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Congratulations Kuranda!

You've raised over \$5,000! Twenty-four people put one hand on their heart and the other in their hip pocket to donate \$5,187.27 to the campaign to eradicate Yellow Crazy Ants from the wet tropics.

Finally, the Federal Coalition and Labor parties have also made commitments to funding YCA control. On Friday 20th May the Federal Coalition promised \$8.8 million over three years for eventual eradication of the ants. \$15 million has been requested for the programme and the Feds are asking the State to come up with the other \$7.5 million. Meanwhile, State Labor, in whose court this is all happening, has pledged \$3 million, contending the Federal Government needs to come up with a further \$12 million. In any case, it looks like we have \$11.8 million promised.

On Friday 20th May, Federal member for Leichhardt, Hon. Warren Entsch chose Kuranda to make a significant announcement. He said "I was keen to have the announcement in Kuranda so I could acknowledge the fantastic advocacy of the Kuranda Media Association and *The Kuranda Paper*. The publication is matching the funds raised by the Kuranda community through Kuranda Envirocare and the research that will be carried out by JCU will go a long way towards helping us understand more about this invasive scourge. Unquestionably, the Kuranda community is a model for community engagement in dealing with issues like this and need to be recognised for their outstanding efforts. These efforts were greatly influential in persuading the Federal Government not only to fully meet the requested funding (\$7.5 million) but to add an additional \$1.3 million to the package."

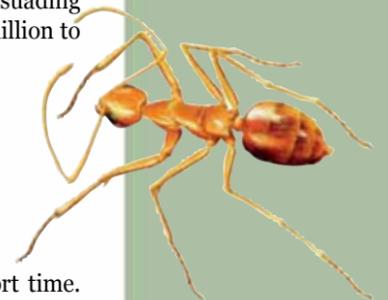
This is how money raised within the Kuranda community is being used:

Kuranda Envirocare:	\$20,000 over two years to fund a coordinator.
	\$5,000 to fund JCU research
<i>The Kuranda Paper</i> :	\$5,000 to fund JCU research
The Kuranda community:	\$5,700 to fund JCU research
The Kuranda paper matching funds:	\$5,000 to fund JCU research

Why is research so important? Yellow Crazy Ants have only been established in the Wet Tropics for a short time. Everything we are doing to contain and eradicate them is based on infestations elsewhere in the world. Yet we know that one of the reasons YCA are such a formidable challenge is that they are opportunistic and adaptable – they behave differently in different environments. New treatments and methods are being discovered every day and their effectiveness needs to be tested and monitored so we can fine tune them to not only maximise effectiveness against YCA but also minimise impacts on other species. Elsewhere in Queensland programs to eradicate Red Fire Ants and Electric Ants have been successful but these programs required 3-4 years of research, along with adequate funding, to become so.

We are fortunate to have volunteers and others in Kuranda doing the vital work of on the ground inspections. We need to be able to gather data on existing infestations and find the main pathways of spread in order to accurately assess the risks and work out how to mitigate them. This requires dedicated research funding. The Wet Tropics rainforests are an enormously complex and interconnected environment – the changes caused by Yellow Crazy Ants should they be allowed to establish to the degree they did on Christmas Island and elsewhere are unpredictable and we need to be looking for changes before we are confronted with the drastic cascade of events as happened on Christmas Island where the ecosystem went into collapse.

As it is said, knowledge is power. We need that knowledge. Along with our people power it gives us credible hope that we can eradicate YCA from the Wet Tropics.



Report Yellow Crazy Ants to

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From left to right: Gareth Humphreys, WTMA YCA operations manager, Cathy Retter, Kuranda Envirocare President, James McGrath, Federal Senator for Queensland, Lucy Karger, WTMA YCA program manager, Sarah Gibson, Kuranda Envirocare volunteer, Jonathon Pavetto, LNP candidate for Kennedy, Sylvia Conway, YCA Russet Park coordinator, Hon. Warren Entsch, Federal member for Leichhardt.

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All is Art??

I agree with *seren* (no further identification) in the fine print in the All is Art column in the last edition of the *Kuranda Paper* (page 12) regarding Australians being investigated following the revelation of the 'Panama Papers'. It may prove, however, that all is not as it seems in a number of cases as tax minimalisation is a totally different thing to tax evasion and any accountant who did not achieve the difference for a client would not be worth engaging.

"Who are these artful dodgers who are stealing from our poor and our children?" You may well ask. You say "Maybe we are all just thieves hoping one day to reach the top of the dung heap". Speak for yourself *seren* and do not tar 'all' with the same brush. There are millions of taxpayers in this country, many of whom have overcome adversity to become self-reliant contributors to the Australian economy, who do not rely on government handouts, who work hard to make a better life for themselves and to not be a burden on their fellow Australians. There are also many, too many, capable of working for a living, who continue to bludge from other workers. Perhaps those are the 'thieves' to which you recognise and refer.

As for the 'dung heap' you mention, how lucky are we to live in this beautiful part of the world. I am sorry that you see it differently. May I suggest that you get out from under it.

Name Withheld

Crafts in Kuranda

Recently I was invited by Textile and Fibre Artist Toni Rogers to conduct eco dye workshops at her Cantata Studio in Kuranda. I am a Textile Artist and Tutor specialising in eco dyeing, hand stitching and transforming rescued clothing into unique wearable art pieces.

I live in Tasmania and thanks to the support of MSC RADF and Arts Queensland it was made possible for me to fly over to pass on my skills.

I arrived a bit over a week prior to the first workshop to explore and experiment with the local vegetation, which is so different to the southern states. It was during this time that I discovered that the dreaded Singapore Daisy flowers and leaves are an excellent and colourful dye source!!

For me this has been a wonderful experience and a fantastic opportunity to broaden my knowledge about dye plants. I enjoyed my time in Kuranda, your beautiful Village in the Rainforest. You all live in a truly beautiful part of the world.

I would like to give special thanks to Toni and Gordon Rogers, Thelma and Geoff Pardew, Paul Cordell, Robin Cruse, Garth Owen and Cathy Retter, Bonnie Alison, Marcia Bird and Pam Westera. Each assisted with manpower when required, plant and workshop materials, and my thanks to all the workshop participants who contributed so much.

Aukje Boonstra
 Ulverstone, Tasmania

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate my mum Ivett for recently receiving her black belt in Taekwon Do. She had an injury which made it harder for her so that's all the more reason to be proud of her.

Mary Anne Svihla



Sustainable Communities in FNQ

Kuranda community members are invited to an information session "Sustainable Communities in FNQ" to be held on 31st May from 7pm to 9pm at ARC Community Hub, 52 McNamara Street, Cairns.

Guest speakers will be Dr Colin McGregor, senior lecturer and coordinator of Bachelor of Sustainability at JCU, Dr Shaneen Fantin, Director of People Oriented design company and adjunct associate professor in Architecture at JCU, with speakers from the communities of Kanjini Co-operative, Koah Village, Kuranda Co-housing, Malanda North and the Cairns based Cohousing Action group.

If anyone would like to invite speakers from the communities to address their group, please find contact details at the TNQ sustainable community alliance website.

Contributions to Yellow Crazy Ants Research

Kuranda Envirocare would like to personally acknowledge those community members who so generously contributed to the campaign to kickstart research on Yellow Crazy Ants at JCU. As an aside, by this very tangible contribution to such a campaign, you've been able to put powerful pressure on the Federal government to announce funding and in turn now pressure the State government to match this. For those of you wishing a tax deductible receipt, please email treasurer@envirocare.org.au so we can send the receipt back to you.

To All the Friends of Col Jeanes

Our mutual friend and Kuranda icon has been diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer. Col is feeling upbeat despite the possibility that he may only have three months to live.

At present Col is in the surgical ward and if you think you may like to have a chat and express your care for Col and your support for Carol, his long-suffering wife, you would be welcome. As circumstances may change before the paper comes out, you may like to ring the hospital to confirm Col's location.

For those folks who are not sure who Col Jeanes is, you may know him as the quadriplegic gentleman parked outside the Anglican Church for the last two-plus decades spreading good humour and acting as Kuranda's unofficial ambassador to the thousands of visitors to our village each year. We appreciate you Col.

If Col is discharged from hospital he will be returning to his daughter's house and people may ring Judy on 0411 050 459.

Kind Regards,

Ken Wright



Mareeba
 SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF VEGETATION IN THE KURANDA AREA

Mareeba Shire Council will commence the following works mid-June 2016:

- Removal & pruning of dead & dangerous Black Wattle trees along Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda
- Removal of pine trees from road reserve adjacent to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Barron Falls Road, Kuranda
- Removal of pine trees from road reserve at the end of McKenzie Street, Kuranda.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre Closure 1 June 2016 to 31 July 2016

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On the nights of 12th and 13th May two four-wheel-drive vehicles were written off after hitting cattle in two separate accidents on the Kennedy Highway just past the Koah turnoff. In one incident a bull had to be put down by local vets and although the drivers were lucky enough to walk away in once instance there were injuries. There have also been reports recently of cattle on the roads at night on Myola Road and Koah Road.

Obviously time has caught up with the old stock routes and with a major highway running through stretches of unfenced grazing land the risks are high for drivers and stock alike.

On May 24th Mayor Tom Gilmore posted the following in the Kuranda Range Updates Facebook Group, "If anybody can help us identify the owner of the wandering cattle in the Davies Creek/Clohesy River area (commonly known as "The Mad Mile"), please contact Council immediately".

Council is unable to impound cattle unless they are caught wandering at large. Anyone seeing cattle wandering – whatever the time of day, please call 1300 308 461 (all hours) and Council will respond."

Fund-raising Campaign Now Closed

The Kuranda Paper would like to thank and congratulate all those who have contributed to the successful Yellow Crazy Ants appeal.

Over \$5,700 has been donated which is an amazing result. This money will go towards funding research into YCA behaviour and will join with \$5,000 from **Kuranda Envirocare** and \$10,000 from this paper.

As reported on the front page, this is desperately needed research, almost the first done anywhere in the world, and will be vital going forward.

So as to avoid community burnout we are now officially closing this fundraising effort and will wait to see how the whole eradication campaign progresses.

We will be keeping everyone updated with results and other news. Let's keep our fingers and everything else crossed that our efforts will be successful.

The owners of **Rainforestation Nature Park** have kindly donated two family passes, one to Rainforestation and one to the Butterfly Sanctuary.

All who have donated to this campaign and have left their names will participate in a raffle for these prizes. Winners will be contacted by the paper.



Kuranda Cleaning Contract

TENDER T-MS2016-08

The Mareeba Shire Council hereby invites tenders for the Kuranda Cleaning Contract

Obtaining Documentation: The tender documentation may be obtained by contacting Council's Governance Officer, Julie Pitcher on (07) 4086 4683 or email JulieP@msc.qld.gov.au

Changes: Section 228(7) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 relating to changes to Tenders may be applied.

Lodgement of Tenders: Tenders must be lodged in the Tender Box at the Mareeba Shire Council Administration Centre at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba by the Closing Time.

Closing Time: The Closing Time for lodgement of Tenders is 11.00am on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

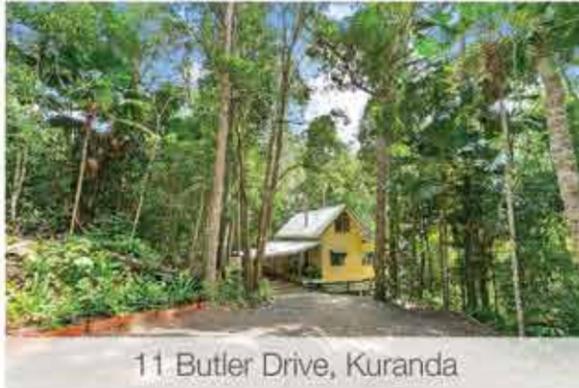
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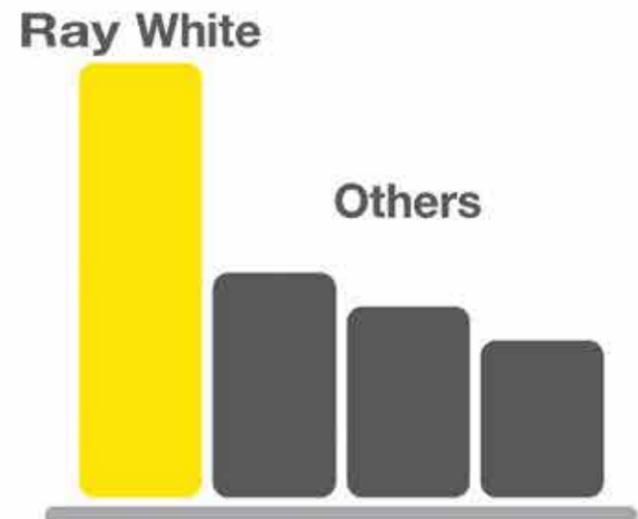
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Fundraiser for our Wildlife

Every year in Australia, thousands of injured native animals are rescued, rehabilitated and released by passionate and dedicated carers. Here in Kuranda, two such compassionate carers are Pam Tully (Batreach) and Betty Timmins. These two remarkable women have, for many years, devoted their lives to caring for Kuranda's wildlife. Not a day of the year passes when these women are not feeding, nursing, cleaning, rescuing or administering aid or medication to animals in need.

As the human plague expands and encroaches further into the territory of other animals, the demand on carers like Pam and Betty grows. Tree felling, land clearing, pesticide use, unrestrained domestic pets, increased traffic and pollution all put wildlife at much greater risk of injury and death. Yet despite the long hours, stress, heartbreak, financial pressures and demandingly consistent nature of the role, these local heroes continue their work with a minimum of fuss.

As a gesture of gratitude and community support for Pam and Betty, the Kuranda Recreation Centre is hosting a Fundraising Family Fun Night on **Friday 3rd June** from 5.00pm. This will include a nine-combination pasta buffet, live music by Trish Molloy, an amazing

'Minibeast Wildlife' display of local creepy crawly bugs and spiders, two giant jumping castles, children's amusements and a special visit from Sophie and Jacob of 'DreamState Circus', who

will provide a range of circus equipment for children to experience. To further enhance the fundraising effort, a 'Silent Auction' will also be run. This will include a wide range of items generously donated by local business owners, artists, jewellers and tourist attractions. The items will remain on display, accompanied by bidding sheets. If you fancy an item, simply write your name, contact number and winning bid onto the sheet. The Silent Auction will close at 10.00pm. If yours is the highest bid at that time, you will be contacted the following day to arrange delivery.

All funds raised during this special event will be proudly donated to Pam and Betty as they continue their invaluable work. If you wish to offer an item to be sold in the 'Silent Auction' please contact Nathan on 0430 080 090. For further details of the event, please visit the Kuranda Recreation Centre's Facebook Page. **See advertisement on page 22.**

– Nathan Sutherland

Photos by Helen Douglas



Volunteers Week



Volunteers Week at the **Kuranda Visitor Information Centre** was celebrated at the **Rainforest View Restaurant** where our hosts Farzad and Farri looked after the volunteers with a slap up breakfast. Long service badges were given out for 5, 10 and 15 years volunteering. **Rare Earth Oils** were also kind enough to give the volunteers a special neck and shoulder massage during the week.

Focus on Kuranda

Kuranda residents who are on Facebook have been treated to many wonderful photographic images shared by members of the new Facebook group Focus on Kuranda Photography Group initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin. The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor. It's also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

One of the most popular images from the first month's posts is this beautiful image by Fiona Coleman of a little female double eyed fig parrot in her backyard in Kuranda.



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Invitation to Join the Riders in Kuranda on 25th June

On Saturday 25th June it's on again and the Cairns to Karumba Bike Riders would like to welcome you to join them when they stop in at Kuranda for a quick coffee (8.00-9.00am) before continuing on their 780km journey across the Cape.

The ride has been going for 19 years and has raised over \$1 million for school students across Far North Queensland throughout this time.

Each year the event supports students from Cairns, the Tablelands and right across the ride route, providing them with opportunities that otherwise may not be available.

Such opportunities have included interstate school excursions to Canberra to learn about the role of Government and the chance to have experts in the arts, sport and music deliver workshops in their nearest town centres through the 'Pedals Program.'

With riders from all states of Australia and many travelling from overseas, the Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride has a great reputation amongst cyclists as it enters a part of Australia that many people simply never see.

"The Kuranda Range is always a highlight of day one. For cyclists the opportunity to ride the range with Police support is wonderful. We understand that riders being on the range does impact fellow motorists so we sincerely thank drivers for their patience. Once again Police will be on hand to assist in keeping traffic moving at set times during the climb.

"Hopefully people can see that the impact is relatively short (7.00-8.00am) given the massive economic benefit to local communities and the huge fundraising component of this event that directly impacts on kids right here in FNQ", said Ride Director, Steve Corrie.

"This event provides us with so much. The Cairns School of Distance Education is proud to serve the needs of the Kurandah and Speewah communities working in partnership with the Kuranda District College to deliver languages and a range of other subjects. What the C2K Ride does is allow us to offer something extra, like the opportunities presented by the Pedals Program," said Andrew Oliver, Principal,



Cairns School of Distance Education.

When riders roll into Kuranda they will be looking to buy something to eat and drink as they take a brief drink stop before heading towards Mareeba and then on to Atherton.

"It is refreshing to see the C2K cyclists and supporters are keen to show us how they value add to our Shire, both on the first day of the seven-day ride and also how they are supporting the Distance Education students represented in our Kuranda and surrounding Communities. Congratulations to all involved and Ride safe." Councillor Lenore Wyatt.

If you would like further information about the Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride please go to www.ridefnq.com.

Cyclists on Kuranda Range 7-8am, Sat June 25



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Recycle Plans for Mareeba

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Excited about the prospect, Mayor Tom Gilmore said "This proposal is at no cost to Council and represents an excellent opportunity to reduce waste to landfill and reduce costs to the community with a great environmental outcome."

After extensive research and subsequent initial discussions with representatives from RDT, a meeting was arranged with Council's Mayor and Senior Water and Waste staff. This led to a formal offer being provided to Council from RDT for the collection, bailing and removal of plastic waste (copy attached) for recycling.

The offer from RDT included the collection, bailing for recycling of the following plastic waste products:

- Plastic Fluming • Crop Cover (plastic netting)
- Plastic Containers
- Plastic Film (pallet wrap, Cotton bale Wrap and/or similar but not plastic mulch film)
- Plastic bumper bars from cars.

At this stage, RDT cannot process or collect the plastic mulch cover (either Black or the White product) due to excessively high organic contamination contained within the mulch but they are looking at ways to resolving this issue.

Change to Meeting Dates

From 1st July 2016, Council will conduct its Ordinary Meetings once a month on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9.00am, at the Council Chambers, Rankin Street Mareeba, unless otherwise determined by Council.

The motion was carried after it was identified that the meeting agenda for the first meeting of each month tends to be relatively small with the majority of the reports, including the Departmental Monthly reports being tabled at the second meeting of the month.

Mayor Tom Gilmore supported the decision saying "Monthly meetings will reduce Council costs in terms of resources required to conduct the meetings, and will also provide Councillors with the opportunity to spend the additional time liaising directly with the community."

A list of items for the agenda is to be made available to the public on Council's website at the time the agenda is made available to the Councillors. Changes to the dates and times of the Ordinary meetings and meetings of Standing Committees should also be published in the local newspaper and on Council's website and by notice in the Council's public office.

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This Friday night the Kuranda Recreation Centre is hosting a Family Fundraising event for local wildlife carers, Batreach and Betty Timmins. You are invited to join us for a fun night of delicious food and family entertainment. For the kids there will be a jumping castle, a Minibeast Wildlife display of insects and spiders; and circus games courtesy of Dream State Circus. The club will be open at 5pm with meals available from 6pm onwards. Live music will be provided by Trish Molloy from 7.30pm. On offer is a buffet selection of pasta and delicious sauces, including garlic and herb breads and toppings, for only \$15 adults and \$5 children. Both the Batreach team and Betty continue to work tirelessly to rescue, nurse and rehabilitate sick and injured wildlife, most often raising their own funds to operate. Please help us to support these valuable organisations. Reserve your table by email to krc4881@gmail.com.



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Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



JUNE and slowly the garden responds to the shorter hours of daylight and cooler nights. With many of the warmer tropicals entering their Winter dormancy or standing still, the bones of the garden are revealed. A good time to think about garden renovation, removing old plantings and thinking more carefully about what is worthwhile retaining. Too many mistakes, and money wasted, can be made with wholesale clearing before one has considered the growing requirements of future plantings. Also the time for improving soil fertility, digging in compost, animal manures and laying mulches.

Well worth noting on your calendar - some interesting offerings from Friends of the Flecker Botanical Gardens:

Wednesday 8th June – “The Wild Man of Borneo” – Guest speaker Michael Ferrero, internationally well known plant person. Botanic Gardens Amenities area behind Friends House at 6.00pm.

Members \$5, Visitors \$10 which includes a light supper, tea and coffee.

Wednesday 27th July – “Moth Week” – Dr David Rentz AM (from Kuranda) and other entomologists will be setting up sheets around the Gardens at night fall, with a light behind to attract moths, explaining what they are seeing and answer any questions. Start at the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre, Collins Avenue, 6.00pm. Free event.

Wednesday 10th August – “Little Rotters” – Barry Muir discussing the various types of fungi and what are their benefits to our gardens. Venue TBA.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Hoffmannia*

ghiesbreghtii (syn, *Campylobotrys ghiesbreghtii*), commonly known as the Taffeta Plant, comes from forest understory in Guatemala and Mexico. Belonging to the *Rubiaceae* family (think coffee and gardenias) and growing to little over a metre, this is a highly decorative plant and much sought after. Keen local gardener Peter Anderson recently spotted the even more desirable variegated form at Limberlost Nursery. (Treasures like this keep one coming back to increasing seemingly the same nursery stock.)



With over 100 species of *Hoffmannia*, some highly ornamental, their cultivation can prove somewhat problematic.

Hoffmannia ghiesbreghtii flags quickly if drying out and recovery is slow and often the plant never seeming to regain its former vigour. On the other hand, it requires good drainage and an open, humus rich planting mix. With its dark green, velvety taffeta-like quality of the leaves, purple-red beneath, *H. ghiesbreghtii* makes a stunning potted subject, or if daring, a suitably shaded spot in the garden. The variegated forms, lightly or heavily splashed whitish cream, are extremely beautiful. Flowers which form on the stems are fairly insignificant.



Q & A: *Dear Karen,* *Rothmannia globosa* is a small, decorative South African evergreen tree of the *Rubiaceae* family, from forest margins in Southern Africa. With its glossy elliptical leathery leaves it bears highly fragrant white bell shaped flowers with darker spots in the throat followed by brown seedpods. Preferring well drained fertile soil, it is fairly drought tolerant when established.

Another, *Hoffmannia refulgens*, is sometimes available and is a smaller growing but equally desirable potted or understory planting, which if grown well, makes a stunning display.

If any reader is having success in growing these plants over a number of years, you may like to share your secret with our readers.



Dear Sandy, Well you have certainly done well in planting up your *Sempervivums* in a gritty well-drained mix. This is a genus of hardy alpine succulents in the family *Crassulaceae* from the mountainous regions of central and southern Europe and Mediterranean islands. Commonly known as Houseleeks or Live-forevers, with near 50 species and numerous named cultivars with a wide range of rosette sizes, forms and colours, they certainly make for interesting potted subjects and won't mind the cold. Avoid overhead watering of the ones with cobwebby appearance.



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



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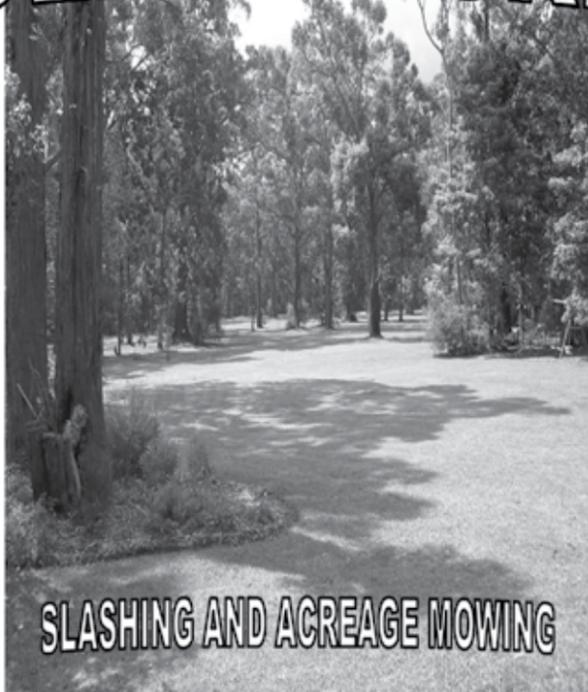
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\$50 Billion for Submarines and \$50 Million for the Reef

Last month Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt came to Cairns to announce \$50 million in new projects to boost water quality, including efforts to keep sediment, fertilisers and pesticides off the reef. This announcement was partly to reassure concerns over research showing 93 percent of reefs had been bleached and dire predictions that the Reef will be dead by 2050.

A major problem for the Reef's survival is that the Government has also promised hundreds of millions of dollars to promote land clearing, mega farms, mining and coal seam gas projects in North Queensland that will place greater burden on the Reef, and they have recently approved the Adani mega coal mine near Bowen. Adani's mine, which will be the biggest in Australia, will immensely contribute to global warming and drive coral bleaching and reef die-back.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) scientist and spokesman Sean Hoobin said in a statement, "We have viable renewable alternatives that don't sacrifice the 67,000 jobs the Reef provides and that will generate thousands of new jobs. It will take several billion dollars to save the Great Barrier Reef from water quality threats. A reef rescue plan, on the scale of the one forged for the Murray-Darling basin, is needed." WWF Australia has grave doubts the Federal Government will meet its current funding commitments to the reef or that the money committed will come close to what's needed to save it from agricultural run-off and sediment build up.

The decline of the reef is a clear warning of the threat we are facing now from biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. There is growing awareness that if we try to maintain the old socio-economic business model that requires growth and expansion to stay viable and profitable, we are doomed for failure. No socio-economic system can keep on growing and expanding in a finite natural environment. It will inevitably destroy our ecosystems, natural capital base and social fabric in the process of chasing an impossible dream.

The myth of continual growth and expansion is enthusiastically promoted by economists, governments and corporations who are often interested only in their own short term agendas, profits and power. It is time to heed the calls to transition to a more resilient and stable 'steady state socio-economic system'. Invariably, a point is reached in any region or ecosystem where there can be no more perpetual growth.

The problem with the perpetual growth business model is also highlighted with the weapons manufacturing and warfare industries. The New York Times has recently reported that America has just passed a new milestone, with President Obama now being at war longer than any president in U.S. history. Obama has taken military action in at least seven countries: Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. One downside of increasing militarisation is that a record 60 million people were driven from their homes last year turning many into refugees seeking asylum in other countries. Australia as a military ally of the U.S is also obliged to match their ever increasing spending on the military as seen with the Government's new order of 12 submarines from the French for \$50 billion!

This \$50bn amounts to roughly \$.3bn per Federal electorate. If that amount of money was spent in our electorate we could begin the transformation to sustainable, organic, regenerative agriculture. We could protect the Reef, rainforest and our region from the environmental threats they are facing and have money left for infrastructure which would facilitate a better lifestyle, relationships and community for us all.

**RESERVE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES
R80 BEING LOT 201 AND LOTS 207-13 ON
NR7409 - BOOROO STREET, KURANDA -
DRAFT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mareeba Shire Council has developed a draft Land Management Plan for Reserve for Recreation Purposes R80 being Lot 201 and Lots 207-13 on NR7409, situated at Booroo Street, Kuranda.

The Land Management Plan describes the existing uses of the Reserve and sets out the Council's intention, as Trustee of the Reserve, to allow the development of the land (and part of the adjoining Booroo Street road reserve) as a tourist jungle walk and botanic garden.

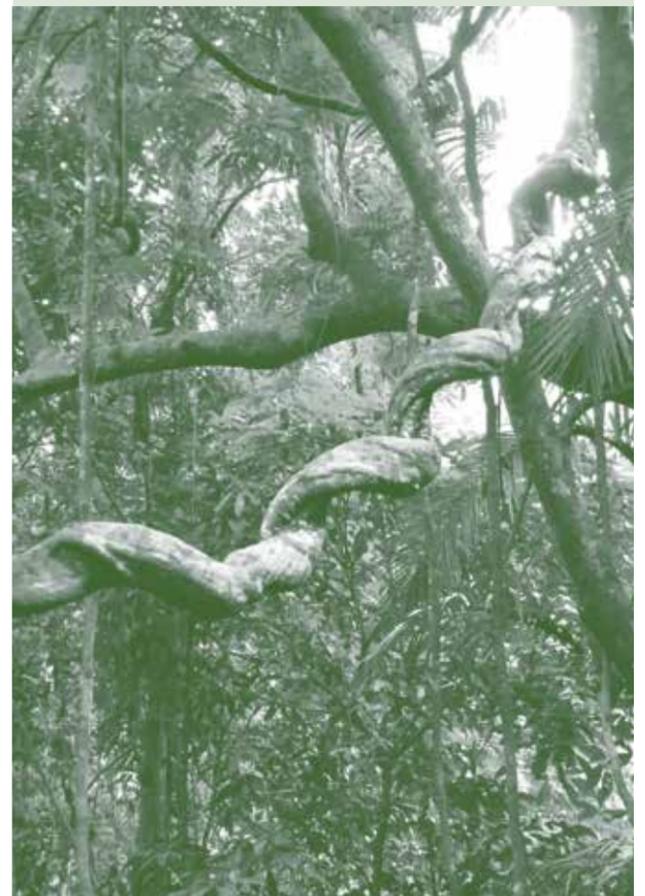
The proposed development, for which tenders were previously called, will be operated by a local business person and a small entry fee will be payable for admission to the Reserve.

The draft plan is open for public comment for a period of 30 days and can be accessed via Council's website. A copy of the document is also available for viewing at the Council's office at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba and at the Kuranda Library.

It is also proposed that local residents will be given the opportunity to discuss the proposed development on-site at a public meeting called for that purpose. The date and time of this meeting will be advertised separately.

Submissions in relation to the draft plan will close at 5.00pm on Monday 13th June 2016 and should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Mareeba Shire Council, PO Box 154, Mareeba Q 4880.

PETER FRANKS – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL



ECOfiesta Sunday 29th May 10am to 7pm, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal

ECOfiesta is a free community festival organized by the Cairns Regional Council that weaves environment, community and economy into a day of fun, friendship and eco-inspiration. The Cairns ECOfiesta celebrates our unique natural environment and the businesses and organisations working to raise awareness, reduce impacts and provide solutions for us all. There will be a waterfront stage with live music all day as well as a busker's stage with circus acts and street performers. We hope you can make it.



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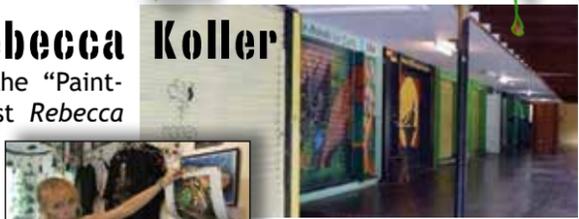
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PAINT-A-DOOR with Rebecca Koller

Kuranda roller-doors get a face lift with the "Paint-a-Door" project organised by wildlife artist Rebecca Koller.



This project not only beautifies after hours Kuranda, but also promotes the work of local artists, and the businesses involved.



The murals will depict imagery relating to each business and adapted to the style of the artist creating the piece. We are still looking for a couple of artists to join this initiative. If you are interested drop into Our Animals Our Earth, next to the Honey House, and speak to me... Rebecca."

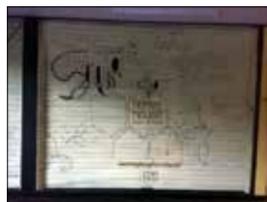
"I've often heard locals refer to Kuranda as the roller-door town. With the majority of businesses closing before 4 pm, leaving rows of roller-doors visible to visitors of our beautiful town. The artistic culture of our town is only visible through the collection of sculptures adorning poles and bins. The Original Rainforest Markets, where my store, Our Animals Our Earth, is located, has the same issue as the remainder of the town.

After collaborating with Neighbouring business owners and Malcolm, Market owner, an initiative to beautify our doors was created.

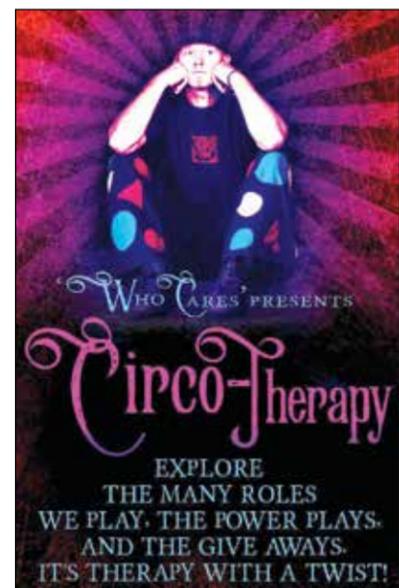
Starting with the door of Jimmy's Didges, murals are being painted across the doors, both show-casing our town's artistic talents and giving locals and visitors alike a gallery of work to admire after business hours.

Malcolm and Gina Macleod, owners of the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets, provided the paint. Businesses involved include The Honey House, Our animals Our Earth, Jimmy's Didges, Denis's Leather Goods and Emu Ridge Gallery.

Local artists have begun to collaborate with individual business owners to create a mural for each door reflecting the business and artists work.



Right: Works in progress



KITOWN

Ktown Productions has been undergoing huge changes in terms of group direction and vision. We aim to branch out into bigger and better things within the realms of social media, workshops, and bigger events, so be sure keep an ear and eye out! In more recent event news Piers Freeman will be holding a Circo-Therapy workshop in the Amphitheatre Understage on Thursday 26th of May. His vision entails, in his words "Exploring the ideas of the self through movement, voice and dream. Create expressions of characters from the emotive states that you recognize within yourself. These expressions resemble aspects of your own character that can then offer insights into your own unique situation." This is one not to be missed for anyone

interested in the mind-state and its wonderful ways. Also Winter is here, so that means in our humble community... festival season! So get your dancing shoes and your woolly jackets on, and I'll see you on the dance floors. Kind regards from Seb Howell and the Ktown Productions crew.

ALL IS ART



Election soon...



\$110,000,000 cut from Arts funding! 60 Arts organisations will have to close! If the mass-media is to be believed. I suppose they have their reasons, but I'm not sure I agree with them. Anyhow, from what I understand of the nature of Art, it will survive. I was pleased to see (on the tele) that some other countries, with a reputation for artistic repression, notably Iran, are loosening up their control. Musicians playing "decadent western music" have come out from underground. Artists too have a greater freedom of expression. The government

still has ultimate control, and artists are not supposed to indulge in anything "frivolous". But who decides what is frivolous? Meanwhile, back in artistically diverse multi-cultural Kuranda, we will continue to make Art. Let's just hope that the powers that be support our efforts. And it is effort, even if we're totally enjoying it at the time. Hey, someone has to do it, otherwise it would be a boring old world, wouldn't it. I had a light-bulb moment earlier. I was thinking about light bulbs, and I thought about how much they've changed in a

few short years. What impressed me most is how little power they use now due to modern technology. This has made possible a myriad of different lighting systems, for all imaginable purposes, spawned from the creative minds of artists. I feel we will see much more of this marriage of Art and Technology. Imagine the possibilities with 3d printing, for example, once artists properly come to grips with the technology involved. The mind boggles. Oh, that's another one - Brain-Computer-Interface, for making art? Have an ArtTecho June, Art lovers - seren.

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE A Unique Concert Theatre in the Rainforest Amphitheatre News

Kuranda Amphitheatre News June 2016



this event. If there is anything you can do to assist please contact her by email at rosco.mumu@gmail.com.

Members and Friends, The Understage was quite busy this May A Members Night with Zennith, the amazing Kenta Hayashi and Guests show, and a fundraiser for local youth sports person Drayden Lawson. All events were well attended and everyone had an enjoyable time.



The new top car park is ready for planting! Keep your eye out for a Working Bee notice, so we can have established gardens in this area. Plans and drawings are currently underway for a new gatehouse and we hope to see these come to fruition throughout the year. Again a huge thank you to the JOBFIND CREW who, along side Lance, Jackson and Greg, have worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to make our

Welcome to the new KAS members! Next up is another Members' Night on Friday 17th June. This will be an R'n'B night with DJ Lynette providing some upbeat music. The main focus of this event is to assist in raising funds for the annual NAIDOC Celebrations to be held at the Amphitheatre on July 7th.



Community NAIDOC Celebrations have been held at the Amphitheatre many times over the years (the first in 1987) and in recent years they have become an annual event with support from DTAC, NGOONBI, JOBFIND, and many other community groups and members. This event is planned to be another big day with live music, art, community Kup Murri, traditional dance and much much more. So keep this date in



community venue a better and ever-changing place. The most recent Certificate III in Surface Extraction was a great success with all Jobfind participants graduating. CONGRATULATIONS!



The venue lighting upgrade is now complete with all paths and black-spots now having hard-wired lighting so volunteers no longer need to hang temporary lighting for events, greatly enhancing public



safety. 2016 Membership Forms are available from the Honey House. The form and fee can be left at the Honey House for KAS collection.

NAIDOC Week at the Amphi



your calendar folks and come along and celebrate - Thursday, 7th July! Kara Ross is again organising



The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability. Get Membership Forms from: www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda. For all enquiries please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or email: support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



Japan Week 2016

presented by Dr. Nao Nakanishi, Woody Wason, Mr. Ken Hirase, & Ms. Tomoko Segawa

- July 4: Calligraphy & Craft
- July 5: Zen & One-String Zither
- July 6: Didgeridoo & Zither

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What is the SEE Program?

THIS is a question you will hear often when you are sipping a coffee or walking around Kuranda. The SEE program stands for "Skills for Education and Employment." As the name implies, it is a program where you can improve literacy and numeracy skills as well as be supported or take certificates in courses such as Business Administration, Horticulture or Construction.



friends for life. Because of this wonderful program, I know now that NOTHING IS OUT OF REACH and I can honestly say I BELIEVE IN MYSELF. Through this I am studying a Diploma in Sport and Recreation Management and I'm on my way to bigger and better things with my career. Thank you SEE family.

Jessica

"I like coming to SEE because I'm learning new skills and knowledge for a job I'm interested in. SEE has given me confidence in speaking in a group or just speaking up for myself. My plan after finishing SEE is to have the job I have been working hard for, which is working in aged care. I'm currently studying Cert III in Business Administration and Cert III in Aged Care. SEE has given me better computer skills, typing speed, better job interview knowledge and skills and has helped me with my spelling and writing skills."

Delvene

"I began attending the SEE program in February this year and am studying a Certificate III in Business Administration. The skills I have gained, and am still learning, have given me extra confidence and boosted my self-esteem. I recommend to every one of all ages to engage in this program, as the SEE trainers encourage and direct each person to find their right career path."

Ashlie

"I started to participate in the SEE program in September 2015, and have gained a number of new skills that I can use in the workplace and everyday life. Before attending the SEE program I was extremely shy and would hardly talk to anyone. Being in the environment that SEE provides I have learnt that better communication skills and getting involved in group activities is not such a scary task anymore. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming and everyone is treated as equals. Since being in SEE I have started a Certificate in Business Administration and have gained the confidence to get my Learner's Licence. If you are interested in learning new skills or advancing the skills you already have, I would highly recommend attending this program."

Sam

"I've been with the SEE program for 8 months now and its going ok. I have learnt how to use a computer in many ways, how to send emails, looking for jobs online and practising my road rules for my P's licence. I think this is a good place to learn computer skills and writing skills with no pressure at all."

So if you find yourself in the situation where you are not doing much with your time and feel you could achieve more, give Sue at The Learning Workshop a call on 0407 112 523 or email Sue@thelearningworkshop.com.au to discuss how the SEE program can help you.

Students enrolled in SEE do a number of things. Sam is learning how to write letters and design a good Resumé, learning how to use a computer, search for jobs online, as well as practicing for his Learner's permit. Jess is taking a Certificate III in Aged Care and Business Administration; Mary has just finished her Certificate III in Business Administration and has acquired some work experience locally that may lead to casual work.

Ashlie is looking for work now and just finishing her Certificate III in Business Administration. She has put together a fantastic Resumé and is job-ready, as well as getting her Learner's driving license. Natalie is a big star; she has landed a job as a Team Leader in Kuranda as well as being accepted onto the Diploma in Sport & Recreation Management. Delvene has acquired some casual work a couple of days a week and spends a couple of days in SEE doing the necessities to get her Certificate III in Business Administration.

These are just some of the success stories you will find when you look into what the SEE program is doing in Kuranda. Sue, the Managing Director of The Learning Workshop, who runs the program in Kuranda is deadly, she wants every client to leave SEE with the confidence and skills to achieve their dreams. Mel, The Learning Workshop Trainer at the SEE program says she couldn't think of anything she would rather be doing than working with the SEE learners, because "it is so rewarding to watch people become excited, motivated, and discover their strengths."

To access the SEE program, first of all you must be unemployed and registered with Centrelink. Secondly, you must be registered with a Job Service Provider (in Kuranda this is Jobfind on shop 2/40 Coondoo Street). Thirdly, you must get your Job Service Provider to refer you to the SEE program.

Here are some of our stories:

Natalie Richards, author and SEE participant:

"What an opportunity the SEE program has given me. When I first started seven months ago with no confidence in most aspects of my life, I had no idea what I was capable of career-wise. Well, what can I say. The trainers are great and down to earth, they have given me a sense of belonging, and they have shown that they cared. Between group discussions to one-on-one training and studying in a group environment, I've met some great people along the way and I am sure we will be

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KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

Didgerizoo Fundraiser

++ ZENNITH ++

+ Dubcide + Daddy Long Legs +
+ The Shredder + Digital Spin +
+ Manipulated Molecule +
+ DJ Satoshi +

6.00pm – Midnight
Entry: \$10 Adults
Bar & Food available

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

The Understage
MEMBERS NIGHT

++ R'n'B Nite (Cns) ++
with DJ Lynette

Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm
Members \$10/Others \$15

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

Speewah Tavern

R'n'B Reggae Night
Live Acts & DJ's

7.00pm to Midnight
\$10 per person
\$25 for 4-5 people

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

Kuranda Hotel Motel

++ TONY GEORGE ++

12.00 – 4.00pm

SATURDAY 2ND JULY

KOAH HALL

KURANDA ROOTS
FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

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THURSDAY 7TH JULY

Kuranda Amphitheatre

Kuranda Naidoc Day

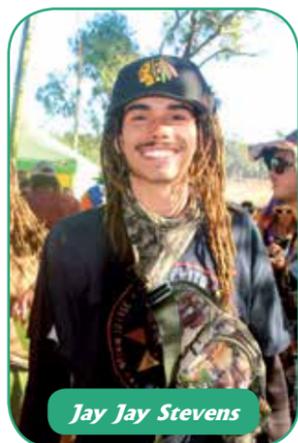
12 noon – 5.00pm

MUSIC PAGE



DIDGERIZOO MUSIC CULTURE ARTS FESTIVAL Fundraiser at Koah Hall Saturday 4th June 2016

Come along to the Koah Hall and help support the **Didgerizoo Music, Culture and Arts Festival** with their fundraising night in honour of Jay Jay Stevens. This night will be fundraising for suicide awareness and prevention as well as helping with some of the costs of the festival itself.



Jay Jay Stevens

The **Zennith Boyz** will be bringing down the house on the night! And the groove continues with fresh heavyweight Drum & Bass from **Dubcide**, Jungle D'n'B by **Digital Spin**, psytrance with **Manipulated Molecule**, and sets by DJ's **Daddy Long Legs**, **The Shredder**, and **Dj Satoshi**. With art and decor by **Imogen O'Neal** (Art of Ion).

DIDGERIZOO MUSIC CULTURE ARTS FESTIVAL 5th & 6th August

"In honour of our recently lost shining star Jay Jay Stevens we aim to recreate his vision of the successful Music, Arts and Culture Festival that is Didgerizoo, our brother's creation".

"LOVE IS THE WAY, LOVE IS MY WAY" – Jay Jay Stevens

Creating a cultural exchange between all tribes boasting togetherness and prosperity within acknowledgement of the traditional land owners. This year on 5th August a two day Festival Fundraiser will be held in honour of Jay Jay, the New Moon and his Birthday. Focusing on nurturing the land and acknowledging its original owners showcasing the best traditional dancers, musicians and artists from surrounding tribal areas with workshops, stalls, info tents and much more. Another focus this year will be on creating positive awareness around the prevention of suicide within youth, we feel this is a huge issue in communities and though its a touchy subject it must be talked about confidently.

Running as planned days will be filled with live bands, building of the site and workshops moving into the night and the early hours with live DJ's/producers, the best Reggae, Hip Hop, Psytrance, Drum and Bass North Queensland has to offer laying down the foundation for a fully funded festival next year bringing in bigger names and massive vibes!

Kuranda Amphitheatre Members' Night Friday 17th June

It has been really heartening to see recent Kuranda Amphitheatre events well attended. The Understage is a great space for kicking back, getting down on the dance floor, and wonderful for getting together with friends and family.

This month's **Members' Night** is featuring Cairns based DJ **Lynnette**, so all you **Rhythm & Blues** lovers, be sure to keep **Friday 17th June** open, and get on down to the Amphi. If you haven't already, join as a Member on the night and get in for FREE!!

Kuranda Roots Festival Fundraiser Saturday 2nd July Koah Hall

Kuranda Roots will now be held every 2 years and will be back in full festival form in 2017 in conjunction with **Bushweek Festival**.

The good news is the Roots crew are having a wicked fundraising shindig at Koah Hall on July 2! Featuring Melbourne glitch lords **STAUNCH**, Byron Bay's dancehall kings **4'20 SOUND**, Island Vibe's reggae and D'n'B bossman **RUDEKAT** as well as a swathe of tasty local crew including **Billy Dread**, **Dubcide**, **Shredder**, **Unique** and **Deadly Creature**.

Two of Australia's favourite producers, **James Hayes** (Shadow Fx) & **Alg Renton** (Positive Thought, Mustard Tiger) have joined forces to create **STAUNCH** a bass heavy, funk laden mid-tempo breaks/glitch hop project with a fresh, intricate and unique style; plenty of spice and melty transitions to satisfy any fan.

4'20 feat Baptiste – Mashing it up for the Kuranda Fundraiser is **Oren Selecta** feat **Baptiste**. The 4'20 have been running the maddest reggae and dub events in Australia, are based in Byron Bay NSW. Their music is influenced from the traditional Jamaican sound system culture and perform live as a dub band and as DJs.

Travel Beats Cairns are also offering affordable transport from Cairns and Mareeba on the night for you to "flow with the motion, and get a groovin' and a movin' to the Koah Hall with ease". For booking & enquiries please call Sky on ph. 0406 534 996.

There will be a licensed bar, chai, delicious food and plenty of space to roll a swag. Tickets are available from Shiva Moon and Travel Beats in Cairns, and in Kuranda from Tantrika in Coondoo St, Kuranda Junglist in the Original Rainforest Markets, and from Kuranda Healing opposite the Post Office.



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THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEW

Black Mountain IV

Some of the very best music today is coming out of Canada. Here's more proof if you need it.

This Vancouver band unashamedly exposes their inner *Led Zeppelin* and rips into space punk with more than a nod to *Pink Floyd*; *Endless Boogie* and *Portishead*. Cosmic medieval joy.

Singer **Amber Webber** recreates the *Margo Timmins* (Cowboy Junkies) and *Beth Gibbons* (Portishead) slow-burning, haunting ambience and the band surrounds it with a cosmic fuzz guitar & keyboard tidal wave of *Floyd - Zeppelin* – *Endless Boogie* riffing that's heavy; light, driving and soaring.



Track titles "Mother of the Sun", "Florian Saucer Attack", "Constellations" and "Space to Bakersfield" gives you some idea. Hawkwind territory and way beyond.

As one reviewer put it: "Just buy this, okay!" We couldn't agree more. If the bands that we've mentioned had ever got together and got really adventurous they might have created a track like "(Over & Over) The Chain". Well they didn't but these Canadian space vikings have done it for them. Then a lovely little bit of acoustic on "Crucify Me" glides to earth with the beautiful **Amber Webber** gently on the controls.

The Boogies

All CDs reviewed are available from **Colly Dolly Music**, I.G.A. building, Mareeba, ph. 40 923 245

Gondwana's Garden Exhibition

An interest in gardens and the uniqueness of the plants of our region inspired the Port Douglas Artists group to invite selected regional artists to join them in investigating our tropical environment. Funds raised from this project will benefit the proposed Mossman Botanic Gardens. Arts Co-op artist Mollie Bosworth is exhibiting in this exhibition which opens on 27th May.

Venue: Tank 4, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, 9.00am-4.30pm weekdays, 10.00am-2.00pm weekends.

Arts Co-op Membership

Kuranda Arts Co-op is on the lookout for creatives and makers to grow our membership of local artists. With a new membership year, and the tourist season about to begin, this is a great opportunity for artists in the Kuranda, Cairns and Tablelands region.

To maintain the quality of our collection, potential exhibiting members undergo a selection process. As a KAC member, you may exhibit and sell your artworks in our Kuranda-based gallery, and make a small commitment to our monthly roster.

You don't make art? That's great too, we are also looking for art-lovers and supporters to join our creative community. Non-exhibiting members are able to participate in our community based activities, take part in gallery duties and join our mailing list.

If you feel interested by this opportunity, contact us at artskuranda@gmail.com or pop in and see us at the KAC gallery on 20 Coondoo Street, Kuranda.

Selection of Buck Richardson's Small Work

"Moonlighting", an artwork by KAC member Buck Richardson, has been included as a gallery finalist in the Lethbridge Gallery (Brisbane) Small Works competition. Announcement will be made in early June and we wish Buck well. Further info can be found on https://www.brettlethbridge.com/10000finalists.php?finalist_year=2016

Sometimes Fun Takes Over!!

Five Arts Co-op artists stirred the pot at a recent Eco-Dyeing workshop held at Cantata Studio, Kuranda. Mollie Bosworth, Marcia Bird, Lisa Edwards, Toni Rogers and Kate Prynne along with Tasmanian tutor Aukje Boonstra keep a watch on the boiling cauldron.



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Thoughts for the Month

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." – Henry Ford

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." – Albert Schweitzer

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." – Albert Einstein

"Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally." – David Frost

"Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another." – Napoleon Hill

"Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom." – George S. Patton

"Success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure." – Confucius

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people." – Theodore Roosevelt

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." – Michael Jordan

"Frustration, although quite painful at times, is a very positive and essential part of success." – Bo Bennett

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success." – Dale Carnegie

"Success is not a good teacher, failure makes you humble." – Shahrukh Khan

"Failure is success if we learn from it." – Malcolm Forbes

"One secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes." – Benjamin Disraeli

"The real secret of success is enthusiasm." – Walter Chrysler

"I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate." – George Burns

"In order to succeed you must fail, so that you know what not to do the next time." – Anthony J. D'Angelo

"Success is the progressive realisation of pre-determined, worthwhile, personal goals." – Paul J. Meyer

"Definiteness of purpose is the starting point of all achievement." – W. Clement Stone

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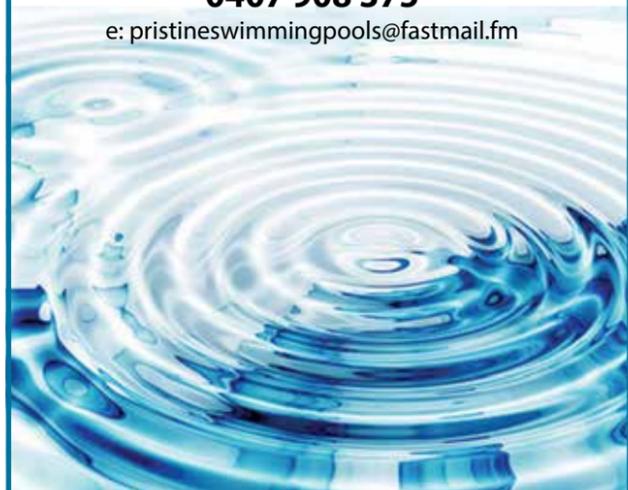
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Vegan Retreat Centre for Kuranda

Council approved the application for the establishment of a small boutique vegan retreat centre, offering raw food preparation classes/workshops and associated yoga classes in Kuranda. The retreat will also offer Bed and Breakfast style accommodation for 12 guests.

The tourist facility will also include a commercial kitchen, family/dining room and bathroom facilities, and a separate garden studio for retreat and workshop activities housing a yoga room, disabled bathroom, bedroom and a common area.

Known as 'Fairy Land House' the retreat will be advertised as a raw food vegan and yoga retreat centre and will be a smoke, alcohol, drug and digital (tech) free destination.

Speewah NBN Upgrade & TV Coverage

Speewah residents are being asked to be patient while works are carried out to improve internet connection and the TV reception in the area.

Work will soon commence on the new NBN tower at the Telstra Site located at 196 Speewah Road Speewah. The tower will be upgraded from a 25 meter to a 60 meter tower, improving the internet connectivity and TV coverage for residents in the area.

These works will require the removal and relocation of TV and Radio equipment in the area during the NBN tower installation. As a result, there will be three outages over a six week period while the new tower is being installed. Outages required:

1. Construction is scheduled to commence on the 23rd of May and we will require 0.5 to 1 hour outage on the morning of the 23rd to cutover the power.

2. Once construction is complete (Approx. 6 weeks) a second 0.5 to 1 hour outage will be required to return the TV facility to the new upgraded permanent power.

3. There is a third and much longer outage required to relocate the Black Spot TV antennas onto the new tower. This would be a full day. N-Com have been engaged to run the outage with our staff installing the new feeders and the antenna transfer. The date for the second and third outages will be effected by weather; concrete curing time, consequently a date cannot be confirmed at this time. For more information phone Mareeba Shire Council 1300 308 461 or email info@msc.qld.gov.au

Djabugay Cultural Day

Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations (DAC) hosted a cultural day at Nyawarri Estate (formerly known as Ngonbi Farm) on Sunday 15th May. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Kuranda community to share, enjoy and learn about Djabugay culture.

The event was opened by Errol Hunter, a former director on the board of Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations, who welcomed everyone in traditional Djabugay Language.

The enthusiastic crowd was then pulled into an inter-active story telling performance by the well known linguist and story teller Michael Quinn. Michael, always happy to share his wide knowledge of Djabugay Ngirrma (language) through stories, performed a mix of world-class stories, capturing the audience with his unique animated story telling.

Children and young at heart were entertained with boomerang throwing, face painting and a not so traditional jumping castle. Rhonda Brim and her sisters Sherry-Ann and Monica shared their knowledge of weaving of native grasses. Many participated, learning the intricacies of this fine traditional art.

Beautiful baskets and other objects were created on the day. The local band Gudju Gudju closed the event with well known local tunes that aim to keep the Djabugay language alive through music.



Chris Richard, vice-Chair of the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation, explained that "The purpose of a day like this is for younger generation to see and experience aspects of (Djabugay) culture and to learn".

The importance of these types of celebrations are apparent with so many modern distractions.

Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations would like to thank all who attended and especially those who shared their talents or gave a hand in running the events or assisted with the preparation of food.

DAC is aiming to hold regular cultural events like and hope that future events will include even more activities and showcase more and other aspects of Djabugay Culture.

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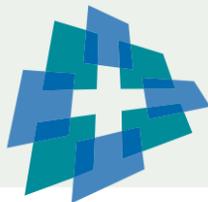
I am writing to update the paper and Kuranda locals on my understanding of the new **MyHealthRecord** – a \$1 billion government computerised health record. There are two trial sites in Australia for this program; North Queensland and West New South Wales and because Kuranda fits into a ‘trial site 1’ most people living here would have received, in the last 4-6 weeks, a letter from the government detailing **MyHealthRecord**. It is the second attempt by the Federal government to create a centralised secure computerised health record for all Australians. The previous attempt was a complete failure, it needed people to opt in and consequently, because most patients were unaware of the program (PCEHR – Patient Controlled Electronic Health Record) mixed with apathy and suspicion, virtually no one participated.

The new **MyHealthRecord** is an ‘opt out program’ – meaning you have to make the effort not to participate by filling in various forms. If you haven’t done that then you’re in! This is probably a good thing as it overcomes the common problem of population apathy.

Many of my patients have discussed **MyHealthRecord** with me – most suspicious of more government intrusion in to their lives. The computerised record is secure – meaning no unauthorised person can access it – and it will contain some pretty bland data, only four health domains; medical problems, current medication, immunisation history and allergies. The **MyHealthRecord** is most relevant for patients with complex health problems e.g. elderly with worsening kidney and heart failure. Imagine arriving at the ED at Cairns Hospital at 2.00am, chest pain, breathless and all health carers clueless as to your medical problems and medication. **MyHealthRecord** will give doctors an opportunity to quickly understand complex issues, medications and manage your problem appropriately.

MyHealthRecord was ridiculed recently for writing to a few deceased patients. You can regard these incidents with alarm or mild amusement but experience would suggest all new programs inevitably have teething problems (hence trial sites) and I believe that **MyHealthRecord** will eventually serve the common good if we can persevere and be patient. All Kuranda patients can have a **MyHealthRecord** generated at the Kuranda Surgery – just ask your GP during the next consult.

Kind regards,
Dr Dave Cuming
Kuranda Medical Centre



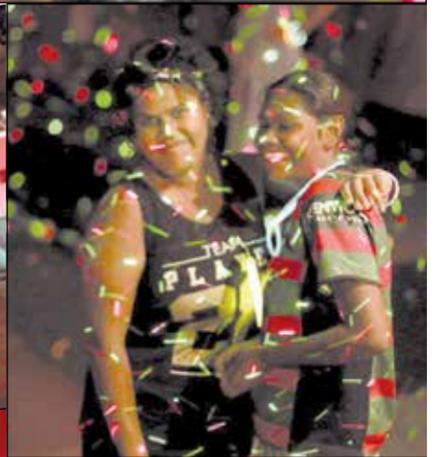
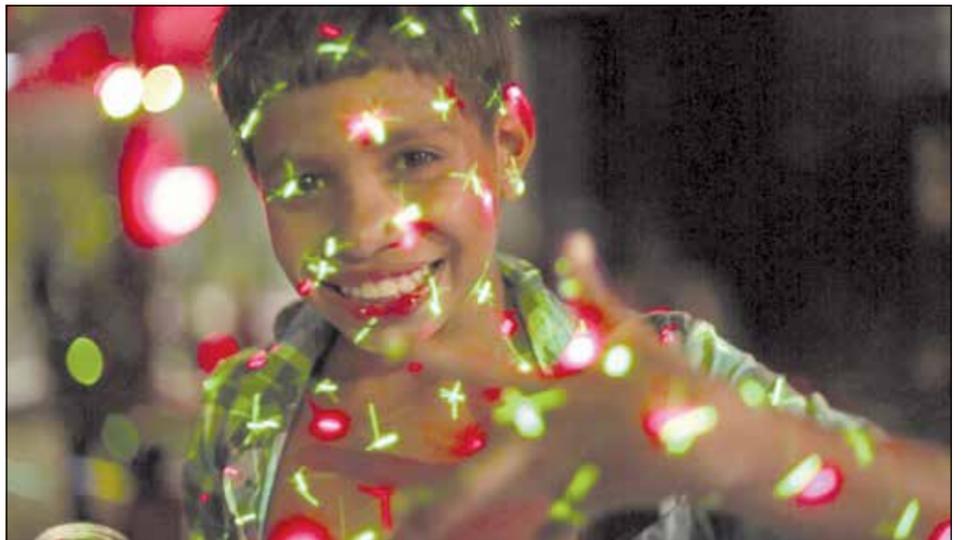
Disco & Movie Night

During National Youth Week Ngoonbi received funding from the Queensland Government through PCYC to fund a disco and movie night. Our disco was held at the Amphitheatre and was a fantastic event with approximately one hundred youth attending as well as some families and even a couple of grandmas came to watch the fun.

Great events need a great team and I would like to thank ours, Rob and Reece from Kuranda Police, Tai (our DJ) and Nicky from Youthlink, Ngoonbi staff Yannick and Nova and our volunteer Chris.

Our team buttered and made over 80 free hot dogs for the hungry dancers, held some fun games including dance competitions and the limbo and gave away lots of cool prizes. Thanks to the Barron Falls Hotel for free ice, Kuranda Justice group for use of their equipment and to the Amphitheatre for a great hire rate.

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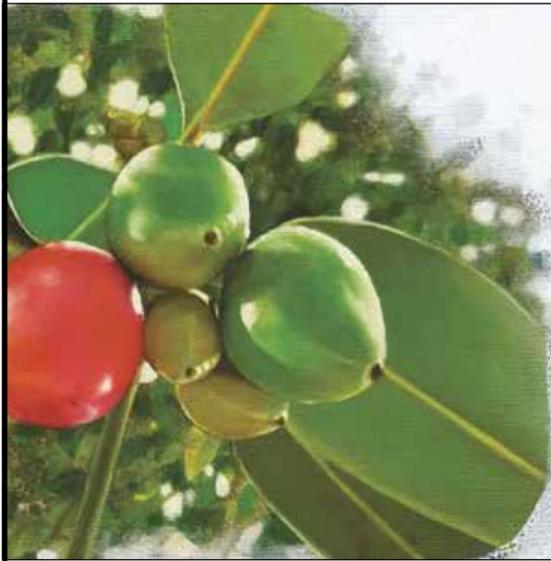
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An Art Exhibition for Plant Lovers, Gondwana's Garden

will be opening at the Tanks Art Centre
on Friday 27th May at 6.00pm

An interest in gardens and the uniqueness of the plants of our region inspired the Port Douglas Artists group to invite selected regional artists to join them in investigating our tropical environment. Two local artists, **Mollie Bosworth** and **Claire Souter** have created works featuring North Queensland plants. Mollie has investigated ancient plant groups from the time of the Gondwana continent while Claire has chosen to do close up snap shots of tropical species. This is a large multi media exhibition featuring glass, ceramics, paintings and prints from 23 FNQ artists. The exhibition is open until the 16th June.



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GONDWANA'S GARDEN PORT DOUGLAS ARTISTS
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An interest in gardens and the uniqueness of the plants of our region inspired the Port Douglas Artists group to invite selected regional artists to join them in investigating our tropical environment.

Selected works will be exhibited in the Douglas Shire Foyer June 22 - July 8. Funds raised from this project will benefit the proposed Mossman Botanic Gardens. Artists include Terry Johnson, Yoshiko Kirby, Jill Booth, Tania Heben, Maria Hoglund, Ola Hoglund, Mary Ann Runciman, Gail Shaw, Anna Curtis, Lona White, Judith Bohm-Parr, Beat Ufer, Julie McEnery, Claire Souter, Mollie Bosworth, Eilan Terrell, Sasi Victoire, Belinda Williams, Leon Perides, Joy Shand-Culley, Heather Koovathra, Glen Mackie and Daniel O'Shan.

LAUNCH: Friday 27 May 6pm
COST: Free VENUE: Tank 4 OPENS: 10am 4.30pm weekdays, 10am 2.30pm weekends
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Works by Mollie Bosworth (left) and Claire Souter



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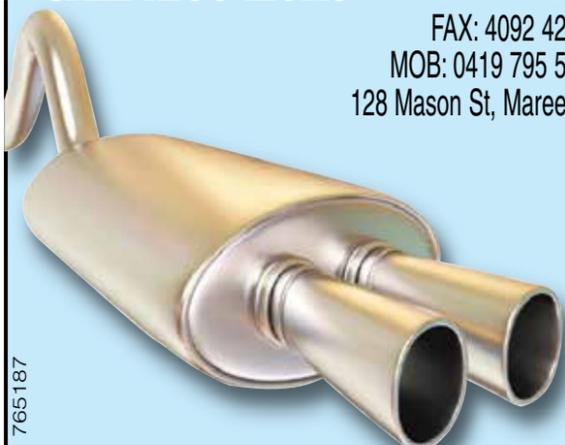
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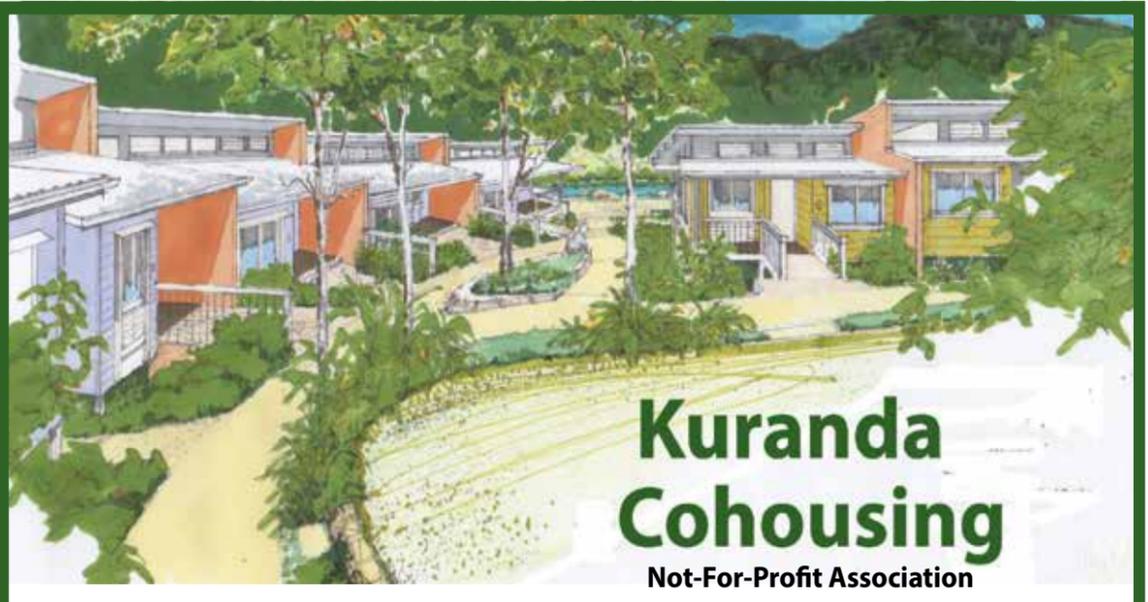
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The Ghosts of the Tree Trunks

One of the first things noticeable about tree trunks in the rainforest is the amount of lichen and moss growth that covers them. They are often rich with colour and texture and a closer look will reveal that they are also home to an array of animals which at first glance are invisible.

The Lichen Huntsman (*Pandercetes gracilis*) is a practically invisible assassin upon the rainforest's trees. Their camouflage is so good that it allows them to remain on the tree trunks throughout the day, hidden from predators and prey alike.

The key to this spider's invisibility cloak is a combination of colour, pattern and hairy body. While the colour and pattern obviously match the surroundings, it is the clusters of hair on the body and legs which serve to break up the outline, preventing shadowing and allowing the spiders to seamlessly blend to the tree trunks.

Lichen Huntsmen are ambush hunters. They spend long periods of time sitting completely motionless, waiting. They have eight eyes with relatively good vision, and a set of specialised hairs that sense vibration. These sensory hairs called trichobothria can detect the slightest vibrations in the air caused by the movement of other tiny animals; the wingbeats of a moth, the scuttling of a cockroach. When a suitable prey animal strays too close to this hidden hunter,

it explodes into action. With a flurry of legs, the Lichen Huntsman is upon its prey in a millisecond. The hapless prey usually has little time to react, yet alone escape. Lichen Huntsmen feed on a variety of invertebrates, including other predators such as praying mantids and other spiders.

Watching them hunt is simply astonishing, and we had the privilege of filming them for a documentary some years ago which was fascinating. We ended up filming them at 1000 frames per second to enable us to see exactly what they were doing. They were actually so fast that at times they would hit an insect in a way which was awkward for them, abort the attack and disappear, and the lucky insect still didn't know what had happened!

While living and hunting in full view using camouflage is one thing, but breeding on the tree trunks takes this spider's cryptic repertoire to the next level. Female Lichen Huntsmen lay their eggs on the lichen covered tree trunks, covering them in a silken egg-sac with special coloured silk and decorated it with debris to match the surroundings. They then sit upon the sac protecting it for the next month until it hatches.

Around 100 tiny Lichen Huntsmen will emerge from the egg sac, all fully formed and miniature replicas of their parents. They will remain close to their mother for a week or so, but then disperse to find a spot of their own. Once they do they are completely independent and must become supreme hunters immediately in order to survive.



A Lichen Huntsman on a black background revealing the hairs which are key to their camouflage.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife



A Lichen Huntsman waiting in ambush on a tree trunk.

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Yes, the time has come to speak of reptiles. Love or loath them, our area is crawling (or slithering) with a multitude of snakes. By far the largest of these is the Amethystine Python, otherwise known as the Scrub Python.

Australia's largest snake, and amongst the largest snakes in the world (in both length and weight) it is only found in North Queensland, parts of Indonesia, PNG and surrounding islands. There are reports of Scrub Pythons measuring up to 8.5 metres; however the largest reliably measured specimen is documented as 7.2 metres (Guinness Book of Records). A typical length of an adult is 4 to 5 metres.

The Scrub Python's diet consists of practically any creature that they can seek out with their heat sensing organs and their keen sense of smell. Their sight is also relatively good for a snake, especially in dim light of late afternoon and early evening. Amongst their favourites are flying-foxes, possums, rodents, pademelons, other reptiles and ground-based or roosting birds such as Brush Turkeys. You may have noticed that most of our local Turkeys fly up into trees at nightfall, and roost in what appears to be the flimsiest branch they can find – experts say that this is to ensure they are awoken if a python attempts a sneak attack.

They are a non-venomous snake, and their hunting method is to grasp their prey in their mouth, then quickly coil itself around the prey to both immobilise and crush the body suitable for swallowing.

Of course we've all heard stories about someone's chook, domestic tabby or small dog becoming a meal. The purists cry "The snake was here first! The dog has no place here!" and "Better your cat than a Green Possum!" Harsh comment to someone who has lost a beloved pet, and particularly difficult when a child's pet is involved.

Pythons have an interesting reproductive methodology. The eggs are laid, and the mother snake incubates the eggs with body heat. Now, we know that snakes are cold blooded, so body heat for incubation is produced by the snake basking in the sun during the day, then undergoing 'shivering thermogenesis', where the python vibrates its muscles to produce warmth. The mother can lose up to half its body weight during the incubation period of two months. After hatching, the snakelets are left to their own devices.

Despite their apparent abundance in our area, the Scrub Python is listed as 'vulnerable', this is owing to its limited range being threatened with land use and habitat clearing. It has few natural predators, although there are reports of feral



pigs and crocodiles snacking on the occasional python. Some are victims of poisoning from consumption of cane toads.

The snake was heavily hunted for its decorative skin, favoured for bags and belts, in the first half of the 20th century, almost to the point of extinction, but now is fully protected – as are all snakes.

If you have an outdoor aviary or chook pen, you will have nocturnal visits by Amethystine Pythons, and you will need to be vigilant on keeping your charges safe from hungry jaws by ensuring snake-proof enclosures.

Domestic pets should be protected by not being allowed to roam at night – both for their safety against pythons, and also other wildlife's safety from your pet. The deck or verandah is not necessarily safe as can be seen by the photo of a curious python on our deck.

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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Stop motion is an animation technique that physically manipulates an object that appears to move on its own. The object is moved in small increments between individually photographed frames, creating the illusion of movement when the series of frames is played as a continuous sequence.

– Wikipedia

19 year old Myola resident **Monika Church** is well on her way to making her first stop motion animated short film. In her first year out from secondary school, with the help of a Mareeba Shire Council RADF and Arts Queensland seed funding grant to get her started, Monika has happily established herself in the manipulated darkness of a small studio in the Original Markets in Kuranda village. With her first two handmade puppets, a table and her Nikon D5300 digital camera, this extremely accomplished young artist brings together her interest in craft, film and story telling.

It was such a pleasure to listen to Monika describe her project so proficiently.

Where is your current studio?

I usually work from my home in Myola but for this particular project "Things in the Night", I have acquired a small studio space at the Original Markets in Kuranda village.

Do you work alone or with others?

I always work alone during the animation process. I require silence, complete concentration and focus. However, when I am making the puppets I can be around people.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I have to have the ability to make the studio dark and still: no natural light and no interruptions. I have one central table on which the sets are constructed and many boxes full of various props and crafting materials. When things are going well with my work, it feels like five minutes but it could be hours. I get lost in a head space.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I am working elsewhere four days a week so I have a limited number of days to apply to this project. I try to start working around 8 am and work through to mid afternoon. I calculate the completion of my film to be early January 2017 - I'll advertise closer to the date, but I plan on releasing my short film online, as well as entering it into short film screenings/competitions in the region.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I am working in stop motion short animation – beginning with experimentation in set making, puppetry and software and leading to at least one completed short film work. I use the studio as a space for puppet making and script writing, as well as the actual animating. Stop motion is a long and painstaking process where a series of still images are sped up to create movement. Basically you take a photo, move your subject a minuscule amount, take another photo, and repeat. A single second of stop motion can be comprised of over 20 still images (individual photos).

Why is stop motion animation your chosen medium?

I have chosen this medium as it brings together a lot of my interests; art, craft, film and story telling to name a few. There is something almost magical about creating puppets and film sets out of craft materials and then manipulating them to life. It's a performance. Every move that each of the puppets makes is performed by me.

List three things you listen to while working.

When I am animating, I work in total silence and remain focused. However while I am making the puppets I sometimes have music playing in the background. It depends.



Your favourite tool?

My most important tool is probably my camera. I use it to take a lot of 'inspirational' photographs; places, colours, animals and flowers, a lot of which are later incorporated in my work.

How do you identify your work?

My name in the film credits.

How do you sell your work?

I don't have any plan on profiting from film making at the moment. At the Markets I will be looking at selling my photography, but currently my film work is my priority.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, not yet.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

I work two part-time jobs in Cairns. I am a disability support worker, and I also mind three young children.

If you could change one thing about your studio what would that be?

I would make it a little bigger and have air conditioning – but it is quite sufficient for my needs at the moment.

If you were not working with stop motion animation what would you be doing?

This is my first year out of school to create my own direction and at the moment stop motion is my biggest interest. There's really nothing I'd rather be doing. I am intending on going to University next year, perhaps studying a Bachelor of Animation, or Social Work. I am yet to decide. I am just starting out.

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Bee-haviour by The Honey House Team

This month we look at the world's smallest bee from right here on Cape York, North Queensland.

Quasihesma bees are less than 2mm long (about the size of a pin head!) so it is unlikely you have managed to even notice one, let alone identify it as a bee.

These bees were named by Dr Elizabeth Exley, who was initially unsure whether they were bees or wasps. This is why she named them Quasihesma, meaning 'pseudo bees'. There is no common name for these elusive bees.

They are members of the family Colletidae which is considered the most primitive family of bees in the world. Quasihesma are mainly yellow and black, although they

have a range of colours found within the five species. Many males have bands of colour on their mandibles which may assist in attracting mates.

The males also have very long hairs on the antennae, perhaps for helping distribute pheromones.

These are solitary bees, meaning they do not live in a colony. Their preferred food is the blossoms of Eucalypts, which is where they have been found in great numbers at the height of flowering.

They are weak flyers due to their size and probably do not fly far from their nesting site when foraging.

It is thought that they nest in borer holes in eucalypt trees or in the ground.

Very little is known about these tiny bees possibly because they are so hard to find. So budding entomologists – any research into these tiny bees would enhance the current knowledge for all who love our Australian Native Bees.



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If you are interested in having a market stall please contact julla@chss.qld.edu.au

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Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

Chapter 50

Stoney Creek Bridge Underwater!

Would you believe that Stoney Creek Bridge had been underwater at one stage? One would naturally draw a blank to think that the water level of this creek could reach such a height. A Queensland based Maryborough firm, Walkers Limited, built the steel bridges. They were partly assembled before being shipped to Cairns and hauled up the range. Apparently the first bridge was on a ship that sunk when travelling up the coast to Cairns and the current bridge is the second bridge.



Chapter 51

Magazine Street

Every day Kuranda Scenic Railway passes two historical buildings at Stratford: the Powder Magazine Shed which housed explosives and the Detonator Shed which housed the detonators. In the early 1900s, these buildings stored explosives that were used in the many mines around the region. These explosives were transported up the range on the Cairns to Kuranda railway line. The side street that these buildings are is aptly named Magazine Street. Today this site is very famous for arty photographic back drops for just-married couples.



Chapter 52

QR Volunteer Planting Day

As part of QR's Environmental Management Plan for the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area the project involved removal of the weeds and remaining exotics and the planting of 1200 native species, all of which are found within a 30km radius of Stoney Creek.

When established, the plants will help to keep out weeds thus reducing long-term maintenance as well as greatly enhancing the aesthetics of the station yard for our passengers and helping us to comply with our environmental obligations.

Planting was carried out by 16 volunteers from Kuranda Envirocare and QR Asset Services along with a Botanist who sourced the plants and supervised the planting. Water crystals were used in the planting to help the plants survive any dry spells in the establishment period.

Kuranda Scenic Railway track structures, rock side slopes and embankments have received upgrading and stabilisation works since original construction, yet still retain much of their original integrity. Very high seasonal rainfall has induced landslides and rock falls, which have required cleaning and stabilisation to allow resumption of safe train operations. Due to topographical and geological restraints, only minimal realignment has been undertaken since construction.

Much of the original rainforest which covered the slopes was cleared during construction but has regenerated to the extent that most of the range through which the railway passes is now a World Heritage Listed National Park.



Chapter 53

Kuranda Station Signal Room

From 1 April 2013 Kuranda Scenic Railway upgraded the historical experience for our Gold Class passengers by offering an optional inclusion of a tour of the heritage listed Signal Cabin at Kuranda Station. The Signal Cabin is a small rectangular single-roomed building with a timber framed gambrel roof clad with metal sheeting. Timber casement windows are continuous on three elevations. On the fourth northwest elevation there are no windows instead a short flight of stairs leads to centrally positioned timber panelled door. The building has a suspended timber floor elevated above the platform level. Insitu concrete walls below the floor level support unit block walls above. The single internal space has a painted timber ceiling and contains a bank of 37 signal levers, a working example of a fully mechanically interlocked system. The tour is conducted by one of our Senior Guest Services attendants however you may bump into our Station Master Neville Smith.



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THE MILK DEBACLE this week has drawn attention to the overarching power of the conglomerates, and the tenuous tightrope along which our farmers totter from one crisis to the next.

We're witnessing another step towards bankruptcy for a significant sector of our agricultural industry, as, like termites, the corporations undermine our Australian farming enterprises to such an extent, the farms one by one are relinquished to overseas investors.

Whatever your feelings about the dairy industry, and of course there are many who would love to see its demise, that's a moot point in this article, as the issue this week is the support of small business and Australian producers, big and small.

There was a degree of synchronicity in the articles/advertorials I wrote for *Cairns Life* magazine this week, with most small business owners stressing the importance they placed on supporting local producers and fellow small businesses rather than buying cheap and convenient.

Having once again berated myself for buying cheap and shoddy products from a chain store last week, I attempted to total the hours I've spent in the last six months driving around returning faulty goods.

It cost me more in fuel and business time than I would have spent buying the product from a reliable local business selling Australian made goods.

And then there's those products that cost so little you just can't justify the return. The cans that won't open, the solar lights that don't work, the list is endless.

I was so disappointed to see more local businesses face trial without jury on local community social media again this month.

Unless you've been in small business, it's possibly hard to understand how very devastating it is to receive criticism from those who have never ventured down the often arduous path of self-employment.

By the time a fiery exchange abates, the damage is done, and unfortunately, it's irreparable.

In between considering the benefits of a stint in national service or six months in voluntary community service in Third World countries for school leavers, tongue in cheek I still reckon a compulsory year or so in self-employment would be a great eye opener for everyone.

Every moment spent on Facebook, on mobile phones, taking snack breaks, personal email, surfing the internet for cheap flights, cocktail dresses or life partners, smoking out the back of the warehouse, chatting the day away, unnecessary meetings, gossiping in the tea room, correcting mistakes, personal phone calls, is dead time.

The statistics are scary. Recent surveys have indicated nearly 90% of employees admit they waste significant time at work.

Working at BP in Abu Dhabi, I recall one of the senior directors bringing in his young daughter's three Tamagotchis, which you may recall as little plastic toys that had to be 'cared for' like a baby or they 'died'. They ended up banning them at the local international school. He was so stressed at the responsibility, he brought them into a senior management meeting. No, I jest not.

One of the reasons given for wasting employers' time and money is boredom. That's where just a few months in a Third World country would make boredom seem bliss. Any of the myriad countries where slave labour is rife, water has to be carried for miles, or a full day of physical labour doesn't even buy a meal would suit.

Self-employed, you only get paid for the hours you actually work and there's no

A Grinter's Tail

"...Self-employed, you only get paid for the hours you actually work and there's no sickness benefit, no taking your flu home to bed, no downtime to care for sick children, parents or pet tarantulas. Time is money. ..."

sickness benefit, no taking your 'flu home to bed, no downtime to care for sick children, parents or pet tarantulas. Time is money. And then of course there's those who don't see it a priority to pay you although you dropped everything to get their work done quickly, so you waste time chasing money.

I have one such local tradie customer at the moment. How I would love to share his non-payment of a tiny bill with you all on Facebook! I'd rather turn up on his doorstep though.

I'm all over the place this month, but my point is, small business is the backbone of our economy and without support from you and me, it won't be there and there won't be any choices.

Looking back in time again, I recall furtively affixing homemade posters to community notice boards on the northern beaches of Cairns.

These were somewhat akin to 'The end is nigh', but the message in fact was, "Buy from the major conglomerates and soon there will be no alternative". That was in the late nineties.

I was furtive because I was embarrassed people would think I had lost the plot. Now I go back to the UK and the old treat of shopping in Oxford Street in London is no more. Just about every shop there can now be found in every capital city and indeed, every major airport in the world.

It's great to see a new Kuranda Facebook community geared specifically towards supporting our local businesses, alongside our existing local Facebook community pages.

Let's use our great local resources, support small producers and refrain from criticism and

debate that has no place on Facebook where it serves only to destroy people's livelihoods – those who have foregone the benefits of paid employment and worked hard to provide a service or produce relying on 'an honest day's work for an honest day's dollar' while others take a pay packet for Googling the weekend's weather and how much sick leave they have up their sleeve.



Eugenie Navarre's New Book
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Trinity Beach writer Eugenie has had two successful books – **"The Cane Barracks Story"**, and **"In The Tropics – Great Houses"**. She now adds this new book on the infamous Ned Kelly that claims to reveal the secrets of the Kelly saga not previously made public. She has drawn out the story from descendants of the Kelly family and from a decade of research, revealing new information and stories on this great period of our history. It paints Ned not just as a larrikin, but also as an Irish activist and member of the Irish agrarian organisation the Whiteboys, seeking reform and freedom from oppression.

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So thank you for doing the work of feeding humanity. Thank you for being a responsible steward of the land. Thank you for honouring the soil, water and animals under your care. Thank you for doing your work honestly. Thank you for doing your work tirelessly. Thank you for supplying food for local people, through markets, local shops and the RealFood Network. Thank you if you are working toward organic and regenerative practices. Thank you for putting up with consumers who want best quality, cheap, organic, GMO free, gluten free, lactose-free, cholesterol-free, calorie free, blemish free, fair-trade, ethical, sustainable and available at any time food!

Yes we can be a whiny bunch! But in our country we are lucky enough to have choice in our food. Whether this choice involves buying from supermarkets, buying at farmers markets, buying locally grown, buying biodynamic food, buying at co-ops, buying chemical free food, we need to work with you the farmer to achieve successful outcomes for us all.

So I propose working together...

I am one of those consumers who want ethical, 100% organic, sustainable and GMO free produce! And I hope that the local farmers I buy from will work toward supplying this for me. But I won't expect blemish free or really cheap or food available out of season. And I will consistently support you the farmer.

And I will say thank you!

Regards, a citizen who buys food

Genuine Answers from 16-year-old Students

- Q. What happens to your body as you age
A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental
- Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty
A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery
- Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes
A. Premature death
- Q. What is artificial insemination
A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow
- Q. How can you delay milk turning sour
A. Keep it in the cow
- Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. The abdomen)
A. The body is consisted into 3 parts: the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U
- Q. What is the fibula?
A. A small lie
- Q. What does 'varicose' mean?
A. Nearby
- Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'
A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome
- Q. What is a seizure?
A. A Roman Emperor



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choko



All the names above belong to the *Sechium edule* plant – a vine belonging to the *Cucurbitaceae* family, along with pumpkins, squash and melons. And reflect its culinary usefulness throughout the world's warm country cultures. Commonly seen in North Queensland and easy to grow, a choko vine is a great addition to any home garden. Grown on a fence or a trellis a vine can spread its skirts as only the cucurbits do AND when it puts out its many tiny flowers bees come buzzing. As well Jerry Colby Williams from ABC Gardening Australia calls chokos the Sydney airport for lady beetles, and one can produce a large amount of food for both humans and animals in a small space. All good reasons to grab a choko, let it shoot and then bury it just under the soil with shoots

directed upwards.

Now some people have bad history with chokos – mostly because of poor cooking so don't blame the veggie – but in truth they are a food for which very few people have an actual physical intolerance or allergy. Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Allergy Unit lists them as one of the foods to use when on their elimination diet.

As with everything it's best to start with the best – so the white choko has thinner and smoother flesh than the green AND pick chokos when small for sweetness and tenderness. And don't overlook the abundant new shoots, leaves and tendrils (known as Dragon's Whiskers in Asia) which can be steamed or stir fried. These can be harvested on a daily basis in the growing season and are delicious cooked in coconut milk in the same way fiddle leaf ferns are in the Pacific.

Choko purists in the west will tell you just steamed with a little salt pepper and butter is the way to go and but there are plenty of interesting recipes available through Google – you can stuff them, bake them, bbq as slices, grate into salads or curries, soups, cakes and muffins. You can make Maple Syrup Choko Wedges or Choko Tempura. You can make relish and pickles. You can even make Choko Ice Cream!

Chokos are also known as the rather Heston-sounding name of Mock Apples or Pears as they can be used as a substitute in desserts and pies.

Things get a little more spicy and interesting in the choko's place of origin in South America, and in every Asian country from China to India. In Cantonese the fruit is called Buddha's hand melon (fut sao gwa) because it resembles two hands together in prayer and is a common offering in temples. Every country has a signature choko dish – often using the fruit as well as leaves, shoots and tendrils. In Mexico the mature fruit is split to retrieve the nutty seed and the rest is fed to stock. The bulbous root of the vine once it is past maturity is also considered a treat in South America.

A few suggestions for rediscovering (or discovering) the choko:

Mock Apple/Pear

Ingredients: 6-8 small to medium sized chokos, juice of 1 lemon, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 1 cup sugar (or to taste), 3-4 cups of water, 1/2 stick cinnamon or a few cloves.

Method: Select small to medium sized fruit. Peel and quarter the fruit, removing the central core to resemble tinned pears. Place the water and sugar into a saucepan and heat until the sugar is dissolved. Add the chokos, lemon juice, vanilla extract, cochineal and cinnamon or cloves. Poach until tender. Store the chokos in the sugar solution in the refrigerator until required and use as per stewed apples or pears.

Choko Chutney

Ingredients: 3kg peeled, seeded, chopped chokos, 1kg chopped onions, 1 cup salt, 1.5 litres vinegar of choice (malt recommended), 1 tblsp curry powder, 1 tblsp mustard, 1 tblsp turmeric, 5 tblsp flour (rice flour for gluten free), 1kg brown sugar, 1 cup sultanas or other dried fruit (optional).

Method: Place chokos and onions in a non metal bowl and cover with salt. Leave overnight (stir before you go to bed). In the morning rinse off the salt with water several times. Mix the flour, mustard and turmeric with a little of the vinegar to make a paste and set aside. In a saucepan or pot add the rest of the vinegar and the sugar to the chokos and onions (and sultanas if you decide to include them) and cook for about 30 minutes. Add the paste and boil everything for around 20 minutes. Pour into sterilised jars. Seal while still hot. This recipe is taken from the April 2009 edition of *New Zealand Gardener*.

Luke Nguyen's Shiitake Mushroom and Choko Leaf Stir Fry

Ingredients: 1 tblsp vegetable oil, 2 garlic cloves diced, 2 red asian shallots diced, 200g fresh shiitake mushrooms, stems trimmed, 1 bunch choko leaves or water spinach, cut into 4 cm lengths, 1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper, 2 tblsp light soy sauce.

Method: Add oil to hot wok, add garlic and shallots, stir-fry over medium heat for 1 minute, or until fragrant. Add mushrooms and stir-fry for 1 minute, add choko leaves and stir-fry for 2 minutes, or until wilted. Sprinkle with the pepper, soy sauce and a pinch of sea salt, then stir-fry for a further minute. Serve with steamed jasmine rice.

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Kuranda Family Day in July: There will be the mid year family day in the park on July 5 from 10.00-2.00. All are welcome to this family friendly event with the aim of bringing community together with a theme of healthy lifestyle choices. It is a free event with a range of activities delivered by local and outreach services. Transport will be available from Kowrowa and Mantaka – please advise Ceri at the Neighbourhood Centre. If you want to participate in any way please contact Marg. This event is supported by the **Kuranda Paper**, The Kuranda Medical Centre, Ngoonbi Co-operative Society and the Kuranda Interagency Network.

English as a second language: We are still trying to gauge demand for English as a Second Language classes in Kuranda. There is a qualified tutor available and we can explore starting a class if there are people wanting or needing this service. Please call the Centre on 4093 8933 and speak to Marg.

Domestic Violence Service coming to Kuranda: There will be a new worker (Mel) from the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service coming to Kuranda on the first and third Tuesdays at KNC. Please make inquiries to Ceri or Marg.

Garden bed request for help: KNC is still looking for a volunteer(s) to do a one off job clearing and replanting the strip of garden bed that runs along the side of the building towards the car park. It is a small area that has a bit of mondo grass and some dracaenas. It also has nut grass and other weeds taking over. We will supply all materials (maybe pebbles or bark mulch and source other plants if necessary). Please come to the centre and see Marg if interested.

Mareeba Housing Support Service: A worker (Heidi) is currently coming to Kuranda two days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) as part of the Street to Home program to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent or imminent accommodation. Assistance and support is provided to identify affordable and suitable accommodation options and includes applications for housing through the Department of Housing, community housing programs and the private rental market. Please contact Ceri or Marg for a referral.

KNC is looking for a heavy duty shredder: If you have an unused shredder, we would love to give it a new home here at KNC!

Justices of Peace at KNC: KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1-5 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 4093 8933.



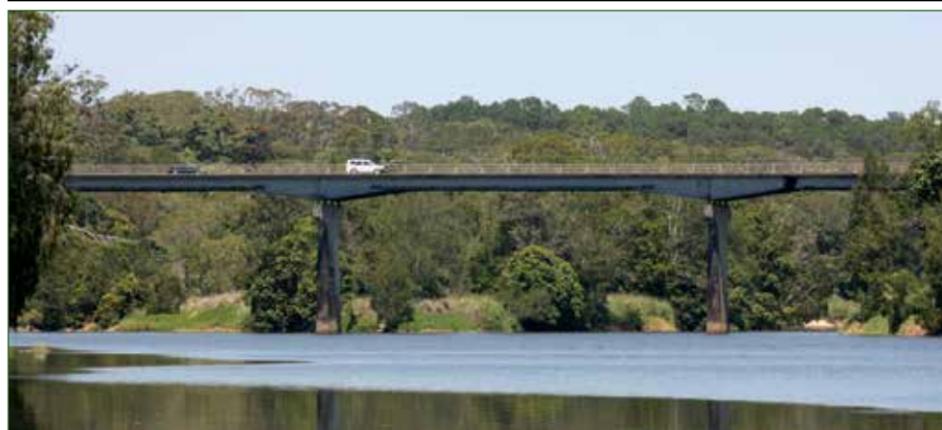
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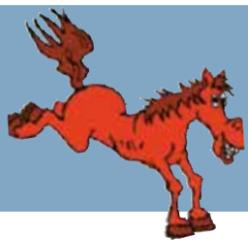
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

With competitions well on the way at other clubs, we have had a few riders getting out and about. Last weekend the gymkhana was held at Babinda Pony Club with four riders attending and Lene, Leksi, and Di coming home with overall age group trophies. It was a great fun day.

The next few dates to remember: Rally day 28th May at the Pony Club grounds starting at 9.00am. Rally days are where the club has training, ranging from flat work to jumping and sporting, which are very important, especially if you're just starting out with riding.

The 10th of June is the club's next turn for the Speewah Meat tray raffles.

Then the 25th/26th are BIG DAYS TO REMEMBER: this weekend is the RACQ North Queensland Games Horse Sports, which is going to be a combined effort from Kuranda Horse and Pony and Mareeba Pony Club and will be held at the Mareeba Pony Club grounds. This event is open to any riders and all the information and pre nominations are required on the RACQ website. To find this, just Google RACQ North Queensland games and find the horse sports section.

The 2nd July will be the club's annual Gymkhana, 3rd July will be the Interschool Horse Sports which is open to any rider as you will be riding for your school, not a club.

The club is currently looking for sponsor support for this weekend's event for the age group trophies, so any businesses who would like to help out the club please contact us for details on paulanddi@bigpond.com. It is worthwhile as all sponsors are well promoted throughout the event.

Till next time, Happy Riding.
Di Curtis, Club Instructor



KURANDA BRANCH

Our branch is back into the swing of things with craft mornings – learning new crafts, embroidery and making items for the Cairns Butterflies packages (our latest community project).

Recently we had the pleasure of hosting a morning tea for a group of National Servicemen Assoc. members. All seemed to enjoy the homemade cakes, biscuits and savouries on the table.

The raffle held on local Election Day was won by a local lady who kindly donated the prize money back to our branch. No name to mention as she asked us not to. However we do appreciate the gesture.

We hold our craft and social mornings on the first, third and fourth days of the month. Please feel welcome to drop in, have a cuppa, learn various crafts – or teach a craft new to our members. Two of our craft ladies attended the recent State Handcraft School held in Cairns. So now we hope to add Blackwork and Japanese Beading to our repertoire.

Please note a change of phone number for our Craft Teacher Yvonne, 4092 7216.

Unfortunately, our branch had to postpone the Biggest Morning Tea this year.

We hope to hold a fundraiser later in the year and look forward to support from the local community who have always supported us with fundraising for such causes.

FOR HALL BOOKINGS:
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RANGERS r e p o r t

Former Rangers players return as coaches

Welcome back to two former Kuranda Rangers players who have come full circle and returned to the club to take on coaching roles in 2016.

Adric Rusch last played for Kuranda in 2000 after playing representative football for FNQ and Peninsula sides for a number of years. He now finds himself coaching his daughter's U7 team.

Jarrod Barron is another former player who is now an assistant coach for the U11 team. Welcome back!

Adric with his U7 team



Kuranda Rangers Football Club

What's on at Koah Hall?

- Tuesdays with Tanya: **Yoga classes** from 6.00pm.
- Wednesdays with Jade: **Pilates classes** at 7.30am & 5.45pm.
- Fridays with Beth: **Pre-natal yoga** at 9.30am and Mums and bubs yoga at 11.00am.
- **Kids circus classes** with Sophie – Monday 3.30pm for kids under 8, Tuesday 4.00pm for kids over 8.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday 4th June: Didgeridooz Festival.
- Saturday 11th June: Moon jam, dance night.
- Saturday 25th June: Los Coracoles, latino band.
- Saturday 2nd July: Roots festival.
- Saturday 20th August: Dave Cooke and Jeremiah Johnson gig.

News:

Koah Hall conducted its first master planning session for improvements to the grounds (like a play area and landscaping), facilitated by Tonielle Christensen. This session identified a vision for the site as well as new features which the grounds could accommodate. There will be a further two more workshop sessions directly after the markets days of June and July towards a concept design for the grounds, which can be used to leverage funding.

Sessions will be from 2.00-4.00pm on Saturdays 4th June (site planning) & 2nd July (review draft concept designs). Free sausage sizzle provided. Bring your ideas and your imagination!

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National Simultaneous Storytime was held at the Kuranda Library on Wednesday 25 May at 11.00am as part of Library and Information Week.

In 2015 over 500,000 children at over 3,100 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime.

The event is held annually and every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

The concept behind NSS is to promote the value of reading and literacy; promote the value and fun of books; promote an Australian writer and publisher; promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country; provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

Kuranda Library held a colouring competition in conjunction with the event. The families enjoyed activities, face painting with many prizes and giveaways being offered on the day. The morning concluded with the Grand Hat Parade.

Go Digital Kuranda has been a very successful program and was received well from the community.

The program ran for six months and was funded by the Queensland Government through a State Library of Queensland grant.

The project's aim was to ensure that Kuranda residents are well placed to utilise the business potential offered by the introduction of NBN's access to fast broadband.

Under the professional guidance of Sue Wickes, participants learned about online marketing, creating a business website and establishing an e-Business as well developed ideas for promoting on-going growth of established small businesses.

All learning modules can be located and downloaded on the Mareeba Shire Council website.

Upcoming Events June and July

- Baby Rhyme Time every Thursday except during school holidays 10:30-11:00
- Storytime every Friday except during school holidays 10:30-11:30
- Health Nurse Visit Friday 10th June 10:30-12.00pm
- Steampunk School Holiday Program
- Guest speaker: Dr Angela Meyer 'Paintings in the Tropics' presentation and morning tea on Tuesday 19th July at 10.30am.

Kuranda Library and Council Office:
PHONE 4093 9185



Lease Council Building Kuranda

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The Mareeba Shire Council hereby invites Expression of Interest for Lease Council Building-Kuranda (Old Library Building)

Obtaining Documentation: The tender documentation may be obtained by contacting Council's Governance Officer, Julie Pitcher on (07) 4086 4683 or email JulieP@msc.qld.gov.au

Changes: Section 228(7) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 relating to changes to Tenders may be applied.

Lodgement of Submissions: Expressions of Interest must be lodged in the Tender Box at the Mareeba Shire Council Administration Centre at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba by the Closing Time. (Emailed Submissions are not acceptable)

Closing Time: The Closing Time for lodgement of Expressions of Interest is 11.00am on Tuesday 14 June 2016.

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MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER

Safety Boost for Kuranda Crash Hot-spot

Kuranda Range Road is set to benefit from a \$5.3 million package of safety works aimed at reducing crashes and improving conditions for motorists.

Member for Barron River Craig Crawford said \$3 million would be used to target a notorious crash hot-spot near Streets Creek, towards the top of the range.

"We have listened to feedback from people who drive this road every day and they have told us this location, known as 'the hole', is their number one safety priority on this road", Mr Crawford said.

"There have been more than 20 crashes recorded at this location in the past five years, which is why it is a priority.

"The scope of work is still being finalised, but it is likely the road widening and straightening, with installation of guardrail, will happen before mid-2017, weather permitting."

Mr Crawford said the remaining \$2.3 million would be used to widen tight curves at the top and bottom of the range.

"Widening curves significantly reduces the risk of motorists losing control on a bend, especially in wet weather," Mr Crawford said.

"We expect these important curve widening works to be complete by September this year, weather permitting."

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The KCons community nursery is nearly always open at 1 Pademelon Lane (cnr Fallon Rd and Kennedy Hwy).

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MORE ON CASSOWARIES

Tom Lawton, research student, is into the second part of his project, feeding radio tracking capsules to the birds to trace their movements and what they are eating.

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Above: Cairns & Hinterland Steiner students planting trees
Left: June 2013 Sylvia at the site 2 1/2 years on

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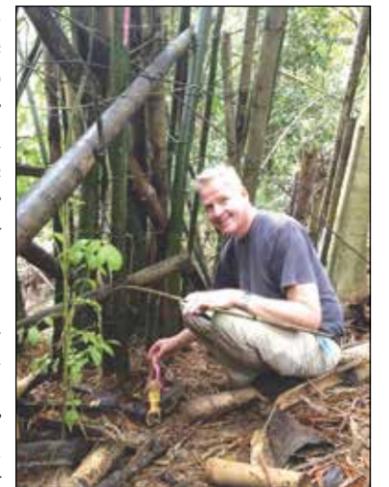
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Kuranda Community supports YCA research efforts

Thanks to the generous donations of people in the Kuranda community and the support of *The Kuranda paper* who have championed the need, we have been able to kick start the YCA ant research at James Cook University under Dr Lori Lach. We have had a small window of opportunity in which to collect ants treated by the insect growth regulator before the effect of the knock down treatment in July makes it much harder to find the ants. These nests will be transferred to lab conditions for the scientists to study the ant lifecycle and how the nest is affected by various bait treatments, particularly in relation to their multiple queens. These ants have been successful invaders around the world and the Wet Tropics seems to suit them perfectly.

Right: Neil Boland, volunteer and treasurer marking a yellow bamboo segment "nest" which has been placed to encourage YCA's to nest within.



We hosted Hon. Warren Entsch, Member for Leichhardt, at the Kuranda Envirocare nursery where he made the announcement of \$8.8m Federal money over 3 years as the start of an ongoing eradication program. These are significant funds and 50% of what has been requested. The State Government and Biosecurity Qld have only ever spoken of control and management. We agree with the Feds that this is not a viable option for this invasive species in the Wet Tropics.

Date Claimers

- Sunday 29 May, Eco-Fiesta stall – Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal 10.00-4.00pm
- Thursday 2 June, General Meeting 7.00pm @ KRC, Rd. Guest Speaker Vern Hanson – Aboriginal Food Plants
- Friday 3 June 4.00pm-8.00pm Managing Invasive Species in the Tropics FNQ and SE ASIA @ JCU
- Saturday 4 June, Eco Week Tree planting Event, Meet 8am at nursery
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Dragon's Question

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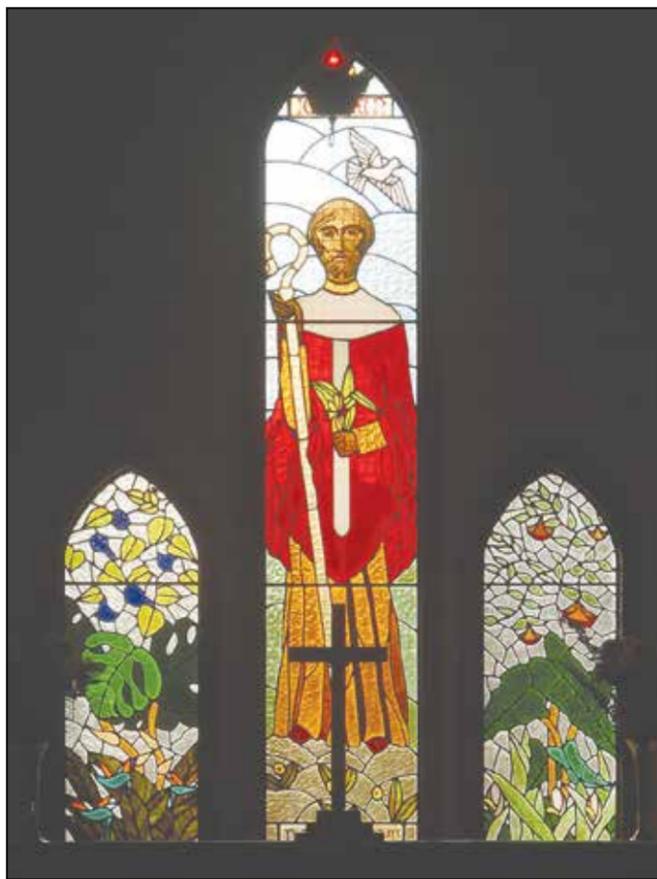
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A Thought for June

THIS month we read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 24 verses 46-53. Reading the end of this Gospel of Saint Luke's Gospel is not actually an ending, it's really a beginning. Although it marks the end of Jesus being among the disciples in a visible, objective way, it also shows them being called to the beginning of a new responsibility.

They had seen Jesus die, and had scattered, demoralised and defeated. Then the unbelievable had happened: he came among them again. Although he was changed, the disciples were quite sure it was Jesus whom they had known and followed for the last few years. From time to time he reappeared: to all of them in Jerusalem, to Mary in the garden, to a group fishing in Galilee, to a couple on the road to Emmaus. It is just after this last encounter that this Gospel passage begins. The two disciples have just come running back from Emmaus. They have gasped out the story of their encounter with what they had thought was a stranger. In the simple action of his breaking a piece of bread they realized that the person with them was far from being a stranger. It was their Lord!

The news electrifies the rest of the disciples into all sorts of thoughts and hopes and plans. Suddenly, Jesus is among them. Once again, he explains the meaning of all that has happened and is happening. He reassures them that the world is not falling apart. The ghastly cross was part of a great plan, and his coming from the tomb was the climax and triumph of that plan. Now something new must begin in and through them.



What has happened has to be communicated, and that task is in their hands. This Gospel's point is that we are those whom Jesus calls disciples. Whatever was said in that long-ago encounter after the resurrection is being said again to-day and will be said in every age. Ours are the ears that hear him – or choose not to hear him – today.

Jesus was asking for his disciples' commitment, and he asks the same of us. If we commit ourselves to him he promises us what he promised those men and women. He promises his Spirit, the Spirit we call the Holy Spirit, in our deepest being. It's a real promise which millions of men and women have found to be true. If we say Yes to him giving him our spirit, poor and limited though it may be, he gives us his. We get much the better side of the bargain!

Jesus ended this last encounter by gathering the disciples, blessing them, and going from them. As people have discovered in every generation since, he went away only to return into every one of their lives. He has already returned to yours and mine; all we need to do is to realize it. When Jesus left his disciples he did so only to return into every one of their lives. He can return to our lives as well.

Baha'i Thought for the Month

"Love the creatures for the sake of God and not for themselves. You will never become angry or impatient if you love them for the sake of God. Humanity is not perfect. There are imperfections in every human being, and you will always become unhappy if you look toward the people themselves. But if you look toward God, you will love them and be kind to them, for the world of God is the world of perfection and complete mercy. Therefore, do not look at the shortcomings of anybody; see with the sight of forgiveness. The imperfect eye beholds imperfections. The eye that covers faults looks toward the Creator of souls. He created them, trains and provides for them, endows them with capacity and life, sight and hearing; therefore, they are the signs of His grandeur. You must love and be kind to everybody, care for the poor, protect the weak, heal the sick, teach and educate the ignorant." ... "Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the face of the earth; it should give birth to spirituality, and bring light and life to every soul. If religion becomes a cause of dislike, hatred and division, it would be better to be without it... Any religion which is not a cause of love and unity is no religion."

Abdu'l-Bahá

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Rainfall Last Month

26/4/16 to 24/5/16 175.2mm

Wettest day: 21/5/16 15.4mm • Rainfall this year: 1004mm • Wet Days: 13 of 26

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The Stars in June

JONATHAN CAINER, the Astrologer whose Sun Sign prediction columns were syndicated around the world, passed on in May. He had a huge following and a unique way of constructing his predictions that could both delight and confuse his readers. Farewell Jon, you **did** see it coming didn't you?

In his general comments for the week prior to this passing, Jon had been focussing on "celebrity deaths", and his reluctance to look for astrological indicators of death; not ethical, to his way of thinking, but Jonathan's Sun Sign prediction for his own sign on the day of his demise (bless his soul) actually focussed on the fragile hold we have on life and inevitability of death. Synchronicity? Perhaps, but otherwise it was the ultimate irony of a "lucky guess".

Actually, there's no problem at all in identifying the astrological indicators of celebrity deaths this year. Nothing scary, just Pluto sitting centre-stage in Capricorn all year; Mars through Scorpio and a grand earth trine between the Moon's node; Pluto and Jupiter.

The dance macabre as they slowly go forward and back, the pendulum swings and the reaper's scythe picks up the beat. Nothing to do with Sun Signs, pop astrology notwithstanding.

So, in June we have our Winter Solstice which begins the return of the Light on 21st June, with the Moon just past full and aligning with Pluto and with Venus. Full Moon, Pluto and Venus all connecting on our longest night. A night of wild self-indulgences, deep passions and scary monsters, deeply disturbing dreams and outrageous emotional outbursts. Or, sublimate it all with a movie or a book that puts all that together. Might be a safe option.

From 3rd through 5th June, there's a fascinating Grand Mutable Cross forming around us. Imagine the 4 points of a cross – each 90 degrees apart, with a planet on each point. The cross is in the mutable signs (stay with me) which are the indicators of change, collapse, and movement. OK, so we have the Sun in Gemini; Jupiter in Virgo; Saturn in Sagittarius and Neptune in Pisces.

All around the 12 to 14 degrees mark. Sun opposite Saturn and Jupiter opposite Neptune and there's our Grand Cross. Being mutable and combining positive and negative, or male-female polarities, this is going to spin! Kind of like a free-energy electro-magnetic pattern around the earth. Promising radical change; release; fast-moving opportunities: grab it or it's gone, and clearing of old patterns. It's exciting and nothing at all to do with death. Just change.

Mercury going forward in Gemini from 13th June speeds the whole thing up and Venus going into Cancer on 18th June brings it all home, and what beautiful homes they are.

Mars lets off the brakes and goes direct on 30th June in Scorpio. Stand back, and let this ferocious surge of aggressive energy pass you by. Or if you feel it yourself (and some will) direct it into something that's a personal challenge – not a confrontation, otherwise it will rebound.

But Neptune settles into a stationary position at home in Pisces mid-month so all can be forgiven and much can be understood.

There's a nice little cosmic pun here: Neptune rules Pisces, Pisces rules the feet and Neptune in Pisces indicated deep understanding which is, of course, what feet do. Sorry!

Jump on the spinning cross and enjoy the ride.

Blessings



Rob Hart

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Kuranda Heritage Markets
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Community Calendar

Every Month

KNC Management Committee Meeting 5.30pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933 for details

Every Saturday

Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au

First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

Yoga with Aileen 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

Second Sunday

Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

Every Monday

Kids Aerial Circus with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30pm, 0424 928 917

Yoga – Gentle 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Al-Anon Family Groups 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON

Karate at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

Every Tuesday

Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

Kuranda AA meeting Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30pm

Second Tuesday

Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph James Partridge 0402 119 642

Second & Fourth Tuesday

Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Lenore Wyatt 0447 757 336. Guests welcome.

Third Tuesday

Tourism Kuranda meets in the office, Centenary Park 4:30pm

Every Wednesday

Yoga 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)

Craft and Social Morning at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact craft teacher 4093 7016

Kuranda Playgroup 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.

Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

Yoga for kids. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

First Wednesday

Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC

Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel

Second Wednesday

QCWA meeting 9.30 at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 8215, Secretary 4093 8362

Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Wednesday - Fortnightly

Kuranda Open Men's Group meets fortnightly 7-9.00pm at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Phone Yakov for details 0413 021 786.

Every Thursday

Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

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Phone Ole 0468 408 963

Kuranda Rangers Soccer: training 4.30-5.30pm Linda 0437 255 229

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

First Friday

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SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
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Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
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SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.25pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.25pm	5.25pm	7.30pm

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Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



Marriage is like a deck of cards. All you need in the beginning is two hearts and a diamond. By the end you wish you had a club and a spade.



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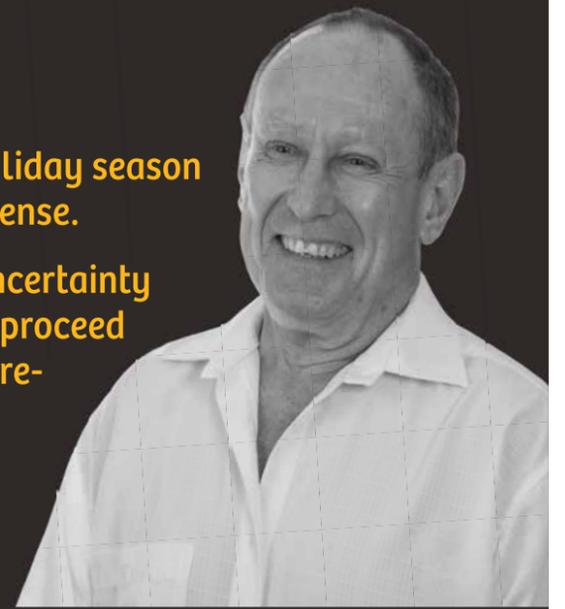
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