



Community Groups Forced to Act as Politicians Finger Point

Concerned Kuranda community organisations Kuranda Envirocare and the Kuranda Media Association (publishers of *The Kuranda Paper*) have joined forces to provide urgent “stop gap” funding for the existing campaign to eradicate Yellow Crazy Ants from Kuranda as State and Federal politicians wrangle over who should commit urgently required funding first.

Kuranda Envirocare is dedicating all its available funding of \$20,000 (accumulated over 20 years).

The Kuranda Media Association has also allocated \$5,000 to complement Kuranda Envirocare’s funding as well as another \$5,000 to be used to match dollar for dollar public donations.

Donations will be gratefully received (and matched dollar for dollar).

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Account name : KDRG

Please put your name as reference (optional).

What Else Can You Do?

Residents of Kuranda are urged to regroup and act to keep the campaign to contain and eradicate Yellow Crazy Ants from FNQ including the nearby Russett Park infestation.

Of great concern is the current lack of certainty as regards vital ongoing funding from either State or Federal governments. It appears there is something of a Mexican standoff with the Federal government stating it has money to give BUT not until the State government will commit to funding as well. The Kuranda Paper contacted both Craig Crawford, State Member for Barron River, and Warren Entsch, Federal Member for Leichhardt, with the hope that either or both might be able to deliver good news for Kuranda about a breakthrough. But unfortunately neither could offer any.

If we are to take the commitment of the Federal government as sincere, it becomes clear the intransigence of the Queensland government to allocate funding is sabotaging the efforts of many people over the past 15 years to eradicate this dreadful pest from FNQ. This despite it being a Class 1 Declared pest under Queensland law which requires that every landowner “must take reasonable steps to keep land free of “(with penalties of up to \$88,000).

The State budget is being decided upon RIGHT now.

We urge you to contact as a matter of urgency those State politicians charged with this responsibility. A list of contact details appears on Page 24. There is also a list of Federal contacts and you are urged to write and request the Federal government to deliver on its stated commitment to continued funding for Yellow Crazy Ant eradication without further delay.

It is not necessary to write a long letter to these politicians – every single one of them has publicly spoken of the dire threat Yellow Crazy Ants present. Just ask them to make funding a reality without ANY further delay. And tell them to stop blaming each other. Time is running out and regardless of party or level of government we will hold them to account for their actions – or lack thereof.

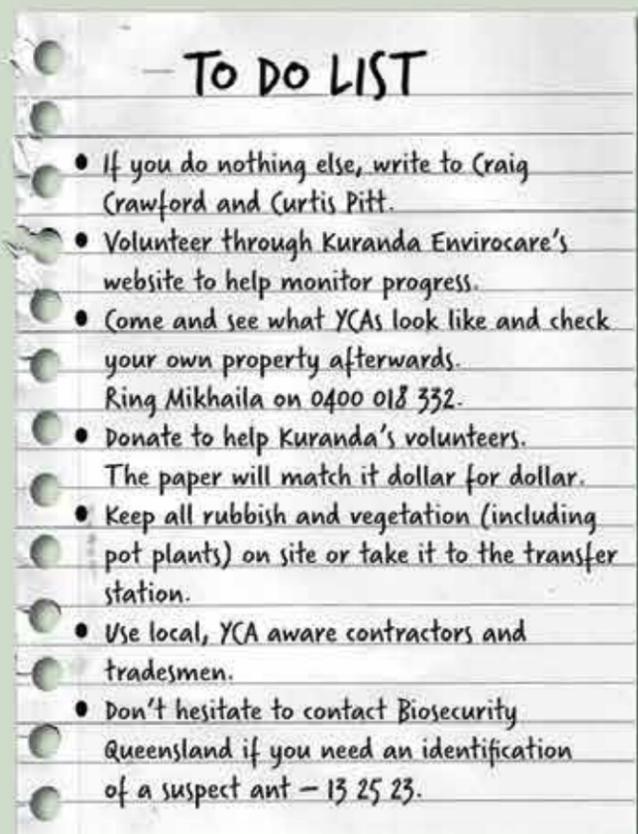
Meanwhile the Yellow Crazy Ants are not stopping. In the time since the previous Queensland government halted funding the infestation area has doubled.

Please ACT NOW. It is not too late to win this fight.

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The Ulysses Butterfly – at risk from Yellow Crazy Ants





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More Update on the Opal Card

It is true as Pat said in the last edition of *The Kuranda Paper*,
that if you are paying full fare on public transport you can go
to any Opal outlet and buy and top-up an Opal card.

I had noticed on buses that it was also possible to pay the
driver on boarding, but be warned, if you have only a \$50 note
they WILL put you off the bus.

Two years ago there was an agreement between New
South Wales and most states of a reciprocal arrangement that
allowed a person on Seniors Card (Pensioners already had
that perk), to be able to avail themselves of the 'change as
often as you like' all day \$2.50 fare.

There is lots of information on line about the card, but
these are the most important things to know. You apply for
your Opal card on line, but – you should only submit your
application two weeks before you need to travel, as your
application will be processed immediately and your card will
only be valid for 60 days from the date of issue.

If you need to travel in NSW for longer than 60 days, you
will need to submit a new application when your card expires
and a new card will be mailed to you (I can't find anything
about how or where the new card will be sent to especially if
you are moving around!), but if you have any inquiries that
aren't satisfied by the internet you can speak to a real person
on 13 OPAL.

Marié Boswarva

A Voice for Kuranda

Thanks to Maggie Herbohn's big following in Kuranda in
the Mareeba Shire Council elections, it is clear that Kuranda
alone does not have the numbers to vote in a representative
for this community.

Yet, outside Mareeba, Kuranda is the most significant
financial contributor, both from our tourism and rates base,
to the Mareeba Shire. We are the second largest town in the
shire. We are uniquely Wet Tropical.

These are the reasons we stand apart from the rest of the
Mareeba Shire. This is why we need and deserve a voice that
represents our differences.

The gracious notion that all councillors represent all
corners of the shire, is ineffectual. Chillagoe and Mt Carbine
are no more interested in Kuranda than we are in those
communities. We each have our own issues.

I believe we should put our energy into lobbying for
a Kuranda Division. Other communities in the shire can
speak up if they feel they need better representation. Let's
concentrate on getting a voice for Kuranda.

Jax Bergersen

Visitor Thanks to Info Centre

A recent Kuranda visitor appreciated the service she received
and took the time to write a thank you email:

"My name is Marina and I visited Kuranda in January of this
year and I just wanted to send an email to say that the lovely
gentlemen who helped me at the Kuranda Visitor Information
Centre, Willem, is such a lovely person and I just wanted to
leave some very positive feedback for him.

He is a volunteer and he is such a sweet person and touched
my heart with how kind and charismatic he was. Please tell
Willem thank you for all of his hard work and that he is very
much appreciated."



New in Town

Centacare Mental Health Resource Service is now offering
service delivery in Kuranda every Thursday, starting on 21
April. There is 'Recovery Coaching' and 'Learning Groups'
on offer.

Our service is free of charge. We are accessible at the
Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Thursdays and also
can be contacted directly on 4051 9622 or 0477 996 619.

If you would like to find out more about what we do, just
give us a call or pick up a brochure at the Neighbourhood
Centre for more information.

Redistributions

Now that the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ)
has the Local Government elections done and dusted, they
will be turning their attention to the other big issue – the
redistribution of Queensland State electorates. At some
early stage in the process the ECQ will be calling for public
submissions to assist with their deliberations.

This will be a major redistribution; population trends
show that the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and Western
Brisbane will probably get new seats. That means that three
seats will disappear – and it's odd on that they will be regional
seats. What the boundaries will be is in the lap of the Gods
– the only certainty is that Cook will start a few kilometres
south east of the Papua New Guinea mainland and continue
down Cape York. It's the bottom boundary that will affect
other electorates around it!

Those Kuranda and District residents that have been here
for quite a while will remember that prior to the last major
change we were split between three electorates – Cook, Barron
River and Tablelands. Here in the Top of the Range, I was in
Cook! At present all of Kuranda, Speewah, Koah etc., right up
to the Clohesy River/Kanervo Road section of the Kennedy
Highway is in the electorate of Barron River.

I think that it is important that our community remain
united, together, as one, in a single electorate – rather than be
"quota fodder" for the ECQ and be split amongst two or three
separate electorates. Many of us complain about the lack of
attention from our MPs; this will be even more likely if we are
not together.

So what can we do? When the ECQ asks for the first public
submissions I would suggest that we all need to bombard
them with a demand that Kuranda and the surrounding
districts remain united in a single electorate. And if that does
not work we need to object to the draft boundaries when they
are issued.

This redistribution needs to be completed by the end of
this year – so please keep a look out for the ECQ notices.
And when the State electoral boundaries are redrawn there
is the next challenge; after this year's Federal election there
will be a federal redistribution – and that may have us remain
in Leichhardt or perhaps go to Kennedy! The same need for
Kuranda and surrounding districts to remain in the same
electorate holds true for the Federal redistribution as well.

John Robinson

Top of the Range

"Environmental Concerns" ... continued

Hard not to notice the reply to my letter by eco@jumrum
developer Steve Taylor. It was lengthy and seemed like an
advertisement but did not address my concerns that the
building envelopes and allowed fencing are too big for the
size blocks in a forested environment. The 11 blocks of stage
one have an average size of 4701m² (just over an acre), the
building envelopes and allowed fencing are 2000m². That
means nearly half the rainforest can be cleared and fenced on
those blocks along Fallon Road.

I rather hoped that the next stages could perhaps have
much reduced sized building envelopes to fit in a rainforest
environment and to allow for connectivity and coexistence
of wildlife. A covenant to not allow dogs and cats might be a
good idea too if we are really talking about an environmentally
sensitive rainforest development.

Better still, if in future we have no more development in
native forests unless we can work out how to do it without
causing any negative impact on the environment.

Nadine O'Brien

Koah

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PUBLIC WELCOME





Program for Anzac Day Monday 25th April 2016 in Kuranda

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join the Kuranda RSL sub branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service. Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

O/C of the Dawn Service all are welcome to a gunfire breakfast available on the railway platform with Brian and Gayle from Queensland Rail again providing their time and cooking expertise, for which we are eternally grateful.

The Anzac Day March begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start). The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde. Any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005/0412 126 204. All groups and individuals are welcome to march – see Mick on the day.

The march goes to our park where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection. With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host a sausage sizzle and drinks after the service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies. Again this year Father Chris Wright will officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities – everyone is welcome. If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde 0412 126 204 or Adrian Joffray 0429 937 257.

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The eventual control of this pest, mainly by one insect and in the space of a few short years, is an amazing story that has encouraged further successful developments in the field of biological pest control.



One of the early and drastic prickly pear treatment methods - fumes from a boiling arsenic mixture drifting through the scrub (circa 1919 - photographer unknown).

The man who turned the tide with the help of a tiny moth was Alan Dodd, who moved to Kuranda in 1899 at the age of 3 with his family whose head Frederick Parkhurst Dodd was and is famously known as "The Butterfly Man of Kuranda".

From childhood Alan was involved in the family business of collecting and preserving insects for sale worldwide. Educated at Kuranda State and Townsville Grammar schools, in 1912 he was appointed assistant-entomologist with the Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations, Gordonvale.

In 1924-25 Dodd, now senior entomologist at the Commonwealth Prickly Pear Board directed the board's investigations in North and South America.

He collected live specimens of the *Cactoblastis* moth from Argentina and arranged for their

shipment by sea back to Queensland.

Following mass rearing of *Cactoblastis* 10 million eggs were distributed in 61 localities throughout affected areas during 1926 and 1927 and a further 2.2 billion eggs were released between 1927 and 1931.

Eggs were wrapped in paper quills together with pins to attach the quills to the pear plants. They were packed in boxes; each box contained 100 000 quilled eggs and printed instructions to guide landholders in the correct method of release. A fleet of seven trucks and 100 men distributed packed eggs.

The insects had by 1930 destroyed the prickly pear, which had spread over an estimated 65 million acres (26.3 million ha).

In 1939 Dodd was appointed MBE. He retired in 1962 and that year was appointed OBE. He died in 1981.

Two things we might learn from this story: to each problem there is a solution. And make sure you encourage your kids to love bugs.



Kuranda Bat Night

Saturday 30th April 6.00pm
Centenary Park, Kuranda and Batreach

Come to Kuranda's Bat Night and find out all about our winged foresters and our nature's pest controllers.

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Article and photos by **Carol Keyes**



Congratulations to new Mareeba Shire Councillors

The Kuranda Paper congratulates and welcomes our new Mareeba Shire Councillors (pictured below). We also congratulate the three returned Councillors: Nipper Brown, Mary Graham and Alan Pedersen, and thank Jenny Jensen and outgoing councillors Allan Holmes and Karen Ewin for their past service to the MSC and Kuranda.

Now that Kuranda has no direct representation on Council, we hope that the new and returned Councillors keep Kuranda's interests in their minds when making any decisions affecting our area.



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Letters

Politicians Not Crazy Enough

I am appalled by the almost complete indifference by our State politicians to the threat of Yellow Crazy Ants – both here in Kuranda and in southern Cairns.

Most especially I am frustrated that our local State members (both previous and present) have failed to secure vital funding to contain and hopefully (and there is reason to hope) eradicate YCA from Kuranda and have not shown to consider it the priority issue it should be.

We have to go back THREE elections to find a Queensland government which funded YCA eradication. In that time the Russett Park infestation has gone from 28 to 30 hectares and the overall infestation in FNQ has doubled. This is largely because the Newman government decided disastrously to “give up” on YCA in 2012.

In Kuranda our blessings have been some Federal funding via Wet Tropics, Envirocare, determined volunteers and residents of Russett Park and a mostly dry 2016 wet season. We are only one flood event from YCA escaping into the Barron River catchment.

On the eve of the 2015 election then Agriculture Minister John McVeigh said “I have undertaken to travel to Canberra after the election with LNP Member for Barron River Michael Trout to meet with my federal counterparts, Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce and Environment Minister Greg Hunt, to highlight local landholder concerns and the need for stepped-up control measures in the adjoining areas of the Wet Tropics which the Federal Government is jointly responsible for managing.”

As we know the State Government, and the seat of Barron River changed 13 months ago. But the response from our State has not. You could hear crickets chirping if the YCA hadn't killed them. Deafening silence on YCA from Brisbane.

Member for Barron River Craig Crawford responded to my concerns yesterday saying “Hi Gayle, I am fully supportive of the actions to rid YCA from the Wet Tropics, including the areas at Russett Park and Bentley Park. I agree that State Government should be contributing to this situation. I am receiving regulars briefs from Wet Tropics as well as environment organisations involved in the eradication programme on the ground. I am continuing to raise this matter at every level that I get the opportunity. I am frustrated as well but will continue the push. We can never stop pushing until we rid the Wet Tropics of YCA.”

The Federal Government via Warren Entsch, our Federal member, says they will come to table with funding – BUT only if the Queensland government also puts money towards YCA eradication.

HOW MANY MORE Members for Barron River will it take to get help for Kuranda? There is a time bomb ticking and it appears no-one in the Queensland Government is listening. Will we still be hearing nothing when the NEXT Member for Barron River starts drawing their handsome wage?

– **Gayle Hannah** Kuranda

Kuranda Family Fun Day

**Tuesday 5th April – 10am-2pm
CENTENARY PARK**

The Family Fun Day is a **Grog Free** community event to bring families and community together for a day of fun and enjoyment.

There will be displays, games, BBQ, fruit, races, tug of war and much more.

There will be input from a range of services, agencies, clubs and groups including:

DNTAC, Ngonbi Co-operative Projects (Sport and Rec, Youth at Risk, HACC), QIFVLS, TCASS, CST, Youth Link,

Street to Home, Kuranda Justice Group, Gambling Help, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Community Health.

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The trio have been involved with Food For Life programs in several countries around the world including India, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand. The program has proved to be a major success in all countries, inspiring change and providing a platform for the underprivileged to receive so much more than just a warm meal.

One of the group members, Sankarsana Das, witnessed incredible change in the street children of the Philippines during his two years assisting the Food For Life program there. When he first arrived many of the street children were sniffing paint to ward off hunger pains and the program inspired such change in the children that many of them stopped sniffing paint and even started going back to school again.

After moving back to Australia late last year, they purchased a caravan with the vision to turn it into a fully registered kitchen on wheels that could provide meals anywhere, anytime in hopes to inspire such change in the children of Australia.

So far they have invested over \$8000 and many hours of man power into the caravan. With funds now running low they have started a crowd funding campaign through 'Go Fund Me' in hopes to raise the necessary \$7000 to complete the project.

Once the caravan is up and running they will run regular Food For Life feeding programs around Kuranda, focusing on the aboriginal community and intend to expand to neighbouring districts in the future.

In order to provide ongoing financial support for the project they will be taking the caravan to local markets to sell to all the popular Hare Krishna fare.

For more information on the Food For Life program, updates on the caravan project and how you can jump on board and support the feeding program please visit their Facebook page Food For Life NQ, email krishnaskitchen108@gmail.com or call on 0497 701 024

"Our aim is to not only fill their tummies but to fill their hearts and spirits with hope, to remind them they are not forgotten..."

So be a part of the change...the Food For Life Change...Donate now!

Kuranda Discount Drug Stores Pilots Online Health Service

Kuranda Discount Drug Stores is participating in an Australian first for pharmacies, giving people living in regional and remote areas access to allied health professionals via an online portal.

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Doug Kuskopf-Dallas, General Manager of Discount Drug Stores said he is proud Discount Drug Stores is the only Australian pharmacy taking part in the new program, expanding its reach to provide healthcare support to more people in Australia.

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"The program will benefit rural and regional customers the most, and will provide an alternative for non-rural customers to access health professionals outside of regular opening hours."

"Along with pharmacists, program participants will have access to a range of healthcare professionals including exercise physiologists, dieticians, occupational therapists and diabetes educators.

Discount Drug Stores is adapting and changing to meet the demands of consumers.

"We see this sector within the industry as a new and permanent solution for pharmacies to enter into the space of tele-health."

"If the trial is well received, we aim to make this program available in all stores nationally," he said.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTE

Marine Debris Awareness Community Installation

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The artwork aims to raise awareness of the importance of reducing marine debris and outline practical steps individuals can take to achieve this.

A project brief is available by contacting Council on 1300 308 461 OR 07 4086 4500.

Submission close 11.00am 12/04/16.
The art installation must be completed by 24/06/16.

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Every Friday night, Kuranda Community Kitchen offers tasty meals at great prices. Menus are emailed each week to members and posted on our Facebook page - make sure you book ahead.

A members' loyalty program will start in early April. The bar is open from 5pm, and on the last Friday of each month, you have the chance to win \$100 in Lucky Member's draw.

KRC is also available for venue hire at competitive rates and discounts for members apply.

Membership forms are available at the bar, on our website krc.org.au or request one via email, then pay your fees in cash or bank transfer. Join us at the KRC soon!



L-R: Mike Richardson, Geoff Young, Janet Hoye, Julie Swartz, Kate Slater, Nathan Sutherland, Daniele Serpa

New committee for 2016

The KRC AGM was held in February and we welcome two new faces to the committee—Geoff Young and Daniele Serpa. After four years, Nettie Dunne has stepped down. We thank her for her huge efforts in marketing and membership over the past few years - it has been greatly appreciated! We look forward to another great year.

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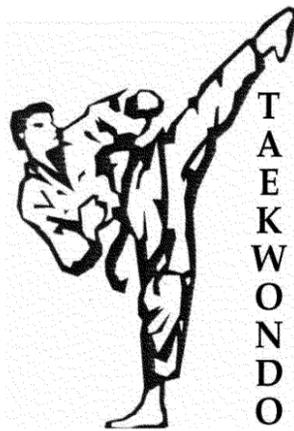
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Gardening in Kuranda

with Alectura



Q & A: Dear Brady, The Coolamon, *Syzygium moorei* is a rare and endangered rainforest species from Northern New South Wales and South-east Queensland and has been reported to grow up to 40m in the wild but usually less high in cultivation but still remarkable for its wide crown which makes it susceptible to strong wind damage. This bush tucker plant with its masses of pink flowers in summer requires moist, rich, well-drained soil and benefits from a sheltered partially shaded.



Coolamon flowers and fruit



APRIL and despite some good but patchy rain in parts across the Tablelands, still waiting for the Wet. The wise gardener will have already completed mulching, conserving soil moisture and providing weed suppression as well as, when and if the heavy rains arrive, preventing soil compaction and run-offs.

Many moans about the recent monsterings by mosquitos! Gardeners should regularly check ornamental ponds and the introduction of the native blue eye, crimson spotted rainbow fish or even the humble guppy will deal with mosquito larvae and not prove detrimental to frog breeding.

Newcomers to the area should consider joining the Kuranda Gardening Club. As well as providing enjoyable company, valuable time, money and plant losses will be saved as one learns, first-hand and garden visits, the benefits and pitfalls of tropical gardening. The Friends of the Botanic Gardens weekly plant trolley sales are run from near Friends House and the Botanics Restaurant, 9.30am-11.00am every Wednesday morning and all plants are reasonably priced.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*, Tree of Sorrow, Night-flowering or Coral Jasmine is a sprawling shrub or small tree to 10m, native to Southern Asia. The tree is widely grown in India for fuel, with all parts of the plant used for medicinal purposes and its flowers yielding the yellow dye used for colouring the robes of Buddhist monks and is often grown around temples.



With its clustered small white flowers with their orange, red centres, opening in the evening and falling next day, their remarkable honeyed scent makes it a must for the perfumed garden.

Mentioned in several Hindu Scriptures, *Parijat* or *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis* was planted by Lord Krihsna at the demand of one his consorts in her garden but the flowers used to fall into the garden of his more favoured consort next door. Evidently, even the Gods may experience marital strife.

Propagation is by fresh seed or cutting, both methods may prove difficult. It also seems resentful of transplantation and the plant appears to be in short supply both in Australia and overseas. Average soil, a sheltered, partially sunny position and good drainage should meet its requirements. The plant is frost tender.

Dear Patricia, Buying seed from O/S eBay sellers and an increasing number of Australian sellers can be a fraught proposition. It is vital that you check whether your proposed purchase is allowed into Australia by consulting IKON on AQIS. Also some sellers clearly indicate they will not post to Australia and it is important that no organic materials are used in packing. Seeds must be scientifically labelled and cannot contain mixed species.

Look at the seller's rating and often, more reliable sellers give seed harvesting date or make enquiries yourself.

Dear Roger, Still no word from the DPI re a suitable eco-friendly response to attack the invasive Climbing Frangipani, *Chonemorpha fragrans*. Two suggestions from a local reader (thanks Susan) who has successfully used full strength Roundup Gel painted on abraded leaves of very large and resistant clump of Agave and the other is covering cut stem base with black plastic to prevent regrowth.

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



Cool Walks



Kuranda is looking beautiful and green after the recent rain, so it is a great time to explore the rainforest on foot. This picture was taken at Wright's Lookout which overlooks the Barron Gorge and has views of the coastal plains and Cairns. Wrights Lookout is 4.7km from the centre of Kuranda, via Barron Falls Road. It is also the start of McDonald's Track.

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Our April meeting is being hosted by **Cathy Retter and Garth Owen** at 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda

Cathy and Garth will be walking us through their unique Co-Housing project. Over afternoon tea we will be having a lively discussion regarding the state of the Kuranda Village gardens and other community driven proposals to improve the amenity of the Village. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Friends and visitors are most welcome to join us.

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Friends of the Earth Kuranda

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Next Meeting

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Laws Introduced to Rein in Rampant Tree-Clearing

Changes to the Vegetation Management Act, to rein in broadscale and other inappropriate tree clearing across Queensland have just been introduced in Queensland Parliament. Deputy Premier Jackie Trad said the laws would close "loopholes" created by the Newman government.

Ms Trad said protection would also be extended for vegetation in riparian zones of the Great Barrier Reef catchment. "Currently the protections are only around three catchments, and we're extending it to all six. We know the less vegetation in the ground the more sediment runoff into the reef, the poorer the water quality, and the less healthy the reef is."

Severe Coral Bleaching in Most Pristine Parts of the Northern Reef

University of Queensland marine researcher Professor Justin Marshall, who has been visiting the reef for 30 years, said the bleaching in the northern section of the World Heritage Area was the worst he had ever seen. "I'm yet to see a healthy coral [near Lizard Island], there's no coral that hasn't been bleached," he said. "I'm very worried I'm witnessing the death of a very large part of this reef system."

Australian environment minister Greg Hunt has announced plans for more monitoring and programs to tackle run-off pollution and crown-of-thorns starfish outbreaks. Critics however say Hunt's response sidestepped the central role of climate change and heat stress as the cause of the bleaching and dying coral.

February was the Hottest Month Since Global Records Began

Australia's chief scientist Alan Finkel has warned the planet is "losing the battle" against climate change, after new data showed February was the hottest month since global records began in 1880 – surpassing the previous global monthly record – set in December. An unprecedented heating of our world is now under way. Last month's jump in global temperatures represents an increase of 1.35c above pre-industrial levels and takes the world close to the 1.5c rise that last year's Paris climate deal was meant to prevent occurring.



Flying-fox roost trees to be removed – Photo Jon Gleu

More Flying-fox Roost Trees to be Removed in Cairns CBD

The new owner of the lot at 120 Lake Street, on Aplin Street, opposite Cairns City Library and adjacent to the Novotel Oasis Resort, has submitted a Development Application to Cairns Regional Council. His intention is to construct a commercial car park as well as shops and a café/restaurant. Four roost trees are planned to be cut down including a mango tree which is 125 years old. Unfortunately cutting down their traditional roost trees has seen flying-foxes relocate to less preferred locations on Shields Street and along the Esplanade.

A rally organised by CAFNEC with the participation of other community organisations will be held at 5.00pm Saturday 16th April 2016 on Aplin Street between Lake Street and Abbott Street. Bring your family. Dress up as bats! Make creative banners! Bring fold-up chairs and small-fold up table if you can as we are going to create a Flash Bat Café, to demonstrate to the owner the potential of bat tourism. Stay to watch the magnificent bat fly-out at 7.00pm.

Frontier Wars Commemoration on Anzac Eve, April 24th

There will be a community gathering near the Wharf One cafe at 6.00pm to commemorate the earliest recorded battle in the Gimuy area between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people at Battle Creek, Bungalow/Trinity Inlet. Members of the Gimuy Wallaburra clan will tell the story in their special way and non-Indigenous artists and culture makers will respond with lament at the human care that was missing at the time...as we build a culture of remembering the true history of the frontier along with its wars and massacres. People will then march with lanterns down the Esplanade to the Cenotaph to pay their respects to all the victims of war.

MPs Show Their Concern About Coal Seam Gas

Senator Glenn Lazarus, Rob Pyne and Billy Gordon showed their concerns about coal seam gas developments planned for the region when they met with members from FoE Kuranda, CSG Free Kuranda, CSG Free NQ and the Knitting Nannas in Cairns. Many thanks to Helen Bender who travelled from Brisbane to attend the meeting.



Senator Glenn Lazarus, Rob Pyne, Helen Bender, Billy Gordon – Photo M. Pectorius

Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Members

The Mareeba Shire Council is calling for nominations from community members to join the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee (KCPAC).

The committee is a representative based committee and members must be committed to developing the Kuranda Community Precinct. The committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 4.30pm in Kuranda.

To nominate please read the Terms of Reference and download the nomination form from the Council website www.msc.qld.gov.au or contact the Kuranda Library and Customer Service Centre or Mareeba Customer Service Centre for a copy.

Nominations must be received by Council on or before 4.30 p.m. 29 April 2016.

Should you have any questions please contact Glenys Pilat, Manager Community Wellbeing on 07 4086 4605

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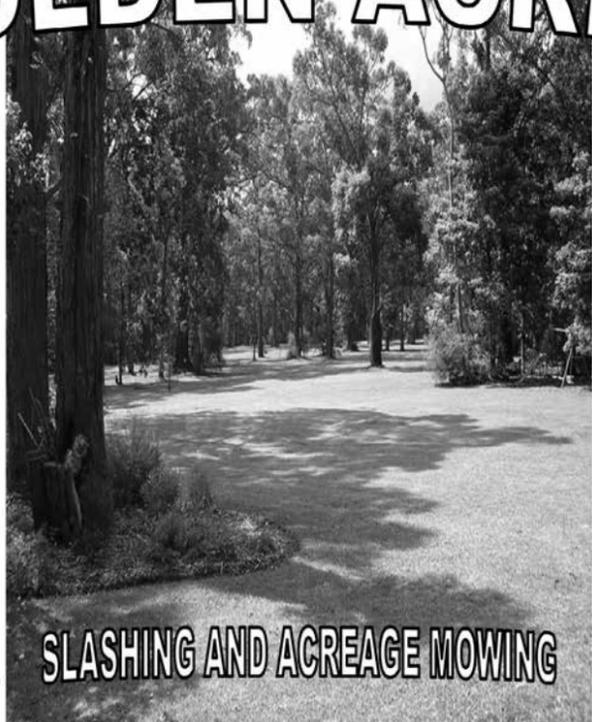
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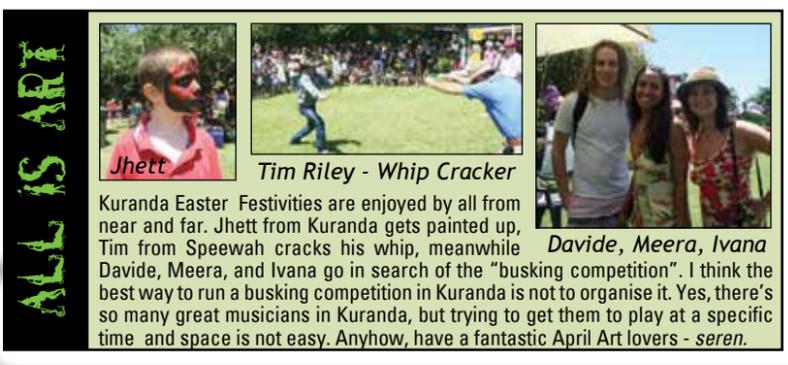
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The Arts Page



As Ktown Productions rolls through the summer and our small town awaits the rain, we seem to be missing our beloved wet season this year, but still face the humidity with creativity, soul, and the will to push through into spring. Ktown productions (in association with JobFind) has been working hard on community events. Hosting an R'n'B night at the Speewah Tavern helped start a fundraiser for a studio Jeffrey Monte is setting up for the youth of Kuranda. Also helping Catherine Harvey, the Senior Information Officer at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre,



host a busking competition on the Kuranda Easter day celebrations, producing PR and advertisement, and providing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the winners. Internally Ktown Productions has been Sound Engineering some of our own smooth tunes while working on future events, so be sure to keep an ear out. Kind regards and summer times! If you wish to contact us or have any further questions, feel free to do so by phone, or preferably by email.



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*Neil Murry!



Seb Howell - 0429 500 782, Manipulatedmolecule92@gmail.com



Seren Starlight

The guy who does the Arts Page...

I wandered into to the old Kuranda Paper office under the fire-station about 10 years ago, to volunteer my digital skills and perhaps learn some new ones. I started doing the Arts Pages including the Music Page, right from the start, picking up the necessary skills along the way (for the last 6 years Kitty has been doing a great job on the Music Page). A couple of years into the job, at an AGM, I suggested that Kuranda Paper have a website. Everyone agreed, then pointed their collective finger back at me to create it. With a big fat book on HTML coding from the library, 3 months later the website was up (kurandapaper.com). The aim was to keep it simple,



an online version of the hard copy, and it's been that way ever since. The digital world has changed a lot since then, so if anyone out there feels that our website could do with a revamp, and has the skills, time, and passion to do it, please get in touch with me, serenstarlight@gmail.com.

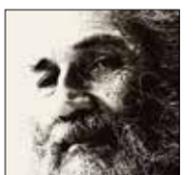
Each month I do an article on a local Arts person. This month I couldn't seem to find any, so if you are involved in the arts in any capacity, holding an exhibition, or just want your work seen, please get in touch. Any art/craft is ok. We have had hair art, rubber art, body art, wire art, soap art, poetry, music,



story telling, so don't think your art is too weird. This is Kuranda after all.

Working on the Kuranda Paper Arts Page has led me further into the Arts world, so much so that I recently completed a degree in Creative Industries at James Cook

University. That's me on graduation day, on the page header, with the butterflies and bats. I use (nearly) all of my own photography, photoshopping and graphics on this page, and of course, do the layout. It's all been such fun. Thanks Kurandapaper, seren.



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

A Unique Concert Theatre in the Rainforest

Amphitheatre News

Kuranda Amphitheatre News
March 2016

Members and Friends,
The first Members' Night for 2016 with the most talented band, **LOS CARACOLES**, was a super treat for the beginning of an exciting year at the Amphitheatre.

Yummy food was provided by **YAK YAK YAK** who all enjoyed the networking opportunity and also turned a profit which will be very useful for the group's costuming department.

Looking forward to our next two Understage gigs in April. At the time of printing these are waiting final confirmation, so keep the dates **9th April** and **23rd April** set aside for a dance at the Understage!

The new top car park is ready for planting! Keep your eye out for a Working Bee notice, so we can have established gardens in place in these areas. Plans and drawings are currently underway for a new gatehouse and we hope to see these come to fruition throughout the year.

Regular visitors and volunteers will have appreciated the improvements made so far around the top of the venue. The newly paved areas from the Gatehouse entrance to the Stalls area and the Top Pavilion have made a huge difference, in more ways than one, and complete with underground drainage means no more mud to trudge through in these areas! These improvements make the Top Pavilion a more feasible area for daytime community events and is being well utilised to date.

Again a huge thank you to the **JOBFIND CREW** who, alongside Lance, Jackson and Greg, have worked tirelessly over the past year to make our community venue a better and changing place.

The gardens within the venue are undergoing a revamp as well, complete with underground irrigation.

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

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

The Amphitheatre is used on a regular basis by local community hirers:

- Mon pm - Kids Aerials - Mainstage
- Wed evenings - Pilates - Understage
- Mon to Fri - Ktown Prod's. - Understage
- Mon to Fri - Jobfind Beautification Project



The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability. Get Membership Forms from:

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda. For all enquiries please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org

or email: support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.



New groundwork at the Amphi.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee

What comes next at the Precinct?

With Kuranda Library and Customer Service Centre now open and operating very successfully at the Precinct site, the Advisory Committee is now turning its attention to the next phase of Precinct development. By re-visiting the extensive community consultation which has been carried out over recent years we will identify projects which can be carried out in the short to medium term and will prioritise them. We will also develop a site plan to locate each project within the Precinct. Some of the projects which have been mentioned include:

- Development of a high-tech video conferencing/digital learning centre in one of the rooms above the library/customer service centre
- A children's playground
- BBQ facilities
- Develop new signed walking trails linking the Precinct to the town centre and the Amphitheatre.

Volunteers needed

A project which we already have under way is the stabilisation and preservation of a wall tile artwork which was saved when one of the old school buildings was demolished (see photo at right). Peter Thomson (Peter Potter) has made a good start on this project but we are now looking for one or more volunteers with building skills to help finish the project. If you can help contact John – contacts below.

New Signs

We are also well advanced in planning for new signs at the site. Two signs identifying the Precinct site using a design based on the town signs developed by Tourism Kuranda will be placed on either side of the site – off Arara Street and Barron Falls Road.

Local author Ann Harth has researched the history of the school site and we are in the process of commissioning a large sign with her text and some historical photos. This will probably be placed on the back of the wall mentioned above. Future signs which are planned include an Indigenous history of the region and also the post settlement history of the Kuranda region.

Vacancy

The Committee has a couple of vacancies for the community reps at the moment. No special skills are required, just energy, ideas and a willingness to give a little back to your community. See the Council advertisement on page 11 in this edition of the Kuranda Paper or give me a call if you would like more details.

John Baskerville (Chairperson)

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Student artwork which is in the process of being stabilised for long term display.

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- > Mareeba Shire Council is making recycling at Kuranda easier. There are more bins and new signage.
- > Cardboard and paper is no longer accepted at the Arara Street Recycling Station. Put this into your household wheelie bin. Contents of your household wheelie bin are composted at Cairns Advanced Resource Facility and used by farmers.





MUSIC PAGE



Billabong Beats

DUB PRINCESS BAND

Saturday 2nd April

Yuv - Sned - Dubcide - Mountain Goat
The Reverend Kaneh Bosm

Dub Princess (UK) continues her musical adventure from N.Z. to Australia. From collaborations on numerous projects with acclaimed dub/reggae groups MK Dub (NZ), Snarephobe (UK), Chali 2na (USA), DUBFX (MIb), Isaac Chambers (MIb), and the 420 Sound (Byron Bay) to mention a few; and releasing her highly anticipated debut solo EP titled 'Dub Princess Aotearoa' in 2014, Dub Princess is now set up and rapidly establishing herself in Melbourne.

Currently focussed on contributing to the magic of reggae culture, collaborating with artists like Tiki Taane, Sneaky Dread, Essie Thomas and bringing in a new raw hip hop element with rapper Jamima Jonez.

Off stage, **Dub Princess** is a huge favourite putting time in as a volunteer artist, playing music with kids at the ESCPI Disco for Littlies with Disabilities, sharing the gift of music every month.

Dub Princess has pulled together her own all star 8 piece band, offering high vibrational, naturally harmonic, heartfelt tunes that never fail to get every audience skanking 'propa'!

Their incomparable sound has seen the **Dub Princess Band** travelling throughout Australia hitting almost every festival on the circuit, bringing their blessings to **Billabong Beats** this Saturday 2nd April, together with some other really cool acts.



Dub Princess Band

The Reverend Kaneh Bosm (Clifford de Silva) introduces his three piece band to Kuranda and beyond. With **Cliff** on acoustic lap steel, acoustic guitar and vocals, **Paul Williams** on bass and **Lunar Sun** on drums, the trio feature mostly originals with a funky feel, from jazz to rock, and the blues to r'n'b.

In a sense their music is without genre, a progressive sound, at times floaty unto psychedelic. An experimentation with arrangements allowing your mind to be enriched with a sense of musical imagery.



The Reverend Kaneh Bosm Trio

While travelling **Cliff** had to leave a lot of instruments behind. With only one guitar and his voice, he felt the need to keep up with the musical pulse. After working for seven years in the WA outback, inspired by the impressive and beautiful WA landscapes, **Cliff** has returned home to Kuranda.

Treading the live-gig boards for many years in Melbourne as a bass player, **Paul Williams** landed in Kuranda about two years ago. **Paul** has played bass with *The Giants* on and off for twelve years, with *The Brūnaas*, and for a couple of years on acoustic bass in a cabaret band. In the two years since in Kuranda, **Paul** has taken his music back to the fundamentals of song writing and playing guitar.

Kuranda based **Lunar Sun**, a songwriter and guitarist in his own right, has expanded his musical finesse to drums and percussion in the last so many years, and after a stint in the duo *Lawson & Moon*, **Lunar** has often been seen gigging with *Dave Cook*.

Featured on the night is a special 20 minute musical tribute to **Digital Caveman**.

Flowing with the beat **Yuv** transcends genres and borders. Inspiring movement, love, and being as one, **Yuv** is a love child of our era with an undying passion to harmonize our Universe through the expression of joy, connection, re-membrance and acceptance... **Yuv's** musical mind is inspired by the amazing journey we humans share together and with a love for bass, beats and imaginative music. If you love *Lubdub* you are in for a treat. **Yuv** is the originator of *Lubdub* and is ready to share this new adventure with you.

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Dubcide brings bass heavy dubstep/d'n'b that has been making basswaves in the F.N.Q. region lately playing local festivals and events including *Kuranda Roots*, *Collaborations*, *Solfire*, *Didgerizoo* and *Billabong Beats* to name a few... If you like deep dirty bass with a ragga vibe or high energy d'n'b right through to tribal style d'n'b then **Dubcide** is the Dj for you.



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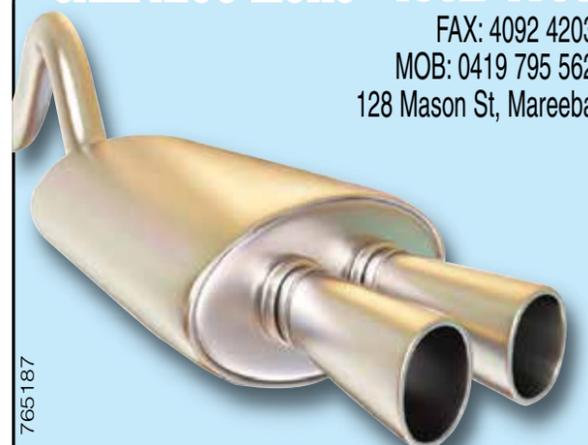
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Three Co-op Award Winners at Innisfail

Prize money flowed the way of three Arts Co-op artists in the very popular Innisfail Art Society 2016 Art Awards and Exhibition.

Sculpture Award and Highly Commended – **Peter Brown**

Photography Award – **Mollie Bosworth** (right)

Digital Photography – **Buck Richardson** (far right)

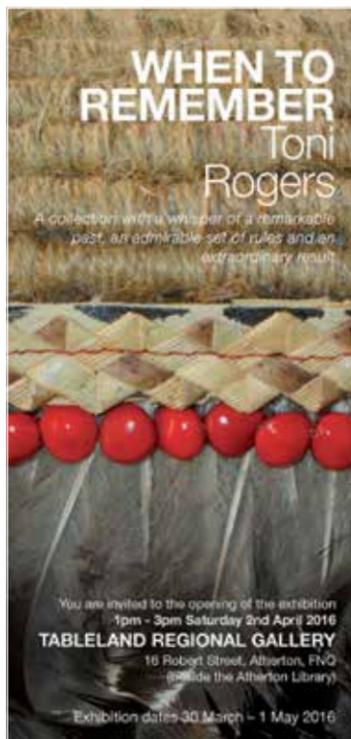


NQ Ceramic Award to Mollie Bosworth

Titled 'Migration', this spectacular and delicate porcelain bowl took out the Loloma Jewellers Award in the 2016 North Queensland Biennial Ceramic Awards.

'The Forum' by Toni Rogers was also selected for the exhibition.

This display of selected works continues at Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville until 1st May.



Solo Exhibition for Co-op Fibre Artist

Kuranda fibre and textile artist **Toni Rogers** draws on her life memories in the exhibition 'When to Remember' at the Tableland Regional Gallery in Atherton from 30th March to 1st May 2016

"These pieces draw on the stories of my parents and their migration to New Zealand from England in 1911, as well as my own migration from New Zealand to Australia in 1961. My very close relationship with my maternal grandmother has influenced many of these artworks," she says.

"This exhibition is a powerful expression of identity in relation to landscape. A consistent thread in my art is a response to place and what is happening around me. The physical richness of the rainforest and social environments provide the raw material, the inspiration and the starting point for my work."

Toni has developed a hybrid blend of the traditional and the contemporary. While acknowledging and honouring the traditional, she explores new themes and introduces new and fresh images and symbols.

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2 day Workshop: 30th April and 1st May

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Alzheimer's Information Sessions – Malanda & Mareeba

Sixteen or more years ago I ran my current business from an upstairs office in Coastwatcher Shopping Village in at Trinity Beach. As a single mum, I would have to lock the door as soon as possible after 5pm to pick my daughter up from after school care. The latest I could leave without fear of threat of removal of my only, precious daughter to the care of the local police station, was 5.30pm. Of course I didn't really believe this would happen, but...

Fortunately, the nature of my work is that it is transferable to the Home Office, as I called it. So, I would be packed up and ready to roll at 5pm, in the confident knowledge anything not completed could be done at home that evening.

Then, one day, into my office at 5pm came Paul, looking to pay for three photocopies. Paul was new to the area, and garrulous. I listened, and listened. At 5.30 I was heading for the door, rejecting payment as I had locked away the change and I needed to go and rescue my daughter.

Every day at 5pm, Paul would arrive, and talk. I harboured immense guilt at cutting him off sometimes

in mid-sentence as the time of his leaving went from 5.15 to 5.30 to 5.45.

It was four weeks before he began to tell me that he was desperate, lonely and at breaking point. His wife had Alzheimer's and he had to bring her with him and lock her in the car while he was talking to me, as he dared not leave her at home. I knew little about Alzheimer's and was horrified at the tales he told me of her escaping the house and frightening his neighbours, none of whom had made any attempt to befriend Paul and his wife. They didn't want to know. I was even more horrified she was locked in the car. The day he told me, he broke down. He sobbed pitifully right there in front of me. He was a man at the end of his tether and I had no idea how to help.

I was to learn a fair bit about Alzheimer's in the following months. It was probably a year later he cried afresh as he told me he had lost his wife forever and she had been placed in a home. In truth he had lost her a long time before, and that distressed him more than anything.

Maybe a year or so later, Prue Mellor opened the door to my office. Prue leads Age Concern Pty Ltd, initially an assessment and advisory service to elderly people, their families and other health professionals. The company is now gazetted as an educational institution, accredited as a Registered Training Organisation and Prue is endorsed by the Australian College of Nursing as an educational provider for their Life Long Learning Program.

Age Concern Pty Ltd is Australia's oldest private training provider in the field of gerontic nursing and care, and Prue has a wealth of experience in all aspects of Alzheimer's and other dementias, including recognition of symptoms of onset. I think we all have moments of anxiety when we forget names, or what we were doing or saying a moment ago. Most often this is just a sign of the times; our brains store so much information in this age of technology, and unfortunately, unlike a computer, we can't defrag (except perhaps through meditation).

Prue developed Australia's first, stand-alone post graduate dementia program for registered nurses. It was initially recognised by Latrobe University as a full university elective for successful postgraduate certificate applicants, but more recently has been accepted at Master level by the University of Queensland.

Last year, Prue visited the prestigious Banner Alzheimer's Institute in the USA, and while there she recognised a need to share the latest information on Alzheimer's disease and dementia back here in Cairns.

"For me one of the saddest facts about Alzheimer's and most other forms of dementia is that a person with any of these conditions still looks as they always have, but do and say things that drive those around them really crazy, no matter how much they love and care for them.

"Like the woman whose daughter came inside, having worked on the property all day. She washed and prepared the vegetables for dinner, then went and had a shower. When she returned to cook dinner, the vegetables had disappeared. Outside the window, the chooks were enjoying an unexpected feast.

"This is an amusing anecdote for others, but the sheer frustration experienced by carers when events like this are not one-off scenarios, but regular occurrences, is unimaginable. The person with Alzheimer's or other dementia looks perfectly normal! People ask me, 'How can my parent, partner, sibling, friend, behave in such a manner?'" says Prue.

"The answer is because they have a disease that is causing a dysfunction in the brain, but we cannot see it," she explains.

Then of course there is the fact that the carer is losing the person they may have lived with and loved for many years. I recall Paul telling me it was as if his wife had gone, and although it happened gradually, he grieved every day. They had been married for thirty years or more, and she was his love, his life, his soul mate. Suddenly he was a stranger to her. His unbearable loneliness and anguish was exacerbated by the lack of support and understanding from his new neighbours. He had no one to share his heartache, which was of course why I was his sounding board for so long.

Prue's programs are aimed at educating families, friends and the communities about how to better support the person with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, and of equal importance, how we can support the carers, and preserve family relationships and positive last memories.

Prue has chosen the Atherton Tablelands as the venue for her first information sessions.

Tuesday 19th April at St John's Community Care at 5 Quill Street, Mareeba

Wednesday 20th April at OzCare in Turnbull Road, Malanda.

Sessions will be from 2-3pm and 7-8pm on both days.

Please do reserve your seats by 8th April. Age Concern 4052 1626 (leave a message if the call goes to voicemail). Don't forget to indicate which session you want to attend.

– Suzy Grinter

Demystifying Alzheimer's and Dementia



Everything you ever wanted to know...

There aren't too many people who haven't experienced Alzheimer's or dementia of some sort within family or friends. It's not easy for the sufferer or the carer, but a better understanding goes a long way to making things easier for both.

And so many of us experience anxiety because we forget a name, or what we were doing two minutes ago. Does that mean we have Alzheimer's?

Now's your chance to learn about the facts and the myths surrounding memory loss, and different forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease.

Come along to this **FREE** session to find out about some of the key things we think everyone should know about these degenerative diseases, and how you can make a difference for people with dementia in your everyday life and within your community. There will be opportunity to ask questions, and everyone is welcome.

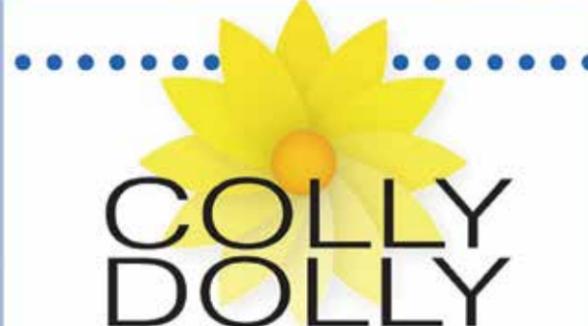
When and where?

Mareeba: Tues 19th April 2016 **St John's Community Care**, 5 Quill St, Mareeba
Sessions 2pm – 3pm and 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm light refreshments follow each session

Malanda: Wed 20th April 2016 **OzCare Malanda**, Turnbull Rd, Malanda
Sessions 2pm – 3pm and 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm light refreshments follow each session

Facilitator: Prue Mellor RN, M(Geront), MNg(NPrac), MACN, renowned Clinical Nurse Specialist on dementia and recently returned from Banner Alzheimer's Institute (USA) with latest research care strategies.

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by Rachael Kelly

“Up to 700,000 residents across northern Queensland will have their medical records uploaded to the internet. The system will contain a summary of each patient’s health status put in by their doctor, records of their medicines and allergies, and eventually links to X-Ray and medical test results.”

– Cairns Post Saturday 5 March 2016

These records will be accessed by GPs, pharmacists and other health specialists anywhere in Australia.

This has now become an opt-out system rather than an opt-in system due to the fact that to date only about 10% of people have taken it up.

If you live in the Nepean Blue Mountains or Northern Queensland, the two initial transfer areas, you will be getting a letter from the Australian Government in March 2016.

If you do not want a *My Health Record* automatically created for you, or your family, you will need to tell us to stop a record from being made. You will be able to tell them if you do not want a record from 4 April 2016.

Go to for further Information: <https://myhealthrecord.gov.au/internet/mhr/publishing.nsf/content/got-a-letter>

Reasoning:

To reduce the high rate of medical errors (18%) that occur from inadequate patient information, to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions, and to save doctors from collecting a full medical history each time they see a new patient.

Though I’m presuming with the last point they will have to re-read your history each visit to adequately assist you.

The advantage to the client is that they will not have to obtain or explain their medical history to each new health practitioner.

Also helpful for patients who are unable to explain their health history adequately.

Controls:

The Health Department said in a written response that individuals would have a range of privacy options, including the ability to set access controls to their *My Health Record*, cancel their registration or request that their healthcare provider not upload certain information.

They would also be able to monitor activity to check whether somebody had accessed their record, “effectively remove” documents from it and make a complaint about privacy breaches.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/health/human-rights-threatened-by-myhealth-record-system-parliamentary-joint-committee-warns-20151015-gk9rzo.html>

Further it is stated that if a breach of your privacy happens, there would be steep fines and possible jail sentences.

Concerns:

About the potential for information to be used against clients by future employers, health insurers, life insurers or even other doctors, who aren’t immune to forming biased opinions about their patients based on a view someone before them has formed.

<http://theconversation.com/doctors-and-patients-uneasy-about-new-e-health-records-system-7706>

Another concern raised by the Australian Privacy Foundation (APF) is that the information will be perceived as “a thinly disguised national identity number attached to some health information”.

“We suggest that the identity data... will be seen as very useful to the government, especially when cross-matched against the internet and telecommunications data and other databases such as those operated by the ATO, Immigration and Medicare, as well as a range of law enforcement agencies.

“The existing legislation”, said the APF, “allows the operators of the PCEHR to give patients’ health and other personal data to law enforcement bodies and official bodies protecting public revenue (such as the ATO) without a court order.

“Without informing parliament. Without informing the patient. The government has not been particularly keen to publicise this, but it’s there in Section 70 of the eHealth Act 2102 (and our submission) for all to see.”

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/health/human-rights-threatened-by-myhealth-record-system-parliamentary-joint-committee-warns-20151015-gk9rzo.html>

<https://delimiter.com.au/2015/11/05/privacy-foundation-outlines-major-concerns-with-opt-out-e-health-scheme/>

This is an important decision for every Australian to make.

Privacy, ethics, convenience, human rights, democracy and human nature all play a part in this.

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Dr Dave says...

New Treatment for Hepatitis C

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Is this a problem? Well yes it is because the complications of Hep. C include cirrhosis, liver cancer and death. However a life transforming solution is now at hand.

Previous treatment with Interferon and Ribavirin that was unpleasant and relatively ineffective has been replaced in recent weeks by Sofosbuvir, Ledipasvir and Daclatasvir (don't they just roll off the tongue).

These drugs have reported a 99% cure rate for Hep. C subtypes 1 and 3 that cause most infections locally.

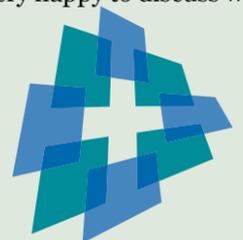
The drugs are safe and are prescribed for either 12 or 24 weeks depending on disease severity.

GPs in Kuranda are upskilled in the new drugs and very happy to discuss with any patient impacted by the disease.

Kind regards,

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YELLOW CRAZY ANTS

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THERE IS AN INVASION happening in the rainforests of Far North Queensland. Yellow crazy ants are doing what they do best— colonise and grow. They are eating everything before them, farming sap sucking scale insects for nectar and setting up super colonies of millions. Unlike most ants each colony is not territorial to another – they work together.

To beat this invasion we too need to work together.

And if it seems a battle that doesn't affect you, please consider the words of Edmonton farmer Frank Teodo, **"I knew about yellow crazy ants 13 years ago, but because I didn't have them on my property I wasn't concerned. Now I spend every day affected in some way by yellow crazy ants."**

Or the heart break of Russett Park resident Paul Devine who asks "Will paradise be lost to a crazy ant?"

Or the daily effort required by Sawmill Pocket woman Maryann Soblusky who sprays the ground around her aviary every day – and has done so for FOUR years. Yet some YCA still manage to get in.

FNQ is just the latest in YCA invasions, they have travelled across the globe mostly through tropical areas and most likely through cargo. But all is not lost. They have been eradicated in places, including Yamba in NSW and small outbreak spots around Cairns.

Please don't wait for the invasion to come into your home, your yard, your school or park or creek side. We need to contain the existing colonies, control them and fight to eradicate them.

Hear Frank Teodo's description of how his life changed:

"Once Yellow Crazy Ants became established on our properties, our lives changed forever. The last three years have been all consuming. If we don't win this fight we will regret it for the rest of our lives. I never wanted to be part of all of this, but I was given no choice.

"Because of the abundance of food in the bush and farmland, the numbers increased and exploded into what they call supercolonies.

"I had to throw nearly all of my electrical appliances away. The Telstra pit...was so full of yellow crazy ants spraying formic acid, that they burnt out all the connections...

"They were in my pantry, linen cupboard and my clothes. They were in my ceilings and came down in the light fittings in such numbers that you couldn't see out of the light globes. One night while I slept, they crawled all over my face. I awoke and found my face covered in ants. They went berserk spraying acid and burnt the lens off one of my eyes. Ten trips to the eye specialist in eleven days to get my eyesight back. A few months later it happened again, and again.

"Bear in mind that I had sprayed a toxic cocktail of chemicals around my house that would have knocked down an elephant. I was killing them by the thousands, but they were breeding up in the bush and along the creek next to my house, faster than I could kill them...The ants had blinded and scarred my dogs and the ground was a moving mass of orange."

Or Russett Park resident Paul Devine whose quality of life (and property value) has been decimated by YCA in just two years. In Paul's own words:

"Imagine what it would feel like to be slowly but inexorably excluded from your garden. This is the fate of a handful of gardeners at Russett Park near Kuranda. They have been driven from their gardens of Eden by something minute but monstrous in the extreme.

"The ants bring the same attention to detail to destroying home gardens as they do to natural ecosystems. Taking advantage of the thick layers of mulch placed there to protect soil fertility and encourage fecundity, the ants build underground "super-nests" and rage voraciously across the garden usurping the place as theirs and vigorously defending their turf. Any gardener curious enough to investigate what is going on will be met by the proverbial marauding army of soldiers using their weapon of choice, formic acid, and within seconds will need to retreat in the face of overwhelming numbers. Overwhelming is no exaggeration for the throng of ants is truly formidable. It's not just unpleasant to be there, it's impossible.

"The ants have taken over. They have won and my garden is being transformed as I watch into the wasteland in which they seem to thrive.

"There are only sixteen properties within the Russett Park Declared Crazy Ant Area. A conservative estimate of the combined values of those sixteen properties, based on existing median real estate values is \$7,680,000...That's sixteen properties in one street in one suburb...At the moment in Queensland, unlike most other states within Australia, it is not mandatory to disclose the presence of a declared pest when selling a property. Pests, building inspections and approvals are the responsibility of the purchaser for the time being. Mind you it's a challenge to hide yellow crazy ants. If the rules changed to bring us in line with the other states a homeowner would be required by law to declare knowledge of a declared pest. Would you buy a property that has yellow crazy ants?

My point is that the yellow crazy ant has the potential to impact on the traditional Queensland outdoors lifestyle and the sacred concept of home ownership. **Think about it and hope it never gets to you."**

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Young cassowary chicks are vulnerable to Yellow Crazy Ant attack – as are all living things in their path



Kuranda Tree Frog (*Litoria Myola*)
CRITICALLY AT RISK FROM YELLOW CRAZY ANTS

e Can't Afford To Lose

A Sad History of Inaction and Buck Passing

"The yellow crazy ant infestation at Edmonton was first detected in 2001 and traced to their arrival at the Cairns Port. The original infestation at Cairns Port was eradicated, but the Edmonton infestation has become established over about 600ha in the Bentley Park, Edmonton and Mount Peter areas south of Cairns. Yellow crazy ants were detected within the World Heritage Area and Little Mulgrave National Park in 2012 and now cover up to 50ha within these protected areas. In 2013 an infection of yellow crazy ants was found in the Russett Park area and has become established over about 27ha (KMA now 30ha). It is thought that this infestation was brought from Edmonton with earth moving machinery.

In 2012 the Queensland Government (KMA Newman LNP) decided that statewide eradication was no longer feasible due to increases in the extent of the Cairns infestations and establishment of several new infestations within Queensland. This 'transition to management' resulted in diminished state government resources to control yellow crazy ants within and around the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. While Queensland Government staff still offer advice and technical assistance where they can about this declared species, in effect dedicated staff and resources have been largely withdrawn from any control program. To date no formal transition to management program has been introduced."

Source: Submission by Wet Tropics Management Authority to Established Pests and Diseases Discussion Paper, National Biosecurity Committee Secretariat (June 2015).

"The former LNP State Government's decision to give up the fight against yellow crazy ants in the Far North more than three years ago was a mistake, the (current) State Treasurer (Curtis Pitt) says. It comes as a new report suggests the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WHA) is worth more than \$5.2 billion a year to Australia, an economic value which could be jeopardised by the invasion of the pest species.

Treasurer and Mulgrave MP Curtis Pitt has written to Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch urging him to help find funding. "Clearly the challenge before us is much tougher to tackle as a result of the former government's inaction," Mr Pitt said.

Invasive Species Council CEO Andrew Cox described the Treasurer's letter as a "breakthrough" in the campaign to attract yellow crazy ant funding. "It hasn't been clear that the Queensland Government actually wanted to work with the Federal Government on this," he said.

Source: Cairns Post February 11 2016.

"Political differences need to be put aside in recognition of the fact that support for the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant eradication plan must come from all levels of government, says Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch.

"At the federal level, I've been working closely with Environment Minister Greg Hunt, who recognises the threat that these ants pose to agriculture, native species and the unique Wet Tropics ecosystem. He's working to identify possible sources of support, together with Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce who has responsibility for biosecurity measures.

"Already, we are spending close to \$4 million on baiting and controlling these pests, including, through funding for six Green Army teams, a grant made by Terrain Natural Resource Management to Kuranda Envirocare and a \$1.9 million grant to WTMA that winds up in June 2016," Mr Entsch told his colleagues. "Now we need the State Government to come on board."

"Queensland needs to allocate this to the eradication of this horrible pest adjacent to the Wet Tropics and make a matching contribution. It would be a good start towards WTMA achieving what it needs for eradication."

Source: Media release Warren Entsch Member for Leichhardt March 10 2016.

As this paper goes to press the Queensland State budget is being decided. Yet, in response to emails sent to the Members for Barron River and Leichhardt there is NO news of a much needed breakthrough in this funding stalemate. Mr Entsch says the Federal government will release funds to WTMA but awaits a similar commitment by the Queensland government. Mr Crawford says he is "waiting for a response from the Minister" and "all levels of government need to assist the Wet Tropics Management Authority".

The case for funding from both governments needs no more evidence – the ecological, economical and social evidence is overwhelming. But it appears that without political pressure being put on, most especially, the Queensland government, we are fighting the threat of Yellow Crazy Ants with our generals missing in action.

We Can Win This IF WE ACT NOW

Busy Bees

With such a warm climate and abundance of flowering plants it's not surprising that bees are such common insects around us here in North Queensland. Easily the most recognisable species to most people is the Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*).

A fact that surprises many people is that the Honeybee originated from Europe, and was introduced into Australia in 1822 to pollinate the crops that early settlers were trying to establish. Honeybees have since spread over the whole of Australia, and are also found through many other parts of the world. Despite this introduction, Australia does have a large number of its own native bees – over 1500 species in fact.

Most of our native bees do not live in colonies though, instead lead solitary lives. One such local species often seen in our gardens is the Blue-banded Bee (*Amegilla cingulata*). Those that are social and live in colonies are quite small, and are known as Stingless bees or Sugarbag bees (*Trigona* and *Austroplebia* species). They live here in northern Australia and their hives are important to indigenous Australians as sources of honey and wax. They are small dark coloured bees and are often attracted to us due to the salts in our sweat.

Bees play incredibly important roles in our ecology as they buzz from flower to flower. They are pollinators, and by transferring pollen from one plant to another they are actually fertilising the plants. To set seed and produce fruit, most flowering plants must be pollinated. To attract pollinators, plants produce bright, attractive flowers filled with sweet nectar, and bees certainly find this appealing. The process of pollination is big business, and the pollination attributed to Honeybees annually in Australian agriculture and forestry is valued at \$3.8 billion. Of course Honeybees are not just doing this for the sake of the plants. They are collecting both nectar and pollen and taking it back to their hive. Pollen is a rich source of protein and is used by bees to feed their young (larvae). Nectar, on the other hand, is converted into the complex mix of sugars we call honey and stored in cells as food for the bees.

Honeybees have become somewhat domesticated, and bee keepers (apiarists) have hives set up all over the country. Some apiarists specialise in producing queens to start new hives, and various strains of Honeybees have been produced with highly sought-after traits. Producing large volumes of honey is one such trait.

Inside a Honeybee hive, a single queen runs the show. She can lay around 2000 eggs per day, and can live for several years. Her job is to churn out eggs and keep order in the hive by releasing chemicals known as pheromones. These pheromones let the other bees know what to do. Honeybee eggs hatch after three days, and become hungry little grubs known as larvae. Each larva has its own cell (in the honeycomb) to develop within. The worker bees, which are all sterile females, feed the larvae until it begins to pupate around a week later. After twelve days of development, a new worker bee will emerge from the cell to begin its hectic six week life as a member of the colony. At first their duties are based inside the hive (tending to the honey and pollen stores and feeding developing larvae). It is not until near the end of their short lives that these dedicated workers venture outside to visit our gardens.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife



A honeybee worker carrying pollen attached to its hind legs.

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A native Blue-banded Bee resting at night. A species of solitary bee.



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Murals are important in that they bring art into the public sphere. For artists, their work gets a wide audience who otherwise might not set foot in an art gallery. A city benefits by the beauty of a work of art. 'Larger than life' are the beautiful murals artist **Tom Cosic** paints in the local community. He knows exactly how to bring an image to life. Whether it is painting something of sentimental value, such as a special place or people, or painting a theme-specific scene, Tom Cosic's exceptional skills deliver quality for the art lover.

Tom's most recent community involvement was co-running workshops for the Cafe Project (Creative Arts For Everyone), teaching a range of creative skills and techniques to a group of local youths on a Council co-ordinated vibrant 'positive graffiti art' mural for Mareeba's Arnold Park.

Where is your current studio?

My 'studio' is portable. It is wherever the job is. I am currently painting in the Mareeba Centre (many would know it as the IGA complex in the main street), working on an historical artwork on a 70 square metre wall.

However, when I prepare for works I do so in my workshop at NQ SIGNWORKS, in a large industrial shed in Mareeba. Here I research, print samples and prepare visual resources for when I'm on site.

Do you work alone or with others?

I was on my own for many years painting and illustrating. I now enjoy collaborating with other artists more often.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

A big open space with a large working wall is good. Natural light and good ventilation, plumbing, and my computer is also required.

When I am actually painting murals in public spaces, I have to be pretty self sufficient in terms of power and water. It is also very important that I am at all times conscious of the requirements of OH&S as there is usually pedestrian traffic in the work area.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

Once I am 'on a roll' I like to keep going, sometimes for 8 to 12 hours at a time. I have access at the shopping complex to continue painting after commercial hours. I find it very rewarding to keep painting and to see a section completed.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I mainly paint in the workshop. Many of my commissions relate to nature, however, my commercial work, called 'jobs', could be any subject.

When it comes to the administration side I am fortunate to have my partner, Eve, undertake much of those responsibilities. I like to do the full time painting and thinking.

Why is painting and photography your chosen medium?

This process allows me to paint what I see and feel. I am very interested in the historic side of the mural and the stories shared by older community members. Interaction with the community has become essential to the painting process on this job because without the anecdotes that are offered spontaneously by the public the mural would not have the same level of depth or meaning to the locals.

List three things you listen to while working.

I always listen to Eve's good advice. She sees things from another clear perspective. ABC Classic FM is my favourite but then I must say that I like all genres of music. I find talk-back radio to be a distraction.



Your favourite tool?

Without a moment's hesitation Tom answers... My computer. It is so versatile. I have a drawing tablet that enables me to "paint" directly into my computer. My camera also plays a big part in my 'tool kit' along with my two-inch oval cutter commercial trade paint brush. With this brush I can make thick paint strokes or turn it and use the chisel edge to paint a fine line.

How do you identify your work?

I just sign my name 'Tom Cosic' by scratching it into the wet paint. It is very effective when there is a dark or bright coloured background. I don't date my artworks. I keep that information in the records but do not display it on the works.

How do you sell your work?

My artworks are all sold before they are painted, in particular commissions on canvas, buildings, structures, aircraft, trucks and cars. I enjoy working on canvases when I can as they are more forgiving than vinyl or surfaces with grooves.

Do you teach from your studio?

No, I won't teach in the formal sense, but I coach, give advice and critique. I think it is an important part of being a professional artist. Emerging artists seek my advice on technique, pricing and the possibilities of making a career out of their art medium. I've also coached youth that are considered at risk through the local council which has been extremely fulfilling.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

I hold a voluntary position on Mareeba Shire's RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) Committee.

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

A new location would be a priority. I would much rather be out in the countryside than occupying an industrial site. When I lived and worked in Kuranda I really loved it. I was able to soak up the bird calls and the visiting wildlife. But my signage business requires a shed.

If you were not working with visual art what would you be doing?

I would like to have been a professional cyclist. I cycle now when time is available. It would be great to have a career in cycling – mountain biking or road cycling. I would move through the disciplines because they are all fulfilling. But you have to start young so I'll have to settle for painting!

How can people access your art?

There is plenty to see at www.nqsignworks.com.au, which has a fine art and mural gallery. Also, by searching NQ SIGNWORKS in Facebook, you can find more on the mural in Mareeba including time-lapse footage of me painting.



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Some Of Our More Cryptic Kingfishers

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN when young kingfishers are leaving their nests and crashing into windows and other obstacles! And we immediately ask what species is that? We actually have seven kingfisher species inhabiting the Kuranda-Speewah-Koah area, if you include our two giant species of kookaburra.

Here I deal with the three more cryptic species which are easily misidentified. These are the migratory Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher and our two river kingfishers, the Azure and Little Kingfisher.

Perhaps our most spectacular kingfisher is the Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher (below) which migrates from New Guinea to our Wet Tropics each year and its calls and trills tell us it is the wet season even if the rain is reticent as seems to be the case this year!



Adult Paradise-Kingfishers are easily recognised by their red bill and long white tail streamers, shorter in females and one year olds (pictured).

Young birds (which often bash into windows in March-April) have a dark bill, but are easily separated from Azures by a white back and the lack of white neck-spots.

Most Paradise-Kingfishers nest inside terrestrial termite mounds (below) where they lay up to four eggs.

Recently I placed a motion camera on one of these nests and it was startling to see the numbers of predators trying to access the nests, but all were thwarted by the narrow



entrance to the nest site. Some of these video sequences can be viewed on: <http://www.kuranda.envirocare.org.au>.

Oddly enough Paradise-Kingfishers, like humans, can also get their species recognitions screwed up too, eg I have seen a juvenile Paradise-Kingfisher begging incessantly to an Azure Kingfisher at my pond, before the Azure finally became fed up with the harassment and flew off, with the young Paradise in hot pursuit!



Maybe the Paradise juvenile's parents had already departed for New Guinea. An amusing follow-on, less than a minute later, was a Little Kingfisher darting out from the forest and taking up its regular fishing perch now that it's bigger and intimidating cousins had gone!

My favourite kingfisher is the Little Kingfisher (left). At 11-13 cm in length they are our smallest kingfisher by a long shot.

They are immediately recognisable by their tiny size and almost non-existent

tail, if you are lucky enough to see one that is! They forage in secluded forest streams and pools, catching small prey – fish, tadpoles and insects – by plunging in from a low perch.

Their blue and white plumage is reminiscent of the very common Forest Kingfisher which most of us see daily, perched on overhead wires along forest edges, but to see a Little Kingfisher you need to wait patiently at a forest pool for one to show up.

Traditionally, Little Kingfishers have been regarded as birds of mangrove creeks and forested streams of the lowlands in the Wet Tropics, which is their stronghold, but during the wet season they do visit the Kuranda-Speewah area up to at least 450 metres above sea level.

Our other river kingfisher is the Azure Kingfisher (right), often seen fishing along the Barron and its larger tributaries, or if startled, darting off low over the water uttering a high pitched but penetrating call as it quickly disappears from view.

Azures are half as big again as Little Kingfishers and always have a strikingly rufous-coloured belly.

They are far more widespread than the Little Kingfisher and penetrate the larger rivers and billabongs well into the dry country.

Both the Little and Azure Kingfishers typically nest in excavated burrows of creek-banks.



Bendy Top Poses for Tourism Paparazzi

Visitors exploring the rainforest with Skyrail Rainforest Cableway have reported several sightings of the local cassowary called Bendy Top and his sub-adult chicks. These magnificent native birds have been feasting on the fruit from the large variegated fig at Barron Falls Station and several Davidson Plums which fruited last month.

The fruit of the Davidson Plum is a large blue drupe covered in hairs and look similar to the plums you buy to eat, although the two are totally unrelated. The fruits contain two very unusual red seed husks that look like ridged wings. The flowers are tiny and pink and are borne on long thin racemes under the tree's crown. The leaves are very large, distinctly serrated and very hairy.

Although not particularly large, these trees are very easy to spot when they grow new leaves as they have a striking red colour.

Courtesy of www.skyrail.com.au/rainforests/skyrail-nature-diary

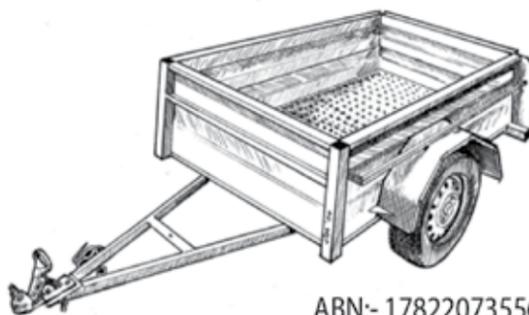
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Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

Chapter 42

Turntable

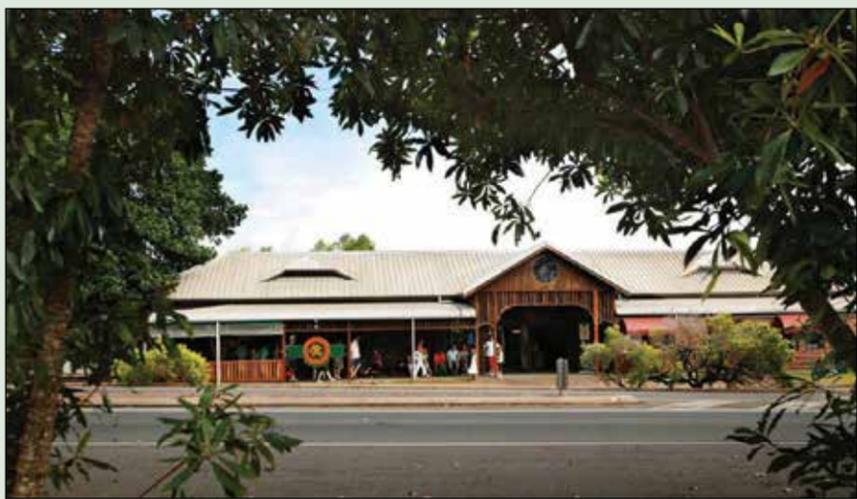
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Chapter 43

Freshwater Station 1984

Freshwater Station was built in 1984 and was a privately owned facility built to service Kuranda Scenic Railway. In 1994 Queensland Rail purchased the property. The buildings at Freshwater Station were built to withstand cyclones and the timber has been treated with a special preservative imported from Holland. Special features are the 'ripple iron' ceilings no longer made but were rolled especially for Freshwater Station. Chillagoe marble was used to furnish the toilets. The pavilion is constructed of Kuranda Ash from the forests of the Tablelands. The museum is constructed of imported American Oregon and held up by spotted gum posts once again strong enough to withstand cyclones. The historical cottage at Freshwater station is the home built by 'Red' Lynch the man responsible for supplying labor for the building of the Cairns to Kuranda railway line. He built the cottage in 1910 – the date is stamped on the chimney and it has survived all these years being built of Silky Oak then progressively clad with corrugated iron over the years. When next at Freshwater Station be sure to marvel the stations architecture purposely built for our climate.



Chapter 44

Cairns Railway Station 1996

Cairns Railway Station was originally positioned on the corner of McLeod and Spence Street and was a typical beautiful Queenslander construction. In 1955 a new building was constructed at the intersection of McLeod Street and Shields Street. This building catered for



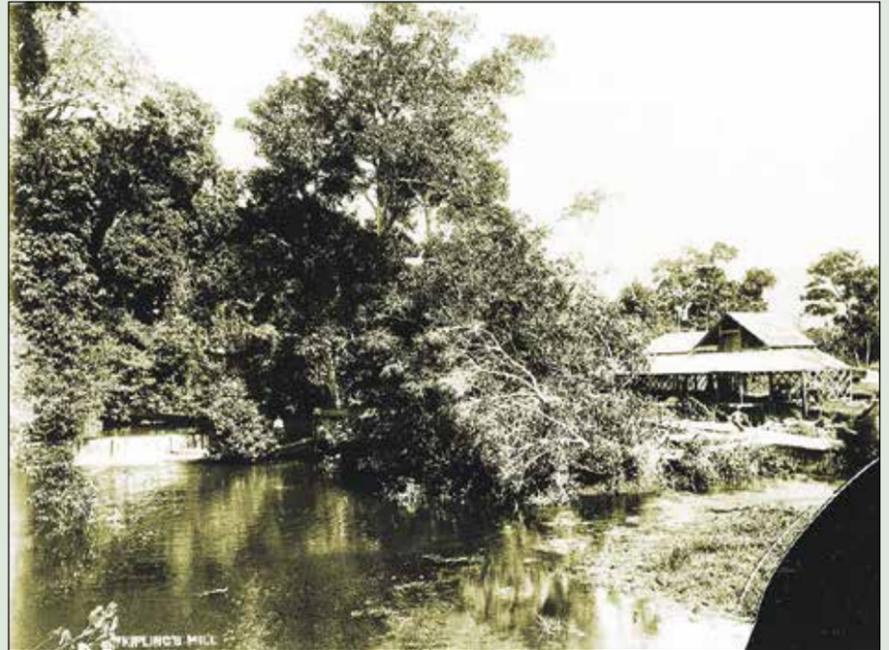
the increasing tourist traffic that the Kuranda Scenic Railway was attracting as well as the Sunshine Express passengers who took the scenic route on the train from Brisbane to

Cairns rather than the traditional steamship route. The current Cairns Railway Station was completed in May 1996 and was moved to build the now Cairns Central Shopping Centre.

Chapter 45

Freshwater Creek

Freshwater was named after a Freshwater Creek which held the first reliable supply of freshwater for animals after leaving Cairns on the track to Smithfield and beyond. Other streams were salty or disappeared when the wet season was over. It was originally called Davidson Creek after a clerk in the office of the Police Commissioner, but that name gradually faded out of existence, as the name Freshwater was more commonly used.



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Proposal for Kuranda to “go it alone”

IMPORTANT LOCAL MEETING 1 APRIL

Following the recent Mareeba Shire Council election, a group of Kuranda businesses and prominent locals have called a meeting to discuss future representation for Kuranda.

The group claims that as a unique heritage rainforest area, representation for the Kuranda community in any of the three levels of government leaves much to be desired.

The meeting has been called for Friday 1 April at 5.00 at the Timbertop Cafe in Coondoo Street, Kuranda.

Principal amongst the items up for discussion is the proposal for Kuranda and surrounds to form its own state within Australia, effectively succeeding from the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Group representatives have been in contact with officials from Western Australia’s “Hutt River Province” discussing the procedure required to fulfil the succession. [Hutt River Province is the oldest micro nation in Australia, and claims to be an independent sovereign state and to have achieved legal status on 21 April 1970 - Ed]

It is proposed that an area shown roughly on the accompanying image, be re-zoned by the Commonwealth to be henceforth known as the “Kuranda Rainforest Area Province” (KRAP).

The group believes that rates collection and tourism income will easily fund the proposed Province’s expenses, with additional funds raised by substantial levies on visitors to Kuranda via Queensland Rail and SkyRail. A levy of \$10 per passenger, indexed up 20% PA is considered appropriate, raising multi millions of dollars.

“After all, if the two organisations refuse to pay this levy, they will end up having expensive infrastructure which leads nowhere – passengers will not be permitted entrance to or through the Province and will be turned back – similar to ‘boat people’”, said Richard (Dick) Tayttor, a group spokesperson.

A toll would be placed on the Kuranda Range Road suggested at \$10 per passenger vehicle, \$10 per passenger for buses, and higher charges for heavy vehicles ranging up to \$100 per Cairns rubbish truck.

Dick said “The toll would raise an enormous amount of money. Just the ‘rubbish truck’ toll would attract \$20000 per day, and the bus toll about another \$20000 per day – and that’s before private vehicles, and in addition to Province property ‘council’ rates, and the SkyRail and Rail levies.”

It is believed that the proposed Kuranda Range Road toll gate would be

constructed on the Cairns side of the lookout, and at the Kennedy Highway (to be renamed ‘Kuranda Highway’ at Cedar Creek intersection, to ensure maximum toll catchment.

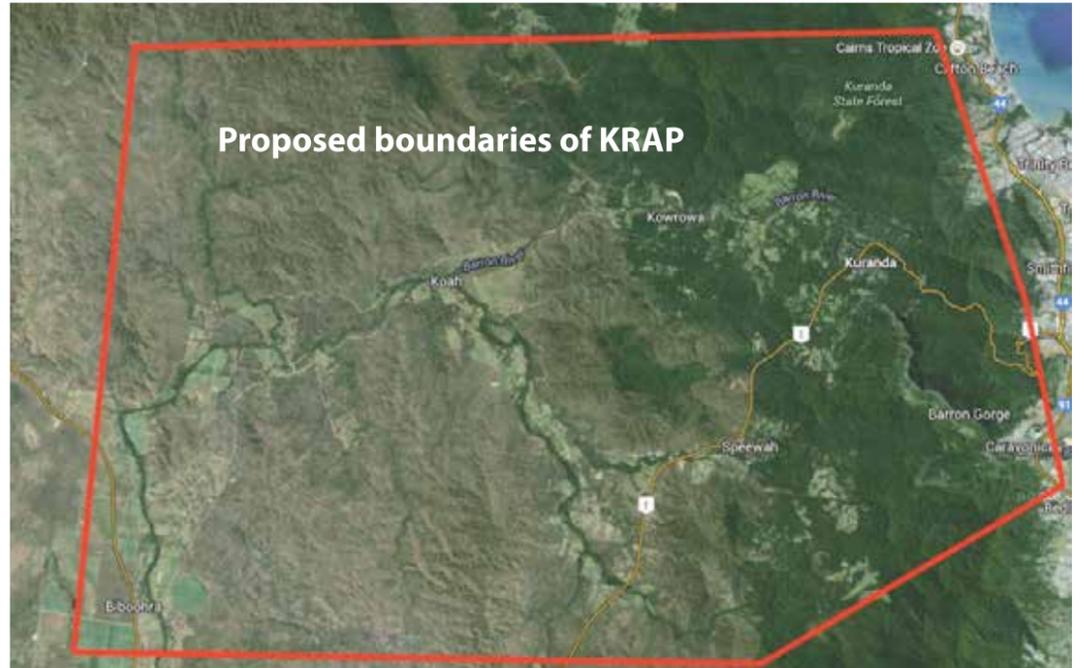
There would be special toll rates offered to residents and daily travellers through the Province.

“There would also be a ‘loitering on the range’ fee, which would apply to all vehicles stopping for over a specified time on the range, including the lookout”, Dick said.

“Not only would this fee cover tourists stopping on the range for any reason, but would be levied on the owners of disabled cars, and also police vehicles lying in wait for speedsters”, Dick continued.

“At this stage we are not sure whether to charge tourists at the lookout on a ‘time-spent-loitering’ basis, or on a per-photo basis.”

All locals are encouraged to come to the meeting on Friday 1 April to discuss this important initiative, and to get action happening to make KRAP a reality.



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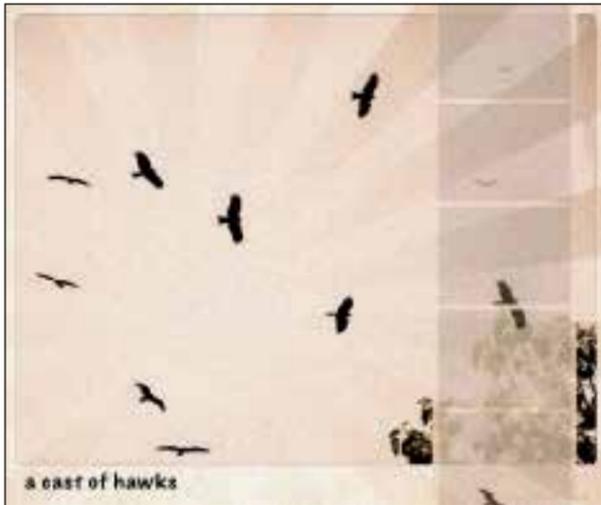


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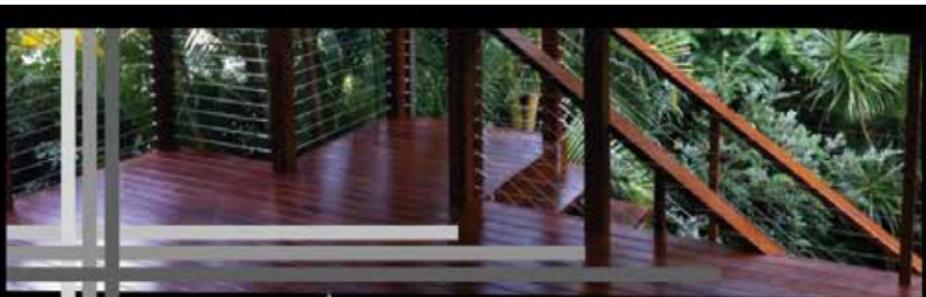
Beautiful Words

This month we're having some fun with our astounding and beautiful language! Collective Bird Nouns are exceedingly fun. Here are some exotic and native bird collectives to consider and inspire you to make up some more.



A convocation of eagles
A dance of brolgas
A paddling of ducks
A flamboyance of flamingos
A shimmer of hummingbirds
A study of owls
A cast of hawks
A murder of crows
A parliament of rooks
A party of peacocks
A huddle of penguins

A wake of vultures
A gobble of turkeys
A charm of finches
A screech of parrots
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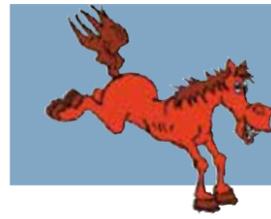
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, it's been another great month at the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club. The weather, although it's been hot, has been unusually dry on the weekends, which has been a great bonus.

The first competition for the club was held on the 20th and 21st February for show jumping and jumping equitation. This was well attended and ran very smoothly with many riders gaining their qualifications to attend the state event during the school holidays which is being held at Gatton. Two of our riders, Jamie and Olivia Hewitt-Toms, will be travelling the long distance to attend this, so we wish them safe travels and all the best in the competition. Five other riders from North Queensland are also going.

On 12th and 13th March a clinic was held by the club with a lady by the name of Rebecca Jenkins who last year won the title of coach of the year and is a very experienced rider and instructor. It was a great experience to bring Becky up to North Queensland for her very first visit to this region, as she is from down south near Toowoomba. All the riders gained valuable knowledge from this weekend and it was wonderful that Christine Hewitt was able to organise to have her come up north. The photo is Becky with some of the riders who participated over the weekend.



Leonie Whittenburg (Mareeba Pony Club), Olivia Hewitt-Toms (Kuranda Pony Club member), Becky Jenkins Instructor, Jamie Hewitt-Toms (Kuranda Pony Club member), Anah Cresswell (FreshwaterPony Club).

This year the club would like to focus on having a few different clinics throughout the year, and these clinics are always open to other riders in pony club, not just our own members. It is also a great opportunity to keep our grounds active and hopefully encourage new members to want to come and join pony club as it's a great way to make new friends and learn so many different things on your horse. It is also open to any age group: young kids to adults.

Sunday 20th March saw the club have a fun day with jumping and some sporting and also gave us a chance to catch up with two of our youngest members giving the instructors the opportunity to award Lene and Leksi with their encouragement awards for 2015, as you can see in the photo. It's very rewarding when you have little riders moving up from being led around to riding on their own.



Fionna Lane (Instructor), Lene and Leksi, Di Curtis (Instructor).

The next dates for action on the grounds are the 2nd and 3rd April for another jumping clinic with Evan Parker. The grounds are available for hire to any riding clubs. If anyone needs any more information for prices and available dates please send me an email to paulanddi@bigpond.com and I will be happy to send on relevant information. Or if you're wanting any other information on what pony club has to offer, the club's Facebook page is a great way to see what's been happening at the club too.

So till next time
Happy Riding
Di Curtis, Club Instructor/Secretary





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Family Day: There is the Kuranda Family Day in Centenary Park on Tuesday April 5 from 10.00am-2.00pm. This is a free event put on by the local community and outreach services to bring families together and celebrate healthy lifestyle choices. If you would like to participate, contribute or donate to the event please contact us at 4093 8933 and ask for Marg or Ceri.

KNC Second Hand Bookshop/Exchange:

Just a reminder that KNC has a second hand bookshop that you can donate your unused books to and also come in and buy a book for \$2 or exchange for \$1

Gambling/Financial Counselling:

Susan Cook from the Salvation Army is coming to Kuranda every second Wednesday to assist people with gambling and financial issues. If you require any information, advice or advocacy, Susan provides a strictly confidential service – please phone KNC to make a booking.

Domestic Violence Service coming to Kuranda:

New State and Federal funding for Domestic Violence support services will help a new worker come to Kuranda one day per fortnight at KNC from late April onwards. Please make inquiries to Ceri or Marg and more information will be put in our next article.

Community Services Tablelands Drug and Alcohol counselling:

Sadly, Trevor from CST who was coming up to Kuranda on Thursdays has moved onto other things and a new worker Viraj has started in the position. If you would like to see someone for substance misuse support and counselling, please contact Marg or Ceri for a referral. All referrals and sessions are strictly confidential.

Mareeba Housing Support Service:

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

Justices of Peace at KNC:

KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1.00-5.00 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 4093 8933.

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Batreach NEWS

Whilst most folk were relaxing over the Easter break, whether in quiet Christian reflection, socialising with family and friends, or just seeking out and gobbling Easter Eggs, a group of quiet (and not-so-quiet) achievers were beavering away at Batreach.

Some of the animal enclosures have been deteriorating slowly but surely over the decades that Batreach has been in operation.

Thanks to the fundraising expertise of Batreach volunteer Rebecca (see her wonderful artwork at www.wildlifeartist.me) and NQ Environmental Defenders Office (Brynn and Mark), funds were raised for materials to rebuild one of the major enclosures.

Over the week leading up to Easter, Pam and some volunteers 'relocated' the flying-foxes from the enclosure into temporary accommodation in a lead-up to the main enclosure being demolished.

A group of volunteers gathered together over the Easter weekend and rebuilt the enclosure. Pam wishes to sincerely thank the willing workers who made it all possible. A few key people were Michele, Noel, Andy, Howard, Pat, Csaba, Loretta, Chloe, Win, Corrie and Sharon.



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What's on at Koah Hall?

Koah Market Day

9.00am-1.00pm

first Saturday of each month!!!

Following on from our successful launch in March, Saturday 2 April will be the second of our monthly market days. Local produce, yummy food, bric-a-brac and much more in the first of many monthly Koah markets. LETS trade encouraged but cash sales available too.

Contact us to book a stall for \$5.

Pilates Classes

at 7.30am at 7.30am and 5.45pm Wednesdays.

For more information see Kuranda pilates facebook page. and 5.45pm Wednesdays.

Tropical Babies Yoga Classes starting 1 April

EACH FRIDAY: 9.30am Pregnancy Yoga & 11.00am Mums N' Bubs Yoga

Classes from Beth Jinks, who is a registered midwife and yoga teacher, & holds a beautiful space for expecting mums, and mums with little ones.

Please note as well that babies and toddlers of any age are welcome at Mums N' bubs classes. You can also bring your tot along if you are pregnant to the mums with bubs class (if you can't make it to pregnancy yoga) and Beth will modify for you.

For more information Contact Beth on the Tropical Babies yoga facebook page or call 0476276876.

The Koah Hall is back in action and available to host all sorts of community events and activities. If you are interested in using the Koah Hall for a private function, community event, regular class or have any other enquiry, please contact us on:

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Library Lines

What's Happening In The Library This Month:

Go Digital workshops have been going strong through the month of March and have finished for the Easter break. Workshops will recommence on the 29th April with some places still available. If you are interested in participating in the remainder of the workshops please contact the library for more information. These workshops are a free event offered by the Mareeba Shire Council and funded by the Queensland Government and the State Library of Queensland.

Easter Holidays are upon us with lots of fun activities offered in the library from the 29th of March through to the 8th of April. Available activities include – traditional song and dance workshops, retro board game morning, door hanger craft – to find out the more go to <http://msc.qld.gov.au/libraries/library-events-activities/> or contact library staff on 4093 9185.

Chess Club needs new players! If you are interested in playing chess, whether you are experienced or just a beginner wanting to learn, Kuranda Library Chess Club welcomes new players. There is a Senior and Junior group which meet alternative Tuesdays from 4pm to 5.30pm.

Storytime is held at 10.30am every Friday during school terms, and runs for approximately one hour. Storytime sessions are full of stories, rhymes, songs and a craft activity suitable for children under 6 years and their parents/carers. Storytime recommences on the 15th of April with lots of Farm Animal fun!

Storytime helps develop:

- A love of books and lifelong use of libraries
- Pre-reading skills and a desire to learn to read
- Listening and language skills
- Cooperative behaviour as part of a group
- Understanding of simple concepts
- Imagination and creativity.

Baby Rhyme Time sessions include songs, rhymes, actions, music and plenty of fun. Aiming to introduce babies and toddlers to literature, baby rhyme time helps develop vital skills in learning to read and communicate. Suitable for babies 0-2 years, Baby Rhyme Time is held at 10.30am to 11am every Thursday during school terms. Sessions will recommence Thursday 14th of April and new families are always welcome.



Author Deanna Henderson was well received by the community at the launch of her book *There's a zoo in my back yard!* during storytime at the Kuranda Library on 11th March. Deanna and her husband Alan brought along their Mini Beast Zoo for the occasion, to the delight of both children and adults.

Kuranda Library and Council Office:
PHONE 4093 9185



Planning for Smithfield Bypass Underway

A \$1.69 million planning study is underway for the proposed multi-million dollar Smithfield Bypass project which will directly link the Yorkeys Knob and McGregor Road roundabouts.

Previous planning has consistently shown the proposed bypass is the best solution for reducing traffic volumes and congestion at the Smithfield and Caravonica roundabouts.

Preliminary estimates indicate stage one of the proposed bypass is likely to cost about \$120 million.

We are looking at the possibility of including a two-lane divided road between Yorkeys Knob intersection and McGregor Road, the signalisation of the Yorkeys Knob roundabout, and upgrading the Caravonica roundabout to a double right turn from Captain Cook Highway to Cairns Western Arterial Road.

The proposed bypass would reduce congestion at the Smithfield and Caravonica roundabouts providing a more efficient route from the northern beaches to Cairns city.

We expect to have a business case completed for the proposed bypass by December 2016.

Once planning is complete, any funds for detailed design and construction of the proposed Smithfield bypass will have to be prioritised against other important projects across Queensland's 33,343-kilometre, state-controlled road network for inclusion in future works programs – but residents can be assured that I will be in the ear of the Treasurer, Premier and Main Roads Minister to get construction of this important project happening.

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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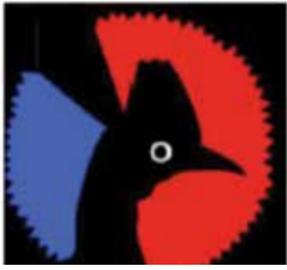
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Before ...



After ...



CASSOWARIES

There have been further sightings of a cassowary in the Butler Drive area. We're still unsure of its gender. It's been suggested we call it Gertie if it's a girl and Girt if it's a boy. There are a couple of identification markers that make it difficult with this bird. It is not large yet fully coloured and still has shades of brown around its tail feathers. This could indicate it is young, say 5-6 years old. But it has a large casque for its age. Maybe the casque is only half its ultimate size. "Missy", its probable mother, was a large bird and had a large casque. Maybe it will turn out to be a bloke. We'll have to wait and see.

Please be aware if you're in that area or driving along Black Mountain Road – drive carefully and ensure your dogs are under control.

SNAKES

Lots of snakes around eating the odd rooster and getting caught in the roller door at the Kuranda Kindergarten. Call Jax on 4093 8834 if you are not able to send it on its way – but please don't kill it. It is part of the natural scheme of things.

FERAL PIGS

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Frog Call Identification Workshop

Would you like to learn how to identify local rainforest frogs?

On Saturday April 23 we will be hosting a workshop focusing on their calls and appearance. The workshop will consist of an indoor session at the rec centre which will be followed by a trip to Warril Creek to see if we can find some frogs in the wild. We have several rare and endangered frogs living here in the Kuranda region. The *Litoria myola* (Kuranda's Tree Frog) is endemic to this area and is on the threatened species list.

Rainforest Frogs are sensitive, therefore great, indicators of the health of our local streams in which they breed.

To bring awareness to our community of the health of our ecosystems and to monitor threats to these systems, we have a long term frog-monitoring project in progress, funded by the international Mohammed bin Zayed Foundation. We also received a community grant for a two year project focusing on Jum Rum Creek revegetation and community awareness



L. myola, difficult to distinguish by sight from *L.germaculata* but the call is distinctive

which was completed last year.

We recently installed signs at some of the local creeks to remind locals, visitors and council staff that frogs need healthy waterways and thriving native vegetation for their survival.

WORKSHOP INFO

Where: Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, Kids Welcome

When: Sat. 23rd April 4.00-7:30 pm

What: Bring a head torch and covered shoes

Booking: via Sylvia 0409 647 714 or

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Garden Species Abundant

We have a wide variety of native garden species on our "pretties" bench 18, available at our nursery on Myola Road. They range in size from ground cover eg miniature Hibiscus, grasses, lilies such as Cardwell, shrubs through small to large trees.

One of our favourites is the beautiful *Atractocarpus fitzlanii* – Photo below left– (Brown or native Gardenia), which has an exquisite white fragrant star shape flower and a tennis ball size fruit that our Cassowaries love. Growing to 10 m in rainforest. typically 4- 6m in the garden, great tree for screening.

Another beauty is *Phyllanthus cuscutiflora* – Photo below right –(Pink phyllanthus). From the moist lowland rainforests, growing alongside streams, hardy shrub (3-4m). The dense habit, impressive flushes of new growth and pendant flowers that cover almost every inch of the plant make this plant a desirable garden specimen. Fast growing, popular for providing privacy with low branching, its semi-weeping foliage adds to the density of the screening. New pinkish to orange-red growth flushes seasonally and after pruning.



Date Claimers

- Thursday 7 April, 7.00pm @ KRC Fallon Road. Guest Speaker Ingrid Marker – Proposal for "Domesticated Predatory Animals" Act. Ingrid will tell her story of cassowaries and dog harassment followed by her presentation on tighter controls on dog and cat ownership to support responsible pet owners and close loopholes on controls. All welcome. Supper provided
- Saturday 23 April, Rainforest Frog Identification Course FREE, 4.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre Fallon Road – Pizza dinner at 6.00pm \$5 then field trip 6.30 till 7.30pm
- Yellow Crazy Ant – Lure Monitoring – every 2nd Thursday, Bait Treatment in April ring Mikhaila 0400 018 332
- EVERY Sat – Tree Planting 7:30 am
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Magic



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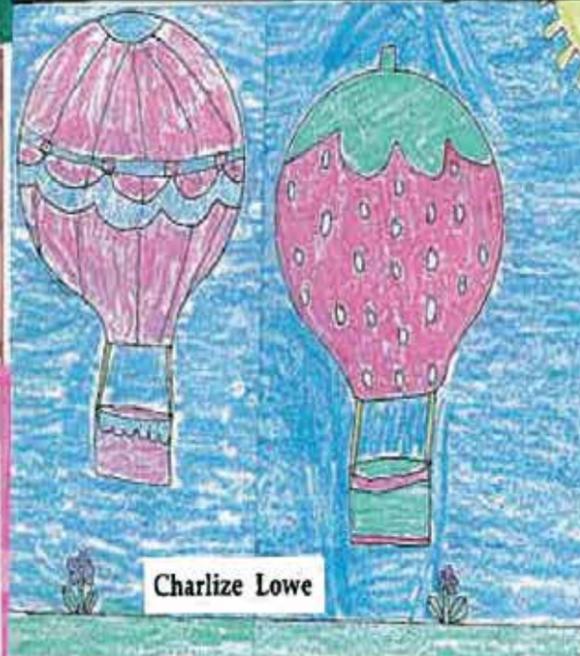
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The Mailbag

Dear Murgatroyd Magic,
My name is Andrew, I'm 6 years old. I live on a farm with lots of animals. I like trucks and cars. I help my Dad fix cars and our truck and I like doing it.
from Andrew Robertson

Giggle Cave - can you hear the echos ?

Q: What do you call a laughing motorcycle ?
A: A Yamahahahah!! From ... Pixie Lewis



Charlize Lowe

Dragon's Question

AT THE BEACH
by Angela Fraser

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A Thought for April

THIS month we open our Bibles and read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 6 verses 39 to 48.

We are listening to the heart of Jesus' public ministry. Every word of this passage, and of what comes before and after it in this chapter, will be relevant for human life for all time.

Here Jesus communicates a vision of human life and human relationships which challenges all our normal levels of acceptance.

"Love your enemies, do good... bless... pray for those who abuse you." This whole passage stands like a mountain peak in the moral and ethical imagination of humanity. It is a statement of the ultimate: it is not possible to reach above or beyond it.

Perhaps that is why He repeats the challenge in image after image. Loving, doing good, blessing, praying, offering the other cheek, offering one's shirt, responding to begging – each one of these images repeats the demand for the ultimate moral response not merely to friend but also to enemy, to the attacker, the abuser, the thief.

The question we must ask ourselves is can we respond to this demand? All of us are quite safe in saying No! Then why does this seemingly impossible demand haunt us. Why does it continue to shine like a light in all the darkness of human experience?

For two reasons. Jesus did not just say these things to us; He lived them among us. To give oneself totally? He did. To pray for those who abuse us? He did. To love one's enemies? He did.

This is why this passage can never be dismissed as idle dreaming for human life. We cannot dismiss something as unreal and visionary if it becomes real in front of our eyes and walks among us as Jesus did.

The second reason this vision of human response will not go away is that there is something in us that responds to it even if we cannot reach its ultimate heights.

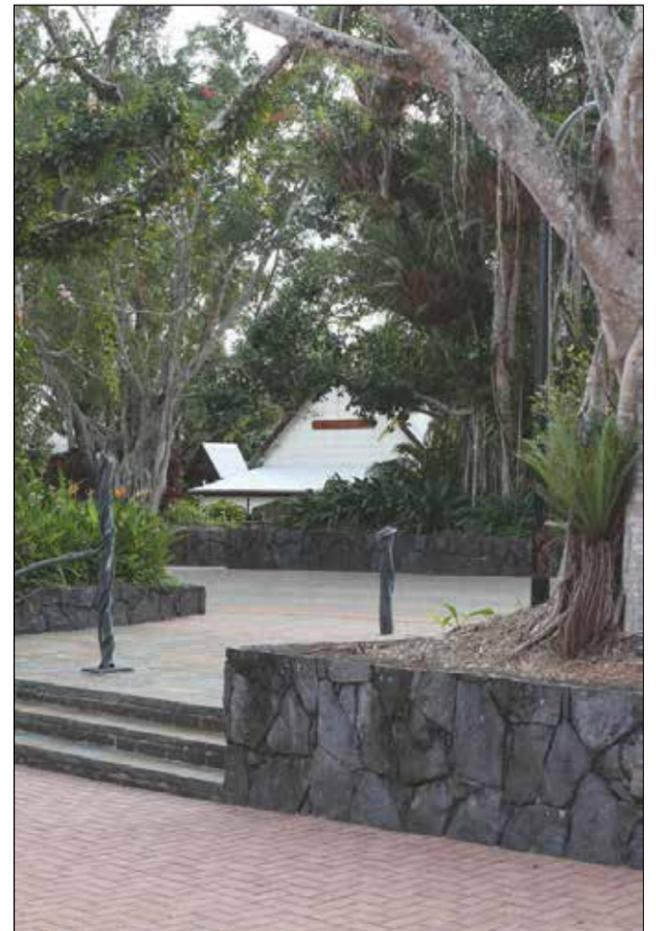
That something is perhaps the most wonderful and valuable element in our human nature. Saint John once spoke of it as "the light that lightened every man that cometh into the world".

It is a light that, though it can be brought very low by our own will and our own self, can never be extinguished.

It is this lesser light in our lives which reaches out for the greater light which is Christ. Jesus' light blinds us but we are attracted to it like a plant bending towards the light.

As Isaiah said centuries before the time of Jesus, "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." Who are these people? We are.

Jesus shares His vision of human behaviour totally obedient to God. We cannot live this vision but it will be light and grace to us for ever.



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"Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the face of the earth; it should give birth to spirituality, and bring light and life to every soul. If religion becomes a cause of dislike, hatred and division, it would be better to be without it... Any religion which is not a cause of love and unity is no religion."

– *Abdu'l-Bahá*

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Some politically-incorrect jokes...

Due to the current economic crisis, Greece is cancelling all production of Humus and Taramasalata. It's a double dip recession.

Jonathan Ross has been accused of shoplifting a kitchen utensil from Coles. Ross says it was a whisk he was prepared to take.

Police stop Paddy in his transit van on the motorway. Policeman says "Do You know the limit is 70?" Paddy leans into the back and says: "Hear that – three of you have got to get out!"

Paddy & Mick stagger out of the zoo with blood pouring from them. "Bollocks to that" said Paddy "That's the last time I go lion dancing."

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th then."

Since the snow came, all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit.

Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate. When I said white, they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes. I think they were those Hovis Witnesses.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Rocher.

Two Indian junkies accidentally snorted curry powder instead of cocaine. Both in hospital. One's in a korma; the other's got a dodgy tikka!

A boy asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills, they were labelled LSD?' Granny replies, Bugger the pills, have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?'

A woman standing nude in front of a mirror says to her husband: 'I look horrible, I feel fat and ugly, pay me a compliment.' He replies, 'Your eyesight is perfect.'

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The Stars in April

WE'VE crossed the bridge; over the hump, through the tunnel and morphed through any other metaphors you like to use to explain what has happened over the last month. A massive deluge of planetary movement through the last Astro-sign Pisces, including Eclipses, grand crosses and an Equinox, sees us firmly planted in a fresh, new cycle. Isn't that nice?

The New Moon on the 7th April is probably the actual beginning of our resurgence. Aries Sun, Aries Moon, Aries Venus and long-term Aries Uranus. Mars complements this fire-storm from the fire sign Sagittarius. That's five planets fired-up, surging with new creative energy and go-forward momentum.

Mercury has just moved into Taurus (6th April), seeds pulsing with new life and seedlings starting to push up.

Jupiter and Saturn are sitting in retrograde square to each other in the mutable signs Virgo and Sagittarius – both in aspect to stationary Pluto in Capricorn. That's a tough one to explain, but let's try. It's like the big things: government, corporations, religions, cultural and social complexes, are in holding patterns. Waiting for "something" new to break through and begin some really big shifts in our perception, understanding and consciousness. There. Now do you get the picture? Not really? Me neither. But we are in a year of major breakthroughs over which the established power structures will have little, if any, control. A fascinating year it should be.

When the Sun aligns with Uranus (no puns please...) in Aries on 10th April there will be some spectacular bursts of bizarre happenings which will open windows into where this is all going. Count on it.

Venus makes a fire trine to Mars on 13-14th April with a 1st quarter Cancer Moon. Very creative, fertile and excitingly sensual. Pulsing with vitality and new life-force. Enjoy...

As the Sun moves into Taurus on 20th April and the Scorpio Full Moon bears down on us on the night of the 22nd April, the bull paws the ground, the dragon snorts fire and the eagle swoops. This will be a very intense Moon. Danger, adventure and passion erupt. Not for the faint-hearted.

All in all, a most exciting month coming. Ready or not.

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Every Month

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Every Saturday

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First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

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

Second Sunday

Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

Every Monday

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

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Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

Kuranda AA meeting Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30pm

Second Tuesday

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

Second & Fourth Tuesday

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

Third Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)

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

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

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

Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

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First Wednesday

Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC

Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel

Second Wednesday

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

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

Every Thursday

Kuranda Dance classes 6.00pm at the Kuranda Community Precinct during school term. Phone Lisa for enquiries 0409 367 967.

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Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

First Friday

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SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
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