them from long distances exactly to the source. Unfortunately for some the scent leads to a hungry spider and not their sweetheart after all.

Another spider called the Green Tree Ant-mimicking Spider (*Amyciaea albomaculata*) preys upon Green Tree Ants. The spider looks very much like the ants and when hunting, dangles on a thread near an area of Green Ant activity. It then wriggles and twitches acts like an ant in distress. This lures in ants to investigate and when one venture close enough the spider strikes, and bungees away on a silk line with its prey.

It pays to be cautious in nature as things are not always what they seem. It is a constant game of survival, where surviving just long enough to breed is considered a win. With so many predators with so many tactics, it is often only those perfectly fit and astutely aware which live to play another day.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: A Northern Death Adder with its caudal lure positioned next to its head.

Above left: Green Tree Ant-mimicking Spider with an ant it has captured.

Left: The Bird-dropping Spider uses a scent lure (a pheromone) to attract moths.

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Top: Little Mikey (Krefft's glider). Above left: Coco (Striped possum). Above right: Dylan (Common Brushtail possum). Photos: Batreach.

Coco is a young Striped possum, found in the Wet Tropics region of North Queensland and New Guinea. Coco was found on the ground in Port Douglas and she came to Batreach weighing only 50 grams. She has gained weight well and is developing her confidence. Eventually she will be released back to the wild.

Dylan is a Common Brushtail possum who suffered burns due to a fire near Mareeba. A concerned family found him on the ground and contacted Batreach. Dylan came into care with burns to his feet, one ear, the tip of his tail and a wound on his rump. After constant treatment, his wounds are healing nicely. He has a voracious appetite especially loving native flowers. Still shy, he is putting on weight and will one day go back out into the forest.

Little Mikey is a Krefft's glider (formerly named Sugar glider) who was found behind the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets by a local and his dogs. Weighing only 30 grams he took to drinking possum formula milk with gusto. He is a noisy addition to the Batreach family and is quite a little character.

We would like to thank all the people who find these little orphans and with concern make the effort to get them into care where they have a second chance.



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Kuranda's Hippy Past – What do you know about these times?

After the pioneer era and being known as an exotic tourist destination in the late 1800s and early 1900s and after the slump in agricultural production of the two wars, Kuranda became known as a hippy destination. This era came on the back of Vietnam War activism and the rise of a culture of peace and free love.

Young (and not so young) folk drifted north, lured by stories of cheap land and the beauty of Kuranda's rainforest. Kuranda has since then been known as a hippy town to the extent that many visitors are keen to see and hear of those days.

The Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) views this era as an important part of Kuranda's history and is looking to compile as much information about this era as still remains. Hippy communes such as the Titanic that were established in the forest on Barron Falls Road are of particular interest. We would like to do interviews with those who have experience or recollections from that time. Contact Trish Keur on 0418 772 380 if you would like to share your memories from that time.



The 70-year-old hippy in the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets – a tourist attraction in itself.
Photo: Anne Clarke.

Collecting Bug Update

Our collection management system catalogues the details of every image, story and artefact that luckily comes to us. It's a program called 'The Collecting Bug' and forms the core of the Kuranda Historical Society's records. While this collection management system is proving our friend and we are receiving lots of images to go in there, we need to attend to the gathering of information and stories to go with those images. Anyone who would like to help us research that information and gather data is welcome to come along to our bright and airy storage space above the Kuranda Library and sit with Jan to discuss how to go about this. There could be fun projects gathering many stories about our history and the many creative and memorable people who have shaped our town. Jan meets with the collection group every Monday at 1–3 pm. It's fine just to show up.

Membership keeps us going

Your Kuranda Historical Society membership is due in September of each year. It's only \$15, but across the community it adds up to be enough for us to keep plugging away at bringing Kuranda's history together. If you wish to pay your 2024 memberships now or join the Kuranda Historical Society, please send an email to kurandahistory@gmail.com and we can guide you in. We also send out reminders.



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A scientific look at our local rainforest

As you stop yet again at the traffic signals on the Kuranda Range Road, rest your eyes on the forest surrounds and admire the richly green and complicated plant growth. The Range Road winds through two national parks, Barron Gorge National Park at the bridge, and through Kuranda National Park. Both parks are part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Kuranda National Park contains tropical rainforest dependant on seasonal rain and mist, specifically 46 regional ecosystems of which 38 have conservation significance. Surrounding the Range Road are three common regional ecosystems (as described by the Queensland Government) as "mostly simple to complex mesophyll to notophyll vine forest on moderately to poorly drained metamorphics of moderate fertility of the moist and wet lowlands, foothills and uplands"; and "simple to complex microphyll to notophyll vine forest, often with *Agathis robusta* (Queensland Kauri pine) or *A. microstachya* (bull pine), on granites and rhyolites"; and "complex notophyll vine forest with *Agathis robusta* emergent on foothills and uplands on metamorphics" in lower elevations.

Mesophyll (big leaves) rainforests, as described by Wet Tropics Management Authority, have an uneven canopy (from 20 to 40 metres) with distinct layers of vegetation. Many of the tallest trees have large spreading crowns which emerge through the canopy. Within them is a rich and complex variety of plant species. Trees with buttressed roots are common, many woody climbers thread through the understory, with epiphytes and palms typically seen, and there are fleshy herbs with wide leaves (such as gingers

and aroids).

Notophyll (medium sized leaves) rainforests are characterised by a canopy height between 12 to 45 metres, rattans or palm lianes, strangler figs, conspicuous epiphytes and variable amounts of ferns, walking stick palms and fleshy herbs.

Should you find a plant species that you have trouble identifying, start with taking a good quality photo and head down to the Australian Tropical Herbarium at the James Cook University Smithfield campus. The Herbarium offers a set of reference specimens available to the public to assist in the identification of north Queensland's plants, including those from the rainforests around Kuranda.

Frog Friendly Neighbourhood – applications welcomed

We have started the Frog Friendly Neighbourhood program again. Send an email to info@envirocare.org.au if you'd like to join and a coordinator will be in touch with you to visit your place, answer any questions, provide advice on trees and weeds, and fill you in with what's good for attracting frogs, and other wildlife too.

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Monthly Frog monitoring – is scheduled for the third week each month. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.

Plant of the Month

Pink phyllanthus – *Phyllanthus cuscutiflora*



Pink phyllanthus, useful for screening and planting under powerlines, a fast growing shrub to 2-4 metres. It has soft foliage with pink new growth and retains its dense foliage to the ground. Plants are now available at the nursery.

Left: Pink phyllanthus

Don't forget that the Swamp orchids (*Phaius australe*) are now in dramatic flower at the nursery. Come in to see this fabulous display.



Right: Swamp orchid

We are the invasive resist-ants



Positive results from annual surveys

Thanks to all the residents who have facilitated Yellow Crazy Ant surveys on your properties this year. We have completed all surveys in Russet Park except for one property, and all have been clear of the ants. This is great news! It's important that we keep up annual surveys for at least four years after no ants are detected, as queens can live hidden underground for many years and re-start their colony.

We still have some spot treatment happening in a small area on Green Forest Road, and surrounding properties will be surveyed in the coming weeks if weather allows. If you are a resident in this community, you can help by booking in a survey and cutting back any tall grass on your property before your survey.



Kuranda Village surveys

We are ramping up our Saturday Sidewalk Surveys in Kuranda Village ahead of the wet season. We would love for local residents to join us looking for invasive ants. No experience is required, basic fitness level (easy walking and bending), and we provide lunch. Supervised children are welcome, and it's a great way to learn how to identify our native ants. Come along and help us protect our rainforest village from invasive ants!



What materials can spread invasive ants?

Biosecurity legislation recognises most plants and any material that's been in contact with the ground as a potential 'carrier' of invasive ants. This includes common materials such as:

- Potted plants and plant cuttings
- Soil, gravel, mulch and compost
- Green waste
- Hay, straw and manure
- Fruits and seeds
- Garden furniture, old timber or other items that have been on the ground.

All of these materials can easily spread invasive ants!

All of us have a 'general biosecurity obligation' under legislation to prevent the spread of invasive ants. This means we all must:

- Stay informed about invasive ants
- Before moving materials, check the AntZone at bit.ly/4cABq1s
- Don't do anything that would help ants spread
- Report suspicious ants immediately.

If you live or work in an Electric Ant Restricted Zone, additional requirements apply. For example:

- You need a permit to move 'carriers' between properties within the Restricted Zone, or anywhere outside the Restricted Zone. You should apply for your permit online at least a week before you want to move materials. Visit www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/biosecurity-instrument-permit.
- You can take materials to the Kuranda waste transfer station without a permit, but you must declare that the materials are coming from an Electric Ant Restricted Zone.

If you're ever unsure who to call with ant-related questions, remember that the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce is here to help! You can contact coordinator Rachel Reese on email coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or mobile 0474 560 700.

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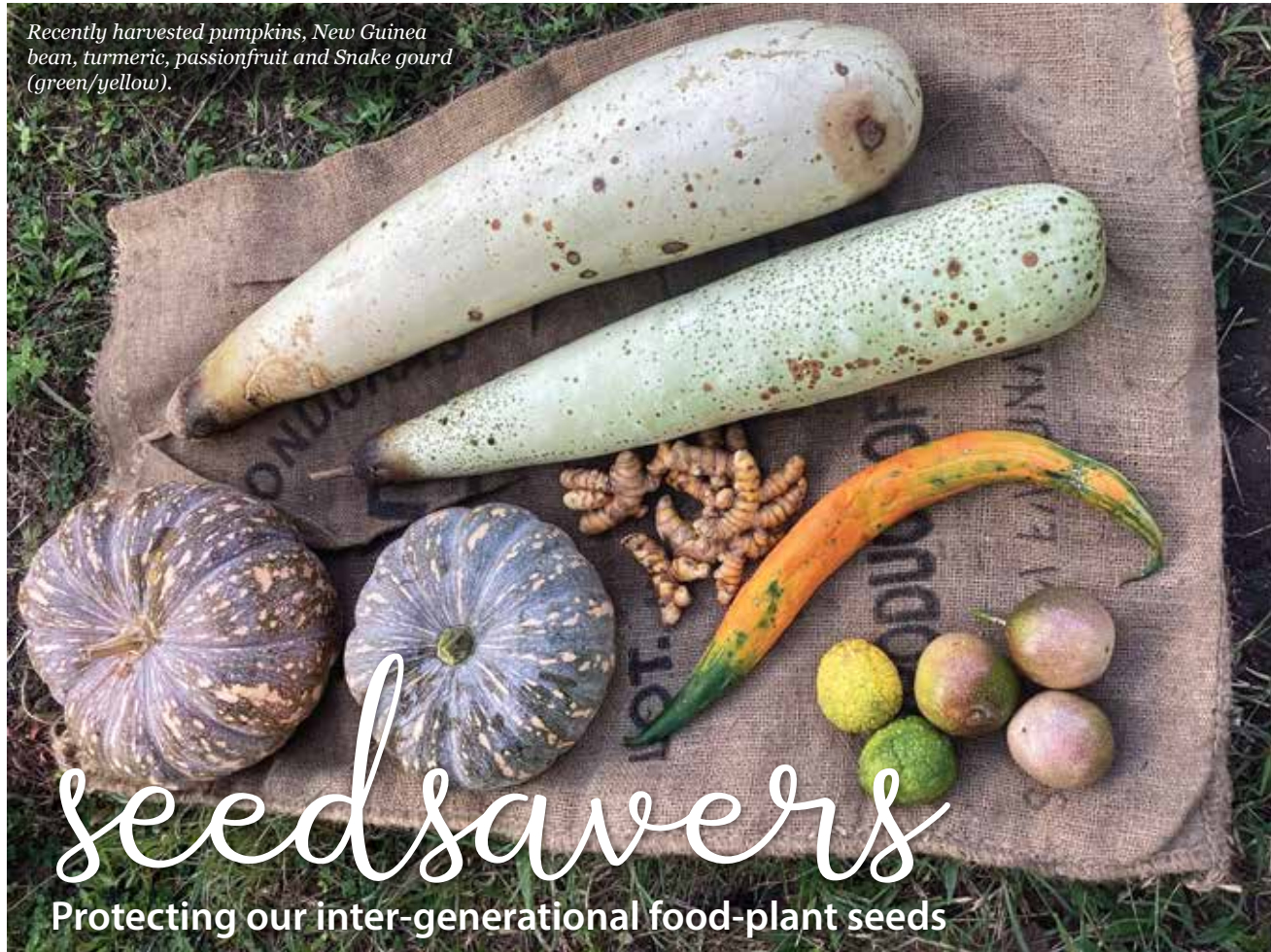
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Snake gourd and Broad leaf plantain

Seed saving goes back to the dawn of agriculture so we are looking at some very ancient traditions. Seeds were carried by nomads and planted where they stopped for spring, summer and autumn. Many of their seeds were sacred to them and very important for their ritual life.

To me, saving our organically grown open pollinated seeds is all about securing a healthy future for us, our kids and their kids to come. To know that real food, high in quality and nutrition will be available makes me sleep well at night and think clearly during the day. Life becomes a pleasure and health well maintained.

Saving our seeds from our gardens and farms and sharing them with our friends and local network and community means that we build bio-diversity which is essential to our survival. This way we can control what we eat and what we are.

Saving seeds from organically grown open-pollinated vegetables, grains, herbs and flowers enables us to maintain the traditional way of growing food. Plants that reproduce through natural means tend to adapt to local conditions over time and evolve as reliable performers.

August was a busy month, saving seeds from Open Italian Lettuce, Cranberry hibiscus, Snake gourd, Loofah and Broad leaf plantain.

I use the young leaves and flowers of Cranberry hibiscus in my salads. The older leaves I use for a herbal infusion/tea.

Snake gourd came into my life about five years ago and I am very intrigued by this vegetable. First of all it has a peculiar shape and does look like a snake hanging on for life. Secondly it changes colours from green to yellow, orange and black as it is maturing. When mature it is very soft and



Close up of Snake gourd seeds covered in red gel.

fragile. When you open the gourd the seeds are covered in a red gel. I use the gel in a sauce. It is absolutely yummy. The seeds are cleaned of the gel and ready for drying up for a week or so before packed, labelled with name and harvest date. I also harvest the young gourd and treat it as you would a zucchini.

The Broad leaf Plantain (*Plantago major*) grows prolifically and this plant can easily take over. However I am happy to have the plant as it is one of the many medicinal plants that are very handy to have. I used it to heal an old



Broad leaf plantain with seed stems

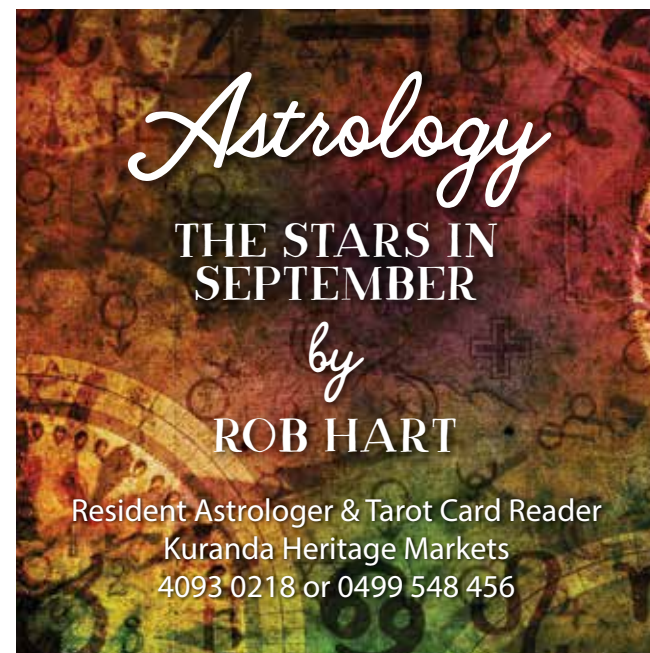
sore. Chew a leaf, place in a fine gauze bandage and apply to sore or wound. Wrap to hold it in place. Change when needed.

Join a seedsavers group and you become a part of our greatest most important ancestral human traditions. Help preserve our natural medicine. Come along.

A new seedsavers group was formed in August for Koah/ Speewah area called Ko-Wah seed savers. Contact details: email Ko-Wah.seedsavers@outlook.com

For more information on seedsavers and meetings in our region, please email seedsavers@kurandaregion.org also check out Kuranda tv to see videos on local seed savers, gardening, syntropics and permaculture.

Happy seed saving!
Ulla Melchiorson



As the Moon wanes down through the 'darks' to a new moon in Virgo on 3 September, there is 'magic' there to be activated. Both the Sun and Moon sit at 10 degrees Virgo, and for those dedicated to perfecting their craft, there can be that mystical connection with the joy of perfection, which is truly magic. Especially relevant for those 'lucky' ones that have 10 degrees of the mutable signs Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius or Pisces, active in their birthcharts. Check it out. The position in your chart will show what areas of life the 'magic' is waiting in now.

On that same day, 3 September, Pluto retrogrades back into Capricorn over the Aquarian cusp, and Mars is about to cross from Gemini into Cancer. Oh! With those two explosive, aggressive, warrior planets of action and transformation both crossing into signs where they are definitely not comfortable, and in an edgy, incompatible 150 degrees 'inconjunct' aspect to each other on the new moon, it does not suggest a smooth ride through the first week in September.

More like the bursting apart of the existing paradigms and a whole new scenario taking shape. A bit like landing on an unknown planet and discovering that much of it is inexplicable and quite scary. Those that have perfected aspects of their life will be uplifted. And those that have been stuck? Well it's all coming apart. A bit like John Carter finding a 'new home' on Mars...

That, of course, will be playing out on the world stage as we head towards the Libra equinox, with the Sun at 0 degrees Libra, right in line with the equator, the classic point of balance on 22 to 23 September. It so happens that Venus, 'ruler' of Libra enters Scorpio at the same time, exiting Libra as the Sun enters. All sounds a bit Freudian but we'll leave that to your own imagination. Let's call it intense, passionate, 'coming together' and finding, perhaps, harmony and balance over the coming months. Brilliant for those devoted to creative and artistic work and love is the most is most definitely 'in the air' in all its possibilities.

Mercury will be crossing into Libra on 26 September. Send those love letters (or texts now more likely) and use your communication in a positive, loving way to enhance that potential for harmony. Laugh and play like children and things will start to make sense again.

There's an eclipse of the Moon tucked away on 16 September with the full moon in Pisces. Giving in will be easy and lazy pleasures will be enticing. Hunters and Collectors sang "make love in the middle of a war zone, you're never going to die". Life might feel a bit like that and being on earth now is quite obviously being "in the middle of...". Maybe Mars is not such a bad option. Mars is in Cancer, 'the home' right now in trine to Saturn, so dig in and fortify your base.

Some month this September!

Blessings.





RANGERS report

As we near the end of an incredible season, the Kuranda Rangers Football Club has much to celebrate. Our recent fundraiser was a resounding success, with the Club raising an impressive \$3,800. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the generous contributions from our sponsors and the unwavering support of our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the event such a triumph.

With only three games left in the season, our teams are more determined than ever. Each match is an opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication that our players have poured into their training. The season has been a journey of growth, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments on the pitch.

As we approach the final games, we encourage all players, parents, and supporters to rally together and finish the season strong. Let's continue to embody the spirit of the Kuranda Rangers FC – a Club where passion, teamwork, and community come first.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the remaining matches, cheering on our teams as they give their all on the field. Go Rangers!

Symone Van Der Zwaag on behalf of Kuranda Rangers Football Club.

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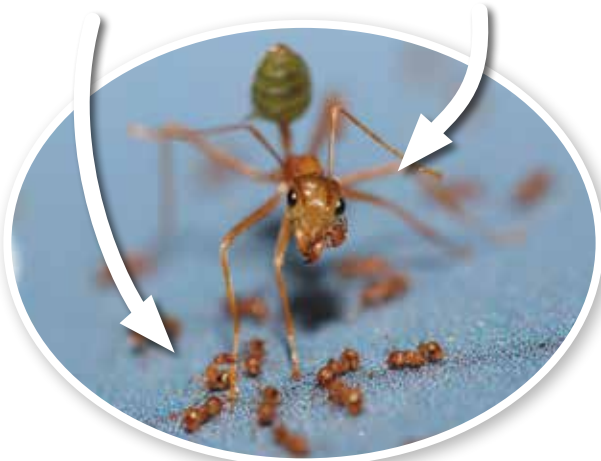
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WORD MEANINGS

ALIBALA: early. *Nulgayin alibala wuku-wu! Wake up early for work!*
BADABAGAY: full up. *Ngayang balgu badabagay. My belly is full.*
BADAGIRRANYDJI: ashamed/shy. *Gudji bandjil bada girranydji. That girl is ashamed.*
BADJU: blunt. *Gulu naybu badju. This knife is blunt.*
BIBUY: little, small. *Gulu bunda bibuy. This mountain is small.*
BINDJU: tasteless, bland. *Gulu gaba di bindju. This cup of tea is weak.*
BINGGANYDJI: to be cold. *Ngawu bingganydji. I'm cold.*
BUGADRI: dark. *Ngudaa bugadri. Dark clouds.*
BULMBURRI: dusty. *Gulu djumburru bulmburri. This road is dusty.*
BURRDJIL: bitter. *Gulu maa burrdjil. This food is bitter.*
DALIRR: hungry. *Ngawu dalirr ala-bi. I'm very hungry.*
DJAMBA: narrow. *Gulu djumburru djamba. This track is narrow.*
DJIRRANYDJI: to be tired. *Nyurra djirranydji. You are tired.*
DJULMBI: lazy. *Magayin! Nyurra djulmbi! Get up! You are lazy!*

DJUMBUN: greedy. *Nyurra djumbun-barraga. You are openly greedy.*
DJURI: sharp. *Ngayang naybu djuri. My knife is sharp.*
GADAGADA: dry. *Bulmba gadagada. Dry country.*
GAGAL: light in weight. *Gulu bibuy gagal. This child is light.*
GAGALGAGAL: empty. *Ngayang giladji gagalgagal. My glass is empty.*
GAGAY: far. *Ngawu gagay galing. I'm going far.*
GAGI: deep. *Gulu bana gagi djanang. This water stands deep.*
GILMBARRI: to be fat. *Gudjun gilmbarri. Fat buttocks.*
GINYDJUN: wet. *Munu garran! Nyurran gambi ginydjun-maying. Come in! Your clothes are getting wet.*
GIRIGIRI: quick. *Girigiri djunggan! Run quickly!*
GULIRR: angry. *Gari gulirr-mayin! Don't be angry!*
GURII: good, fine, well. *Gulu minya gurii. This meat is good.*
GURILANGGAN: beautiful. *Djin.gal gurilanggan. Beautiful sky.*
GURRI: raw. *Gulu minya gurri. This meat is raw.*
MAMBA: sour. *Gulu maa mamba. This food is sour.*

MUNU: inside. *Munu buwan! Come inside! Enter!*
MURRANYDJI: to be sick, with a fever. *Ngawu murranydji yaluguli. I'm sick today.*
MURRGANYDJI: to be sulky. *Gari murranydji mayin! Don't be sulky!*
NUBA: ripe. *Gulu maa nuba buga-yinggu. This food is ripe for eating.*
NYUNBU: slow. *Nyunbu galin! Gulidji! Go slow! Police!*
WAGARRA: wide. *Gudji djumburru wagarra. That track is wide.*
WAWU: outside, out. *Galin wawu! Go out!*
WIRIWIRI: winding. *Gulu djumburru wiriwiri. This track is winding.*
WULBIL: late. *Gari wulbil-mayin! Don't be late!*
WULNGGURR: thirsty. *Nyurra wulnggurr. You are thirsty.*
WUMBUL: hot. *Ngawu wumbul. I'm hot.*
YAMALYAMAL: cool. *Gulu bana yamal-yamal. This water is cool.*

DJABUGAY
A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds
/a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words “some”, “come” e.g. **bama** (person)
/a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in “father” but longer e.g. **buda:dji** (carpet snake)
/i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word “bin” e.g. **bina** (ear)
/i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in “heat”, “beat”, “feet” e.g. **biri:** (again)
/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word “book” e.g. **mudu** (back)
/u:/ the vowel is lengthened and pronounced as the vowel sound in the words “good”, “tool”, “rule” e.g. **djungguu:** (behind)
Consonants
/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **djulbin** (tree)
/g/ is pronounced as in the word “gun” e.g. **gindan** (moon)
/rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word “sporran” e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)
/r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)
/ng/ as in the word “singer” e.g. **bungan** (sun)
/n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the
/ngg/ two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)
is pronounced as the ng sound in the word “finger” e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)
/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word “eye” e.g. **Djabugay**
Stress
When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?
In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).
In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **gan**yarra (crocodile).
However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. buda:**a**:dji (carpet snake).
In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. **gan**yarra – **nggu** (crocodile).
Language classes every Wednesday 6–8pm at Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm).



*Buwal bugan Ngirrma bulmba-barra.
Speak the language belonging to this place.
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With Michael Quinn and Bada Djaygul, Dennis Hunter.

Barron Gorge Power Station back online

Almost seven months on since ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper crossed the coast and wreaked havoc on Far North Queensland, the recovery works at the Kuranda Weir enabled the Barron Gorge Hydro to return to service on 6 July 2024.

The installation of a temporary rock wall, or coffer dam, has reinstated the function of the weir allowing not only the power station to recommence operations, but also ensuring local tourism operators like the Kuranda Riverboat and the Cairns Adventure Group can get back on the water.

Tourism operator Roderic Rees said Cairns Adventure Group is delighted to have commercial rafting operations back open on the Barron River.

“It is such a core part of our business, and it is great to see these happy people back out here enjoying the best of North Queensland.”

“We know it has been a huge effort to get to this point. There has been a lot of infrastructure work and lots of investment, and we really appreciate it,” he said.

CleanCo is now working on Stage 2 of the project, which involves constructing a permanent concrete wall just downstream of the temporary rock wall. This wall has been designed to withstand future weather events. After the concrete wall is complete, the temporary rock wall will be

removed when it is safe to do so.

CleanCo is working to have the permanent concrete wall in place before the wet season starts in November. This means that there will be ongoing construction traffic between the highway and the weir, transporting concrete and other materials to site. Further construction work to support long-term operations will be undertaken in the 2025 dry season.

Barron Gorge Hydro Site Manager James Archer said CleanCo is grateful for the support it has received from local stakeholders.

“This project really has brought so many people together as we navigate the complexity of the recovery works. We are working closely with various state and local government agencies, Queensland Rail and the Wet Tropics Management Authority.”

“We are also working alongside the Djabugay People and local tourism operators to make sure we are progressing the project in a way that supports good social and economic outcomes for the community,” Mr Archer said.

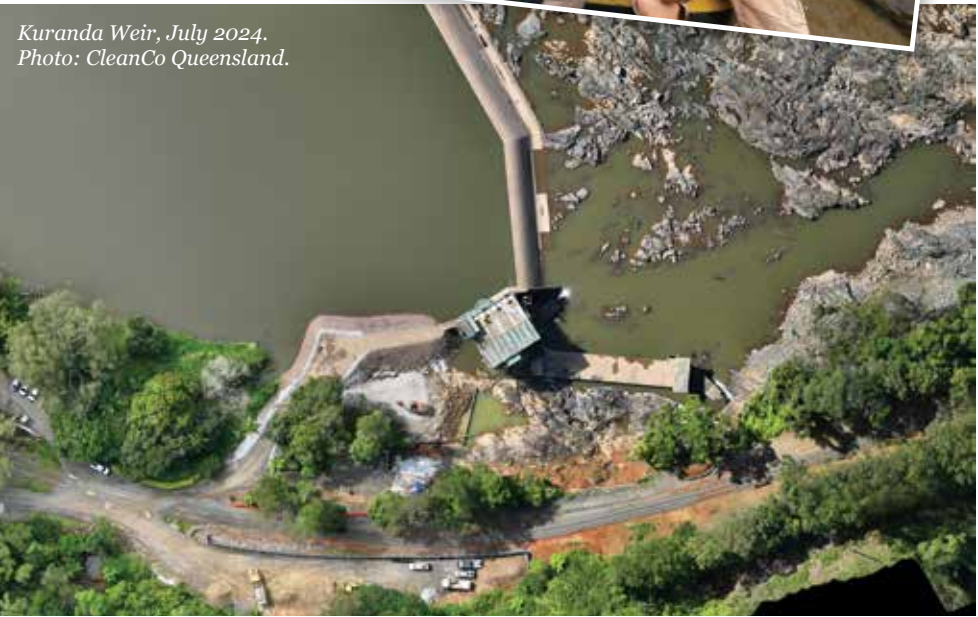
“We appreciate that construction traffic and activity can be disruptive, and I would very much like to thank local residents for their patience and understanding.”

As always, safety is the priority. The community is

reminded that while construction is underway, there is an increased risk that water levels in the Barron River and connected waterways may change without notice. The risk is limited to within the bed and banks of the Barron River, from the Kuranda Weir to the Barron River Bridge at Kamerunga. Fast moving water is dangerous and can lead to injury or death. Undertake water activities at your own risk.

For more information about the Kuranda Weir Recovery Project, visit www.cleancoqueensland.com.au.

Cairns Adventure Group back on the Barron River.
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Djama Group had the best visit from Wally Brim and family. We had music, dancing and boomerang throwing. It was very special to have dancing for both the girls and the boys. Everyone was very keen to get involved and learn some new dances while also enjoying some of the more familiar ones. Big thank you to Liza for making fresh damper for us to share. It was great to have Kindy families come along and join in.

Bundarra Group had the inspirational Michael Quinn come in and share three traditional Djabugay stories. The children acted all the stories out, this was a real highlight for them as children love to be involved in the story telling.

The Bundarra Group was very lucky to have a visit from Rachel Reese from the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce. What a great way to get involved in National Science Week. Our children are natural scientists, noticing tiny things (like ants!) that grown-ups often overlook. They are always asking interesting questions and love to find out about the world around them. The Kindy children were full of excitement and questions about ants and Rachel had lots of information to share. We talked about the important jobs that our native ants do and why invasive ants are bad news for our rainforest. We looked at how people are working around Kuranda to keep the invasive ants under control.

The children also enjoyed acting out being ants living in an ant colony. "It is important for children to have opportunities to practice perspective taking, through which they can imagine how the world might look through another creatures experience" (Frederic Jones). It is important to remember that we have many native ants that we need to look after as they have vital work to do in our rainforest. We look forward to Rachel coming back to meet our Djama Group soon. "The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn" (Maria Montessori).

This term we have also had a focus on safety. Making safe choices for ourselves and the people around us. David from the QLD Rail Safety Program came to visit the Djama Group. He talked, sang and danced with the children as they learned how to be safe around trains and roads. We hope to follow this up with a visit to the Kuranda Railway Station later this term. We have continued the road safety learning with our bikes on the basketball courts excursions. The children get a chance to practice bike riding skills including using peddles. They also practice taking turns and patience as they wait for their turn on a Kindy trike.

We also want to thank Kuranda District State College for donating an array of breads and fruit to the Kindy so that we can continue our Breakfast Club. The children really enjoy sitting under the tree in the mornings and sharing toasted bread and fruit together.

If you have Kindy age children (born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020) and are interested in your child joining in our Kindy program, please contact us on kcka@westnet.com.au or 07 4093 8087 for any enrolment enquiries. Limited places are available.



MARGARET OLLEY *A Life in Art*

7 September – 8 December 2024

Margaret Olley, *A Life in Art* celebrates and examines the career, life and legacy of one of Australia's most celebrated painters, who lived in Tully as a young child and who spent a formative part of her career in Brisbane. A larger-than-life character, Olley was a mentor, friend and muse for many of Australia's most well-known artists including William Dobell, Jeffrey Smart and Ben Quilty.

A prolific artist, Olley's incredible career, which spanned over six decades, alongside her enormous capacity for friendship and dedication to the art world, have made her one of Australia's most loved and celebrated artists. Her journey as an artist can be explored and contextualised through the diverse nature of the works in this exhibition, drawn exclusively from the collection at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre.

The subject of several Archibald Prize portraits in her lifetime, including two Archibald Prize-winning portraits, the first in 1948 by William Dobell who dressed Olley in a gown fashioned from parachute silk, with a hat adorned with flowers, the second by Ben Quilty in 2011 a few months before her passing.

Known primarily for her bold still-life and interior paintings, *A Life in Art* includes early land and seascapes created on international trips from as early as 1949, when a 26-year old Olley travelled extensively to France, Spain, Venice, London and Lisbon to escape the unwanted attention she received after Dobell won the Archibald Prize.

The exhibition features 28 Margaret Olley works, from as early as 1938, painted at just 15 years of age, alongside work by artists inspired or mentored by the artist, and tells the story of Olley's incredible life and enduring career through her greatest legacy – her art.

The exhibition will open on Friday 6 September at 6pm and will continue until Sunday 8 December, with free entry and open 7 days a week.



Far left: Michael Quinn and the children acting out a traditional Djabugay Story.

Middle: Warrma - Shake a leg.

Left: A very informative visit by Rachel Reese learning about invasive yellow crazy ants.

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St Saviour's Thought for September

This month we read from St Mark's Gospel Chapter 7, verses 31-37.

There is utter simplicity about this healing. One cannot probe the text for possible ways in which it was accomplished. There are no mysterious techniques to be examined. Two figures are slipping away from the crowd. Eventually they turn and face one another as we look from a distance. Jesus gently takes the man's head between his hands, adopting the timeless stance of what to this day we call the laying on of hands. Fingers probe the blocked ears. A hand touches the extended and partially imprisoned tongue. A prayer is offered, a word is spoken, and the world changes for one human being.

What is it that speaks to us across the centuries? The presence of Jesus heals. We discover this in prayer, in meditation, in worship, in sacrament. Countless Christians have found a sense of release when they have felt the sacred bread on their tongues as they receive Jesus in the form of that bread. They may not have gained freedom from actual inability to speak, but rather from many other ways of being dumb, being unable to say certain things that should be said.

There are all sorts of reasons why men and women may need their ears opened and their tongues released by the grace of Christ. We may need our ears opened to hear things which at the moment we are incapable of hearing. Perhaps a spouse is telling us something about our relationship, something to which we are completely deaf. Perhaps people are saying things to us in connection with our job. If we could hear them, we might respond by improving our performance and our professional relationships, but we are incapable of hearing. Perhaps Our Lord himself is trying to get us to hear his voice in our spiritual experience. But we are deaf to him because of busyness or the illusion that we have achieved a high spiritual level.

Likewise there are many reasons why we may need our tongues released. We may need our tongue freed to say certain things that must and should be said. We may need

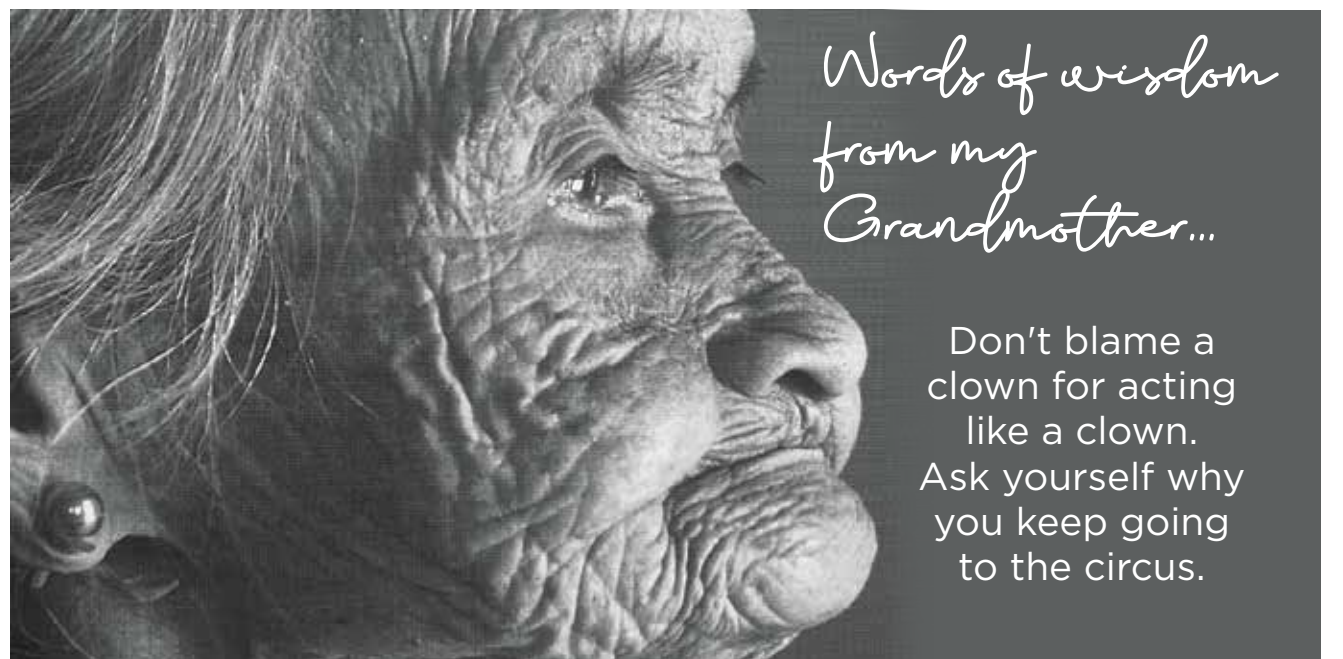
to say simply that we are deeply sorry. Many are not able to say that most precious and necessary word. We may need to tell someone else that we love them. We may need our tongue released from certain things as well as for certain things. We may need to be freed from filthy language, from the tendency to gossip, from a need to pull others down. In all such ways we can become the figure slipping away from the crowd with Jesus, standing before him, being touched by his hands of grace, and being healed. There are many ways in which we have need of Jesus grace to open our ears and free our tongues.



Enquiries to Chris Wright

Phone: 4093 8735

Email: wrightc@iig.com.au



*Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...*

Don't blame a clown for acting like a clown. Ask yourself why you keep going to the circus.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"You cannot apply the name 'man' to any being devoid of this faculty of meditation; without it man is a mere animal, lower than the beasts.

Through the faculty of meditation man attains to eternal life; through it he receives the breath of the Holy Spirit — the bestowals of the Spirit are given during reflection and meditation.

The spirit of man is itself informed and strengthened during meditation; through it affairs of which man knew nothing are unfolded before his view. Through it he receives divine inspiration, and through it he partakes of heavenly food.

Meditation is the key for opening the doors of mysteries. In that state man abstracts himself; in that state man withdraws himself from all outside objects; in that subjective condition he is immersed in the ocean of spiritual life and can unfold the secrets of things in themselves. To illustrate this, think of man as endowed with two kinds of sight: when the

power of insight is being used the power of outward vision does not function.

This faculty of meditation frees man from the animal nature, discerns the reality of things, puts man in touch with God. This faculty brings forth the sciences and arts from the invisible plane....Through this faculty man enters into the very Kingdom of God." (Baha'i Scriptures)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to Soul Food Meditations on last Sunday of each month 2pm Kuranda — next one 29 September (these are very popular). Also discussion evenings — please call to attend.

Morning prayers: each Thursday at 8am, in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda followed by coffee — join us.

Study Circles: by arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda, Tolga and other places. Open for all interested.

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TUTOR – Registered Teacher, Blue Card. **Primary:** English, Reading, Writing & Maths. **Secondary:** Essay Writing, Editing. Special Needs. 20+ yrs. exp. Myola Road. Ms Tristan Henderson call 0414 706 454. Facebook: Tree Frog Tutoring.

Women's Sexual Assault Survivors Group Alternative fortnights at Atherton and Mareeba. Contact 4091 4036



Celebration of Life

In memory of
Elaine Cushman

3pm

Saturday 14 September
Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda

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Batreach 4093 8858

TigerLodge Wildcare 4093 0761 (24/7 phone service)

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Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872

DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.

Kuranda Men's Shed end of Kuranda Heights Road

Kuranda Pharmacy cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts

Kuranda Medical Centre cnr Thongon and Barang Sts

Kuranda Ambulance Station, Fallon Road

Kuranda Swimming Pool, Myola Road

Steiner School, Boyles Road

Kuranda SES on board vehicle

Envirocare Nursery 284 Myola Road

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Water Delivery:

Grego's Raw Materials 0419 705 005

Septic Tank Emptying:

Paul Jennings 0417 632 688

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Gurii Gambi 5C Coondoo Street

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



Caring for the region's native wildlife.

Wildlife carers are all volunteers.

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Tel: 07 4053 4467 (24 hrs)

Email: fnqwr@bigpond.com



Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

We are a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates, orphaned, injured or displaced tree kangaroos.

Unfortunately an increasing number of Lumholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.

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If you find an injured tree kangaroo please ring us on 0427 790 694



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Visit us on



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Kuranda Transfer Station 2186 Kennedy Hwy, Koah
MSC Recycle Station – Arara Street, Kuranda

RECYCLE

Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).

Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.



COUCH
Locals helping people affected by cancer



Connecting our Community

ROAD REPORTS

Council EMERGENCY number for local roads
1300 308 461

Kuranda Range/ Kennedy Highway Report an Incident
13 19 40 (24/7)

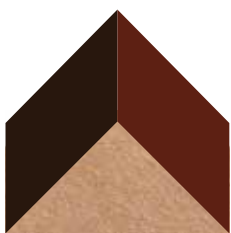


Upcycling Kuranda
www.facebook.com/groups/583458973949832/

A group created to connect people with excess stuff with local artists and craftspeople that could use it.

No selling and buying - just free stuff.

In a town where the council doesn't properly recycle, the locals are taking it upon themselves to re-use.



KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING

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We welcome recycling from Kuranda residents at our Arara Street drop off point. We accept:

- glass beer bottles
- aluminium cans
- plastic soft drink bottles
- aluminium cans
- poppers

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RAINFALL

August 2024
123mm

(to 24 August 2024)

Annual Total
2530.2mm

(to 24 August 2024)



Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?

Al-Anon can help you!

Meetings in Kuranda, Smithfield and Cairns.
Contact **Kate 4093 9668** or **1300 ALANON**



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Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm

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Poisons Information	131 126
13HEALTH – Health and Hospital Information	134 325

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First Officer Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
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Warden Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
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Koah	4093 7738
Speewah	0428 820 631

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Mareeba Shire Council's online Emergency Management Dashboard provides real time emergency information. The Dashboard provides live emergency news, information about road closures, power outages and river heights, weather warnings and fire feeds, emergency contact phone numbers and social media links. Notifications can also be viewed via an interactive map. Mareeba Shire residents can register for the Early Warning Network to receive email and SMS alerts for potential emergencies and severe natural disasters and weather events. Go to www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au

Join your local SES

**Kuranda SES Training
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Contact Caitlin 0476 772 500



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Kuranda Scenic Railway (KSR) Updates for Kuranda Businesses


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Traffic Alerts Far North Region Roads

Sign up for SMS traffic alerts for the Kuranda Range, Gillies Range and Captain Cook Highway (Palm Cove to Craiglie). Go to Department of Main Roads website www.tmr.qld.gov.au and subscribe to your preferred SMS alert service. Or call **13 19 40** to subscribe or report an incident.

Live Kuranda Range Traffic Updates

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Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre
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Mareeba – Arnold Park, 171-179 Walsh Street (next door to Police Station)
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Atherton Tablelands to Cairns

Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Atherton	6.00am	9.15am	1.00pm	8.00am	1.30pm
Departs Mareeba	6.30am	9.45am	1.30pm	8.30am	2.00pm
Departs Speewah	6.50am	10.05am	1.50pm	8.50am	2.20pm
Departs Kuranda	7.15am	10.25am	2.10pm	9.10am	2.40pm
Departs rainforest	-	10.30am	2.15pm	-	2.45pm
Arrives Cairns	8.50am	11.15am	3.00pm	10.00am	3.30pm

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands

Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	7.00am	9.25am	3.30pm	10.30am	4.00pm
Departs Smithfield	7.20am	9.45am	3.50pm	10.50am	4.20pm
Departs Kuranda	7.40am	10.05am	4.10pm	11.10am	4.40pm
Departs Speewah	8.00am	10.25am	4.30pm	11.20am	5.00pm
Departs Mareeba	8.20am	10.45am	4.50pm	11.40am	5.20pm
Arrives Atherton	8.50am	11.15am	5.20pm	12.10am	5.50pm

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER?

6 September –
FREE MEDITATION
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8 September –
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Wednesday 9.30am with Davini
Thursday 9am with Davini
Saturday 8.15am with Jaide
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Justine 0408 735 309

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TRI YOGA
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Sage 0457 069 457

THURSDAY 5 & 19 SEPTEMBER

MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP

7pm. Open to all men.
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 Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET

Saturday 7 September
8am till Midday

- Live Music – Rohan and friends are bringing the vibes!
- Community Market with all the local goodness! Produce, honey, plants, crafts, treats, treasures
 - Fresh coffee and delish' Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ!
 - Stallholders welcomed – casual and/or permanent.
 - SMS/Voicemail Nicky 0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE – 5 OCTOBER

Steam Punk Pirate Party!

*Fundraiser for our beloved nature playground, Koah's Ark.
Currently seeking expressions of interest from volunteers for this amazing event.*

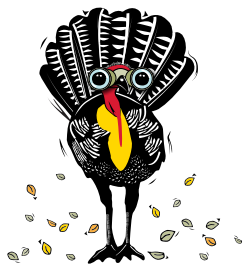
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More info at www.dreamstatecircus.com on the Dream BIG! Circus School page.

MONDAY – Circus 1– 4–5pm. Age 5–9.

TUESDAY – Circus 2 – 4–5pm, Age 10+ and **Show Class –** 5–6.30pm – Age 8+

WEDNESDAY – Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various classes 4–6.45pm



EVERY TUESDAY

Taekwon-Do & Self Defence 6.30–8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

Kuranda Choir 6–7.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage. Trish 0428 284 305

SECOND TUESDAY

Kuranda SES Training 7pm sharp at Fallon Road. Paul 0448 008 087

She Shed Kuranda 1–5pm.
kurandaSHEShed@gmail.com

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am.
mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Djabugay Language Classes 6–8pm Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm), 1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda. 40938 116

EVERY THURSDAY

Kuranda Envirocare Nursery volunteering. 9am–12noon. Cathy 0419 624 940

Taekwon-Do & Self Defence 6.30–8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer

Keira 0437 778 849 for any queries.

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Theatre) 6pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

Kuranda Story Time 10.30am, Kuranda Library. Every Friday, during school term.

She Shed Kuranda 8am–1pm.
kurandasheshed@gmail.com

EVERY SATURDAY

Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare. Contact 0419 624 940 or check Facebook or website www.envirocare.org.au

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am.
mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

EVERY SUNDAY

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200

AA Group St Christopher's Catholic Church 9.30am 1300 222 222

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

Kuranda Amphitheatre Working Bee 9am–1pm. Email volunteers@kurandaamphitheatre.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Contributors please advise of any changes via email
mail@kurandapaper.com

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 12 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

Al-Anon Family Groups 11am–12pm hall under St Saviour's Church. Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am & 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Kuranda Envirocare Nursery volunteering. 9am–12noon. Cathy 0419 624 940

EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda Library.