



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

In many ways, you would be forgiven for thinking that we are living in a parallel universe to most of the world, which is still struggling through the coronavirus pandemic. The sun is shining, the natural world going about its eternal business: blooming, flowering, seeding. The days are blue-skyed and the nights tropical. It really is picture-postcard perfect. Of course, we must not allow ourselves to become complacent, but this is not a bad place to be as we seek to work out life in the New-Normal.

Marking a welcome milestone in this pandemic odyssey, the Kuranda Amphitheatre was able to hold its first COVID-Safe event on 10 October. The Spring Recovery Day lived up to its sunny, positive name. How wonderful to see, and hear, a fantastic line up of local musicians, in the company of friends, and on a perfect day. Well done to all involved.

Following on from this successful event, the Kuranda Amphitheatre will be holding a NAIDOC in November event on 14 November (see page 7). This year's NAIDOC celebrations had to be moved from their traditional July dates to this month. As with the previous event, tickets will be limited and COVID-Safe restrictions apply.

Planning is also underway by the Kuranda Traders Association for a good old community street party in early December. The inaugural Kuranda Twilight Trading event is still in the planning stages as the nuts and bolts are worked out. See page 9 for details on how you can register your interest in being involved.

As we approach the end of the year, and if you are thinking of gift-giving, party-giving or party-going, tackling renovations or cyclone preparations, please support our local businesses and tradespeople. Every dollar spent locally strengthens our local economy and our wonderful community.

*Below: Chilling on the terraces at the Kuranda Amphitheatre
Bottom: The "One Drop Reggae Band" performing at the
Spring Recovery Day, Kuranda Amphitheatre.
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CEMETERY SOLUTION WITHIN COUNCIL'S REACH

A million-dollar opportunity has just been presented to the Mareeba Shire Council, which would solve the present crisis with closing the Kuranda cemetery and the ongoing lack of Council land in the Kuranda region.

Thirty years ago, the Council sold most of its land around Kuranda to fund building a town hall. Kuranda lost its land but never got its hall. Council also sold the land it had set aside for the extension of the cemetery leaving a situation where the cemetery will need to close in a couple of years. Council's suggestion has been to develop a cemetery 'off country' and this has raised the ire of a large part of the Kuranda community.

A cleared 13 hectare property of mostly flat land has become available adjoining the existing cemetery. Development of the back section of this land into the future cemetery is cheaper than existing proposals because only a foot bridge is necessary from the existing cemetery and vehicular access is already available from Kuranda Heights Road. The additional 7-10 hectares in the front of the property would remain available for use in the provision of community services into the future.

After decades of selling Kuranda's community land, it is time to reverse those past transgressions. Council has advised that it is working through the submissions made in August and will present a report to the Council meeting on 18 November. Let us hope they can see this opportunity makes both sense and saves "cents". And delivers on community expectations and needs.

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

NEW LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

We would like to introduce ourselves and inform the community that we have taken over the local gas delivery business, Kuranda Gas and Appliances. Jack has finally retired and handed over the reins to a couple of Speewah locals, Steve and Maree. We are renaming the business Kuranda Gas and Supplies. Please bear with us as we adapt to our new business. At present we are operating as per usual, promptly delivering gas as required. Our aim is to open the gas depot five days a week with definite hours, so you may call by the depot if you prefer to collect your own gas. We will let you all know when we are at that stage. In the mean time please don't hesitate to contact us on the usual Kuranda Gas phone number and we will do our best to ensure you don't have any cold showers! Jack has asked us to pass along his best wishes to his many past and loyal customers, and we, as the new owners would like to wish Jack and Natalie all the best in the future. We look forward to meeting more of our local community and appreciate your ongoing support and custom.

Kind regards

Steve & Maree, Speewah

SHE SHED DISCUSSION

Calling all women to express their interest in a SHE-session at the Kuranda Men's Shed.

Ris Douglass and I have had a few women contact us, and we thought we'd book a coffee date, with interested women, to discuss ways in which we could start. We'll need to look at what the invitation from the Men's Shed involves, what a SHE-shed session might be and what it might involve.

Come along to Azur Café (Thongon Street) on Saturday 31 October, 1-2pm and/or Mandala Café (Coondoo Street) on Sunday 1 November, 1-2pm.

If you are interested, but can't make either time, please email kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com and ask to be included on the email list for information or call Cathy Retter on 0419 624 940 if you have further questions.

Cathy Retter, Kuranda

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.

HELP OUR HELPERS

I would like to call on readers to support an important GoFundMe campaign to help support local wildlife carers. If you can help these dedicated helpers, it would provide critical support to their efforts. You can find the campaign at www.gofundme.com – Orphan spectacled flying foxes cairns.

The breeding season is upon us for the endangered Spectacled flying foxes and orphans have started to come in across Far North Queensland. Our carers are self-funded and have to buy specialist formulas, equipment and medical supplies, plus fruit and protein supplements as these orphans grow older. We are also having a higher than normal influx of injured adults too, whose medical and feed costs are higher than orphans. In the past eight weeks we have had 158 flying foxes found orphaned, injured or deceased. 158 in eight weeks! Compared to 788 in the past 13 months prior, and we still have another 10 months to go.

Donations help us provide everything we need to get these endangered animals healthy and strong and back to the wild, to ensure this species has the best chance of survival.

Any help is greatly appreciated and goes to assisting all our carers who support these animals.

Rebecca Koller, Kuranda



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**Kuranda Local
Ambulance Committee
Christmas Cent Sale**

**Saturday 28 November 2020
Kuranda CWA Hall @ 1pm**

All Welcome



Cover Masthead

This month's masthead features a detail from *Kookaburra Gathering*, an original painting by acclaimed artist Melanie Hava. Melanie's original artworks and high quality prints have been stocked by Kuranda's Terra Nova Gallery for over five years. Melanie's 2021 calendar *Reflections – Reef and Rainforest* is published by Steven Nowakowski Publishing, and features this painting. Her calendar is now in stock and available from Terra Nova, with planning underway for an exhibition of her works in the near future ... stay tuned.

Thank you to Melanie for allowing us to share her stunning art with our readers. Melanie Hava's Aboriginal name is 'Winden' (green pigeon).

"I am blessed to have been born into interesting and diverse cultures—my father comes from the oldest city in Austria, Enns (Upper Austria), and my mother is from one of the oldest cultures in the world, the Aboriginal people of Australia. While celebrating my Austrian heritage, I also identify (through my Mum's line) as a Mamu Aboriginal woman, Dugul-barra and Wari-barra family groups, from the Johnstone River catchment of the Wet Tropics and the adjoining Great Barrier Reef sea country. Reef and rainforest country are important sources for my inspirations."

You can view more of Melanie's art online at www.artofmelaniehava.com



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Melanie Hava

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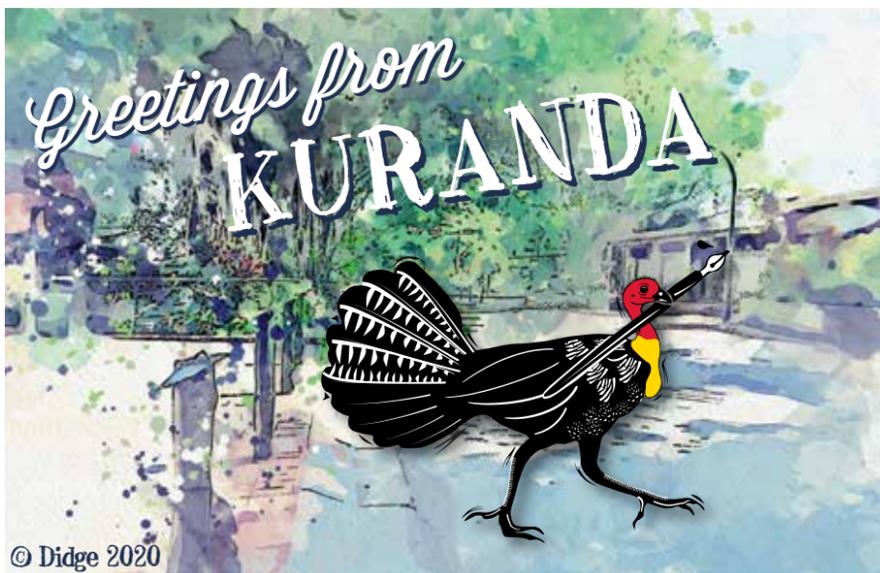
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FIND OUT MORE: fightforourreef.org.au/election

This scorecard is an independent assessment of the parties' policies as of 21 October, 2020 by the AMCS - a science based, non-partisan conservation organisation whose purpose is to advance the natural environment. We do not promote or oppose political parties, or direct people how to vote.

FIGHT FOR OUR REEF



Australian Marine Conservation Society

The Verdict: How do the parties stack up on protecting the Reef this election?

The Queensland election is upon us, with the race for Barron River running nail-bitingly close.

As our community holds its breath and heads to the polls, tension is building, along with the realisation that this election is a vital moment for the future of our Reef and region.

With three devastating mass coral bleaching events in the past five years and our community reeling from the impacts of COVID-19, never has there been more on the line.

The Reef and our regional economy it supports urgently need decisive government action, but how do the major parties' policies compare when it comes to protecting the Reef?

Marine conservationists have independently assessed where the main political parties stand on helping the Great Barrier Reef, cutting through political spin to produce a clear and simple comparison scorecard.

The **Australian Marine Conservation Society** (AMCS) has studied the policy pledges, announcements and responses of Labor, the Liberal National Party (LNP) and the Greens on crucial issues for the future of our Reef like climate change, water quality and fisheries reforms to produce a scorecard which rates their policy commitments.

AMCS found that Labor's commitments were ahead of the LNP's in some key areas. But there is still plenty of room for improvement from both parties to give our Reef a fighting chance as dangerous climate change takes hold.

The Greens' Reef policy platform was very strong across the board and met all the key areas of concern.

The future of the Reef is in the hands of the next Queensland government. Following three mass bleaching events in five years driven by global warming, our Reef is at a crossroads. Above all, it needs politicians from all parties to take serious action on climate to ensure future generations can enjoy and benefit from it.

This means a fast, fair and just transition to renewable energy to lower the fossil fuel emissions that are driving bleaching events on our Reef. These increasingly common events threaten one of the most beautiful places on Earth and the diverse wildlife that relies on it. They also risk thousands of livelihoods in the tourism industry.

Both Labor and the LNP have committed to develop Renewable Energy Zones in Queensland, with Labor also promising to develop a Climate Action Plan, investing \$500m for publicly-owned renewables and committing to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

Labor's commitments are ahead of the LNP's when it comes to protecting our Reef from climate change, but we need both parties to explicitly commit to the Paris target of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre industrial levels to ensure a vibrant Reef for years to come.

Urgent action is needed to tackle water pollution from farm runoff. Labor has stood by the science-backed legislation passed last year that will help clean up pollution flowing into the inshore waters of the Reef, and promised investment to help farmers meet the targets.

The LNP has committed to develop new environmental reef standards that will be enshrined in legislation but it's unclear what the new standards will be and how they will be funded. We are concerned about any changes made to the current reef regulations which are so important for the dugongs and turtles that rely on inshore reef habitats.

Reforming fisheries in Queensland is vital for protecting our Reef and the thousands of marine creatures that rely on it. Labor and the LNP have both partially met AMCS's policy recommendations to improve the sustainability of fishing on our Reef.

AMCS assessed the main parties across six major issues that will give our Reef a fighting chance for a healthy future. The areas assessed were:

- Do our fair share to limit global warming to 1.5 to give our Reef a chance
- Deliver significant public investment in renewable energy
- Invest in clean water for the Reef
- Maintain Reef water laws, regulations and programs
- Protect threatened inshore dolphins, dugongs and turtles from fishing
- Achieve ecologically sustainable fishing in Queensland.

About the scorecard:

AMCS is Australia's peak marine conservation organisation representing a quarter of a million people across the country.

The Reef Scorecard is an independent assessment of the Queensland parties' policies by the AMCS.

We are independent, non-partisan and do not endorse parties or direct people how to vote, but offer independent policy assessments of where the main Queensland parties stand

on the big issues facing our Great Barrier Reef.

AMCS wrote to each of the main parties based on their existing seats in Queensland Parliament and whether they're running in a majority of seats. Labor, the LNP and The Greens were the only parties to respond to the substance of our letter.

View the Queensland scorecard and full assessment information at www.marineconservation.org.au/qld-election-scorecard-2020



"Dugong and Calf" by Melanie Hava

Reef Assist funding

A STEP FORWARD FOR GREEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Five new environmental projects for the Tropical Far North are the "first step towards a 'green' economic recovery for the region."

The Queensland Government recently provided nearly \$4 million for five Reef Assist projects that will create jobs while protecting wetlands, improving wildlife corridors, stabilising creek banks and making the region more resilient to natural disasters.

The Wet Tropics Management Authority will be partnering with nine organisations to undertake land restoration works to the value of \$2.6 million. The Authority's Executive Director Scott Buchanan said the new projects aligned with the Tropical North Queensland Green and Blue Economic Stimulus Package - a \$180 million proposal calling for governments to invest in a 'green' economic recovery by expanding 'shovel ready' reef and land management projects.

"The two World Heritage Areas on our doorstep are our biggest economic assets, contributing an estimated \$11 billion into our regional economy. Terrain NRM CEO Stewart Christie said the Green and Blue package is also calling for investment to make Tropical North Queensland the Smart Green Capital of Australia. "This proposal was developed by more than 20 industry and business organisations who recognise the need to diversify our economy to lessen the impact of future economic shocks," he said.

"Public and private sector investment is growing rapidly in renewables, waste reduction, climate adaptation and a circular economy and we are well positioned to take advantage of these new opportunities - they play to our natural advantage and are an opportunity to diversify and future-proof our economy."

The new Reef Assist projects include on-ground threatened species and climate resilience work in the Barron, Mulgrave and Johnstone River catchments (Wet Tropics Management Authority on behalf of Abiculture, NQLMs and others)

Creating a sustainable environmental economy supporting Indigenous employment and training.

Source: Terrain Natural Resource Management

QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTION

The Queensland State Election will be held on Saturday 31 October, 8am to 6pm. Kuranda voters can vote at the CWA Hall in Kuranda, or at Mareeba or Smithfield. Please visit the Electoral Commission Queensland website for more information. The Kuranda Paper offered each of the SIX candidates standing for the seat of Barron River an equal opportunity to speak directly to voters. We received four submissions (see below). We did not receive any submissions from the candidates for Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party and Clive Palmer's United Australia Party.

LINDA COOPER – LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

For the past 12 years I have been a Councillor with the Cairns Regional Council, stepping down at the last Local Government election to run for the seat of Barron River.

It is a decision I made as I am a very passionate person and a huge advocate for our region. That same dedication is non-existent from our current members, who are only now making decisions to support our region; decisions they have had five years to make.

Far North Queensland continues to miss out, receiving less funding than nearly every other part of this state. Our unemployment figures are some of the worst in the country, youth crime is out of control, contracts are being awarded to southern companies, the tourism industry has been decimated and small businesses are hurting, particularly in Kuranda.

I am a huge supporter of both tourism and small businesses and have worked with our team to ensure we receive direct funding for our local tourism sector, as well as reducing red tape for small business to make running a business easier, not harder.

I am also a major advocate for the environment and, again, am dismayed that this government has only this week announced their Reef Credit program. They froze their Reef Water Quality Program in April this year, issuing only \$300,000 in grant funds out of their budgeted \$13 million. I will assist the Kuranda area with cassowary protection, work with Kuranda Envirocare and support the conservation of our rainforest.

Elected representatives are elected to support and assist their constituents and to be a strong voice for their region. Most importantly, elected representatives need to listen to the concerns of all residents and work with them to achieve great outcomes. I love our piece of paradise, and we deserve better.



AARON MCDONALD – THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS

G'day, I'm Aaron McDonald. When I'm not working on roofs installing solar power, I'm a mature-age student and event promoter. I've lived in FNQ for the last twenty years and I'm passionate about protecting my home and the people in it. I want to make sure FNQ gets a fair crack.

I've been paying close attention to Queensland politics lately and one thing stands out: people don't trust politicians! Neither do I. Every other day there's another corruption scandal or dodgy deal. How is it a handful of business leaders have more influence than the voters do? That's how big corporations score record profits, while we get stagnant wages and debt. Bring the profits back to the people!

Like most locals, I hold a deep appreciation for the magnificence that surrounds our little slice of paradise. Not only because of its natural wonder, but because our economy relies on it. People come from all over the world to share our environment, and we need to protect it so we can keep enjoying it for generations to come. Climate change is a serious threat to our way of life, and the tropics are already feeling the heat. We need smart and proactive leadership right now because this challenge could be an opportunity in disguise. FNQ could be a major exporter of renewable energy, providing our region with thousands of jobs in manufacturing, construction, and operations.

Queensland needs representatives with integrity, who will fight to fix our politics and put the good of the many over the profits of the few. We could be creating thousands of jobs by developing essential services like energy, health, and construction, all while lowering emissions and putting better wages back into the hands of regular people like you and me. Will you be part of the change?



SUSAN ANDREWS
Candidate for Barron River
Pauline Hanson's One Nation

JENNY BROWN
Candidate for Barron River
Clive Palmer's United Australia

CRAIG CRAWFORD – AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

As Member for Barron River in beautiful Far North Queensland it has been an honour to represent you these past five years. I was first elected in 2015 following a career as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter. I saw firsthand the devastation of Campbell Newman's cuts to the health system and that motivated me to run for parliament. Since then I have worked hard to restore jobs and improve health, education and other community services in our region including \$200 million investment in local roads, over \$65 million for public school upgrades, \$67.9 million to upgrade the Cairns hospital.



When it comes to climate change, I back the science and am proud to be a part of a government that has strong environmental credentials involving a record \$340 million to protect the reef, banned single-use plastic bags with plastics like straws and cutlery to soon follow, zero net emissions target set by 2050, 50% renewable energy target by 2030.

I am also working hard to help protect cassowaries like Elvis and his chicks by securing \$100,000 as an important first step towards creating a cassowary conservation plan, which will entail reviewing speed limits / improving signage, a liaison team to work with cassowary volunteer groups.

We know this year has been difficult for businesses in Kuranda. The Premier travelled on Skyrail earlier this month and recently heard directly about challenges being faced by Kuranda businesses. I am pleased our government is helping bring more visitors up the hill by offering additional discounts for Kuranda Scenic Rail, providing support to keep Skyrail operating.

2020 has been a challenging year but the Premier has put our health first, keeping Queenslanders safe and I need your support so this strong leadership can continue to recover from COVID-19.
Smithfield, Qld

ADAM ROWE – INFORMED MEDICAL OPTIONS PARTY

My name is Adam Rowe and I am standing with the Informed Medical Options Party in the electorate of Barron River in the upcoming Queensland State election.

My family and I moved to beautiful Trinity Beach some 16 years ago after falling in love with the beauty of our region and natural environment.

My family is my life, my amazing wife and I have worked very hard over the years to care and provide for our children believing that our elected Governments and relevant agencies would make the best possible decisions to benefit and support our future.



A free, prosperous, safe and healthy future for not only Queenslanders but all Australians. Sadly it appears that I was wrong.

Now decades have passed under the control of the corporate two party political monopoly our country is facing economic collapse. Our children are now the sickest in Australian history. Our freedoms are to quickly being eroded under Government dictatorship.

Our once extensive manufacturing providing vital Australian-made goods and jobs was signed away under the 1975 UN Lima declaration. Our once State-owned assets sold off and privatised. Our farming providing essential food and nutrition is under attack.

Our Government regulatory agencies responsible for the protection and oversight of our environment, our health, our security and prosperity now appear to be under the influence of the very corporations they were tasked to monitor.

It's time we demanded truth, transparency and accountability in Government.

I am standing because I believe it's time we broke the shackles of corporate control. It's time our communities had a voice in Government and a say in our future. We must unite and work together, to rebuild a free, healthy and prosperous future for our children and generations to come. A future full of truth, hope and respect for all.

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The October CWA meeting highlight was the morning tea with reminiscing of past ventures and efforts of the CWA in Kuranda—especially since the opening of the hall 80 years ago. It has truly been the ‘Town Hall’ of Kuranda where Council set up the first library, elections were held, and many family support medical Programs were initiated there. Many community groups also saw it as a ‘home’ before venturing out into their own premises.

The past 12 months have been busy with addition of air conditioning and solar panels which cover substantial power costs. In October, the hall gained a shining white exterior thanks to the timely cleaning of building exterior by TRACQS Community Development Program. The CWA committee heard of this TRACQS service to the community while attending the Kuranda Interagency meeting organised by the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.



A Kuranda QCWA historical display was set up for the Kuranda Historical Society Inc Planning workshop held at the CWA Hall in October. The display included documents from the Cairns Museum describing 83 years of local history since formation of the Kuranda Country Women’s Association in Hunter’s Hall on Coondoo St, 80 years since opening of the CWA Hall, and the 50 year celebration in 1987. Also information on the hall extension built by the Lions Club in 1984.

Photos: Krishna Buhler



Wednesday Monthly Craft and Social opportunity.

Jess Dalton shared with the Craft Group the goals of the Kuranda Neighbourhood’s Disaster Resilience Project which is designed to support community cohesion and resilience, especially in relation to disaster recovery. Jess then invited craft members to contribute to her survey by sharing their own story of how they coped with recent lockdowns relating to COVID-19.

The craft group handed over non-surgical homemade face masks to be added to the Kuranda Neighbourhood’s preparedness effort—for distribution to those in need, when required to wear them.

Our final Craft/Social Group meet for 2020 is 9am 18 November (third Wednesday of the month). All welcome. Contact Christine 0427 535 916.



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Neighbourhood Centre News November 2020

KNC AGM: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 16 November at 6pm. Membership and nomination forms are available at the Centre or can be emailed on request. This will be a face-to-face meeting, however you can also join via Zoom (please request a Zoom meeting invitation prior to 9 November). Nomination forms are required to be returned to the Centre by 2 November (14 days prior to the AGM). We invite anyone interested in joining the membership of KNC – there is an annual fee of \$4.40 (inc GST).

Service Continuity and COVID-19 Protocols Update: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre remains operating on pre-COVID-19 opening hours – Monday to Thursday 9am–5pm and Friday 9am–1pm. KNC is still required to comply with the COVID-19 Plan. This means we still require social distancing, hygiene (hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes in public areas), number limitations and contact tracing protocols to be maintained. Please be patient with our volunteers and staff with the COVID-19 protocols and there may be some times the Centre is closed due to fewer volunteers. While it may seem many places have relaxed these protocols, KNC is obliged to retain them until we are told by QLD Health they can be relaxed. This is because while KNC is a privately operated not-for-profit community based organisation, the centre building is owned and services funded by the QLD Government. Please do not attend the Centre if you have any symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or have come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have returned from an interstate hotspot or overseas within the past 14 days.

Empowered Parents In Community (EPIC): This parents’ group has restarted on Wednesday mornings. COVID-19 protocols are implemented including contact tracing. The group meets from 9am in the Nest (garage at the rear of the centre carpark).

Grandmas’ cuppa group: A number of grandmothers were meeting at the Nest on Monday mornings from around 10am for a cuppa, morning tea and a yarn prior to COVID-19. This group restarted on Monday 26 October with social distancing and other relevant COVID-19 measures in place. Please contact coordinator@kurandanc.org.au or phone 4093 8933 if you want to know more.

Around the Table Disaster Recovery Project: Jessica Dalton is coordinating a project to generate discussion and planning around review and planning for disasters. The pandemic situation has impacted some activities but is also providing an opportunity to discuss a different kind of disaster and how our community has, is and will respond to it. Other disaster discussion will also occur around unusual or seasonal weather events that impact people in the Kuranda District. Jess will be joining and organising group meetings/activities/groups and you can also contact the centre to arrange to meet up with her if you have any feedback, ideas or would like to participate in any way.

Street Pantry: The Street Pantry is located at the front of the KNC building and is open 24/7 for people to donate nonperishable food into or for others to take items as needed. The Food/Meal program has also restarted where people can come to the centre and ask for a frozen meal to be heated up to take away.

Furniture Exchange Program: This program has started up again and we have many people in need of household furniture and items. If you have items in good condition including dining tables and chairs, couches, sofas, beds of all sizes including mattresses and bases, or other items please call. We can arrange pick up usually on Tuesday mornings. This program is run by volunteers using the borrowed trailer from Kuranda Conservation.



Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is funded by the Qld. Department of Communities, Seniors and Disability Services and Qld. Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

AGM NOTICE

**2020 Annual General Meeting
6pm Monday 16 November
6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda**

Refreshments will be provided

Strictly RSVP by 9 November on 4093 8933

Nomination Forms/Proxy Forms/Membership Renewal Forms are available from the Centre
Nominations must be received 14 days prior to the meeting.

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The Amphitheatre's Spring Recovery Day was a hit with our community and we were very happy to be able to employ local performers and musicians on the day through COVID-19 funding. It was a lovely relaxed day on the terraces. We would also like to thank the community for respecting the COVID-19 restrictions on the day as it means the Amphitheatre can host other events in the future.

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Crochet blankets for raffle. Photo: Gayle Hannah



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NAIDOC IS COMING!

This year, the Kuranda NAIDOC Team are organising a NAIDOC DINNER, as an all day event would be too difficult due to restrictions in place. The Annual March will also not be able to take place unfortunately.

This will be a sit down dinner/supper with prizes for Best Dressed, and raffles. Smart casual dress applies or your best NAIDOC outfit. Make the most of getting fancied up!

KURANDA NAIDOC DINNER Saturday 14th November 2020

- Welcome to Country 5pm
- Opening Ceremony 5.30pm
- Kup Mauri Dinner service 6.30pm
- Dessert Service 7.30pm
- Erub Island Dancers
- Live Acoustic Entertainment 8pm
- Celebrating & Maintaining Culture, History & Achievements
- Official Close 9pm

A traditional Torres Strait Kup Mauri will be prepared on site. This is a drug and alcohol free event!

Tickets will be available at the Honey House Kuranda (Thursday to Sunday), or on Friday afternoons between 3.30-5.30pm at the Amphitheatre Kitchen – see Beatrice Sam and Liza Dewey

ADULTS \$15 per head

CHILDREN to 14 years \$7.50 per head

Book in Group/Family Tables. There will only be 80 seats available due to restrictions, so get in quick to celebrate your NAIDOC WEEK!!

All attendees must be ticketed and COVID-19 restrictions and collection of contact details apply on booking.

For further details please look out for posters, flyers, Official Kuranda NAIDOC Facebook page, or message our FB page.

Keep a look out for the NAIDOC raffles around town. We have two beautiful hand-crocheted blankets, in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flag colours, made by Gayle Hannah who creates and donates every year to raffle – be in it to win it!

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The Importance of Doing Nothing

by Sarah Dobbs

I was in the shower this morning thinking how peaceful it was with only the water running down my back. It's been a long time since I've had a quiet shower with no interruptions. The kids had gone to school, one dog was quietly chewing a toy at the shower door and the other lazing around the house. My mind was drifting around all the things I could write about. And I suddenly realised that instead of writing about the liver like I planned (sorry liver lovers) I really wanted to write about the importance of doing nothing.

You are very welcome to use buzz words and phrases like mindfulness, being present or being in the moment. Even meditation could fit some forms of doing nothing! They are all variations of doing nothing! We spend our lives cramming things in and looking at screens, googling answers and solutions, jumping from one thing to the next but we rarely stop and do nothing. It's when we do nothing that the genius happens. Ideas form, solutions we hadn't thought of pop into our heads, memories surface and connections are made. In computer speak, it's a good old fashioned de-frag.

The physical body benefits immensely from periods of doing nothing as well. There are way too many to chat about but here's a few key areas you might like to contemplate while you practice doing nothing.

Sleep: Busy lives without downtime lead to disturbed sleep. We're so busy rushing from one thing to the next our short-term stress hormone, adrenaline, rises to keep us moving followed by increase in our long-term stress hormone, cortisol. Higher cortisol levels make it harder to fall asleep at night and stay asleep. It should be highest in the morning to get us up and going but drop off at night. Busy lives don't let that happen! Ever hear the saying 'tired and wired'? Kids are often described like this! Adults have the same issue. Only our response is to reach for wine to sleep and coffee to get up...what a vicious cycle!

Digestion: By keeping busy, our nervous system is constantly 'on' or in 'fight or flight'. It's not in the very valuable state of 'rest and digest' long enough to achieve either of those things. Our physical state suffers as our digestion takes a hit. Our digestive system is queen of our body, governing everything from nutrient absorption and immunity to mood. Why would we not let it do its thing?

Weight gain: That lovely wake up hormone cortisol is also partly responsible for weight gain and the retention of that weight particularly round the middle. Just where we need it least! Elevated cortisol levels can also contribute to insulin resistance in cells, leading to type 2 diabetes. Even more reason to be mindful of practicing doing nothing a whole lot more!

Mental health: This is partly to do with our digestive system but also if our brain never stops being busy, and yes, screens are included here, then it struggles to process input. It effectively shuts down processing and responds in a 'fight or flight' manner instead of making more thoughtful, rational decisions. Our memory suffers, anxiety rises (also thanks to increased adrenaline and cortisol levels) and life becomes a series of knee jerk reactions.

So please, stop what you are doing. Go outside and lie on your back looking at the clouds. Put down the phone, take your shoes off and wriggle your toes in the grass. Run a bath and lie there with your eyes shut. Stick your head on the desk and let your mind wander. Let your body drop deep into 'rest and digest' as your stress hormones recede and your mind processes events. Rinse and repeat tomorrow, the day after and the day after that...

The information given here is general in nature and not intended as a diagnosis nor should it be taken as such. It is in no way intended to take the place of advice from your chosen healthcare professional or specialist. If symptoms persist, or you have further concerns please see your chosen health care provider.

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by Diana Thoresen

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LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

OAK FOREST TAKEOUT

As part of an ongoing series profiling our local advertisers, *The Kuranda Paper* asked Andrew and Tracy Roussety at Oak Forest Takeout about how his local business began and how he's found the past few months.



Photo: Tracy and Andrew Roussety.

How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

We are fresh to Kuranda, starting on 1 July this year, following a big effort over four months.

How did you come to be in Kuranda?

I was ready for a sea/tree-change after working in mining and construction for over 10 years.

How did you come to name your business and what was your vision?

Well, we are on Oak Forest Road. The vision was good quality food that I would like to eat. It's a big deal when customers pay you to provide a meal, you want them to walk away feeling it was worth it, and an enjoyable experience.

I definitely have a new-found respect for anyone in the takeaway food business. My mate came up with our specialty "smash" burger idea, as we wanted to stand out from the pack. The shop has local history and a reputation as one of the best fish and chip shops in the region—

back in the day people use to come far and wide for a piece of Battered Mack and a good fish cake. We are honoured to have a previous owner, Auntie Pat, on board. She has helped us through the teething stages. Special thanks go to my mum, and to everyone else that has helped us along the way.

What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business?

We enjoy the community and interactions with our customers. The support we have received is unreal ... it's a feel good moment when customers let you know how good their meal was, and how much they enjoyed it.

What community endeavours are you involved in?

We recently donated voucher prizes for the "Speewah to Hat" Charity Walk, organised by Mick Dowling of Speewah Farmall. Mick does an awesome job each year for organisations and people in need a helping hand. We are also looking to work with the Ngoonbi Indigenous Support Group to get something going for the community here, especially the kids!

How have you found the challenge of COVID-19 and what are you doing differently?

A lot of people lost jobs, especially in the food and hospitality sectors. As bad as it has been, there have also been opportunities to come out of this too, and as a wise man said to me once "it doesn't matter what happens in the world, everyone still has to eat". Of course we take every precaution for our customers' safety.

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The Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) has been super busy behind the scenes meeting with Mareeba Shire Council on several occasions, with some very positive outcomes for our future Destination Marketing plans.

The Tourism Kuranda Digital Assets (Instagram and Facebook pages) will be inherited by the KTA and rebooted to get the buzz back about Kuranda on social media. This is a great outcome for the KTA and Kuranda!

Bang Media attended our Committee Meeting on 22 October and gave us a very thorough and informative description of their role and progress as part of their Digital Marketing Contract with the Mareeba Shire Council. Having our social media pages back online will assist Bang Media greatly in their endeavours, and we should start to see some follow through from the adverts on Google and positive geo-fencing outcomes soon.

SAVE THE DATE

A flurry of paperwork is underway to complete all permit requirements for our inaugural **Twilight Trading Evening on Thursday 10 December from 4–8pm**. This event is to help our local traders get a boost ahead of Christmas and will require the support of all of our wonderful locals! **Shop locally and support our businesses this festive season.**

KTA is also looking to provide entertainment to support this festive occasion and bring that special 'buzz' back into the village. If you are a local musician or entertainer and would like to offer your artistic talents to entertain the evening shoppers, then get in touch via kurandatradersassociation@mail.com.

Want to help out but you're not a business owner? The KTA offers a Supporters Membership free of charge and we'd love to hear from you...for this event and future ones! Please contact us at kurandatradersassociation@mail.com for more information and a membership form.

HOW TO JOIN

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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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WORD MEANINGS

BADA: head

BADJA: grassland

BADIL: cycad

BAGARRA: rainforest

BAMA: the First People, a person

BANDJIL: female, girl, woman

BIBUNBAY: children

BUDAADJI: carpet snake

BULMBA: the world, home, time

BULURRU: the Life Spirit in everything, the Storywaters, sacred places and people of the Storytime, Totemic Ancestors

BUNDA: mountain

BUNDAARRA: cassowary

BUWALBARRA: messenger

BUWALBUGAY: to speak Ngirrma. *Djabugay buwalbugay-garran!* Come to speak Djabugay ngirrma!

DAMARRI: Storytime creator, brother to Guyala

DAYAL: male, boy, man

DJAANDA: yellow walnut

DJARRUY: bird

DJINAA: foot, feet

DJINDIGAL: Medicine Waters

DULBIL: wallaby

GADJA: ghost, white man

GALGA: spear

GANGGALIGAN: little hairy man

GARUU: hairy yam

GUDJUGUDJU: Rainbow Snake, rainbow

GULA: body

GURRAGURRA: ancestor(s)

GUWAL: name. *Nyurran guwal djuu?* What is your name?

GUYU: fish

GUYALA: Storytime creator, brother to Damarri

MAA: non-meat foods including wunba honey

MADJAY: shield

MARA: hand(s)

MARAM: artefacts, from the hand

MINYA: flesh food including fish, meat

NGIRRMA: language

WAGAY: wooden sword

WANGAL: boomerang

WARRGIN: open forest

WAYAN: cleverman, doctor, sorcerer

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)

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

two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)

/ngg/ 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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Making Ngirrma Great Again!

Djabugay language is about to get a major boost with a new train-the-trainer program and community access classes to commence.

Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation have been developing language resources and programs for over two decades, and with some exciting funding news; Djabugay Ngirrma (language) is about to gear up.

The Djabugay team have been successful in securing funding through the Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) Program, to develop a team of Djabugay Bama language teachers through a series of workshops and resource production exercises.

The project's implementation will include a Train-The-Trainer program, that aims to nurture and develop Djabugay Bama as language teachers. The program will upskill and develop individual language and teaching skills, and empower the new teachers to deliver their own community language workshops.

The community workshop program will provide a hands-on, and supervised workshop environment for the trainers to develop and sharpen their teaching skills, whilst providing opportunity for the broader community to learn and develop Djabugay language. The program also aims to develop new teaching resources and tools to effectively continue to provide programs into the future. The train-the-trainer program will commence in early 2021.

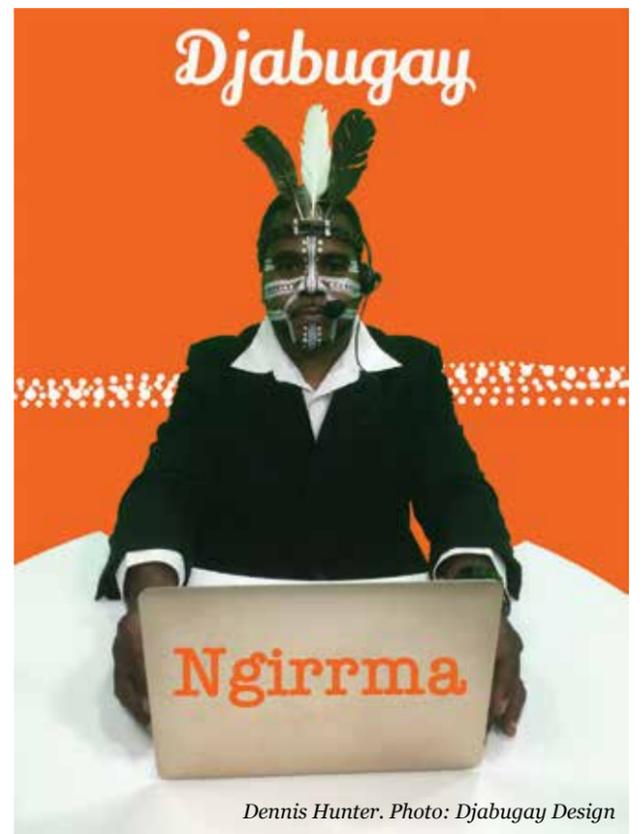
This project forms part of a broader Ngirrma (language) strategy that the corporation is implementing to enable the revitalisation, preservation and maintenance of the Djabugay language into the future. As part of the strategy to provide broader access, diversity of programs and extend the current platforms and media of engagement, two new Djabugay language classes are set to commence in the coming weeks.

Djabugay people, delivering Djabugay ngirrma (language), to the Djabugay community...

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- 3 **The Two Lost Mountains** by Matthew Reilly
- 4 **Hollowpox** by Jessica Townsend
- 5 **The Evening and the Morning** by Ken Follett
- 6 **Killing Time** by Jimmy Barnes
- 7 **A Life on Our Planet** by David Attenborough
- 8 **The Living Sea of Waking Dreams** by Richard Flanagan
- 9 **Wildlife of Tropical North Queensland** by Queensland Museum
- 10 **The Happiest Man on Earth** by Eddie Jaku



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The "Hodzic Road Fire" entered Kuranda State Forest on 22 October. QPWS conducted back burning operations from Hodzic to Flaggy Creek.

Photo: Baz Child taken from Armstrong Road looking west.

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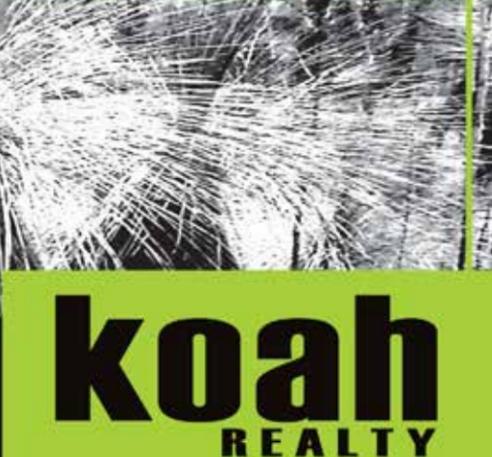
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YOUTH LINK NEWS



MURAL SENDS POSITIVE MESSAGES

Youth Link young people have been busy designing and painting a mural that represents positive messages to them. The young people have also been working on a film about healthy ways to express yourself, starring the young people and filmed in many different locations across the region. It has been fantastic to get the young people out on excursions as well as learning new skills in filming and acting. The film is due to be released at the end of the year.

UPCOMING YOUTH THEATRE PROJECT

Youth Link, The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and JUTE Theatre Company will be starting a theatre program next month, for young people aged 15 to 18 years old who would like to learn more about theatre production, acting and writing scripts with a performance open to the community at the end of the project. It is a great opportunity to have JUTE Theatre Company working in Kuranda teaching young people a new range of skills. Please check our Facebook page for more details (Youth Link Cre8 Kuranda). Dates have not yet been set yet but they will be advertised on the Facebook page. We would like to thank Queensland Arts (Youth and Arts Pathways) for the funding to roll this project out.

Youth Link would also like to thank TRAQCS again for the wonderful support they offer by delivering fresh cooked meals to Youth Link for the young people.



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The gallery opening hours for the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery will continue as:

Monday to Friday 11am–2pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am–2pm
Kuranda Twilight Trading night
Thursday 10 December 4-8pm

Interstate Exhibition

A treasury of 2,000 artworks created by 54 Australian artists, *Cultivate* returned to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, this October.

In the past, *Cultivate* was about show-casing emerging artists and forging new relationships. This year the *Cultivate* exhibition, by the Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens, was all about strengthening existing relationships with artists and show-casing the very best of their exhibitions.

Co-op ceramicist Mollie Bosworth was included in the exhibition. Her untitled artwork, a recent multi-fired translucent porcelain bowl with laser decals, was exhibited at the Lion Gate Lodge, the beautiful Victorian sandstone building built in 1878, in the Royal Botanic Garden.



Porcelain bowl by Mollie Bosworth

WORKSHOPS GALORE

A **Cyanotype** (the classic 1842 photogram process) workshop was recently held by InkMasters, Cairns. The workshop was a 'sell out' and for those lucky enough to be on the waiting list, Mollie will be holding a second Cyanotype workshop on 22 November, exploring more techniques but suitable for those new to the method.

On 14 and 15 November, InkMasters will be holding a Paper Casting workshop with instructor Theo Tremblay.

It is suggested that interested artists should check the InkMasters website www.inkmasterscairns.com/workshops for further information.



Cyanotype prints produced at InkMasters workshop

Kate Prynne's Glass Workshop was held at the Cairns Potters' Club during October. Participants completed colourful glass plates, small platters and wind-chimes.

Kate is the very happy recipient of recent funding for a small electric glass kiln. She will be holding workshops in Kuranda in 2021.

A series of **Basketry with Toni Rogers Workshops** has been held over recent months. The response was



Busy creating glass wind chimes at the glass workshop

overwhelmingly positive and results by the participants were outstanding. Co-op members Virginia Maloney, Kate Prynne and Keila Waksvik attended one of the workshops.

Toni will be holding more workshops, using different techniques in the New Year.



Keila and Toni Rogers at the basketry workshop

*"Learn the rules like a pro
So that you can break them as an artist."*

Pablo Picasso

NEW SURVEY CONFIRMS CHANGED CONSUMER PRIORITIES NOW AUSTRALIAN-MADE MATTERS MORE

According to a consumer survey released in October, by Australian market research technology platform Glow, more than 80 percent of Australians are more likely to purchase Australian-made products as a conscious choice in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tim Clover, CEO of Glow, said, "While many of us may have been preoccupied with the pandemic in recent months, the move into warmer months may be a precursor to another calamitous fire season, and more than 80 percent of respondents considered climate change to be an important issue today."

Some 70 percent of Glow respondents cited food and drink products as being the most important category when it came to buying local, although Australian made apparel and footwear, and homewares and furnishings, are also favoured by almost three-quarters of those surveyed.

"These results confirm what pundits have been predicting – a shift from global shopping to purchasing behaviours supporting home-grown and even hyper local producers which challenger brands and small businesses can leverage in the coming months."

Australian Made Campaign Chief Executive, Ben Lazzaro, said, "Australian consumers have always had a preference for buying Australian products, this has been heightened in recent months. When you buy Australian made and grown you know what you are getting—products grown in our clean, green environment and made to the highest of manufacturing standards. At the same time, you are pumping money back into the economy, creating jobs, strengthening local industries and supporting local communities. It's been a tough year for some of our Australian manufacturers and growers, rallying behind these businesses is essentially one of the most Australian things we can do. We encourage consumers to exercise their preference for buying Australian and look for the Australian Made, Australian Grown logo to be sure it's a genuine Aussie."

Of the Aussies planning a holiday in the next four months (around 40 percent of us), more than 60 percent intend to travel locally within their home state. Just 24 percent aim to cross borders. Source: www.glowfeed.com

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FOCUS ON KURANDA

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).



OCTOBER "Beautiful" by Heather Miller
(1 October 2020)



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Be prepared and support our local SES

The year 2020 has turned out to be one of the worst years in living memory. From the devastating bushfires at the beginning which were followed almost immediately by the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The latter months of the year don't appear to provide any let up as the summer of 2020-2021 has been designated a La Niña event. This means that the risk of more rainfall and the number of tropical cyclones may increase from the average, putting our community at risk of damage to our property and impacting the safety of our families.

Here at the Kuranda SES, we have used this year to prepare for any eventuality which our local community, and those further afield, may encounter. Despite training being postponed for a few months due to COVID-19, our membership has grown significantly and we now have a larger than ever number of volunteers ready to help. We have all been busy getting qualified in using chainsaws, storm damage clean-up, sandbagging, working safely at heights, searching for missing people, applying first aid, extracting and evacuating injured persons and flood boat operations. Some of our team have even been on courses which allow them to work in Operation Centres during large scale events. We are also ready to be deployed anywhere in Queensland and further afield, should our services be required elsewhere.

Every single one of our members in the Kuranda Group are volunteers, giving up time with our families and jobs so we can learn and train how to help our community, our friends and neighbours during the worst of times. Although most of the equipment we use is mainly funded by the Government, we happily provide our time for free.



We will always be here for our neighbours. **Should you require any assistance at all, please contact the Queensland State Emergency Service call centre 24/7 on 132 500. You can also download the 132 500 QSES Assistance app from iTunes or Google Play.**

Priority is always given to those vulnerable members in our community. We often leave our families and our own damaged homes to provide assistance to those who cannot help themselves. To enable us to get back to our homes quicker, there are things which you can do yourself now which could help protect your property and family should the worst happen.

- **Roof Condition** – Check the condition of your roof regularly and repair loose tiles, eaves, screws and cracked or broken guttering or flashing

- **Gutters and Downpipes** – Clean gutters and downpipes so water can drain away as quickly as possible
- **Overhanging Branches** – Trim trees and overhanging branches that are close to your home
- **House Repairs** – Fix any corrosion, loose fittings and rotten or termite-affected timber
- **Window Seals** – Repair any broken sealant around windowsills to make watertight
- **Standing Water** – Empty standing water from any containers and paddling pools that are not frequently emptied in the yard to prevent mosquito growth which can carry disease
- **Loose Furniture and Other Items** – Tidy up your garden to reduce the risk of anything being blown into your home causing damage.

Remember, the SES can only react to events and cannot help with any of the above home maintenance before damage occurs (with the exception of sandbagging properties which are at risk of flooding). There are many amazing local tradespeople and businesses who can help you make sure your property is ready. If you are in a rental property, chat with your landlord to discuss any concerns you may have.

If you are interested in joining your local SES, learning new skills and making new friends, we are always welcoming of new members. Why not give John a call on 0407 144 213 and discuss with him how you can join?



CYCLONE SEASON

by © Kerrie Foster, Kuranda

As a newbie to Kuranda, I have often heard it said that cyclones usually pass us by each year. But I find this alarming, when I do a Google search, we surely do have many things to fear.

Go back to 1920 (yes, the year of last pandemic), disaster hit us right here in our towns. Nearly every house unroofed here in Kuranda at that time, as well as in Mareeba and surrounds.

So start the preparation now, and check your cyclone plans and do an update on your emergency kit. Check your roof, repair loose tiles, trim branches overhanging, and have those candles ready to be lit.

Secure your outside furniture; if need be bring it in, and have a battery radio on hand. And don't forget your animals, please have a plan for them, and what to do if you live on low land.

Ensure that your insurance covers all that cyclones bring, including clean-up after such event. There's no room for complacency, but better to be sure, with safety as our obvious intent.

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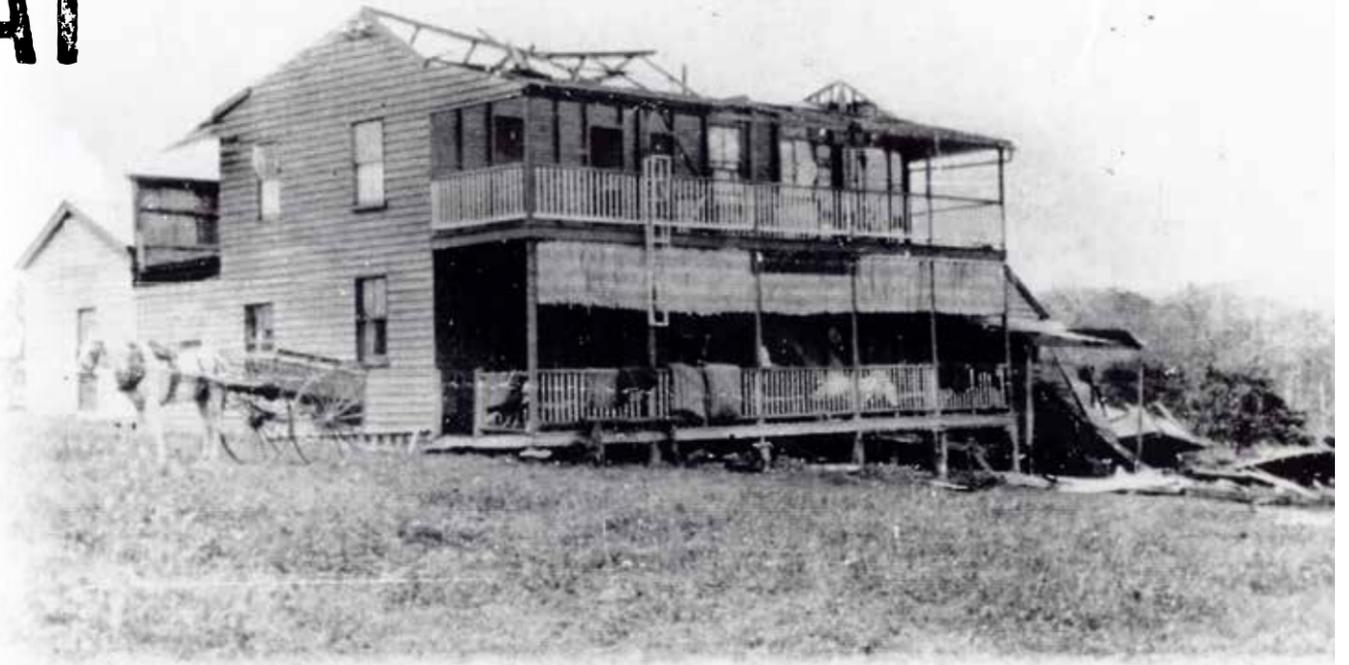
CYCLONE AT KURANDA February 1920

by Peter Ryle (previously published February 2009)

On the night of Monday 2 February 1920 Kuranda was ravaged by a severe cyclone. In that period not all cyclones were named, and this one was not "christened". The cyclone caused significant damage on the coast from Mossman to Gordonvale, and inland as far as Chillagoe. Reports issued by the weather bureau earlier that day gave little warning of what was to come. At 12.30pm the advice was "Conditions very suspicious this morning north-east from Bowen". A later report at 5.15pm said "This afternoon's observations confirms existence tropical disturbance centre north-east from Cardwell, course not yet apparent, but probably approaching coastline between Cooktown and Townsville". A more general report released that day appeared in *The Cairns Post* on Tuesday 3 February, after the cyclone had wrecked the area. Under the heading "Track of Disturbance – Not Stated as Dangerous", the report went on to say: "Today's chart, based on the 9am observations, leaves hardly any room for doubt of the existence of a tropical disturbance, and the afternoon's reports give complete confirmation. It can't yet be definitely stated if the new disturbance is a dangerous cyclone, in its popular sense, and its course is not yet apparent, but the coast between Cape Flattery and Townsville appears to be threatened, and warnings have accordingly been dispatched".

The Cairns Post of Tuesday 3 February carried all the weather information, including a small article under the heading "Midnight Gales Reach Extraordinary Velocity". The article stated "as night wore on, the gales increased in force, until at midnight they reached a height of over 80 miles (100 kilometres) an hour. Up to 11 o'clock, anxious groups struggled through the windstorm to the post office, where they inspected the barometer, and found it had fallen considerably since the early hours of the night. Overhead the clouds scudded away with great force to the north-west. Telegraphic communication south of Townsville has been difficult after midnight".

Although there were some small references to the damage caused by the cyclone, *The Cairns Post* never really covered the story on the morning following the cyclone. However, on



Pearce's Hotel showing cyclone damage in 1920.
Photo: Cairns Historical Society

the Wednesday the story had extensive coverage. The lack of coverage on the day following the cyclone was no doubt due to the fact that all printing at that time had to be type set by hand, a time consuming and tedious job. By the time the cyclone struck Cairns, the typesetting would have been done, leaving no time to change the paper's format and report the story properly.

The story in *The Cairns Post* on Wednesday covered the damage in all areas. The situation at Kuranda is given here as it appeared in the paper:

A railway relief party left Cairns on Tuesday morning in charge of Mr Hooper, District Superintendent, to see what relief could be given along the line. It was learned that Kuranda had felt the full force of the cyclone, and many anxious inquiries were being made as to the welfare of friends residing there. Stratford appears to have missed the fury of the gale. Councillor Moore's verandahs were damaged. The fences and station at Redlynch were severely damaged and the station building was blown down and the goodshed unroofed. At Jungara very little damage was done. At Stoney Creek, the lengthsmen's trolley shed had disappeared, and all the fruit had been blown down from the trees. A magnificent body of water was going over the falls. Barron Falls never looked a fitter sight, in the memory of the railway guards and officials, who had been travelling there for many years. Throughout the entire journey large trees had been uprooted, and all telegraph wires were down.

At Kuranda, the damage was indeed very severe. Remilton's Hotel was partly unroofed. Hunter's residence was unroofed. Dodd's Hall was moved off the blocks, and portion of the

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GROUND BREAKING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH TRIALS FOR WET TROPICS WORLD HERITAGE AREA



Rainforest Aboriginal peoples can play a stronger role in how and where research is carried out within the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WTWHA) thanks to a new scientific research trial which commenced on 1 October.

Generations of traditional scientific knowledge are to guide new research protocols in the Wet Tropics. These new protocols will also ensure there are opportunities for traditional science and knowledge to be included in research projects. A 12-month trial was launched to introduce a process that requires a research applicant to fill out an Application for Research Endorsement (ARE) in consultation with a Rainforest Aboriginal peoples representative. The ARE is an innovative protocol developed by the Department of Environment and Science (DES) in partnership with the Wet Tropics Management Authority.

Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef Lianne Enoch said these protocols will encourage scientists to engage with the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal peoples early in a project's planning and design to achieve a mutually beneficial research partnership.

"This trial represents a contemporary approach to building stronger collaborative relationships between research bodies such as Griffith University and the University of Queensland and the Rainforest Aboriginal peoples in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area," Minister Enoch said.

"Researchers will be required by traditional custodian groups to apply and abide with the cultural protocols and ethical best practice standards developed by Rainforest Aboriginal peoples groups.

"This is a significant milestone for the region's Rainforest Aboriginal peoples finally being recognised as traditional custodians across the Wet Tropics."

A research protocol has been an aspiration of Rainforest Aboriginal people since 2005 with the signing of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Regional Agreement (the Regional Agreement). The Wet Tropics Management Authority and DES have been working closely since then to establish the groundwork for the new protocol.

While many researchers already engage with Rainforest Aboriginal peoples as part of their research planning and design, the ARE trial will provide a formal process for engaging with Rainforest Aboriginal peoples for all research projects relating to the region, including its internationally recognised flora and fauna.

Traditional custodian Joann Schmider, from the Rainforest Aboriginal peoples strategic think tank, said the ARE process is an important development. "While many researchers are required through their institutions to meet Indigenous ethics guidelines including mutual benefit obligations, the ARE heralds a similar ethics approach in scientific and educational research relating to land, plants and animals.

"Even more so, it enables real engagement with the Aboriginal apical families who hold the responsibility in looking after their custodial Country. On behalf of the 300 apical families, the Rainforest Aboriginal peoples' strategic think tank congratulates DES and the Authority, and we look forward to the trial's outcomes."

During the trial period, researchers will need to apply for endorsement of their project from the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal apical families through the representative bodies, and a scientific research permit. This will assist DES to take into account potential impacts on cultural values.

The ARE trial recognises the role of DES in ensuring that its decisions comply with the recently enacted Human Rights Act 2019, which recognises the distinct cultural rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to enjoy, maintain, control, protect and develop their identity and cultural heritage.

The ARE trial will apply to a range of research applications granted under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 such as Permit to Take, Use, Keep or Interfere (PTUKI) and scientific purposes permits.

However, it will not apply to Commercial Activity Permits for tourism operators or Biodiscovery permits granted under the Biodiscovery Act 2004. An evaluation of the ARE trial involving researchers and Rainforest Aboriginal peoples will support DES to establish a long-term research endorsement process in 2021.

For more information on the trial and a copy of the ARE form look here.
www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/140389/are-steps-process-guide.pdf

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority

MORE SCIENCE AND SMASHED AVOCADOS...

Climate change, cloud forests and exploring mysteries in the mist – over breakfast.

8.30–10.30AM 12 NOVEMBER @ FROGS RESTAURANT

Following the success of the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Science and Smashed Avocado forum in September, November's serve of science over breakfast promises to be just as nourishing for the mind. Continuing on the theme of the Authority's inaugural forum in Kuranda on 10 September, which focussed on future proofing and fire management from an Indigenous perspective, this forum continues to explore what we can learn about the unique Wet Tropics landscape and one of the world's most significantly biodiverse places.

Mysteries in the Mist – Cloud forests and climate change impacts in the Wet Tropics is the topic of the 12 November Forum at Frogs Restaurant in Kuranda. It will include talks from leading scientists, including JCU's Associate Professor Susan Laurence, who will discuss the

importance of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area cloud forests and how they are early indicators of climate change impacts on the region. Other speakers and an expert Q&A panel will be announced shortly.

The Authority's Executive Director, Scott Buchanan, said the September event set a new benchmark for the Authority. "Our first Science and Smashed Avocado event resulted in not only a full house at Frog's Restaurant but also more than 360 people watched it online. We were also able to take questions from this online audience during the event."

"It shows there is a real appetite for talking about the science of the Wet Tropics over breakfast."

Check the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area Facebook page for details on how to book a seat at the event.



Taking a stab in the dark

In the animal kingdom, the simple process of laying an egg can be done in a myriad of ways. In fact, in many cases it is far from simple, and is most usually done in quite a secretive manner. Many species lay their eggs under the cover of darkness to avoid the penetrating stare of predators. It is not surprising therefore that many people are unaware of how even common groups of animals such as crickets deal with egg laying, even when they are living right under our noses.

Crickets and their relatives such as katydids have specialised adaptations for depositing their eggs. Females have an ovipositor attached to the end of their abdomen; a thin structure used to funnel the eggs to the desired laying site. The appearance of the ovipositor varies greatly from species to species and can look like a thin needle or a large flat sabre. People often mistake a cricket's ovipositors for a sting or weapon due to its sharpened appearance.

Some crickets simply stab their ovipositors deep into soil to lay their eggs. Other species use their ovipositors to place eggs into cracks in wood, under bark, or even paste them onto leaves. In all cases, female crickets choose their sites carefully, and they are often tested to ensure that the moisture, temperature and fit are all suitable before the precious packages are laid.

Cricket eggs also vary species to species. Some look like tiny grains of rice, whilst others may be flattened purse-

like structures. They are usually deposited individually, but sometimes clusters may be located close together.

Most crickets and katydids are quite seasonal and will lay their eggs at the end of summer. The warmth of the following spring will stimulate the young to hatch, and the tiny young crickets or katydids will emerge from the sites their mothers carefully chose to hide them.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: This green katydid has a short curved ovipositor and uses it lay a row of brown purse-like eggs onto a plant stem.

Photo: Caitlin Henderson

Below: A mother Raspy Cricket driving her ovipositor into a crack in the stem of a young tree.

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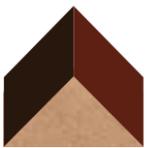
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So don't delay. Contact the College on 4085 5333 to arrange an enrolment interview today!

TALES FROM THE CRYPT *Shed*



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Moving a step closer to our official opening, Richard (our President) has completed filling and top soiling our northern (soon to be) grassed area and the western side of the shed. He has also begun planting out the western side to help with erosion control. The metal shop has continued to evolve, with another workbench and a drill press being installed. We really need a metal work lathe, so if anyone has one that they don't need any more, we would be very interested in taking a look. Currently, we are looking at buying a new welder, bandsaw and perhaps even a planer/jointer.

Dougie has started his welding 101 course with Don, and Daryl has started to do a 100% Shed audit (AAAAHHHHHHH!).

Shed memberships continue to rise steadily with another two new members this month. Welcome guys.

Donated tools and equipment continues to pour in and Mal has taken the bit between his teeth and put up a stack of French cleats around the walls to hang stuff on.

Things are really poppin' at the shed, so if you would like to be part of our motley crew (no, not the band), make some new friends (or catch up with old ones), come on down to the shed, have a look around and join us for a cuppa on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For those people interested in the Men's Shed organisation you can find lots of information and news at www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380 or visit www.mensshed.org/theshedonline *Sheddy Eddy*



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Contact us via email kcka@westnet.com.au or call 4093 8087 for all enrolment enquires. We look forward to hearing from you.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to one of our parents and community members, Miss Bobbie, for her amazing mural contribution to the kindy. Miss Bobbie has created a spectacular mural in the children's bathroom including a tribute to Elvis the Cassowary and his previous three chicks. Thank you Miss Bobbie it looks amazing!

Miss Bobbie and her mural at Kuranda Kindy



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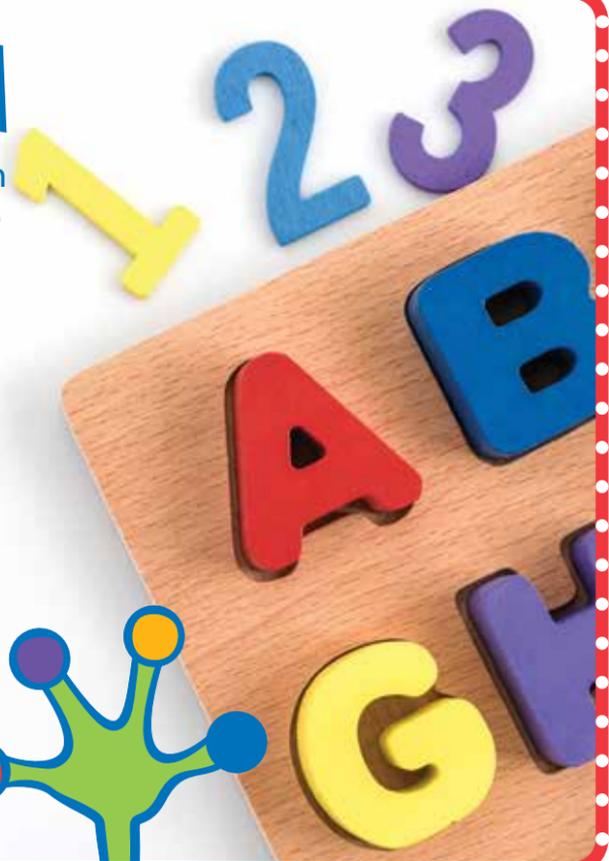
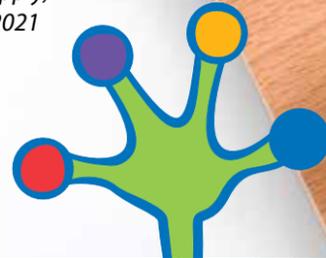
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FUNDING CONTINUES FOR YELLOW CRAZY ANT ERADICATION IN THE WET TROPICS

The Wet Tropics Management Authority's critical work to eradicate yellow crazy ants remains on track and the Authority is confident of ridding the Wet Tropics of this invasive pest. That is the summation of the Annual Implementation Report recently submitted to the Australian Government.

The Australian Government has accepted the Report and has agreed to releasing a further \$3 million towards the Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program for this financial year. This funding is matched by the Queensland Government under a joint commitment to the Authority of \$18 million over three years to June 2022.

The Authority's Chair, Ms Leslie Shirreffs, said, "This commitment by the Commonwealth and State governments ensures we can continue controlling this invasive pest that not only threatens our precious Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, but also our region's economy as well."

According to the Authority's Chair, Ms Leslie Shirreffs, the program continues to have excellent results.

"The eradication of yellow crazy ants remains on track, but we must stay vigilant," she said.

"Thanks to improved surveying techniques, and a vigilant community, four new infestations have been discovered and are now undergoing treatment.

"It is high priority to find any new infestations as soon as possible. The Authority's field teams continue to survey suburban and rural fringes between Cairns and Babinda and in the Kuranda area," she said.

Field teams are actively searching for any further infestations in sugarcane areas where ants may have previously been spread by cane machinery. With the cooperation of the sugar industry, protocols are now in place to prevent spread from known infestations.

This year, Fury, a highly-trained odour-detection dog, was added to the Authority's team—she is able to detect ants in very low numbers and has proven to be a valuable asset, particularly useful in residential areas and around cane fields.

"Outside of the new infestations, yellow crazy ants have been reduced to very low numbers across most of the treatment area, and it is imperative that we survey and spot-treat after broadscale treatments have been completed to make sure no yellow crazy ants remain," Ms Shirreffs said.

To keep the community informed, the Authority has produced an Annual Report card, that summarises the Annual Implementation Report, a new brochure and yellow crazy ant ID cards for distribution to stakeholders, residents within treatment areas and the general public. The Report can be read online at www.wettropics.gov.au/yellow-crazy-ants

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority



Were you near the Butterfly Sanctuary on 17th August 2020?

Our client suffered injuries in a car accident on 17th August 2020 at about 3:30pm.

An **UNIDENTIFIED WHITE TRUCK** swerved into their lane, forcing them off the road and they crashed their car into the drain on the side of the Kennedy Highway. Unfortunately the driver of the white truck did not stop to help and continued driving away from the accident, toward the Butterfly Sanctuary.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Jumrum Creek walk – Jumrum Creek Conservation Park

The Jumrum Creek walk will be closed until Thursday 24 December, due to walking track upgrades being carried out. Please adhere to all safety signage and directions from the contractors or local rangers, and please do not enter the closed site.

Source: Qld Department of Environment and Science



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Trialling maintenance methods

Our community planting in August, funded by a Qld govt. Sustainable Communities Action grant, looks great with that recent rain we've had.

Now we're planting trial plots to measure the success and costs of differing revegetation plot maintenance methods. This trial has been designed by land owner Charles Clarke, using his wide experience in randomised trials relating to growing plants.

Over two weeks we're planting 180 stems in 6 plots, 2 plots for each method selected: that's steam weeding, mow and forest mulch, spray and grass mulch.

We'll be recording the effort used for each method – both labour and materials. We'll also track the progress of the trees in each trial plot by initially measuring each stems height then re-measuring the stems yearly till we achieve canopy closure.

Eight hardy tree species have been selected and 30 stems will be planted in each plot, in exactly the same species layout. All planting holes will be dug by auger for consistency and progress updates will be given on our website.

Weed of the month – African Tulip tree Do you need help to remove them?

No doubt you've seen this tree around Kuranda. Over the last few years it has been spreading, suddenly becoming very conspicuous, especially when flowering now. It's native to North west Africa, but here its an invader of roadsides, waterways, disturbed sites, waste areas, forest margins and disturbed rainforests in our region, favouring wetter habitats, and especially along creeks and gullies, growing



African Tulip tree (*Spathodea campanulata*)

up to 25m tall with a spreading crown, shading out other trees. It's also particularly brittle timber. While it's not yet a declared weed, for all you gardeners and veggie growers, its TOXIC to NATIVE BEES. So it's more than time to stop the spread around Kuranda and remove this tree before it becomes a real problem in our local forests. There are many other glorious and spectacular flowering trees which are native to here that you could plant in its stead.

We are working with council on removal as a number are also on road reserves. We like to hear from all landholders who need help with destroying and or removal to contact us at info@envirocare.org.au. Also if any volunteers would like to help with creating a register of where these trees are around Kuranda, we'd love to hear from you. Just involves driving and spotting tree locations.

Speakers – "Our Life without Plastic" Locals Mathilde Gordon and Lucy Graham

7pm Thursday 12 November
at the Kuranda Recreation Centre

Local ladies Mathilde Gordon and Lucy Graham have been living a life without plastic (as much as possible) for over 5 years, including an adventurous paddle over 2,000km down the west coast of Alaska and Canada to highlight the issue of plastic in our oceans and raise funds for Tangorua Blue Foundation (short movie included). They will talk about the why and how and give us the local goss on going plastic free in Cairns.

• Date Claimers •

8 November – Sunday 4–8pm, FREE Frog call identification training with BBQ and field trip after dark. For more details and catering, call Cathy on 0419 624 940.

12 November – Thursday 7pm, Speaker meeting "Our Life without Plastic" Mathilde Gordon and Lucy Graham. Kuranda Recreation Centre 7-9pm. All welcome.

14 November – Saturday 3–4.30pm, Community planting at Cain creek. Followed by talk and BBQ. Supervised Nature based kids activities Text 0419 624 940 for catering and to register for COVID safe event.

20–26 November – Frog monitoring after 7pm. Check our Facebook page or call Cathy on 0419 624 940.



Barron River survey by the Taskforce does not detect yellow crazy ants

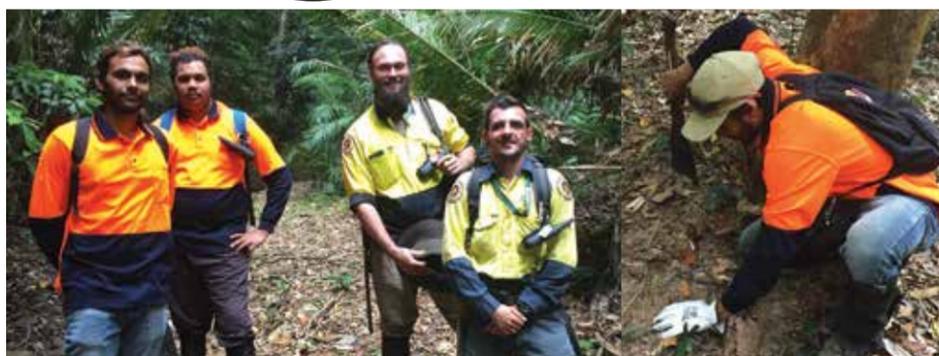
Bottom right: The yellow dots are the sticky traps survey points. No yellow crazy ants were detected.

In September 2020, 17 Taskforce volunteers came together in Kuranda to survey the boundary of the Russett Park infestation area along the Barron River. Jeff Jackson from Wet Tropics Management Authority assisted, providing workplace health and safety advice, equipment and GPS support.

On Saturday 19 September, volunteers baited 140 sticky traps with cat food and jam at Kuranda Envirocare nursery. We then assembled along Oak Forest Road between Owen Creek and High Chapparral Road to access the Barron River along the southern boundary of the Russett Park infestation area. The baited sticky traps were set within the Russett Park infestation area boundary 10 metres apart along two transects.

The Taskforce returned the following Saturday and collected all 140 traps, using the GPS to locate and cross check each trap. No yellow crazy ants were found in any of the traps.

The survey was a complete success and we are now one step closer to achieving official eradication. I want to thank those Taskforce volunteers who attended—some travelled from as far as Mount Sheridan—for their time and contribution in protecting our environment from the invasive yellow crazy ant. Well done, you did a thorough job and completed the task brilliantly. **Ciara**



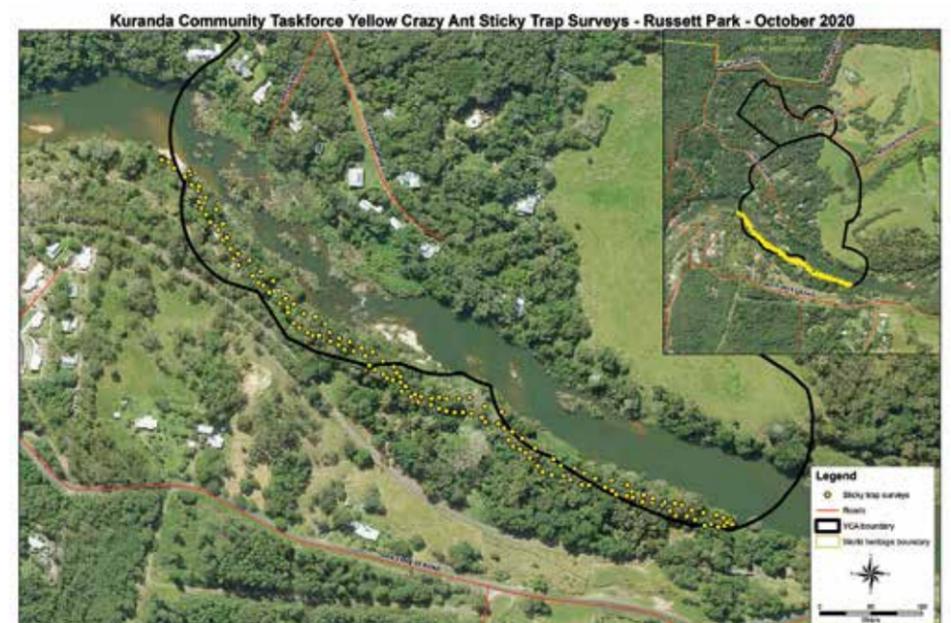
Above: Bulmba Rangers surveying the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area boundary near Russett Park. L-R: Hunter Richardson and Dennis Grogan-Hunter with Authority's Ethan Parker and Michael Solinas. Above right: Hunter Richardson looking for yellow crazy ants in the leaf litter.

Djabugay Bulmba Rangers survey the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area boundary

The Djabugay Bulmba Rangers are working with the Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program to search for yellow crazy ants along the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area boundary near Russett Park, Kuranda. The Authority's Michael Solinas trained the rangers in the use of GPS, yellow crazy ant identification, record keeping, sampling ants and survey techniques for three days at the Mackey Creek infestation area south of Cairns.

The rangers are tasked with surveying the ground and the surroundings, visually searching for yellow crazy ants along the World Heritage Area boundary in the Russett Park area. The survey has begun and will continue in the area near Russett Park for 5.5km along the Area boundary. The rangers are enjoying working on country and have found a couple of artefacts along the way.

If any keen and fit Taskforce volunteers would like to join the search for yellow crazy ants with the Bulmba Rangers on a weekday, please contact Ciara at coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au.



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Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament



On 3 September, five of Kuranda District State College (KDSC) primary Indigenous leaders took part in the Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament held at Riley's Crystalbrook in Cairns. This event was hosted by the Queensland Parliament and chaired by Speaker Curtis Pitt. Assisting Mr Pitt with the chair was Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership Craig Crawford, Member for Cairns Michael Healy and Member for Hill Shane Knuth.

KDSC was one of 11 schools participating in this event. This event provided student leaders with an understanding of how laws and procedures are made in Queensland. Each student delivered a one minute speech either on an eminent Indigenous Australian or an adjournment debate focused on local or state issues. Each of our primary indigenous student leaders stepped up and gave a speech that impressed everyone. Check out the video speeches on KDSC Facebook page.

Good morning ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls.

My name is Alyce Nandy, I am one of 24 Indigenous leaders at Kuranda District State College.

I will start by paying my respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

I am a descendent from the Djabugay and Kuku Yalanji people.

Today I will be speaking about the two most important people in my life, my Great Grandmother Rhonda Brim, and my Mother Ruby Nandy.

My Mother is a great inspiration to me. She is a strong young woman. She has worked as a sport and recreation officer for Ngoonbi, making a difference for young kids in Kuranda.

She now works as a tour guide, sharing language and cultural knowledge with people from all over the world.

My Great Grandmother, Rhonda Brim, is one of the strongest women in my community.

She has always worked hard to share her cultural knowledge and traditional skills with younger generations.

She is a master weaver of traditional dilly bags, and teaches people her weaving skills.

She is also a teacher of Djabugay language, and has shared her language knowledge in schools and the community.

My Mother and my Great Grandmother, inspire and encourage me to be a good role model. I want to make a difference for my people and inspire them, like these two strong women inspire me!

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Alyce Nandy

Good morning, ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls.

My name is Nate Syron and today I would like to speak about the Kuranda Range. I would like to start by paying my respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

There are approximately 10,000 vehicles using the range. It is a narrow, windy road that was built in the 1940s with several upgrades since. With the range how it is today I don't believe cyclist and walkers should be allowed to use it. I feel that they are recklessly putting themselves and other road users in harm's way. The range has a high crash history and suffers regular crashes, which result in closures and detours. In 2014 the range was closed for more than 200 hours as a result of crashes. It isn't a safe road with narrow sections and blind corners, there is barely enough room for the flow of traffic to pass each other let alone leave 1.5m for cyclist and walkers. I'm not anti-cyclist, in fact I love to ride my bike in a safe environment. The range however is not. So until such time as the range is upgraded and widened, I don't think they should be allowed to use it.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Nate Syron

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Sharna Thomas and today I will be talking about my deadly Aunty Sonya Richardson, but before I start, I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Aunty Sonya is a great aunty because every day she gives up her own time to drive my siblings and I to school, drop us off to Ms Ally and then go back to pick up her son Alex.

She is a good role model. She became a teacher when working two jobs, studying at night and raising three successful boys. She has done all of this by herself. Everyday Aunty Sonya goes about her day with a positive attitude. She has high expectations for herself and others around her. She is constantly teaching even when she's not in the classroom.

Aunty Sonya supports her sister, my foster mum to look after my siblings and I. Without her help, mum Tracy would find it hard to look after the five of us together. Before we lived with mum Tracy, we were all separated in living in different homes.

Aunty Sonya is inclusive and treats everyone the same, with respect and with high expectations no matter who you are or where you come from.

At Kuranda District State College Aunty Sonya is everyone's Aunty.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Sharna Thomas

Good morning ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls. I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay my respect to the Elders past, present and emerging.

My name is Shaun McGinness and I come from a proud Indigenous family. My grandfather's family comes from Kungarrakan people from the Northern Territory and my grandmother's family comes Ngadajon people from the Atherton Tablelands, I also have family ties to the Yidinji people in Cairns.

Today I would like to talk about the cassowaries that are an endangered species and live in the same rainforest that I do in Kuranda. The Djabugay people call the cassowaries, Bundarra. Here is a fact about cassowaries, the father takes care of them from the moment the eggs are laid and then raises them for the next nine months. This brings me to an important topic I want to raise. On the Kuranda Range, there have been a series of traumatic incidents. One of our local cassowaries, Elvis, had all three of his chicks killed in three separate accidents, in the same spot by speeding cars.

This happens every year, not only on the Kuranda Range but also on the Gillies Range, near Mission Beach, and in the Daintree, everywhere cassowaries have made their territory and humans invade their environment.

We need barriers or a bridge installed at the top of the Kuranda Range, where the baby chicks can cross safely, we make that area a safe zone like a school zone, lowering the speed limit and installing speeding cameras for those people who break the rules and have no second thought about our wildlife. If they were to drive slow, they would see the cassowaries and would have time to slow down or avoid hitting them all together.

"Let's take a stand and make sure the next generation of cassowaries are given a chance to live in our beautiful rainforest".

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Shaun McGinness

Good morning ladies, gentleman, boys and girls.

My name is Sherral-Lee Riley and today I would like to speak about building more houses for the Kuranda area.

Before I begin I would like to pay my respect to the Elders past, present and emerging.

In Kuranda we need more houses for our people to live in. I come from a very large family, I am one of 10 people living in my house.

My house is overcrowded this means that it is harder to be healthy and clean. We try to make do, but we need at least two more houses, just for my family.

In overcrowded houses it is really hard for school children to do their homework because of too much noise and not enough space.

When there is drinking and fighting in the house that makes it even harder.

It also makes it difficult to sleep, which is really important.

These are some of the reasons why we need more houses in my community.

Thank you for listening to my speech and I hope you have learnt about our housing issues.

I hope that we can keep growing stronger and fix our housing problems.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Sherral-Lee Riley



Top L-R: Alyce Nandy-Brim, Sherral-Lee Riley, Shaun McGinness, Nate Syron and Sharna Thomas.

Right: Sunbird feeding at Speewah. Photo: Tony Every



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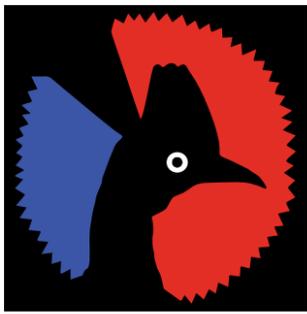
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A GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL WALL (fence)

This month it's all about the shade cloth fence built by our community, in an effort to keep Elvis and his remaining two chicks (at the time of writing this report) safe from the killer overtaking lanes on the Kuranda Range Road (KRR).

WHY A FENCE?

Something had to be done urgently. We'd wasted enough time talking about the options since Elvis lost three of last year's clutch in exactly the same spot on the KRR. To our horror Elvis started taking his new chicks across earlier than we had anticipated, so clearly we'd run out of time. A star picket and shade cloth fence is not rocket science but it does require a lot of blood, sweat and tears and a good helping of expertise. You can be proud of how our community has rallied behind this project. We asked for volunteers to do various jobs and every spot has been filled and more.

On Tuesday 20 October and again the next day, a team of amazing energetic, strong and capable men threw themselves at the task and completed sinking all the star pickets. That goes beyond the call of duty! On Friday 23 October, the tensioning wires were fixed, stabilising the whole structure. Next day, a cast of 20 or so moved in and clipped the shade cloth to the straining wires and star pickets. A couple of gates have been installed in case, for whatever reason, a cassowary is on the wrong side of the fence and needs to get back to the other side.

We'll be watching closely when Elvis or Priscilla discover the fence. We expect they'll pace up and down before wandering back to where they came from. We're ready for other contingencies. Part of the fencing plan is to plant food trees to enrich the river side of their habitat. Hopefully, they will forget about going across the killer road and will have plenty of food on the safe side.

Erecting a fence across any animal's habitat is not a casual decision. How much of its habitat are you cutting off? Why does the cassowary cross the road? We are satisfied that the fence cuts off a very small corner of Elvis and Priscilla's habitat. The small loss of habitat is outweighed by saving the lives of these



Volunteers building the shade cloth fence.

threatened birds. Not doing so would be to guarantee their death on the road.

WHY NOT RELOCATE THESE CASSOWARIES

DES (Department of Environment and Science) scientists say that every bird that has been relocated has died. That sounds a bit absolute but there are a few things to consider. The parent bird spends the first 6-9 months of his offsprings' lives showing them what to eat and where to find it. When the parent bird separates from his offspring, they are in the same region, probably on the edge of the range of the parent. Plonk a bird in an unknown environment where it doesn't know where to find food and water, can seal its fate. Furthermore, you might be placing the bird in the habitat of another bird, which can result in serious battles to the death or the new bird being chased further into unknown territory. Relocation can be a precarious choice to make for a cassowary.

IS THERE ENOUGH HABITAT FOR ALL THE NEW CHICKS EACH YEAR?

The short answer is no. But there is more habitat here than most places and it's protected by not only the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area but also private landholders' Nature Refuges. The big challenge for us is to connect up all the good areas so that cassowaries (and tree kangaroos and possums and more) can access more areas. As inhabitants ourselves, we can contribute by keeping our dogs enclosed and under control, by not fencing our boundaries with impassable barbed-wire fences and making the choice to grow native food trees (not useless exotics from South America!).

The **GoFundMe** page set up by Kuranda resident Patrick Dauwe on 1 October has, by time of publication, raised over half of the \$6,000 needed to build a kilometre long emergency fence on the Kennedy Highway where in the past year six cassowary chicks, from two separate hatching, have lost their lives. The GoFundMe page will remain open until mid November if you can help raise the remaining funds. Link to page www.gofundme.com/f/cassowary-fence

Huge thanks also to the 30 or so community members who worked all day to erect the fence.



Patrick Dauwe on the fence line. Photos: Suzy Grinter



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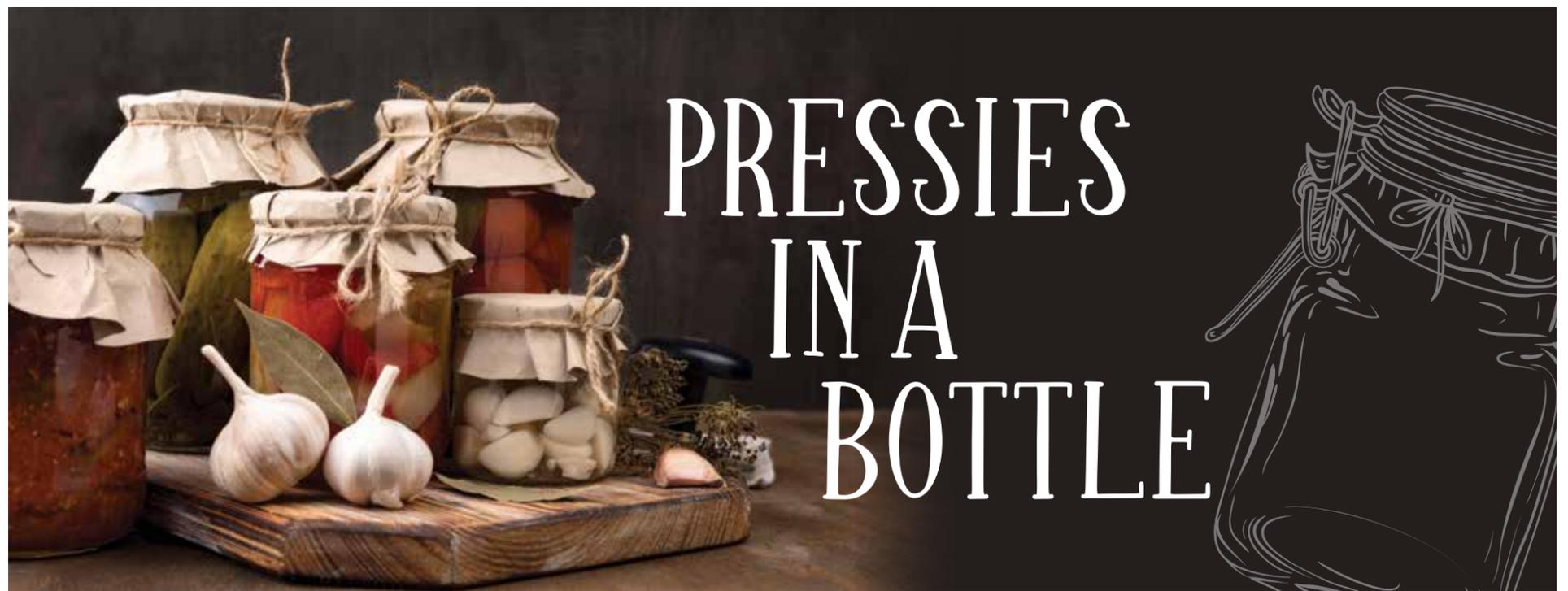
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PRESSIES IN A BOTTLE

Homemade preserves are a great gift and easy to make. Most people have used, undamaged, glass jars or bottles they can clean and re-use and if you pick seasonal fruit, vegetables or herbs as your inspiration it's a very inexpensive exercise. Consider making sweet or savoury preserves: jams, jellies, marmalades, chutneys and pickles. Also consider syrups (like ginger) for desserts or drinks, infused oils or vinegars. It's also not too hard, and a bit of fun, to dress them up – plain, fancy or country style with labels and maybe a cloth or paper 'hat' to cover lids. A line up of your preserves is a very satisfying sight and good to have on hand for party or picnic invites or a gift to cheer up, or thank, a friend. Or to just add some wholesome goodness to your pantry.

I hope you get your, I hope you give your ... pressies in a bottle... (apologies to *The Police*).. Enjoy! *Queenobean*

PAKISTANI GREEN MANGO CHUTNEY (vegan, gluten-free) *via allrecipes.com.au*
Makes 24 serves

INGREDIENTS: 4 green mangoes (peeled, seeded, cut into strips), 3cm piece fresh ginger (peeled, chopped), 3 cloves garlic peeled, ½ cups sugar, 1 tsp seasalt, ½ tsp dried chilli flakes, 1 tsp cumin seeds, 2 cardamom pods, 4 cardamom seeds, 1 cinnamon stick, 5 whole cloves, 1 cup white vinegar, 5 black peppercorns, crushed.

METHOD: Place the mango into a large pot. Crush the ginger and garlic using a mortar and pestle until they become a smooth paste and add to the mangoes. Stir in the sugar, salt, chilli flakes, cumin, cardamom pods and seeds, cinnamon stick and cloves. Cover and leave to stand at room temperature overnight. The next day, place the pot over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally for about 30 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Stir in the vinegar and peppercorns and cook for 1 minute more. Cool before spooning into sterilised jars.

CLASSIC PICCILLI (vegan, gluten-free) *inspired by Pam's Piccilli via river cottage.net*
Makes 3 x 340g jars

INGREDIENTS: 1kg washed, peeled vegetables eg cauliflower, corn, green beans, zucchini, green or yellow tomatoes, carrots, small silver-skinned onions, peppers, caperberries, nasturtium seed pods etc. 50g fine seasalt, 30g cornflour (gluten free), 10g ground turmeric, 10g English mustard powder, 15g yellow mustard seeds, 1 tsp crushed cumin seeds, 1 tsp crushed coriander seeds, 600ml cider vinegar, 150g granulated sugar, 50g honey, dried or fresh chillies (optional).

METHOD: Cut vegetables into small, even bite-sized pieces. Place in a large bowl and sprinkle with salt. Mix well, cover the bowl with a tea towel and leave in a cool place for

24 hours, then rinse the veg with ice-cold water and drain thoroughly. Blend the cornflour, turmeric, mustard powder, mustard seeds, cumin and coriander to a smooth paste with a little of the vinegar. Put the rest of the vinegar into a saucepan with the sugar and honey and bring to the boil. Pour a little of the hot vinegar over the blended spice paste, stir well and return to the pan. Bring gently to the boil. Boil for 3–4 minutes to allow the spices to release their flavours into the thickening sauce.

Remove the pan from the heat and carefully fold the well-drained vegetables into the hot, spicy sauce. Pack the pickle into warm, sterilised jars and seal immediately with vinegar-proof lids. Leave (if you can) for 4–6 weeks before opening.

HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY VINEGAR (vegan, gluten-free) *via tasteofhome.com*
Makes 5 cups (makes a pretty preserve, and a great sweet-sour salad dressing)

INGREDIENTS: 4 cups halved fresh strawberries (tops removed), 4 cups cider vinegar, 1 cup sugar.

METHOD: In a large bowl, combine strawberries and vinegar. Cover and let stand for 1 hour. Transfer to a large saucepan. Stir in sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from the heat; cool completely. Strain and discard pulp. Pour liquid into sterilised jars and cover. Store in a cool dark place.

BRINJAL PICKLE – Indian eggplant chutney (vegan, gluten-free) *via carolinescooking.com*
Makes 10 serves / 1 jar

INGREDIENTS: 400g eggplant, ¼ tsp seasalt, 1 tsp mustard seeds, 1 tsp cumin seeds, ½ tsp fenugreek seeds, ½ tsp black pepper, ¼ tsp chilli powder (or to taste), 3 tbs vegetable or canola oil, 2 cloves garlic, crushed, ½ tsp turmeric, 3 tbs apple cider vinegar, 1-2 tbs palm or brown sugar.

METHOD: Slice eggplant and sprinkle with salt. Let sit 3-5 minutes until droplets form on top. Meanwhile, lightly toast the mustard and cumin seeds then grind them along with the fenugreek seeds, pepper and chilli in a mortar and pestle. Wipe the salt off the eggplant slices, pat dry and cut into a medium-small dice. Warm oil in a frying pan, then add eggplant to the pan. Cook, stirring now and then until soft, adding the crushed garlic after around 5min. Don't worry if the mix sticks a little but don't let it burn. Once the eggplant is soft and almost cooked through, add the turmeric, stir so it coats everything and cook for another minute. Add the spice mix, vinegar and sugar and mix well so the sugar dissolves. Cook another couple of minutes, scraping anything stuck to the bottom, until the liquid has basically disappeared. Remove from heat and spoon into sterilised jar.

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A Grinter's Tale

My mother always used to say "Getting old is a curse". She must have been all of 35 when she first said that and being a teenager, perms, sensible shoes, marriage and babies were not in my vocabulary nor did facial furrows exist even in my wildest imaginations.

But then, in those days, we thought age 40 was the beginning of the end, and it seemed once women succumbed to a perm, they were well on their way to the bowling green.

At almost 93 my mother is still uttering the same words, as though old age were still to come. I love her for her positivity; it is something I always admired in her. I find myself saying the same thing these days, but that's not surprising as so many phrases our parents use, we say to our kids "Don't shout from one room to the other", and "If you miss the bus, I'm not taking you to school". It was my dad who had the memorable or valuable memes such as "You can say anything if you say it with aplomb", and "No-one ever died from lack of sleep" and my daughter Jess remembers me always saying "You can do anything you put your mind to".

It seems "Prospective Age" is the new black, defined by the World Economic Forum (WEF), which in its wisdom, whatever it is, says being old doesn't start at age 65, but instead old age begins when people have an average of 15 more years left to live. Yes, that was WEF, acronym spelt correctly, although I'm still trying to work out that little bit of wisdom, as how on earth do you know how long you have to before you kick the bucket?

I distinctly remember emitting an audible snort as I flicked through an Innovations catalogue and saw an advertisement for a pair of glasses that women (or, of course men) could wear in order to see if they were putting mascara on their eyelashes or their nose hairs. Yes, we all have nose hairs, they have a job to do, so if you think you are above having nose hair, think and look again. Women are fortunate enough to have theirs tucked well inside those facial orifices though. Anyway, I thought it was hilarious, a pair of glasses with lenses that lifted upwards, one at a time, like flip up hatch windows on a boat. That's no longer funny. Not at all.

It's strange how some comments stick in your head for life, things that are really quite inconsequential to the deliverer, and they think are hilarious, but for some reason either cause you to go home and Google botox, or drink alcoholic drinks you never considered before, straight, not even an ice cube.

I was in the optometrists, seated behind the eye test equipment, bright light shining in my computer-strained, tired and dry red eyes, garlic scented breath wafting in my face as the young practitioner studied my eyes full of scarlet cobwebs. His garlic breath was testament to a good night or a good dinner, while my red eyes were merely lack of sleep and over-use of computers.

"Shit make up job!" he declared with gusto as if telling me I needed fillings. Just like that, and what could I say, except "That's why I'm here". For some reason, I wanted to add the word, "Dude". It was at that moment I realised that I obviously couldn't see to put my make up on properly, and that I needed to get onto the Innovations website, fast. Virtual paper bag over my head, and no magnifying mirror within coo-ee, I opted to go home instead of shopping, for fear I had only put make up on one eye and looked like Cyclops. I was crushed as I was secretly considering our age difference as he stared into my eyes from behind the optical equipment, despite the garlic breath. I hasten to add this was some years ago and I



was only thinking, just thinking.

Life isn't like a box of chocolates, as Forest Gump's mum famously stated. I think I dispelled her theory in an earlier column. I never met her personally of course and I'm sure she was nice, because people obviously gave her chocolates, but sometimes you have to question some of these iconic memes. I think she must have been having a senior moment when she came out with that one. Of course you know what you're going to get – there is a little map inside the box and if you can't tell a square in pink foil from a long gold wrapped finger or a triangle with a squiggle on top from a round chocolate with an engraved cherry atop, and match them to the description accompanying those pictures, you are in deep cocoa. The only similarity is life and chocolates both make you fat the more you have of them.

Ageism is politically incorrect. It's not ethical to consider age a factor in employment, or promotion, or any workplace issue, but it is a symptom of our Western culture for young people to take the mickey out of old people and no amount of education will change that deeply embedded ethos. Impaired communication between the old and young may often be difficult, but this is generally caused by entrenched biases young people have about old people, rather than an incapacity to understand one another. It suddenly hits you when your 30 year old daughter takes your phone off you to sort the apps.

"I can do that".

"Well, last time I saw you, your apps were all over the show, and I put them all on your home screen. Now they are all over the place again."

"I know that. I think someone is coming into my house at night."

"Yep, righto Mum."

On an international flight:

"What are you doing, Mum?"

"Nothing."

"What are you plugging that into?" (We're talking about my phone, on one of those shorter haul flights where you have to use your own device to connect to the inflight entertainment). I won't even tell you about that one.

I'm still living it down. All those years of being the technical guru, the mastermind, the world traveller, the omnipotent, the leader, the mentor to your child, you suddenly become the child.

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residence unroofed. The School of Arts was blown down, and was completely wrecked. Pearce's Hotel was unroofed, and the Carruthers' family lost their verandah. Harriman's house was blown down. K. Beavis's house was blown off its blocks, and a similar fate befell the Rest Home. Newbury's house was unroofed, and Gummow's partly unroofed. Brookman's was also unroofed. The Barron River had risen 22 feet by three o'clock, and was still rising. The Mantaka school was blown off its blocks, and the shelter shed blown away. J. Veivers' house was blown down. Mr. Smith's residence at Kuranda was demolished. The goods-shed, station roof and refreshment rooms also suffered severely.

Patrick F. Kinnealy, who was officer in charge of the police station at Kuranda at the time of the cyclone, wrote of the ordeal in the *North Australian Monthly* in January 1959:

On the day of the cyclone I had been on patrol to Koah, about fifteen miles from Kuranda. During the day there were light showers of rain and small gusts of wind, not at all unusual weather for North Queensland in February. But at about one o'clock great masses of black cloud covered the sky. The rain became heavier and the wind began to rise. When I reached home late that afternoon, I knew that a cyclone was on the way.

There were no wireless reports or cyclone warning systems in those days. The nearest weather station was at Willis Island, three hundred miles to the east, and our only link with Cairns was by telephone. By the time I reached the station, the telephone line was already out of order. The police station at Kuranda was built on a slope, the highest part of the house being about seven feet from the ground and the lowest part practically on the ground. The office was situated in the latter part of the building, in the most sheltered position. On the opposite side was a small fig tree in which two doves had nested.

The cyclone struck at about six-thirty and ravaged Kuranda and district for nearly thirteen hours. Rising to almost ninety miles an hour, the wind howled round the house like a living thing. About eleven o'clock the side wall of the living-room began to bend with each gust of wind, and I knew that at any moment the wall might be blown in and we would be swept into the night. So during a lull I moved my family into the office, which seemed to have a good chance of withstanding the terrific force of the wind. About two chains away from the station was a two-storey wooden building which housed the families of men who worked in Cairns and returned home by train each night. No train could get through that night so I decided to see how the women and children were faring.

Taking a hurricane lamp, I set off. I got only a few feet when a great gust of wind swept me off my feet and against the side fence. The lamp was blown out so I returned to the office, re-lit it and set off again. This time I crouched low to the ground, bent almost double. The families lived on the upper floor of the building and the stairway was on the outside of the building. I had to crawl up the stairs with one arm round the railing. Finally I made it, and found the women all awake and worried about the safety of their husbands. A sheet of glass from one of the windows had been blown across the bed in which one child slept, missing her face only by a few inches. Having reassured the women as best I could, I returned to the office.

When dawn broke, the wind still howled and tore at the house like a mad creature, but its force was beginning to spend itself. About seven o'clock the wind began to die down and the rain ceased to a steady drizzle. Inspection showed that the only dry place in the house was the stove recess. Rain was pouring in everywhere, as except for a few sheets of iron the house had been unroofed and shifted about six inches from its blocks. The fig-tree was stripped of all foliage and the doves' nest had disappeared. A poignant postscript to the cyclone was the incessant crying of the parent birds, as they called for their lost nestlings in the days that followed.

The cells, a solid timber structure, had been overturned, the clothes boiler had disappeared, and a 500 gallon tank was lying near our back fence. The owner of this was never traced. Nearly every house in Kuranda had been unroofed, several were partially destroyed, furniture, clothing and China being scattered around the surrounding bush. One man's front verandah was found in the yard of the Barron Falls hotel, two hundred yards away. The School of Arts had been blown away, leaving only the flooring. The piano was literally in pieces, the white and black keys being torn apart and blown, one by one, about the town. I kept several of the piano keys as souvenirs. At Street's plantation across the Barron River, the cyclone had cut a triangular path about a chain wide through the scrub, great trees having been uprooted as though they were shrubs. The Barron River was a torrent, trees and a mass of debris tossing in the water. The main street was littered with torn sheets of iron, rafters and battens.

All the telephone lines were down, so a patrol of the surrounding districts was a necessity. I had to walk to Myola and Mantaka, some miles away, where normally I rode, cutting my way through the scrub with a brush hook. Trees of up to four feet (1.2 metres) in diameter had been torn out by the roots and strewn over the track. At Myola the blocks which supported one house had been pushed up through the floor, narrowly missing one man who was asleep. One woman at Mantaka, whose husband had been stranded in Cairns, had decided to take her family to her brothers' house nearby shortly after the cyclone started. The distance was only a few yards, but her three-year old girl was blown away almost as soon as they left the house. Her brothers went to search as soon as they were told and found the child lying against a wire-netting fence which surrounded the house. A creek ran nearby and the fence saved the child from being blown into it and drowning.

For several days no trains ran to Kuranda as the line to Cairns was blocked by debris. There was no loss of life in the cyclone in Kuranda but the material damage totalled thousands of pounds. Though later I was in cyclones of greater intensity, I still have vivid memories of that first experience of the "Scourge of the North".

It is clear that Patrick Kinnealy's recollections differ slightly from the reports in *The Cairns Post* on the Wednesday following the cyclone. While Kinnealy said no train got through to Kuranda for several days, the Post reported a relief train getting through next day. The Post also reported that a train from Chillagoe had travelled through to Cairns on Tuesday, the day following the cyclone. The discrepancy in the two accounts is a small point, but it shows that recollections of events, even by credible eyewitnesses, should not be accepted as fact. This is especially relevant when the recollections are given so many years after the event.

A report in *The Cairns Post* on Thursday 5 February gives an account of the damage at Mona Mona:

The cyclone which devastated so many other places, also visited Monamona Mission. It started about 8 p.m. on Monday, blowing from the west. During the night it veered around to the south, and then to the east. From four to five on Tuesday morning it was blowing from the east and it was during this hour that the damage was done. All the native cottages, except one, one mission house, a barn, a large dining-room, and a kitchen, were levelled to the ground. The sawmill was unroofed, and all the crops were blown away. The country round looks bare and bald. Quite half the trees are uprooted, and those that are left standing are limbless, and leafless. One old native woman died from exposure, but other than this they had not serious injuries. The superintendent, Mr. J.L. Bransford, estimates the losses are about £1800 (\$100,000). He adds: "We have not up to the present time asked the public for any help, but in this terrible trial donations from any interested persons would be thankfully received".

Government reports indicate that the infrastructure at Mona Mona was rebuilt very quickly and the farm was back in production within a year.

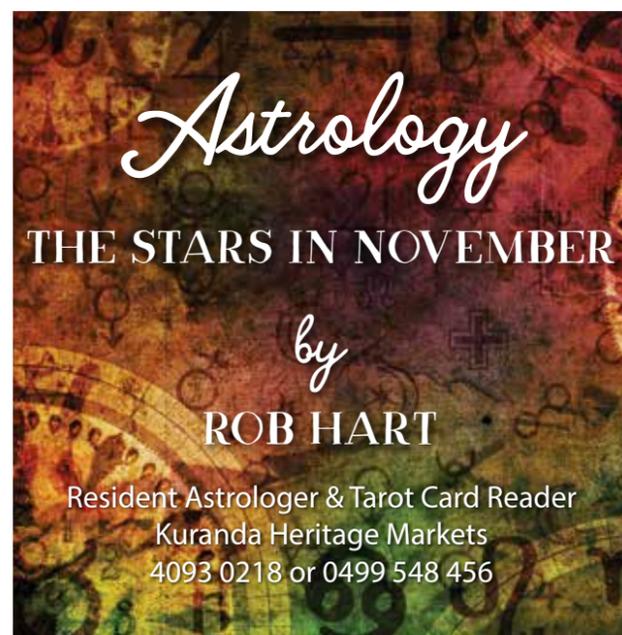
KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

KHS members were worked hard by Qld Museum Development Officer Dr Joanna Wills, at the second Strategic Planning workshop in October. An over-arching theme of resourcefulness, resilience and ingenuity was identified as a common thread across the timeline of local history.

Information from the two workshops, made possible by a RADF grant through Mareeba Shire Council and Arts Queensland, will now be used by Dr Wills to create a draft Strategic Plan for members.

Thanks again to Mareeba Shire Council, Arts Qld, Kuranda CWA for a lovely COVID-safe venue and Kuranda Foodworks for our hard-earned refreshments.

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This November has really got a lot of Scorpio, enough for everyone to get a taste of the old "forbidden fruit". When the intense desire, that is the juice of the scorpion "sting", flows and permeates life to this degree, we all get a taste.

The month begins on a Full Moon, Sun in Scorpio, Moon in Taurus. Very fixed, fertile, and emotional. And it's in an exact alignment with Uranus – the sudden and unexpected. A volatile brew indeed and the following two weeks will see the playing-out, winding-down and repercussions of the Full Moon intensity. The "Hunters Moon" and afterwards, the feast!

Scorpio is linked with emotional intensity; obsession, deep magick and yes, sex and death. It also resonates to passion, loyalty and vengeance. Pop Astrology once declared that James Bond 007 was the archetypal Scorpio. Spying and subterfuge are also Scorpionic traits. Then there's the sting and the "lying hidden" until stirred (or shaken!)

The ancient ruler of Scorpio, Mars, is about to break out of a retrograde stretch in Aries. Not happy – frustrated and aggressive and going forward again from 14 November. With the release of this Mars – Aries burst of energy we should see an explosion of acts of courage, aggression and physical expression. On the world stage and in our own lives.

The New Moon in Scorpio synchronises with Mars turning direct, and with Mercury, the Messenger, going into Scorpio 10 November to 15 November. Check your mail now and see what's coming through. No censorship with Mercury in Scorpio!

Then, Venus slips into Scorpio on 22 November. How intense and emotional do you want it? Seething undercurrents of desire and just plain explosive emotional experiences for all. Be careful which rocks you pick up...

Around 10 November with Venus and Mars falling into each other's arms (both in the signs they "rule": Venus 15° Libra and Mars 15° Aries) in exact complement to each other, the attraction is magnetic, erotic and irresistible. The Messenger arrives as Mercury enters Scorpio, opening the door to the real magick of merging polarities. "Me Tarzan" (Mars-Aries), "You Jane" (Venus-Libra) would be a classic example of this particular astrological mix. Raw and straight to the point.

The ongoing Jupiter – Pluto transiting conjunction in Capricorn is active right through November. Massive transformation in the power structures that control the world. For the better you would assume, with Jupiter leading this little dance and Pluto providing the grunt. 13 November is the day of exact conjunction. Those who can harness the energy here could transform anything they so choose. Give it a try. Today we change the world! A bit grandiose perhaps, but much is right for renewal now...

And so the month ends as it began with a Full Moon on the 30 November. Sagittarian Sun and Gemini Moon and a lunar eclipse at 7-8 pm our time (AEST). So it should be visible in the eastern sky. Very playful are Gemini and Sagittarius – so a night for fun, dance, music and laughter. What a relief!

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St Saviour's Thought for November

This month we read a short passage from St Matthew's Gospel Chapter 22 verses 34 to 40

All of us have had the experience of listening to two people conversing and realising that their views and assumptions are so totally different that they can never communicate with each other.

This passage allows us to eavesdrop on such a moment in Jesus ministry. By now, well into that short ministry, there is no scarcity of antagonists. Already Jesus' attitudes and statements have attracted not only attention, but also deep resentment. This resentment comes from the many established and entrenched elements, which were all around Jesus and exist in every society. Even more dangerous for Jesus, we see that two such groups, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, who were usually in disagreement, have come together to put pressure on him. While it is not quite true to say that these were two political parties, it will do to help us understand the situation.

As frequently happened, someone asked Jesus a question, which was really a trap. This time it was which of all the commandments in the Law was the most important. As he always did, Jesus pierced through the deceit and hypocrisy of the question. There were thousands of commands in the Law. It was and still is a magnificent system, which penetrates into

every conceivable area of human life. Indeed, when we are tempted to hear dismissals of the Jewish Law in the New Testament, we should never forget that its very complexity was saying that every aspect of being alive is holy and God is involved in it. That is a most important spiritual insight and we are indebted to the Jewish Law for it.

However, as with everything in life, there is a but and the but is our humanity. The Law was becoming an end in itself rather than a means to help people live. Arguments were endless, the scoring of points the objective. Human life and human need were becoming engulfed by something originally designed to serve life. That is why Jesus goes to the heart of all law when he replies. For Our Lord the ultimate criterion by which all actions are judged is that of love. Notice that in loving our neighbour as ourselves we must realise that we do not always like ourselves nor approve of our own actions. Loving our neighbour is not necessarily being uncritical. Notice too that the basis of all human loving is possessing a love for God. Experience shows that without this latter, the former, loving one's neighbour, fades out. Without the element of love all law eventually becomes cold and sterile. Our Lord, as always, expressed the realities at the heart of life. Underlying all laws and sanctions is the primary law of love.



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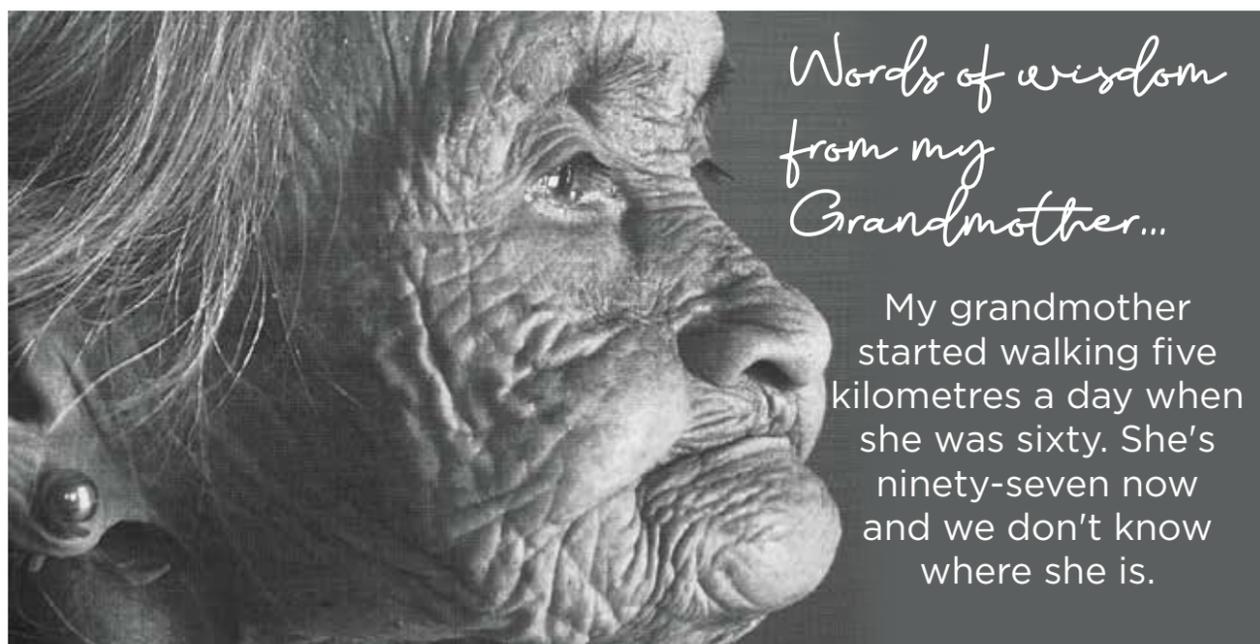
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know. Friends have described her as warm, humble but self-assured, graceful, serene, and fun-loving.

Hyde had a friendly, outgoing disposition and a distinguished, upright appearance. He retained his English accent and spoke in an engaging and inspired manner, drawing people to him without ever seeming to be overbearing. Those who heard him speak were struck by "the unearthly light that suffused his whole personality" when he talked about the Bahá'í Faith." (Graham Hassall)

Meditations/Reflections, Morning Prayers and Study Circles and other face to face Baha'i meetings are gradually being reinstated in accordance with the Queensland meeting restrictions.

Our weekly prayers 8am every Thursday morning in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda.

Study circles are now happening in Kuranda, open to all interested, no cost. Other functions are occurring in Kuranda. Functions in Mareeba have recommenced as well as elsewhere on the Tablelands.

All enquiries welcome.

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RANGERS report

Just like that, the 2020 soccer season is over! After a delayed start to the season due to COVID-19, FNQ Football were able to put a COVID-Safe plan in place to allow clubs to participate in a delayed competition, but still a full season. Over the region, player numbers were slightly down on last year (as a result of COVID-19) but the Kuranda Rangers were still able to field five full teams, which is fantastic for our small club.

We finished off the year with a COVID-Safe presentation ceremony held outdoors on the KRC green. Special mentions for those who were awarded.

Team Spirit Award: Eden Rusch (U11)

Best & Fairest: Gabbie Titmarsh (U7), Banjo Neller (U8), Emmitt Newbury-Morseu (U9), Tao Masaki (U10), Evie Titmarsh (U11).



Most Improved: Lief Weeraratne Green (U7), Ambar Pava Dichiera (U8), Caylem Taven (U9), Edward Heatley (U10), Nate Syron (U11).

There is a very positive vibe around the club with all kids keen to get back on the pitch in a (hopefully) better year in 2021. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, coaches and managers – there is no club without you! Thank you to the Mareeba Shire Council for mowing, KRC our 'home', and *The Kuranda Paper* for your ongoing support. Special thanks to Rohan Rusch for lending a hand with training.



JOHN MORIARTY FOOTBALL

The John Moriarty Football (JMF) team has had a busy September/October which has involved the expansion of the program to Gordonvale State School and continued with school holiday clinics in Kuranda and Mareeba.

JMF partnered with Brisbane Roar and Soccer Genius during week one of the clinic with Jason Buchanan and Ally Reid bringing with them some new fun games such as Teqball.

Soccer Genius measures the player's dribbling, passing and receiving, game action running, accuracy and finishing as well as a player's shot velocity to provide performance feedback to help identify areas of improvement.

JMF participants were able to measure themselves against players from around the world.

In week two JMF partnered with Football FNQ to run a coaching course and workshop, the first of which was the skills training certificate. This was then followed by a workshop on a constraints led approach to coaching. Both course and workshop were hosted by John Moriarty Football and run by Football Queensland coach educator Martin Docherty and FNQ's own Reggie Davani.

In term 4 JMF expanded to Gordonvale State High School, Mareeba State High School, Atherton State High School and will launch in Yarrabah with an after school program at Jillara Oval every Monday in November.

November brings with it the excitement of John Moriarty Football's Indigenous Football Week which is running in the second week of November and coincides with the rescheduled NAIDOC week.

Now in its fifth year, Indigenous Football Week (IFW) is a John Moriarty Football (JMF) annual event run in partnership with Football Federation Australia (FFA), Professional Footballers Australia (PFA), SBS, NITV and FOX Sports. IFW aims to highlight the achievements of Indigenous players past and present and set the stage for the next generation of incredible talent ready to enrich the game.

This year's IFW will run 9–15 November and the theme will be "Pathways – Football, a vehicle for positive social change". This theme will shine a light on the journey JMF scholarship holders take through the JMF program, from grassroots to representative football, and the opportunities this presents.

IFW will culminate with a round robin Gala Day on Saturday 14 November at Borzi Park, Mareeba and will feature a JMF Select team along with the Kuranda Rangers and Mareeba United Football Club.

To support the players skill and game development, JMF coaches are continuing to run fun-filled afternoon sessions at Bartley Park on Tuesday (6-12 year old) and Thursday (13-16 year old) from 3–4.30pm during term 4. Fresh fruit is provided to those who attend along with a hot nutritious meal at the end of the session. Our coaches will then drop the children home in the JMF bus.

Our JMF program is aiming to develop a core group of young footballers so we are able to organise and play games with local teams and academies. Speak with any of the JMF team to see how you can be a part of this core group.

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 (to 17 October)
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The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au

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Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
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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
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Poisons Information	131 126
13HEALTH – Health and Hospital Information	134 325

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Departs Smithfield	3.30pm	9.20am	11.35am
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm	9.40am	11.55am
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm	10.00am	12.15am
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm	10.05am	12.20am
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm	10.45am	1.00pm

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Mondays – Adult Circus LOVE! 10.30am-12.30pm
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 6 years.

Tuesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45-5pm Age 7 to 9 Show Class 5-6.30pm by invite only. Prepare to turn your skills into a show ready piece.

Wednesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45-5pm All ages. Junior Aerial Trapeze and Silks 5-6.30pm Age 8 and up.

Thursdays – Aerial Trapeze and Silks 3.45-5.15pm Age 12 and up.
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 6 years.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.

EVERY MONDAY

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

Kids Muay Thai 4.15-5.15pm All Ages 5.30-7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

Yoga in the Rainforest with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 4093 7401

Yoga with Katelyn CWA Hall 5:30-6:30pm 0428 865 636

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

Financial Counselling (from UCC) Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY TUESDAY

Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda
Kirstin 0497 479 606

SECOND TUESDAY

Kuranda SES Training 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.
John Baskerville 4093 7246/0427 037 054

Emergency Relief Help from Mareeba Community Support Centre at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15-5.15pm All Ages 5.30-7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

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

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am-11.30am. Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Craft and Social Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall. Carol 4093 7187 or Sandra 0447 737 415

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

Kuranda Dance: Tribal Bellydance with Lisa. 6-7pm
Kuranda Amphitheatre. 0409 367 967

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer training 4.30-5.30pm.
Adric 0408 096 694

EVERY FRIDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15-5.15pm All Ages 5.30-7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct.

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda
Kirstin 0497 479 606

EVERY SATURDAY

Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare 0419 624 940 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au

Men's Shed Kuranda 2-5pm. Call Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

Koah Farmers Market – 9-10.30am
Contact Sal 0421 710 474

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

THIRD SUNDAY

Speewah Markets 7am-12noon. Speewah Tavern carpark. Suzy 4093 0449

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