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POPULAR SPEEWAH CHARITY WALK SEEKS TO HIT NEW HEIGHTS

To mark the 10th anniversary of the **Speewah to the Hat – Walk for a Cause** (the 'Hat' being the Red Beret Hotel at Redlynch) organisers have set themselves an ambitious fundraising target of \$10,000 for this event, almost twice as much as usual.

Co-founder Mick Dowling says, "The Walk has run for nine years, but for the first five years it was just a social event before becoming a charity focused event four years ago. Over the past four years we have raised around \$20,000. This year's Walk will take place on Saturday 2 September and I am hoping we can raise a minimum of \$10,000 this year for locals in need. We have been averaging around 100 entrants each year with the number of walkers for this year's event capped at 120 – therefore people will need to get in quick to secure their spots!"

Entry to the event is \$35 per person which includes bus transport from the Red Beret Hotel up to Speewah in the morning to commence the walk (for people in Cairns) and a bus back up to Speewah after the event (for people living up the hill). All entrants will also receive a free beer, wine or soft drink upon arrival at the Red Beret Hotel.

This 13km scenic walk with a big heart begins at the Speewah Camping Ground and continues down the Douglas Track to Stoney Creek, through some beautiful country, and on to the Red Beret Hotel at Redlynch for lunch and some refreshing and well-deserved ales.

Each person walks at their own pace and everyone is encouraged to take the time to visit Glacier Rock along the way, to hang out and admire the views. Bring your cameras too.

Mick says, "We also encourage friends and family, or those who are unable to participate in the actual Walk, to join us for lunch at the Red Beret from 11.30am onwards and help us by purchasing raffle tickets and supporting us that way. It's always a fun afternoon with an opportunity to get your share of thousands of dollars in prizes! Speaking of raffles,

another way to support this event is to donate prizes."

Funds raised through the Walk and raffles will go to support locals who are in need of a 'hand up'. Another unique feature of the Walk is that locals not only support locals, but can nominate individuals or organisations who would be worthy recipients.

In its first year as a charity event, funds went to drought stricken farmers in south-west Queensland before the Walk became a locally focused fundraising event.

Since then recipients have included a charity organisation called Stay in the Fight, for children with a rare cancer, BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse), the Kuranda Men's Shed, Tigerlodge Wildlife Rescue, and support for the Speewah Residents Association by paying for the Bob Madden memorial plaque now displayed in the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade shed.

Meaningful support for individuals has included funeral expenses for a Kuranda child, assistance with the cost of flights and accommodation for a local woman requiring brain surgery, assistance with costs for a local woman in need of urgent hip surgery, and help for a family that took on two orphaned children after their mother (only parent) suddenly died of a heart attack.

Nominations are now open! Written submissions from people who are nominating families, individuals, charities etc in our local 4881 postcode area who are in need of a 'hand up' at this time are welcomed. There will be three recipients chosen and announced on the day.

So how to support this great annual event? Participate as a walker, donate items or services for raffles, join in the fun of raffles on the day. And don't forget to nominate recipients for funds raised.

Further details can either be found on Facebook www.facebook.com/speewahtothehat or email Mick at speewahtothehat@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to us!
32 this month



JULY DATES NOT TO MISS

Voice to Parliament Information Session
Saturday 1 July 10am–12pm @ CWA Hall (page 2)

Big Bright Bubbly Bash
Saturday 1 July 3–8pm @ Koah Hall.
Family entertainment (page 3)

**Kuranda Family Fun Day –
Celebrating NAIDOC week**
Wednesday 5 July 10am–2pm @ Centenary Park
(page 8)

**MSC Community Consultation Sessions about
Coondoo Street and Anzac Park**
Tuesday 4 July 10–11am
Tuesday 11 July 3–4pm
@ Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (page 6)

21st Kuranda Roots Festival
14 – 16 July @ Kanjini, Emerald Creek (page 14)

Walk photos courtesy
Mick Dowling.



Glacier Rock with the Kuranda Scenic Railway.
Photo: Steven Nowakowski

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DATE

SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023

TIME

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CONTACT

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FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

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.

WHERE IS DUTY OF CARE FOR OUR LAND?

I'm a Buluwai Kuranda-ite, who from the early 1960s with my family, lived on Thongon Street next to where Cornetts IGA is now. Back then, mostly after wet season, Chinese and pioneer artefacts were found in the creek bed behind our house.

Months of constant rain, creeks connecting the Barron River flooded and at night, the roar of Din Din was loud. The 'hippies' showed how to build beautiful houses that didn't shock everything in sight. From Thongon to Kullaroo Close, walking over Jumrum bridge for me, Duck Pond way, had an eerie, foreboding vibe. Buluwai country has a long history.

Better work opportunities in Cairns, I resided there for 40 years. Home ownership in two different suburbs. I'm aware Cairns Regional Council has a 'Duty of Care' include abiding by the *Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

Front page of *The Kuranda Paper* June issue, wow, a citified suburb in a rainforest. Without respect, knowledge, consent or compensation, should any Traditional landowner or European landowner be happy, seeing deliberate destruction of their land?

Dianne Brim, Katjiraka Clan, Buluwai Tribe, Kuranda

JUMRUM DEVELOPMENT

Following queries from readers in regards to our front page story last edition – the large scale residential development on Fallon Road/Jumrum Creek, *The Kuranda Paper* contacted the office of the Member for Barron River, the Hon. Craig Crawford MP for a response to concerns raised about the approval process for this development.

We have been advised that his office is taking enquiries on this matter. We have also been advised that an update will be provided for the August edition of *The Kuranda Paper*.

You can read last month's edition online at www.kurandapaper.com



Stockists – A free copy is delivered to every postal box and street mail delivery in the Kuranda district (post-code 4881). If you don't receive a copy please contact the Kuranda Post Office.

The current edition of *The Kuranda Paper* can be viewed online at kurandapaper.com, along with back issues. In addition you can pick up a hard copy of *The Kuranda Paper* at the following outlets:

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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)

TOLGA: The Humpty

ATHERTON: Atherton IGA (Silo Shopping Centre)

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

CAIRNS: Cairns Library

THE BIG BRIGHT BUBBLY BASH!

1 July 3-8 pm @ Koah Hall

Joy In Every Bubble presented by Bugzy Bumblebee with support from Mareeba Shire Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund, in conjunction with Dream State Entertainment. *Joy In Every Bubble* is a unique bubble show that explores how two friends find joy in helping each other and learning to have fun!

Step into the bubble garden and watch Bugzy Bumblebee and her friend Joy the Bubble do amazing bubble tricks. Laugh out loud, family entertainment that really pops. Kuranda based Brioni 'Bugzy' McGrath is well known and much loved by kids of all ages. Her black-and-yellow bee costume and bubble-blowing magic might have caught your eye at community events and local markets over the past few years.

Also on the program is internationally renowned Circus and Physical Comedy maestro Daniel Oldaker, aka 'Dandyman', who creates unforgettable, fabulously funny and joyous

experiences that leave audiences brimming with joy and happiness. Daniel Oldaker is one of Australia's finest and funniest circus and physical comedy artists, a five-star, award-winning master and maestro of the absurd who draws on many years of performance experience in over 30 countries. Daniel has trained with world class physical comedy mentors and performed at many of the most highly regarded festivals and venues around the globe.

Enjoy performances by Dream Big! Circus kids, a Blue Light Disco, and Kids' Mocktail bar. There will also be a bar for adults, food and more!

Don't miss a fantastic afternoon and evening of community and family fun. There is a venue capacity, so get your tickets ASAP to avoid FOMO.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW at www.trybooking.com/CJIWM

If you are already a 2023 Koah Sports & Social Club (Koah Hall) member, then tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Family passes are just \$55.

If you are not a member, you are welcome to join. Everyone is welcome to become a member. Membership is \$5 for individuals and \$10 family. Your membership also gets you \$1 off drinks and all club-run events, plus \$1 off food at the Koah Market's BBQ. A bargain to be a part of the Koah Hall Community – creating positive connections, community events, happening and more.

Go to the Koah Hall Facebook page for more information.

The BIG BRIGHT BUBBLY BASH
Comedy, bubbles, circus, disco & more!

1st July Saturday 3-8 pm
Koah Hall 322, Koah Road

- World Premiere of **Bugzy Bumble Bee's "Joy in Every Bubble" Stage Show**
- Daniel Oldaker aka "Dandyman"**
Internationally renowned Circus & Physical Comedy maestro
First time in FNQ!
- Dream BIG! Circus kids**
Aerial and acro!
- Blue light Disco**
- Bar and Food.**
- Mocktail Kids' Bar.**
- Arvo & evening of fantabulous family fun!**



Above: Bugzy Bumblebee.
Photo: Greg Hillman TRACQS Kuranda
Photography, @greghillman11 on Instagram.



Left: Daniel Oldaker 'Dandyman'.
Photo: Daniel Rabin



Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is taken from a painting by Robyn King. Robyn's art celebrates the colour and abundance of North Queensland tropical life, drawing inspiration from her garden and the landscapes around her. Her hand-painted textiles celebrate flowers and foliage but there is a special place in her admirers' hearts for her cheeky brush-turkeys. Robyn's work can be viewed and purchased through the Kuranda Arts Co-op.

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MEMBER'S NIGHT SET FOR AUGUST

Kuranda Traders Association

As we kick off a new membership year in July, the Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) will be holding a special Member's Night to thank our members for their ongoing support and to welcome any new traders who are considering joining the KTA.

MEMBER'S NIGHT

Where: Firefly @ The Billabong – Vinyl & Pizza Night

When: Wednesday 9 August.

Food and drinks provided by the KTA.

Memberships – KTA will be sending out reminders in July and we invite all Kuranda businesses to become a member or renew their memberships from 1 July. Please email kta@kuranda.org if you would like a membership form sent to you.

Rebranding – The KTA would like to thank those who took the time to send in their thoughts on refreshing the 'Kuranda – Village in the Rainforest' brand. It is great to have community involvement and feedback. As mentioned in previous updates, the original concept of the rebranding 'tourist' aspect of Kuranda was raised during many hours of interviews across a broad spectrum of participants including both residents and business owners. The outcomes of these interviews were collated into a report by Pinnacle Marketing who then presented it to the KTA.

After much discussion, including with tourism experts, it has been decided to keep the 'Village in the Rainforest' slogan as is due to the recognition that has been built up over many years. The visual aspect of the branding will remain very similar, but simplified. Potential logo designs will be presented to the public for feedback soon.

Visit from the Kuranda Police – Thank you to Senior Sergeant Matt Harling for taking the time to attend our KTA General Meeting on 22 June. Thanks also to Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) CEO Peter Franks, Councillor Lenore Wyatt, and MSC Manager of Assets and Projects, Jacqui Perkowicz.

Many issues were discussed at the meeting including safety and crime prevention in the village centre as well as CCTV possibilities, cleaning up our parks, parking issues and creating a well-lit streetscape for safer access in the village CBD.

MSC Consultation on Parks and Open Spaces – At the meeting, Jacqui Perkowicz also briefed us on a potential grant funding opportunity with the Federal Government. If funding is successful, this project would see improvements to the footpaths and lighting on Coondoo Street. Another project will be the refresh of Anzac Park (adjacent to Heritage Markets and opposite the Original Markets) creating additional on-street parking and opening up of the space. Council will be holding two information and public consultation sessions outside Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (see page 6 of this paper for more details):

Tuesday – 4 July 2023 from 10–11am

Tuesday – 11 July 2023 from 3–4pm

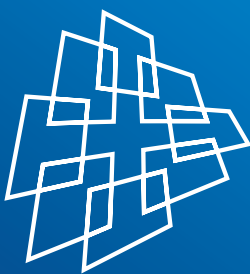
SAVE THE DATE – Spring Fair and Colour Fest – Saturday 9 September 2023

The KTA will once again host Colour Fest entertainment in Centenary Park including a bouncy castle, DJ music, facepainting, t-shirt painting, and prizes galore! This will again be followed by a Colour Run along the banks of the Barron River.

Following those festivities, the Amphitheatre will host its annual Spring Fair at the Kuranda Amphitheatre. More details to come as the date gets closer, but mark it in your diary.

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cnr Barang and Thongon Streets
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Iron Infusions are available on a Monday afternoon – \$250 (rebate of \$77)

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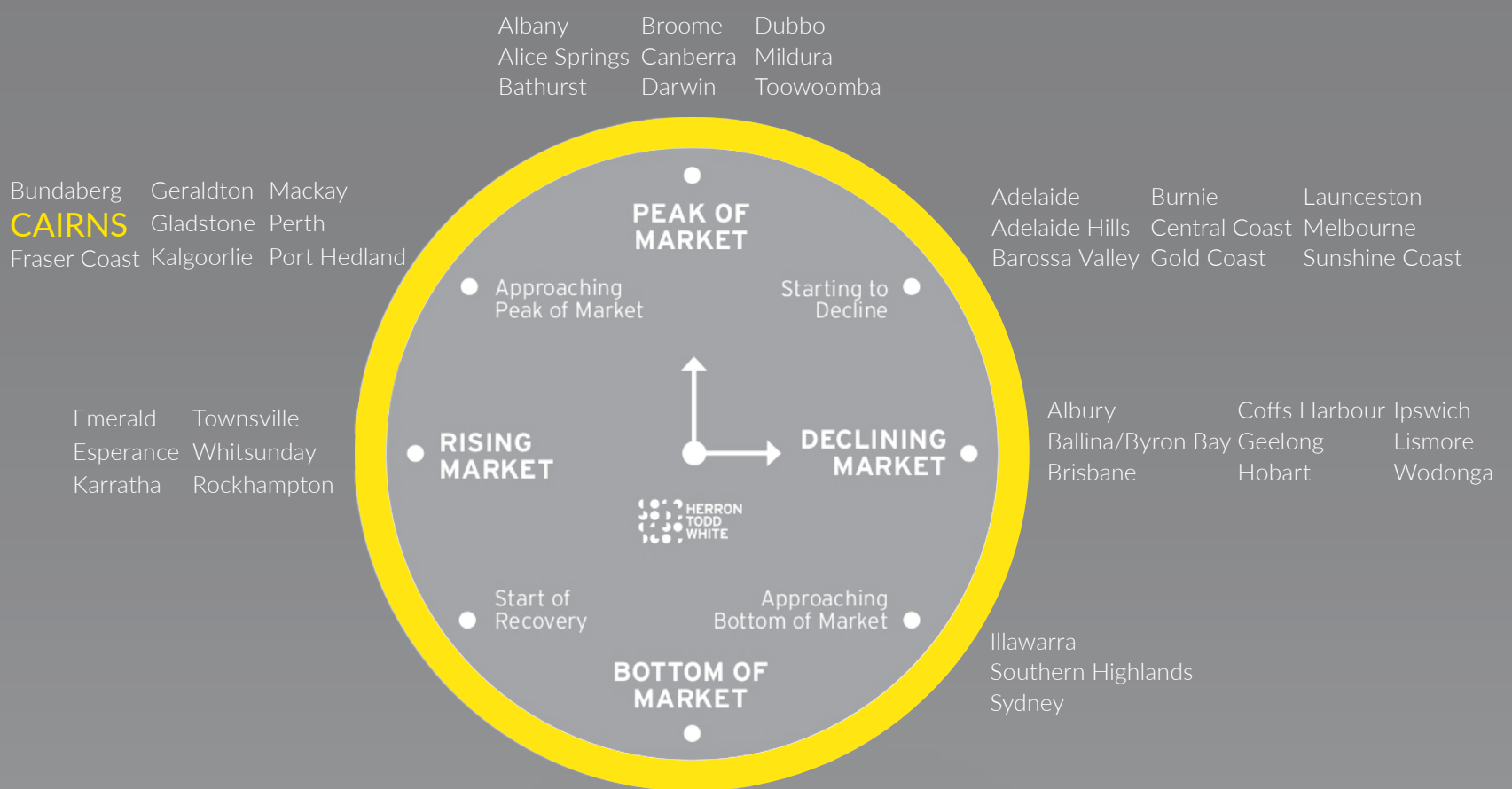


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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR LENORE WYATT

I am pleased to provide an update to residents and ratepayers on some of the latest news from Council.

I would like to start this month's Councillor Update by thanking all the residents of our Shire who continue to make a significant contribution to waste management and circular economy opportunities. We continue to see an increase in people across the Shire taking recyclable waste to the Transfer Stations.

Tourism Action Plan

As Chair of the newly formed Mareeba Shire Tourism Local Tourism Organisation (LTO), I am delighted to announce that the Tourism Action Plan has been completed and is available on Council's website. Our Shire has so much to offer, and I look forward to the year ahead. Located in proximity to two World Heritage areas; the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics,

and with less than an hour's drive from the Cairns International Airport, we truly have paradise on our doorsteps.

The LTO model focus on our tourism operators and how we can partner together to promote the visitor experience in the Shire. Born in February this year and followed by a Tourism Think Tank in March, where over 50 stakeholders attended, we used this opportunity to develop the Tourism Action Plan. The Plan lists and highlights our four strategic priorities that are to build partnerships, increase networking opportunities, increase digital and social media presence, and assist with media and public relations.

Visit Council's website and follow 'Mareeba Shire Tourism' on Facebook and Instagram for more information.

Christmas in July

Speaking of tourism and the visitor's experiences, I know that best type of tourism is repeat visitors and endorsements, and this year we are celebrating the 25th Christmas in July. This tropical celebration showcases the beautiful places in our backyard while boosting our economy. Council contributes to this event and many other events across the Shire by providing in-kind assistance, but they are only made possible by the immense efforts of the dedicated volunteers. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Far North Nomads for organising this very special event.

If you meet a visitor during their travels, I would like to encourage you to send them to our Information Centres for up-to-date information on the incredible attractions and experiences that are available in our Shire. From National Parks to cafes and museums, there really is something for everybody and every budget.

Councillor Lenore Wyatt
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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE

TENDER AWARDED FOR NEW KURANDA CEMETERY



At the Ordinary Meeting of Mareeba Shire Council on Wednesday, 21 June 2023, it was reported that Council has awarded the tender to build a new cemetery in Kuranda.

Four submissions were received, with the tender being awarded to Mareeba based company Ikin Civil for \$678,408.70 (excluding GST).

The existing Kuranda Cemetery is close to reaching capacity and Council has purchased an adjacent property on Kuranda Heights Road for the expansion of the cemetery.

Stage One of the new Kuranda Cemetery will have space for 100 monumental memorials and 250 lawn-level memorials which should secure enough space to meet the needs for the community for the next 25 years.

The tendered scope of works includes earthworks, roadworks, stormwater drainage, water supply and carparking, as well as landscaping, a toilet block and concrete works.

Council is looking forward to this important project going ahead to ensure the long-term needs of the Kuranda community are met.

Kuranda Tourism, Parks and Open Spaces Upgrades

This project will see improvements to the footpaths and lighting in Coondoo Street, as well as a refresh of Anzac Park creating additional on-street carparking and opening up of the space.

Council will hold two 'drop-in' information sessions to answer any questions you may have about this project.

Location: Outside Kuranda Visitor Information Centre, Therwine Street
Session 1: Tuesday, 4 July 2023 from 10:00am - 11:00am
Session 2: Tuesday, 11 July 2023 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Please visit Council's website for further information about this Parks and Opens Spaces project, or scan the below QR Code.



GREEN TICK FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S 2023 INTERIM REPORT

Each financial year Council's financial statements are audited by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO), or their delegated auditors, and Council was recently subject to an interim audit, for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

No issues were identified during the audit and the Interim Audit Report issued by the QAO is available to view on Council's website.

This interim report is evidence that Council's financial policies and practices are working, which is important during these uncertain times.

Mareeba Shire Council will continue to look for savings and opportunities while managing council's assets and reserves to ensure a sustainable future in a cost-effective manner.



Situated in Tropical Far North Queensland, Mareeba Shire Council's diverse landscape and multi-cultural communities provide employees with both career opportunities and lifestyle choices.

As an organisation which values its workforce, Council provides ongoing training, mentoring and support to employees and volunteers with a view to developing and retaining a happy, productive team.

View current vacancies on Council's website.



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Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents (and Happy Birthday to *The Kuranda Paper*),

Earlier this month the Queensland Government handed down its 2023–2024 budget – with a particular focus on tackling cost-of-living pressures – more than \$8 billion.

Further to last month's agreement to work in partnership with the Federal Government to deliver \$550 in cost-of-living relief for eligible Queensland households and \$650 for eligible small businesses in the form of energy rebates, other eligible households, those on seniors or pension cards, will be contacted by Services Australia with information on how to apply for a further rebate, bringing total rebates for this group up to \$1,072.

We're introducing free kindy for all four year olds, increasing the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to assist regional patients, providing up to \$150 for 0-4 years for learn to swim activities, expanding the school breakfast program, and \$315,000 for Foodbank to deliver critical food relief.

For more 2023–2024 Budget information head to budget.qld.gov.au.

Closer to home you may notice the long awaited ITS variable speed signs going up on the Kuranda Range Road, meanwhile further inspection and maintenance will be undertaken on the Barron River Bridge during August this year. \$8.89 million has been committed for an options analysis and evaluation, with a business case due in 2024.

As always, information on Queensland's state-controlled road network is available via QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au or 13 19 40.

To sign up to our newsletter, please visit craigcrawford.com.au. You can also follow daily updates on Facebook via the QR code below.

As always, if you need anything from me, please contact my local office at 4229 0100 or email barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au.



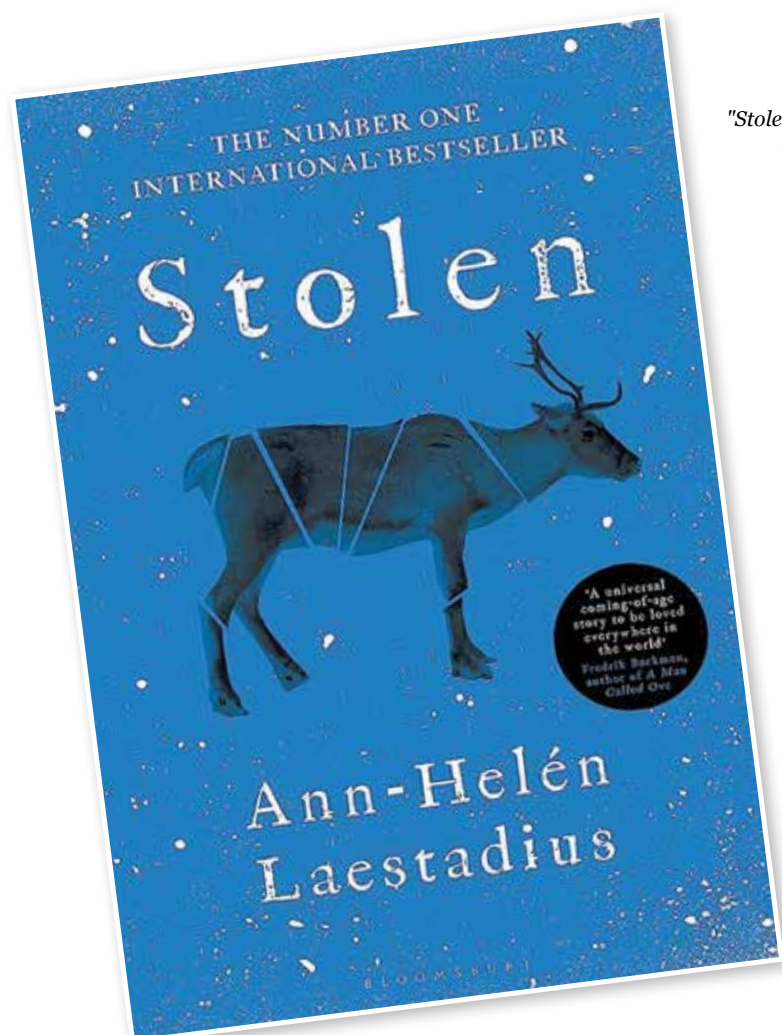
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Celebrate NAIDOC Week

Local Cairns author, Melanie Hava, will be visiting Mareeba Shire Libraries to read her story *Animals All Around Us* to our families during NAIDOC Week. Come and join us for this special reading of this beautiful book and have fun participating in the the craft activity on offer. Each family will also receive a copy of the book in a library bag.

Dimbulah Library: Tuesday 4 July at 11am
Chillagoe Library: Wednesday 5 July at 10.30am
Mareeba Library: Thursday 6 July at 10.30am
Kuranda Library: Friday 7 July 10.30am



"Stolen" available at the library to borrow.



Greetings to the Kuranda Community.

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather, getting outdoors and appreciating Kuranda.

I wanted to touch on a few things, mostly around property security and traffic matters. Firstly, please ensure you watch your speed along Myloa Road. There are numerous families with young children living along this road (including a school) who don't appreciate vehicles driving at excessive speeds. This goes for the Kuranda Range too. We still see far too many accidents and near misses and inconsiderate drivers travelling on the Range every day. Remember you need at least a two second gap between vehicles otherwise you will have no time to stop.

Regarding property security, please ensure your houses, businesses and vehicles are locked and secured at all times. Please get into the habit of locking your vehicle keys away or at least keeping them on your bedside table when you sleep. Property offenders are usually after alcohol, money and vehicles.

You may find leaving outside lights on helps too. The cost to run a light bulb is quite cheap and deters would be offenders as they prefer the dark where they can hide and do as they wish undetected.

Lastly I want to advise we have a new phone system at the Kuranda Police Station that doesn't allow callers to leave voice messages. This may be frustrating, but it puts Kuranda Station in line with the standard for Police Stations around the State. If we are in the office the call will go through. However, if we are out of the office you will hear an automated message telling you to call **000 for emergencies** and **Policelink 131 444** for non-urgent matters.

Stay safe

Sergeant Matt Harling, Officer in Charge, Kuranda Police Station



Book Review

Stolen – a spellbinding Swedish novel that follows a young indigenous woman as she struggles to defend her family's reindeer herd and culture amidst xenophobia, climate change, and a devious hunter whose targeted kills are considered mere theft in the eyes of the law.

On a winter day north of the Arctic Circle, nine-year-old Elsa—daughter of Sámi reindeer herders—sees a man brutally kill her beloved reindeer calf and threaten her into silence.

This is a very insightful novel about the intricacies and struggles of Sami life in the beautiful but harsh lands to the North of Scandinavia. There is a constant struggle against not only these harsh conditions, but also against the xenophobia and jealousy of their neighbours.

Elsa has her own struggles as she fights to be accepted in what historically has been a man's world. The Sámi's way of life is imperilled as government and police force do nothing to protect their reindeer or their traditional lands and rights. The reader can feel their anguish as their reindeer are 'murdered' and tortured.

We can also see their anguish as they grow up and have to decide where their future lies. There are those whose whole life revolves around the spirituality of their way of life and those who can see that this way of life is doomed. It's a heart-breaking choice. You want to cry out "Look what you will be losing!"

This novel just captures your heart. The author describes Sámi, the landscape and the animals with such vividness and such empathy. It's a lesson in geography, history and society, emphasising why we need to value and protect our indigenous cultures. This book is very moving and quite a revelation of a way of life barely known to most readers. It really is fascinating and highly recommended.

P.S. Watch out for it as a Netflix film.

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For Our Elders, Bobbi Lockyer

Where there is knowledge there are our Elders. Our Elders paved the pathways for us, taught us our knowledge, our history, they passed down their art, stories and wisdom. Our Elders are the foundation of our communities and role models for our children. With this poster I wanted to showcase how important our Elders are in passing down traditions and culture to our children and future.

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naidoc.org.au

Troppo by David Jones

Just when you think the world couldn't get anymore ridiculous, something happens to give that concept a rebirth. I was in Cooktown, Far North Queensland, a place that still has the vibe of being the last town on the frontier. The clouds hung dark and heavy, the heat and humidity was like warm soup, sticky and oppressive. I could feel a trickle of sweat running down my back.

I could also feel rumblings in the stomach and thought a cold beer and a counter lunch was needed. I entered the nearest pub and its air conditioning was a blessing so I headed straight to the bar. It wasn't overly busy but there were a few people around. I had just sat on a bar stool when I realised that I was sitting next to a couple of slurring drunks.

One seemed to be relishing biting his fingernails. The other one was watching him intently and said "I bet you a hundred dollars, you couldn't bite yer finger off" and put a hundred dollar note on the bar to tempt him.

Second drunk said "Ah yah", and took the challenge on and bit the top of his index finger off. The bite was to the first joint. The sound of crunch, then wrench, was stomach churning. He spat it onto the bar, where it sat in a puddle of beer.

The first drunk put his hundred dollar back in his pocket refusing to pay. Saying "It was not the whole finger, it was only a part." It was easy to sense that hell was about to erupt. As both their voices reached aggro pitch they both began swinging punches and the fight quickly ensued.

The barmaid, who had been busy at the kitchen counter, was lightning quick to call for a bouncer. I stood to the side to get out of everyone's way. They both were efficiently and quickly thrown out, left to roll around on the street.

On his return, the bouncer began to clean up the mess - a knocked over table and a couple of chairs

The barmaid, looking at me, said "No way. I'm not touching that."

"Maybe it should be put on ice so it could get sewn back on" I said.

She had the look of a vintage rock-and-roller with plenty of silver attachments and her hands, slightly tattooed, moved with the precision of a magician. The bouncer picked up the finger bit like it was a cigarette butt and leaning over the bar threw it into the bin saying "There's no way they're getting back in."

I asked the barmaid if she knew them. She said "No, they're probably a couple of tin scratchers or fishermen, they were the best of mates when they came in."

"What's next?" she asked. "Everyone's going troppo. Do

you want a beer?"

I said, "Yes" and added a polite "Please". She stood waiting for the request "VB please". She wiped the beer and diluted blood from the bar and placed a beer mat on it. Another beer mat for me and my beer request was quickly in front of me.

I said, "I was about to have a counter lunch but I've gone off that idea."

"There's always fish and chips if you don't fancy a T-bone" she said with a wry smile.

"No thanks" I said.

The place almost emptied after the fracas. I could hear thunder threatening outside, so I downed the liquid amber and thought I'd order another. She seemed cheery and chatty and a person that would have seen many things.

So I asked, "Is that sort of thing usual?"

She said "No, but this town is a crazy place."

I asked "How do you mean?"

"Well" she said leaning slightly forward and there was a definite glint in her eyes. "I got a phone call from the morgue of all places. When I picked up the phone they asked, 'Who is this please?'"

"I said 'Why? Who are you?' And they said 'It's the morgue.' I said 'The who?' 'The morgue. We have some information for you. Well, it's a question really.'"

And I said, "Is this a joke?"

They said "No, this is serious." They went on to explain. "You know when there's always a surprise when you clean out the freezer? Well this one has your telephone number tied to his toe. It seems the info tag didn't get finished. The reason for that is unclear. There is only your phone number for a reference."

"This is a joke!" she said. Their reply was "Definitely not! Please call the hospital and ask to be put through to the morgue and you'll find out. We think it may have happened when we had a sudden rush, like a bus crash and somehow, he got pushed to the back of the freezer where he has remained till now. I understand your surprise. Do you know of anyone that's missing because we're hoping you could identify this man who died?"

I told them "Surprised!!!! I'm horrified. I can't think of anyone who hasn't been around for a while. I rarely go out or get about, except for work. How long ago was this?"

"Sorry. We have had a few staff changes since then and those that are here now, don't know."

She said she asked "Do you know what he died of?"

"Sorry no, we haven't got that far. We need more detail. He does have the look of self abuse, the nicotine on the fingers is pretty thick so his lungs would be sick. Anyway, I shouldn't speculate."

She said "I'm not paying for any funerals!"

They said "No you can be rest assured that we will deal with any expense, unless he's your family of course."

"What? No! No one in my family has disappeared."

"Could I trouble you for your name please? You see our problem is you're our only contact."

"It's Sandra, Sandra Kelling."

"Well Sandra, if you could pop down to identify the body please we would be most grateful."

Well I was on the edge of my seat and asked "What did you say Sandra?"

She said "I asked, can't you send me a photo?"

"Sorry that's not the policy, we need a personal viewing."

"Can I do this in the AM? Not the PM because that's too close to the evening and bed."

"Yes of course, we can offer a cup of tea and a biscuit."

"Oh really," she said "How can I resist it then?" Adding "This will be the first time I've witnessed anyone dead. Other than on film or TV."

She said she'd spent the night wondering who it could be? Then when morning came she thought "This is going to be interesting."

"Oh shit," she recognised him straight away saying "That's Henry Devalue, the man from hell!!"

"What can you tell us about him?"

"Well nothing really, he's a bit of a drunk, who drank XXXX. He wasn't very appealing, his nickname was the Flirty Herpe. He always seemed to be in a war with cold sores. He lived in the bubble of laziness, basically he was someone who couldn't care less. He was one of life's cretins who claimed to suffer from vacuum cleaner anxiety. He always said his near enough was always good enough. We didn't get on. You don't think he put the tag on himself do you. Just to spite?"

The nurse looked perplexed, "I doubt it. Do you know where he lived?"

"On the side of the road, as far as I know."

"Thank you, at least we now have a name to investigate."

"What will happen to him?"

"If we can't find any family he will be cremated and spread."

"Spread? What, not put under a plant?"

"No, cremation ashes can kill plants."

"Really, could I have them then? I have some nuisance weeds that I want to get rid of. It would be ironic to put him to work, now he's dead."

She gave me that wry smile again, winked and chuckled, as she wandered off to serve the other end of the bar.

And left me not sure what to think?

David Jones is a member of the Kuranda Writers Group. The June theme for this story was "Snakes/Death".



Kuranda District State College Kuranda Carnival and 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Kuranda Carnival and 25th Anniversary is being held at Kuranda District State College on 13 October 2023 and will be an event not to be missed! To assist with the preparations, we are looking for the following from our awesome community:

- Are you a local business who would be willing to donate any prizes, vouchers or experiences to be used on the night?
- Are you part of any community groups who would like to perform as part of our entertainment for the night?
- Are you interested in having a market stall?

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A visit to Talaroo Hot Springs

by Kristina Johns

Whilst happy hour conjures images of good company enjoying wine, beer and nibbles, for me it is also that time of the day when the shadows lengthen and the landscape is bathed in a yellow glow as the sun sets. The heat of the day wanes and a welcome coolness arrives that might see you reaching for your flannelette shirt with the next refill of your glass.

This is me musing from Talaroo Hot Springs 338 kilometres from my home in Kuranda. I have spent the afternoon exploring the Einasleigh River with my dog wading in knee deep water from one sand bank to another and beyond to that next rocky outcrop just to see what is there. The Einasleigh is still flowing swiftly in places and the sound of running water is always a drawcard.

But the real reason we are here is to revisit Talaroo's hot springs. It is approximately 20 years since I was last here, and as we drove in, the only thing I recognised was the homestead on the left of the road leading to the campground. The original wooden rangers building was destroyed by fire years ago and has been replaced with a modern reception and café with ample seating covered by a huge shade sail. There is an inground pool adjacent which is in the process of receiving the final paving touches to its surrounds. Lyn Baily welcomed us at check-in and assigned us a shady site.

Talaroo is no longer a working cattle station having been purchased by the Indigenous Land Council on behalf of the Ewamian people in 2012. Since then, the Ewamian people have worked to develop the Talaroo Hot Springs visitor experience and restore the land. Their rangers are based at Talaroo Station and they welcomed their first visitors in June 2021.

We had the pleasure of being guided by ranger Michell Kapteyn, who just happens to be a Kuranda local, on our tour of the hot springs which ended with a long soak in the warm waters that flow into the pool. Michell welcomed us to country at the edge of a boardwalk that now takes you over the steaming landscape and gives you views from above of the changing pools and waterfalls below. There are private soaking pools that you can book on your own or with up to three others. Healing and contemplation in the geothermal waters at sunset, romantic with someone special, or four friends just chilling out. You choose, and if you need a comfy bed there are Eco Tents for accommodation with queen bed and veranda out the front.

There are firepits scattered throughout the campgrounds and to our surprise these were lit by Lyn and Michell on dusk with firewood supplied to keep us cosy in our camp chairs all evening. It was a relaxing two days and good to sit under a sky uninterrupted by the lights of civilisation.



Kuranda local Michell Kapteyn who is a ranger at Talaroo Hot Springs.

Photos: Kris Johns



The Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority) is celebrating the appointment of a new director to its Board.

Djabugay and Yidinji man, Mr William Enoch-Tranby has been appointed as a Director for the Authority and brings with him a wealth of experience working within the tourism industry promoting the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (the Area) nationally and internationally.

Mr Enoch-Tranby has more than a decade's experience developing and delivering cultural tourism experiences, for which he has received multiple industry awards.

The appointment was made following nomination from the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek.

Mr Enoch-Tranby is now one of three Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples to sit on the Authority's Board, including the Chair, Ms Chrissy Grant, an Eastern Kuku Yalanji woman and Director, Ms Ailsa Lively, a Gunggandji woman.

Ms Grant said "Mr Enoch-Tranby's appointment to our Board is an important step towards not only providing another voice for Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples to the Authority and its decision-making processes, but he also will be representing a younger demographic, which has been an aspiration of the Board, to take into consideration the perspective of the next generation of Indigenous leaders."

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority Board



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What's Happening at the Amphitheatre

JULY ENTERTAINMENT

On **Saturday 22 July** Kuranda Amphitheatre is excited to be hosting the **Kuranda Roots Afterparty!** To keep the good vibes and high times rolling, the Kuranda Roots crew are bringing reggae, funk and jungle sounds to the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage from 5-10.30pm. Keep your festival wristband for a discount at the door. Featuring Roots stars Quinzalez, TasteyDJ, Funkdafied, Ali Basta, and more TBA. Delicious food and bar.

On **Saturday 29 July** from 12-5pm not-for-profit **The Elder Tree** are bringing the Amphitheatre a full family afternoon of music, creativity and group activities. Live music by Elani Butler and Dave Love, vocal activation and workshops by Tonielle Christensen and Elani Butler, interactive live art, a community consultation session, kid's activities guided by Nature Kids Club Permaculture for Families. Herbal snacks and drinks for sale. The Elder Tree are raising funds to set up a herbal education and healing sanctuary on the Atherton Tablelands. Tickets available online – go to The Elder Tree Facebook page to find out more.

At the time of writing we are gearing up for Sunday Sessions by Funkdafied. Featuring DJs – JC, Diggis & Jimmy Flypshit, and Skippy who are bringing us a whole lotta soul, funk, hip hop, reggae and more, and we're looking forward to a cruisy Sunday community vibe.

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CAST & CREW CALL
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 Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings

K.A.S.T. COMMUNITY THEATRE

Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe are inviting new members to join in the fun **every Thursday night from 6pm on the mainstage.** KAST are currently working on Janice Starck's new play *In the Nature of Things* – a fun romp paralleling grabs of Kuranda in a futuristic fantasy for the whole family. Come and be part of this pop/rock community theatre production – there's room for everyone! Singers, dancers, circus artists, musicians, costumes, props and sets, and any other skills you would like to share. All welcome!

Below left: Djawarray welcomed by the Mayi Wunba Dancers.

Below: Troy Cassar-Daley performing at the Understage on 1 June.



LOOKING BACK...

Congratulations to Djawarray, aka Bertie Riley, for a wildly successful album launch of *Binal* at the Understage last month. It was a fantastic community night full of the things Kuranda does best – music, culture, connection, dance, and art. So good to see the huge, and hugely happy, crowd turn out to support Djawarray and Koahlition, who did a truly stellar job of running this event.

The welcome and tribute that Mayi Wunba Dancers gave to Djawarray was spectacular, full of heart, and very moving, the whole crowd could feel in that moment the respect, love and gratitude this community has for Uncle Bertie. It was also a great pleasure to hear the talented Cloud 9, and we hope we'll be seeing a whole lot more of them in the future.

And the main act – Djawarray featuring Koahlition – was just brilliant. The songs, musicianship, and synergy amongst the band, many of whom have played together for years, was next level. The dance floor was crowded, joyful, and jumping for the whole set. Adding to the magic was hearing the crowd singing along, so full and strong you could hear them like a choir over the amps. Bundarra! Djawarray and team, Kuranda is right behind you in getting this beautiful music, message, and language out to the world, because the world needs it!

June began with the magnificent Troy Cassar-Daley bringing us a rare and very special acoustic show. Within the first few moments of his set, it was clear why Troy Cassar-Daley is a household name in Australia. The incredible voice, the masterly guitar playing, the songs and the stories were utterly mesmerising, and the warmth Troy radiates made the audience feel like we were all old friends. Troy also had a meet and greet with some local kids and their families, who listened to the soundcheck and had a chat with him afterwards – so good to see the kids inspired! It was an absolute pleasure to host this show, and we hope to see Troy

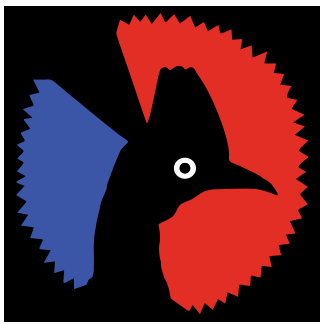
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and his team at the Amphitheatre again in the future. Many thanks to Mareeba Shire Council for their ongoing support, and for helping us acquire the valuable asset of an extra hundred chairs for sit down concerts like this one!

If you want to be part of this extraordinary community enterprise that is the Kuranda Amphitheatre, please get in touch! We are always looking for volunteers for the many aspects of running events and maintaining the Amphitheatre, and it's a hugely rewarding way to contribute to your community. Have a wonderful July friends, and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events! And Happy Birthday to *The Kuranda Paper!*

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Aristolochia acuminata or tagala (Native Dutchman's Pipe)

This creeper is the food plant for the Cairns Birdwing butterfly. There are other non-native vines that have a much larger, more attractive pitcher-shaped flower but this look-alike vine will poison your Birdwing caterpillars even though the female butterfly may lay her eggs on the leaves. Don't make a mistake and buy the wrong plant. We've got heaps of the right plant in the nursery. The season is right for planting this creeper.

ECOFIESTA

This was probably the best festival we've ever attended. It was well organised, well laid out and our tent was constantly humming. We even ran out of stickers. We attribute this to the influx of young people into our ranks. They bring with them a new energy and enthusiasm. For us oldies, it's like surfing a great wave.

CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS

Cassowaries are well into their breeding cycle. Lots of

flirting going on. Some of the juveniles are hanging on to dad's apron strings for as long as he'll have them, but they will inevitably wander off to find their own habitat (home range) or dad and mum will throw them out. This can be distressing for a youngster who doesn't want to go.

Elvis, with Archie in tow, and Priscilla close by are seen crossing the highway near the bus depot on a daily basis, between about 3.30pm and 5pm. With the speed limit reduced to 60kph and the removal of the overtaking lanes, it is much safer for these animals. Please be patient. Enjoy the show, if you're lucky enough to see them crossing. Elvis will soon be sitting on eggs and we'll do it all over again for another year.

PROTECTING THE JUMRUM VALLEY

Those of us who were active during the period of the threatening Kur-World development are again pushing for the best environmental outcomes possible with the Jumrum subdivision. The protection of our fragile environment including cassowaries and platypus, is often not a high priority when money is involved.

WE'VE LOST A TREASURE

It is with great sadness that we farewell a treasured member of Kuranda Conservation in Sylvia Walker. Sylvia died on the evening of 21 June after a short illness. She was a staunch supporter of all that we do. She was an original cassowary warrior and named one of our first birds, 'Di', in honour of fellow environmentalist, the late Di Horsburgh. We miss her now and will forever.

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CASSOWARY ART TRAIL UPDATE

Together with 50 people from the local tourism industry, we were very excited to unveil two new painted cassowaries, at Rainforestation. Thank you Rainforestation for giving us this opportunity to showcase the painted cassowaries. With these statues, one painted by Jedess Hudson together with her father, David, is now set up at Rainforestation. The other cassowary painted by Hayley Gillespie is set up at Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome. The Cassowary Art Trail family has grown to six statues. Discussions are ongoing with other possible participants.

For more information go to www.cassowarytrail.com.au, Facebook or Instagram. If you would like to support the Cassowary Art Trail, donations can be given at

www.cassowarytrail.com.au. Thank you for your support!

This project is in collaboration with Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc



Photo: Ros Peric (volunteer)

Murphy, a Squirrel Glider recently came into care having been found wet and alone at a banana farm near Mareeba. He only weighed 79 grams. Placed on a special milk formula, since arriving at Batreach, he has thrived and become a big personality about the place. He now munches his way through mealworms and flowers every night. Murphy has now buddied with Billy another Squirrel Glider. We hope to build a small family group for release back into the wild.

Peter Blyth (volunteer)

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Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey, *Untitled*, Bark painting, Mornington Island. Photo: Michael Marzik

FNQ Historical 50 Treasures Revisited Exhibition

50 Treasures Revisited offers a unique opportunity to explore the people, places and events that have shaped the tropical environment in which we live. The exhibition (which is open at the Cairns Museum until 28 October) features a selection of 'treasures' which resonate with Far North Queensland, and speak to the history of the region.

As part of *50 Treasures Revisited*, the Cairns Museum team chose 17 treasures to showcase the James Cook University Special Collection. The curated selection is diverse in format and topics, and includes a combination of physical and digital artefacts. Among them are original manuscripts, artworks, historical sketches, photo albums and objects. Items have been carefully curated for their Far North Queensland content.

The items have been selected from James Cook University's 50th anniversary exhibition *50 Treasures — Celebrating 50 Years*, presented by JCU Library Special Collections at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville in 2020.

Cairns Museum curator Dr Daniela Vávrová said "It is a great opportunity to see such rare items that are typically stored in archives from the JCU Special Collection. We are proud to host these treasures which possess particular significance to Far North Queensland."

In support of the exhibition, Cairns Museum has also designed a school holiday activity program which will promote the creation of your very own treasure at the TempX Kids Table. Links to the activities can be found at www.cairnsmuseum.org.au

Anyone wishing to contribute their thoughts and share their experiences is encouraged to tag @cairnsmuseum on socials. You can also explore the JCU 50 Treasures collection further at www.nqheritage.jcu.edu.au/

The Cairns Museum is located in the Cairns School of Arts building, Cnr Lake and Shields Streets, Cairns. Open Monday to Saturday 10am–4pm. Closed Sundays. The Cairns Museum is an All Person Access attraction.

Entry – Adult: \$15, Child (under 14): \$6, Family (2 parents or grandparents + 2 kids): \$30
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A Grinter's Tale

It's a Dog's Life

This week, I left my dogs at home for exactly one day. Actually, I lie, it was about six hours, which for me is akin to taking a fortnight's holiday in the Bahamas.

You may laugh, but for yours truly, a trip to Gordonvale is akin to most people's trips to Longreach or Alice Springs. It's a road trip worthy of a refreshment break, it gives the car a bit of a battery boost and there's usually a new suburb or two to view on the way.

And it is self-respite for me. After all, it's difficult dealing with the assorted personalities of three dogs, one deaf, one an airhead, and the other just always busy. They do say animals grow like their owners, but thankfully for them it's a case of divide and conquer.

Then of course there are three horses and two felines all with different needs and personalities needing attention at least twice a day if not more.

Sometimes I feel like a tenant.

When I lived in Abu Dhabi, one of the mothers in our toddler group, a very wise Scottish lass, said to me, with the conviction of a seasoned mother of three to my one, and the true grit of her fellow countryman William Wallace, "As mothers, we always feel guilty. Never forget that". I didn't, but I didn't expect it to run to three dogs, three horses and two cats and whatever else ventures into my yard.

Hoisted by my own petard, my dogs think they have control of my life, which in fact they do. The horses are a little less controlling, and once they realise I am not going to let them in the garden to eat my heliconias, passion fruit vines, dracaena and bird food, they go off to their centimetre long winter grass to harbour resentment and plot my downfall. Occasionally one will kick the gate, or another reach over the fence to eat the passion fruit the cockatoos missed, just to annoy me, but they forget revenge when they have their dinner.

The dogs know when I am revving up to go out. You can't dry your hair or put make up on without old Harry lying in the doorway staring at you with his tongue hanging half way out of his mouth and pasted on the tiles, which I have to say is somewhat disconcerting. I need to point out that Harry is in fact a dog, and that the tongue hanging out so far it lolls on the ground, is merely the result of a stroke, that is, a transient ischaemic attack, not a rub on his belly.

Then the conversation goes like this. And bear in mind, the verbal discourse is accompanied by sign language for Harry, being the deaf one. Poor Harry, as you can see, he got the short end of the straw when it comes to canine health.

"Okay you lot. I have to go and buy food for you. I work my little butt off every day to provide for you (that one is hard in sign language), and I honestly don't think you appreciate that (actually, that one is too)."



Of course, there is no reply, but I sense them thinking "Why can't you order stuff from Woolworths and have it delivered like others do?"

I can't say of course that I need to leave the property once in a while for my own sanity. Not only would that be impossible in dog sign language, but would hurt their feelings.

The other day, as I flew around the house looking for my watch, the three droopy drawers sat on the couch together looking like they had all just been made redundant. That made me mad. After all, they do nothing to contribute to the household except to exercise me, taking me for a 4km walk every morning and making me retrieve their ball in the paddock for 20 minutes every evening. At least the horses provide fertiliser.

"Get off your hairy butts and go and do something useful," I said today, realising what a ridiculous statement that was, and telling myself so. But that's what happens when you live with animals.

I swear I heard "Whatevrrrrrr", but perhaps it was the fridge thermostat clocking in.

Now, I hasten to add in my defence that on the rare occasion that I go out at night, I take care to select an appropriate video. They've watched movies I keep thinking I should watch, but never have time. I have to be careful about what they view of course, something I learned to my detriment after they sat glued to *Marley and Me* and I returned to shredded cushions and cardboard boxes all over the verandah.

"It could have been worse", I could tell Brodie cat was thinking, as he exercised his claws with obvious intent on the arm of my leather sofa. I tried to remember if film star Marley had eaten the family cat.

Today, I threw three bones out on the lawn before leaving for Mareeba. They were a bit smelly, I must admit, but dogs are dogs, aren't they?

"Seriously?" Rosie's eyes said. "Are these for eating or scaring visitors away? You just did my nails, and I am not going to ruin them burying these stinky cadavers."

I shrugged, with the inference of "take it or leave it", and uttered the ubiquitous comment, "I won't be long", usually an outright lie, as it can cover five minutes or a whole day. However, it seems to be a universal guilt releasing statement uttered by every dog owner in the world.

I haven't yet got to the stage of pointing to the clock and saying "When the little hand reaches four, and the big hand is on six, I will be back".

"Be good," I always add, somewhat lamely and definitely met with total, deafening silence, which shouldn't surprise me.

I drive up the road revelling in the knowledge that I have half an hour undisturbed enjoyment of my audio book. Meanwhile See No Evil, Hear No Evil and Speak No Evil stand in a perfect row at the top step of the verandah stairs glaring at me like I took their mobiles away.

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It's been quiet in the Gallery over the past few weeks while artists are busy working in their studios. There is some new work on display so please take a moment to drop in and say hello to the artist on duty. We have also updated our video screen with the addition of Lisa Capon at work in her studio.

This month we focus on our Glass Artists

Some new additions to the Gallery include miniature glass flowers in handmade glass vases. **Cathy Harvey** took a one-day glass-blowing workshop in Brighton, UK, in May to learn how to blow glass. With this technique, so far she has produced miniature vases and flowers. The first experimental vases were just 10cm tall, but she is working on producing bigger vessels daily. Spending over 20 hobby years 'on the torch', Cathy has attended workshops in Brisbane and on the island of Murano as well as taking online tutorials held by international glass artists during COVID. Due to an inability to create a straight line, or find a central point, her work can be a little skewed, but for her, it is the colour and movement of the glass that is more important than straight even sides.

There are four other glass artists in the Gallery –

- **Terry Eager** with her creative fusing and slumped glass art – she also uses recycled TV glass for large decorative pieces. If you are walking around Kuranda you will see her formed glass tiles in the footpath along Coondoo Street.
- **Kate Prynne**, also a silversmith, focuses on slumped dishes and wind chimes.
- **Klaus Brucksch**, master of lead lighting, opals and dichroic glass pendants.
- **Judy Davies**, lampworker and jeweller – also combining precious stones and silver with her handmade beads.



Top left: Blue and ivory glass necklace by Judy Davies.

Left: Platter by Terry Eager.

Above: Wind chime by Kate Prynne.

Below: "My Little Miro" by Klaus Brucksch



Grouped vases with flower by Cathy Harvey



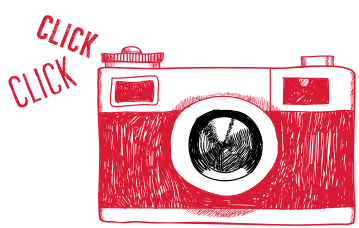
Green story necklace by Cathy Harvey



Miniature vases with flowers by Cathy Harvey



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The **Focus on Kuranda Photography Group** is a Facebook group for photographers of all levels. Photos featured here have received the most 'likes' for the previous month (at the time of going to print).



JUNE

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Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News

Buluwai Language Educational Resources

From Queensland Government Indigenous Languages Grants program, Buluwai traditional owners have now printed, *BULUWAI LANGUAGE DICTIONARY Handbook Guide – The Language of Our Ancestors and our first Cultural Activity Series – Booklet One*, titled *Bibi Talk*. Both educational tools have been very well received from local schools. Booklet internet Scan Code is accessible in classrooms or at home, where learners will see and hear Buluwai Elder pronounce the related word. *Cultural Activity Series – Booklet Two* is now in progress.

Looking After Country Grant Program (LACGP) 2023

Also courtesy of Queensland Government, the Looking After Country Grant Program, had Buluwai Cultural Rangers over the last 10 weeks, laying groundwork for ongoing preservation of our Rock-Art. Bare Hill is Wet Tropics' most graffitied site, our crew worked with archaeologists, compared 'heat signature' satellite and drone imagery, worked alongside QPWS with fire management for gradual restoration encouraging wildlife species.

Northern Bettong Breeding & Translocation Program

Australian Wildlife Conservancy, saw BIC Rangers escorting Buluwai Bettongs to Taravale, near Townsville, where they assisted in the release. Hopefully our Bettongs will repopulate this area and ensure future success for the species.

A big welcome to new recruits working with our Cultural Ranger Crew, we at Buluwai Indigenous Corporation understand the need to protect our ancient sites, our country. With Government we expect a lot more work to come, please keep your contact details up to date with our admin.

If you would like to find out more about the corporation's activities, get a membership form, discuss Buluwai areas of responsibility with Traditional Owners or any other matter relating to the Buluwai tribe, Dianne Brim can be reached on 0459 062 784.

Meetings

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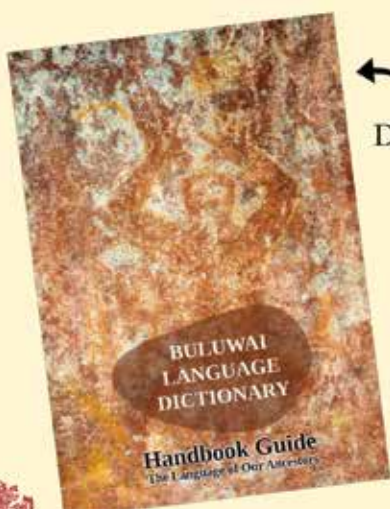
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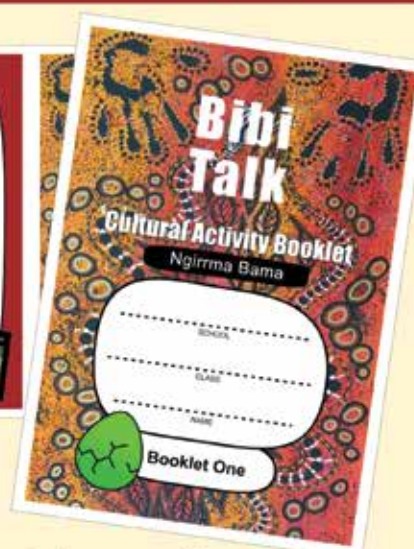


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The Moth Emperor



Although this year's wet-season (bug season) is apparently behind us, the recent rains are still stimulating some insect activity. Moths are one such group, still appearing in numbers on warmer nights. One local moth is the Northern Emperor Moth (*Syntherata esarlata*), which is spectacular in both the larval (caterpillar) and adult stages.

The Northern Emperor Moth is one of the larger moths in this region. These moths feed on a variety of plants, including gum leaves, guava leaves and Melicope leaves, but they only do so at the caterpillar stage. Their oval-shaped eggs are laid on the leaves, and are yellow to white in colour. Usually, these are laid in batches of 10 to 20, in lines or clusters that are glued to the leaf or each other, hatching seven to 10 days later. Once hatched, the caterpillars are black and bristly in appearance. After feeding and growing for a couple of weeks, they change to the familiar green colour. The caterpillars continue to grow until they are about 80mm long, at which point they are finger-thick, bright green with a pale stripe down the length of their body, and studded with red and yellow protective bristles. This growth occurs via a number of stages, whereby the caterpillar sheds its skin (exoskeleton) to move to the next stage. Once it is ready to pupate, the caterpillar produces a tough cocoon from brown silk. Pupation can take anywhere from four months to several years, and is dependant on temperature.

Adult Northern Emperor Moths emerge from their cocoons during the warmer months of the year. They are quite large moths, and their colour varies immensely between individuals, with some being bright yellow, some orange, some tan brown and some even a dusky pink colour. They also have some striking patterns on their wings, with a zig-zag running along all four wings. The fore-wings have a small clear 'window' in the middle of them.

Adult Northern Emperor Moths do not feed. They instead rely on the stored energy they built up during their ravenous caterpillar stage, and as a result, only live for a few weeks as adults. The females are usually larger than males with heavy-set abdomens for housing eggs. The males are more lightly built and have the sole mission to seek out and mate. To aid them in finding the females, they are equipped with much more sensitive antennae than the females. The males have extensive, feather-like antennae which pick up the chemical signals (pheromones) released by female moths.

Whether it be on your trees or under the porch light, keep an eye out just in case an Emperor comes to visit.

Deanna Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

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Top: A female Northern Emperor Moth.
 Second top: Newly laid Northern Emperor Moth eggs
 Third top: A Northern Emperor caterpillar.
 Above: A male with his feathery antennae.
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Left: K229 a metal grave marker attached to an old head stone.

Below: Kuranda Cemetery graves losing their identification



Where, oh where, has the old cemetery grave map gone?

Dear friends of Kuranda's history – Krishna Buhler of the Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) is working hard to create a short documentary with an overview of the history of the Kuranda Cemetery. This will include a few family stories relating to graves there and perhaps around Kuranda.

Photos of graves, names, dates etc. can be found on www.austcemindex.com. This site unfortunately has no reference to plot numbers that we are aware of. A booklet containing lists of graves 1910–1988 has been unearthed from the Cairns Historical Society giving site references (key shaped metal grave markers – found around the top and middle section of the cemetery).

To find specific graves has become an adventure. Mareeba Shire Council has found some maps of grave layouts, which will be interesting to explore as many of the graves have now lost their headstones. If you are interested in joining the KHS Cemetery Group to participate in the explorations of its layout and history, please enquire at kurandahistory@gmail.com.

Committee members needed

Kuranda Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the KHS office in Centenary Park on 17 September. We have a good committee, a KHS Strategic Plan that we are solidly working through, and very practical administrative systems in place, but we need a secretary.

Planning for the Future Workshop – Saturday 13 August

We invite all members and community supporters to a planning meeting in August ahead of our AGM in September. We would like to review the KHS Strategic Plan for ideas, historical projects of any kind, brainstorm options for displaying historical artefacts and discuss options for a Record Management System.

Membership Reminder

Your Kuranda Historical Society Membership is due in September of each year. Its only \$15 but across the community it adds up to be enough for us to keep plugging away at the bringing Kuranda's history together. If you wish to pay your 2023 memberships now or join the Kuranda Historical Society, please send an email to kurandahistory@gmail.com.



PUTTING A DENT IN FERAL CAT AND FOX NUMBERS, ONE PLAN AT A TIME

Communities across Australia trying to come to grips with feral cats and foxes will be better equipped with the release of two new planning guides by the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions.

“Recent research shows that feral cats and foxes kill and eat 697 million birds, 510 million reptiles, 1.4 billion mammals and well over 1.1 billion invertebrates every year”, said Ms Gillian Basnett, National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordinator with the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions

“Their populations are huge: it's estimated that the number of feral cats ranges seasonally from 1.4 and 5.6 million, and the number of foxes is steady at about 1.7 million. Fox and cat numbers vary across landscapes, with higher numbers in agricultural, peri urban and urban areas where there is more food.

Feral cats kill huge numbers of native animals and spread disease to other animals.

“These invasive animals threaten our native animals with extinction: at least 140 species are threatened by feral cats; 95 species are threatened by foxes. They also spread disease: feral cats spread toxoplasmosis which can infect any animal or bird, it doesn't discriminate between wallabies, bandicoots or sheep. Together with another disease, Sarcocystis, toxoplasmosis spread by feral cats is estimated to cost farmers more than \$12 million a year. Throw in predation by foxes and you add a further \$28 million in costs a year”, said Ms Basnett.

Ms Basnett has found that there is huge community interest in controlling feral cats and foxes but often the first question she is asked is, ‘what can we do about it?’. The new Planning Guide for Feral Cat Management in Australia and its companion, the Planning Guide for Fox Management in Australia have been written to help land managers, community groups, pest control professional, biosecurity organisations and others ask the right questions and find the right answers that suit their circumstances and resources.

“Many people are daunted by planning – it's a bit dull, it's a bit dry, it seems too complex – and they just want to hook in and start controlling feral cats and foxes from day one”, said Ms Basnett. “A useful plan doesn't need to be long and complicated – a map to get you started, a list of everyone involved, details about why you want to control the pests, and a calendar of who is doing what and when. What I would say, is that you want your plan to be purposeful: to quote Dr Peter Fleming from NSW Department of Primary Industries, who spoke at a recent strategic planning forum we hosted, “You don't want to just do something, you want to do something useful and if you fail to plan, you plan to fail”.

The new planning guides provide a framework for people to make decisions and to select management options that suit their circumstances.

“People might want to bait, shoot and trap, or invest in exclusion fencing, or habitat improvements and rabbit control. It depends on what they can commit to and what works for them”, said Ms Basnett.

People interested in the new planning guides can find them online at www.pestsmart.org.au/pest-animals/glovebox-guides-order-form/. Also available to help communities record pest animal sightings and control activities are the free FeralCatScan and FoxScan apps which can be found at www.feralscan.org.au/.

Source: Centre for Invasive Species Solutions

NOTE: Foxes have been seen as far north as Lakeland Downs, 80km west of Cooktown and occasionally on properties in the gulf savannah country near Normanton (J. Mitchell [NRW] 2004, pers. comm.), but these sightings are rare. The northern limit of fox distribution probably reflects climatic preferences, since foxes do not favour humid, tropical regions (Wilson et al. 1992). The northern limit of their distribution probably fluctuates with seasonal conditions (Jarman 1986; Saunders et al. 1995).

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Habitat assessment at Jumrum Creek in September 2020.

Biological assessments involve examining the organisms that live in the creek. Macroinvertebrates, fish, and algae are often the focus of these assessments. Macroinvertebrates, namely insects, crustaceans, molluscs, and worms large enough to be seen with the naked eye, are crucial biological indicators of water quality. Their sensitivity to environmental changes, and their inability to easily escape unfavourable conditions, reflect the immediate health of their habitats. Species such as stoneflies, mayflies, and caddisflies are sensitive to pollutants and thrive in clean, oxygen-rich water, suggesting good water quality. Conversely, midges and certain worms can survive in lower oxygen conditions and their abundance can indicate pollution or degraded habitats.

Macroinvertebrates can also indicate physical creek changes, such as sedimentation, temperature variations, or altered flow patterns. Monitoring these creek bugs is a great part of freshwater conservation and pollution control, helping assess water quality over time. This valuable information helps with creek management and reduction of human impact efforts on these precious ecosystems that support our creek breeding creatures of the Wet Tropics including the Kuranda Tree frog.

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Plant of the Month Lime Berry – *Micromelum minutum*

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L-R: Pietro Valaguzza (Wet Tropics Management Authority staff), Sylvia Conway (Community Taskforce Coordinator), Andrew Piccone and Alex Sinchak (Wet Tropics Management Authority staff).

Rotary FNQ Field Days 2023

All things agriculture was the theme at Rotary FNQ Field Days where the Community Taskforce joined the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program to talk to local farmers and residents about yellow crazy ants.

This bi-annual event was their biggest and best event yet, run over three days with thousands of patrons attending. The live ants on display captured people's interest as well as the fun face masks and stickers. A walk around the grounds gave us an opportunity to talk to more people and hand out extra brochures spreading the message even further.

The Protect Your Patch display demonstrated how residents can protect their yards and farms from invasive

ants by quarantining potted plants.

There are no known yellow crazy ant infestations in the Mareeba area, so this was a fantastic opportunity to speak to locals about being aware of yellow crazy ants, in the hope that they will recognise and report any suspect ants.

EcoFiesta 2023

It was epically eco and the smiles said it all. What a fun event!

The Taskforce joined with the Wet Tropics Management Authority to meet the faces of Cairns' eco warriors, all coming to learn more about what they can do to protect and preserve our natural environment. The interest was immense from young and old, many came to see the live yellow crazy ants, check out the maps of where infestations occur in the Cairns and Kuranda regions and learn about the huge impacts invasive ants have to our precious Wet Tropics biodiversity.

As always, the Protect Your Patch display showed residents what they can do themselves to protect their yards from invasive ants by quarantining pot plants via water bath or bare rooting. Our new Community Taskforce stickers were also a hit.

A big thanks to our Taskforce volunteers, Chelsea Scanlan and Tim Brown for helping us get the yellow crazy ant message out to our wider community. And a huge thank you to Cairns Regional Council for putting on another awesome EcoFiesta event.



Community Taskforce's Mikhaela Jacoby and volunteer Chelsea Scanlan showing off our new stickers.

Survey sessions for the Kuranda Tree frog

No invasive ants were detected on our third survey for the year. Our next survey will be along the banks of Mantaka Creek on 29 July.

If you would like to join us, please do get in touch. No

experience necessary and lunch will be provided.

Be the change you want to see and this is your chance get involved in local conservation actions.

The crew ready to survey the second section of Queens Creek in May 2023.

The Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria myola*) is critically endangered, and under threat from invasive ants. Photo: Rhys Sharry



On a final note

To report illegal dumping contact Mareeba Shire Council on **1300 308 461**.

Report yellow crazy ants call **1800 CRAZY ANT**.

To volunteer with the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce call (07) 4093 8989, email coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or visit @ycacommunitytaskforce Facebook page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE Toolbox talk

Learn about the risks and impacts invasive ants have in your community.

WHERE: In your workplace or school

WHEN: Get in touch to make a time

Kuranda Tree frog habitat (KTF) monthly survey

Volunteers wanted for our survey crew.

WHERE: Kuranda creeks

WHEN: Saturday 29 July — 8am–12pm

Saturday 26 August — 8am–12pm

Saturday 23 September — 8am–12pm

Join the invasive resist-ants

 **Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce**

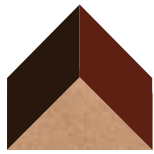
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Kuranda Men's Shed – Going from Strength to Strength

So much has happened at the Kuranda Men's Shed!

First, we were involved in the Mareeba Field Days, drawing in thousands of people over three days. We were part of the Mareeba Men's Shed "Spanner in the Works" tent, encouraging men to get health checks right there and then with our waiting doctors and nurses. Great working with the community, but also fabulous working with another Shed. As we all know, getting men to a simple health check – blood pressure, weight/height ratio, mental health etc – can be exceptionally difficult! But through the teamwork of both Sheds, this event was a great success, for health checks as well as simple chats about Men's Sheds themselves. We hope to see many new members joining Men's Sheds simply through raising awareness at this event. Remember, Sheds are everywhere and will support YOU.

On 10 June, the Kuranda Shed held our first community BBQ in a very long time, outside Cornetts IGA in Kuranda. A fabulous number of members attended, and thanks to Cornetts IGA for allowing us to set up outside their premises and helping us with our grocery order for the day. A small dollar profit was made, but a massive profit was made in fulfilling the REAL purpose of the day – talking to locals to raise awareness about the Shed and its function.

Many local businesses have, in fact, been very good to our Shed. We would like to give a particularly HUGE shout-out to the Kuranda Pharmacy, who kindly and without hesitation donated all the materials we needed to upgrade our First Aid kit. What a wonderful business – we cannot recommend them more highly for local first aid and medical supplies.

So, what's next on the agenda? Well, our President (me) is going overseas for a few weeks, but afterwards we have a huge program ready to go. Firstly, our BBQs outside of the IGA will become a regular 4–6 weekly event, featuring not only sausages but BBQ Brisket and gravy rolls, bacon and egg burgers, and homemade beef burgers. These will become THE Events not to miss – unless you want to miss an incredible feed that is! We will keep you posted here about our schedule and menu.

But otherwise, the Kuranda Shed will soon announce a schedule of events including a Welding Workshop and a Basic Car Maintenance day, but we will also be announcing a line-up of speakers and workshops including a psychologist to speak on the Transition from Working to Retirement (which can be very hard for many men), a nutritionist advising on nutrition as we age, a personal trainer to lead us through exercises to keep us limber and mobile, as well as advocates from the government ageing program to tell us what resources are available as we age and how to access them.

And hey, if you think you're too old or young or just somehow not right for our Shed, check out the fabulous photo of Frank below (aged 89 soon to be 90), turning out bedpost knobs for his daughter! What a champion!

All in all – a very successful month. We are getting out into the community, will soon open our doors to everyone in planned Open Days, and will host workshops for both members and non-members. We hope to welcome many new members to the Shed in the upcoming months – who knows, maybe one of them will be YOU.

Julia (President)

Right: Sausage Sizzle time!

Below: Frank Coning, 89 years old, on the wood lathe

Below right: Mareeba Field Day, "Spanner in the Works" marquee, encouraging men to get health checks and telling the community about our Sheds



Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am

She Shed • Friday 8am–1pm (until normal days resume soon)

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Contact: Julia (President) mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

Kuranda Men's Shed



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Kuranda CWA Branch works within the QCWA Strategic Plan framework – Focusing beyond: overcoming isolation, healthy QLD women and our local community needs.

MORE THAN TEA AND SCONES

In June, Members of Kuranda Branch had a fun afternoon attending the QCWA centenary year show called *More Than Tea and Scones* – a comedy theatrical performance held at Mareeba CWA Hall.

Our President, Vicki Donovan, and Vice President, Carol Jeanes are also planning to attend the Far North Division Executive meeting at Port Douglas.

Country Kitchens – Our representative for Kuranda CWA is Vicky Donovan. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month (during the Social Group meet up), Vicki will share with us Country Kitchens' HEALTHY FOOD SUGGESTIONS for the month with cooked samples for us to scrutinise. Email qcwakurandabranh2@gmail.com for more information.



Healthy Eating CWA Country Kitchens promotion in CWA Hall. Photo: Krishna Buhler.

AGM – The Kuranda CWA AGM is on Friday 28 July at 3.30pm. ALL WELCOME. President, Treasurer and Secretary positions will be open. We are very low in our membership numbers.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 12 July 9–11am.

Social – Wednesday 19 July 9am–12noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

Yoga with Tina – 0499 593 119

Taekwon-Do – Jeff 0437 438 196

Myola Body Groove – Sandra 0447 737 415

AA Group – 1300 222 222

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CROC-MOTHER

Croc-Mother stared up at the stars wheeling like a flock of birds above her.

She was uncomfortable in ways too numerous to mention.

She dared not sleep fully. Her natural anxiety became more acute each year now. Once this had been a mostly safe place going back generations (albeit with a well-known cast of at times potentially dangerous characters) but progress had delivered new players who were completely ignorant of the timeless connections and established rules of engagement. These newcomers were dangerous even when they didn't mean to be.

So she could never let her guard down. She felt heavily the burden of keeping her brood safe and right now she was waiting to hear from them, waiting to know they had arrived safe and sound. Then she would need to be in place to support them and help them fulfil their own destinies as they moved on and away from her, as was inevitable. So she half-napped, doing her best to ignore every minute irritation, and focus on the damned 'big picture' of which apparently she was a tiny yet not insignificant piece, whether she wanted to be or not.

With a sigh of resignation, she half closed her eyes and considered her position and told herself she was

KURANDA WRITERS GROUP

Next meet: Thursday 13th July 10-12 noon

Kuranda Writers Group meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday 10-12 noon At the Kuranda Library

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'all welcome'

lucky, first to be alive and secondly to be living a life of some kind of freedom even if at times her choices seemed pre-destined to be either fight, flight or surrender. She imagined a world where the possibility of 'might' could exist. That world looked like cool green water under a dome of overarching branches where movement was effortless and time as fluid as water itself. It was so coolly real in her mind perhaps it was memory, perhaps from when she was young and all the world wanted from her was that she merely survive to the point of being of more use than just a snack for bigger players.

In the fog of hormones, she reflected on the confusing and distracting emotional states she island-hopped between ... her animal nature, the call of the wild, the gravity of sex, maternal instincts and world weariness,

seasons passing, the need to nest and the longing to just swim away.

It really made her question if her life had any purpose other than to be just a breeding machine but then that she supposed was not to be sneezed at, better perhaps to be a feared matriarch than just someone's handbag. On long hot days like this when her belly grumbled and she longed to just take off for a good feed and time alone but was tethered by the need to keep an eye on her brood, her patience was at snapping point. Woe betide anyone stupid enough to come calling, intended or not. Life was so bloody loaded – seriously, it was enough to make you want to bite someone's head off sometimes.

Gayle Hannah is a member of the Kuranda Writers Group. The theme of this story was "Croc/Mother" in May.

THE DEATH OF VIVACIOUS

© Paul Williams

Did you hear of the tale they're telling in Crowle?
Of mystery and madness and murder most foul,
amid rocks and the roots of the river's east bank,
just down a side road from the house of Lablanc.

It seems that romance had come with a sting
in the guise of a lovely and vivacious young thing.
From years of much sadness, and lonely lives led,
no match, the Lablancs, for one so well bred.

None saw her hit town or how she arrived,
nor knew of the plans that she had contrived.
None knew from the where this young girl had come,
nor how she found out 'bout the brothers' old Mum.

It seems that she'd heard that the old Mum was fading;
that the brothers had kept her so long with their aiding,
excluding all else, their lives dedicated,
their care for their Mum, so well celebrated.

This girl struck their home as light to the dark.
Each one had not known his life was so stark,
and now the light shone, life's reach beyond knowing.
The boys' lives had risen from black to bright glowing.

But light is not sent by the sun's rays alone.
Sometimes the real source can lay, still unknown.
The shadows, the nooks, the crannies now brightening –
such dangers enclosed, when shrouded in lightning.

Young men of no past with girls of that sort,
in love's diverse wonders are usually caught short.
But she knew the game – played often it seemed.
The part she now sought, they could never have dreamed.

Their lives were now bliss; thoughts of Mum sadly past.
The girl ran their lives; the die had been cast.
What now would she do, this bringer of stealth,
except help the boys expend all their wealth?

So time went on by, the gossip stopped roaring.
The town had moved on – these affairs were soon boring.
The boys had gone quiet; their money declining.
That lightning, it seems, was no longer shining.

Then one soaking day when rain had passed by,
some kids by the river – as kids do – did spy
an object protruding amid mud and debris:
grotesque and bizarre – a grey human knee.

The News Hounds were there, each loud with his shout.
The Cops had their tapes and ropes all about.
They probed and they dug and soon they recovered
a sight all too vile, but finally discovered.

So what they did find, too awful to mention,
as they all stood around, as if at attention,
except for the News, who found it salacious?
That lovely young thing, no longer vivacious.

They thought that was all, the news hounds were leaving.
They all knew for sure, at least were believing.
Then one digger turned, and saw with alarm,
as dirt fell away, one more human arm.

A silence did follow, cold wave through the ranks.
This river had secrets along its broad banks.
Two hours they dug; no one made a sound.
At end of the dig, the brothers were found.

The town was in shock. How could this now be?
Just who would desire to murder all three?
The rumours fast spread from post to each pillar.
The town did now have its first serial killer.

Seems Vivacious had changed, was now more assured
that the boys were cooling, becoming injured.
They had tired of the spending, of goals not attained.
The romance of all time, was at best somewhat strained.

By now normally gone, that way always planned,
their decision to end it, had forced the girl's hand.
As the money as lure, was too great to leave
She decided the plan was now to bereave.

She poisoned the boys, through the meal that she made
from herbs that she'd found, in a local small glade.
Her plan was to bury the boys, and become
a loyal, trusted friend to the then distraught Mum.

The girl had some wiles, but knew not from the start
that this Mum had been 'round some affairs of the heart.
Vivacious had tried to play it so cool,
but failed in all ways, for Mum was no fool.

She had returned early, afraid for the boys
and had heard, from the kitchen, their cruel but last noise.
So the brothers alone, had not had lives changed.
The Mother's had too; her mind then deranged.

A knife was at hand, on the bench by her side.
Just one strike was needed, to end devil's bride.
Mum lay by her sons, for a day and a night,
then did decide to remove the sad sight.

For three nights she laboured, to bury the three
on the bank of the river, beside a loved tree.
At the end of this task, to her bed she then went,
her strength and her life, now all but spent.

Seems Mum had fought long to keep the boys wise,
but there was no defence against sparkling green eyes.
The boys, in abandon, had surrendered their all
and therein began the family's last fall.

The Police searched their house, and there they did find
old Mum in her bed, to all things now blind.
She'd heard on the News of the find at the river
but gone was all feeling, not even a shiver.

Mum's life was now over, only sons were her need,
bright light in her home, extinguished by greed.
Her lightning had struck, so now she's in jail.
The love of her sons was the sting in this tale.

Paul Williams is a member of the Kuranda Writers Group. This poem was written on the theme of "Mother" in May. Visit the Kuranda Writers Group on Facebook for more stories and poems by members and how to become involved in this group.



Who will stand for the seeds of nature as gene-tech runs unchecked?

Life these days has most people wound up in survival mode, doing all the many details required to keep everything working and food on the table. How did we end up in this situation and are we heading in the right direction? Many people are feeling busier than ever, though are their 'busier' efforts producing more family and leisure time? Most are saying 'no', so what is going on?

Surely these things are worth looking into, as what sort of a world are we creating for our children if we already feel that things are 'too busy' now?

Many people are 'too busy' to look into what is happening with our food, for instance. While we are 'too busy', large multinational gene-tech corporations are being given the go-ahead in Australia to do all sorts of 'gene-technology' on

seeds, plants, humans, soil biology and much more, and the technologies being unleashed are untested for safety and largely unregulated. How is this even possible? It seems these days the corporate investment power trumps any level of concern over natural integrity, and most people have far too much information pouring through their devices to be able to detect areas that may hold a sense of urgency for their own or their children's health.

The main 'benefit' of gene-technology is the capacity to patent and therefore profit out of 'novel' laboratory 'creations' and of course, unleashed on an unsuspecting, uninformed population, much profit can be made, and these corporations are renowned for hiding safety concerns and burying evidence of harm, leaving the 'consumer' to take up the fight to bring

justice where harm occurs. One example of this is Bayer/Monsanto paying out more than 19 billion dollars to settle cancer claims for their product Roundup, which is still sold today and used around schools and neighbourhoods where children walk and play. It is also used on food-crops and is causing untold damage to gut microbiology which causes all sorts of health issues into the future.

Genetically modified bananas (and much more) are planned to be released to Australian markets this year, why? It is all about control of profits for food products, and definitely nothing to do with health.

The big lie used to sell their wares, their concepts, constructs and conartistry, is that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) will 'feed the world', though the truth is that more, not less harmful chemicals are used on the GMO crops, doing untold damage to pollinators and soil biology, and more water not less is used due to the lack of living soils and human care. The same profiteers of the GMO industry are the profiteers of the chemicals that go with them, leaving the land less viable and farmers in such debt that they are forced to walk from their family farms, leaving the land itself in the hands of the debt-creators.

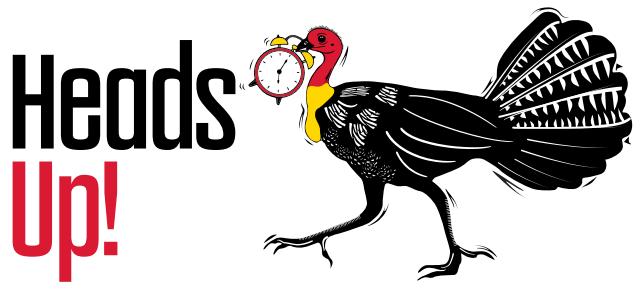
So who among us will take the time to have a look into this dire situation, and help to educate those around us of the harm being done to our young people with the main thrust of the commercial industrial food system?

Please take the time to look at the Genethics website. With our 'busy-ness' we are being trained to not see the legislation changes happening beneath our noses to allow these frankenstein technologies to be unleashed unchecked through previously respected and now compromised scientific research and development agencies. What is the cost of this with multiple laboratory 'leaks' already evident. Look at Vandana Shiva's work, and Andre Leu's too.

Of course growing our own food organically from non-GMO/non-hybrid seeds for our families stands us in good stead, and supporting other growers in the region who are doing this too, and seeking out truly organic food helps avoid the traps caused by lack of GMO labelling in Australia. There is an assumption of organic food being more expensive, though with higher nutritional content and less health concerns surely this would be considered a good investment for our families.

To access organic locally-grown seeds from our local seedbanks to grow your own food, please be in touch seedsavers@kurandaregion.org

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RKELLY



Fare-thee-well

Dear Readers,

I am saying goodbye after a long time writing for *The Kuranda Paper*. I have decided to take time out from formal writing to concentrate on my own projects and books that need space for a chance to grow.

I also wish to answer that nagging voice inside that says 'this is the time' to write multitudes of letters to politicians and policy makers regarding our future survival as the climate worsens due to human activity. For my twenty-year-old daughter and the many unheard voices of the natural world I need to do this.

Meanwhile I have enjoyed bringing you global ideas, community projects and gardening information over the years. I hope they have resonated, made you think and helped you live in this crazy wonderful fragile world of ours. Faretheewell.

From time to time as I feel inspired I will be posting articles on my Facebook sites: NewLifeWisdom and YourGardenHarvestAustralia. Please feel free to visit.

Rachael

The Kuranda Paper wishes Rachael Kelly many great new avenues of creative writing to explore and we hope to see some occasional pieces in future editions. Rachael has been a long-time creative contributor to the Paper including a long stint writing the ReChronicle column for readers' enjoyment and interest. She is also founder of The Kuranda Writers Group and a thoughtful and inquisitive writer/poet in her own right.

The Kuranda Paper is extremely grateful to all our local creatives who, like Rachael, give so generously (and it should be said bravely) of their art to grace our pages. We are a 100% submission-based independent community newspaper and such contributions have been (for 32 years this edition) and will continue to be our life blood. Keep it coming!



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This will be the age of letting go...

Letting go of gutting the earth for profit. Letting go of industrialisation, of monoculture, of extinctions, of poisons, of poverty and prejudice (they are the same), of endless growth, of getting ahead (of what?), of owning this and owning that, of our fear of death, of of of...

The coming years will be defined by what you will need to give up, not what you need to have.

Structures are collapsing, an unravelling is at hand. The tapestry is fraying and fragmenting. A new language is emerging - the language of less.

We must learn (again) to walk in beauty.

The walkers are no longer lost in the forest...there is no forest left. They must plant the forest themselves and wait for it to grow up around them, to give shade and succour. If master Time allows this. If our own crazy allows this. If our courage allows this.

We are slowly letting go of conditioned reality, the monomyth, the insane asylum conversation. As Martin Shaw and so many other raised voices say, 'now there is no choice.'

"Well, the earth itself is making that decision for us now. There is no safe castle for us to return to: setting out for story is the only thing to do, the only hurl of the knucklebones left."

SHIPS LOG: The winds of change took us on critical currents and shifting tides and we found ourselves shipwrecked and listing badly in self-made storms and whirlpools of stupidity, greed and confusion. We hope we are able to make port, leave our burden of dark freight on the dock and still be able to sail this world.

This will be the age of counting the cost...

Our unbridled desires, fanned to ignition by the capitalist cult steering folks to buy stuff that we don't need with money we don't have, has put us in our own padded cells of mental fog and heart sadness. A cunning but flawed plan by the necromancers to induce mass trauma and thereby compliance. We are all just so tired. So broken. Our various mental disorders, our unstable living, now the new normal.

Line up! Line up! Take your ticket! chronic disease anyone? eating disorders?

- sexual abuse?
- mental issues?
- lifelong loneliness?
- anxiety?
- womb-to-tomb slavery?
- life in a war-zone?
- PTSD?
- homelessness?
- shopping and hoarding disorders?
- addictions to escape reality?
- take your pick! we av em all!

We are so lost in the story.

And the craziest joke is most of us are not even following our own story but someone else's. This story of mess and muck of cruelty and anger and pain and thoughtlessness finds us in the end, will seek us out in our homes and offices and towns. Let go, breathe, release.

This must be the age of Just Not Playing...

Could it really be so easy as to just turn off the TV? Just stop listening? Just stop playing? Would ending advertising - ending buying, mean ending capitalism? Is it that simple? The horror story is consuming the romance. We need to stop reading it over and over again. A much better story is out there.

We have invited guests to our table that are not welcome; Phobus (fear), Penthos (grief), Curae (anxiety), the twins Mania (madness) and Eris (strife), Adicia (wrong-doing), Apate (deceit), Phthonus (jealousy), Styx (hate), Zelus (envy), Anaideia (ruthlessness), Hybris (arrogance) and the guest of honour, Koalemos (stupidity & utter foolishness). Kick them all out!

Our red right hand is showing. Our darkness needs attention. We must look in our own black mirrors and stop pointing fingers. We must speak a new language...I suggest the language of birds. Weave the ways of the past and future into a new tapestry. We can do it! We are such clever little monkeys.

We must realise the emperor has no clothes. Of course people had been pointing out this state of undress for quite some time from Plato to Jung but as the fox pointed out to Little Prince, "you can only see clearly with your heart - what is

essential is invisible to the eye."

Yet most of our lives are spent seeing only the fiction.

We are entering the age of survival... we must prepare, descend, shed, sacrifice.

For all wisdom is only gained by letting go of something. Not least of all our arrogance.

As the Hopi say, this is the hour...

The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the river, keep our eyes open and our heads above water.

"All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner. And in celebration."

Sit by a warming fire, let go of the past and the future, let go of what you know and who you are.

Just let go. You know you want to. The shore is no longer sure. Serpent energy, dragon energy is now needed for the earth. This is the earth's energy, the earth's knowing. It is the hour for the earth to heal with the earth's knowing. With first people's knowing.

Not our knowing. We largely just need to get out of the way. Take a support role, not the main role.

Are we strong enough to live with no answers, no starring role, no being the hero?

SHIPS LOG: For successful shipping in these strange, fragmenting and collapsing times we must operate from both wonder and grief, at absolutely the same time. Debarkation at the Elysian Fields only permissible if our cargo is within weight limits.

With this new-found heart-pass to the world, we can explore it all anew. Like Odin on the world tree we must be still; we must hang around and learn all the forgotten secrets of the soul before we leave for the 'faraway'. Before the earth is itself a myth. Yourself an offering to yourself, you must look for ways to traverse the axis mundi. We must listen to the language of birds, see the universe in a grain of sand. We must confer with the ravens and humbly ask for their guidance. We must gather marvels at the edge of dawn in quiet fields. We must listen to the finest tales from the watchers of the world. These tales will tell us how to live properly, how to be

We must let go and in doing so we will embrace the world once more.

Rachael Kelly, Kuranda Writers Group.

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If you have a child in your life who would love a brand-new bike, then get yourself a raffle ticket for the Kuranda Kindy big bike raffle!

We will be selling \$2 raffle tickets during the Term 2 holidays and all through Term 3 (from 1 July–8 September). The raffle will be drawn in week 10 of Term 3 on 12 September.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from family members whose children attend the Kindy or from the businesses listed below:

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We will have three names drawn on 12 September and the first name drawn will get first choice and so on.

All profits from ticket sales will go towards the upgrade of the Kuranda Kindy children's outdoor play area.

Good Luck!



Kindy Bike Raffle

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School Open Day – Thank you for coming and making it a wonderful experience for all!

The atmosphere at our Open Day was magical, thanks to the hard work of our staff, families, and students.

We welcomed the wider Kuranda and Cairns community to our school to experience our unique educational model. Thank you to all that came on the day to see our classroom displays of our wonderful student's and teacher's work, listen to talks on aspects of Steiner education, and join in with the myriad of workshops on offer some being in mathematics, art, woodwork, handcraft, and music.

In between, families sipped on coffee, wholesome cakes and frozies generously made and donated by our families while listening to our string players perform in the Hall. Children were able to get their faces painted and share some of Fairy Jenny's charm! And a major highlight was everyone's contribution to the giant mandala made on the day!

So many of our visitors remarked that they wished they could go back to school and do it all again with us – such a huge compliment!

Our Spring Fair is coming up, Saturday 2 September, so pop it in your calendar now, so you don't miss out!



Cairns Hinterland Steiner School Open Day photos – a wonderful experience!



Astrology

THE STARS IN JULY

by **ROB HART**

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader
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Well, well ... July begins with an exact conjunction of the Sun and Mercury, and both also in positive alignments with Jupiter and Saturn in earth and water signs ; Jupiter in Taurus, Sun and Mercury in Cancer and Saturn in Pisces. Then we have Venus square to Uranus, and Neptune and Pluto both retrograding in a sextile aspect to each other. And that is just 1 July!

Yeah, like you, I'm wondering what can this mean? The cosmos is definitely signalling something here which seems to be fertile, fruitful, and a shift yes, definitely, a shift towards much more practical, compassionate and harmonious relations on all levels.

That's not just wishful thinking, the deep astrology here speaks clearly of the new growth emerging that enriches the Earth and our relationship to it and to each other. Watch how the month unfolds. Mercury and Venus align very briefly on 27 and 28 July. As Nick Cave put it "love letter, go get her!" Words of love now have great potency.

Mars into Virgo on 10 July, The Warrior into the Virgin? Yes, well, this signifies a sacred seeding, ritual purification and meticulous planning. Perfecting intentions and putting them into action. There's magic here now.

The new moon on 18 July puts the Sun and Moon at 25 degrees Cancer, squarely on the Uranus – Neptune midpoint which has a very mystical "access to higher worlds" mediumship and sensitivity about it. So, if 25 degrees Cancer is an active point in your birth chart, well, enjoy the trip. Or consult the astrologer (ha!).

That date begins a very interesting lunar month, and as the Sun moves into full rulership, into Leo on 23 July, the 'lions' amongst us begin two purr or roar. Just watch "The Donald" now! And the Royals come to the boil (again). Leave the lions to roar and get on with your own planning and perfecting and "influencers" perform for themselves. Invoke the ancestors and shine your own light.

A lucky month for lions and tigers, sporting-wise, but the flash and burnout seems likely, Saturn is retrograding you see, and in Pisces so the ground is somewhat muddled but, still, good for the crops. Plant wisely.

Blessings





RANGERS report

The Kuranda Rangers have been busy this past month putting it all in for their last games at Endeavour Park before three weeks off and a bit of R&R time through the school holidays.

Special mention to the U9 team who have now started playing up in the next division due to their consistently good performance since the start of the season. As a result they haven't won every match, but they are now more evenly matched to their opponents. We have recently seen some brilliant development among the players, great play, and some hard-fought wins! Well done to all the U9s!

We are always thankful for the support of the Kuranda community. Recently, the Kuranda District State College (KDSC) Primary Student Council hosted a fantastic fundraising event "Anything but a Backpack". All the money raised on the day was donated to the Kuranda Rangers Football Club. Head coach, Adric Rusch, attended the KDSC assembly to accept the donation on behalf of the Club. While he was there, Adric spoke to the kids about the benefits of soccer and encouraged kids to take part in any team sport. In a nutshell some of these benefits include:

- **Physical Fitness and Motor Skill Development:** Kids stay physically active and improve their overall fitness which leads to improvements in health, coordination, agility, and strength.
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- **Goal Setting and Perseverance:** Junior soccer encourages goal setting and perseverance. Whether it's aiming to score more goals, improve passing or defending, young players learn to set goals, work towards them, and persist even when faced with challenges or setbacks.
- **Fun and Enjoyment:** Junior soccer is just a massive source of joy and fun!

So on that note, if you are interested in joining the Rangers please get in contact with our great little Club!

Go Kuranda Rangers!

Enquiries: email play@kurandarangers.football

Club contacts:

Adric Rusch 0429 488 214 or Simone on 0402 003 164, or via our Facebook page.



Adric Rusch attending the KDSC assembly



Left: Our U9 superstars!

KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

MARKETS – Mark in your calendar every second Saturday – when there will be markets on the Pony Club grounds. The markets are not organised by the Club, however the stall fees are being donated to the Club. For more information or to book a stall please call Deb 0420 879 788. **The next Market will be on 8 July.**

BUNNING SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER 1 JULY – We will be running a sausage sizzle at Smithfield Bunnings so stop in and help support the Club's fundraising efforts.

NEXT RALLY – 23 JULY – it will be the working bee to set up for the Gymkhana.

ANNUAL GYMKHANA 29 JULY – the Kuranda Horse & Pony Club's Annual Gymkhana. We would like to thank these businesses that have sponsored trophies for this event so far.

If you want to come along and watch you are more than welcome! We will have a canteen running through the day and raffle tickets for some great prizes to be won.



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Till next time, Happy Riding! *Di Curtis, Club Instructor*

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Going looking for words



The Bama (people) of this area (bulmba) shared a common ngirrma, language.

The Djabuganydji, Bulwanydji, Nyagali, Yirrganydji and Gulunydji have lived here for millennia. The Djabuganydji called it Djabugay. The Bulwanydji called it Bulway. The Yirrganydji on the coast called it Yirrgay. The 'ay' sound at the end of these words sounds like the archaic English word 'aye' for yes.

Some of their stories go way back in time. The Djabuganydji

believe that once their hunting grounds stretched to the Barrier Reef. At the end of the last ice age there was a rise in sea-level that pushed the people back inland and created the present shoreline. Nowhere else in the world have people been able to reside continuously in one place for so long, passing on their stories to the present day.

The actual word 'bulmba' has many meanings: home, camping ground, territory, the weather and the authority of

the elders, upholders of the Law. This bulmba is constantly changing, depending on the time of the year, the season and the weather.

Thanks to the Bulmba Rangers for help with selection of wordsearch words and to the Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporations for their work in preserving the area's linguistic inheritance.

Michael Quinn



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Pademelon. Photo: Steven Nowakowski

WORD MEANINGS

BADABAGAY: full. *Ngayang gaba badabagay. My cup is full.*

BADIL: cycad. *Badil bulba! Grind up the cycad nuts!*

BAGAM: Wompoo pigeon. *Bagam nulaying bagarra-m. Bagam is calling out from the forest.*

BANABULU: watergum. *Banabulu djanang wuruu-marrim. Watergum standing beside the river.*

BANDJIL: female person or female of any species.

BIBARABARRA: corroboree singer.

BINDJU: tasteless. *Gulu gaba di bindju. This cup of tea is tasteless.*

BIRAY: march fly. *Biranydju ngayang galbal wungang. March fly drinks my blood.*

BULBURRI: dusty. *Gulu djumburru bulburri. This road is dusty.*

BULNYAN: grasstree

BULUMAY: mullet

BURRDJIL: bitter. *Gulu maa burrdjil. This food is bitter.*

BURRNYA: heart

DAWARAY: bushfire. *Djunggan! Dawaray garrang! Run! Bushfire coming!*

DAYAL: male person or male of any species.

DINGAL: egg. *Galin wugu-wu dingal-nda! Go to work on an egg!*

DJABUL: promised one/sweetheart

DJAGUU: left hand/foot. *Galin djaguu-la! Go left!*

DJIBI: head hair, also *gulmbu*.

GAGAL: empty. *Ngayang giladji gagal djanang. My glass is standing empty.*

GAGALGAGAL: light in weight.

GALBRIDJI: fingercherry. Dangerous to pick and eat. Cases of people going blind after eating it.

GALWARA: egg white. This can be used as a fixative when painting.

GAMBUL: bloodwood

GULIY: lice, nits. *Nyurran gulmbu gulinjdji. Your hair is full of nits.*

GUYUNGUN: breasts/breastmilk

MALAN: right hand/foot. *Galin malan-da! Go right!*

MALIYARR: grassfire

MAMBA: sour. *Gulu maa mamba. This food is sour.*

MIRU: egg yolk

MIRUU: a club, thrown underarm.

MUBU: heavy. *Gulu barndil mubu. This baby is heavy.*

MUNUMUNU: Flaggy creek/crooked. Origin of the name Monamona.

MURANGGAL: a heavy fighting spear.

MURRGU: scrubhen or bush-turkey mound/burial ground.

MULABUNY: brain. *Gari ngayang mulabuny bugan! Don't eat my brains!*

NGABALA: candlenut. Leaves for wrapping minya for cooking. Nuts edible after baking in the hot ash.

WAGARRA: wide. *Gulu wuruu wagarra. This river is wide.*

WIGILWIGIL: sweet. *Gulu maa wigilwigil. This food is sweet.*

WIRIWIRI: lots of bends. *Gulu djumburru wiriwiri. This road is winding.*

WUGAM: firefly. The light of a firefly is *bulal*.

YIDJAL: kindling

YIDJI: pademelon. Sinews from its tail used for binding spearheads to shaft.

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. **mu**du (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 "sporrán" 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)

/ng/

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**yurra (crocodile).

However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. **buda:**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**yurra – **nggu** (crocodile).

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*Buwal bugan Ngirrma bulmba-barra.
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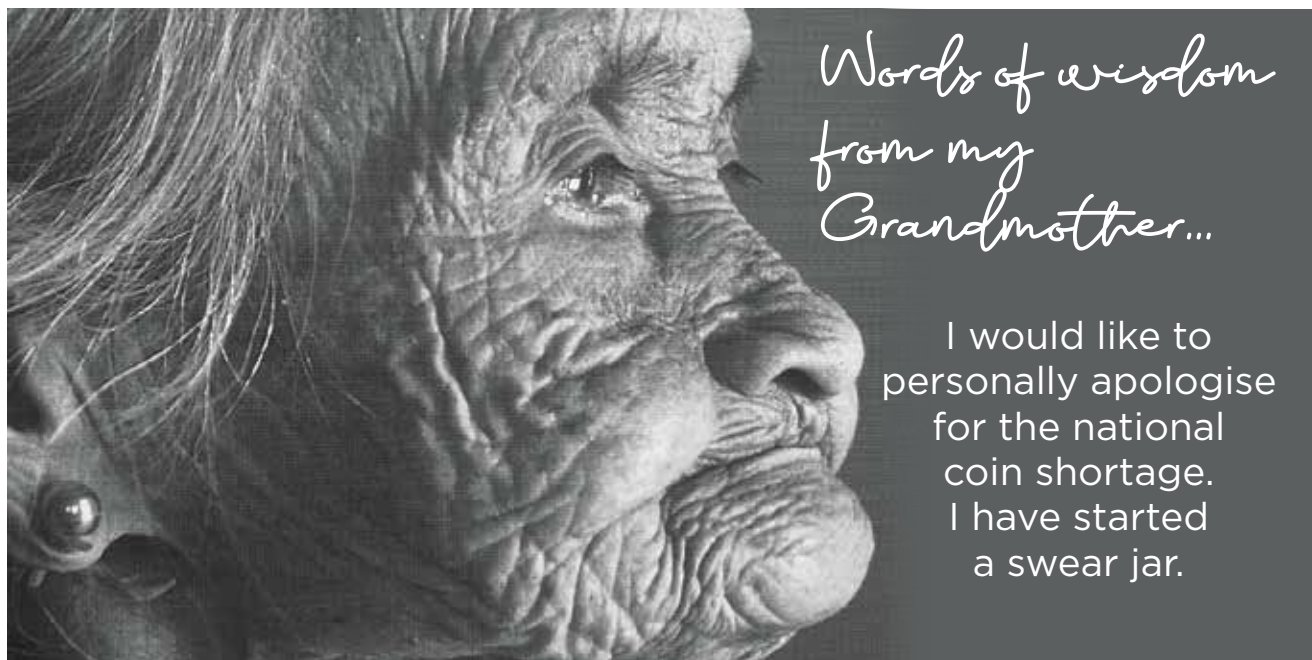
There are all sorts of ways by which we come to faith. One person cannot point to a moment when Jesus became their Lord because they have never known a period when Jesus was not part of their consciousness. Someone else may have had a totally different experience. Through some event, some book, some relationship, some conversation, they may have been brought to deciding that Jesus was their Lord. The sad thing is that sometimes the latter person will think the former person's way to be not quite the real thing. Of course it is the real thing. It may be gradual, even lifelong, but it can be profoundly real.

Jesus told a story about the many kinds of faith journeys people experience. His image of God is that of a sower striding along a stretch of ground. In long regular sweeps of his arm he throws the seed far and wide. That seed represents all the myriad ways in which God communicates with us and gives grace to us.

A seed falls on the roadway beyond the soil line. A bird comes and the seed is gone. A seed falls among rocks where there is just a sprinkling of earth. It grows but it has no nourishment, so it dies. A seed falls among thorns, struggles to grow, succeeds partially, and is overcome. Finally a seed falls in good rich earth and there are magnificent results.

In a sense the whole story is true of each of our lives. From birth to death God communicates with us, fostering our growth, guiding, inspiring, and calling. Because we are human we go through periods and circumstances when we become each of those places in the story where the seed of God tries to grow. We can be the path beyond the soil line. That may be a stage in our lives when other influences, some of them actually evil, can snatch from us any link with Our Lord. We can become the rocky ground, a person full

of initial enthusiasm, but if there comes a time when our allegiance to Our Lord becomes costly in any way, we fade out. We can be the place of thorns. We encounter Our Lord. It affects us deeply, but something more attractive comes and we go in that direction. There are a host of shiny options in today's world to make us do just that. Finally we can become good soil. We encounter Our Lord. We grow in him and we respond to Him. He becomes the foundation of our lives. We find that life with him can be far more satisfying than the other shiny options. God sows the seed. We are the ground which receives it. What kind of ground do we decide to be?



*Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...*

I would like to
personally apologise
for the national
coin shortage.
I have started
a swear jar.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"In man there are two natures; his spiritual or higher nature and his material or lower nature. In one he approaches God, in the other he lives for the world alone. Signs of both of these natures are to be found in men... Every good habit, every noble quality belongs to man's spiritual nature, whereas all his imperfections and sinful actions are born of his material nature... But if on the contrary he rejects the things of God and allows his evil passions to conquer him, then he is no better than a mere animal. Then we must labor to destroy the animal condition, till the meaning of humanity shall come to light...

If man himself is left in his natural state, he will become lower than the animal and continue to grow more ignorant and imperfect... If we wish to illumine this dark plane of human existence, we must bring man forth from the hopeless captivity of nature...

God has sent forth the Prophets for the purpose of quickening the soul of man into higher and divine recognitions. He has

revealed the heavenly Books for this great purpose... This divine and ideal power has been bestowed upon man in order that he may purify himself from the imperfections of nature and uplift his soul to the realm of might and power... The mission of the Prophets of God has been to train the souls of humanity and free them from the thralldom of natural instincts and physical tendencies."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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Résumés. In Speewah, Cairns longest-running resume writing business – over thirty years' experience. Résumés, Employment Applications, web text, all forms of copy writing, editing and proofreading. Word Factory (Suzy Grinter) Phone 4093 0449.

RIDESHARE
Call 1300 74 33 74 or book on the App. We operate 8am–7pm Mon to Sat and Sun 8am–6pm. Prebook for out of

hours. Airport/Cairns bookings accepted.

Singing Lessons, classically trained teacher with 30 years teaching experience. Absolutely all styles, sing the music of your choice. 0429 090 476

Speewah to the Hat Charity Walk – Enter now for 2 September 2023. Go to Speewah to the Hat Facebook page for details.

The Dogue House – personalised doggie daycare service. Centralised fully-fenced safe environment. Perfect place for your best friend to chill and be pampered whilst you're away. Mark 0493 124 962

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

Heads Up!

The Kuranda Paper deadline for August 2023 is **Thursday 27 July 2023**. Please send all submissions and advertising to...
mail@kurandapaper.com



*** 30 WORDS MAXIMUM**

For sale, lost/found and outdated entries will be deleted after one month. Repeat advertisements will be deleted at the discretion of the paper. Existing Kuranda Paper advertisers and community groups will be prioritised for repeats depending on available space. Submit classifieds via email mail@kurandapaper.com

YOUR COMMUNITY PAGES



WILDLIFE

Wildlife Rescue 4053 4467 (24 hours) – recommended to contact first.

Batreach 4093 8858

TigerLodge Wildcare 4093 0761 (24/7 phone service)

Kuranda Vets 4093 7283

DES CASSOWARY HOTLINE 1300 130 372 (rapid response including road strikes 24/7)

SNAKE REMOVAL

Jax Bergersen (non-venomous only) 4093 8834

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

WATER AND SEPTIC

Water Delivery:

Grego's Raw Materials 0419 705 005

Septic Tank Emptying:

Paul Jennings 0417 632 688

LAUNDROMATS

BP Service Station complex

Gurii Gambi 5C Coondoo Street

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



Caring for the region's native wildlife.

Wildlife carers are all volunteers.

Tax deductible donations appreciated.

New members welcome.

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 Lumbholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.

Please donate to us and the money will go directly towards treating and caring for these beautiful animals.

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



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

www.treeroorecue.org.au

Visit us on



RECYCLE

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

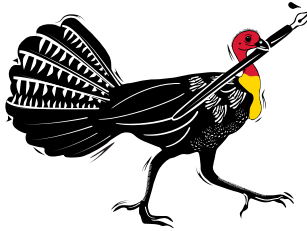
RECYCLE Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).
Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.



ROAD REPORTS

Council EMERGENCY number for local roads 1300 308 461

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



Queensland Justices of the Peace (JPs) volunteer to serve the public by signing documents that need a qualified witness.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robin Anscomb – 0409 046 932 (Operates 24/7)

Karen McLaren – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment

Join your local SES

Training every week

Tuesdays 7pm

Contact us for more details

0476 772 500

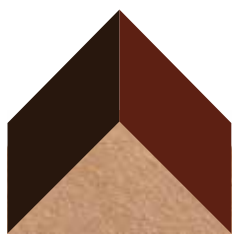


KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING

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 ****No milk or wine bottles please****

Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

RAINFALL

June 2023
96.5mm
(to 23 June 2023)

Annual Total
1985.5mm
(to 23 June 2023)



Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

HELP GROUPS



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.



Need help with a drinking problem?

1300 222 222

www.aa.org.au

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**

Community Services

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm
(No Council business after 4.30pm weekdays)

Kuranda Community Precinct
18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda
4093 9185
kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au
msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am–4pm,
Saturday & Sunday: 9am–5pm
2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah
0418 282 542
msc.qld.gov.au/water-and-waste

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880
1300 308 461 • info@msc.qld.gov.au
msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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.

The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au



Trans North Bus & Coach

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

Trans North services are "Hail & Ride". **Please hail the driver** anywhere enroute where it is safe for the bus to pull over. For a small surcharge passengers travelling to Cairns may also be set down at:

Cairns Airport (\$5), Cairns Hospitals (\$3), Greyhound Terminal (\$3),

Please advise the driver of required destination when boarding the bus and also note that Trans North services do not pick up from any of the above.

Bus stops are located at:

Cairns – Platform 1, Cairns Central Railway Station, Cairns
Cairns T.A.F.E – Newton Street (7.15am & 3.00pm Services from and to Kuranda)
Smithfield – Bus shelter near the traffic lights on Kennedy Highway at bottom of the Kuranda Range
Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre
Speewah – Speewah Road bus shelter in front of tavern
Mareeba – Arnold Park, 171-179 Walsh Street (next door to Police Station)
Atherton – 54 Main Street

Ticket Sales:

Purchase tickets from the driver as you board the bus or from Piagnos News at 142 Byrnes Street Mareeba. Phone 3036 2070 (office hours)
Email: atherton@transnorthbus.com.au www.transnorthbus.com.au

Emergency Contacts



Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance	000
Flood and Storm Emergency Assistance (SES)	132 500
Ergon Energy – Report Dangerous Electrical Emergencies	131 670
Mareeba Shire Council	1300 308 461
Poisons Information	131 126
13HEALTH – Health and Hospital Information	134 325

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



First Officer Kuranda	Baz Child 0437 746 601
First Officer Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
Warden Kuranda/Myola	Duncan Blakey 0408 151 199
Warden Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
Davies Creek	4093 3181
Koah	4093 7738
Speewah	0428 820 631

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction



FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED
Kuranda Station
Your local Queensland Emergency Services Fire station is looking for Auxiliary Firefighters
If you are interested contact your local station:
Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station
Please visit: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/jobs/auxiliary-firefighter.html>
Are you driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?



Trans North Bus & Coach

Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

Route 851	Monday to Friday
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm

*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only
Current as at 11 February 2022

No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374
Trans North 3036 2070



Bookings 1300 743 374

CONTACT US

 Kuranda Recreation Centre
 krc4881@gmail.com

JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

WHAT'S ON

KURANDA 8 BALL – Competitive Pool
Tuesday 6.30–10.30pm
Bar open, affordable prices

KURANDA RANGERS – Training Thursday 4.30–5.30pm
Tuesday Skills Training 4–5.30pm (U8+ only) Simone 0402 003 164

PILATES – Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 5.45pm
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9am
Saturday 8.15am with Jaide Davini 0414 994 123 and Jaide 0488 229 700

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm
Les 4093 8276

WING CHUN KUNG FU – Tuesday 7.30pm
Grant 0414 966 823

FITNESS WITH JOHN – Thursday 6–6.45pm

Proud to be the home of:



What's On at Koah Hall

EVERY MONDAY
PILATES with Jaide 6–7pm
0488 229 700

EVERY THURSDAY
PARENT AND BUBS MEET – 10am–12noon. Tui 0472 987 859
SELF AWARENESS – MIND, BODY, ENERGY (Term time). 3.45pm. 8+ years to adult. Contact Samantha 0438 780 279
YOGA 5.30–6.30pm. Eileen Short 0417 073 223

THURSDAY 13 & 27 JULY
MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP 7pm. Open to all men. Solomon 0484 761 505

EVERY FRIDAY
DANCE FUN (Term time). 4 pm. 8+ years to adult. Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

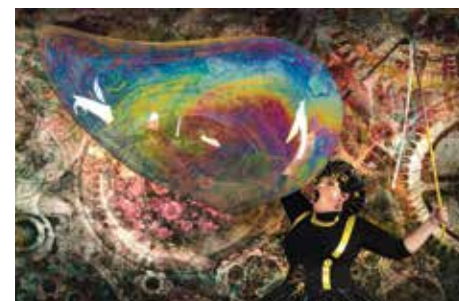
FRIDAY 1 JULY
The Big Bright Bubbly Bash! 3–8pm
Bugsy Bumblebee Premiere Stage Show! Dan Oldaker International Physical Comedy Sensation. Performances by Dream Big! Circus School kids. Blue light Disco, mocktail bar, food, adult bar. Community and family fun!
Tickets – www.trybooking.com/CJIWM
See page 3 for more information.

HIRE FEES
• 1-2hrs \$10 • Half day \$30 • Full day \$60
• Full day and evening (24 hour block) \$110
• \$200 refundable bond for one-off events (if space is left as you found it)

www.koahhall.com
 koah.hall@gmail.com
 Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET
JULY MARKET
Saturday 1 July
8am till Midday

- Live Music – Lunar Acoustic Music
 - Community Market bringing you all the goods – produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!
 - Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.
- SMS/Voicemail Nicky 0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.



DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES – TERM TIME

Bookings are essential. Please contact Sophie 0409 333 404.
More info at www.dreamstatecircus.com on the Dream BIG! Circus School page.

MONDAY – Circus LOVE 18+ – 9–11am
TUESDAY – Circus 2 – 3.45–5pm, Age 10+ and Show Class – 5–6.30pm – Age 8+
WEDNESDAY – Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various Classes 5–6.30pm

Funraiser EVENT
Sunday 30 July
4–7pm

\$20 p/p
includes takeaway food & raffle tickets!

- BYO acoustic instrument or voice for local Jam Session•
- Bar open •
- Outdoor activities •
- Pool tables •

Lots of fun for the whole family!
100% profits go to charity

Venue for Hire

Are you having a party or celebration? The KRC has multiple areas available for hire for functions, seminars and activities. Features include – onsite parking, toilet facilities, licenced bar and commercial kitchen.
Please email krc4881@gmail.com



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 20 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

Yoga in the Rainforest with Aileen 9.15am (for 9.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 0419 726 955

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

Adult Children of Alcoholics and other Dysfunctional Families. 7B Hort Street, Mareeba (through red gate). Priscilla 0439 080 874

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

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

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.

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

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

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer. Simone 0402 003 164 for any queries.

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe) 6.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH
Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda

Library. Rachael 0435 001 156

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. kurandashed@gmail.com

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

Trauma Tension Release Exercise Class 11am Kuranda CWA Hall. Sabine 0415 959 195

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

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

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