

CONCERNS RAISED OVER LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT

The Kuranda Paper has this month received submissions asking questions and expressing concerns in regards to a large scale rural residential development centred on Jumrum Creek, which was originally approved by Council in 2008.

The project consists of 83 rural residential lots to be developed over three stages (see map diagram below) in an area bounded by Fallon Road, Kennedy Highway and Kuranda Springs.

Stage 1 clearing for 11 lots has commenced. This has alerted residents, some for the first time, as to the existence of the project and raised concerns as to possible impacts on wildlife, quality of life and land values.

As well, given the sensitive nature of the environment, concerns are also being raised about the negative effects extensive clearing would have on water quality in Jumrum Creek and habitat and connectivity for wildlife, including some endangered animals such as the Kuranda Tree frog and the Southern Cassowaries, though a multitude of wildlife is taking refuge in the area including pademelons, platypus, birds, other smaller animals and insects. The presence of and close encounters with these creatures forms part of the reason why people have chosen to live in this area.

Information in regards to the project is not currently available on the Council's website and 15 years is a long time when so many new people have taken up residence in the area. It would seem only reasonable that all documentation related to this project given its scale, location and the fact that two more stages are proposed, should be made publicly accessible through the Council's website as soon as possible.

The Kuranda Paper has been informed by Mareeba Shire Council CEO Peter Franks that there is no necessity for public notification regarding the commencement of Stages 2 and 3 should they proceed.

Council Response to the Jumrum development

The Kuranda Paper contacted Mareeba Shire Council CEO Peter Franks with a request for some background. We were grateful to receive the following prompt response just as we were going to print:

I will give a chronology of the approval process but essentially the Development Application (DA) was first lodged back in 2007. It was an Impact Assessable application at that time and went through public notification etc before it was approved.

In 2007, Mareeba Shire Council issued preliminary approval (REC/06/0093) for Material Change of Use to vary the effect of the Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme by establishing rural residential use rights over Lot 72 on RP903071. This application was impact assessable and underwent public notification. Sixty-three (63) submissions were received.

On 13 November 2008, Council issued preliminary approval (REC/08/0064) for Reconfiguring a Lot (one lot into 84 rural residential lots) over the subject land. This application was code assessable.

On 12 November 2012, the current application (DA/12/0035) for Reconfiguring a Lot (one lot into 83 rural residential lots) was made to Council. Council approved the issue of a development permit for DA/12/0035 at its ordinary meeting on 16 April 2014. This application was code assessable.

Operational Works (OW/16/0006) approval for Stage 1 of the development was issued on 28 July 2016. This application was code assessable.

On all of the above mentioned occasions, the applications have been assessed against the relevant planning scheme provisions and all related development approvals.

As per usual practice they requested and had extension to their approval granted in July 2021 which makes the DA and Op Works valid through to January 2025.

It is further noted that the development underwent referral under the Commonwealth's Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). The EPBC Act reference is 2011/5939). The EPBC Act approval specifically addresses the World Heritage properties, National Heritage places and Listed threatened species and communities.

Because these approvals were given prior to 2017 they are not listed on our website. There is an image showing the layout of the entire subdivision (below) however they only have an Operational Works approval currently for Stage 1. Stage 1 is only 11 lots.

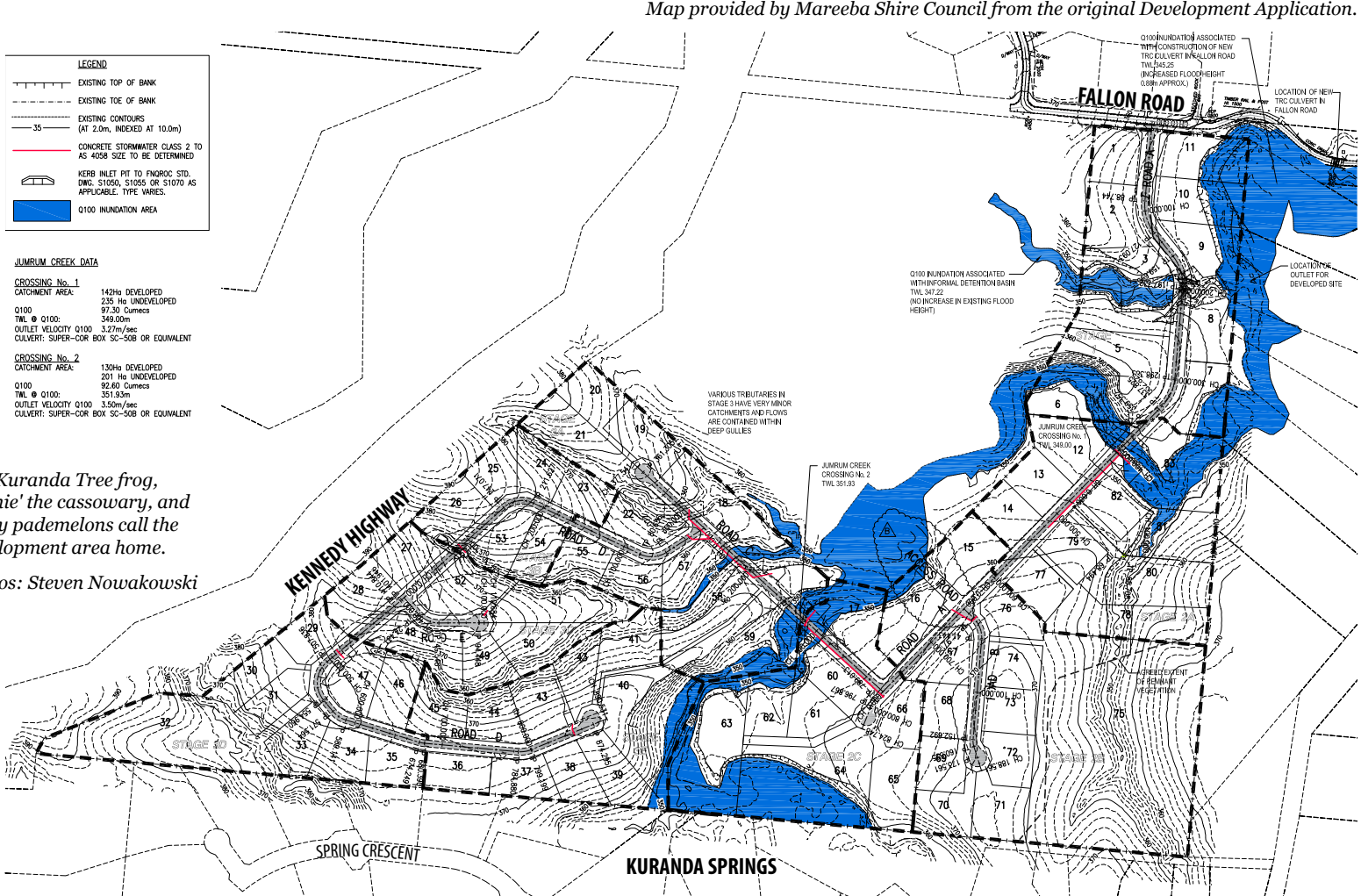
Before they can develop any further stages the Developer will have to lodge applications for further Operational Works approvals. Noting that Stage 2 requires considerable works, including a substantial bridge over Jumrum Creek as well as some topographical challenges and Stage 3 includes another substantial bridge over the creek and even more challenging topographical challenges.

Peter Franks, Chief Executive Officer



The Kuranda Tree frog, 'Archie' the cassowary, and many pademelons call the development area home.

Photos: Steven Nowakowski



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We welcome your letters via email or post

THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT – INFORMATION AND Q&A SESSION FOR KURANDA

We've managed to snaffle a local team from FNQ Voice for an information session here in Kuranda. This is a great opportunity to hear about the Voice to Parliament and have your questions answered on the night. To be held right here at the CWA Hall, Friday 9 June at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. Hope to see you there!

You can also learn more about this historic event and sign up for regular updates on the Yes campaign at www.ulurustatement.org and www.togetheryes.com.

Keila Waksvik and Sarah-Jane Hart, Kuranda

See right for more information >>>

APPRECIATION FROM THE APPLE ISLE

I have just read *The Kuranda Paper* online and had to write and tell you what a great issue it is. I loved Grandmother's words of wisdom, a Grinter's Tale, the Arts Co-op article and Your Community Harvest. I loved the masthead too. My congratulations to *The Kuranda Paper* team.

M Scales, Tasmania

LOCAL BURNS

Soon, people will feel compelled to conduct burns again. But I hope if someone really considered the consequences and risks involved, most people would not have the heart to do it.

1. There is always a risk of fires getting away and indeed they frequently do. So you are gambling with other people's properties or even lives.
2. The smoke created is bad for people's health, especially for people with asthma. So are you happy to risk causing the death of someone in the community, when your smoke triggers an asthma attack? (In the 2019-20 bushfires, 445 people died because of the smoke. www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/may/26/australias-summer-bushfire-smoke-killed-445-and-put-thousands-in-hospital-inquiry-hears). There are also many cancers that can be caused by the smoke.
3. If your fire gets away, you expect volunteers to clean up your mess. From personal experience, it is particularly horrible to fight fires in full PPE in the tropical heat. It is a big ask for a human body and a heat stroke is never far away.
4. The smell of smoke does not make for a good night sleep. I am sure there are many people kept awake by the smell of your smoke at night (often seems to be worse then). Anxiety levels are increased, because one doesn't really know what is going on and one can't breathe properly.
5. Lastly, what is the effect on fauna and flora? No matter what excuse you have come up with, any wildlife I am sure would rather not have their habitat burned or be roasted alive. Trees would rather not be scorched or killed. Flora and fauna managed just fine in the millions of years before humans arrived and started burning.

In the 20 years I lived here, I can not think of one bushfire with a natural cause in this area (Wet Tropics Bioregion). All of them were due to people's actions. This must mean, changing people's behaviour, in order to reduce bushfire risk, is the way to go. There is no moral justification for pre-empt burns (hazard reduction burns). Using burning as a land management is, given the risks, also unacceptable. So please be considerate and think of another solution.

Nadine O'Brien, Koah

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Hear about the Voice to Parliament from local community and have your questions answered.

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CONTACT
For further information, please contact the FNQ Voice Team at voicefnq@gmail.com.

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Indigenous grants open for environment and agriculture students

Indigenous students from across the Wet Tropics region can apply for a grant to help with studies and future employment opportunities in environmental and agricultural fields.

Terrain NRM's Natural Capital Fund Indigenous Education Bursary Program is open to students doing university or TAFE courses focused on the environment, agriculture, natural resource management, conservation or sustainable development.

Terrain NRM's Natural Capital Fund Chair, Pete Faulkner said the bursary program, now in third year, is all about encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders in natural resource management.

Applications are open until 5pm Friday 30 June. To apply, you'll need to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, over the age of 16, and enrolled or are about to be enrolled in a course at a recognised educational institution. For more information, contact Terrain NRM on 4043 8000.

The Wet Tropics region covers the area from the Daintree north of Port Douglas to Mareeba and Ravenshoe in the west and Ingham in the south.

Source: Terrain Natural Resource Management

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

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

KURANDA: Kuranda Post Office (Thoree St), Sprout Café (Coondoo St), Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (Centenary Park), Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (Rob Veivers Dr), Kuranda Discount Drugstore (Coondoo

St), Kuranda Arts Co-op (Coondoo St), Cornetts IGA (Thongon St), BP Service Station, Annabel's Pies (Therwine St).

KURANDA DISTRICT: Speewah Service Station, Koah Service Station.

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

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CAIRNS: Cairns Library



BATREACH REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

Batreach contributes to the flying-fox rescue community in the Far North and can have all three of the species found in the region in care at any given time. With a long history of rescue and care for different species of bats, including rare and critically endangered ones, they have made significant contributions to awareness and scientific research around bat conservation.

Batreach is happy to announce reopening to the public to continue educating visitors from near and far about the importance of flying-foxes and other native wildlife in the Wet Tropics.

Visitors are welcome to pre-book appointments for private tours by donation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for timeslots between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Contact Batreach 4093 8858 or via email info@batreach.com or visit www.batreach.com



Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month features “Mr Mopsus mormon, Australia's Green Jumping Spider” captured by Kuranda’s Alan Henderson, of Minibeast Wildlife. While the female of this species is predominantly green, the male has a black face with white sideburns and one of the best hair styles going around in the spider world. For more information visit www.minibeastwildlife.com.au and also on Facebook and Instagram.

Better than ever!



Ceti Bath Shop which has traded in Kuranda for over 23 years has just re-opened with a new updated and extended space. Pop in and check out this delightful revamp at 25 Coondoo Street, Kuranda for handmade, natural products and silk screen designs. Photo: Nettie O'Connell.

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WHEELBARROW WAY WATCHERS WOWED



This past weekend saw the return of the Bendigo Bank Great Wheelbarrow Race, and the celebration of the twentieth anniversary year. Council would like to thank the Committee, Council staff and countless volunteers on an incredible job in bringing this event together.

The race has evolved over the past twenty years, and it was wonderful to be back on the road to witness the enthusiasm this event brings to the Shire. The Race has always been a motivation for many to raise money for their chosen charity or cause, and this year \$182,652 was raised, bringing the total amount raised over the years to \$2,536,864.

Committee Chair Cr Bensted said the race saw the return of some familiar faces with the addition of a number of new teams. "The road to Chillagoe was as gruelling as ever, but all 38 teams fought hard and three records were broken."

"Last year's winners Rusty Wheels, were dethroned by Tune Squad in a rush to the finish line, and I would like to congratulate all the teams who came out and joined us on the Wheelbarrow Way," Cr Bensted said.

The winners of the categories were, Angela Willett for the solo category, Ebony & Ivory for the Duo's and Missy's Donors for the Trio's.

Fit Bucks, back for the sixth year in a row, were crowned the champions in the men's category and Wheelin' for Willy broke the record, and took the win in the female category. Dad's Army were back this year as the winners of the over 55's category, with an average age of 77 years old. QFRS Blazers were the winners of the Corporate Category and broke the Corporate Services Category record by over one hour!

As always, the schools were competing for the podium position and the fastest team across the line was Tune Squad from Mareeba State High. CA Architects from Cairns were back for the second year and were the winners in the social category.

"With a totally unique sense of camaraderie and fun, competitors are encouraged to fundraise for their chosen charities and the race provides vital support for the smaller communities in our Shire."

"If you have ever thought about giving it a go, I invite you to join us on the road in 2024," Cr Bensted concluded.

MAREEBA SHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

There are four libraries located within the Mareeba Shire, all providing an extensive variety of materials to borrow including books, videos, DVDs, music CDs, magazines, audio books, newspapers and games. Internet and computer access, photocopying and children's activities are also available.

As the four libraries are all part of the one service, you can pick up and drop off resources at all four libraries interchangeably.

All four libraries offer various programs that includes, Storytime, Mah Jong, Craft-a-Noon and Writing Groups.

To find out more about the Library Service, read the Library Guide available on Council's website.

Scan the QR Code for race results and photos.

Celebrating Local Art and Culture

Mareeba Shire Council will assist four community-led arts and culture projects with the announcement of the successful recipients of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Community Grant Round for 2023.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

The Mareeba RADF Program has contributed significantly to providing opportunities for artists to develop their skills and the general public to participate in a range of arts and cultural activities.

Council's latest grant round closed at the end of February and applications were reviewed by the Committee according to the assessment criteria. Projects to the value of \$10,117 were approved and the successful applicants are:

- Centre for Australasian Theatre - Avatar in the Multiverse Youth Performance \$3,000
- Gulf Savannah NRM - Earth & Country Indigenous Art Celebration \$3,000
- Kate Prynne - Advanced Glass Masterclass \$1,500
- Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre - Paint the Nest \$2,617



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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR MARIO MLIKOTA

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

Parks & Open Spaces Action Plan Update

The Parks & Open Spaces Action Plan was developed in consideration of the community feedback received through the Parks & Open Spaces Survey that was conducted in 2020/2021, as well as a full review of all Council-controlled parks and open spaces and requests that had been received by customers in recent years.

The following projects have recently been completed under the three-year Action Plan:

- The Mareeba Rail Trail Re-sheet
- Mareeba East (Amaroo) Playground
- Kuranda Centenary Park
- Kuranda Walking Network Plan

Future projects include the upgrading of the Dimbulah Heritage Park with the addition of a pump track and a fence, upgrades to the play equipment at the Bill Newburn Park in Irvinebank and an overall enhancement of the Bicentennial Lakes in Mareeba at no additional cost to ratepayers. This was a critical factor for Council – to provide a financially sustainable plan that will revitalise our parks and open spaces.

I encourage all residents to take a look at Council's website or Facebook page where we will continue to share regular updates on these important projects.

Volunteerism in the Shire

Council celebrated National Volunteer Week in the month of May, and I would like to extend a special note of thanks to our wonderful volunteers in the communities throughout our Shire. Whether it is picking up rubbish, being a Committee Member or assisting on game day, your contribution is greatly valued and appreciated. Thank you for being a Change Maker!

Future Events

May saw the return of several events across the Shire and I would like to commend the various Committees involved. Events include the Great Wheelbarrow Race, Chillagoe Rodeo, FNQ Rotary Field Days, and most recently the Dimbulah Lions Festival. Our Shire is truly a remarkable place to live, work and play and it was wonderful to welcome visitors to our slice of paradise.

Events coming up in the following months include Christmas in July, the Mareeba Multicultural Festival, and Savannah in the Round. Information is available online and I encourage you to get out and support these events where possible.

In closing, I thank you for continuing to make a difference in your community and it is my hope that we can continue to support each other and to look for the positives each day.

Councillor Mario Mlikota
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Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC)

Operated by Kuranda Information
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Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Traineeship

We are very excited to announce that we are looking to hire a trainee to complete a Certificate 3 in Business. Please see application requirements below.

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Application for Traineeship Certificate 3 in Business

Eligibility:

- Young people 18–24 years (no longer at school)
- Long-term unemployed (6 months or more)
- Mature aged job seekers (45+)
- Women re-entering the workforce
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Migrants and refugees from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Not holding or be enrolled in a Certificate 3 or higher qualification (not including qualifications completed at school or foundations skills training)

Requirements:

1. The traineeship requires 12-month commitment on a full-time basis (36 hours per week)
2. Applicants must have basic computer skills (access and search the internet, create, save and edit Microsoft Office documents, download, upload and save documents from websites, participate in online discussions etc.)
3. Current driver's licence
4. Ability to obtain a Blue Card/Police Check
5. Commence traineeship by 30 June 2023

Salary will be based on SCHCADS Award Level 1.1

Please email expression of interest and resume to manager@kurandanc.org.au or deliver in person to Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by 5pm Monday 12 June 2023.

Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

Cairns played host to the Queensland Regional Parliament earlier this month with over 1000 locals and over 2000 school children coming in to view democracy in action. I am a big supporter of taking the Parliament to the people, and I hope you were able to take advantage of this.

While Parliament was in Cairns, Queensland's Path to Treaty was set into law. The passing of our Path to Treaty legislation is a watershed moment for our State, and one which is both sobering and a source of pride. I encourage you to stay up to date with the Path to Treaty progress via www.qld.gov.au/firstnations/treaty

The Queensland Government is working with Federal Government to deliver \$500 in cost of living relief for eligible Queensland households and \$650 for eligible small businesses in the form of energy rebates. They will be paid automatically to households already benefiting from the Qld Government's \$372 Electricity Rebate Scheme and to small businesses. Other eligible households will be contacted by Services Australia with information on how to apply for their new \$500 energy rebate.

Last week it was with great pride that I was sworn in as Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability. These are challenging portfolios and I'm ready to get stuck in.

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

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



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KURANDA POLICE UPDATE

JUNE 2023

Greetings to the Kuranda Community.

I wanted to touch on a few things in this article and I will start with the usual – property security. I will list a few points below regarding how you can better secure your residence and business:

- **Adequate lighting.** I drive around Kuranda most nights and I see many shops in darkness making a perfect environment for offenders to remain hidden. I did a quick Google and a light costs as low as one cent per hour to run. I think this is a very cheap deterrent.
- **Roller Doors and Security Screens** will keep honest people out and weaker/smaller offenders, but teenage or adult size offenders can use sheer force to pull security mesh out of the frame, and roller doors can be kicked out at the sides with enough motivation. I would suggest upgrading to a steel mesh (Crim-safe) and running steel bars behind your roller doors to prevent them being kick inwards and off the rails.
- **Installing (quality) CCTV** will allow us to see what is happening and is excellent evidence to produce in court. If offenders aren't caught in the act or don't leave fingerprints, CCTV is generally the only other way they will be identified.
- **Leave your registers open and empty.** We are seeing crimes committed for even a few dollars. Also hide/secure your tip jars.

We are still seeing people consuming alcohol in public places which often results in unruly behaviour. I would like to remind everyone that responsible consumption of alcohol needs to happen in your home or a licensed venue. We like to think of the township of Kuranda as our home, but certain public spaces are to be shared and enjoyed by all of the community. Save the drinking for at home when you can chill with some snacks and Netflix.

Lastly, I would like to thank the majority of the community who contribute to making Kuranda a fantastic place to live. Don't forget if a crime is happening now – call 000. If the crime has already occurred and there is no longer any danger, think Policelink on 131 444.

Sergeant Matt Harling, Officer in Charge, Kuranda Police Station





Playing Around at Story Time is a Learning Experience

In October 2022, Kuranda Library changed to a play-based Story Time with plenty of fun sensory activities, including; play dough, water play and painting as well as a floor activity such as Duplo, toy animals, puzzles or threading activities. We are now guided by the children as to when we read our story and integrate singing, finger rhymes and musical instruments in our story time sessions. We have created a free-form, spontaneous yet age appropriate opportunity for literacy rich play.

When children play, they are learning how to read and write. Children use play to engage with objects, people, behaviours, concepts, and language in ways that are motivating and driven by their interests. During play, there is a significant amount of language used by children, their peers, and adults, providing numerous opportunities to hear, practice, and learn language and develop emergent literacy skills. Play allows children to be in control and engaged in the interaction, and when adults follow this lead, children are likely to develop their language and literacy skills more, compared to an adult-led experience.

Come and join us for a fun

Story Time at Kuranda Library every Friday morning 10am–12pm.

Who's up for Book Club?

Settling down with a great book allows you an escape—and the space to contemplate ideas that might have never crossed your mind had you not chosen the novel in the first place.

But while reading a new story solo is often a great way to relax, sometimes you just want to discuss what you've read with another person—or two—to bring those ideas off the page and into the world.

Book clubs involve group members reading and meeting to discuss books. Some book clubs are focused on a theme, for example crime or classics, some read a specific book each month and some are open to talking about whatever you have been reading lately.

Join a book club at your library to:

- share your love of reading
- make new friends – not just the fictional ones either
- get a different perspective
- broaden your horizons
- give you a break amidst the madness of life

If you are interested in creating and joining a new book club at any of the Mareeba Shire Library branches, contact your local library to register your interest.

Kuranda Library – 4093 9185 or Mareeba Library – 4086 4622



NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR FROM 1 JULY



Memberships – KTA will be sending out reminders very soon and we invite all Kuranda businesses to become a member or renew their memberships from 1 July.

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

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

Dr Steve Salleras: Monday

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Private Billing Practice

Toshi Sakamoto CONCERT

WHERE:
St Saviour's Anglican
Church in Kuranda

WHEN:
Friday 23 June
6.30pm – 7.30pm

TICKETS:
\$15 via www.trybooking.com/CIOPP or pay at door. Kids are free.

Bring your own cushion for your comfort as the church pews are wooden.

About Toshi

Toshi Sakamoto is a Kuranda local singer-songwriter. Originally from Japan, Toshi sings his original songs mainly in Japanese and some English. His songs are influenced by Japanese traditional and modern music as well as world music and focus on people's hearts, lives, hopes and memories.

Toshi plays regularly in Kuranda and Cairns and brings a new folk sound to the region's multicultural contemporary music scene.



Concert

Toshi Sakamoto トシさかもと



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Château Mas de Pradié is owned by former Cairns resident, Julia Fulford- Kirby, a ceramicist, published author and interior designer. In 2017, she decided to put in motion the mechanisms to fulfill her dream of living in France.

Julia and her sisters, Sarah Collins (Doctor of Philosophy PhD in Archaeology) and Melissa Clinton (Kuranda Riverboat and Honeybee House holiday accommodation owner) applied to be on the popular UK television series called, *Escape to the Château DIY* and were accepted. Calling themselves, The Château Sisters, they set off for France in 2018 where various film crews joined them at some of the château inspections and recorded their visits, which were subsequently aired on TV.

It was a fabulous opportunity to combine many loves – a love of history, a love of architecture and a love of creating beautiful interior spaces. Most importantly, life in a château would not only provide a home for Julia but also a family home-away-from-home for her sisters and their family members living in Australia and England. The TV show continues under its new name of *Château DIY* and The Château Sisters are still part of the TV series. To say that château shopping around France, from the Loire Valley to Pau and almost everywhere in between, was the greatest holiday ever would be a gross understatement.

Our journey of châteaux discovery introduced us to the beauty and wonder of France, as well as the warmth and generosity of the French people. We fell in love with one château after another. Fortunately, our enthusiasm was constrained by the fact that some châteaux were bigger bottomless pits of potential than others! However, the clear winner was Mas de Pradié, a beautiful château dating back to the 1750s with five outbuildings, situated in the Aveyron Department of southern France.

Julia moved permanently to France in 2019 and Château Mas de Pradié is not only a wonderful family home, but a bed and breakfast and self-catering destination, as well as a wedding and events venue.

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 Kuranda Amphitheatre

What's Happening at the Amphitheatre

The Kuranda Amphitheatre is looking stunning in the beautiful winter sunshine, ready for the next few gigs.

K.A.S.T.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe (K.A.S.T.) is a new community theatre making collective by KAS members. The long tradition of theatre making in Kuranda continues on Thursday nights at the Understage, from 6.30pm.

For their first work, K.A.S.T. are producing *In The Nature of Things*, a new script by Kuranda's Janice Stark – see the poster (created by Mo Zach) below. K.A.S.T. are still encouraging and welcoming new players and crew for this production. If you are interested in any aspect of theatre including acting, choreography, costumes, lighting, sound, stage management, sets and props, or something we haven't mentioned, please come along to our theatre group 6.30pm every Thursday at Kuranda Amphitheatre.

hire rates are \$110 per month (or \$27 per week for a 2-hour block) for a once weekly business hire, and again we have special rates for community, not-for-profit, and start-up groups, please contact us directly to find out more.

Currently we have Alpha Lykos Dog Training on Mondays, 3–5pm, Choir on Tuesday evening, 6–7.30 (\$10/5), and K.A.S.T. community theatre collective on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm.

The next Working Bee is on Sunday 11 June from 9am until around 1pm, and continue to be on the second Sunday of every month. The last one was fun, rewarding and social, with a dozen or so volunteers loving up the gorgeous gardens. Please come join us for a Sunday morning of enjoying the winter sunshine while tackling some of the many varied jobs that need doing. Drinks, snacks, and good vibes provided. It takes a village to run a venue, so we'd love to see you there!

Wishing you a wonderful June Kuranda!

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

The Understage

We're happy to say the Understage is really warming up and hosting lots of great music events and theatre development!

As you read this you'll have already enjoyed dancing to Djawarray's album launch *Binal*, featuring Koahlition, Cloud 9 and the Mayi Wunba Dance Group.

If you've got the June *Kuranda Paper* on the first day of release, you'll be looking forward to seeing Troy Cassar-Daley tonight, Thursday 1 June.

On Sunday 25 June, Funkdafied presents a Kuranda Sunday session of soul, funk, hip hop, reggae and more at the Understage, with MC Diggis, Jimmy Flypshit on the turntables, and DJs JC (Funkdafied) and Skippy, from 3–10pm. Tickets are only \$12, and there'll be a bar and food.

Stay tuned for more great gigs, large and small, at the Amphitheatre over the coming months.

Venue Hire

The Understage is ready to hire, as are all the Amphitheatre venues, for performing arts and cultural events and activities, as well as private functions. The Understage currently costs \$165 per half day for a normal hire; we offer community and not for profit rates, please contact us directly to learn more. The hirer makes revenue from door sales, and the Amphitheatre will normally provide food and a bar for events. As we are a volunteer-run venue, our dates depend on our volunteer availability, so not all dates can be accommodated. Hopefully availability will increase as more members become active volunteers (yes, we're talking to you!)

The Amphitheatre is also available for small weekly hire. If you have classes to offer to the community, particularly for arts and cultural activities, we'd love to hear from you. Weekly

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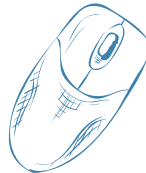
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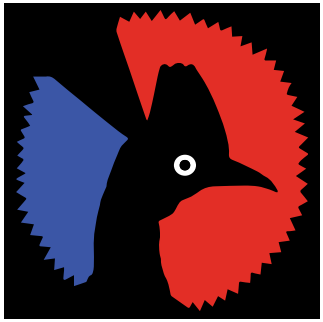
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GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS — Good News

The lovely little *Dianella* is a must-have in any shady corner. While *Dianella* can be slow-growing, patience will reward you with an elegant low-growing lily, featuring deep blue, star-shaped flowers followed by shining indigo fruit. The berries are a favourite of our native wildlife as well as our volunteers, sweet and delicious right off the plant. Just don't eat too many - they can turn your tongue purple! Stop by our Nursery to pick up your *Dianella* plants. 1 Pademelon Lane - nearly always open.

WHAT'S IN SEASON — GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME — Good News

Aristolochia acuminata or *tagala* is a creeper that is the food plant for the Cairns Birdwing butterfly. Because of the cooler weather, those butterflies are slowing down a bit (as are we all!) so now is the time to get new vines planted so that you have a good, leafy crop when they get active again in spring. You may have experienced a caterpillar eating your vine down to the ground in a day. To have enough food for them you need plenty of vines to support their speedy growth.

CASSOWARY ART TRAIL's — Good News

The Cassowary Art Trail has a life of its own now. Interest is growing with Rainforestation and Zoom & Wildlife Dome, Cairns. You can see three of these completed projects right here in the Kuranda Village at the Kuranda Village Centre, Terra Nova and the Heritage Markets.

The Cassowary Art Trail project raises awareness of our Southern Cassowary while boosting tourism

around the Kuranda region, bringing benefits to our local economy and our environment. We aim to join the dots of the Cassowary Art Trail right across the Wet Tropics. Contact us or Jurg Jutzi 0429 085 066 if you think it would bring people to your door.

ECOFIESTA — 4 JUNE — Good News

We'll be there with our iconic bin stickers, a full-sized cassowary (the rigid, silent type), information handouts and lots to talk to you about. We want to hear your stories about your adventures with cassowaries, the critters in your garden and snakes. Everyone's got a snake story. You should have seen the size of the python we bagged this week!

CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS

To report a sighting, especially one where a cassowary is in danger, go to www.kurandaregion.org/cassowary-records under Kuranda Region Cassowary Families or call 4093 8834 or 0439 899 731. The Department of Environment's reporting number is 1300 130 372.

83-BLOCK SUBDIVISION UNDERWAY IN THE JUMRUM VALLEY — Bad News

Who knew about this massive development? What protections for Jumrum Creek? Lots more people, lots more vehicles on the road, more injured and killed wildlife, less wildlife and cassowary habitat and felled trees being burnt off. For all our care, decisions are made for us by people who don't understand the importance of this place and the need for careful and appropriate development. See below for more information.

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HOW COULD THIS BE?

How could such a large subdivision in a place like Kuranda, adjacent to World Heritage rainforests, critical wildlife corridors and an aware community, fly under the radar?
How could this large, inconsistent block-sized development, not be public knowledge?
Will there be enforceable covenants, riparian zone protections?

These are the questions many of us are asking as we watch the destruction of recovering rainforest at Fallon Road (opposite the Kuranda Recreation Centre) for an 83-block subdivision.

Many residents have been aghast at the land-clearing taking place and the subsequent burning of fallen rainforest timber for this subdivision that hardly anyone knows about.

Upon digging down into this mess of an approval process Kur-Alert Inc. has discovered it to be an old legacy development that had its tentacles reaching back to the previous old Mareeba Planning Scheme. The property owner of the time lodged this subdivision under the title of Eco Jumrum (eco@jumrum) in 2007. However, there is little 'eco' about it. In fact, many blocks will be mostly cleared from boundary to boundary and will require considerable civil earthmoving and infrastructure to reach completion. There were some 'covenants' in the Development Approval (DA) such as 2,000m² building envelopes for each block, so we must remain vigilant that these conditions are enforced between seller and buyer.

In 2007, there were 63 submissions lodged against this Material Change of Use, yet the Mareeba Shire Council still approved it! Today the number of submissions against it would be far higher. Council did the wrong thing by approving this subdivision in 2007 considering the enormous impacts on wildlife of such small block sizes.

Fast forward to 2023 and a new Planning Scheme that now restricts lot sizes less than 4,000m² is in place, but we still have this old dinosaur development advancing along given discretionary time-lapse extensions by Council against community sentiment. This development has lot sizes as low as 2,987m²!

Kuranda is facing the same challenges as the rest of Australia with a lack of affordable housing. However, this will not solve housing shortages (and will not be affordable)

and will further diminish the viability of any meaningful rainforest corridor through this area. What we are witnessing is outdated and poor planning that is verging on negligence. High density housing should be located on land that is already cleared or degraded and comply with the current Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme that is zoned for such growth. Clearing rainforest for dense housing allotments does not add up and does not pass the pub test for most Australians.

This community has stated over and over its concerns for protecting the natural environment and our social environment that depends on this protection. This is why we live here. This is why we endure the Kuranda Range daily, because most of us don't want a Cairns environment. This doesn't mean we are against development. It means we are supportive of GOOD appropriate development that is sympathetic to our very unique circumstances here in the Kuranda environs.

We probably need to be fair and acknowledge the 'covenants' in the DA and push for the developer to follow through with the type of contract between seller and buyer of each lot to make sure that the best outcome is achieved from this out of date DA.

This development must at least comply with legislative transparencies. At the time of writing for *The Kuranda Paper*, the lengthy approvals process and the conditions attached to MSC approval of this development are not available on either the MSC Planning website or MSC record of Meeting Minutes.

The developer is also required by the EPBC to publish all management plans and council conditions. Council and developer information is supposed to be available to the public and at the time of writing, they are not.

Source: Kur-Alert Inc.



Aerial showing the footprint of the planned 83-block subdivision accessed via Fallon Road.



Stage 1 works in progress on Fallon Road consisting of 11 lots with the smallest at 2,987m² in size.

This development could likely have a disastrous effect on the Jumrum Creek habitat which could impact the Kuranda Tree frog, Lace-eyed Tree frog, Waterfall frog, Common Mist frog and platypus. This area is also a corridor for cassowaries and home to many pademelons and other native wildlife.



Photo: Steven Nowakowski



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King Charles III Coronation Quiz Night a great success

Thank you to all who came along to the Kuranda Historical Society's Right Royal Quiz night at the Kuranda Recreation Centre and entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up both appropriately and inappropriately. And thanks to our volunteer committee who made sure it all went smoothly. It was a fun night, and the food fitted the occasion: Coronation quiche, Cottage pie and Bread and butter pudding.

The Quiz Queen, HRH Dr Janice Starck, looked resplendent and showed no mercy to attendees. MC Peter McCabe, played along as the King Consort. The raffle prizes went off with a bang, and the Silent Auction drew great interest and many bids. Everyone's enthusiasm was contagious – even those who lost their heads could be seen laughing! And of course, we couldn't have done this without the generous support of the area's local businesses. We have displayed the winners together with the gifting businesses, in the window of the Historical Society office (across from the Visitor Information Centre in Centenary Park, Kuranda). We hope to make a trivia night an annual event although it probably won't coincide with a coronation again for a while.



Above: (L-R): Reudi Homberger, Jill Melody, Robin Callander, Garth Owen, Tanya Vickers, Terry Eager, Lee Edwards and Judy Taylor.

Above left: Right Royal Quiz Night co-hosts Janice Starck and Peter McCabe

Left: Winner of the Best-Dressed Right Royal Man Michael Bindley and his wife Wendy.

Photos: Eve Stafford.

Membership Reminder

Your Kuranda Historical Society Membership is due in September of each year. Its only \$15 but across the community it adds up to be enough for us to keep plugging away at bringing Kuranda's history together. There are some Memberships that are still due for this year. Marjorie Cutting, our secretary, will be sending out reminder notices now as well as ahead of the annual due date. But if you wish to pay your 2023 memberships now, please transfer \$15 into the following bank account, putting your full name as reference so we know who has paid:

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Save the Date – Jon's Poles Working Bee on 1 July at 3pm

The KHS is organising a working bee to "re-life" Jon Williams Kuranda sign at the lights turning into Kuranda. All are welcome. Just bring some gloves and a hat. We will provide the scrapers and paint (and arvo tea).

Save the Date – Planning for the Future Workshop – Saturday 13 August

We invite all members and community supporters to a planning meeting in August ahead of our AGM in September. We would like to review the KHS Strategic Plan for ideas and brainstorm options for displaying and recording historical artefacts as well as ideas for future historical record activities. The date will be notified in an upcoming column in this paper.



The Speewah District Residents Association

The Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA) will hold its **Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 6pm on 19 June 2023** at the Speewah Fire Brigade training room at Roscommon Park. Speewah residents are welcome to attend and engage in this consultative process with Council, and other stakeholders. We are very pleased that our meetings are well attended by Mareeba Shire councillors, including Mayor Toppin. Also, Councillor Danny Bird liaises directly between residents and Council, thus facilitating direct communication regarding local issues.

We are also calling for nominations for the positions of secretary, treasurer, and chairman at the AGM. We are pleased to advise that our meetings are short and sweet, are conducted within an hour timeframe, but are still comprehensive with time for discussion of the agenda items. If you would like to raise any issue at the meeting, please email it to our secretary, Jo Garbellini at jgarbell15@gmail.com beforehand.

The AGM is also time for the annual membership payment of \$5 per person. We look forward to meeting Speewah residents then.

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A Grinter's Tale

I really wish I had invented trainers. Not of the Bart Cummings or Jono Castano variety, but the ubiquitous comfortable unisex footwear that you can throw in the washing machine and it comes up roses. Whoever did dream up the descendant of plimsolls certainly landed on their feet.

If the truth be known, trainers are the new carbon footprint. You can tell that when people take them off while travelling long distances by plane. The gaseous odour emanating from even a pair of expensive Nikes can cause onboard fights, reducing the ability to breathe. Body odour knows no class barriers.

In February this year, a man took revenge on a passenger with stinky shoes by hiding the offending footwear in a locker at the rear of the aircraft while said perpetrator was asleep. He was applauded for his actions. Funny that.

In my May column, I talked about how we used to dress in our finest when travelling by air. I was thinking about that as I considered where my feet would go once I crammed the Singapore Airlines pillow and blanket under the seat in front alongside my handbag, followed by a hefty kick to lodge them in place.

Maybe it is the smaller pitch between ever narrowing seats that brought about the need to wear more comfortable clothes, and shoes you don't need to take off when your feet swell. I never take mine off these days, after losing a shoe on a flight and finding after 12 hours that it had found its way three rows forward.

When you are sitting in one economy spot for over 12 hours being fed and not exercised, the last thing you want is the restriction of hip hugging jeans, or for that matter, complimentary bags of crackers and dried peas, with a preponderance of dried pulses. It was bad enough being served peanuts on an empty stomach, but these are now off the menu. I suppose peas are less likely to cause anaphylaxis, or maybe they are just cheaper than peanuts, but peas or peanuts, both are famous for causing flatulence, another reason to cause a barney onboard.

You have to be careful about these things. After all, in 2015, a Singapore Airlines cargo plane had to make an emergency landing after collective farts from 2186 goats triggered a smoke alarm. Methinks the poor animals were used as scapegoats. To be honest, I think this should be written into emergency procedures on aircraft. Goats are not alone in this natural phenomenon and dried peas and split broad beans are no help.

Anyway, as I wriggled my leather shoe enclosed feet into the tiny gap in front of me, I glanced around at my fellow passengers' feet. I started observing all the passengers edging along the aisle in search of their seats. It was like a Trainer Club excursion. Every single person wore trainers.

Suddenly I felt like the person tricked into wearing fancy dress at a non-fancy dress party. We won't even talk about that experience as Wilma Flinstone, but never invite me to a fancy

dress party without a signed statutory declaration/guarantee that at least 30% of invitees will be dressed as per theme.

I was fascinated by the casual attire sported across the board throughout this UK trip. I'm by no means a snappy dresser these days, as any of my friends would tell you, but things have changed out in the real world. Over 22 hours later, arriving at Heathrow, I felt everyone in the airport was going hiking or camping.

I became obsessed about trainers. On the bus one afternoon heading back from my mother's aged care facility to my no toaster, no fridge, no cupboard, no fun economy hotel room, I decided to count the number of passengers not wearing trainers. It was a very boring pastime, as every single passenger that entered the front door of the double decker 358 to Bromley modelled different brands of trainer in varying stages of wear.

I was no exception, sporting an olive green Kmart \$20 pair, maybe too wide for my narrow feet, but comfortable nevertheless. At \$20 for two shoes, who cares?

Everyone knows I am opposed to buying cheap, disposable, shoddy Chinese made products, but when you have long, narrow feet, well, beggars can't be choosers, and no point in spending \$200 on brand names when they still originate from the same place and quite often don't make the distance anyway. What's more, if the dog hides one in thick shrubbery, never to be seen again, it's not the end of the world. However, I gather the majority of Nikes and Adidas shoes are manufactured in Korea these days.

As my invitation to the Coronation had not yet caught up with me, I put the leather shoes away the next day and joined the trainer brigade.

Venturing out into Bromley High Street, I nodded and smiled conspiratorially at every fellow Trainer Club member as if they were Freemasons sporting the Square and Compass lapel pin. For those on the other side of the street, I curtailed the urge to wave in the same way we used to wave at fellow VW Beetle drivers. Trying to combine these gestures on either side of the street concurrently eventually made me feel dizzy and I had a moment of empathy for the newly crowned Queen. Only a moment, mind.

I soon got bored with that. I was getting funny looks and kept walking into people as I checked for oncoming trainers, so I decided to count puffer jackets. They were as common as cane toads and almost without exception just as dull in colour. Everything was dull, the clothes, the day, the buildings, the faces of the passers-by. I resisted the urge to throw salt at the bland puffer jackets and catch a red bus into the green Kent countryside.

Jeepers, it's so good to be home.

Next time I go to see my mum, I'm taking jeans and jumper, two of each, and one pair of trainers, and I promise I won't take the latter off on the flight home.



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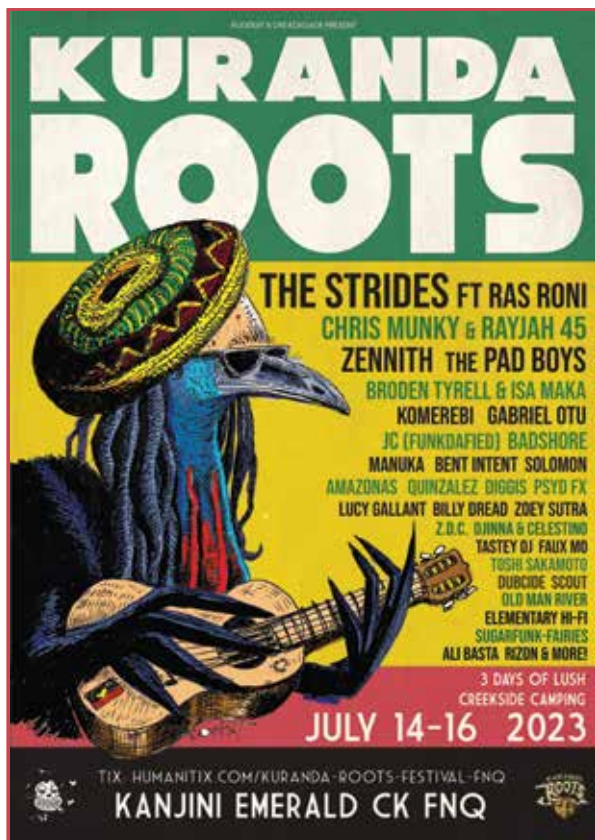


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UPDATED LINE UP plus APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND MARKET STALLS

Kuranda Roots are thrilled to announce several new musical additions to the line up celebrating Kuranda Roots 21st Birthday at Kanjini, Emerald Creek over three days from 14-16 July.

Kuranda's own Zennith need no introductions, but for the uninitiated, Zennith are one of the most significant and sought after reggae/hip hop groups in Australia. Spanning three generations of the extended Brim family, Zennith features brothers Aden and Astro, and father Willy Brim (leader of the legendary Mantaka band).

Joining this line up installment are Sydney's dancehall selecta Ali Basta, Brisbane's hottest duo the Sugarfunk Fairies, the world music vibes of Djinna and Amazonas, junglists Quinzalez and Dubcide, badboy Elementary Hi-Fi, local DJ sensations Badshore and Scout, wildcard sound boi Billy Dread and DJ Fi\$her Price.

TICKETS

We do have a numbers cap from Mareeba Shire Council – as of late May we now only have less than 300 tickets left!

Get your tickets here www.events.humanitix.com/kuranda-roots-festival-fnq

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Want to be part of the action? We are looking for volunteers for a variety of jobs including set up/pack down, recycling, gate and even serving chai!

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We are looking for healthy and tasty food vendors, healing/massage and creative craft stalls to make up our market village!

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Kuranda Art Prize Winners

This year's Kuranda Art Prize Award Night, which was attended by 70 ticket-holders, was a joyful event held at Café Mandala on 12 May with live music, drinks and canapés. A total of 52 entries were received, which is more than double the amount we received last year. There were 23 finalists chosen, and to date, two of the artworks have been sold. The exhibition at Café Mandala finished on 28 May.

Many congratulations to the winners:

First Prize \$2,000 – Sponsored by the Kuranda Riverboat & Kuranda Art Prize – *Deep in Reflection* by Marianne Tow

Second Prize \$1,000 - Sponsored by the Kuranda Koala Gardens & Birdworld Kuranda – *Rust in Peace* by Paula Matthews

Third Prize \$500 – Sponsored by Sprout Juice & Coffee Bar – *Reflecting on the Day* by Scotia Hennessy

Peoples Choice Award \$250 – Sponsored by Cantata Studio Kuranda – *The Stillness* by Vicki Williams

Emerging Young Artist Encouragement Award \$150 – Sponsored by Angela Toppin – *Ocean's Graveyard* by Azariah Wigley-Gill

We would like to thank the judges, Henri Hunsinger and Connie Rovina. Thanks to Nettie O Design for graphic design, Jake Hall of Café Mandala, who offered to hold the exhibition in his café again this year, the Management Committee of the Kuranda Traders Association, and *The Kuranda Paper* for their support of community events.

We are looking forward to next year's competition, the details of which are currently in the planning stage.

We propose to hold the Kuranda Art Prize annually and extend its scope and prize money, as it grows. All funds generated through partnerships, competition entry fees and commissions on sales of artworks will be used in the running of the competition.

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RADF Grant Success

Kate Prynne has been selected for a RADF Grant from Mareeba Shire Council toward the cost of her attending the Cheshire School of Glass when she is in the UK in July. She will be undertaking five days of exclusive one-on-one training with one of England's top glass artists, focusing on advanced fused and slumped finishing techniques including screen printing, sandblasting, metal and plant inclusions as well as mould making and casting. She will be teaching these methods once she is home. Currently Kate has new work in the Kuranda Arts Co-op Gallery.

Celebrating Women and Art

The Zonta Club of Cairns hosted *Zonta Breaks the Bias – Art without Boundaries* at the Oasis Resort, to celebrate women and art just before Mother's Day. Kate and Lisa Capon participated with their artworks, promoting the Arts Co-op at the same time. (photo Kate and Lisa)



Kate Prynne and Lisa Capon at the Zonta Market.

Kuranda Art Prize

Congratulations to the participants and winners of the 2023 Kuranda Art Prize – we do have some very talented artists in our community!

The Studies of Arts Co-op Artist – William Wakefield

Some of our artists at the Kuranda Arts Co-op have been fortunate to study in some interesting places. William Wakefield studied in Florence a few years ago. This is his story.

Angel Academy of Art in Florence by William Wakefield

As a student of art, I always dreamt of studying at the Angel Academy of Art in Florence. And after months of preparation, I finally got the opportunity to enrol in the academy for the first two trimesters.

The first trimester was a new experience altogether. I was excited and nervous at the same time. The academy is located in the heart of Florence, surrounded by beautiful buildings, cobbled streets, and stunning architecture. The environment itself was inspiring, and I felt motivated to learn and create.

The academy had an intense curriculum, which included classes on anatomy, composition, figure drawing, and painting techniques. The classes were small, with a maximum of 10 students per class, which allowed for more personalised attention from the teachers. The teachers were all accomplished artists and were passionate about teaching their craft. They were always available to help students, and their critiques were constructive and insightful.

One of the things that impressed me the most about the academy was the emphasis on traditional techniques and materials. We worked with charcoal, graphite, and oil paints, learning the traditional methods of applying and layering colors. The academy also had a vast collection of art books and references, which we could access at any time.

In addition to the regular classes, the academy also organised field trips to nearby museums, galleries, and historical sites. These trips were not only educational but also helped us to



Life figure by William Wakefield

develop a deeper appreciation for the art and culture of Florence.

The second trimester was even more challenging than the first. We were introduced to more complex subjects, such as portraiture, still life, and landscape painting. The workload increased, and we had to devote more time to our studies. But the sense of satisfaction that came from creating a beautiful piece of art made it all worth it.

Overall, my experience at the Angel Academy of Art in Florence has been a life-changing one. I have learned so much, not just about art but also about discipline, dedication, and hard work. The academy has provided me with a solid foundation in art, and I am eager to continue my studies. The academy has also given me the opportunity to make new friends and connections in the art world. I would highly recommend the Angel Academy of Art to any aspiring artist who wants to pursue their passion in a supportive and inspiring environment.

UK Glass Blowing Workshop

Artist Cathy Harvey recently attended a Glass Blowing workshop in Brighton, UK, focussing on sculptural techniques in glass.



Artworks by Henri Hunsinger now available at the Arts Co-op Gallery.

Above: "Simple Pleasures"

Left: "Final Movements"



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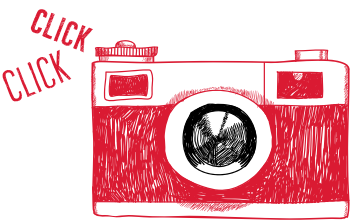
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Flying FoxTail

Thank a bat for your drink as you enjoy a bat-themed cocktail in the lead-up to the eighth Cairns Bat Festival!

For the third year, Bats and Trees Society of Cairns (BatSoc) is holding a **Flying FoxTail Trail** as part of the Cairns Bat Festival to engage a new audience that may never have thought about the important ecological roles bats play.

Did you know that flying-foxes and some smaller bats pollinate and disperse seeds of many tropical fruits used in making your favourite cocktails and mocktails and that bats are the only pollinators of the agave plant, the main ingredient of tequila?

BatSoc invites members, supporters, locals and visitors to a Flying FoxTail cocktail and mocktail trail to sample a bat-themed drink at seven bars and restaurants in Cairns and three cafes in Kuranda until Monday 19 June.

You can pick up a Flying FoxTail passport at any participating venue, at our Bat space at EcoFiesta or other events and from BatReach Kuranda or the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. Each time you try a delightful bat-themed cocktail or mocktail, you can have your passport stamped. And you enter the draw to win a prize if you collect six or more stamps and send a photo or scan of your passport to BatSoc's secretary at secretary.batsoc@gmail.com.

There are bonus prizes if you get to all 10 venues and extra bonus points if you try a FoxTail at Wharf One Café on the Bat Festival night (Sunday 11 June between 4-7pm).

Why not book a tour at BatReach Kuranda (Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays – call 4093 8858), find out about our amazing bats, then pop into a Kuranda café for your FoxTail. Don't forget to vote for your favourite cocktail. The venue that has the most popular cocktail also wins a prize!

Participating Kuranda venues are:

- The Butterfly Shop (café and bar), Therwine Street
- Frogs Restaurant, Heritage Markets
- Petit Café, Rob Veivers Drive (near the Butterfly Sanctuary).

BatSoc thanks these venues and Kuranda for their support of the FoxTail Trail and for raising awareness of bats to Kuranda locals and visitors.

Cairns Bat Festival – Celebrate bats in the week following World Environment Day
Sunday 11 June – 4-7pm @ Wharf One Café

Join us for live local music, a microbat walk where you can try out BatSoc's bat detectors, listen to inspirational guest speakers and buy a raffle ticket or some batty goods to raise funds for BatReach and bat carers in Kuranda. There will be a visit by bats on stilts (local performer Tanya Veld), batty face painting, and a costume parade with prizes for the best bat costume.

We will be launching the new Spectacled Flying-fox eco board game (for sale at the Not Just Chocolate Shop, Kuranda and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre) and the creator, talented Tablelands local, Britta Jackle, will be talking about her inspiration for this game. Games will be for sale and you can even try the game out at one of our board game playing tables.

We will also be selling our new **Big Book of Bat-tivities** and other locally designed cards, postcards, stickers and bookmarks including the hot off the press Bats of North Queensland poster. You can find out how you can assist BatSoc, the Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team and the local bat community as we update you on our habitat restoration and flying-fox watch program and other citizen science projects. Our guest speaker, Dr Noel Preece, the scientific team leader of the Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team, will talk about the team, its efforts to recover this endangered species and the contribution from the public. Already observations from the general community have helped increase our knowledge about the Spectacled Flying-fox camps.

And don't forget to try the festival cocktail!

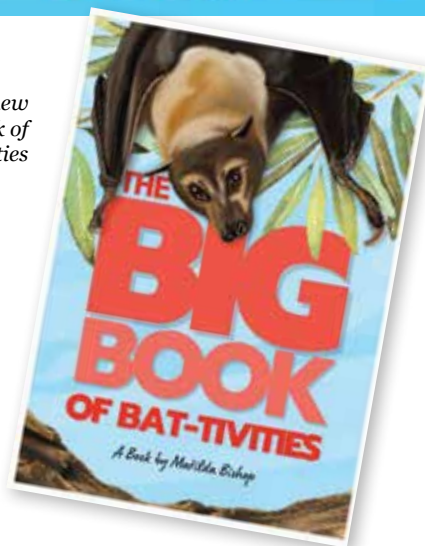
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The Bat Festival is BatSoc's biggest event to raise awareness about bats to the FNQ community. BatSoc aims to create a community that not only co-exists with its winged nocturnal neighbours but celebrates them. We do this by advocating for conservation, raising funds for bat carers, engaging and educating the community, including giving presentations to schools and organisations, restoring and creating new bat habitat in partnership with other conservation groups and through our activities with the Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team.

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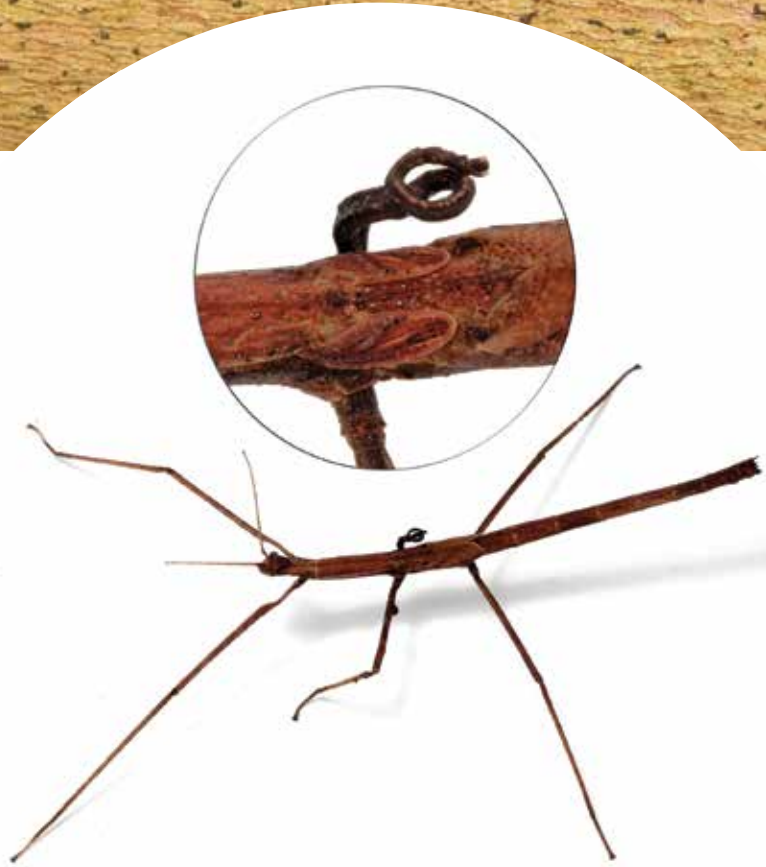
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The regeneration of lost limbs is something that we humans can only dream of, yet some of the animals around us can do exactly that. The rough and tumble of nature is often responsible for injuries which can mean the end of it all, but for some creatures it results in new beginnings.

Invertebrates (animals without backbones) are the masters of limb regeneration and there are many species which can do it. The reason for this is usually as a result of surviving an attack from a predator. The ability to shed limbs is often why they are still alive. It is akin to a skink releasing its tail to escape a predator, except in this case they have to manage the next phase of their lives a leg or two short.

Spiders can lose legs to escape the grip of predators. If their legs are damaged but still attached to their bodies, they will often drop them as it is the only way they can stop the bleeding. The regeneration of the limbs becomes apparent when spiders go through their next phase of growth in the form of a moult; shedding the hard outer skeleton called an exoskeleton. Miraculously they emerge from the old exoskeleton with the new limb (or limbs), albeit sometimes a little smaller than the rest. After their next moult these regenerated limbs will be indistinguishable.

Many insects can regenerate limbs too. Stick insects are particularly good at it, and use their ability to rapidly release their limbs to free themselves from predators just as spiders do. Again, the regeneration of insect legs becomes evident as they moult, but the regenerated limbs are usually quite small - often bud-like at first - and become more developed with

each subsequent moult. It usually takes them three moults to fully develop the limb. If they mature before then (mature insects no longer moult), they have to make do with what they have.

Crustaceans are another group of invertebrates that can regenerate limbs. Crabs, crayfish and yabbies do so in a similar way to spiders and insects; the replacement limb appearing as the animal moults.

One of the most amazing regenerative abilities in the invertebrate world is that of the sea-stars. If limbs are bitten off, these animals can regenerate the entire missing portion of their bodies as long as their central core is undamaged. Some species can, even more remarkably, regenerate a whole new body from a single severed limb! As often is the case, nature is stranger than science fiction.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: A young huntsman spider missing four legs due to an encounter with a predator. It has the ability to regenerate these legs at its next moult.

Above: A stick insect with a new leg developing. Inset: A magnified view of the developing leg.

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WWF SUPPORTING DJABUGAY BULMBA RANGERS TO BOOST CULTURAL BURNING ACROSS THE WET TROPICS REGION

Djabugay Elders, Traditional Owners and Bulmba Rangers joined with WWF-Australia* staff at Nyuwarri Estate, Kuranda on 2 May to witness the launch of the two-year joint project "Building a fire resilient Wet Tropics bioregion".

The Wet Tropics bioregion consists of the oldest continuously living rainforest on the planet. It is also the current home of at least 20 Rainforest Aboriginal groups, 120 clans, and eight languages, whose ancestors have occupied this landscape for millennia. As well as rainforest ecosystems there are significant woodlands that support numerous locally endemic and threatened species. Many groups share cultural totemic relationships with these species and retain traditional cultural knowledge on their biology and ecology.

Fire has been a natural and essential part of the Wet Tropics landscape for tens of thousands of years and has been used as a tool by Aboriginal people to clear and clean country, as a method for managing scrub thickening, maintaining open areas within the rainforest important for both cultural and faunal use, and for protecting fire sensitive rainforest and its many resources. Fire knowledge is deeply entrenched in Aboriginal culture and land management practices, but until recently there has been limited capacity to demonstrate this knowledge.

In launching the project, which WWF is supporting, Cliff Cobbo, Senior Manager, Indigenous Engagement for WWF-Australia said, "Fire has and always will be a tool that we should be using. My people have used that tool for 60+ thousand years over two thousand generations.

This project will empower Rainforest Aboriginal People's across the Wet Tropics to unlock and utilise traditional ecological knowledge, particularly the use of cultural burning. "Restoring cultural values helps to heal country and improve the protection of the ecologically significant biodiversity of the world heritage listed area," Mr. Cobbo said.

Two major components of the project will be the building of capacity of Traditional Owners and the development of a co-designed 'Strategic Regional Framework' for a fire resilient Wet Tropics bioregion to provide a 'roadmap' for effective, Indigenous-led management of cultural ecological values in the region.

Barry Hunter, Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation Senior Project Manager said, "the Djabugay Bulmba Rangers will take the lead role in facilitating other Traditional Owners to revitalise their cultural knowledge systems to both deliver on-country cultural burns and provide opportunities for region wide peer-to-peer cultural knowledge exchange".

He said, "a key outcome of this project will be improved habitat and protection of endangered, threatened and culturally significant species, such as the Northern Bettong, Kuranda Tree frog, Mahogany Glider and Northern Quoll".



WWF and Djabugay team members at Din Din (Barron Falls) an area of high cultural significance for the Djabugay People. Front row (L-R): Darren Grover, Dameon Hunter, Leonie Valentine, Ernest Brim, Rhonda Duffin, Andrew Duffin. Back row (L-R): Barry Hunter Snr, Dennis Hunter, Barry Hunter Jnr, Cliff Cobbo.

Dennis Hunter of the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation has been appointed Regional Coordinator for the project and his first role will be to facilitate a range of on-ground training and capacity building activities and develop education and communication tools.

A feature of the project will be the support provided by WWF-Australia through their Wildlife Insights Platform. This platform developed by Conservation International in partnership with WWF-AUS and Google, will allow fire and fauna data gathered through remote camera monitors to be processed, catalogued, analysed, and shared.

At the launch Barry Hunter said, "our old people did not manage country for a single species, they managed the whole country. This two-year project will go some of the way in continuing that long journey of re-connecting people with country and setting things right again."

* WWF-Australia — formerly World Wide Fund for Nature — Australia

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During their visit they plant two or three rainforest trees on a prepared site. They learn why the site was chosen and the particular species. For example it may be habitat for our critically endangered Kuranda Tree frog or food plants for cassowaries. The students come from all walks of life, some

having a very different lifestyle to our one here in Kuranda.

We recently hosted an American group from New York. They live in high rise apartment blocks and their school is on the sixth floor, with a playground on the roof. Many of the students have never dug a hole or touched freshly turned soil before. Some were surprised to see earthworms and insects. With increasing urbanisation around the world this has become commonplace. The older Kuranda Envirocare plantings are now young rainforests and the students can see how their planting, of a couple of trees each, combine to create a forest and future wildlife habitat. Hopefully they leave Kuranda having enjoyed themselves, learning something new and see that positive outcomes can be achieved. Thanks to all the organisations who help facilitate these experiences.



Students getting their hands dirty and learning about revegetation.



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Saturday 20–27 June – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.45pm. Check Facebook or text Cathy 0419 624 940 to join the group texts and emails.

Nursery volunteering – Mondays and Thursdays 9am till noon and Saturdays 10am till noon. New volunteer roles available including Plant Production coordinator plus seed gathering and propagation roles.

We are the invasive resist-ants



Bulmba Rangers support Youth studies

The Djabugay Bulmba Rangers invited the Community Taskforce to deliver an invasive ant presentation to Kuranda District State College students. The students are currently studying Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management with a pest management subject.

Wet Tropics Management Authority delivered an information session on yellow crazy ants and Biosecurity Queensland delivered on electric ants. The students now have a better understanding of the impacts invasive ants have on our local ecosystems and why it is so important to eradicate these pests and keep them out of our Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.



Students studying Certificate II in Conservation and Ecology take a closer look at invasive ants under a magnifying glass.

The students will also do a practical component and learn about the stages of eradication, how to survey for yellow crazy ants, GPS usage and treatment.

Collaborations with Government, Community, Schools and Traditional Owners is so important to work together and a great reminder that yellow crazy ant eradication would not be possible without community support.



L-R: Speewah Gardens staff, Bec, Andrew (Wet Tropics Management Authority), Jason, Clayton and Dave

Speewah Gardens visit

Staff at Speewah Gardens learned how to recognise the differences between invasive yellow crazy ants and electric ants with live ant samples to look at under a magnifying glass.

The staff were grateful to come away with a better understanding of the threats that invasive ants pose to our precious Wet Tropics biodiversity.

Recognising and reporting suspect ants is an easy way we can all help to stop the spread and work towards yellow crazy ant eradication.

If your workplace or group would like a FREE Toolbox talk, please do get in touch.

Queens Creek not in the flow

Queens Creek was once a flowing creek, however, in more recent years it has become seasonal.

From 2000-2002 Dr Conrad Hoskins discovered the Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria myola*), with Queens Creek having the second-highest population. By 2015 the creek had dried up and the population dramatically decreased. Any historical information from the last 40 years would

be greatly appreciated. If anyone has any information, please do get in touch.

This is our 10th survey looking for yellow crazy ants in the lower reaches of creeks that are home to the endemic and critically endangered Kuranda Tree frog.

The good news is that no yellow crazy ants or electric ants have been found in any of the five creeks we have surveyed.

Upcoming survey – Saturday 24 June. Average level of fitness required due to terrain. Ant recognition and training on the day. Lunch provided.

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BATH WITH A VIEW

by David Jones

It was the clinking, clanking and bashing and the creaking of the gas doored fridge coming from the kitchen, which woke me. I had crashed on the sofa after we had an indulgent night; it wasn't much past dawn and the smell of bacon and eggs was wafting in the air.

My host John asked "Tea or Coffee?"

"What a champion" I thought.

"I'll have the same as you. Thanks"

"Have you had a look on the front lawn" he said.

"No" I said.

"Have a look; don't leave it too long."

The building was two stories, designed to allow for house boats to be built underneath. It was a very open plan, up and down. In fact at this stage there were only half walls upstairs which allowed unhindered air flow and stopped anything falling down to the ground.

The air was crisp at this time of the morning. And the top of the fine mist that hung over the river was drifting through. I climbed out of my sleeping bag yawning and rubbing my eyes, as I took a few paces towards the sunrise and peeped over the edge.

And there on the grass below, a two metre crocodile was as still as a stone or log.

This was the shake up, wake up I needed. "Shit where's the dog" I said.

"Billy's on his bed. He can't get out. I've got a board across the top of the stairs. The croc turns up now and then, better safe than sorry" he said.

By the time we had breakfast the mist over the river had cleared and the crocodile had also disappeared but you could still see where it had been lying due to the flattened grass.

His place was off grid so we used a generator for tools and it boosted the battery for the kitchen night light. I was there to help with his build but needless to say I kept an eye over my shoulder whilst working. We were on a creek of no name, on the Daintree River, far north Queensland, Australia. It was only a year or so ago that a lady who had been partying up river decided to go for a night swim and never returned.

It was a sobering thought. Also on that previous night there were haunting sounds. Like a barking which seemed to eerily waver.

John said "It's a croc, and its call was bouncing between the mist and water"

It was always a learning curve visiting John and we did get a lot done whilst having fun.

John, a New Zealander, had traveled extensively around the Pacific and was incorporating the many styles of its building designs that he'd seen whilst traveling. This was a very tall, open and spacious building.

The bath was downstairs. It was a cast iron bath that needed to be filled with water from the creek before it could have a fire lit under it and this meant the smoke was a fantastic mozzie deterrent. It also meant that the water would stay hot for hours and to prevent buttock burn a small plank of wood was used to sit on.

Usually it would be in the late afternoon that we'd light the bath and have a few beers as it warmed up, but on this day it was lunch time and three surprise visitors arrived. Three female

Japanese tourists. They told the ferryman that they were looking for adventure and he had given them directions to John's.

We were enjoying a few prawns for lunch when they arrived so we promptly asked them to stay and join us.

Their English wasn't good so conversation was a bit sparse but there was lots of giggling and a bit of beer drinking. Needless to say not much work got done that day.

The highlight came when John stood up and picked up the prawn shell bowl and threw the contents over the side wall out over the creek. At first the girls seemed shocked then went into hysterical laughter. As I threw the finger bowl water out the same way. And with joy-ish sounds they seemed to want to help and picked up the ashtrays and threw them out while another picked up the rubbish bin from the kitchen and was about to do the same.

With shouts of protests from us the party abruptly ended as we tried to explain that the prawn heads were fish food, a message that seemed unclear if it got through.

The girls decided they wanted to go so we waved them bye bye.

Being a bit inebriated we found it all hysterical and so we carried on partying and totally forgot to light the bath till late and by the time it got hot, it was also dark.

So using a hurricane lamp I descended the stairs and carefully placed the lamp next to the bath, found the plank seat and sank sliding into bliss, reflecting on the afternoon business, all was good with the world.

Until I heard a slight sound. To my right the smoke was hindering the few mozzies, but running through my head was escape, as I saw two red dots like the eyes of a croc caught in the spotlight. I let out a mighty yell. Woooah, as I realised I couldn't roll the bath over, as I'd be in the fire.

Was it thinking a slightly blanched human being was too appealing?

Its eyes came closer. My heart was trying to jump through my mouth. Then I realised that they weren't eyes, as they were two triangles. I heard John run to the edge and hang over the upstairs wall, yelling "What's up! Whats up?"

I said "It's alright. I thought it was a croc but it was the light shining on the top of Billy's ears, I couldn't see Billy because of the shadow."

There was a silence then, "crocodiles don't have ears, you effing idiot." I was sure he was wrong. They're just not big and pointy like Billy's.

But that put the full stop on that conversation.

David Jones is a member of the Kuranda Writers Group.

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Sharing Really is Caring

Sharing is Caring! Care Bear sickly sweet I know, but it is actually a very true statement. From food to bikes to tools to pets the sharing economy community is alive and well. So what is it? And what does it mean for you? It helps people out – it saves you money – it cuts down on clutter and wastage – it creates community!

What it's not. It is not Uber and Airbnb or any of those other profit-driven enterprises. Sharing is yet another concept that has been appropriated, co-opted and stripped of all meaning by corporate interests causing huge disruptive impacts in our communities and our lives. Uber, just an unregulated taxi service, is creating slave wages for its drivers and putting at risk affordable public transport options. Airbnb drives up rents by subtracting affordable accommodation from the housing supply. Community-building innovator, Lee-Sean Huang, has coined the term #WeWashing to help identify and critique the abuse of terms like 'sharing', 'community' and 'we', that commodify other people's resources rather than actually sharing with no gain but the joy of seeing others helped and strengthening your community. As Anne-Marie Bonneau says, "Redefining the word 'sharing' as someone charging money for a service perverts the English language—and religion, philosophy, common decency and stuff every kindergartner knows innately." www.zerowastechef.com/2017/09/14/the-real-sharing-economy

Sharing Community Initiatives to get you started on your Sharing journey!

Food swaps are events where people get together at an agreed location, date and time to share and swap locally grown surplus backyard produce through gifting or exchange.

Community fridges work on a similar basis to Grow Free/Food is Free carts – leave what you can, take what you need. Why have them? Because Australian consumers turf around 3.1 million tonnes of edible food each year! And because people are doing it tough and not often getting adequate nutrition in their diets.

GrowFree & Food is Free movements encourage people to leave excess home-grown produce and seedlings at handmade carts around the country. These worldwide growing enterprises help folks eat organic nutrient dense food and allows others the joy of giving.

Spare Harvest is a movement of like-minded people who relish and practice the value of living more sustainably. That can be anything like connecting together to source eggs from the backyard down the road, buy veggies from the next suburb or sharing gardening equipment with neighbours.

Little Free Pantry "Inspired by the Little Free Libraries the Little Free Pantry is a fairly simple concept: a small wooden box with a glass door sits in a public location and is filled with

food items, available for anyone in the community who need them." The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre has one outside their door. Open 24 hours for dry goods drop-offs.

OzHarvest Supermarket (Australia) In response to the rising need for food relief across Sydney the OzHarvest Market Waterloo opened in July 2020. This sharing supermarket gives food "perfectly good, perfectly healthy and within date" to the public. To ensure there is enough food for everyone, customers are asked to respect the "take what you need, give if you can" philosophy, whilst being guided by their volunteers.

Little Free Library Australia is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Seed Libraries From children learning where their food comes from, to the satisfaction of growing something yourself, seed libraries give plenty of gardening joy. Let's start one in the Kuranda Library or at the Kuranda Community Gardens.

Clothes Swaps are so much fun. Kuranda regularly hosts these. The last one was in Koah and I'm happy to say I gave more than I came back with. Love culling clothes and seeing how pleased others are with their new stuff. It's a real feel-good exercise.

Shareable is an award-winning, non-profit, global hub of news, action and connection for the sharing transformation. It calls this transformation "a movement of movements, emerging from the grass-roots, to solve today's biggest challenges", from poverty to global warming – the challenges that old, top-down institutions are failing to address. Hours of fun checking out all this site has to offer.

"Imagine all the people – sharing all the world"



Regenerating our food system, from the seed to the paddock to our plates

Every mouthful of food we eat tells a story, and leaves a trail, both in our bodies, and on the Earth. These things are totally inter-connected, so we can make a difference just by our choices of what we purchase/consume. There is a vastly different story from the mouth–full of food grown with locally-grown organic non-gmo/non-hybrid seeds, gathered from your own organic food garden, to the packet of processed chemical-laden genetically-modified food from many thousands of miles away in a country that perhaps has more lax food regulations than ours.

There are some wonderful folk doing all they can to educate people about building soils and doing regenerative agriculture which protects our environment, our animals, and cares for our rivers and underground water systems and biodiversity. Coming up on 3–4 June at Sunflower Farm on the Atherton Tablelands, is the *Soil to Food Conference*. This event is an opportunity for farmers to listen to quality speakers and connect with each other and share ideas and methods that support healthy soil leading to healthy people who can therefore make clearer decisions on what we do on our land and in the world.

Speakers include Dr Christine Jones, an internationally renowned soil scientist, Dr Andre Leu, a Daintree organic farmer of 40 years who is also the respected International Director of Regeneration International, and a range of local and national growers, producers and soil advocates. These are our local farmers practising beneficial farming methods for the long-term health of our local soils and precious

waterways out to and including the Great Barrier Reef.

Andre Leu has featured at our local Friends of the Farmers events over the years. There are talks by Andre on Kuranda TV which are well worth a watch, whether you are a home gardener or large-scale farmer, as his personal experience and wisdom gained on his own farm and by connecting with

natural farmers around the world is a valuable wealth of knowledge. Following on from his previous ground-breaking publications, *The Myth of Safe Pesticides*, and *Poisoning our Children*, Andre's recent book *Growing Life* is receiving accolades and awards in a growing number of food-growing circles around the world, explaining how the main underlying thinking behind 'modern' monoculture/chemical-based agriculture is fundamentally flawed.

From *Growing Life* come the following quotes...

"Regenerative farming is a knowledge and management-based system – as opposed to one that is primarily reliant on purchasing external inputs such as fertilisers and pesticides."

"Under an electron-microscope, humus (living soil) 'looks like a sponge – it is a sticky substance with numerous porous holes. This is why it can store up to thirty times its own weight in water and why it holds on to the soil nutrients and prevents them from being leached away."

"A 20 year study by Navdanya comparing chemically fertilised farms with organic farms shows that organic farming has increased nitrogen content in soil between 21% and 100%, while total nitrogen decreased annually on chemically-fertilised farms."

"Organic agriculture has the potential of sequestering 10 gigatons of carbon dioxide, equivalent to the amount needed to be removed from the atmosphere"... "We can bridge the emissions gap through ecological agriculture now,"..."working with nature"... "not at some point in the future"..."

So, food eaters, yes, this is something right under our noses that most of us largely ignore, though how empowering



is it that we hold such potential influence in the way we grow and eat our food and how that affects the world around us in to the future.

Another event not to be missed will be **Little Green Groove** in Malanda on 10 June from 4.30–8.30pm (see poster above). Featuring music, food, eco info stalls and LETS trading. More info at www.echomalanda.org.au/event/little-green-groove-echo-garden-fundraiser/

Please check on Kuranda TV for videos on seedsavers and permaculture and syntropic and regenerative agriculture, and email seedsavers@kurandaregion.org to be added to the regional seedsavers mailing list for meeting dates and other assorted items of seed and local food interest.

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We have been cooking up a storm at the Kuranda Kindy this term.

We read the book *Stone Soup*. The children wondered what stone soup would taste like? To extend on this learning the Kindy children decided that they wanted to make real stone soup!

We worked together to decide on what ingredients we needed. Then the children collected the vegetables from home.

While we cook, we are learning to think about each other as we make sure we all take turns to add something to the soup. We wait and listen so that we can all hear and learn something new. We learn that when we are cooking, we have to be safe because some things in the kitchen can be hot or sharp. We made our soup in the morning so that it would be ready to eat in the afternoon.

After making the real soup we had group-time and acted out the story, *Stone Soup*. We had a big pot and everyone got to add something to the pretend soup. Then we all danced to the stone soup song to celebrate how yummy the soup was and how good it can be to share, just like the characters in the story did.

Next, we will be reading, *The Little Red Hen* and baking lemonade scones together, Super yummy!

If you have Kindy age children (this is children born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019) and are interested in your child joining in our Kindy program please contact us on kcka@westnet.com.au or 07 4093 8087 for any enrolment enquiries



Astrology

THE STARS IN JUNE

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If I am reading the indications in the planetary movements accurately, always a big 'if', then this would seem to be a time of huge technological breakthroughs and a time of a genuine raising of the frequencies of Planet Earth and humanity.

Why? Well for a start, Pluto makes its retro pass over the zero degree Aquarius zero minute point, as we have noted before, coinciding with the Earth moving into the 'Age of Aquarius', when precession puts the equinox into the constellation of Aquarius. For Pluto to enter Aquarius, it's a 250 year event. For the equinoctial point to enter Aquarius is a 25,000 year event. For them to coincide, well ask your computer to calculate the period. My rough calculation is around 6 million years.

Pluto is all about massive breakthroughs, destruction and rebirth. Aquarius is all about technology, rapid evolution, raising of frequencies and expanded consciousness, and of course the unity: you, me, them, world, galaxy, universe, multi dimensions: all one whole, each part linked to the all that is. Let's watch evidence of this unfold.

And, on 22 June, is the winter solstice, the Sun 'stands still', at the northern-most point of its annual journey. Now on the Tropic of Cancer, ready to begin its journey south again. For us, "the return of the light", always a time of celebration through most cultures.

This year, that expression of unity and breakthrough and light is extremely powerful around the solstice time. I note that on 21-23 June almost every planet has links to at least one another planet. Just one example: Jupiter and Saturn both sit at exactly seven degrees in the respective signs of Taurus (earth) and Pisces (water), a 60 degree 'sextile' aspect, fruitful and bringing opportunities for new growth, the expansive and the traditional harmoniously merging.

Then there are similar significant links between Moon and Venus, Moon and Mercury, Mercury and Mars, Sun and Pluto (the centre and boundary of our solar system) and, if you like, the asteroid Ceres 'the goddess of the harvest' linking with Sun, Pluto, Neptune and Moon.

That's a huge set of linkages and opens so many doors... what to expect personally? It's your call, but anything leading towards harmony and unity and synchronicity, and away from division, separation and illusion has got to be the right call. A beautiful, complex but simple month of messages from the stars – tune in.

Blessings



Partnering with parents: Our school's parent engagement journey

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Parents are students first, and ongoing, teachers. This is something we hear repeatedly, and something we know instinctively as parents and educators to be true.

Academic research also shows that when schools harness the power of parents (that is, when they tap into parents' deep well of knowledge about their child's experiences, interests, character and strengths and are called upon to use this knowledge as an additional resource to support a child's learning and wellbeing journey) there are potentially large dividends for schools, parents and students.

Thanks to a ground-breaking research project underway in Queensland's independent school sector since 2021 – which Cairns Hinterland Steiner School has been fortunate to join. We are starting to shed more light on this journey.

We have learnt that parent engagement isn't just about inviting parents to social barbeques or asking parents to

volunteer in the tuckshop or help on school working bees. While these activities are still an important part of the school landscape, parent engagement is more about bringing parents as close as possible to their child's learning.

We now know that the essence of effective parent engagement is when teachers share with parents what is being taught that week/month and open up opportunities for them to contribute or share in that learning process in ways that are natural and authentic.

The research shows that such gestures of invitation to parents to get closer to what we are teaching their child doesn't need to be complicated or onerous. The opposite is, in fact, true. Research shows parents value opportunities to engage that are short, sharp, optional, often, personalised and purposeful. When multiple opportunities to contribute are offered, parents can then choose which opportunities best suit them and their time and skills.

The research project in a nutshell

The research project that is guiding the school is called, 'Engaging Parents in Curriculum' (or EPIC for short).

It's being led by internationally recognised parent engagement experts, Griffith University's Dr Linda Willis and Professor Beryl Exley.

It is jointly funded by Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) and the sector's peak parent body, Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network (QIS Parents Network).

What we are doing

The school's EPIC project is focused on the integration and mapping of the Respectful Relationships program into our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum and how we might engage parents in that process.

This school-wide project is a tangible and specific activity that can engage the College of Teachers and parents in more rewarding discussions, an alignment of expectations, improved student and school outcomes with teachers and parents (school and home) working towards the same goals, and a better understanding of the students and their backgrounds.

We are excited to be engaging our parent community by strengthening our existing practices and adopting new research-informed pedagogies which regularly call on parent knowledge, ideas, opinions and skills in easy, meaningful ways to deepen and enrich their child's learning at home and school.



RANGERS report

The Kuranda Rangers got right back into the swing of things after the Easter break with four rounds played at Endeavour Park already.

In May, the U6, U8, U9 and U12 teams also competed in the Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club junior carnival playing four games each. The carnival was a fantastic day with all teams performing well and players trying their absolute hardest. There were some sore feet afterwards and possibly a bit of sunburn, but overall, a great experience for all. The competition included teams from Cairns teams to as far afield as Atherton and Innisfail – so they had the opportunity to play teams they don't usually get to play in the MiniRoos competition.

Three of our Rangers, James Titmarsh, Georgia Wallace and Scarlet Baker, represented the Tropical Coast North (TCN) and tried out for the Peninsula representative team. There was fierce competition on the day from all the region's best players, with only a team of 16 (out of nearly 60) to be selected for each team. James and Georgia played exceptionally well and made it to the possibles and probables match. They didn't quite make the Peninsula team this year, however the experience will set them up for another go next year! Well done to all three for their great achievement.

Former Rangers player, Evie Titmarsh, has also just returned from the State Championships where she represented Far North Queensland in the U15 Girls Peninsula team – they placed fourth in the state. Well

done, Evie! Evie now plays with the Redlynch Strikers in an all-girls team, but learnt her foundation skills with the Kuranda Rangers. We wish her well in her soccer journey!

Our youngest team in the MiniRoos competition is the U6 team, who have really settled into the routine of the weekly games and are now putting in some consistently good and fair play. This is the first season for most of the players, so it has been a steep learning curve for most of our young stars. Special mention to Saoirse, who is now in her second season and showing all her new teammates the ropes (and scoring quite a few goals at the same time!).

Also, a shout out to the U9 team who have recently been bumped up a division due to performing exceptionally well since the start of the season. Let's see if they can continue this run in the more competitive division.

We only have a few more rounds until the July school holidays when our little soccer champs will get a three week break.

Big thanks for the support from our local community, our sponsors, our mums and dads, and supporters. GO KURANDA RANGERS!

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Club contacts:

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U6 player Saoirse (left) and Tilly. Photo: Adric Rusch.



The unstoppable U8 team. Photo: Andy Baker.



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

The Club is going well for 2023. We would really like to thank Leon May and his team from Narellan Pools for donating their time to build the new washbay and install a new gate. This really kickstarts the improvements at the Club.

MARKETS – Mark in your calendar every second Saturday when there will be markets on the grounds. The next market will be on **Saturday 10 June**. The markets are not organised by the Club, however the stall fees are being donated to the Club which is great. For more information or to book a stall please call Deb 0420 879 788.

We had five riders attend and ride in the Anzac Day March in Kuranda. It was a privilege to be able to participate on this special day and all the horses were very well behaved. Well done team and thank you for joining in with the community.

On 6 May, Mareeba Pony Club held its yearly gymkhana and three of our riders attended. They all came home with some great prizes. Thank you Kerry Scott, Indie and Hailey Cabral for representing the Club and on a job well done.

NEXT RALLY – 18 JUNE – 8am until 12pm.

BUNNING SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER 3 JULY – We will be running a sausage sizzle at Smithfield Bunnings so stop in and help support the Club's fundraising efforts.

The Club will also be holding its annual Gymkhana in July. We are looking for sponsors for each age group set of trophies. The business name will be on the set of trophies and advertised on Facebook and throughout the event. If you would like to support the Club with sponsorship, please send us a message or email. We greatly appreciate all local businesses helping keep the Club alive.

ROOM FOR HIRE

The Club has an air conditioned room available for casual hire at great rates. It would suit a variety of uses e.g. meeting room, massage or yoga classes. If you are interested in viewing the space or needing any more information please email kurandahpc@gmail.com

Keep up to date with what is happening at the Club on our Facebook page. If you have your own horse and would like to join Pony Club in 2023, contact us for more information by email at kurandahpc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

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



Kuranda Horse and Pony Club riders at Anzac Day March.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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WORD MEANINGS

BABA: (command) push! *Gari nganya baba! Don’t push me!*

BABARRANGA: (command) hate, dislike. *Gari nganya babarranga! Don’t hate me!*

BADJI: (command) strike, hit. *Bibara badji! Hit the clapsticks! Sing!*

BAGA: (command) hit, spear, poke. *Gari nganydjiny baga! Don’t spear us!*

BALGA: (command) build, erect, put up. *Bayu balga! Build a bayu!*

BAMBI: (command) cover. *Barndil bambi budaa! Cover the baby with a blanket!*

BANDANGA: (command) taste. *Gulu bandanga! Taste this!*

BARRIN: (command) cry. *Gari barrin! Don’t cry!*

BAYA: (command) bite. *Gari nganya baya! Don’t bite me!*

BULBA: (command) rub, grind. *Badil bulba! Grind the cycad nut! Ngayang mudu bulba! Rub my back!*

BURRAN: (command) fly. *Bulmbaa burran! Fly home!*

BUWAN: (command) enter, go in. *Murrba banaa buwan! Under the water enter/dive in. Munu buwan! Come inside!*

DABAN: (command) throw. *Galga daban! Throw the spear!*

DARRBAN: (command) to slip off. *Gari darrban! Don’t slip off!*

DJABARA: (command) ask. *Gari nganya djabara! Don’t ask me!*

DJALBAN: (command) lick. *Gari gudji djalban! Don’t lick that!*

DJARRIN: (command) drown. *Gari djarrin bana baygarr djunggang! Don’t drown, the waters are running fiercely!*

DJIMBAN: (command) catch, grab. *Gudji wubun djimban! Catch that frog!*

DJULA: (command) dig. *Djula djunggum-wu! Dig for worms!*

DJUNDAN: (command) walk, perform. *Warrma djundan! Dance (perform) a warrma! Wugu djundan! Perform work! Djundan! Walk!*

DJUNGGAN: (command) run. *Djama gundii! Djunggan! Snake there! Run!*

DUU: (command) hit, kill. *Gari nganya duu! Don’t hit me!*

GAGABAN: (command) vomit, be sick. *Gari gagaban gulun! Don’t vomit here!*

GANDAN: (command) burn, cook. *Gari nganya gandan! Don’t burn me!*

GANI: (command) tie up. *Gari nganya gani! Don’t tie me up!*

GARRAN: (command) come. *Nyurra garran bugaa! You come tonight!*

GIBA: (command) scratch, scrape. *Gari nganya giba! Don’t scratch me!*

GINBA: (command) tickle. *Gari nganya ginba! Don’t tickle me!*

GUNDA: (command) make. *Wangal gunda! Make a boomerang!*

GUYIN: (command) show. *Ngayanda djumburru guyin! Show me the way!*

MAGARRI: (command) pick up. *Gudji galga magarri! Pick up that spear!*

MAGAYIN: (command) get up, rise. *Magayin wugu-wu! Get up for work!*

MAMINGA: (command) love, care for. *Bulmba maminga! Love and care for the country!*

MANGGAN: (command) laugh. *Gari manggan! Don’t laugh!*

NAMBI: (command) hold. *Ngayang mara nambi! Hold my hand!*

NGUNDA: (command) look. *Gudji djarruy ngunda! Look at bthe bird!*

NYIRRU: (command) hang up. *Gambi nyirru! Hang up the gambi.*

WAMBA: (command) put down. *Maa wamba bulnganda! Put the food on the ground!*

WANDAN: (command) fall, drop. *Gari wandan! Don’t fall!*

WAAN: (command) give. *Ngayanda bana waan! Give me water!*

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

/a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words “some,” “come” e.g. **bama** (person)

/a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in “father” but longer e.g. **buda:dji** (carpet snake)

/i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word “bin” e.g. **bina** (ear)

/i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in “heat”, “beat”, “feet” e.g. **biri:** (again)

/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word

“book” e/g. **mudu** (back)

/u:/ the vowel is lengthened and pronounced as the vowel sound in the words “good”, “tool”, “rule” e.g. **djungguu:** (behind)

Consonants

/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **djulbin** (tree)

/g/ is pronounced as in the word “gun” e.g. **gindan** (moon)

/rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word “sporrán” e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)

/r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)

/ng/ as in the word “singer” e.g. **bungan** (sun)

/n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the

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

is pronounced as the ng sound in the word “finger” e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)

/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word “eye” e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).

In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **ganyarra** (crocodile).

However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. **buda:dji** (carpet snake).

In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. **ganyarra** – **nggu** (crocodile).

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

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Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm),
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9.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

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St Saviour's Thought for June

This month we read from St Matthews Gospel Chapter 10 verses 24 to 39.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father ... So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29, 31.

In the year 1905, an American woman called Mrs Civilla Martin became friends with a Mr and Mrs Doolittle in Elmira, New York. Mrs Doolittle had been bedridden for twenty years; her husband set off to work each day in a wheelchair. When the Martins asked them how their faith in God kept them so cheerful, Mrs Doolittle replied, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me." Mrs Martin immediately wrote a hymn with these words as the refrain, and it's been popular ever since:

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Jesus probably chose to speak about sparrows because they were the commonest wild birds in the Holy Land. In Mauritius they will take food off the table. The cheeky way that sparrows peck up seeds in gardens or streets led to Londoners calling themselves 'Cockney sparrows'.

Yet the lives of sparrows are short, and to suggest that the creator of the universe cares about each individual sparrow which falls dead to the ground was an astonishing claim to make. But we're used nowadays to the thought of super-computers which can hold billions and squillions of facts in their memory at one time. Whatever picture we have in our minds of the awesome greatness of God, surely he can do the same and more so. Therefore, as Jesus said, if God can care for each unthinking sparrow, how much more will

he care for you! You're the creatures he's made able to think and reason, to be aware of God's love for you, and respond by loving God in return. Surely God will care, then, about even the most trivial things that happen to you, and nothing's too unimportant to ask him about in your prayers.

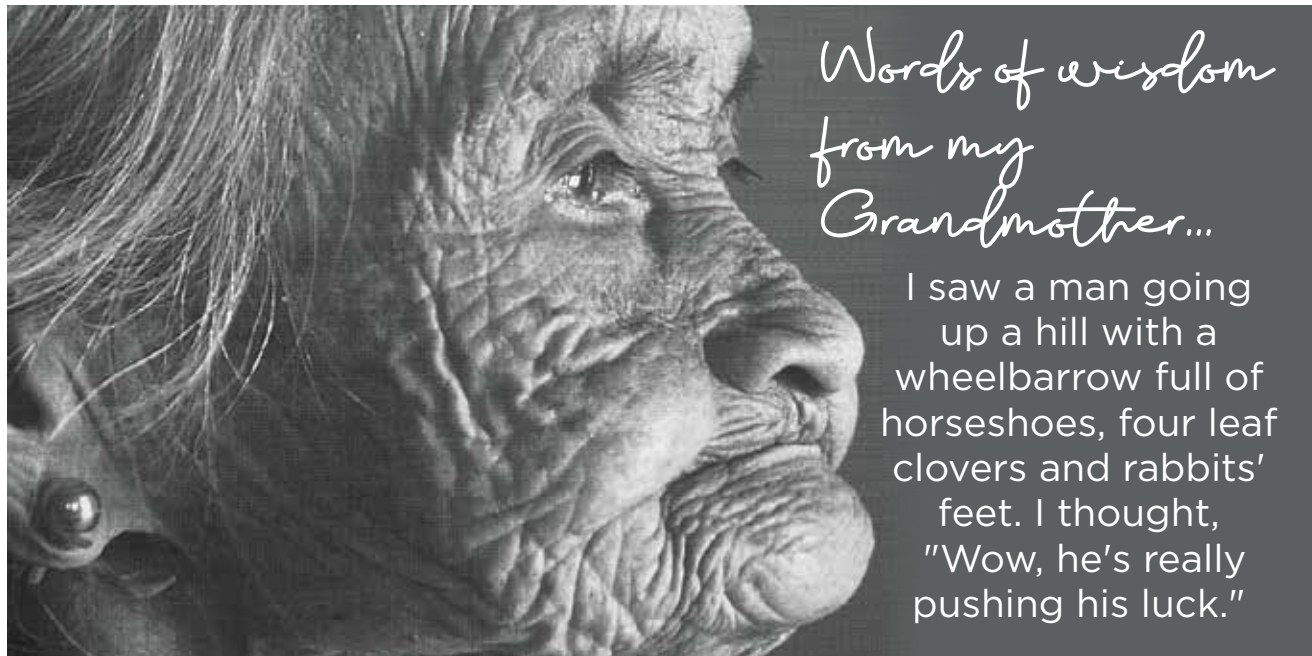
That isn't to say that he keeps you from suffering, any more than he stops the sparrow falling to the ground. He didn't lift Mrs Doolittle from her bed or Mr Doolittle from his wheelchair. But Jesus, on the cross, shows us that Almighty God cares so much about our suffering that he comes down to earth and suffers with us. It's knowing that, which helps suffering Christians keep cheerful: God cares about suffering sparrows, and God cares about suffering people.

Jesus uses this comparison in the context of a warning to his followers that they'll be persecuted. Roman Emperors could, and did, take the lives of Christians who refused to deny their faith, and Christians were very frightened of the Emperor. But all the Emperor could do was kill their body, predicted Jesus; he couldn't touch their immortal soul. Whereas if they escaped from the Emperor by saying that they didn't believe in a loving God, then they'd be liable to the judgement of God, who's much more powerful than the Emperor. It was not the Emperor they should fear, said Jesus, but God, who could judge them for being faithless.

Yet for Christians who are faithful, it's not God the judge we're dealing with, but the loving God who cares even for the sparrows. We're unlikely to risk our lives for our faith these days.

But if we admit to being a Christian, we may risk mockery by our friends, we may risk our job or our promotion, we may risk being written off by our relations as old-fashioned and irrelevant. And we shall very likely have to endure physical suffering, great or small, at some time in our lives. But be steadfast, hold on to your faith, proclaim it boldly, and Jesus will be with you in your suffering. Then store these words in your memory for when you feel low:

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.



*Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...*

I saw a man going
up a hill with a
wheelbarrow full of
horseshoes, four leaf
clovers and rabbits'
feet. I thought,
"Wow, he's really
pushing his luck."

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The reality of man is his thought, not his material body. The thought force and the animal force are partners. Although man is part of the animal creation, he possesses a power of thought superior to all other created beings.

If a man's thought is constantly aspiring towards heavenly subjects then does he become saintly; if on the other hand his thought does not soar, but is directed downwards to centre itself upon the things of this world, he grows more and more material until he arrives at a state little better than that of a mere animal.

Some men and women glory in their exalted thoughts, but if these thoughts never reach the plane of action they

remain useless: the power of thought is dependent on its manifestation in deeds."

(Baha'u'llah)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions, also discussion evenings, by arrangement.

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

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Also regular events in Kuranda, Mareeba and elsewhere on the Tablelands and beyond. Open for all those interested.

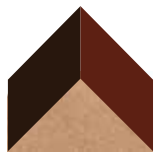
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Forging into the Future – Kuranda Men's Shed is Getting Busy

Wow, so many things are afoot in the Kuranda Men's Shed (KMS) that I barely know where to start! Let's begin with some in-Shed Projects, shall we?

I grew up on a farm, so we created our own entertainment, and if we couldn't be outside running amok or be inside with craft projects, it was either TV (but only if Dad was watching and only the same program) or reading. So, I basically grew up with my nose in a book.

Why is this relevant? Well, KMS member Kate has taken the initiative and is creating a Street Library for Butler Drive! Reading isn't just a time filler for oldies like me. Reading expands vocabulary, it expands imagination. It allows kids (and 'older' kids) to dream and it allows 'older' kids to escape from the daily grind and mentally soar.

But even more importantly, this Community Library is, as the creator states, "...a chance for the community to make of it what it wants...they can borrow a book and leave a plant or some fruit, bring the book back or love it so much they keep it and bring another book." [para]. If the community supports it, this Library could be a central hub drawing the community together, and the Kuranda Shed is so very proud it can play a part in creating and supporting this endeavour. Well done Kate for having the idea and forging ahead to make it happen.

Outside of the Shed, the Mareeba Field Days (24–26 May) were huge as ever, and for the first time in a long time, KMS was involved. This year we assisted the Mareeba Men's Shed in the "Spanner in the Works" marquee, encouraging men to have a health check – right there and then, no waiting or cost. We all know how hard it is to get men to the doctor, so this was a brilliant endeavour that we will continue to be a part of.

But the news isn't over yet! KMS is so PROUD to announce that it will be doing regular sausage sizzles (and bacon and egg burger mornings) outside the Kuranda IGA from June onwards! It's about time the Shed reconnected with the community and started feeding everyone breakfast again, and the new committee is determined that it will be a regular occurrence again.

So, now that I have told YOU what WE are doing, here is my challenge to YOU. Tell us what can we be doing to best engage with the community. What would draw YOU to the Shed? What would make YOU take out membership? Email or call the Shed and let us know!

Remember, a Men's Shed isn't just about men (and female members) coming and using tools they don't have at home – it's about engaging with and supporting the community. It's about creating a safe and supportive platform to discuss health issues of all kinds – physical and mental. It's about making non-judgmental friends and being able to rely on them to just be there. A Shed is not just a building. Not just bricks and mortar. It's the men and women inside.

Find a Shed. Join a Shed. You won't regret it.

Julia (President)



Street Library in production for Butler Drive. Photo: Lynne Blythe



KMS garden flourishing and looking great
Photo: Lynne Blythe

Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am

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

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Contact: Julia (President) mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

 Kuranda Men's Shed



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

COUNTRY KITCHEN TRAINING

COUNTRY KITCHENS – Training with Country Kitchens in Kuranda!

Donna Formosa, the Cairns area QCWA Country Kitchens Facilitator, visited our Kuranda Branch last month, demonstrating ways to bring a focus of 'health and well being' to those interested in our own community. Plans are underway to set up testing of healthy recipes. Anyone interested in being trained or participating in workshops, including parents and teachers are welcome to contact Vicki Donovan via email qcwakurandabbranch2@gmail.com or Google Country Kitchens.



Donna Formosa, QCWA Country Kitchens Facilitator

Five Country Kitchens HEALTHY FOOD SUGGESTIONS for this month:

- More fruit and veg eaten – spread throughout the day.
- Air fryers are healthy and great for chips of potatoes and other veg.
- Bulk up your portions with e.g. more fruit, lentils and canned beans.
- Less sugar in drinks, drink enough water.
- Less sitting, more moving opportunities.

VOLUNTEER WEEK – was recently celebrated in May. Your local CWA HALL needs volunteers to keep it going! The Hall is not run by the Mareeba Shire Council but by Kuranda community volunteers. The initial timber building was erected 86 years ago by community volunteers. Rent from local groups and donations pay for the ongoing maintenance and management.

Kuranda CWA Branch is struggling for members. We urgently need your support in management and participation in the social events, not only for fundraising, but for CWA's purpose of Community Well Being.

Your Membership is vital. The fee is a contribution to QCWA statewide, but Kuranda CWA offers local active members a discount. If you would like to join but can't afford to, please let our President Vicki know. We need you! Visit www.qcwa.org.au under 'Membership' and check out the benefits including discounts on accommodation, or contact us directly via email qcwakurandabbranch2@gmail.com

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

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 14 June 9–11am.

Social – Wednesday 21 June 9am–12noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

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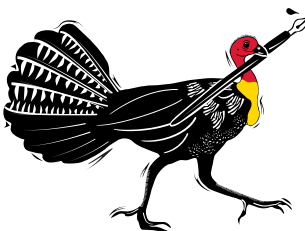


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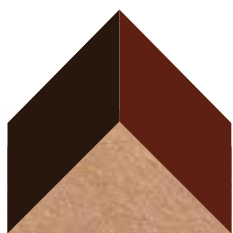


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Departs Speewah	8.00am	10.25am	4.30pm	11.20am	5.00pm
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Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance	000
Flood and Storm Emergency Assistance (SES)	132 500
Ergon Energy – Report Dangerous Electrical Emergencies	131 670
Mareeba Shire Council	1300 308 461
Poisons Information	131 126
13HEALTH – Health and Hospital Information	134 325



RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

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

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction

FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Kuranda Station

Your local Queensland Emergency Services Fire station is looking for Auxiliary Firefighters

If you are interested contact your local station:

Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station

Please visit: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/jobs/auxiliary-firefighter.html>

Are you driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?



Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

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

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

****No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day****

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374
Trans North 3036 2070



Bookings 1300 743 374

FUNDRAISER EVENT SUNDAY 25 JUNE 4-7pm

- Clothes Swap •
- Music & Dancing •
- Bar Open •
- Take Away Food •

**\$10 cover charge
goes to the animal shelter**

The Kuranda Recreation Centre is perfect for **PARTIES & FUNCTIONS:**


- Competitive prices
- Licensed bar
- Commercial kitchen
- Plenty of parking
- Good energy and plenty of space
- Dance, live music, food, sports and much more...

Please email **krc4881@gmail.com** for more information.

Venue for Hire

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

CONTACT US

 Kuranda Recreation Centre
 **krc4881@gmail.com**

**JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM**

WHAT'S ON

KURANDA 8 BALL –
Competitive Pool
Tuesday 7.30–10.30pm
Bar open, affordable prices

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

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm
Les 4093 8276

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

Proud to be the home of:



What's On at Koah Hall

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

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

THURSDAY 1, 15 & 29 JUNE
MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP
7pm. Open to all men.
Solomon 0484 761 505

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

FRIDAY 9 JUNE
**FORMIDABLE VEGETABLE
MICRO. BIOME ALBUM LAUNCH**

An evening of dance, community, bar, refreshments, and awesome music! Get tix at the link below for this feel-good community event.

www.events.humanitix.com/formidable-vegetable-koah-hall
www.fb.me/e/GZOxolfL

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

www.koahhall.com

 **koah.hall@gmail.com**

 **Koah Hall**

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET JUNE MARKET

**Saturday 3 June
8am till Midday**

• Live Music –
Lawry Goodwin & Suzy Batten

• Community Market bringing you all the goods – produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!

• Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.

SMS/Voicemail Nicky
0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

JULY MARKET

**Saturday 1 July
8am till Midday**

• Live Music – Cinnamon Sun

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES — TERM TIME

Bookings are essential. Please contact Sophie 0409 333 404.

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

MONDAY – **Circus LOVE 18+** – 9–11am

TUESDAY – **Circus 2** – 3.45–5pm, Age 10+ and **Show Class** – 5–6.30pm – Age 8+

WEDNESDAY – **Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various Classes** 5–6.30pm



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 24 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda

Library. Rachael 0435 001 156

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

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