

POSTAGE
PAID
KURANDA
AUSTRALIA

THE KURANDA PAPER

March 2024 Issue 362

FREE INDEPENDENT MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1991 WWW.KURANDAPAPER.COM

BATREACH A HAVEN FOR INJURED WILDLIFE



Batreach is a longstanding wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in Kuranda which has been operating for almost 30 years and has successfully cared for and released thousands of injured and orphaned native animals. The centre is the result of decades of hard work and dedication by owner Pam Tully and the many, many volunteers who have, and still do, contribute to the daily operations.

Focused primarily on the endangered Spectacled Flying-fox and other bats, the centre also cares for other Australian mammals such as possums, gliders, bandicoots, quolls and native rodents.

Batreach is open to the public by appointment. We cater to locals, tourists, school groups and tour groups and we are always keen on community involvement. Volunteers assist with food preparation every evening and Batreach is always looking for individuals who are fully vaccinated against rabies to assist with daily cleaning.

Appointments and enquiries are welcome on 4093 8858 or email info@batreach.com

Donations are always welcome as we are self-funded. If you would like to make a donation to assist us to continue our work please contact us at info@batreach.com.



Clockwise from top left: Lola the Tube-nosed bat, Rocket the Common Brushtail possum, Squirrel Glider, Spectacled Flying-fox with pup and Grassland Melomys.
Photos: Batreach

A SPIRITED TALE

Kuranda Media Association
Short Story Competition
See page 18 for details

LAST MONTH TO ENTER – DEADLINE 15 MARCH 2024

Photo: Tobias Tullius – Unsplash

DEADLINES

April

Edition 363/2024

All copy and advertisements due by 10am

Thursday 21 March

Paper published

Thursday 28 March 2024

Management is not responsible for any copy missing deadline.



Please keep letters to under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin may not be published. Correct name, address and phone numbers are to be submitted with your letter. Submissions by group email will be treated as spam.

We welcome your letters via email or post

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am officially announcing that I won't be contesting the upcoming local government elections. This isn't a decision I've taken lightly and in all honesty it's taken me at least six months to get to this decision. I am proud to have been a part of Mareeba Shire Council as an elected local member and I am very lucky to have worked with such a great and dedicated Mayor and Councillor team. I also want to mention the incredible team that makes up the Mareeba Shire Council, from the CEO right through to all of our outdoor staff. Mareeba Shire residents should feel lucky that this team exists.

When I first ran and got elected as a Councillor, we had two kids under three, an announcing and music production venture, two very successful businesses and a small cattle and horse operation. During the last four years we made a very hard decision to sell one business to help with the workload of Council, family and our business. The past four years have been challenging and it's been a real juggle to be able to put the deserved amount of effort in all of our workloads. I am proud that I have not missed one Council meeting in the four years. In looking forward to the next four years, there will need to be further sacrifices made and that is why I'm not running again.

This won't be the last time that I put my hand up for an elected position, but for the next four years I am looking forward to enjoying some time with my family, being a part of the community albeit in a non-official position and being able to continue and improve our business of truck training across the Tablelands.

I thank all those residents who supported me in the previous election and I wish the current Councillors and Mayor all the best for the next election. I also look forward to seeing another younger candidate be a part of the next Mareeba Shire Council.

Kind regards,

Locky Bensted, Mareeba

KURANDA MEDICAL CENTRE GP SHORTAGES

I thought it would be helpful for me to write to *The Kuranda Paper* and hence to the people of Kuranda to update the situation at the Kuranda Medical Centre. Many patients will be aware that it is difficult to see a General Practitioner (GP) at present with long waiting times for an appointment. My sincere apologies for that, but please allow me to give you some background.

Deloitte Access Economic survey written in 2020 reported that there would be a lack of some 30,000 GPs in Australia by the year 2030. Unfortunately, because of COVID causing restrictions on new doctors moving to Australia, that date has been brought forward and is now manifesting in many rural practices, including Kuranda Medical Centre. In order to provide the numbers of GPs needed in Australia it requires some 45% of all medical graduates to opt into general practice as a career choice. Currently the percentage sits at some 14%. This low number of new GPs is compounded by an ageing GP population with many looking to retire in the next five years.

Kuranda Medical Centre like many rural medical centres is just struggling to recruit and retain GPs.

This medical centre, like any business, has to make money in order to cover its costs. This income is generated largely by the work of the doctors and if there are a few or no doctors then there is a little or no income. There are no plans the Kuranda Medical Centre will close in the immediate future, but the current state of affairs is certainly threatening the viability of this medical practice. We have a very dedicated team of doctors, nurses and reception staff who are all committed to the Kuranda Medical Centre and its patients, and it breaks our heart to see the current dwindling numbers of doctors and the threat to the long-term viability of the practice.

For a European doctor to move and work in general practice in New

Zealand or Canada takes roughly three months and would cost them some \$5000. That same move to Australia, to negotiate all the visa and registration hurdles, will often take some 18 months and cost that doctor \$25,000. Doctors are voting with their feet.

I, and senior colleagues in the Independent Practitioner Network, will lobby state and federal politicians to explain fully the dilemma of Kuranda Medical Centre and seek ongoing state and federal support to maintain the viability of the practice. Sometimes these requests fall on deaf ears.

So please do not blame the reception staff if you can't get an appointment. It is a problem in many, many, general practices across the country and we are working as hard as we can to try and ensure the viability of this medical centre.

Kuranda Medical Centre would like to thank the community for their patience whilst we are again experiencing a shortage of doctors. We hope to remedy this situation in the coming months.

The Kuranda Medical Centre is also looking for a casual Enrolled Nurse (EN) or Registered Nurse (RN) for a minimum of one permanent day per week, holiday and sick leave cover and a block period of 12 weeks in May to cover our RN who will be away. This cover will require 2-3 days per week. Please contact Lou at either Redlynch 4039 1255 or Kuranda 4093 7118.

Kind regards,

Dr. Dave Cuming, Senior GP, Kuranda Medical Centre

BIG WALK FOR REFUGEES

10,000 refugees who have been living in our communities for 10 years still live in limbo, awaiting the resolution of their asylum applications. BIG WALK 4 REFUGEES is a virtual walk around Australia whereby people in all states and territories can show their active support for these people to finally be able to call Australia home.

We will be walking in the footsteps of refugees and asylum seekers who walked and cycled doggedly to Canberra in 2023 to share their experiences with Australians. You can download the app and walk (or cycle or swim...) individually, form a team, or join the Cairns for Refugees team.

For more information and to join the walk go to

www.bigwalk4refugees.au/about.

Cairns for Refugees invite you to join the culminating Cairns finale of their team walk on the Esplanade on Palm Sunday 24 March. We will meet at the Pirate Ship playground on the north end of the Esplanade at 3.45pm for a 4pm start to the Lagoon and back, in solidarity with refugees.

Keila Waksvik, for Cairns for Refugees, Kuranda branch

COVID BOOSTERS NOT AVAILABLE IN KURANDA

While older people are most at risk of severe COVID-19 disease, Chief Health Officers both state and federal are urging people aged over 75 years to have the new booster targeting the latest Omnicron variant. But these are not available locally in Kuranda.

On inquiry, Kuranda Medical Centre as part of the national IPN network, confirm they are not participating in COVID boosters, while Kuranda Pharmacy advise they have nobody trained to give boosters. Mulunga Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service on Thongon Street say that Cyclone Jasper blackouts caused the loss of all local vaccine stocks, and it's unknown how long Kuranda will be without.

In response to queries, the office of local Member for Barron River, Craig Crawford MP, revealed that Alive Pharmacy at Smithfield Shopping Centre is the nearest place to get the new booster, though it's noticeably difficult to get to for some who already find it difficult to even get into Kuranda township. To get a booster if elderly or immune-suppressed, you must book ahead for this free service at Alive Pharmacy 3038 1385 or online www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services

Name supplied, 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.

Advertisement sizes and rates

[width x height in mm]

A - 262x380 (full page)	\$635
B - 174x380 (dominant)	\$435
C - 129x380 (1/2 page vertical)	\$345
D - 262x188 (1/2 page horiz)	\$345
E - 85x380 (1/3 page vertical)	\$245
F - 129x188 (1/4 page)	\$185
G - 262x124 (large strip)	\$245
H - 262x60 (small strip)	\$140
I - 129x124	\$140
J - 85x188	\$140
K - 85x124	\$100
L - 85x60 (business card)	\$65

Advertisers

All artwork, images and logos to be supplied in high resolution (300dpi), CMYK colour mode, and in the correct size (see left for advertisement sizes).

Acceptable formats: PDF, EPS, JPG or TIFF.

In-house design services are available for an additional fee.

Advertisements booked for 3 months and paid for in advance are eligible for a 10% discount.

Stockists - A free copy is delivered to every postal box and street mail delivery in the Kuranda district (postcode 4881). If you don't receive a copy please contact the Kuranda Post Office. The current edition of *The Kuranda Paper* can be viewed online at kurandapaper.com, along with back issues. In addition you can pick up a hard copy of *The Kuranda Paper* at the following outlets:

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

(Thongon St), BP Service Station, Annabel's Pies (Therwine St), Honey House Kuranda (Therwine St).
KURANDA DISTRICT: Speewah Service Station, Koah Service Station.
MAREEBA: Piagno's News (Byrnes St), Mareeba Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre (Byrnes St), Mareeba News (Byrnes St)
TOLGA: The Humpty
ATHERTON: Atherton IGA (Silo Shopping Centre), Atherton Visitor Information Centre
SMITHFIELD: Totem Clothing (Smithfield Shopping Centre), Smithfield Library
CAIRNS: Cairns Library



Kuranda District State College Student Council

We are thrilled to announce that we will be representing Kuranda District State College as the College Captains for the 2024 academic year. As passionate individuals, we have been elected to serve as the voice of the student body, advocating for positive change, fostering a vibrant school spirit, and organising exciting events that will bring us all together.

Our aspirations for this year are to have a number of open days where our students' achievements are displayed and recognised. We plan to increase our involvement within the community by assisting with the many great events that take place, and we will continue to give our students a range and variety of opportunities and experiences for life after school and potential pathways.

As we embark on this new academic year, we are confident that our school will continue to flourish and thrive. By creating memories in a fun and positive environment, we hope our leadership, integrity, and dedication will leave a lasting impact on our school community.

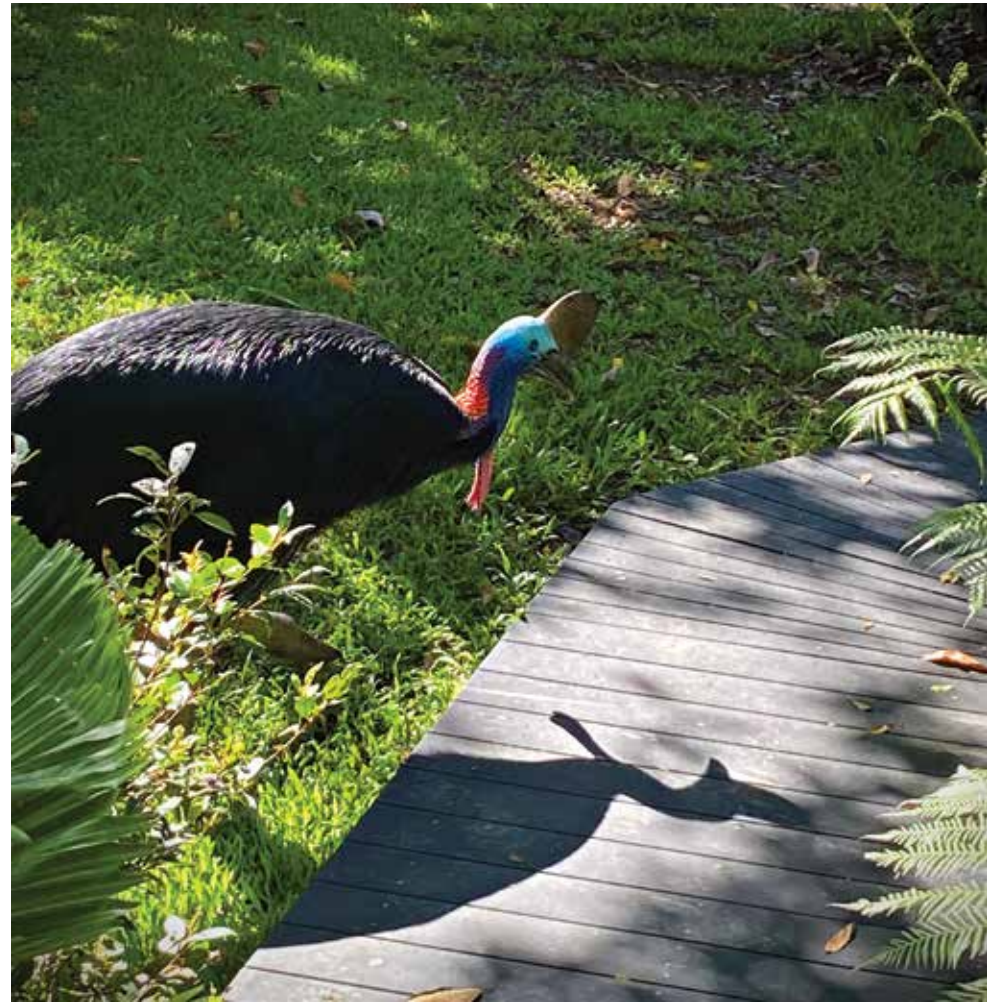
We look forward to this adventure and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of us, and we hope to see many of you this year.

Bella Baillie, Finn Clulow, Nathaniel Kapteyn and Sheena Jacobi



Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is a detail from an original painting *Birdwing on Scarlet Ginger* by Kuranda artist Candida (Candy) Raymond. Candy's art is inspired by her love of nature and colour, with subjects often drawn directly from her lush tropic garden. Her artwork is on display at the Kuranda Arts Co-op, located on the corner of Thongon and Coondoo streets, and also at @candyraymondart on Instagram.



Archie the Cassowary inspects his shadow on the Spring Haven BnB Kuranda boardwalk. Archie is a regular visitor to Spring Haven and the Kuranda Springs area. Photo: Nettie O'Connell

LA FONDA LATINA

Tacos
Empanadas
Plantain chips
Corn Fritters
Big breakfast
Omelette
Coffee
Fresh Juices







TRADITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN
FOOD, COFFEE AND FRESH JUICES

KURANDA ORIGINAL RAINFOREST MARKETS
OPEN WED-SUN
0410775175

BASED IN KURANDA



TLC TREE SERVICES

Family owned and operated

Damien Woodcock
Professional Arborist

📞 0408 150 734


✉ treelopperscairns@gmail.com 🌐 treelc.com.au

- Qualified Arborist
- Fully insured • Ergon authorised
- Qualified and highly experienced climber
- Free quotes and advice
- No job too big or too small

Experience ranging from small trees through to advanced rigging, crane work, block clearing and controlled tree removal.


We'll bring a little TLC to any project you undertake

Gorgeous Bamboo Shirts



10AM to 3PM EVERY DAY

Just Gorgeous

16 COOND00 ST. KURANDA • 4093 7508 

www.justgorgeous.net.au

QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

DANNY BIRD – INDEPENDENT

Mareeba is my family hometown, and I'm a MSC Councillor seeking re-election. I have had two terms of experience as a Councillor with my first term in Hughenden. So I fully understand how Council functions. Agriculture, Aviation, Mining, Heavy Machinery and Livestock are areas I'm competent in. This gives me experience to represent people across a wide range of areas.

My areas of interest include financial stability, shire growth, housing and roads, rates, rubbish. Rates being kept to an affordable level. I pay them as well. While advocating for aged care and youth crime.

Kuranda is the tourism gem of our diverse Shire and needs to grow and develop. A part of this is that we need to promote a high liveability factor as well.

The past term was, and will be, one of the hardest of terms for any Shire due to the COVID tale. As a Councillor I really only had two years to get around and see people.

Currently I'm in discussions with relevant groups to develop a strategy to improve the youth crime levels. Hopefully this will go forward.

I understand that some Kuranda area people are asking for a single candidate for that area. This sounds like a common sense approach, however I would urge you to investigate the options thoroughly. Personally I would not wish this on the people of Kuranda at all.

Presently I'm the MSC representative for the Speewah Residents Association. We have a great working relationship and achieve many community goals.
207 Martin Avenue, Mareeba 4880



NIPPER BROWN – INDEPENDENT

Edward (Nipper) Brown. Born in Mossman North Queensland. Raised in Julatten. After leaving school worked as a stockman in many locations before joining Telecom. Working in various locations from the Torres Straits, south to Mackay and west to Mt Isa, before moving back to the far North in 2000.

In 2004 started my own business.

Previously in Council from 2014-2020. Ran for Mayor in 2020 and lost. Through those years serving, the passion and desire to help all our communities and residents just got stronger.

While in Council I was on the Kuranda Community Precinct. I walked the Kuranda streets regularly. I helped at Koah's Small Halls Nights. Sponsored events at the Kuranda Pony club. I will always be available to meet or help.

I want:

- **Better communication and transparency.** I will work to establish regular public forums in a nominated neutral venue where all elected councillors attend and field questions from the floor.
- I will advocate for the livestreaming of council meetings.
- **Representation.** I will start the conversation surrounding the advantages to having divisions. Enabling Kuranda to have a representative at the table.
- **Safety/Crime reduction.** Work with locals, police, departments, state and federal members to search for a solution. Investigate and implement programs/activities.
- **Opportunities.** I will work to foster opportunities with tourism and events, utilising the facilities and talent we have in Kuranda.

Kuranda is integral to tourism and the gateway to our Shire. I will always advocate for the best outcome for Kuranda and its people.

3502 Dimbulah Road, Mutchilba 4872



MLADEN BOSNIC – INDEPENDENT

My parents were tobacco farmers at Emerald Creek after emigrating from Croatia in 1958 shortly after I was born. My three sisters and I completed schooling in Mareeba, after which I worked the family farm and at the local meatworks, before serving seven years in the Army Reserve.

With my Mutchilba-born wife Anna, we raised three girls, now grown up with successful careers.

Maintaining a passion for community service, in 1982 I joined the Australian Federal Police, enjoying a 34 year career as an investigator in Darwin, Canberra and Cairns.

Fourteen months with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority followed, before I returned to lychee farming at Emerald Creek.

I am involved in numerous community volunteer enterprises and sporting clubs, and am Chairperson of the Far Northern Volunteer Area Committee of Crime Stoppers.

What better way to serve the entire community than as a Councillor.

My priorities:

- Equitable distribution of all services and representation for constituents across the shire
- Financial stability
- Improved honest, transparent communication with constituents
- Crime reduction
- Micro management reduction

I have great interest in the sustainability of agriculture in our region, aware of challenges facing the industry including access to market, fair gate price for produce, employment, transport and infrastructure limitations, and water security for an expanding horticulture sector.

Always results driven, I am an attentive listener with a vested interest in creating a safe, prosperous and harmonious region in which to live and work.

I am the Choice for your Voice in Mareeba Shire.

425 Malone Road, Mareeba 4880



ROSS CARDILLO – INDEPENDENT

After many years of involvement in community organisations, issues and events, I have decided to nominate for the position of Councillor for Mareeba Shire Council at the Local Government election to be held on Saturday 16 March 2024.

As a farmer of seven years and former owner of my own Financial Planning Practice (30 years), I have negotiated and dealt with Local, State and Federal representatives of government over many years for various issues and achieved outcomes that have benefitted our community.

I believe the role of a Councillor is to set the direction and strategy for Mareeba Shire and if elected, that is what I intend to do.

I am the Chairperson of Mareeba and Communities Family Health Care a social enterprise/not-for-profit company that owns and operates the Mareeba Medical Clinic, the Black Cockatoo Foundation and Rural Health Training.

In 2017, I called a public meeting at the Mareeba International Club over the reduction in services at our Mareeba Hospital. This meeting proved to be the catalyst for change.

In 2021 the Mareeba Medical Clinic was purchased by Mareeba and Communities Family Health Care and in this time, we have employed two additional doctors to the Clinic.

Previous Community Involvement:

- Chairperson Mareeba and Districts Chamber of Commerce.
- Deputy Chair Tableland Economic Development Corporation.
- Chairperson Marketing Mareeba program.
- Chairperson Mareeba Shire Council Australia Day Committee.
- Deputy Chair Cairns Chapter Association of Financial Advisors.

326 Springs Road, Paddys Green, Mareeba 4880



AMY BRAES – INDEPENDENT

I am pleased to connect with the residents of Kuranda and surrounds, and to speak specifically about my connection, and commitment, to this area of the Mareeba Shire.

I was raised in Mareeba, and have fond memories of a bustling Kuranda, filled with tourists and locals, enjoying the spirit and environment of the Village in the Rainforest. The scenic train ride, the market stalls and the pride and performance of local dancers. Of course, as a youngster, I didn't understand the complex factors at play in the area; and I had no inkling to the depth and richness of the community.

Now, no longer a youngster, with a professional background in banking, operations, local government, and entrepreneurial leadership, I have been fortunate to connect with the community and local groups. This includes the Koah Sports & Social Club when the community management of the hall was negotiated and Koah's Ark was built; the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee when the 2017 Master Plan was developed; the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre and a number of local community services.

I know there is more to learn from the community, and I am willing to engage in genuine conversations with residents, business operators and local industries, to contribute to a thriving future.

I will question 'it's always been done that way' thinking and advocate for creative solutions to benefit the community.

90 Rozel Close, Mareeba 4880.



SHAQUILLE CHONG – INDEPENDENT

I, Shaquille Chong, am immensely honoured and proud to be contesting the seat of Councillor for Mareeba Shire Council at the election on 16 March 2024.

I was born in Mareeba and have strong family history ties across the whole Shire, which means I strongly value fairness in ensuring that all residents and towns will have equal opportunities for growth and development.

As a Solicitor, I will bring to the role as Councillor experienced advocacy and governance.

I believe that no one knows their communities' interests and needs more than the locals, that is why I value the skills of listening and open communication to ensure that I am representing the pressing issues and concerns diligently.

Kuranda has many issues unique to their geographic location and has socio-economic considerations that vary from much of the balance of the Shire and I will ensure everyone is listened to and represented.

Maintenance is one example of a pressing issue, with overgrown grass and vegetation, including the need for maintenance on roads and walking paths. The current state of the skate park needs immediate repairs, including the Recreation Centre and the need for recycling bins. Kuranda is one of the main tourism attractions across the Shire, I believe the residents, businesses and organisations deserve to feel proud about their town and its upkeep.

If elected, I would like to hold an immediate community forum to prioritise local issues, including tourism to set a strategic plan to ensure accountability and socio-economic prospects.

Unit 1/1A Langton Avenue, Mareeba 4880



CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILLORS FOR MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL

KEVIN DAVIES – INDEPENDENT

I have served two terms on Mareeba Shire Council, taking the Deputy Mayoral role on in 2020.

In this time, we have significant projects completed to improve Infrastructure Shire-wide, from water and sewerage main upgrades and road improvements including bridges to improving our parks and open spaces.

If successful in being re-elected in the 16 March election I would like to see increased funding for maintaining facilities, parks and open spaces, roads and critical sewerage and water infrastructure.

I believe we must look at our tourist reliant towns and what perception we would like tourists to walk away with. Maintaining funding to keep our assets to an acceptable standard will be a priority.

We want everyone to be proud to live, work and stay in our vast Shire taking in all its beauty from the outback to the rainforest.

Maintaining our financial sustainability is also a high priority, while trying to keep rates to a minimum and services to an acceptable level.

I will continue to lobby relevant Government Ministers and Departments to obtain funding to improve services within Mareeba Shire.

If elected I will continue to work with other elected members for the betterment of "All Mareeba Shire"

8 Eli Close, Mareeba 4880



LEONIE WITTENBERG – INDEPENDENT

New candidate for Councillor in the Mareeba Shire, Leonie Wittenberg, has been working closely with farmers in the Mareeba-Dimbulah irrigation area for 20 years and would like to balance the Shire's industrial wealth to also benefit residents working outside of the scheme. Many businesses are thriving in tourism and cottage industries but residents feel disconnected. Kuranda businesses face crime issues but with very few services available, the residents live in a daytime mecca that shuts down at night. Residential development puts more pressure on Council to deliver community spaces, facilities and supportive structures to dignify the aging population and next generations.

"My vision is for a unified community working together to ensure that Council makes valid decisions and delivers on their duty of regulation. Cultural diversity and gaps created by the seasonal demands of tourism and farming require commitment to education and skills acquisition."

"My travels around the tropical north of Australia and overseas have given me a greater understanding of the difficulties we face living remotely in a huge shire with a small population and enormous forces of nature. If elected as Councillor, I intend to bring the knowledge and experience I have gained through travel, education, and industry, to deliver the same high ethical standards and customer service that I currently employ in my own business as a pest scout, by gathering information and applying it to provide practical solutions."

119 McMillan Road, Mareeba 4880



MARY GRAHAM – INDEPENDENT

As a current Councillor, I am privileged to serve residents of Mareeba Shire – of which Kuranda plays a major part – through many challenges over the last four years, COVID, recent flooding and the loss of the State government's KIA funding.

Proven sound business, corporate and community skills have enabled me to assist in building Kuranda and the rest of our Shire into a sound, financially sustainable organisation.

As the Shire's entry point, Kuranda is critical in providing an attractive, unique environment where residents, business owners and visitors can work, live and play.

It is timely to be reminded of some of the Council's activities in and around Kuranda during the past four years in which I've been a part.

- New Kuranda Cemetery
- Update of the Barron Falls Walking Track
- Centenary Park Playground Upgrade
- Installation of the popular Way Finding Signage
- Installation of Solar at the Kuranda Aquatic Centre and at the Kuranda Water Treatment Plant
- Containers for Change recycling site

In all, approximately \$10 million of expenditure for Kuranda and environs on the part of your Council.

Servicing Mareeba Shire residents and their diverse needs has been critical components in getting Mareeba Shire Council to a sound financial position, which now puts us on the cusp of a sound future.

I believe there's more to be done and that Experience REALLY counts.

To that end, I will remain accessible...reliable...and accountable, and I seek your voting support on 16 March to keep Kuranda and the Mareeba Shire moving ahead.

55 Avolio Drive, Mareeba 4880



LENORE WYATT – INDEPENDENT

I would just like to start by reconfirming my unwavering dedication to community and sustainability, for Kuranda and surrounding areas.

With an extensive experience of eight-years as one of your councillors, I remain a steadfast advocate for residents across the shire, always championing various local community groups and initiatives.

One of my notable points of advocacy extends to promoting recycling to emphasise responsible waste management for the future shire's well-being.

I actively engage with the community to implement environmentally sustainable practices, translating my passion into tangible actions.

My diverse interests are evident through my active involvement in various committees, including my pivotal role as chair of the newly formed Mareeba Shire Tourism.

I endeavor to leverage tourism as an economic catalyst, underscoring my commitment to the shire's prosperity.

My continued advocacy for public art contributes significantly to enhancing the shire's cultural vibrancy, reflecting a multifaceted approach to community development.

In my role on Councils Traffic Advisory committee, I develop relationships with representatives from Transport and Main Roads as well as Queensland police to advocate re the pressing issues all across our Shire. In relation to Kuranda and surrounds, that is definitely the Barron Bridge at Kuranda and the persistent delays on the Kuranda Range.

My leadership style is one of passion, enthusiasm, and effective communication, relating to people from all walks of life.

With my sights set on the Deputy Mayor nomination, I promise to continue to be a driver of positive change and sustainability within the Mareeba Shire.

RN268 Hodzic Road, Bibohra 4880



MARIO MLIKOTA – INDEPENDENT

With approximately 24,000 people living in 15 different communities each as deserving as the next and each with its own unique, distinct character and proud heritage spread over an area of approximately 54,000 square kilometres—this is our Mareeba Shire.

Maintaining our Asset Base of some 2300 kilometres of Council roads (1650 are unsealed), bridges, footpaths, water and waste pump plants, 10 waste transfer stations, parks and open spaces, cemeteries and much more is challenging with such a small rate base.

With an annual budget of some \$85 million Council has continued to remain Financially Sustainable, delivering essential services for our GROWING, CONFIDENT & SUSTAINABLE SHIRE.

Preserving and maintaining Kuranda's status as the 'Village in the Rainforest' offering unique tourist experiences by delivering the required level of service a tourist destination deserves should continue to be a key objective of Council.

Conserving the natural environment and renewing ageing infrastructure is critical, while providing additional lighting for Coondoo Street and park areas for safety and security reasons is necessary. An 'ENTRANCE STATEMENT' to Kuranda, improved accessibility for the aged and disabled from Skyrail to the village, additional seating, shelter, toilets and other facilities will enhance tourist experiences.

I care about people. I care about community. Having the desire and conviction to serve and help others has guided me in life's journey thus far. It has been an honour to have served you for the past four years and it would be a privilege to serve you for another four.

24 Morrow Street, Mareeba 4880



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Mareeba Shire Council has a total of seven elected councillor positions, these being the Mayor and six other Councillors. Please note that Mayor Angela Toppin was unopposed for this upcoming election, so there will be no Mayoral vote required.

The other six Councillor positions will be decided on a compulsory preferential vote and voters must number SIX boxes for their vote to be valid.

The Kuranda Paper offered equal space to each of the Councillor candidates to address voters. We have published these profiles in alphabetical order.

VOTING IN THE KURANDA DISTRICT

KURANDA EARLY VOTING CENTRE

Kuranda CWA – 20 Thongon Street, Kuranda

Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March 9am–5pm
Monday 11 March to Thursday 14 March 9am–5pm
Friday 15 March 9am–6pm

KURANDA ELECTION DAY VOTING CENTRES

Kuranda CWA – 20 Thongon Street, Kuranda – 8am–6pm

Speewah Fire Shed (Election Day only) – corner Speewah Road and William Smith Drive, Speewah – 8am–6pm

For information on voting at other venues, including Mareeba, Smithfield and Cairns, please visit the Electoral Commission of Queensland website www.ecq.qld.gov.au



The Speewah District Residents Association

Meet the Candidates at Speewah

With the upcoming Council election on 16 March, the Speewah District Resident Association (SDRA) will facilitate a **Meet the Candidates** session at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade training room on Monday 4 March at 6pm. This provides the candidates, who are standing to represent us as Mareeba Shire Councillors, an opportunity to chat about what they offer the community. We welcome Speewah (including Cardinia Estate) residents to join this consultative session and congratulate all candidates for offering their time, energy, and passion for such an important job connecting community with local government.

General Meeting

Also, the SDRA will hold a general meeting at 6pm on 11 March at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade training room and welcome members old and new. As per usual, if you have any specific issues that you would like to discuss, please email our secretary, Jo Garbellini at jgarbell15@gmail.com to add them to the agenda. We thank the fire brigade for use of their facilities for meetings and other community sessions and remind attendees that there is no public liability insurance there.

SDRA Connecting Community

The SDRA hosted a session for a presentation about electric ant infestations at Speewah and mitigation actions by a team from the Electric Ant Eradication Project on 13 February at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade training room. Jess Conroy from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) shared the links for the interactive map of the location of electric ant infestation and for the free yard checks information. They are:

Map: daf.qld.gov.au/electricantmap

Free yard check register link: daf.qld.gov.au/anthunt

SDRA Management Committee –
Annie Austin, Charlotte de Doger Speville and Jo Garbellini

ADVERTISEMENT

EXPERIENCE really counts

**VOTE 1
Mary
GRAHAM**



for **YOUR Mareeba Shire Councillor** and 5 others of your choice.

**YOUR VOTE WILL CONTINUE
MAREEBA SHIRE'S GREAT FUTURE**

With your support ... there's much more to achieve

Modern day Council responsibilities are greater than Rates ... Roads ... and Rubbish ... There's also Health and Services, Community Facilities, Culture and Libraries, Waste, Waste Water and Water, Parks and Environment and so much more ... and THAT'S where EXPERIENCE REALLY COUNTS!

Mary Graham is Accessible ... Reliable ... Accountable

LET'S KEEP MAREEBA SHIRE MOVING AHEAD

Authorised by Mary Graham, Candidate, 55 Avolio Drive, Mareeba

ADVERTISEMENT



Nipper

BROWN

Edward Brown (Nipper)

FOR MAREEBA SHIRE

Committed to be YOUR local representative!

Authorised by E K Brown. 3502 Dimbulah Road, Mareeba 4880.

ADVERTISEMENT

**Lenore
Wyatt**



✔ **Community**

✔ **Opportunity**

✔ **Accountability**

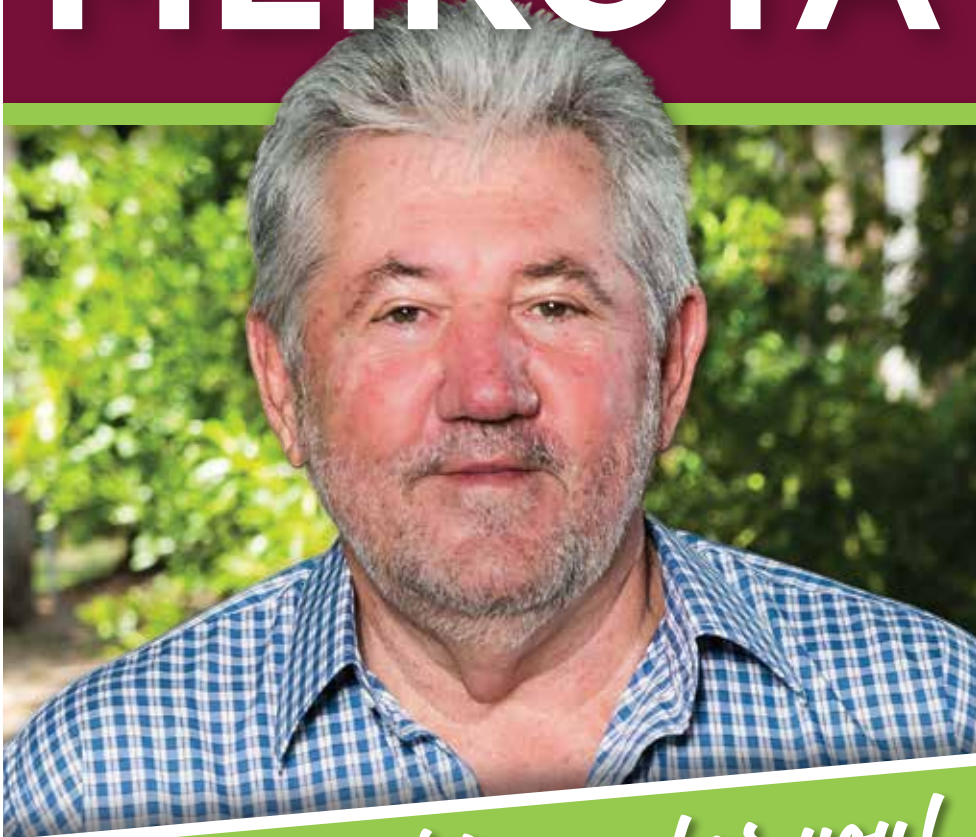
MAREEBA SHIRE

Authorised by Lenore Wyatt, RN268 Hodzic Road, Bibbohra

ADVERTISEMENT

Mario MLIKOTA

VOTE 1



Working with you, for you!

Authorised by M. Mlikota
24 Morrow Street, Mareeba Qld 4880

APPROACHABLE • TRANSPARENT • COMMITTED

VOTE AMY BRAES

as

1

of your
preferred
candidates for
Mareeba Shire
Council.

LOCAL.
DEDICATED.
DRIVEN.

Authorised by Amy Braes,
90 Rozel Close, Mareeba.



ADVERTISEMENT

VOTE 1 KEVIN DAVIES

and 5 of your choice

- Ross Cardillo
- Shaquille Chong
- Daniel Bird
- Mladen Bosnic
- Mario Mlikota
- Leonie Wittenberg
- Amy Braes
- Nipper Brown
- Mary Graham

**You must number
6 squares to
make your
vote count**

1 KEVIN DAVIES

Lenore Wyatt



Authorised by K. Davies,
8 Eli Close, Mareeba 4880

ADVERTISEMENT



Kevin DAVIES

for Mareeba Shire

Working for ALL Mareeba Shire

Authorised by K. Davies, 8 Eli Close, Mareeba 4880

ROAD REPAIRS AFTER TC JASPER AND FLOODING

A total of 190 roads have sustained damage, which is approximately half of all roads in the Shire. Council's road crew of 34 staff members have been working tirelessly with contractors to inspect damage, restore basic practical access and make emergency repairs to the road network. With the scale of the damage, it is likely we will feel the impact of this event for at least the next 18 to 24 months. The photos below were taken in December 2023 and January 2024.



Jarawee Road



Little Road



Ganyan Drive



Mona Mona Road

QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Queensland Local Government elections are on **Saturday, 16 March 2024** and early voting will be between **Monday, 4 March and Friday, 15 March 2024**. Visit the [Queensland Electoral Commission's](https://www.elections.qld.gov.au) website or call 1300 881 665 for further information about ways to vote and where to vote.

Mareeba Shire Council has a total of seven Councillors, including the Mayor. Mareeba Shire residents will be voting to fill six positions for the Councillors. As Angela Toppin was the only nominee for the position of Mayor, no election for this position will be held.

LEARN ABOUT THE COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

There are 11 candidates for Councillor positions for Mareeba Shire in the 2024 Queensland Local Government election.



Please scan the QR Code or visit Council's website to learn more about the candidates.

BE WHEELIE WISE

Council collects an average of 106 tonnes of kerbside waste across the Shire per week.

- You can help us by being Wheelie Wise
- Place your bin on the kerb the night before collection day
 - Ensure your bin is accessible to the waste truck
 - Keep the weight of your bin less than 70kg
 - Close the lid of your bin
 - Keep at least one metre of space between each bin on the kerb
 - Ensure your rubbish is contained in the bin and does not fall onto the ground when tipped into the truck



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE



Council has partnered with Mareeba Recycling and Containers for Change to increase recycling options in Kuranda. Five new street bins have now been installed in the CBD.

Funds raised from the eligible containers in the street bins will go towards the Mayor's Christmas Appeal, which supports organisations to help community members during the festive season.

The Containers for Change bag drop was installed at the Arara Street recycling station earlier this year.

Residents can bag, tag and drop their recycling here to cash in on their containers or donate to a charity registered with Containers for Change.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Fines over \$2000 apply for illegal dumping

Please help to keep our Shire clean by reporting illegal dumping to Council on 1300 308 461 or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

Reports can also be lodged online at the Department of Environment and Science website or email illegaldumping@des.qld.gov.au.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE - MAREEBA SHIRE

Assistance is available to residents, businesses and industry impacted by TC Jasper and the subsequent flooding. Visit Council's website or scan the QR code for the latest information on recovery assistance.



COMMUNITY RECOVERY CONNECT WORKERS

Community Recovery Connect Workers (CRCW) have been appointed to support flood-affected residents in the recovery from the flooding events of December 2023.

Funded by the Department of Communities, these roles are based at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and Mareeba Community Centre.

Whether it is linking you with services, funding or items and equipment, the CRCW provides a flexible, one-stop-shop to support all residents who were affected.

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre
Jade Falvo and Eleanor Gilkerson
communityconnectknc@outlook.com
07 4093 8933

Mareeba Community Centre
Siale Jenkins
siale.jenkins@mccinc.org.au
07 4092 1948 or 0490 109 101

1300 308 461 | info@msc.qld.gov.au | www.msc.qld.gov.au | [MareebaShireCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/MareebaShireCouncil)

REPORT YELLOW CRAZY ANTS

CALL: 1800 CRAZY ANT

p | 4241 0525 | e | yca@wtma.qld.gov.au
w | wettropics.gov.au/yellow-crazy-ants | facebook | [@ycaawettropics](https://www.facebook.com/ycaawettropics)



Advertisement

BOOK YOUR FREE YARD CHECK

Queensland *Good jobs Better services Great lifestyle*



Stop the spread of electric ants

13 25 23

daf.qld.gov.au/anthunt



Queensland Government

New Apple iMac Computer for *The Kuranda Paper*

Congratulations to the hardworking volunteers at *The Kuranda Paper*, who have been providing local news and updates to the community for almost 33 years. This certainly is a significant milestone and I thank the team for keeping the community updated and informed.

I was pleased to sponsor *The Kuranda Paper* with a timely donation to purchase a brand-new Apple iMac computer to ensure that Kuranda residents continue to receive relevant updates about their community. Their old computer has been significantly affected by the wet weather and storms experienced over the Christmas period. This is a substantial donation from my office this financial year, but I value the important role that our local news outlets have in keeping the community connected. I also appreciate the volunteers at *The Kuranda Paper* who support their community and promote Kuranda to the wider world in print and online through their website – which makes available all editions dating back to July 1991 – a great historical record.

\$580,000 for Steiner School

The Queensland Government provides capital assistance to non-state schools through programs that significantly ease the costs associated with infrastructure requirements.

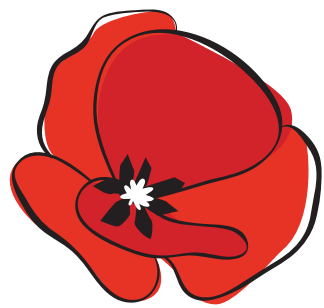
The Cairns Hinterland Steiner School at Boyles Road will receive \$580,000 to construct a new amenities block, ensuring that students have access to dignified bathroom facilities. This funding is part of a \$1.35 million investment in the school by the Queensland Government. No matter what type of learning young people are engaged in, the Queensland Government is committed to providing quality facilities that help young people remain engaged in education and community life.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund – \$100,000

Applications for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Super Round open this month. Up to \$100,000 is available for not-for-profit groups and clubs to deliver services, leisure activities and opportunities for their community. As always, I'm pleased to be nominated as a referee on your clubs' application – please get in touch with my office to keep me informed of your groups' plans.



Craig Crawford – Member for Barron River
 Phone – (07) 4229 0100
 Email – barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au
 Social Media – @CraigCrawfordMP



ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2024 IN KURANDA

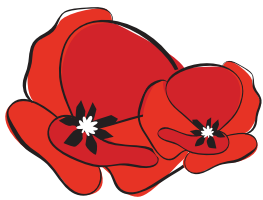
Thursday 25 April 2024 will be the 109th anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (Anzac) landings on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Broadly, Anzac Day now commemorates all Australian and New Zealanders who fought and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

The Kuranda RSL Sub Branch will again host a Dawn Service at the Kuranda Railway Station on 25 April at 5.30am and the Anzac March through the village at 10.15am, culminating with a service and wreath laying in Centenary Park at 10.30am.

If you would like to participate in commemorative wreath laying or wish to participate in the ceremony, please mark your diary and let us know by mid-March to enable forward planning.

Contact President, **Craig 0421 588 714** or Secretary, **Graham 0418 789 173**.



RSL
Kuranda Sub Branch

NEW KURANDA RSL SUB BRANCH COMMITTEE

The new 2024 committee for the Kuranda RSL Sub Branch.

L-R: Eddie Bligh – Treasurer, Craig Kerr – President and Graham Fowles – Secretary.



KURANDA POLICE UPDATE

MARCH 2024



Greetings from the Kuranda Police.

Kuranda Police is proud to have received a Police vehicle displaying the *Look to the Stars* artwork. *Look to the Stars* is a shared story that is told through the elements of the artwork, the story and artwork were created in collaboration with a working group consisting of individuals from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Nations backgrounds. With this group developing a collective narrative acknowledging the past, present and creating a united message for the future. “As we look to the stars, the Guiding Constellation lights up the sky, illuminating our way forward through trust, relationships and respect.”

Each element of the artwork holds deep meaning and is representative of the past, present and the future we all strive for. The three primary stars that form the Guiding Constellation and the primary central aspect of the artwork as seen on the vehicle, represent the core principles upon which we must act “Trust”, “Relationships”, “Respect”. The darker elements represent the past, acknowledging that there is a dark past that must not be forgotten or repeated. The brighter elements represent the present, our courage to listen, fairness from our learnings and pride in our actions, a reminder to continue to work together for a better tomorrow learning from the today. Kuranda Police is proud to display the artwork, and is proud to serve the Kuranda community. If you wish to learn more about the story told through the artwork you are encouraged to visit www.looktothestars.mypolice.qld.gov.au.

The vehicle will be formally presented to the Kuranda First Nations Community on 12 March 2024, with First Nations Elders, Community Support Agencies and Organisations that contribute to and foster the ongoing support of the greater First Nations Community invited to attend. Not only to formally present the vehicle to the community, but to acknowledge the unique ongoing contributions that are made to create a better tomorrow for all.

Ashley Stephenson, Acting Sergeant Officer in Charge, Kuranda Police Station



KOAH MARKETS



Koah Hall, 322 Koah Road. First Sat each month. March - December

Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News

FIRE MANAGEMENT – WET TROPICS BIOREGION NATIVE FORESTS

OVERVIEW

Fire management of wet sclerophyll and open woodlands occurs every year on State owned land around our communities. Adjoining landowners are encouraged to learn about the program and participate to ensure full coverage of the broader landscape areas.

Forests that require fire management are divided to form a mosaic effect across the landscape. This effect also creates fire breaks between areas recently burned and those areas with more fuel; thereby reducing the overall risk of an out of control wildfire at the wrong time of the year.

The fire regime on the open woodland areas is over a cycle of 2 to 3 years and only conducted when local conditions are moist and cool with low wind. Tall wet forests (or wet sclerophyll) take longer to cure for ignition as they are higher in the landscape and up against the rainforest.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and Buluwai Rangers are tasked with the following considerations every year during the fire season: when the country was last burned, current fuel loads, ground moisture, temperature and relative humidity.

“Monitoring over the last 20 years shows the Lamb Range population of northern bettongs is stable and healthy. One of the main reasons for this is a fire regime has been implemented that promotes grassy understoreys, and a mosaic of fire ages designed to improve habitat quality and ensures adequate vegetation cover to limit predation by cats.” Dr Alexander Watson, Regional Ecologist, Australian Wildlife Conservancy

IGNITION TYPES

The type of ignition for fire management can be ground or aerial. Both types of ignition are conducted by qualified rangers either: on the ground driving and



Northern Bettong and Rangers at Davies Creek
Photo: Nicolas Rakotopare, TSRB



Above: Buluwai Rangers monitoring ground ignition. Photo: QPWS
Above right: Aerial ignition from helicopter. Photo: QPWS



walking on fire trails, or from a helicopter. Which ignition type used is a strategic decision by rangers based on urgency of fuel load reduction, local weather conditions and timing of the fire season. Every year is different!

THE RESULTS

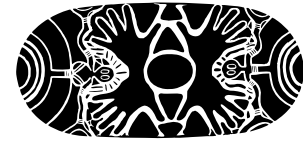


Above: Left side of the trail has been burned regularly since 2017. On the right side of the trail the woodland communities are being choked with native trees behaving like weeds. Photo: QPWS

Right: Young **Bulyan** Northern Forest Grass trees (*Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*) in flower in August at Koah. Photo: Koah resident)

“Returning regular burning practices to Bilwon, burning done in the right way, the benefits are being seen on Country through kangaroos coming back to the area.”

Willie Brim, Buluwai Elder, Cultural Custodian, Fire Practitioner



BULUWAI
LAND PEOPLE CULTURE WATER FLORA FAUNA ARTEFACTS
INDIGENOUS CORPORATION



office@buluwai.org
www.buluwai.org

Lands and Waters Cultural Management Series
Buluwai Indigenous Corporation
www.buluwai.org



GRUBERS BECKETT
Chartered Accountants

open weekdays 8.30am to 5pm

**INCOME TAX
SUPERANNUATION
ACCOUNTING
ASSET PROTECTION
BOOK KEEPING
WEALTH CREATION
AUDIT**

4092 1244

mareeba@grubersbeckett.com.au

143 BYRNES STREET MAREEBA 4880



**SPEEWAH COUNTRY
TAVERN**

07 4093 0055

**38 Speewah Road
Speewah**

- Bistro
- Takeaway Pizza
- Bar
- Pool
- Convenience Store
- Cabins
- Stockfeed
- Laundromat
- Cheap fuel

Meals and Takeaway Pizza
from 5.30pm

OPEN 7 DAYS!

Speewah Country Tavern

speewahcountrytavern.com.au

A Grinter's Tale

On February 25 in 1972, my convent school experienced its third bomb hoax in as many days.

I remember thinking how inconsiderate the culprit was for choosing lunchtime when, probably because of the freezing cold February temperatures, we were inside playing cat's cradle, swapping lunchbox items or gossiping. It would have been better if it was mid-afternoon, during physics, although I probably would have got the blame if there had been an ensuing explosion, as that branch of science was definitely not my forté and everyone knew it.

We were all evacuated into the icy cold playground, about 450 girls in blue tunics atop white shirts and stripey ties, bare thighed above long grey socks and lace-up shoes, teeth chattering uncontrollably as we attempted to follow Sister Mary Joseph in prayer.

The uninhabited (that was my word for teachers not wearing nuns' habits) were in conflagration with the police, while a clutch of other nuns, including the big boss, Reverend Mother Therese, swarmed around us like a pack of black and white working collies herding sheep. Every now and then, one would stop and cross herself (nun that is, not sheep), before turning back to her flock and taking up on the prayer.

I don't think we were praying for our safety, I somehow recall it was for the redemption of the perpetrator, and the protection of the nuns' stash of alcohol in their dining room behind the school canteen that we girls had discovered when made to clean the school and convent in the school holidays.

I reckon we were all pretty confident no-one would blow up a school load of good girls, that would be too great a loss to the world, although at least we would depart this world as budding angels, not yet scarred by life on the outside. My mother might well contest that point though.

There was no workplace health and safety in place in those days, and I am surprised that we weren't sent back in for our rosaries. I would have gone back in for my coat without a second thought.

So you see, bomb hoaxes did happen in prehistoric times. I had forgotten all about it, but this is the joy of keeping a diary for most of your life.

Looking back to the 21st February 1972, the day of the first call, I had entered, "Jennifer's friend, Derek, phoned the school with a bomb hoax at 2.25pm". Eeek, I knew the perpetrator!

Jennifer Constable was a schoolfriend and fellow horse rider, and she was more than a bit odd. But I suppose who am I to talk?

From memory Derek was some blow-in boyfriend who was a heck of a lot older than Jennifer and maybe caught the 'odd virus' while stalking her. I vaguely recall she told us later that it was him, and that he told her he would do it for a joke. So hopefully that doesn't make me complicit.



On the 23rd though, I wrote "Another bomb hoax today – nothing to do with Derek this time". How did I know that? Heaven knows. Was there some indication the voice was different? I vaguely remember someone saying the subsequent calls were from overseas.

The following day it seems we had a fire drill. A bit late really. On the 25th I recorded "Another bomb hoax at lunch time".

Funnily enough Jennifer became a police officer, known of course, as Constable Constable.

I'm eager for more memories now, so I am flicking back through my five year diary from the 1970s.

Now here's a fairly normal diary entry from the 1970s... "School. Chucked Mark. Went to Sal's to see baby rabbits. Saw Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid". Poor Mark, although he'll never know how lucky he is. I didn't meet Robert Redford and Paul Newman either, sadly. The movie was released in 1969, but there followed a TV series in the 1970s.

There are so many complete understatement, but I suppose I only had four lines to account for each day.

"After work, went to Peter's. Went for a drive in the country near Braintree and crashed into a ditch." In fact, the burgundy coloured Mini, Peter's pride and joy, skidded off a corner into a ditch. We maintained what felt like terminal velocity along the ditch at a 45 degree angle, until a large tree branch at the end of the ditch stabbed the windscreen, spearing the car from front to back like a kebab skewer, bringing it to a halt inches away from a big duck pond.

By some miracle, the branch went straight between us, and although covered and scratched by glass and smaller branches and twigs, and still at an angle with me on the lower side, we both got out, no glass in our eyes, or broken limbs. The only injury was a huge scratch on my nose, and for Peter, his pride.

But the lesson there is, if you put the basics in your diary, the whole scene comes flooding back in amazing detail like a series of photos. I can remember the yellow jumper Peter had on, his too-short trousers and pale coloured socks. I even recall studying Peter's long fingers as he lifted his hand to the radio dial the moment before we left the road. I never got in a Mini after that and the too short trousers and pale socks spelled the end of a teenage 'romance'.

Just saw this as I was closing the diary. March 3, 1973 "Ruth and her mother came in the afternoon (sicked up my Chinese meal from last night)."

That's a forgettable, though unerasable entry. I wonder if I made both mother and daughter sick after cooking a Chinese meal the night before, or I was sick in front of them? I have to say, the images from that one don't immediately come to mind, but I think maybe that might be a case of dissociative amnesia. I don't know who Ruth was, so I probably didn't make a good impression. Anyway, I hope she has dissociative amnesia too.

VACANCY

Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce (Kuranda) Coordinator

The Yellow Crazy Ants Community Taskforce coordinator will drive community outreach, run the Yellow Crazy Ants (YCA) volunteer programme and work towards the discovery of, and assist with the containment, monitoring and treatment of, the invasive ant infestations in the Kuranda area. This will be done in conjunction with the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) YCA Eradication Program team.

The aims of the coordinator role are:

- to co-ordinate the community volunteer task force to undertake on-ground activities in alignment with the WTMA YCA eradication program
- to further engage the landholders and community in protecting their patch
- to raise awareness of this invasive species within the wider local and regional community

This contract position is funded for 25 hours a week and involves both weekday and weekend work. To obtain more information on the position and apply, please email info@envirocare.org.au with your contact details.

Applications close Monday 4 March 2024.



18 YEARS OF LOCAL SALES

My Sole Focus is ... You!
Great Results + Feedback

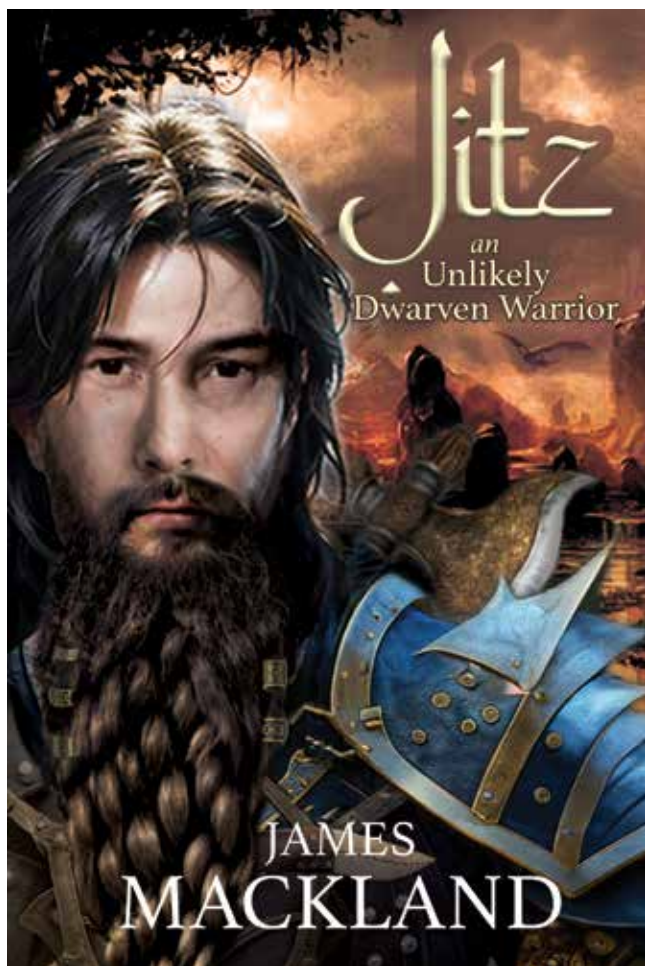
Yes, Time Flies ... Lets Chat!

Call Vik For an Obligation Free Appraisal,
You'll be Glad You Did!

0414 999 687

koah
REALTY

Local Author and Local Artist Collaboration



Jitz an Unlikely Dwarven Warrior is based on three Australian Army soldiers that I had the privilege to serve alongside in Afghanistan in 2016-17. The book is fantasy-based on elves, dwarves, humans and Dragons and of course a multitude of dark enemies that threaten the Alliance.

Jitz, the main character, is of human origin but was adopted by the dwarves recently after his birth and he was brought up as one, completing his schooling and then joining the Dwarven Army, and latterly becoming the Kings personal spy and assassin. It was on one of his return trips through the Elven Kingdom where he was attacked by a dark elven tracker ghoul and was saved by an elven warrior, the Lady Endoween, an elf that through the ages to come would become his only love interest. Both being bonded to southern human kingdom Dragons and becoming Dragon riders. Them and a close group of warriors would go on to become famous and leading riders within the Order of Drakontos Kavalaris, that would fight in the wars together, defending the Alliance.

I was lucky enough to bump into Jenny Lane (aka Fairy

Jenny) when I was writing this first book of the trilogy and I had asked her who she used to do her artwork for her business The Magical Lane. It was Fairy Jenny who introduced me to another local legend and outstandingly talented artist, Kirty Bell, who has completed the cover for *Jitz an Unlikely Dwarven Warrior* and has been commissioned to do the artwork for book two in the trilogy *Jitz and the Dark Alliance*, which is being edited and proofread now. The books are available on Amazon and Kindle only at this stage.

My family has resided in Kuranda for eight years and because of my frequent postings and overseas deployments, this is only my fourth year since retiring from the Australian Regular Army. I live with my wife Angela and my two daughters Naomi and Caitlin at the Top of the Range, so as local as you can get. We love this area having emigrated from Scotland in 2007. Kuranda is the only place that we have ever felt at home in our numerous postings. We love our village.

Kind regards, Jim Mackland

Left: "Jitz an Unlikely Dwarven Warrior" book cover artwork by Kirty Bell – Instagram @kirtybellart

Change of Day and Change of Baton for Kuranda Writers Group!

Hi Kuranda writers,

The Kuranda Writers Group (KWG) has decided to change the Writers Day from every second Thursday to every second Monday of the month.

I hope this will make it easier for folk to access the Writers Group meet-ups who have not been able to before. Also I am stepping down as coordinator of KWG and Eve Stafford is stepping into the role. Thank you Eve.

I find I have too many other conflicting demands on my time at the moment, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the year gone meeting up to practice and discuss writing.

I encourage anyone who is thinking of writing, or is writing, or even just scribbles ideas on napkins, to come along to the Kuranda Library on the second Monday of the month for practice, encouragement, laughter and just great conversations.

Warm regards, Rachael

KWG next meet-up is on 11 March 2024 at the Kuranda Library 10-12pm.

May You Walk in Beauty

Rachael Kelly
0435 001 156

JOIN US ON 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE KURANDA LIBRARY



FOR WRITERS AND ASPIRING WRITERS

OF FICTION, NON-FICTION, ESSAYS, ARTICLES, POETRY, PLAY-WRITING, SONGWRITING OR WHATEVER YOU WISH - ANY LEVEL - ANY GENRE WELCOME!

KURANDAWRITERS@GMAIL.COM

Next meet:

Monday 11 March – 10am-12 noon
at Kuranda Library, Arara Street

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1253010558786902>

All welcome!



INSPIRING CHANGE FROM WITHIN

VILLAGE YOGA LIFE

Far North Queensland's only Ashtanga yoga Shala
Located in the beautiful surrounds of Kuranda

NEW STUDENT SPECIAL \$39
UNLIMITED FOR 14 DAYS.

biannka@villageyogalife.com.au
www.villageyogalife.com.au

ANTENNA GUY

Laurence Capocchi
Your local guy looking after your TV problems

- New Antenna Installations
- VAST and Satellite Installations
- NBN - Wifi Networks
- Data, TV and Phone Outlets
- Home Theatre & Sound Systems

All with a friendly smile!

0402 537 952 Antenna Guy Laurence
 laurence.antennaguy@gmail.com

bath shop

handmade in Kuranda soap, bath products, natural skincare, essential oils, candles, gifts & more

OPEN everyday 10am-3pm

Shop 4/25 Coondoo St.
tel 0428643117
fb ceti bath shop
ceti.com.au

Buck Richardson

This month we are introducing digital artist, Buck Richardson.

Not many people have the privilege of experiencing the night wildlife of Tropical Queensland firsthand as Buck Richardson has. His passion for moths began with his first digital camera and the moths of Kuranda. This culminated with the publication, in 2008, of his first book *Mothology Discover the Magic – Moths and Moth Art from the World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics of Queensland Australia*. This led to him meeting Dr David Rentz AM, entomologist extraordinaire, and an invitation to go on 'collecting' trips. Dave and Buck became firm friends and have been doing 30-40 trips each year ever since.

From the beginning, Buck was fascinated with the colour and patterns of our moths in particular, but also found bugs, beetles, and other night wildlife to tweak his artistic leanings. Buck's digital art, based on his original photographs, has won numerous awards over the years.

Moth Mosaic, his latest offering, was chosen as a finalist in the Cairns Art Society's Annual Awards, recently hanging in the Cairns Gallery. Not surprisingly, he was awarded a Highly Commended for this work.

Buck also creates beautiful butterfly fridge magnets and cards which are available, as well as his digital wall art and books, at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

Buck also creates beautiful butterfly fridge magnets and cards which are available, as well as his digital wall art and books, at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative.

Right: Buck Richardson's "Moth Mosaic"



Left: Buck Richardson with his 'melting image' artwork.



Above: Kate Pryne with her glass artwork of Granite Gorge.



Right: Kate with her bowl "Voyage of Nature"

Kate exhibits in Mission Beach

Two of Kate Pryne's artworks are in the Mission Beach Community Arts Centre exhibition *Every Artwork Tells a Tale*. The works include her glass picture of Granite Gorge and a beautiful glass bowl where Kate has laminated metals between two pieces of glass. The piece, named *Voyage of Nature*, was inspired by her rainforest garden, yet created on the other side of the world. The story is of the voyage through the creation of the bowl as well as its voyage to Australia and its home in the rainforests of the Far North. Kate's work will be on display at Mission Beach until 12 March.

Open 7 days a week!

The Arts Co-operative is open seven days a week from 10am-4pm and the artists look forward to welcoming you to visit and browse through the Gallery. For new residents of Kuranda who may not be aware, the Arts Co-operative has been operating as a not-for-profit artists-run organisation for the past 26 years in various locations around Kuranda. The Arts Co-operative can be found on the corner of Coondoo and Thongon Streets. Visit the website to learn more about our current exhibiting artists – www.kurandaartscoop.com

Series 1:
 Focus on Indigenous Artists

Saturdays March 2nd, 9th 16th and 23rd.

Series 2:
 Focus on 2D Drawing and Animation

Saturdays April 20, 27 and May 4 and 11.

Series 3:
 Stop Motion Characters, Sets, Lighting, Compositing

Saturdays May 18, 25, and June 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Series 4:
 3D Modelling, Scanning, Texturing and Animation

Saturdays July 13, 20, 27 and August 3.

HALF-DAY sessions, \$20 per session.

email "I'm Interested" to:

cairns.animation@icloud.com



Presented by Ian Whittaker with support of Cairns Regional Council, Arts Queensland, Trinity Bay State High School and Indigenous Design Labs.

SOLD

THIS PROPERTY
FOR SALE

0403 788 187

Angela Martin
 estate agent | video presenter | auctioneer

angelamartin.tv
 realestate



What's Happening at the Amphitheatre

**LOVE BOMB – 31 March – Easter Sunday
Live music showcase and membership drive**

KAS Easter event **LOVE BOMB** is a family afternoon and evening featuring a very fine line-up of Kuranda's high quality local music. Featuring Raconteurs, Diggis, Secret Tuesdays, Cinnamon Sun, Mark Sheppard, Heyfever, Nicole Nighthawk, Davie Smith duo, and more to be announced, the showcase is the first Kuranda Amphitheatre membership and fundraising event of the year.

Last year's inaugural LOVE BOMB was a hugely successful event that attracted around 300 memberships. Many of those members continued to volunteer at the Amphitheatre last year, and have become crucial members of our current team.

This year we have received funding from Live Music Australia, an Australian Government initiative, to support artist and technical fees, so all extra fundraising goes directly to the Amphitheatre. This helps us start another great year with a healthy budget, so we can support the many local arts initiatives that are forever brewing and bubbling in Kuranda.

Please come to LOVE BOMB on Sunday 31 March and show your support for your local music legends and your Amphitheatre! Tickets are \$20 and are included in your 2024 membership, with concession and family rates available (see our website).

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society AGM 2024

The KAS AGM was held on Sunday 25 March at the Amphitheatre. Thanks so much to members for contributing and supporting the process. This year we are trialling enlarging the committee from seven to nine positions.

The 2023 committee are staying on with the exception of Sarah Rizvi who is moving to the UK for the year. Sarah has been an extremely valuable committee member, contributing to grants, master planning, governance and strategic processes. Sarah you will be sorely missed! We wish Sarah all the best.

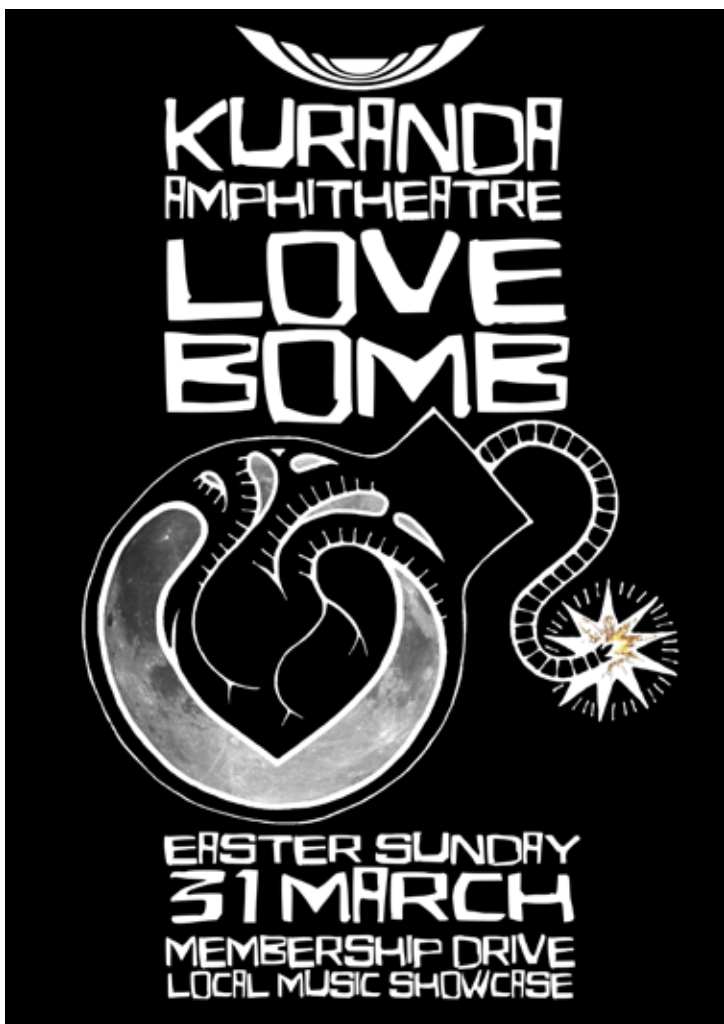
The KAS 2024 Management committee is: President – Trish Molloy, Secretary – Maree Kerr, Treasurer – Jenny Lane, Committee: Jane Dyer, Ayesha Letsch, Karen Scrivens, Jim Gosden, Rachel Martin, Pix Mason. We look forward to a productive year with a dynamic team and as always, the ongoing support of membership and our active volunteers.

TRACQS – funding for part-time positions

We are very happy to announce that the Amphitheatre's longterm partnership with TRACQS has resulted in some new paid positions. Funded by TRACQS, these include 25 hours per week positions for an Arts and Events Officer, an admin assistant, and a grounds and maintenance assistant. These are all critical and time consuming jobs, especially as we continue enjoying increased activity at the Amphitheatre, so we feel very positive about operation of the venue over the coming year.

Future Planning Sessions

Thanks so much to members and friends who attended our community consultations sessions and responded to the related online surveys to guide the Amphitheatre's Master Planning process. The outcome of the process will guide the maintenance, renovation and innovation of the Amphitheatre's physical infrastructure over the next 10 years, and inform spending and grant applications. The sessions were held over three nights, and were very well attended.



www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
info@kurandaamphitheatre.org
 Kuranda Amphitheatre

The outcome report including landscape and architectural drawings based on the community consultations will become a central planning document for the next decade. This initiative was funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Thursday Night Theatre

About a year ago a new theatre group started to meet every Thursday night 6pm at the Understage. At an early meeting, Janice Starck brought a new script she had written, and with a cast and crew directed by Ricardo Rusch, became the wonderful *Timewarp 2059: In the Nature of Things*, a mainstage spectacular.

Theatre continues every Thursday night. While some are working on a short play, some rehearsing songs, others are popping in to have a look, at least three plays are being dreamt up, and ideas are gelling for future collaborative works.

So if you have ever wanted to write, act, direct or just dip a toe into theatre to see what the fuss is about, come along to the Kuranda Amphitheatre on a Thursday from 6pm.

The short play is *The Crimson Coconut*, which will be presented in a very low key, informal way on Thursday 14 March, and the cast and crew invite you to come along and have a laugh for 30 minutes. Then over a cup of tea and a biscuit find out what other ideas are in the ether.

One Love Kuranda,
Kuranda Amphitheatre
Management
Committee



New KAS Committee for 2024. Photo: Supplied.

*Jeanette Wormald Trio
at Frogs on Friday 15 March*

St Patrick's Day shenanigans are on again at Frogs Restaurant this year with The Jeanette Wormald Trio and special guests. From reels and jigs to singalongs and ballads, there is something to delight everyone. Don't miss out.

Doors open 5.30pm. Music starts 6pm.

Bookings essential. Call 4093 8952 or 0407 937405 or email info@frogsrestaurant.com.au

Visit us at the Heritage Markets

*Wed-Fri 10am-3pm
Sat-Sun 9am-3pm*

*Come and try our
Wild Caught Barramundi
and Tamarind curry.*



EXTENSIVE MENU

Bookings
4093 8952



Celebrating 43 years of quality service in Kuranda

Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence 2013-2021.
9 years running!

Here's Good!

Here's Good – Frogs on Coondoo,
sourcing some of the best coffee available.

OPEN 7 DAYS!

Mon-Sat 8am-3pm • Sun 9am-3pm



Kids meals available

Frog's On Coondoo

Windmill Shopping Complex
9/25 Coondoo St, Kuranda



[here.sgood](https://www.instagram.com/here.sgood)

Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's environment
"by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before"

Box trailers for hire.
Pick up and return, 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda. All plugs catered for.
Text or call Cathy 0419 624 940 to book.

What can you see in the creek?

Kuranda Envirocare has been conducting surveys in local catchment creeks to assess water quality and ecological values, specifically targeting the habitat of the Kuranda Tree Frog (*Litoria myola*). The project aims to identify potential threats to the frogs' survival, evaluate habitat conditions, and involve the Kuranda community in conservation efforts. Engaging local landowners and residents enhances awareness of creek habitats and their significance. The project's outcomes will guide further research and conservation initiatives. So far we have trialled our sampling methods and new equipment and found a range of water bugs indicating moderate water quality in Jumrum and Warril Creeks.

Macroinvertebrates, defined as visible animals without backbones found in waterways, are essential indicators of aquatic ecosystem health. Their presence and abundance reflect environmental changes often unnoticed by humans. Declines in frog populations worldwide highlight the interconnectedness between amphibian health and environmental conditions. Macroinvertebrate surveys provide valuable insights into waterway health, complementing chemical and physical analyses and vegetation assessments. Sensitivity scores derived from macroinvertebrate data offer diagnostic value for waterway health comparisons.

Macroinvertebrate surveys serve multiple purposes, especially in the context of recent flooding events that underscore the role of rivers in transporting materials. While visible impacts are evident, unseen factors can affect local ecology, detected through changes in macroinvertebrate populations. These organisms act as



Boyd Lenne, Cathy Retter and Beau Nash inspecting a waterbug sample.

indicators of environmental disturbances, revealing issues, like pollution, not captured by conventional testing methods. Consequently, macroinvertebrate analysis informs habitat management, educational initiatives, and community engagement, fostering connections between people and their local ecosystems.

Examples of macroinvertebrate survey projects include the discovery of new natural artesian springs in Queensland's Channel Country and the Environmental Protection Agency's compilation of macroinvertebrate data for Irish waterways. These initiatives demonstrate the utility of macroinvertebrate surveys in informing management decisions and promoting environmental stewardship on a global scale.

If you would like to join in our citizen science project, please contact Lance Neville at 0458 113 180 or email info@envirocare.org.au and ask to be joined to our mail list. Surveys will restart in approximately mid-April and run every Sunday afternoon till late June. Kids are welcome and all training and gear is provided. This project is made possible by funding from the Office of the Chief Scientist, through Engaging Science Program 2023.

Plant of the Month Perfume Tree – *Cananga odorata*

A fast growing, spreading, medium tree with beautifully perfumed flowers. The large flowers are pale yellow with long petals. Distilled oils from the flowers are used in the perfume industry to make Ylang-ylang perfume and Macassar oil. The fragrance is strongest early morning and at night. Ideally it should be planted in a position where the perfume can waft into living areas. It has a reputation for brittleness and so needs to be in a protected position, not too close to buildings. Regular pruning can maintain it as a bush. The black, aromatic fruits are eaten by cassowaries and fruit pigeons.



Perfume Tree
(*Cananga odorata*)

• Date Claimers •

20–28 March – Monthly Frog monitoring. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.

16 March – Tree planting. Community planting on a private property in the Kuranda area. Check Facebook for details or contact info@envirocare.org.au to be added to the email list.



Kuranda yellow crazy ant infestations update

Russett Park – Russett Park is receiving its next annual survey in March 2024 to check for the presence or absence of yellow crazy ants. In the last annual survey in March 2023, a small patch of yellow crazy ants was detected, which has been spot treated.

Green Forest – Yellow crazy ants were detected in January 2024 at a complex rainforest site in the Green Forest area. The persistent patch of yellow crazy ants was thankfully reported to the Authority by the property owner, highlighting the importance of reporting suspect sightings. This site is an existing infestation area and spot treatment has already been completed. A full annual survey of this site will be going ahead in March 2024, weather permitting.

Myola – No yellow crazy ants were detected during limited survey efforts at the Myola site in December 2023. Surveys were started in December 2023 but were interrupted by the wet season. The next full survey of this site will go ahead in April 2024.

Have you seen yellow crazy ants? Please report any suspected sightings to the Wet Tropics Management Authority at YCA@wtma.qld.gov.au, or call 07 4241 0525.

Forest Solutions FNQ – Toolbox Talk

The Taskforce teamed up with Forest Solutions FNQ on 25 January in Kuranda to talk about invasive ants. Gary Morton from Biosecurity Queensland presented live electric ants and Taskforce coordinator Ciara Bridgland presented live yellow crazy ants at the toolbox

presentation.

The 15-20min talk covered live ants, infestation areas in Kuranda, approved waste transfer stations, permits to move carriers in restriction zones, who to report to, and the environmental, social and economic impacts of yellow crazy ants and electric ants.

The Taskforce would like to thank Forest Solutions FNQ, @forestsolutionsfnq, for doing their bit to protect the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, their customers and their business from the threat of invasive ants.

If you own a landscaping, earthmoving, or raw materials business or a business in plants and garden care, please get in touch to book your free toolbox talk. It's worth it to keep yourself and customers safe from an invasive ant infestation. Call the coordinator on 0474 560 700 to book a toolbox talk.



Taskforce volunteers and Djabugay Bulmba Rangers join forces for the Kuranda Blitz in 2023. Right: Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria myola*) is found in all three of Kuranda's yellow crazy ant infestation areas. Photo: Edward Evans

Monthly survey takes a new direction

For the past two years, we have been undertaking a monthly survey along the banks of Kuranda creeks to check for both invasive yellow crazy ants and electric ants in Kuranda Tree frog habitat.

The great news is we didn't find any invasive ants, so we are moving in another direction: toward street surveys. You can expect to see our pink flags along your street. The flags mark ant lures of cat food and jam, and sausage, which are used to detect the presence or absence of yellow crazy ants and electric ants.

These surveys will give us greater opportunity to engage with more of you local folks, and you are all invited to join in on the fun. Keep an eye out for our first street survey announcement in April 2024.

With dangerous and invasive electric ants on the move, the most important message right now is: if you plan to swap, sell or give away pot plants or cuttings PLEASE get them checked first. You can also get a FREE yard check and do your bit to protect our precious Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Call Biosecurity Queensland 13 25 23 to book your free yard check now or get your own self-surveillance kit for free.

Position Vacant

The Taskforce is saying goodbye to its coordinators, Ciara Bridgland and Sylvia Conway, who have been at the helm of the Taskforce over the past seven years! The time has come for some fresh enthusiasm and opportunity for the new incoming coordinator.

We are accepting applications for the Community Taskforce Coordinator position until 4 March 2024. To receive an information pack about the position, please email info@envirocare.org.au.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kuranda monthly survey

Volunteers wanted for our survey crew

WHERE: Kuranda streets

WHEN: April 2024 – Date TBC

No experience necessary. Training provided on the day. Lunch and morning tea included.

To volunteer with the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce call 0474 560 700 or email coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or visit @ycacommunitytaskforce Facebook page.

Join the invasive resist-ants

 **Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce**
 **communitytaskforce.org.au**
 **coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au**



For the love of  **honey** 



- Locally sourced from ethical beekeepers
- Guaranteed RAW
- Seasonal varieties
- Small harvest

EXCELLENCE SINCE 1959

Locals discounts all year round!



 honeyhouse@bigpond.com  Honey House Kuranda

honeyhousekuranda.com

Enjoy your lifestyle, free from nursing homes!

We are a couple, both nurses with over 15 years of experience and providing life long care in a home setting is what makes us unique.

We offer the following services:

- Professional Personal Care
- Nursing Care and Medications
- Housekeeping and Delicious Meals
- Assistance with Appointments
- Social Outings and Holidays
- Gardening and Maintenance
- End of Life Care in a Home Setting



Find out how we can best help you.

Call us on:
4093 8386 or
0410 114 404

Email: kindredcircling@gmail.com



LIVE THE LIFE YOU WANT

Stay in your home, live with us or combine these two options to suit your needs.

EMU RIDGE GALLERY



DINOSAURS IN KURANDA

Two-storey high, unique Dinosaur Skeleton, fossil and gemstone museum, gift shop, gemstones, crystals and jewellery. Located at the Original Kuranda Rainforest Markets – look out for the big Dinosaur out the front!

FREE ADMISSION

7-11 THERWINE STREET, KURANDA
emuridgegallery@bigpond.com

0408 728 711 Wed-Sun 9am to 3pm



Kuranda Historical Society

 kurandahistory@gmail.com
 PO Box 896, Kuranda
 Kuranda Historical Society

Working with the Kuranda community to preserve our history and tell our stories

UPCOMING QUIZ NIGHT – 13 April

Faeries and Fantasy Theme



Yuri-Arcurs (iStock). Photo supplied by KHS

Tickets



Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) is having its annual Quiz Night this year on 13 April at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road. The theme is **Faeries and Fantasy** so come as your favourite fantasy character or fairy. The questions will be drawn from tales of yore and fantasy books, movies and characters.

This is a fun night run by the volunteer KHS committee and allows the Society to continue to bring Kuranda's historical past together. Our MCs, flying in all the way from Athens, will be Queen Titania and King Oberon. So don a bit of sparkle, an ancient druid outfit, some fairy wings, drape yourself in cobweb, become a Luck Dragon or even bring a Captain Hook clock for a night of raffles, general knowledge, prizes and friendly competition.

The ticket price of \$45 includes dinner, which this year will be a delicious curry buffet supplied by Frogs Restaurant (vegan dishes included).

There are prizes for best dressed male and female. The raffle prizes are again rolling in from our favourite businesses around Kuranda and Smithfield. There will also be a couple of auctions of fabulous items (trips, vouchers, art work). And of course a Lucky Door prize.

Tables of six are encouraged although we would be happy to join you in with other tables. Tickets can be bought from the Kuranda Information Centre or online at Trybooking by following this link www.trybooking.com/CPNDU or scanning the QR code above.

Doors and bar will open at 5.30pm. Dinner starts at 6pm. Quiz, games and auctions at 7pm. Dessert at half time. And by the end of the night we should all be sated, have smiles on our faces and abrim with fantasmagorical trivia.

Would you know who this is?

Kuranda Historical Society was recently contacted by a family member of a recently deceased person who had lived in the far north last century. In tidying up the estate, the family member, who lives in Melbourne (Tracie Taylor), found a treasure trove of black and white photos from the 1940s



and contacted KHS to see if we would like to take them. We absolutely did. Out of that collection we have selected this photo for this paper's edition.

Can anyone tell us the story behind this man? Please contact us on kurandahistory@gmail.com.

New Premises – space to swing a cat and work on our collection (at last...)

The Mareeba Shire Council has very kindly granted us the long-term use of a room above the Kuranda Library. We now have a huge area, tables, desks to work at and set up our scanners and printers and storage. Thank you, Mayor Toppin and CEO Peter Franks, for making this possible!

We have the Collecting Bug!

KHS now has an online collection management system called The Collecting Bug. So far, we've managed to add about 10 items of historic interest following a cataloguing-type process.

Each item is an image with descriptors attached and we're hoping to work out a way to add stories as well. At the moment we have scanned in for adding to the KHS Collecting Bug site (which is also a website), hundreds of photos, a painting collection of notable Kuranda artists and an assortment of Kuranda artifacts such as the old Kuranda Bowls Club memorabilia and Kuranda authors' books. When we've added 200 items, we'll 'go live' with our fledgling collection and website. We will welcome your feedback and input.

Now that we've got our bright and airy storage space in the precinct we can work in there and we welcome anyone keen to get involved with this project. Please contact us at kurandahistoricalsocietycollec@gmail.com. Oh yes, this is the Collecting Bug's main website, if anyone is interested in seeing what it can do www.thecollectingbug.com/site/home.

KHS Stall at Council Elections

We will have a Kuranda Historical Society stall at the Council Election booth at the CWA on 14 March. We will have a few things of interest on display. Come up and say hi, buy a raffle ticket or just have a yarn about what you know about Kuranda. We are constantly delighted with what people come up with from their recollections or connections with Kuranda's past. History is constantly being made and we are all part of it.

Big thank you to the Kuranda Traders Association

We can't thank the now disbanded Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) Executive enough for their generosity and community mindedness. We were very sad at the winding up of a representative group for our Kuranda Traders which, I venture many would say, is actually necessary if commerce in our town is to develop compatibly and strategically. The Kuranda Historical Society was, however, blown away by the gift of a laptop and funds for a marquee and office chair. We were not the only Kuranda not-for-profits to benefit and are very appreciative that the KTA at the end of the day found a way to bring some benefit from its members back to the town. Thank you.

Membership Reminder

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



The Wolf of the spider world



A close-up of a wolf spider's face. They have eight eyes, six forward facing and two point to the rear.

Wolf spiders are prowlers of the grasses; wandering ground dwelling hunters that, like their namesake, run down their prey and overpower it. Unlike true wolves though, wolf spiders are solitary and hunt alone. They do not use a web to trap their food, but do produce silk to line their retreats and burrows. There are a huge number of species found throughout Australia and occupy habitats from the deserts to sub-alpine regions. They are well represented in the Wet Tropics but are more common in dryer open habitats rather than closed rainforest.

Size varies greatly within this group of spiders. Some only grow to 5mm long while the largest species can measure 35mm with a leg-span of 80mm. Most people will have encountered wolf spiders at some point. If you have a lawn you will most likely have a plethora of small species running through the miniature jungle on any given day.

Wolf spiders are very easy to identify because of the distinctive layout of their eyes. They have eight eyes; six of which face forward and two face the rear. Two of their forward facing eyes and the two at the rear are very large and provide these spiders with very good eyesight. These eyes make them easy to spot at night if you have a head torch (or shine any torch around from your eye-line). You will pick up the shine of wolf spiders' eyes from 30 metres away or more. It is a distinct pinpoint silver/blue reflection. They are also equipped with sensory hairs known as trichobothria. These hairs are sensitive to the tiny air currents that insects create when they move. This allows these spiders to hunt under the cover of darkness and still know exactly what is going on around it – whether it is the presence of prey or predators.

Wolf spiders are also known for their maternal care. Females carry their round egg sacs around with them until they hatch. The mother attaches the silken sac to her spinnerets at the tip of her abdomen and is then able to go about her normal activities relatively unhindered. These doting arachnid mothers even go so far as to carefully expose their eggs to sunshine to optimise the hatching time of their offspring. Most will hatch after about 30 days, and when the spiderlings emerge, they immediately climb upon their mother's back and hitch a ride. They may stay on their mum's back for several weeks before dispersing and beginning life on their own.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife



Above: A typical wolf spider, slender and powerful.



Above: A mother wolf spider with a mass of spiderlings on her back.



Above: A wolf spider on the prowl. Most hunt at night and their eyes reflect brightly when illuminated with a torch.

Photos: Alan Henderson



A Boutique Property Management Service

“
INTEGRITY,
TRANSPARENCY, RESULTS

Property is a people business. I work hard to deliver what we agree, acting in a respectful and trustworthy manner from start to finish. It's as simple as that.



Linda Snart

- ▶ 0439 491 357
- ▶ linda@villagepropertyhub.au
- ▶ villagepropertyhub.au



THAI KAI CAFE
TAKEAWAY OR DINE IN



OPENING HOURS
11am–3pm Tuesday
11am–7.30pm Wednesday & Thursday
11am–3pm Friday & Saturday
Closed Sunday & Monday

Bookings required for dining

Phone 4093 8770
The Red House, 24 Coondoo St, Kuranda

Jamie & Heidi
New Pools & Renovations
0437 338 058



info@tppools.com.au • PO Box 563, Kuranda Q 4881
www.tropicalprestigepools.com.au

Are you in
LOVE
with your
brand
image?
Maybe it's time
for a refresh?



Nettie
DESIGN

m. 0416 120 852 e. artwork@nettiedesign.com

nettiedesign.com



KURANDA BRANCH

20 Thongon Street

Email: kurandabbranch@qcwa.org.au

Booking Agent: Krishna Buhler 0427 937 348

President: Carol Jeanes

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

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Local Government Elections will be held at the Kuranda CWA Hall.

PRE-POLLING –

Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March from 9am–5pm

Monday 11 March to Thursday 14 March from 9am–5pm

Friday 15 March from 9am–6pm

ELECTION DAY – Saturday 16 March 8am–6pm

The 'NEW BLUE' look is on its way

The external CWA window sills are about to match the deep blue of the windows! This deep royal blue has been part of the QCWA logo for about 100 years now. Iconically recognised as specific to CWA, it instills feelings of trust, loyalty, serenity and peace. Compassion, contribution and community come to mind; attributes the Kuranda CWA group work to share and expand.

We thank our valued hirers for their patience as we juggle restoration work and hall activities. Already it is a sight to see when you come inside the hall.

Yes we are attracting new membership and emerging participation – a great start to 2024

Come along to a CWA gathering or apply for membership online at QCWA. If you join by 1 April you'll receive 15 months membership which includes three months for free!

Country Kitchens – There is always a chance you will get to try something new, healthy and tasty with CWA's Country Kitchens!

For more information contact Vicki Donovan 0400 791 345.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 13 March 8.30–10am.

Social Gathering – Wednesday 20 March at 9am at the CWA Hall. Come and join us for a cuppa! All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

Feldenkrais with Justine – 0408 735 309

Taekwon-Do – Jeff 0437 438 196

CWA Dance Group – Sandra 0447 737 415

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

We currently have hire availability on Mondays after 11am. Tuesdays 1pm–5pm. Wednesdays (except on 2nd and 3rd week for CWA meetings 8am-12noon) otherwise day free to 5pm. Thursdays until 5pm. Friday and Sunday all day at present. Most Saturdays all day. Please enquire as bookings can change.



Ongoing Hall renovations include restoring the coloured windows. Clayton Crowe from Nailed IT maintenance, is working on the hall doors with blue stained glass. This blue colour is Pantone PMS280C.

THE KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION SHORT STORY COMPETITION DEADLINE 15 MARCH

Tell us **A SPIRITED TALE**

This year we will be running the competition in two parts – one for adults (open now), and one for young adults and juniors which will open in April. In addition, we will be running a poetry competition in the second half of this year.

We know there are some great storytellers in Kuranda and we know our readers love original local writing. This competition is open to all current residents of postcode 4881.

This first opportunity to tell us **A Spirited Tale** is open to eligible adults (18 years and over). The work must be no longer than 1500 words, be your own original work and not previously published. Entries close midnight Friday 15 March 2024. The winning story will be published in the April edition of *The Kuranda Paper* on Thursday 28 March. The prize for the winning story is \$400 – so sharpen your pencil or clean your keyboard and get cracking.

HOW TO ENTER:

Email your story in a Word doc to mail@kurandapaper.com. Also please send with it a signed cover sheet detailing your name, address, age and contact details (phone and email).

Deadline: midnight Friday 15 March 2024. **LATE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Open to all current residents over the age of 18 living in the Kuranda district (postcode 4881). Entries from writers outside of the Kuranda district are not eligible. All entries MUST BE original, the work of the person submitting and must not have been previously published. All entries must be 1500 words or less.

The winner will be notified in person. Winning entries will be published in *The Kuranda Paper* April 2024 edition. Members of the Kuranda Media Association Management Committee and their direct family are not permitted to enter.

Kuranda RAW MATERIALS

OPEN 7 DAYS

SAND • SOIL • STONE

MULCHES & RAW MATERIALS

All Your Earthmoving & Raw Material Needs.

Larger Orders, Discounts Apply

**J. & R. GREGO GROUP
TRANSPORT & EXCAVATIONS**

Servicing All Areas

Office 40937247 Yard 0419 705 005
47 Myola Rd Kuranda 4881

**J. & R. GREGO GROUP
TRANSPORT & EXCAVATIONS**

- CHEAPEST DEALS ON SAND, SOIL & STONE**
- PLANT HIRE: BOBCATS, BACKHOE & LOADERS, ROLLER, EXCAVATOR, TRUCKS, MINI EXCAVATORS PLUS ALL ATTACHMENTS**
- WATER TRUCK DELIVERIES, FREE QUOTES**

All Your Earthmoving Needs

Driveway & Erosion Repairs & Restorations

Get a price and see if we can beat it!

Call Ron: 0419 705 005
47 Myola Rd Kuranda 4881

Servicing All Areas

Kuranda Kindy

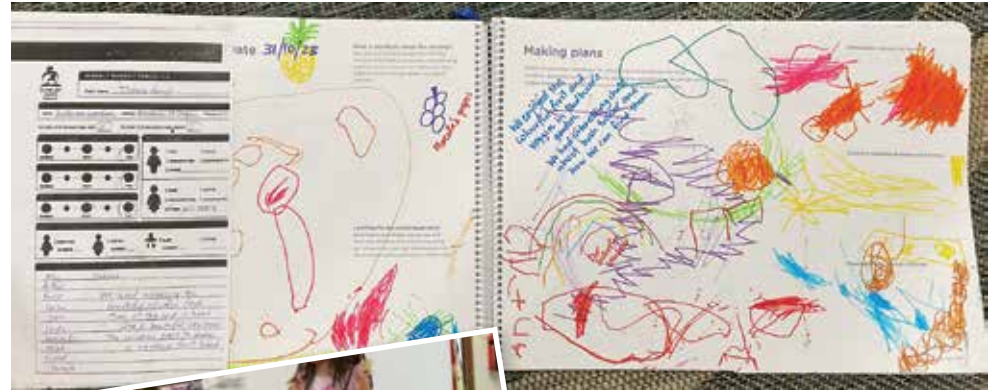


Here at the Kuranda Community Kindergarten we use the Parents and Learning (PaL) program. This program was designed to support parents to participate in their young child's early literacy learning by providing resources and training delivered to family homes.

The program is owned and managed by the Napranum PaL Group. We feel lucky to be able to offer PaL to our Kindy families. At Kindy the children engage in PaL lessons with Ms Tracy. Each week two PaL bags are sent home so that families can explore literacy together in new and interesting ways.

"Reading to young children supports emergent literacy and reading skills." (Bus et al., 1995). "In addition, reading to children also nurtures an interest in them to read books themselves and further develop their cognitive skills." (Canoy et al., 2006). There are so many benefits of reading with our children. A few include building communication skills. Introducing concepts such as numbers, letters, colours, and shapes in a fun way. Building listening, memory, and vocabulary skills. Exploring information about the world we live in together.

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

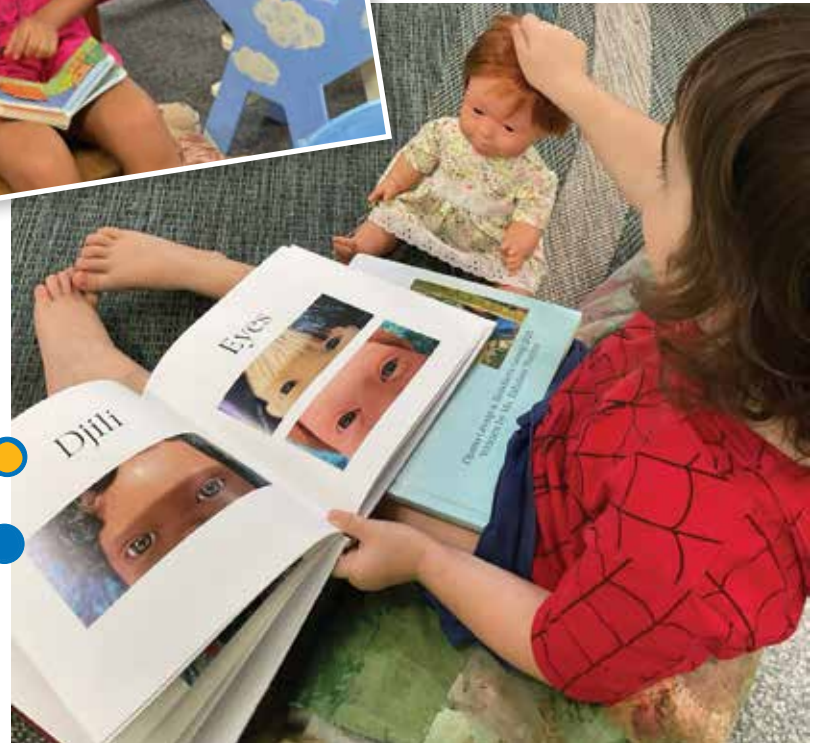


Above: PaL book and parent responses to PaL.



Left: Reading from memory.

Below: Reading Djabugay language book to a doll.



Below far left: Enjoying literacy and relaxing with book.



Kuranda Village Accountancy



Locally owned and operated by Fay Allen BCom CA

9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

Providing the following professional services:

- Individual Tax Returns
- Business
- GST and BAS Preparation
- Partnerships, Companies and Trusts
- Self Managed Superannuation Funds
- Business Setup Advice (first consultation free)
- Entity Structure Advice
- Bookkeeping

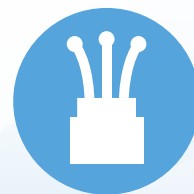
The Tax Team – Simone, Jena, Fay and Linda.



4093 8222 | info@kurandavillageaccountancy.com.au
kurandavillageaccountancy.com.au



LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED PROVIDER
 with an all AUSSIE sales & support team



FIBRE



FIXED WIRELESS



SATELLITE

Fast and reliable connections from only \$60/mth
 Call us today and make the switch!

07 4222 1111

We make getting connected easy!

WE ARE NBN TRAINED TECHNICIANS & SPECIALISE IN GETTING REGIONAL AND REMOTE CUSTOMERS ONLINE

www.ausinternet.com.au

Public health warning follows rise in stomach bug cases

Stomach bug cases are rising in the Far North, with public health officials urging residents to take precautions – particularly with swimming pools.

Cryptosporidiosis is a gastrointestinal disease caused by the microscopic parasite *Cryptosporidium* and is a common cause of acute diarrhoea in young children.

As well as infecting humans, *Cryptosporidium* occurs in a variety of animals including cattle, sheep, dogs and cats.

Since the start of 2024, 25 cryptosporidiosis cases have been reported in the Cairns region.

A rise in cryptosporidiosis cases has been reported nationwide across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria in recent weeks, with many of the cases being diagnosed in children aged nine years and under.

Tropical Public Health Services Cairns director Dr Richard Gair said *Cryptosporidium* was usually acquired through the ingestion of contaminated water or food, or through contact with infected individuals or animals.

“Drinking or accidentally swallowing water contaminated with *Cryptosporidium* parasites is a common mode of transmission. This can occur in places such as swimming pools, water parks, and other recreational water facilities where water may be contaminated with faecal matter,” Dr Gair said.

“The most common symptom of cryptosporidiosis is diarrhoea, especially in young children. Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, fever, headache, and loss of appetite.

He said people should avoid swimming in pools, water parks or other recreational water facilities for at least 14 days after diarrhoea has ceased.

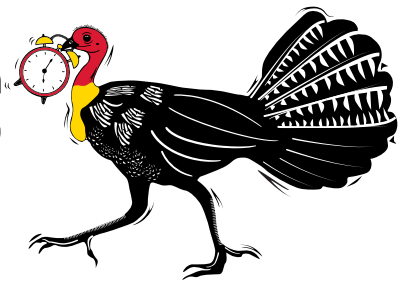
“Swimming pool operators also need to make sure that their swimming pools are properly maintained,” he said. “This includes ensuring water quality is well maintained alongside good filtration, and disinfection processes.”

Dr Gair said Queenslanders should also adhere to good hygiene to prevent the spread of infection.

“It’s important to wash hands thoroughly after going to the toilet, changing nappies, and after cleaning up animal faeces to minimise transmission of disease,” Dr Gair said.

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

Heads Up!



The Kuranda Paper deadline for April 2024 edition #361 is **Thursday 21 March 2024**. Please send all submissions and advertising to mail@kurandapaper.com



Kuranda Medical Centre

☎ 4093 7118 ✉ kuranda@ipn.com.au

cnr Barang and Thongon Streets
Monday – Friday 8.30 to 5pm

Dr Dave Cuming: *dermatology, paediatrics, minor surgery* – Monday, Wednesday (am), Friday (am)

Dr Veerendra Sinha: *specialises in skin cancers and excisions* – Tuesday and Thursday

Dr Cat Heiner: *specialises in women’s health and aesthetics* – Monday and Wednesday
Iron Infusions are available on a Monday afternoon – \$250 (rebate of \$77)

Dr Steve Salleras: Monday

Dr Stephen Haig: *specialises in family medicine and minor surgery* – Monday and Friday

Dr Miranda Hamilton: *specialises in women’s health and family medicine* – Monday and Tuesday

Extra Services: *Podiatrist, Dietician, Psychologist, Diabetic Educator, Nurse, Asthma Care, Indigenous Health and more...*

Private Billing Practice

KURANDA DENTAL CLINIC NOW OPEN



Steve King Dental Group open at the Kuranda Dental Clinic!

Open every second Tuesday at the Kuranda Medical Centre.

Our friendly team looks forward to helping you and your family have the healthiest teeth and gums possible.

When you come to our centre, you will receive quality personal care at an affordable price.

Call us today for an appointment 4093 9199

Kuranda Dental Clinic is the preferred provider for:

- BUPA
- Medibank
- HCF
- TUH Health Fund
- Westfund
- CBHS Health
- HBF
- AAMI
- APRA
- Qantas
- Suncorp
- NIB
- Medicare (child dental is bulk billed)
- DVA

...and we accept all other Health Funds.



Located in the Kuranda Medical Centre
cnr Barang and Thongon Streets
4093 9199

sprout

juice & coffee bar

OPEN

Saturday & Sunday
8am – 2.30pm

Monday to Wednesday
7.30am – 2.30pm

Kitchen closes at 2pm

All
sweets
made in
house

NOW STOCKING...

Mungalli Biodynamic Organic Ice Cream




Phone orders welcome
07 4093 8256
24 Coondoo Street, Kuranda
sproutkuranda@gmail.com





BCB

BOBCAT

- Sand Fills • Site Cleanups
- Landscape Work
- General Excavation
- Post Hole Borer 300/450/600mm

Call Tony
0432 773 351

SERVICING KURANDA AND DISTRICT



Jones Tiling

Commercial and Domestic

Specialising in:
Marble, Granite,
Porcelain and Ceramic Tiles
Licenced Waterproof Applicator

Proprietor Lindsay Jones. Est. Cairns and Kuranda 1987

Mobile: 0412 387 651

Ph/Fax 4093 0017 | jonestiling@dodo.com.au | BSA 50 490

We are a local

“Queensland Health Approved Products”

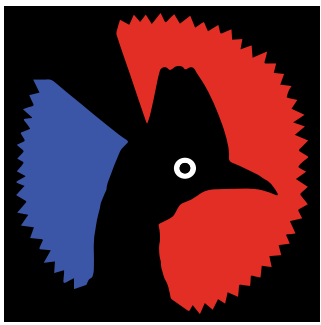
TERMITE SPECIALIST

MAXIMUM PEST MANAGEMENT



Max & Jodie Turner
MOB: 0418 150 759

PH: 4092 1999
E: maximumpestman@hotmail.com
W: www.maxpestman.com



KURANDA conservation COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc

1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda 4881
Phone: 4093 8834 | Email: kurandaconservation@hotmail.com
www.kurandaconservation.org

The KCons Community Nursery is nearly always open!

- This community **NATIVE PLANT NURSERY** specialises in plants that belong here. We care.
- You can get **BIN STICKERS** at the nursery or order online at kurandaconservation.org or at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. **FOR YOUR OWN BIN OR A FRIEND'S!**
- **SNAKES:** We're happy to relocate an unwanted snake. They're out and about now.
- We can refer you to **WILDLIFE CARERS** for injured wildlife.
- Want advice on what to plant at your place? Give us a call.
- Let us know if you see a cassowary on the road or in the bush.
- Two **BOX TRAILERS** available for you to borrow - 4093 8834

CATERPILLARS AND BUTTERFLIES

We're noticing the leaves of some trees being stripped and trees appearing to die. One reason may be caterpillars. We've been having extraordinary weather with prolonged rain. It's reasonable to expect some changes to our forests and gardens as a consequence. An imbalance in weather can cause an imbalance in how the natural environment responds. It seems that one noticeable imbalance is an invasion of some caterpillars, thriving in these conditions.

We have noticed a lot of our plants have been eaten by caterpillars. We try not to use insecticides on our plants because we also have a healthy frog population which we don't want to hurt. It's healthy to have grubs eating the plants. It's part of the cycle. The grubs are food for birds. And, from the grubs come fantastic butterflies. Many trees are in flower at the moment and we're enjoying an amazing display of butterflies.

Caterpillars and insects which eat your plants are doing a natural prune. Most of the time, the trees and plants will recover. At least, we hope so!

THE \$1 PLANT SALE

We don't think many people missed the \$1 plant sale in mid-February because it felt like everyone came to the nursery at some time over that weekend. We were run off our feet. It was a great outcome - our benches were cleared, over 1000 native plants will soon show up in local gardens, people visited the nursery for the first time and many regulars came back to pick up a bargain.

The benches are filling up fast again with new stock.

The Little Evodia (*Melicope rubra*) pictured,



Little Evodia (Melicope rubra) blooms. Photo: Sharon McGrigor

was one of the most popular plants to leave the nursery during the sale.

NEW IN THE NURSERY

Just a month ago we harvested the fruit from our *Antidesma erostre*, or Native Currant. This low-growing bush produces clusters of eye-catching bright red, sour fruit, feeding native birds and other wildlife. We've sown the seeds, so watch this space, and in several months we'll let you know when the young plants are ready for sale. This is a great plant for attracting wildlife and filling in a partly shady garden corner.

A MUST-HAVE - BLUE UMBRELLA

The handsome Blue Umbrella (*Mackinlaya macrosciadia*) bush brings birds and butterflies to your property. This small, sprawling plant rarely grows over 2m in height. It is excellent in shady, moist forest edges. Clusters of numerous flowers and colourful fruit add to the ecological value of this great understory filler.

CASSOWARY ART TRAIL

Support continues to grow for this marvellous idea of Jurg Jutzi. The Trail is now mapped to start at Mission Beach, with painted cassowary statues spotted throughout the Wet Tropics. They can be found at the Mamu Tropical Skywalk (Palmerston Hwy), Hartley's Crocodile Adventures (Wangetti), Wildlife Habitat (Port Douglas), Rainforestation Nature Park (Kennedy Hwy, Kuranda) and there are five located in Kuranda - The Heritage Markets, Terra Nova Gallery, Kuranda Village Centre and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.



CASSOWARY UPDATE

Many reports and photos are coming in of sightings of cassowaries on their own. It's that time of the year. If you are lucky enough to see a cassowary around your place, please try to get a photo and let us know. We've identified around 40 cassowaries in the greater Kuranda and we think there are more to be counted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be on **Saturday 23 March at 10.30am** at the KCons Nursery. Morning tea will be provided. It's a great opportunity to pick up planting tips and information of bugs and butterflies. Oh, and cassowaries.

Plant a tree a day!

TERRA NOVA
gallery.com.au
Local Picture Framing Shop
15 Therwine St, Kuranda | 0412 387 557

We are proud to showcase the beautiful handpainted feathers by Kuranda artist Nicky Gallagher



Framing by Terra Nova Gallery

[f](https://www.facebook.com/terranovagallery) [i](https://www.instagram.com/terranovagallery)
terranovagallery.com.au

BIN STICKERS \$25 per sticker 350x600mm




8 DESIGNS AVAILABLE

KURANDA conservation
COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc

Contact Jax at Kuranda Conservation 4093 8834 or kurandaconservation@hotmail.com to purchase your bin stickers.

B & C DONNACHIE
CONCRETING CONTRACTORS
Lic. No. 050953 QBSA Act 1991
ALL CONCRETE WORKS



• Domestic & Commercial
• Driveways & Slabs
Servicing Kuranda, Cairns & Atherton Tablelands since 1991

FOR A FREE QUOTE CALL
Brett 0408 187 995
brettdonnachie64@outlook.com



seedsavers

Protecting our inter-generational food-plant seeds

Cape Gooseberry

The Cape Gooseberry, or Inca/Incan Berry, Goldenberry, Peruvian ground-cherry, poha-berry, husk-cherry (*Physalis peruviana*), is in the same family as the tomato, eggplant, potato, tomatillo and many others, the 'nightshade' or Solanaceae family.

This delicious sweet and tangy floral fruit comes from the mountains of Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia region, where it is called uchuva, aguaymanto, uvilla, topotopo and many local names, though also grows very well here in the tropics. It has been said that the earliest recorded fossil of *Physalis* dates back around 52 million years, and estimates of the earliest evidence of human consumption is between 5000 and 900BCE, including cultivation by the Incans for the past 4000 years. The plant made its way via colonial conquest to England, Cape Horn, Asia, the Pacific and other regions from the early 1700s, and was grown in many more coloniser gardens in Australia back in the day. Hopefully people are getting back to having an abundant food-source garden growing around them and their families, and this is an easy, tasty, healthy addition to include. There was an excellent gooseberry bush thriving for years in the garden at the back of the original markets, with large glorious juicy gooseberries, I wonder if this plant has been planted on and is on-growing from seed or cuttings and still exists somewhere? If anyone knows please let us know too, and share some seeds with us if you can.

Meanwhile there are some other good bushes growing around the place, though no-one seems to have taken them on as a more commercially available crop. They grow easily organically, and can be grown in with other crops syntropically or in permaculture guilds, and so could easily be added to what is already growing in the garden, market-garden or on the farm. A growing awareness and market may encourage more growers.

It is a rambling perennial bush which can be cut back to spur new growth. A healthy bush can have many flowers, green fruits (do not eat!) and the brightly coloured orange sweet treat shining thru the dry husk around the fruit, which can be visually stunning. As mentioned, do not eat — and let all around know not to eat — the green unripe fruit, which can be toxic, so wait for the fruit to colour up and the husk/calyx to dry and enjoy the natural sweetness.

In areas where they are more familiar, people harvest them and make pies and tarts, jams, chutneys, sauces and other preserves, juices, smoothies, or just eat them by the handful or bowl or in salads or desserts, as well as drying them for the goldenberry/incaberry which is gaining popularity as a nutritious 'superfood', with twice the vitamin C as a lemon in each little fruit and many other vitamins and minerals. Nutritionists and dieticians have found good amounts of vitamins A, C, B (including thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, B12), E, K, beta-carotene, fibre, phosphorous,

protein, zinc, magnesium, iron and potassium, antioxidants, with anti-inflammatory, blood-sugar-regulatory qualities, and more. They are said to be detoxing, diuretic, immune-boosting, helpful for diabetes, bone and eye health, what a handy (and yummy) storehouse of goodness to have growing in the garden!

The metre or so high bushes seem to grow in a variety of conditions, in full sun and in shade, and are traditionally an understory plant, though can be seen to be hardy all round, so perhaps plant them in a few areas to ensure a good harvest.

There are many seeds in each fruit and so it is easy to propagate more once you start off with a good-size, beautiful colour, juicy and tasty fruit to grow from. Spread out on paper and dry thoroughly much like you would a tomato, and save/share/propagate seeds.

Happy gardening, and please contact seedsavers@kurandaregion.org for information on local and regional seedsavers, and check out kuranda.tv online for local videos on gardening, seed saving, music, community, entertainment and more.



Astrology

THE STARS IN MARCH

by
ROB HART

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader
Kuranda Heritage Markets
4093 0218 or 0499 548 456

March begins with a very nice aspect between the Sun in Pisces and Jupiter in Taurus. A real, 'feel good' kind of thing, and for anyone with 11 degrees of Pisces or Taurus in their birthcharts: good news, positive opportunities and a very fertile field. Saturn is hovering close by at 10 degrees Pisces, so there's no fantasy here, you're on solid ground. What are you waiting for?

For the rest of us, how those planets sit in your birthchart will show you where the opportunities can be found. Mercury, in tight conjunction to the Sun, will bring the information, if you ask nicely.

The planets are very compressed, in a tight 110 degree arc between Pluto in Aquarius and Uranus in Taurus – less than one third of the zodiac circle. Very unusual and approaching fusion. Only the Moon, in Scorpio, floats outside the arc, watching, as it were, as we approach fusion-point, with a Scorpio intensity. World events compress, and tension increases.

On the new moon, on 10 March, Moon and Sun converge at 20 degrees Pisces, Mercury crosses the equinoctial point into Aries and Venus prepares to move into Pisces, her favourite place, 'exalted' as astrology puts it. Jupiter and Saturn come into mutual harmony – pulse that sets the beat for the coming month, and there will be decisions made that have the effect of 'softening' situations, both personal and global decision-makers and decisions, being gently forced into a more fluid, compassionate framework. Depend upon it.

Then there is the Aries equinox, the full moon and a lunar eclipse in Libra. From 20 to 25 March begins an exciting new astrological year as the Sun aligns exactly with the equator in the east, and the full moon with the equator in the west: Aries to Libra, or as Pink Floyd put it "Us and Them".

Keep in mind that compression of planets, and related events, along with an Aquarian Pluto driving it all along, and a Taurean Uranus, scattering the pieces, nothing stays the same. Let your life reflect these cosmic events as "we break on through to the other side".

There is more, much more now we are crossing a bridge that is demolished, no going back and no road map for what's ahead. We are all explorers.

Blessings

QBCC licence 15124706

Kris Hickey
Designer (residential - commercial - civil)

Kris for Concreting

e: krisforconcreting@gmail.com PO Box 775
0423 423 480 KURANDA QLD 4881
krisforconcreting.com.au

Over 20 years experience in the concrete industry
Kuranda resident for 18 years

Barry Hodson

FCPA

Certified Practising Accountant

PO Box 139 Kuranda
Queensland 4881

Tel/Fax: (07) 4093 9770
Mobile: 0418 314 532
Email: barry@hodsonott.com.au





KURANDA RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

FIND US

 Kuranda Rangers Football Club



Pilates for Every Body

-  your mat class with more..
-  serving Kuranda for over 8 years
-  classes with a quality, personal touch
-  7 classes a week

Contact Davini on 0414 994 123
Jaide on 0488 229 700

 find us on Facebook




kurandaeightball

7PM
TUESDAY 5 MARCH

JOIN NOW!

\$100 KNOCKOUT!

New members very welcome.

Bar open



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB

NEWS

It has been a great start to our Club season with a productive working bee involving the younger members of the Club. The working bee was followed by our Annual General Meeting, where we elected our 2024 committee. We warmly welcome back Deb Curry – President, Jaunita May – Vice President, Heather Cuda – Treasurer and our wonderful new addition Tara Moses (Equine in Motion) as our Secretary.

This year brings many exciting new opportunities to our Club, with a planned trip in April to the Adelaide Equestrian Festival with fundraising underway to help our Junior riders attend.

Our next rally day will be Sunday 24 March where we plan to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt at the end of our day. Also scheduled this year are Friday Night Rally under lights and clinics in various equestrian disciplines to continue developing our riders skills and knowledge.

The Club also has an air conditioned training room for hire. Our beautiful Club grounds are also available for hire to approved applicants.

If you'd like to become a member of the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club visit www.ponyclubaustralia.com



Tender
FUNERALS
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
A COMMUNITY UNDERTAKING

Margaret Vandell
Secretary/Director
0413 653 735
tender.fnq@gmail.com

Incorporated with Deductible Gift Recipient Status

OUR SERVICES:

- Supply Cardboard Caskets
- Information and Referral
- Provision of resources e.g. Will Kits

QUEENSLAND TAEKWON-DO ACADEMY




Family Discounts available

**STRENGTH
COURAGE
CONFIDENCE
RESPECT**

- Internationally Certified Instructor (ITF)
- Non-contact training policy
- Traditional Taekwon-Do
- Practical self-defence training

CWA HALL KURANDA
Tue/Wed/Thu 6.30-8pm

ENQUIRIES TO JEFF DIEBEN
0437 438 196

 queenslandtaekwondo.com.au

 ITF Taekwon-Do North Queensland



Your local pool man in Kuranda

NICK'S POOL SERVICE

For all your pool and spa needs

- CLEANING
- SERVICING
- REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- POOL EQUIPMENT SALES
- CHEMICAL SALES
- ADVICE

Call Nick

 0414 644 230

 allspaandpool@gmail.com

WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

Going looking for words



Djabugay Ngirrma language classes led by Bada Djaygul/Dennis Hunter, Djaanda/Taha Hunter and Bina/Michael Quinn are held every week. See below for details. All welcome.



W B W L W B B D J I L I N Q D R B Q Q
 U I U J T I I G A N D A R R B U G A Y
 L D L B D N R G J N T Y U L M A L D W
 N J N D J A R R A D J A R R A T N G N
 G A G B I N M W U L N G G U R R G L N
 G R G U L G B N G U N D A L D I B A N
 U R U W I U I N Y U N G G A D I R R A
 W I D A D N R D J I N G A Y D J I B I
 U B J L J D R D J U N G U L D J U L U
 L A A B A A G U L M B U N Y A W I L P
 N Y N U R L N Y U M B A W I D J A L Z
 G A A G R M U L A B U N Y D U G U L N
 G L Y A A D J A N G U N G A A L X L K
 U M D Y L R Q B I N Y I I W U D J A L
 N G U L U B A D A D I D I G A W A L B
 G U U B I N A D U R U M A N U W A L U



BADA
 BIDJARRIBAYAL
 BINA
 BINANGUNDAL
 BINYII
 BIRRM BIRR
 BUGAY
 BUWALBUGAY
 DIBAN
 DIDI
 DIRRA
 DJAN.GUN
 DJARRADJARRA
 DJIBI
 DJINGAY
 DJILI
 DJILIDJARRAL
 DJULU
 DJUNGUL
 DUGUL
 DURU
 GANDARR
 GAWAL
 GULMBU
 GUU
 MANU
 MULABUNY
 NGAAL
 NGULU
 NGUNDAL
 NYAWIL
 NYUMBA
 NYUNGGA
 WALU
 WIDJAL
 WUDJAL
 WULNGGUWULNGGU
 WULNGGUDJANAY
 WULNGGURR
 YULMAL

WORD MEANINGS

BADA: head/roof. *Bada bangga.* Big head.
BIDJARRIBAYAL: to dream. *Nyurra bidjarri bayal.* You are dreaming.
BINA: ear, ears. *Bina gurii.* Good ears/clever. *Bina gari.* No ears, stupid.
BINANGUNDAL: to listen, to hear. *Nganya bina ngunda!* Listen to me!
BINYII: mouth. *Binyii mumayin!* Shut your mouth!
BIRRM BIRR: snot. *Guu birrmbirri.* Snotty nose.
BUGAY: to eat. *Ngawu dalirr.* Ngawu bugay-galing. I'm hungry. I'm going to eat.
BUWALBUGAY: to speak. *Ngayanda buwal bugan!* Speak to me!
DIBAN: skull, cranium. *Bada dibanydji.* Bald head/head with bare skull.
DIDI: eyebrows
DIRRA: teeth. *Dirra maynggal.* Toothless, no teeth.
DJAN.GUN: chin
DJARRADJARRA: dribble. *Djarradjarra gamaying.* Dribbling, salivating.
DJIBI: head hair. *Ngayang djibi djanang.* My hair is standing up.
DJINGAY: nostrils. *Djingay djarraying.* Sneezing.
DJILI: eye/eyes. *Djili budayin!* Open your eyes!

DJILIDJARRAL: to stare. *Gari nganya djili djarra!* Don't stare at me!
DJULU: cheek
DJUN.GUL: gums in the mouth
DUGUL: nape of neck. *Dugul burayiy.* To warm the back of the neck in repentance ceremony.
DURU: tears. *Duru barrng djili-m.* Tears flowing from eyes.
GANDAR: a burp or belch. *Gari gandarr djanan!* Don't burp!
GAWAL: a call, a shout. *Gari gawal djanan!* Don't shout!
GULMBU: hair on head. *Gulmbu gunil.* Cutting the hair.
GUU: nose
MANU: neck
MULABUNY: brains
NGAAL: to say or tell. *Ngawu nyurranda ngaal gali-yinggu.* I'm telling you to go.
NGULU: forehead/face. *Ngulu gurii.* Handsome face.
NGUNDAL: to see, to look. *Ngawu nyurrany ngunda!* I'm looking at you.
NYAWIL: tongue
NYUMBA: spit. *Gari nyumba daban!* Don't spit!
NYUNGGA: beard, facial hair

WALU: side of head, temple
WIDJAL: to blink
WUDJAL: eyelid/eyelashes
WULNGGUWULNGGU: throat
WULNGGUDJANAY: to sing. *Ngawu wulnggu djanang.* I'm singing.
WULNGGURR: thirsty
YULMAL: to kiss. *Nganya yulma!* Kiss me!



Buwal bugan Ngirrma bulmba-barra.
 Speak the language belonging to this place.
Djabugay ngirrma Windjirri bugaa.

LANGUAGE CLASSES
Wednesday evenings 6-8pm
Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation

Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm),
1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda
07 4093 8116 (business hours only)

ALL WELCOME

Learn about this endangered language with its storylore going back into the last ice age, with Michael Quinn and Bada Djaygul/Dennis Hunter

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. **djunguu:** (behind)

Consonants

/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **djulbin** (tree)
 /g/ is pronounced as in the word "gun" e.g. **gindan** (moon)
 /rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word "sporran" e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)
 /r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)
 /ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. **bungan** (sun)
 /n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the
 /ngg/ two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)
 /ng/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)
 /ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).
 In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **gan**yarra (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**yarra – **nggu** (crocodile).

Language classes every Wednesday 6-8pm at Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm).



The Kuranda Paper is a not-for-profit publication. Profits generated by advertising support local community groups and projects.



DJABUGAY IS BUSY DELIVERING PROGRAMS

Graphic supplied by Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations

RANGER PROGRAMS

- Healthy Country Program
- Cultural Burning
- Biodiversity, Natural Resource, Invasive Species
- Community & Partner Engagement
- Employment/Training
- Junior Rangers
- Work Place Health & Safety

MONITORING PROGRAMS

- Fire Monitoring
- Frog Monitoring
- Bird Monitoring
- Platypus Monitoring
- Invasive Weed Monitoring (& Removal)
- Electric & Yellow Crazy Ant
- Forest Thicketing & other Vegetation Changes

TECH & PLANNING PROGRAMS

- GIS / Mapping
- Data Management
- Technical Support & Management
- Monitoring Support
- Remote Sensing
- Biodiversity Management

CULTURE PROGRAM

- Language
- Cultural Activities
- Cultural Heritage Recording
- Material Cultural Heritage Management
- Cultural Education/ Experience
- Cultural Tourism
- Cultural Site Assessment
- Arts Program
- Dance & Performance
- Didjirr Didjirr Family Network

OTHER PROGRAMS

- Bushfood, Nursery & Food Gardens
- Native Fish Breeding

Join us on www.facebook.com/DjabugayAboriginalCorporations

NOTICE OF

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM) OF
 DJABUGAY NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (DNTAC)
 DJABUGAY TRIBAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (DTAC)
 BUDA:DJJ ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION A/C (BADA)

DNTAC
 SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024
 AT 10AM

DTAC & BADA
 SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024
 AT 2PM

VENUE: NYUWARRI ESTATE,
 1496 KENNEDY HWY. KURANDA

PLEASE RSVP: OFFICE@DJABUGAY.ORG.AU
 P: 07 4093 8116



Join the
Koah Hall
 team!

KOAH HALL A.G.M

JOIN OUR AWESOME TEAM !!

SAT 16 MARCH ~ 5PM

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!
 WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024....?
 LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN !!

★ **SEEKING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS !!**

★ **POSITIONS OPEN !**

Acreage & Ride-on Mowing, Residential, Commercial

BRENS MOWING

0497 506 459

www.brensmowing.com.au

NEW AND LOCAL

FREE QUOTES! FULLY INSURED

Servicing Kuranda, Speewah, Koah & Mareeba

KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10am Monday 4 March 2024

The Kuranda Paper office
 Shop 2, Red House Arcade,
 24 Coondoo St, Kuranda.

Annual Memberships \$10.
 Applications for membership to
mail@kurandapaper.com

Kuranda Media ASSOCIATION

Sommer Painting Services

Est. 1995 • QBSA 076195

- New Homes/Repaints • Commercial
- High-pressure Cleaning • Airless spraying
- Roof restorations • Sikkens Timber Finishes
- Free quotes

Ralf Sommer
 107 Veivers Drive, Speewah
Phone/Fax 4093 0146
Mobile 0413 313 823

LONG LIST OF LOCAL REFERENCES



Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC)

Operated by Kuranda Information & Support Centre Assoc. Inc.

6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda
PO Box 170, Kuranda Qld 4881
4093 8933
manager@kurandanc.org.au



Above: Cate Lamont the retiring Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Vice President and Board member.

Cate Lamont – Retiring Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Vice President 2023 and Board Member

A heartfelt thank you to Cate Lamont who retired from our Management Board at our AGM in December. Cate has dedicated a number of years volunteering at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. We will miss her as a member of our Board, but are extremely thankful that we will continue to see her at the Centre on a Wednesday for Mahjong.

Family Support Worker



New Family Support Worker, Florence Williams

We are proud to introduce our Family Support Worker, Florence Williams, who started at the Centre in February.

"I am a Gungarri, Kamilaroi descendant. I have been involved in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Control Health since the early 1970s. During that time, I chaired and held executive positions on numerous boards and state and Australian government committees. My background is in managing and delivering consumer directed programs.

I have recently returned to Queensland after living in Tasmania for six years, working directly with families and youth group programs. I have been working with families for the past 35 years supporting them through all forms of day-to-day issues that have impacted on their lives and wellbeing.

I enjoy supporting families and am pleased to take up the position of Family Support with the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre."

Community Recovery – Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is pleased to announce that we have two Community Connect workers for the next three months – Jade Falvo and Eleanor Gilkerson. Jade and Eleanor will be available at KNC on Thursday and Friday to assist community members with recovery from Cyclone Jasper.

Help us prepare for the future...please complete the Residents Survey

The KNC has Community Connect workers on Thursday and Fridays to support Kuranda region residents to recover from the impacts of Cyclone Jasper and the subsequent flooding. Funded through the Department of Communities KNC Community Connect workers, Jade Falvo and Eleanor Gilkerson will be able to provide assistance until early May.

Jade, who many of you would know through her volunteer efforts following Cyclone Jasper, has worked with Eleanor to design a community survey to better understand the effects of the disaster on local residents and surrounding communities.

Jasper affected the Kuranda community differently from other communities in far North Queensland and the survey hopes to gauge and understand these differences. **Please scan the QR code (right) to complete the survey, it will only take 5-18 minutes and will help to get a clearer picture of the impacts of Cyclone Jasper and the flooding in Kuranda.** Information will be used to learn how to better recover and prepare in case of future disasters.

You can remain anonymous and anyone living in Kuranda at the time of the Cyclone Jasper or the flooding is encouraged to complete the survey, whether they were directly impacted or not.

Lastly thank you for your patience during the last month in regard to the opening times of the Centre – we are hoping that there will be minimal disruptions to service delivery in the future.

The KNC team



This survey has been designed by the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre to get a clearer picture of the impacts of Cyclone Jasper and the flooding on Kuranda. Information will be used to learn how to better prepare and recover in case of future disasters.



Survey takes 5 – 10 minutes and you can remain completely anonymous.

Use the QR code to access the survey. Or contact KNC for more details 40 938 933

Anyone living in Kuranda at the time of the Cyclone Jasper or the flooding is encouraged to complete, no matter if they were directly impacted or not.

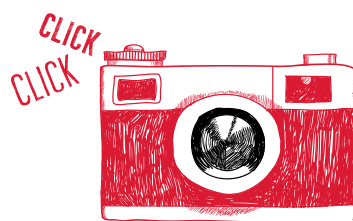


International Women's Day

Friday 8 March 2024

#InspireInclusion

"When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world."



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).



JANUARY/FEBRUARY

"Our tiny Red-legged Pademelon is enjoying all the lush green grass after Cyclone Jasper, before scurrying back into the safety of our rainforest garden"

Sharon McGrigor (27 January 2024)

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

ST SAVIOUR'S KURANDA

SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

THURSDAY (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

28 March

6.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am Service for all the Family
5pm Evening Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Easter Family Eucharist

ACTIVITIES

Home Groups
Alpha
A Life Worth Living
Sunday School

POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP

8.30am to 12.30pm
Monday to Saturday



ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

20 Barang Street, Kuranda
Serviced by the Northern Beaches Parish

Sunday Mass: 5pm
Wednesday Mass: 6pm

P | 07 4057 6055

E | northernbeaches.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au
W | cairns.catholic.org.au/parishes/northern-beaches



Beyond Blue

beyondblue.org.au

1300 22 4636

@beyondblue @beyondblue

@beyondblueofficial

company/beyondblue



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Wirramoo Street, Kuranda

Services held every Saturday
ALL WELCOME

Sabbath School (all ages) 9.30am
Divine Service 11am

St Saviour's Thought for March

There is always something positive about Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

In Lent there are people who make a positive effort to be in church to examine themselves and to renew their commitment to Christ. In Lent we look at our souls very closely, the thing we will present, hopefully in good order before almighty God. In Lent we have a special Sunday known as Mothering Sunday (Lent 4) where we present flowers to mums and feast on Simnel cake to renew us and sustain us for the great event of the coming weeks.

One of the most moving services I find is the Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) Eucharist with the washing of feet. We follow Jesus in these last hours of his earthly life leaving the church stripped and bare we depart just as the apostles did at the arrest of the master.

Then we gather on Good Friday to spend some time with our Lord calling to mind our failures, our faults and sending them to his cross. As the world rushes by we remember that it was just a normal day in Jerusalem. We leave in silence as the people did after Jesus' burial in the rock tomb.

Then out of the despair rises the hope the joy of Easter day. The joy of the Risen Lord, "Jesus is Alive". It is a joy that far surpasses for me the joy of Christmas, for in my heart I know its true and that get stronger and stronger as the years go by for "Jesus is Alive" the Lord is risen indeed.

Have a contemplative Lent, Holy Week and a Joyful Easter.

Enquiries to Chris Wright

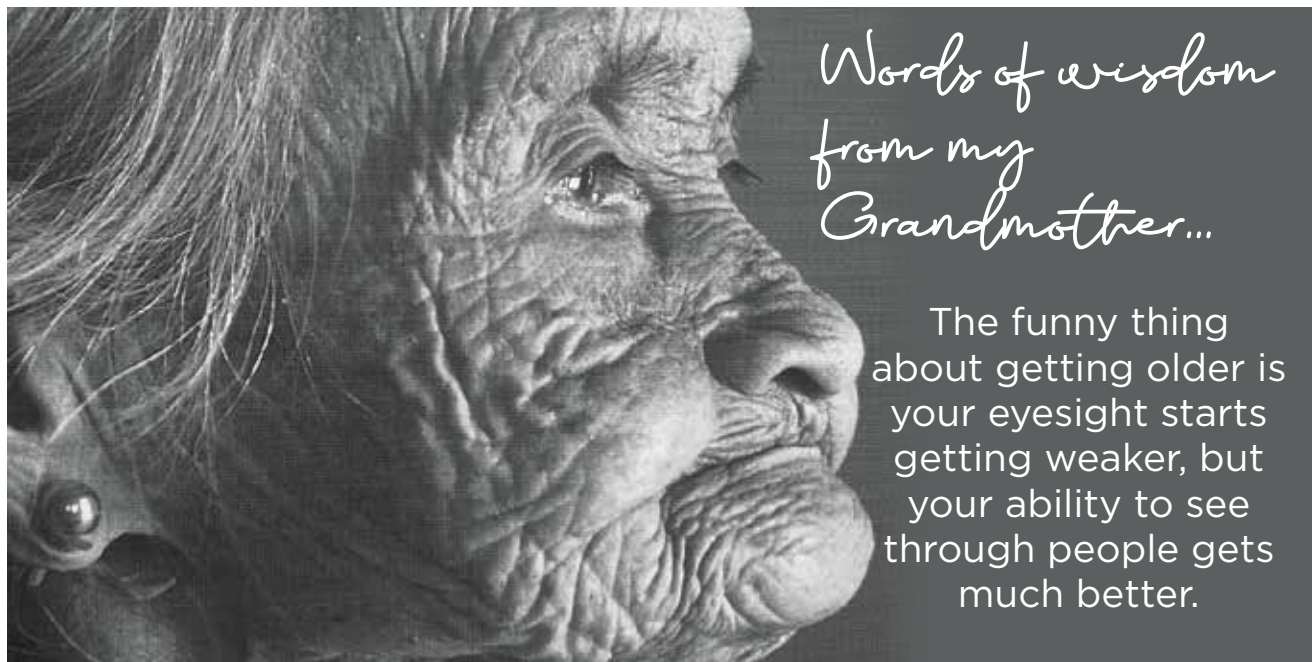
Phone: 4093 8735

Email: wrightc@iig.com.au



THE
Kuranda Paper
est. 1991

The Kuranda Paper is a not-for-profit publication. Profits generated by advertising support local community groups and projects.



Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...

The funny thing about getting older is your eyesight starts getting weaker, but your ability to see through people gets much better.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'I FAITH

"His Holiness Bahá'u'lláh has risen from the eastern horizon. Like the glory of the sun He has come into the world. He has reflected the reality of divine religion, dispelled the darkness of imitations, laid the foundation of new teachings and resuscitated the world.

The first teaching of Bahá'u'lláh is the investigation of reality. Man must seek the reality himself, forsaking imitations and adherence to mere hereditary forms. As the nations of the world are following imitations in lieu of truth and as imitations are many and various, differences of belief have been productive of strife and warfare. So long as these imitations remain the oneness of the world of humanity is impossible. Therefore we must investigate the reality in order that by its light the clouds and darkness may be dispelled. Reality is one reality; it does not admit multiplicity

or division. If the nations of the world investigate reality they will agree and become united."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions, also discussion evenings in Kuranda and Mareeba.

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

Study Circles: by arrangement, please feel free to enquire. Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda, Tolga and other places. Open for all those interested.

All enquiries welcome.

0419 632 286 | 4093 9571 | bahai.org.au

The Bahá'i Community of Mareeba/Kuranda

FOREST SOLUTIONS FNQ

LOCAL KURANDA BUSINESS

For all your garden needs...

- Earthworks
- Garden Design
- Maintenance
- Landscaping
- Lawn Services
- Tree Services
- Stump Grinding
- Waste Disposal
- Construction
- Fencing

Jeff Williams
0405 906 555

KURANDA EARTHWORKS & TREE SERVICES

Call for a FREE quote
0411 383 404

Driveways • Rock Retainer Walls • Culverts • Site Clearing • Dams • Landscaping • Tree Services



Kuranda

Landscape Supplies & Raw Materials

House/Shed Pads, Land/Site Clearing
Rock Retaining Walls
Driveway/Roadway Excavation

EARTHMOVING

45 Myola Road Ph: 4093 8377
www.kurandalandscape.com.au



Defiant PEST SERVICES

- 100% Local
- 25+ Years Experience
- Competitive Prices

Are cockies, ants or spiders driving you insane? ... or any other pest?

Worried about Termites?

We do Termite Inspections & Treatments.

Do you love your Frogs?

Us too! We do Frog Friendly, Effective, Pest Treatments.

WE CAN HELP!

Call Darrell & Lisa Turner
0408 174 791
defiantpestservices@gmail.com

a **small** Family Business - **BIG** on Customer Service

Red tail Property Maintenance

Greg & Lou 0411 490 843
redtailpm@yahoo.com

Small - Med Renovations
ALL Home Repairs
ANY Handy Work
ALL Odd Jobs



Case 590 Super M Series 3
With 900, 600, 450, 300 and Mud Bucket

- Land Clearing
- Rock Walls
- House Pads
- Trenching
- Ponds & Dams
- 24/7 Emergency Call Outs
- Site Waste Removal
- Chain Saw
- Quick Hitch Tilt on Application



KURANDA BACKHOE HIRE

Owner/Operator **Jeff Kapteyn**
ph. 0427 530 253
16 Years Experience

Local business since 1981



JMC WELDING & STEEL FABRICATION

For all your welding and steel fabrication requirements

Call John
0411 105 256

CALL ADRIAN
0429 265 082

- Domestic
- Commercial
- Air Conditioning

BEST ELECTRICAL

Now completing all air conditioning installations
Call or text and I'll turn up **GUARANTEED!**

Lic 81562
ARC Lic L166416

YOUR LOCAL ELECTRICIAN



waterbores QLD

WaterBores QLD are your local water drilling specialists
• Domestic bores • Stock bores • Irrigation bores.
Based in Kuranda and servicing Far North Queensland

Call Leon for a free site inspection and quote
Tel: 0403 210 431
leon@waterboresqld.com.au
www.waterboresqld.com.au

GRATIS CLASSIFIEDS*

Acrylic Pour Painting art classes. Unique personalised creative sessions, small group setting. Call Leah 0403 335 508

Clothing alterations & dressmaking in Speewah. Karen is professional and reasonably priced 0459 184 223.

COMPETITION TIME! Help us pick a new name for the Kuranda Recreation Centre bar and restaurant. Winner takes home free membership and a Centre Voucher for \$50. Submit entries to our email krc4881@gmail.com Competition closes on 5 March.

Gift Vouchers for Framing. Perfect gift for the artist in your life. Terra Nova Gallery, 15 Therwine Street. Call 0412 387 557

Guitar Lessons. Long-time local offering guitar lessons. Beginners to intermediate players. Blue Card. Dave Breeze 0404 290 060.

FREE Aqua Classes for Seniors. Running until April 2024. Bookings can be made by calling 4092 1691 or moveitaqua@mcsf.com.au

JOB OPPORTUNITY. Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce (Kuranda) Coordinator vacancy. Applications close 4 March. If interested please email info@envirocare.org.au

Marriage Celebrant – Cheryl Tonkin. Local, regional & remote. Phone 0407 670 954

Mum's n Bub's Yoga on Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Bring a few toys. Located at Soul Temple Kuranda studio. soultemplekuranda.com.au

Picture Framing Free custom framing quotes at Terra Nova Gallery, 15 Therwine Street. Call 0412 387 557

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

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

Shoes shoes shoes for comfort and style available at Just Gorgeous. Open daily 10am–3pm.

Short Story Deadline "A Spirited Tale" 15 March. See page 18 for details.

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

Street Pantry is located at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Rob Veivers Drive (next to Butterfly Sanctuary). Open 24/7 for donations of nonperishable food or for others to take items as needed. Will also receive food items and toiletries to distribute.

WANTED: local firing service for small ceramic pieces, bisque and glaze firings. Flexible about time so my pieces might help fill your empty kiln spaces. Please phone 0447 088 651.

Weddings and party wear? Find it locally at Just Gorgeous! Open 7 days 10am–3pm later or earlier by appointment.

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

* 30 WORDS MAXIMUM

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

YOUR COMMUNITY PAGES



WILDLIFE

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

Batreach 4093 8858

TigerLodge Wildcare 4093 0761 (24/7 phone service)

Kuranda Vets 4093 7283

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

SNAKE REMOVAL

Jax Bergersen (non-venomous only) 4093 8834

Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872

DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.

Kuranda Men's Shed end of Kuranda Heights Road

Kuranda Pharmacy cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts

Kuranda Medical Centre cnr Thongon and Barang Sts

Kuranda Ambulance Station, Fallon Road

Kuranda Swimming Pool, Myola Road

Steiner School, Boyles Road

Kuranda SES on board vehicle

Envirocare Nursery 284 Myola Road

WATER AND SEPTIC

Water Delivery:

Grego's Raw Materials 0419 705 005

Septic Tank Emptying:

Paul Jennings 0417 632 688

LAUNDROMATS

Gurii Gambi 5C Coondoo Street

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



Caring for the region's native wildlife.

Wildlife carers are all volunteers.

Tax deductible donations appreciated.

New members welcome.

Tel: 07 4053 4467 (24 hrs)

Email: fnqwr@bigpond.com



Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

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

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

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

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



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

www.treeroorecue.org.au

Visit us on



RECYCLE

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

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



ROAD REPORTS

Council EMERGENCY number for local roads 1300 308 461

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



Upcycling Kuranda

www.facebook.com/groups/583458973949832/

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

No selling and buying - just free stuff.

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

KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING

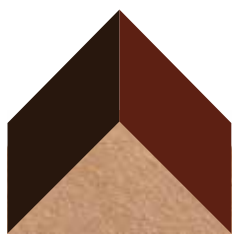
C10055234

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

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

Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.

****No milk bottles please****



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

RAINFALL

February 2024
215.1mm
(to 25 February 2024)

Annual Total
754.4mm
(to 25 February 2024)



Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

HELP GROUPS



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

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



Need help with a drinking problem?

1300 222 222

www.aa.org.au

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

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

Al-Anon can help you!

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

Community Services

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm

(No Council business after 4.30pm weekdays)

Kuranda Community Precinct
18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda
4093 9185

kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au
msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Open 7 days from 10am

4093 9311

kurandavic@msc.qld.gov.au

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am–4pm,

Saturday & Sunday: 9am–5pm

2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah

1300 308 461

msc.qld.gov.au/water-and-waste

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880

1300 308 461

info@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374

Trans North 3036 2070



Bookings 1300 743 374

Emergency Contacts



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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



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

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction

Join your local SES

Kuranda SES Training every second Tuesday 7pm at Fallon Road.

Contact Caitlin **0476 772 500**



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

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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

Karen McLaren – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment

Trans North Bus & Coach

Atherton Tablelands to Cairns

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

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands

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

Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

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

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

No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day

Bus stops are located at:

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

Ticket Sales:

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

- 5 March – KURANDA 8 BALL**
7pm.
Everyone welcome including new members! \$100 Knockout competition. Bar open.
- 9 & 23 March – CONTACT BEYOND CONTACT – A GUIDED DANCE JOURNEY WITH OLIVIA**
4–6pm. 0466 134 424
- 11 March – KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE AGM**
7.15pm.

COMPETITION TIME!

Help us find a new name for the KRC bar and restaurant!

Winner takes home a free membership and KRC voucher to the value of \$50. Send your entries to krc4881@gmail.com

Competition closes 5 March 2024.

Proud to be the home of:



CONTACT US

 Kuranda Recreation Centre
 krc4881@gmail.com

JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

WHAT'S ON

Come join us in our air conditioned classes!

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

KURANDA RANGERS –
Training Thursday 4.30–5.30pm
Keira 0437 778 849

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm
Les 4093 8276

Venue for Hire

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



What's On at Koah Hall

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY
FELDENKRAIS WITH JUSTINE –
9.30–10.30am.
Justine 0408 735 309

EVERY THURSDAY
FIGHTING FIT –
4–5pm. Age 9 to adult
Samantha Jurgens 0438 780 279

TRI YOGA –
5.45–6.45pm.
Jane Dwyer 0457 069 457

THURSDAY 7 & 21 MARCH
MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP
7pm. Open to all men.
Simon 0459 755 553

THURSDAY 14 & 28 MARCH
WOMAN'S CIRCLE
7pm. Jane 0437 704 353

EVERY FRIDAY
DANCECRAFT –
Fire Spinning Skills workshop. Contact Kali – burnbrightdance@protonmail.com

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES

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

MONDAY – Circus 1 – 3.45–4.45pm. Age 5–9.

TUESDAY – Circus 2 – 3.45–5pm, Age 10+ and **Show Class –** 5–6.30pm – Age 8+ **Adult Acro and General Circus –** 7–8.30 pm. All ages, abilities and genders welcome.

WEDNESDAY – Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various classes 3.45–6.30pm

HIRE FEES

- 1 hour \$10
- 24-hour only \$150 (community rates)
- \$200 refundable bond for one-off events (if space is left as you found it)

www.koahhall.com

 koah.hall@gmail.com

 Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET

FIRST MARKET OF THE YEAR!

Saturday 2 March
8am till Midday

- Live Music – Chris & Lawry will be singing us into our new year of Market magic!
- New stallholders welcomed – casual and/or permanent.
- SMS/Voicemail Nicky 0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

MOST FRIDAYS

FISH & CHIPS
5.30–7.30pm or until sold out

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

KOAH HALL AGM 5pm. CREATE OUR FUTURE! Seeking new members. Find out what we're all about at our Koah Hall meet 'n greet tent at our March Markets on 2 March! AGM is a fortnight later Saturday 16 March at 5pm.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 18 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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



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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer
Keira 0437 778 849 for any queries.

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe) 6pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

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 St Christopher's Catholic Church 9.30am 1300 222 222

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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

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