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Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

As the year draws towards the turn, with the promise of the wet season ahead, the flame trees drop their leaves and burst into flower. Season's, and seasonal, greetings to all.

*"How to live, I said, as the flame tree lives?
to know what the flame tree knows: to be
prodigal of my life as that wild tree
and wear my passion so*

.....

*How shall I thank you, who teach me how to wait
in quietness for the hour to ask or give:
to take and in taking bestow, in bestowing live:
in the loss of myself, to find?*

*This is the flame-tree; look how gloriously
That careless blossomer scatters, and more, and more.
What the earth takes of her, it will restore..."*

From the poem **The Flame Tree** by Judith (Arundel) Wright, Australian poet, environmentalist and campaigner for Aboriginal land rights (1915-2000).

*"Rejoice with the poplars
Grieve amongst the willows
Intoxicate to the sweet scent of lemon myrtle
Fascinate, at the luminous blaze of a flame tree, trying
to outshine the sun
And all, living in a unified forest
Sharing their world as one."*

From the poem "**The Planter and The Tree**" (Woodford 2015) by Joe Lynch, Australian poet.

Photo Flame Tree (*Brachychiton acerifolius*) flowers by Helen Douglas, Kuranda.

**Summer Holiday
Short Story Competition**

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In Honour of Col

On 17th July 2016 I wrote to Mareeba Shire Mayor Tom Gilmore with a proposal to name the open area in front of St Saviour's "Col Jeanes Place". On 22nd September I received written approval to place a carved wooden sign in the garden bed close to where Col sat for over three decades.

I would like to thank Mr Gilmore and Mr Val Shannon, the acting director of infrastructure, who happily assisted me with this tribute to our mutual friend. Also Andrew, our Head Gardener for Kuranda village, who will have placed the sign by the time this paper is out.

I would also like to thank Father Chris Wright who kindly supplied a plaque which will be placed on the sign in dedication to Col.

Colin Jeanes was indeed a wonderful human being. He loved this village and its people. He served this village with all his limited strength and I'm proud to have had him call me his friend. Col deserves to be remembered and it is with a deep sense of what Col has given to us that I ask, when you see this sign, to spare a thought for our friend and rejoice in life and movement which is one of the greatest privileges that God has given to us.

Ken Wright

Deceit and Lies

I almost don't expect anything different from MSC any more.

When the new Mareeba Shire plan was rushed through with incomplete environmental protection, MSC promised that matters of environmental significance that were not carried over from the TRC draft planning scheme would be included in matters of local environmental significance.

I am waiting patiently.

Council has also passed a motion to investigate the preferred area No. 3 Clohesy River precinct (Koah) to see if it was suitable to decrease the minimum lot size of 60 hectares in rural zoned areas (basically increasing the population).

That was alarming news as Koah has almost no environmental protection now.

But the CEO Peter Franks assured the Kuranda Region Planning Group in writing, and me verbally at the Koah community BBQ, that the Clohesy precinct investigation would be a lengthy process at which time the environmental protection would be long reinstated.

Since urbanisation of Koah is against the new MSC plan and the FNQ2031 regional plan, Council would first have to apply to the State and a complex process including public consultation would be involved.

So unfortunately, only a few months after the introduction of the new MSC planning scheme Council is already approving subdivisions in Koah which are not consistent with either the old or new Mareeba Shire Council planning scheme.

Land is being subdivided in rural zoned areas where either a minimum lot size of 30 hectares under the old MS plan or 60 hectares under the new plan apply; however the starting size of the properties were well below the minimum lot size before subdivision.

The planners first recommendation was not to approve the applications but Councillors asked the planners to come up with conditions to make it fit.

One of the reasons used was that Koah lies within the Clohesy River precinct where urban development is planned anyway.

Excuse me, what happened there? Council's promises were conveniently forgotten and the whole process including public consultation skipped.

Also, what is the purpose of a planning scheme that cost the ratepayer a lot of money and which had some thought and expertise put in, if it is not applied. Councillors take it upon themselves to ignore it because they know it all better.

Nadine O'Brien, Koah

Kudos for The Kuranda Paper

I always enjoy reading *The Kuranda Paper*, but the latest (November 2016) edition had some particularly interesting items. The Minibeast article and pics on 'spider wasps' was outstanding. Also the article on Miconia, pineapples, and the double page devoted to the school's visit to China. What other small town in Australia publishes such a diverse collection of local and community monthly articles? We should be proud.

Joanne Bach

Divisions

I am attempting to organise a petition to lobby for divisions in the next Council Elections. Most Kuranda residents realise that unless we have divisions there is an unlikely chance of getting someone from Kuranda being elected onto the Mareeba Shire Council.

Kuranda residents have often argued we are very different from Mareeba as their main industries are farming and agriculture whilst Kuranda has the Wet Tropics and Tourism.

So I suggest a petition to the State Government to try to achieve divisions in our local council area. After a few enquiries I have discovered there is no restriction on having a paper petition and an e-petition running on the same subject at the same time. We just have to let the Petitions Committee secretariat know so they can organise to have them presented at the same time.

There are diverse groups of people in Kuranda including people that reside here, work in Cairns and may not necessarily become involved in the local affairs of Kuranda. However I would like to assume the reason they live here is because of the beauty, peace, wildlife and rainforest.

However, times are changing and while Kuranda can be vocal we also need an official voice in our area and therefore more likely, to be aware of what is going to happen in our community.

I am hoping representatives from individual groups in Kuranda will contact me for their comments, also help the petition to be circulated.

This campaign will be under way early in the New Year if there is enough support.

Maggie Herbohn

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Farewell to Kuranda

To the Kuranda community: It has been a privilege to practice as your GP over the recent years. Sincere thanks and all the very best.

Dr Clinton Scott

Unfair Criticism

Congratulations on being Australia's longest established volunteer run FREE local paper.

I have a stall in the Original Kuranda Markets and recently a tourist said that they had been told by Skyrail personnel that some stalls weren't open because "the stallholders are a lazy lot and only open when they feel like it". Now I must say that I take umbrage at ignorant statements like this made by an employee that has more than likely never been up the mountain let alone to the Original Kuranda markets.

The Original Kuranda Markets (KORM) have been affected more than most small businesses by the GFC and us stallholders work our stalls up to 7 days a week. I have a stall in which every item is handmade; Tie-dye Tees & Tank tops, oil paintings, charcoal sketches, and assemblage sculptures, as well as bamboo jewellery. My stall pays its way about two months of the year and the rest I pay from my pension.

So Skyrail personnel, take the time to understand the people that you are so blithely denigrating (putting down): because we work with no hope of Super, no leave loading, no overtime, no paid holidays and there are 365 days in the year that you may find me in my stall "THE 60 YEAR OLD HIPPIY" on most of them, including Mother's Day, Easter and Xmas.

Please don't tell people that I am lazy, I am 69 years young and still doing the best I can. Thank you for your attention.

Ken Saville

Kuranda Original Markets

PUBLICATION DATES

Normally, *The Kuranda Paper* is published on the last Thursday of the month; however due to Australia Day falling on our intended publication date and some 'short months' in 2017, the publications dates will be varied for some editions, eg the February edition will be published on Thursday 2nd February; the March edition on Thursday 2nd March; then back to 'normal' as the last Thursday of the month.




Kuranda Farewells Long-serving Railwayman

Kuranda will farewell station master Neville Smith on 18th December when he retires after three decades of working at the railway station, including 21 years as station master. Neville is currently on holidays but will return on 14th December for his last four days at work.

Neville thinks he has welcomed around 15 million people from around the world to Kuranda, but says he still can't speak another language. "My favourite moment was when I met the Queen and the Duke in 2002. She thought I was the train driver until I told her what I did. I only spoke to her for a couple of minutes and we talked about the gardens," he says.

The train buff joined Queensland Railways at the age of 15 beginning at the now defunct Linville Station in the upper Brisbane River Valley and working at 20 different stations throughout the State. He transferred from Moura, along with station master Gordon Inglis, and took on the top job when Gordon retired.

"When I first arrived there was no Skyrail and the markets were only open on Wednesdays and Sundays. You couldn't move at the markets in them days. Over the other side there was the bungy jump and a couple of blokes singing country and western music with guitars. You could tap your foot all day!"

Neville is responsible for working the historical signal cabin, station accounting and overseeing the ticket office. "The Heritage-listed signal cabin can't be moved so it probably kept me in a job," he says.



Koah Sports and Social Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.00pm Saturday 3rd December

Koah Hall, Musumeci Park, Koah Road, Koah
(After the Koah markets)

All welcome to join the committee, all positions available

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(See Ad on Page 15)

5.30pm Kids disco and activities

7.00 pm Fire and circus show extravaganza with Dreamstate circus

8.00pm KOAHALITION

10.00pm Dave Cooke and Cliff Da Silva

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What's on at Koah Hall?

Monday 3.00pm: Under 5 Circus classes with Sophie

5.00pm: Family Circus Class - General Circus with Sophie

Tuesday 3.30pm: Circus Workshops Age 8+

5.00pm: Family Circus Class - General Circus -

Wednesday 7.30am: Pilates with Jade

9.30am: Mums and bubs yoga with Beth

10.45am: Pregnancy yoga with Beth

5.45pm: Pilates with Jade

Thursday 3.30pm: Trapeze Class Children

Beginners with Sophie

7.00pm: CirqueFIT! Adult circus class with Sophie

First Saturday of every month 9.00am-1.00pm

Koah Markets

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Tonielle: 0422 068 995

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Starting at 12.00pm

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Local Bands

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David Stacey

Two Kuranda Artists Show in the Big Smoke

Surrounded by family and friends, two of Kuranda's best known artists, **David Stacey** and **Buck Richardson**, have just held solo exhibitions in Brisbane and Melbourne.

David Stacey's exhibition at Brisbane's Red Hill Gallery was five years in the making. According to David, *Ulysses Gaze* is a visual diary of a river from its conception high in the cloud forest to its final destination, the Coral Sea in Tropical North Queensland.

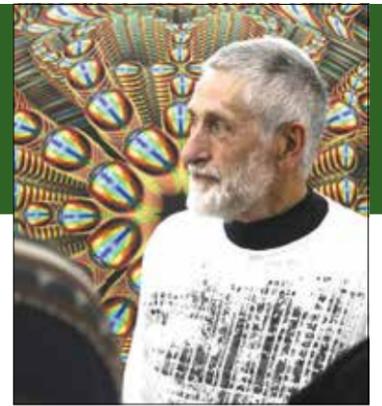
In an opening address, Kuranda filmmaker and radio personality, Peter McCabe, honoured David's signature style of depicting our local wildlife in all its intricate detail.

"This is art that reveals new solar systems of tropical rainforest, open woodland and breathtaking birds and animals, all of them unfolding on our senses," Peter McCabe said.

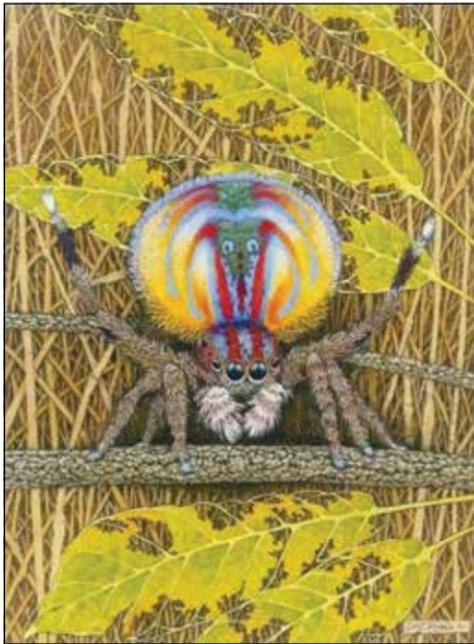
The new works will form the basis of David's third publication to be published in 2018, with his work already collected internationally by ornithologists, entomologists and others with a passion for natural history.

Buck Richardson's *Jewels of Nature 2* exhibition at Brunswick Street Gallery in Melbourne also paid homage to our natural environment. Composed of digital works derived from his own photographs of bugs, beetles and moths around his Kuranda home, this was Buck's first solo exhibition in Melbourne.

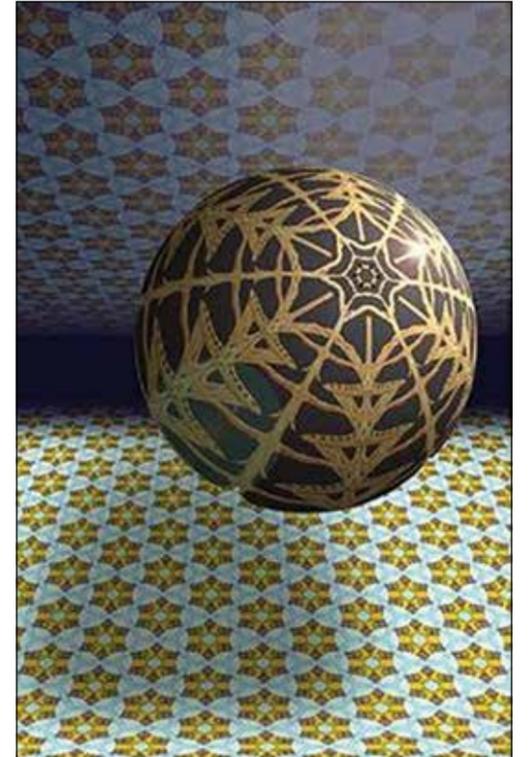
David Stacey's gallery shop in Kuranda's main street, and Kuranda Arts Co-op emporium where Buck Richardson's art and his moth books can be found, are both open seven days a week.



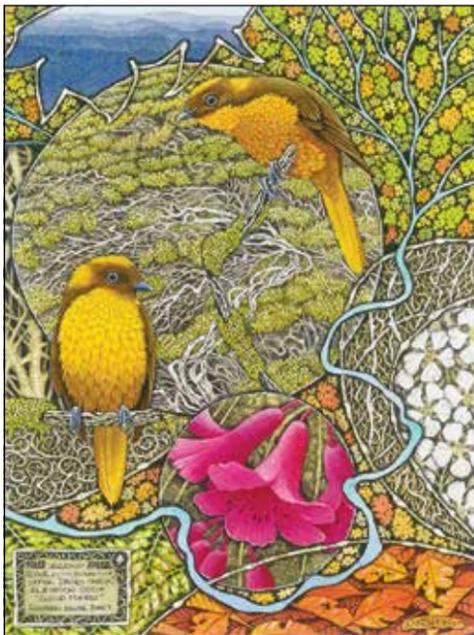
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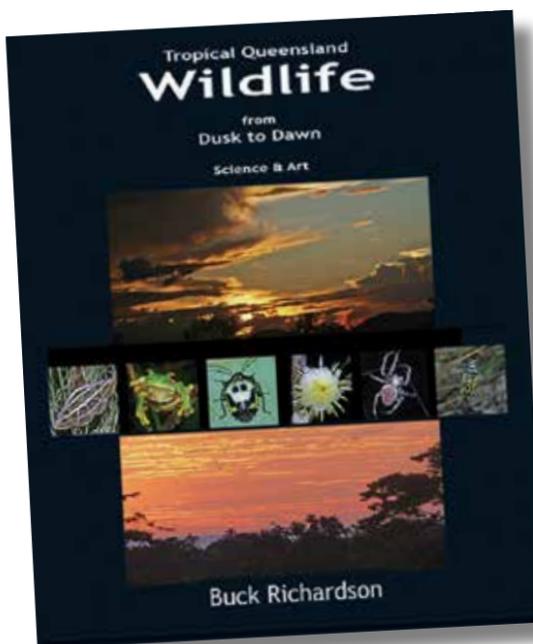
Peacock Spider by David Stacey



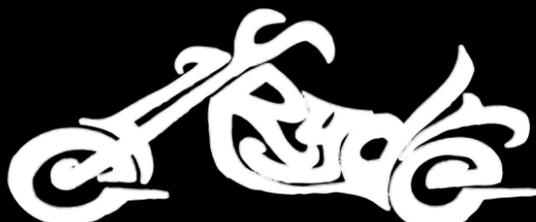
Gloriosa Rising by Buck Richardson



Upper Davies Creek by David Stacey



Buck Richardson with daughter Belinda and grandson Alexander



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Top KDSC Students Take a Bow!



ACADEMIC MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS – Year Prep



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4

Kuranda District State College recently hailed its brightest and best at the College's 2016 Student Awards.

KDSC staff, students and their families gathered at the Rainforestation amphitheatre on two consecutive nights – 9th and 10th November – to celebrate the achievements of both primary and secondary students over the past year. Students were recognised for their accomplishments in a range of areas, including academic achievement, cultural and artistic endeavours, sport and community involvement.

The award winners also received community recognition and support: a range of local and regional businesses and services donated bursaries to assist the students in their future endeavours.

“The encouragement that the students gain from these bursaries is invaluable and the broader school community is very grateful for the support of the bursary donors,” said KDSC Principal, Sharon Jones.

“Congratulations to all award recipients and best wishes to our Year 12s.”

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Year 5



Year 6



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Grants available to support volunteers in the Far North

Community organisations and not-for-profits play an invaluable role in Far North Queensland but are often run on the smell of an oily rag.

That's why Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch is encouraging local groups to take advantage of grants of up to \$5000 to help support the work of their volunteers.

The funding is being provided under a \$10 million Volunteer Grant funding round, announced in early November by the Minister for Social Services, Christian Porter.

"This funding is a key part of the Australian Government's support for volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to strengthen our communities," Mr Entsch said.

"This is a great opportunity for community groups in Leichhardt to apply for a grant of between \$1000 and \$5000 to support the important work of their volunteers.

"These grants can be used by organisations for anything that helps with costs incurred by their volunteers, such as first aid training, background security checks or transport for volunteers who may have a disability.

"Community organisations can also purchase much-needed equipment, such as iPads or printers, so they can keep pace with technology."

Last year, 5282 groups nationally benefited from these grants. Among these were 38 organisations in Leichhardt who shared in almost \$160,000, directly benefiting more than 1000 volunteers.

"The grants were used for a whole range of things – from outdoor furniture and equipment for sporting clubs to computer equipment for P&Cs, first aid safety courses for marine rescue, indoor furniture and appliances for indigenous corporations, and to help wildlife rescue groups contribute to volunteers' fuel and training costs," Mr Entsch said.

In opening the Volunteer Grants 2016, Minister Porter said the funding was part of the Commonwealth Government's \$28 million over 2016–17 for the Strengthening Communities programme that supports the capacity of communities to address local issues.

"Funding priority will be given to organisations working in disadvantaged communities or those affected by natural disasters," Minister Porter said.

"I particularly encourage regional and Indigenous organisations to apply," he said.

Applications for Volunteer Grants close 20 December 2016.

For further information, go to dss.gov.au/grants. Alternatively, contact the Volunteer Grants 2016 Hotline on freecall 1800 020 283 or email grants@dss.gov.au.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kuranda Media Association (publisher of The Kuranda Paper) was held on Saturday 12th November 2016 at the Paper's office, 24 Coondoo Street Kuranda.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 with 14 members present.

The President, Treasurer and Vice President presented their reports to members.

Relevant points discussed include:

- As a registered not-for-profit organisation the Paper has again been successful at covering operating expenses and distributing about

\$10,000 to various community groups and projects throughout the 2015/16 year.

- The Paper's aging computers and programs were farewelled during the year, and replaced with four new computers and iCloud Adobe programs.

- In addition, the Paper's aging MYOB was retired and replaced with iCloud Account Right.

- Following elections, variation was made to the Management Committee:

President: Garth Owen
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 Treasurer: Gayle Hannah



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The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre received the Bronze Award for Visitor Information Services at the Queensland Tourism Awards held in Brisbane in early November.
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“A piece of sky just fluttered by, Ulysses butterfly”

Is our iconic “patch of blue” in danger?

About a year ago, stories began to emerge of newly metamorphosed Ulysses butterflies failing to thrive. There are still sightings, both on the coast and tablelands. Many people though, including here in Kuranda, say they are seeing significantly less Ulysses. Where once it was a daily occurrence, some say it is now rarer.

Kuranda-based Australian Butterfly Sanctuary raised the alarm recently on the declining population. And called for help in monitoring numbers and sightings. The sanctuary has temporarily stopped its Ulysses breeding program – after 29 years of breeding the butterfly and a 90 per cent success rate, they suddenly, inexplicably started to die. The caterpillars only survive to about the third of five instars – a stage of growth where the caterpillar sheds its skin.

Some question if this is a long term threat or just a “blip”, following the failure of wet season rain. Causes could be infinite: a parasite, virus or even a reaction to chemicals emitted by stressed plants. However, if it is (and let us hope not) something more than a short term setback it is imperative that we raise our level of awareness now. We are in the privileged situation here of being able to provide day by day information which

just might be vital into the future.

Should our beloved blue wonders truly be in danger we will need all the information we can garner. To get funding for research, it will be vital. The Kuranda Butterfly Sanctuary has asked James Cook University to research the decline. However, because the Ulysses is a protected species red tape is getting in the way and time is short when you are a butterfly.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Short term: Like the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary on Facebook for updates. Keep a log of sightings of Ulysses in and around your home, or when you are out and about. **MOST ESPECIALLY** eggs and caterpillars.

Share these concerns with friends and family and ask them, if living locally, to do the same.

Report your sightings, or lack of thereof, to the Butterfly Sanctuary, with your location, details of sighting, date, what plant they were on perhaps, weather conditions.

(email ulysses@australianbutterflies.com)

Longer Term: If you have the room plant at least one Pink Euodia tree (*Melicope elleryana*) in your garden. Support local conservation groups such as Kuranda Envirocare who are planting out corridors of native plants – maybe even join in planting on Saturday mornings (see Envirocare column on Page 31).

PLEASE NOTE: The Ulysses Butterfly is protected and it is against the law to touch or move them without a permit.

Photo by Helen Douglas

Kuranda’s “Whirligig”

Thank you to those hundreds of you who voted for the Whirligig Solar-powered Clothes Dryer in our bid to win the People’s Choice award in the TNQ Innovations Awards.

The Whirligig was invented in Kuranda by John Sinclair. All those who promised John they would vote for the Whirligig, went into a draw to win one.

Unfortunately the Whirligig did not win an award this year



but we gave it our best shot – against some very bright ideas. John has always been an inventor with many more great ideas to come.

(Photo Left) Dr Dave Cummings drew the winning ticket, flanked by John Sinclair and Jax.

(Photo Above) Angela Martin, the winner, being presented with her prize.



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BREAKFAST IN KURANDA

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Focus on Kuranda



Focus on Kuranda Photography Group is a Facebook group initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin. The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor. It's also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

The Moderator of the page will advise *The Kuranda Paper* of the photograph that has received the most 'likes' in the previous month, and it will be published in the paper.

This month the most 'likes' resulted in a tie between Gayle Hannah's capture of a giant heart-shaped cloud, Main Street, Mareeba, 10th November, and 'Super Moon Top of The Range' by Belinda Young.



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The KRC Committee extends heart-felt thanks to all the hirers who have made KRC facilities their base this year for classes and activities. Thanks also to all our members and other participants who have attended special events, regular classes and other activities at the recreation centre. Without your support, the centre couldn't exist. A very special thanks to Sue who has recently retired from the bar after dedicating many years to KRC. Thanks to Geoff and Daniele, retiring committee members, for all their hard work. A big thanks for Stewart for a great mowing job. Special mention to our Kuranda Rangers Football Club and Kuranda 8Ball Association as well as Mareeba Shire Council for their support this year. The committee believes KRC has a special place in the Kuranda community, providing social as well as recreational opportunities for all, connecting our community! We look forward to your continuing support in 2017.

Restaurant for 2017: The good news is we have secured Krishna's Kitchen to create fortnightly feasts from our KRC restaurant, starting early next year. We are still open for suggestions for alternate Friday nights so if anyone is interested, please get in touch! Email: krc4881@gmail.com



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Gardening in Kuranda

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DECEMBER and the dry continues. However, looking forward, it's time to take stock and prepare for the Cyclone Season, noting potential hazards in the garden – trees and branches overhanging buildings and powerlines, dead palm fronds, garden furniture and children's play equipment, hanging baskets – all potentially serving as damaging missiles carried in gale force winds.

Mulching to conserve soil moisture and cool root conditions and weed suppression is a given. Investment in mulching now will also have benefits in the heavy and continued rains of the Wet, preventing run-offs and soil compaction.

DATE CLAIMER: Sunday 4th December, 8am-12 noon Flecker Botanical Gardens Plant Sales. The Friends of the Botanic Gardens Cairns will be holding a giant Christmas plant sale along with many other speciality plant suppliers. The Gardeneers who propagate plants and cuttings from the Gardens will be offering up all kinds of tropical lushness in the form of ginger, heliconias, vines, aroids, cordylines and palms etc. Come and find that perfect Christmas gift for the family and friends you love.

Every best wish to readers for the Festive season and for forwarding your questions. May the New Year see you and your gardens thriving.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Schlumbergera* or *Zygocactus*, the Christmas or Crab's claw cactus are epiphytic plants coming from the jungles of tropical Brazil where they grow in tree forks and on rocks.

Not liking direct sunlight, their flowering is in response to shortening day-length, reaching flowering peak in the Northern hemisphere during the festive season hence their common name. Extremely sensitive to light, normal flowering can be upset if they are grown in an area which is lit at night, for example on a balcony near a street or outside light.

Today's hybrids with their stunning range of flower colours and shapes are derived from two species – *S. russelliana*, which has deep pink flowers, and *S. truncate* with variable flower colour.



Like all epiphytes, schlumbergeras need excellent drainage and do not grow well in garden soil. For best results use a free draining mix such as an orchid mix and plants do well in hanging baskets or hollow logs.

Water plants when they are dry, in active growth and in flower. When not in flower keep drier. Fertilise in spring with a complete slow release fertiliser. To keep plants looking their best, pinch them back after flowering, and occasionally during spring. This will encourage branching and more flowers.

Propagation is extremely easy from two or three jointed cuttings taken during warmer weather and placed on top of mix until roots form when plant may be potted up.



Q&A Dear Anita, thank you for your query and pic of the flowering tree taken on your stay in Broome. The specimen is *Cerbera odollam rubra*, belonging to the Family Apocynaceae and commonly known as the suicide tree or pong-pong and is related to the Oleander and, like its relative, is just as deadly.

It is a fragrant flowering tree, native to southeast Asia and India's Kerala region. Its common name, the suicide tree, relates to its high incidence in homicides and suicides particularly in Kerala as its active ingredient is difficult to identify in autopsies.

Again, the introduction and planting of this certainly striking small tree raises questions of responsibility and care necessary in planting poisonous plants, particularly where children and pets are concerned.



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



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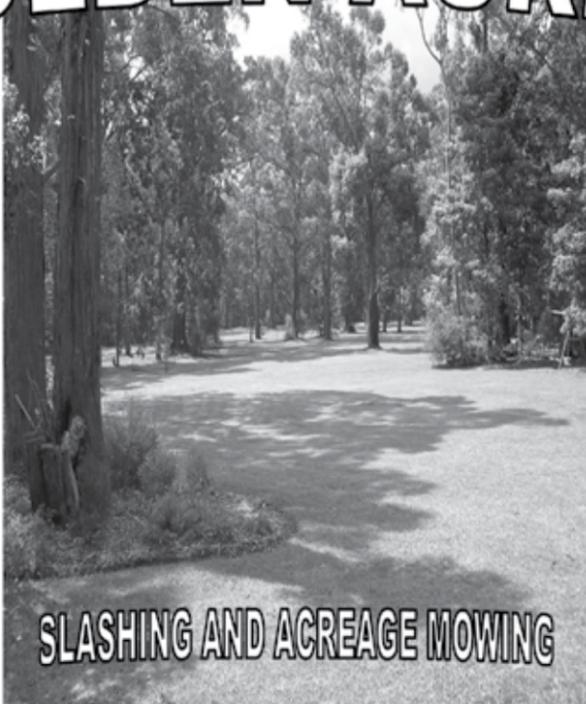
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Cleaning Up Our Land and Water

Arsenic has been detected in several bores in Koah at unsafe levels, as reported in our November article. These were bores in subdivisions where residents had been assured by the developer that the bore water was potable and where council had made safe drinking water a condition of the development approval. Arsenic is known to be a carcinogen.

Will Mareeba Shire Council help residents with contaminated bore water?

Sadly no, council has denied any responsibility for drinking water supplies for residents not on town water.

Is it the legal responsibility of the developer?

This is an interesting question about which residents with contaminated bores might like to get a legal opinion.

Where did the arsenic come from?

Arsenic contamination of groundwater can occur naturally such as in India and Bangladesh. However the weekend *Cairns Post* 19/20 November raised the issue of the tobacco farming history and its use of lead arsenate. Subsequent contamination of ground water and soil due to this insecticide is possible in areas in Mareeba Shire, including Koah, where tobacco was grown.



Are old tobacco farms safe to subdivide?

Old tobacco growing land is being subdivided at a rapid rate. We do not know if this is safe for the people who move on to this land, come into contact with the soil, drink the potentially contaminated bore water and eat the food grown in their gardens.

Other issues about subdividing agricultural land

Is residential development or an increase of population in a rural or agricultural area compatible with conventional farming practices? Council focuses mainly on whether or not the land is mapped as good agricultural land or not. The possibility

that residents might be affected by spray drift of persistent, dangerous chemicals has not been considered to any degree so far.

Soils and water could have a heavy chemical burden. Even rainwater collected could have pesticides due to spray drift. And of course aerial spraying is still allowed in the shire.

ACTION: Contact Council and demand bore water is comprehensively tested for pathogens, pesticides, herbicides and toxic metals especially arsenic, before developments are given approval - ph 1300 308 461, email info@msc.qld.gov.au.



Flying-fox Baby Season Alert

From September to January during the birthing season, flying-fox babies can be found on the ground or hanging low in or near their colonies for different reasons.

- Birthing season coincides with paralysis tick season, with the Tablelands being a hotspot. With habitat loss, the bats are forced to feed too low, e.g they eat the wild tobacco berry, a noxious weed, where they can pick up ticks. They have no immunity, get paralysed and can be found on the ground with a baby attached. Often only the baby can be saved and hand-raised.
- Mangos and lychees are in season and make an easy meal for a hungry bat. Unfortunately farmers still shoot protected flying-foxes. Babies too heavy to fly with are left in creche trees overnight and will become orphans when their mothers can't return and fall starving to the ground.
- Powerlines, barbed wire and car strikes can cause death to the mothers as well as starvation and stress due to the loss of habitat.
- A big concern this season are many dead premature babies, and babies found with a cleft palate. Last year deformed babies were found as well. Could the mothers have been exposed to poison by arial spraying of fruit near their colonies during their pregnancies?

This is not just a concern for the flying-foxes, this should be a warning for us as well as we live in the same area and eat some of the same local fruit.

Please don't pick up an orphaned, sick or injured flying-fox. Call your nearest Bat Hospital or Wildlife Rescue to assist.

KUR-World Update

At the October KUR-World community meeting, the Kuranda community's outrage at this proposal was evident. Very few concerns raised in the meeting have been answered to date. The next requirement of the developer is to form a community reference group. We wait to see if this will be representative of Kuranda region. See www.foefnq.com.au or www.kurandaregion.org to email your concerns and fill in a survey.

Volunteers Wanted

Interested in working on campaigning for rehabilitation of the Hancock Pine plantation situated right in the middle of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area? We'd love to hear from you...see contact details at top of this page.



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THE ARTS PAGE



Satoshi

PAN-YA!!

Bread Art comes to Kuranda! Satoshi (left), with the assistance of multi-talented wife Miyako (right,



Miyako

see also her Arts Page feature, July 2016), are bringing us lovingly hand-made fresh-baked bread, each loaf with an original design, making it a visual as well as a gastronomic work of art.



PAN-YA is Satoshi's "Bread Studio", at the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets. "Pan" is Japanese for bread. It is also the Latin root for bread, surviving into many European languages today, and in Greek it means ALL. A truly universal commodity with many a reference in the ancient texts. We've all heard "Man cannot live on bread alone", well with Satoshi's bread you get Art as well. Satoshi met his wife Mia (Miyako) 11 years ago in Tokyo where he was DJ'ing and she was and still is an actor. With their three children, they have lived in Kuranda for four years now, after "searching the world" for the best place to live. Before coming here, Satoshi learnt his art at a bakery near Mt. Fuji where he worked for 7 years, specialising in bread-baking. The shop/studio at the Markets has been providing edible art and yummy goodness for Kuranda's locals since last October.



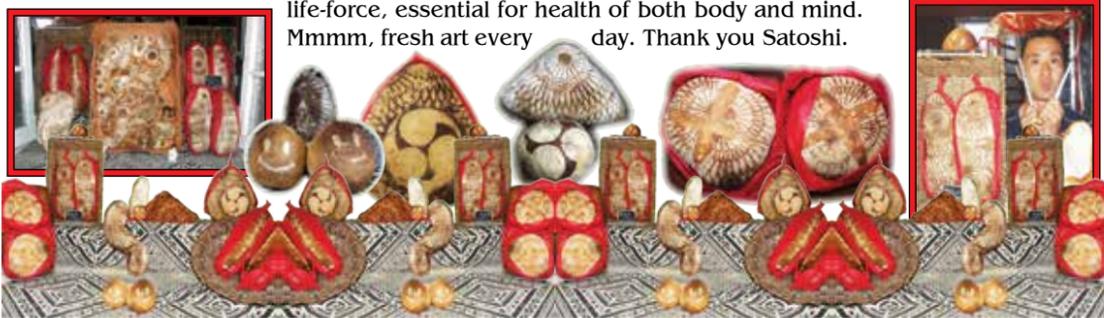
Satoshi began his bread art using leaves, fronds and twigs to make the patterns, but he now uses hand-cut templates combined in unique ways to produce an infinite variety of designs. Satoshi was taught by "Paradise Alley" - Japan's top natural-bread bakery. He uses only flour, salt, fruit, water and natural yeast which he makes himself. "Sculpting the bread is a collaboration between the baker and the dough, like a jazz composition", says Satoshi, who also adds "Happy dough makes everybody happy".

Satoshi's designs, both in pattern and form, represent various aspects of the human condition, a sort of dough-based calligraphy. You will see many universal symbols among his designs, as well as traditional Japanese ones. On the right is the symbol for "chi" - the universal energy/



Chi

life-force, essential for health of both body and mind. Mmmm, fresh art every day. Thank you Satoshi.



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KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE A Unique Concert Theatre in the Rainforest Amphi theatre News

Kuranda Amphitheatre News

December 2016

Welcome to new KAS members!

Our members bring many talents, expertise and great ideas to the Amphitheatre. Volunteering your time and effort ensures its sustainability... KAS Thanks You!

Coming up in the Understage is another polished event by new local entertainment company **PITMOLE PRODUCTIONS**. Blues performer **ROCHELLE COBA** will be performing on Sunday 11th December. Please see the Music Page for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: A Designated Smoking Area has been established for Understage events. This will ensure guests are not being affected whilst attending an event. We ask all guests to be considerate of others and use the designated area. Smokers will still be able to enjoy the show from this area. The Understage is once again available for daily hire as well as evenings.



Xavior Rudd 2010

The Kuranda Amphitheatre wishes to give a huge welcome back to bookings officer, **Michael Crowley**. Michael has previous experience and knowledge of the workings of the Amphitheatre and we all look forward to working together again.

From everyone at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, we wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

The Amphitheatre is voluntarily managed and abides by member policies. The bank account doesn't allow the Society to risk members' funds to "buy a gig", and therefore relies on hire enquiries. The venue has been quite busy with community events, which is fantastic for the community but doesn't really put the bucks in the bank.

The Society needs around \$45,000.00 per year just to survive. This is for regular expenses such as Rates, Water Rates, Rubbish Removal, Electricity, Telephone, Volunteer Insurance, Public Liability, Annual Auditing, Subscriptions, etc. So to be able to keep our unique community venue we need assistance from the community and beyond.

Notice of K.A.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 25th February 2017 time to be advised

KAS is currently looking for voluntary assistance in these areas:
Understage event support - Set up, Clean up, Entry, Bar & Floor staff
Understage - General upkeep and maintenance.
Terraces - weeding and planting the gardens etc.
Attendance at General Meetings - these are kept to only an hour or so at quarterly meetings. This ensures the Management Committee is continuing with work supported by the membership.

If you can help with any of the above please email us. **Conversations** have begun with KAS, Council and Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee regarding the Amphitheatre's position in the Kuranda Infrastructure Strategic Plan of 2010. The Management Committee will keep members up to date on this as more information is at hand.

Discussions regarding plans and drawings for a new gatehouse, beautification of the Volunteer Carpark / venue entrance and connection to Jum Rum Walking Track including the Kuranda Community Precinct area are all underway and we hope to see these plans come to fruition in the near future.

Having **Jobfind** on site is a major contribution to the Society (via infrastructure upgrades), however this is separate to what membership support looks like.

Always a massive thank you to the **JOBFIND CREW**, who work tirelessly in making improvements to our community venue. The most recent projects are upgrading the fence line and the rear of the KAS Kitchen and Top Bar!

This is quite a major job as the current fencing was installed over 20 years ago with assistance from Council, and has been in a state of disrepair for some time. The upgrade to the staff areas of the Top Pavilion is a major bonus, ensuring the safety of volunteers whilst on very busy shifts for concerts.

There is now a permanent Kup Muri pit in the very top area of the Volunteer Car Park, with the surrounding gardens intended to be full of food plants, e.g. Dwarf bananas, pumpkins, limes etc. Everything is starting to grow and looking good. The Kup Muri Pit and KAS Kitchen are now available for hire along with the Top Pavilion.

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. Membership Forms available from: www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or "The Honey House", Therwine Street. For all enquiries please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org email support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.

KAS ADMIN TEAM

ALL IS ART

For edible Art, Satoshi's bakery, Pan-Ya (above left), takes the cake, but if you want some local art that will last a little longer get on down to Bonnie & Kirty's exhibition (left) on Dec 4, just around the corner from "Pan-Ya". Bonnie was featured in the October issue by Toni Rogers' in "Inside my Studio", page 21. Kirty is in the Arts Page of the same issue. Happy holidays Art Lovers - seren.

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge for knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution." - Albert Einstein





Kuranda SES Shed Extension

Kuranda SES volunteers are excited that the planned extension on our Fallon Road headquarters has started. Planning has been undertaken for much of the year with the State Government Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Department and the Mareeba Shire Council to ensure that we get the best value out of the funding grant received earlier in the year.

The new section of the shed will allow us to park our vehicle, flood boat and equipment trailer in permanent positions. At the present time this equipment has to be removed each training night. The main part of our old shed will now be able to be set up as a permanent training facility.



Thank You

We recently received a donation of \$500 from the Kuranda Lions Club. My understanding is that this was money largely raised by the late Col Jeans and we would like to thank his family for enabling this donation to support the continued work of the SES for the Kuranda community. The money will be used to improve training and support facilities for volunteers.

Training Programs

One of the attractions of being an SES volunteer is the opportunity to learn new skills. The main focus of our training is on our three busiest operational areas in the Far North:

- Storm damage – in particular temporary repairs and tarping of roofs. This usually involves setting up rope safety systems, a skill which need regular practice. The last edition of the Kuranda Paper had an extensive article on preparing for the 2016–2017 Cyclone Season which is being predicted to be above average in intensity by the Bureau of Meteorology. Be neither alarmed nor complacent—be prepared.
- Chainsaw operations – the SES will remove fallen trees which have impacted on houses and will clear driveways to allow access. Again, this is an area where high

safety standards need to be maintained through practising of skills.

- Searches—we seem to have had increasing numbers of callouts in this area in recent years ranging from young children to the elderly and frail. There is probably no more satisfying outcome from an SES activity than a search with a successful outcome.

Volunteering

SES is always keen for new volunteers. We are a small but dedicated and friendly group of people with a wide range of abilities. Not every volunteer has to be able to climb over a 10 meter high roof. There is a high need – especially in a major event like a cyclone – for support personnel in a range of roles. Use the contacts listed below if you would like to find out more. Training happens every second Tuesday night at 7.30pm.

Operation Rudolph

Operation Rudolph is Kuranda's own street celebration when the SES joins with other emergency services to drive through the streets of our region, distributing lollies to children young and old in a pre-Christmas celebration.

It will be held on Saturday 17th December. It will be organised again by former SES Local Controller Carol Day who has provided the following guide:

- Start at Speewah Tavern at 3.00pm
- Roads covered in Speewah are Speewah Road, Ganyan Drive, Cnr of Kelly Road & Edward Elgar Close, William Smith Drive, Veivers Drive, Douglas Track (between Veivers Drive area)
- Kuranda Warril Drive to Shane Court
- Fallon Road along Masons Road to Williamson Drive nearly to the end where we loop around and head back to Barron Falls Road
- Around Kuranda township, popular places being, Bottom Pub, main street, Foodworks and BP
- Head to Black Mountain Road down Greene Lane, turning left and then into Gregory Terrace –popular place is the park, down to the corner of Coconut Grove back along Salamone Drive, Saddle Mountain Road to Highway
- Then out to Myola Road, a couple of vehicles will go to the caravan park, we all head out to Mantaka, and Kowrowa. Popular places to be: pool/school parking area, Kowrowa store and at the corners of all streets onto Myola Road
- As we can't make it to all streets it is wise to wait at the corner of one of the main streets listed above; we finish at 5.00pm at the high school car park
- Please remember that safety is our utmost concern, and if you are on our right going up the road we will endeavour to keep you safe by either moving closer to you or if we are heading back that way, we ask you wait for our return. This way there will be no injuries and everyone will have an awesome time.

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MUSIC PAGES

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season. Blessings Kitty

5th Billabong Beats

The Billabong, Kangaventure
Saturday 10th December

Kallidad Savidas Dan Howls Rob Ratten
Elementary HiFi Dubcide Digital Spin



Savidas

With an awesome line-up sure to be hotting up this festive season the 5th Billabong Beats brings to Kuranda the musical sensation of KALLIDAD.

Add to the mix Cairn's based blue grass hip-hop duo Savidas, the gutsy, raw vocalled bluesman Dan Howls, the dynamic earthy folk rock of Rob Ratten, worded wizardry of Faux Mo, DJ's Elementary HiFi, Dubcide & Digital Spin bringing fat sets of D'n'B, jungle dub and reggae,

fireshow, and you have the 2016 Christmas party not to be missed!

Kallidad combines flamenco, rock and mariachi music into an intoxicating instrumental mix. Together with the band's infamous 'Day

of the Dead' facepaint, the result is a live spectacle that has been drawing audiences across Australia, Asia and Europe, including major festivals such as *Splendour in the Grass*, and events as diverse as bush doofs, metal gigs and even family folk picnics. Somehow, the three amigos have created a sound and energy that touches literally all demographics – without compromising their sound one iota.

Anyone who has not made it along to any of the Billabong Beats events during 2016, is in for a treat. So bring your friends and stay for the night. The Saloon Bar at The Billabong provides a perfect party setting, with free camping on site included in the ticket price, a shuttle bus and glamping offered (ph. 0406 534 996) Tickets are available on the day @ \$25. Food & Bar (No BYO).



Sunday Session!!

Rachele COBA

The Understage

Sunday 11th December

Rachele Coba is a triple treat. She's a songwriter, a singer, and a guitar player. What sets her apart from the pack is the intensity and the skill with which she does it. She's a one of a kind, force of nature, soul gripping songstress. She is the real deal.

Rachele Coba is no stranger to the blues. She began as a classical guitarist, but soon adapted that finger-picking style to a blues career. Her considerable talents brought her to the attention of many of the blues most notable performers, resulted in extended national engagements with Grady Champion, Junior Drinkwater, Super Chikan, and Ray Drew. She has also toured as an opener for blues/rock legend Johnny Winter and Coco Montoya as well as playing the blues and opening for countless artists including A.C. Reed, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, and Dr. John. And, amongst all those things, she somehow found the time to write and record her solo debut for Mono Records, "Mother Blues."

Rachele has consistently brought the house down to cheering audiences around the world by bringing her own high-powered brand of Blues; from soul, to country, to uptown, onto the stage. Rachele's take on the blues is unexpectedly honest and mesmerizing.

All that said, Rachele Coba is a spectacular guitarist, a superb songwriter, writing all but one of her debut album's dozen tracks. She is also a very strong vocalist, incorporating elements of her many influences into her own style which is both powerful and emotionally charged, cutting straight through to the heart. Her guitar style walks that fine line between the technically flawless and the emotionally charged work that emanates from the heart capturing the power and feel of the moment.

Recently, she has been touring extensively in Queensland, the United States Midwest and the Mississippi Delta and a surprise special guest on the legendary *Rhythm and Blues Cruise*. Doors open at 4pm; \$30 pre sale / \$35 at the door. Tickets through trybooking.com

THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEW

Leonard Cohen: You Want It Darker

The farewell album. It had to come... Leonard, at 82, passed on quietly, with dignity and we are poorer for it.

And yet, are we really? His magnificent body of work will resonate forever. The poetry; the golden voice; the wry; the delicate; the humour and the painful, but dignified, resignation. The loves, the losses. Some 20 original albums. Everyone a work of art from the most perfect poet-musician to have graced the planet.

To see Leonard Cohen in concert was to realise that, no matter how well you knew his songs, only he really knew them and there were depths of meaning and feeling that only he could reveal to you in his presence. "Thank you friends" he would say after a song. Thank you friend! We were blessed to share this strange and beautiful world with you.

Like Bowie, Leonard Cohen crafted a final album as death approached. "You want it darker, we kill the flame. Hineni, Hineni, I'm ready, my Lord" from track one.

"I'm travellin' light, it's au revoir, my once so bright, my fallen star" from track 6. Travelling light. The poetry is as rich and deep and subtle and moving as ever.

The music is a delicate recycling of themes, melodies and rhythms of his previous work. This is not a criticism, it works beautifully, the

back-up harmonies, the choirs, the organs, strings, guitars and percussion all familiar and, I think that's deliberate. Produced by his son Adam Cohen with such love and respect, you can see that his is every bit the perfectionist that his old man was.

This is like meeting old friends and gathering to celebrate the passing of the beloved master.

"Say goodbye to Leonard Cohen leaving, and say goodbye to Leonard Cohen lest". God it's hard!

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The Boogies





Jeanette Wormald in Concert Cedar Park Rainforest Resort Friday 9th December

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Jeanette Wormald's voice resonates with the essence of Australia. Jeanette is a songwriter, and her evocative, perceptive songs capture her passion for and understanding of the Australian bush in a way no other woman in this country has been able to achieve. She captures the mood, the magic and the characters of the inland and outback, weaving impressions and images together in a delicate, subtle way. The lyrics are seamlessly entwined in exquisite musical arrangements, with Jeanette's sublime, crystal-clear voice soaring through it all.

Jeanette has spent a considerable amount of time working with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia's vast desert regions and is one of very few songwriters to celebrate Indigenous languages in her lyrics. She's collaborated closely with the Anangu Community in the Maralinga Tjarutja lands of Oak Valley, and with the Raukkan Ngarrindjeri Community, and has enormous respect for the strong spirituality and connection to country of the people with whom she's worked.

That sense of belonging comes through in many of her songs, including the beautiful "Maralinga Dawn" and "Pukulpa Days" from her latest album, **Opal Blue**.

Jeanette's deep understanding of the bush and its people, and her use of music to carry their message across Australia and to the world, has led to her winning a State Music Industry Award in 1995, and a South Australia Great Award in 2005 for her contribution to the arts and her work in promoting regional Australia.

ZENNITH

Australia's Most Exciting Indigenous Band

Embracing their hip-hop reggae roots, Kuranda's dynamic family-founded outfit Zennith are back with a new single 'Poet A Rhymer'. "It's definitely captured our signature sound," said Astro Brim in a recent interview with NQ Music Press. The sound the band always set out to create; a dancehall anthem with beat-laden rap and a rhythmic undertone, interwoven with some mean guitar licks. "It's not strictly hip hop or strictly reggae, it's got a splash of a few different genres in there, we're really happy with how it turned out." From the second the beat drops, listeners get an instant taste of that beloved Zennith sound.

I was lucky enough to catch Zennith's performances recently at both *Island Vibe Festival* for their official release of "Poet a Rhymer", and at *Elements Festival*, on Minjerribah (Nth Stradbroke Island). With true appreciation I watched their performances at both festivals and it isn't hard to understand why Zennith are so revered.

Based in the heart of Bullwai country, Zennith proudly promote their Indigenous heritage, melding their sound with an acute sensibility and creating a soundtrack of Australia. They take their responsibility of sharing their culture seriously, so it isn't surprising to find that music-fans from all walks of life resonate with their music. They aren't resolutely focused on pushing a political message; they music embodies all facets of life – love, respect, family, relationships, hardships and above all,

the connection fostered through music.

Now an eight piece band, the members are **Aden Brim** (songwriter, vocals, guitar, drums), **Astro Brim** (songwriter, vocals, guitar, keys, drums), **Willie Brim** (songwriter, vocals, keys), **Josh Stone** (lead guitar), **Alec Stirling** (bass), **Zami Coleman** (MC, percussion), **Kapua Gutchen** (keys, backing vocals), **Aarron Riley** (drums).

And what do Zennith have planned for 2017? "It's back into the studio to record our upcoming EP", says **Aden Brim**, which, with their recent release, "Poet A Rhymer" will be the perfect platform for what is looking to be a big 2017 for Zennith. **KC**

2017 SAVE THE DATES

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Friends of the Farmers' Regenerative Agriculture Convergence in Koah

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FOLLOWING an awesome Bush-dance fundraiser, Friends of the Farmers Regenerative Agriculture Convergence met at Koah Hall from October 23-26, with Introductory Day 'pecha-kucha' talks introducing presenters' workshop topics.

The day offered an abundance of interesting and inspiring information, as well as a wonderful selection of local produce for all to share, including local farmers, Brandemarte's, freshly squeezed orange juice and watermelon juice.

Local value-added produce such as 'Spicez' Sri Lankan dips and Cairns MicroGreen fresh sprouts from Koah, and Nina and Jef's tropical fruits from the Daintree added to the rich variety of local fare.

Intergenerational farmers, pastoralists, permaculture practitioners, market gardeners, food-forest growers, teachers, and gardeners attended, assisted by a wonderful family of 'friends of the farmers' who helped the days flow as easily as possible.

Highlights:

- * Local producers, Zana and Ken Wright initiated the Convergence with local growing, producing and value-adding, and also protecting our precious pollinators, offering an array of their local produce.
- * Gudju Gudju and Jenny from Abiculture shared knowledge and wisdom of true long-term sustainability from a first-nations perspective, outlining solutions into the future, honouring the ways of the past, while offering strong interconnecting possibilities in the present.
- * Bluehand Steam gave a demonstration of how to eradicate weeds safely, using an Australian invention of cutting-edge saturated-steam patented thermal-shock technology, rather than harmful toxic chemicals. With the soil and water chemical lode becoming more evident as more community-initiated testing is done, what choice will we make for our legacy to coming generations?
- * Geoff Thomas produced BioChar on-site from excess fallen timber.
- * Local GreenBelt BioFert (which naturally rejuvenates soils, by building up natural beneficial biology, composted locally) and Organic Foliar spray were discussed and applied by Steve Zeigler.
- * Kym Kruse, From RegenAg, talked of the many benefits of on-farm produced biofertiliser methods that have been developed by organic farmers, sharing skills and knowledge to set up localised systems on your farm/property for ongoing increasing soil vitality with no or little outside inputs.
- * Neil Hawes spoke about Community Abundance Transfers, a wonderful way of contributing to your local food-growing community, learning, getting fit and having fun with a great group of people.
- * Chris Gloor shared the 100% local Realfood Network Community Supported Agriculture enterprise experience.
- * Michael Alba, an organic farmer for over 30 years, shared his personal journey of creating health and vitality in his body, his family and the land, by building 'Farm Self-Sufficiency'. He also graced us with a spontaneous and beautiful acapella rendition of 'Perhaps Love' which delighted and moved the audience, and illustrated his and Lindy's journey.
- * Tonielle Christiansen from local permaculture 'Organic Motion Abundant Edible Landscapes' highlighted ways of water sufficiency for every farm, setting up

innovative functional designs creating soil-fertility, productivity and self-sufficiency.

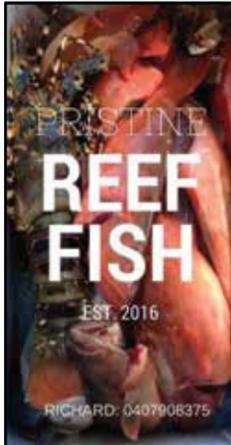
- * Adam Collins, renowned local biodynamic farmer spoke of the personal responsibility of our legacy on the land, what we are putting in, and the way we communicate around farming (and life) on the more subtle levels. Is our land just 'producing' or are we providing what is needed holistically so that we can work with all the energies to naturally co-create abundance and resilience.
- * Potato farmer Kenneth Keogh told of his journey of transitioning from a chemical farming background to using biodynamic methods, mentored by Adam, to grow extremely delicious and nutritious 'in-transition' potatoes.
- * Leanne Kruss inspired everyone with her personal journey, and her passionate support, representation and inter-linking of farmers in the region.
- * Daryl Killen spoke of capturing carbon through growing beautiful mixed-species native conifers.
- * Lisa, from Seed Savers, talked of the long-term importance of seed and food sovereignty through saving and growing heritage seeds, with just a few chem-ag-corporations 'owning' more than 60% of the 'patented' food-crop seeds of the world, and GMO's not having any scientific consensus on safety to human, animal and environmental health. Thankfully, local convergences like this are assisting to bring awareness and resurgence of the value of regenerative food-growing methods.
- * A spontaneous tour of the MicroGreens venture at Koah was educational and inspirational, with Steve Grist showing us around their local innovative cottage industry.
- * Convergence hosts, the Brandemartes shared their farm story over the years, the trials and tribulations, and transitioning to regenerative agriculture practices as they go along.
- * Bruno's full-flavoured biofert pumpkins were a hit on the menu, as were watermelons, oranges, and Lina's organic garden produce, delectable tomatoes; and luscious greens and herbs. Lina spoke of her extraordinary life and also, somehow, found the time to produce wonderful continental delights from her kitchen to share with the participants. Carlo and Bruno made time in between a hectic farm schedule to attend the workshops wherever possible and meet, greet and share stories with the presenters and attendees. Michelle and the rest of the family all made us feel very welcome, while they continually put their commendable time and efforts into producing reliably good food and generously supporting their community.

Farmers shared that agents do not necessarily have the hard-work of the farmers at heart, and prices are squeezed down, even though it is the farmers' efforts, land and water which provide the food. Prices are hiked through the agents and 'supermarkets' and do not reflect what the farmer receives on the land.

Buying locally grown food is a way of supporting your local farmers, while also encouraging long-term community resilience.

'Friends of the Farmers' would like to thank the many members of the community who came together in so many ways to assist this event, and the attendees, who are now taking the seeds to their communities, sharing their stories to grow the foundations for next year's convergence.

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LATEST NEWS FROM KUR-WORLD and BARNWELL FARM

KUR-WORLD

Environmental Baseline Surveys

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) survey teams will be in the field over the next few months undertaking baseline water quality sampling, aquatic ecology, frog monitoring, soil surveys, groundwater monitoring and flora and fauna surveys. Most of this work will be conducted on the site itself but water quality will include the downstream sections of Owens and Warrill Creeks and the Barron River and will cover a number of events from first flush (when rainfall is sufficient to generate runoff) to peak flow and end of flow (late wet season) events.

Community Consultation

We are also working on establishing our Community Reference Group which has been expanded to include both local and regional representatives following declaration of KUR-World as a co-ordinated project.

EIS

Teams of professionals to undertake all the different aspects of the EIS are being engaged and studies will commence over the next couple of months.

Visit www.kur-world.com to submit your interest in our regular e-newsletters

BARNWELL FARM

Dam repair works

Works are progressing well in accordance with the operational works permit. We have excavators, scoops, rollers and graders on site to complete this work. We are repairing the dam wall and consequently the overall capacity of the dam will decrease. The areas surrounding the dam will be hydro-mulched and seeded.

Organic Farm

The organic farm plantings have commenced which include tomatoes, capsicum, chilli, basil, eggplant, sweet potatoes, turmeric and ginger sourced from local nurseries. Edge plantings of native species including lomandra and mulching will be undertaken to prevent erosion in accordance with a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan.

Cattle

90% of the cattle fencing has been completed and currently there are 80 head of KUR-Cow cattle on the property. Little work is planned for the wet season except for managing the stock, finishing the fencing, and pasture improvements.



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Katydid and crickets hear sounds through a tympanum located just below their 'knees'



Little Communicators

The background noises we hear coming from our gardens and local rainforest are not made by small animals buzzing, whirring and croaking just for the sake of it. All the sounds emitted are for an important purpose – survival. Whether it is to attract a mate, defend a territory or entice food, calling is an effective way of communicating for minibeasts. But by no means is it the only way. Like ourselves, these small animals have a variety of methods of sending messages to communicate with their own species and others within the animal kingdom.

Sound is an obvious way for animals to communicate. Small vertebrates such as frogs use audible calls to attract mates, and it is the male frogs that call to attract the attention of females. Each frog species has its own distinct call, and many only have the ability to hear the sound frequency that matches their own call in order to block out other sounds. Some frog species even have a distinct territorial component in their calls to warn off other males. Many insects use sound in a similar manner, but it is created and received in different ways. Crickets and katydids rub small structures on their wings together to create their sounds. Again, the males perform the calls and the females select their mate based on his ability to ‘sing a good song’. These insects hear through a simple ear called a tympanum located on their front legs just below their knees. These calls range from low buzzing sounds through to ultra-high pitched tunes which are beyond our scope of hearing. Some species like the Mole Crickets even go so far as to construct highly engineered audio chambers in the ground to project their sounds over greater distance.

With so much sound flying about at night, it’s not surprising that some animals have evolved other strategies for communication to avoid the busy airwaves. One of the most commonly used tools of the silent communicators are pheromones. Pheromones are airborne chemicals used to convey messages. Invertebrates use these extensively, with some pheromones able to be detected from kilometres away. Insects use their antennae to detect pheromones, and in most cases it is the females that release them and the males follow the signals. For this reason, males often have much larger and more elaborate antennae than the females.

Visual communication is another means to get messages across in the minibeast world. A large number of species use movement and patterns to identify one another. Butterflies have distinctive patterns which make visual identification easy. The use of colour is another way of sending messages – bright vivid colours such as red are universally symbolic of danger in the animal world. Many minibeasts use this to their advantage – even though they have no bite to back up their ‘bark’. Some praying mantids and stick insects flash patches of bright red to announce to would-be predators that perhaps they should be trying something else.

Tactile forms of communication are also commonly used. Tapping the ground, vibrating leaves or even plucking at silken threads are all common ways in which minibeasts send messages directly to each other. Male orb-weaving spiders identify themselves to females using special ‘codes’ plucked on the threads of the females’ web. Getting the code wrong could mean that the male is wrongly identified and eaten.

As with any communication method, there are always hackers who will crack the codes and use the information for devious means. The Spotted Predatory Katydid mimics the call of cicadas to lure them in. The Bird-dropping Spider releases a replica pheromone of a species of moth to attract male moths to their waiting webs. White-tailed spiders impersonate mates of other species of spiders by plucking particular sequences of vibrations on their webs. They wait for the misled spider to emerge expecting to find a mate, and then eat them.

Just like in our human world, communication at this micro-level is incredibly important. To these creatures, communication is absolutely critical, and it is often a matter of life and death that they get it right – and know how they are actually dealing with!

Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife

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The antennae of a male Emperor Gum Moth are large to pick up the chemical signals released by females.

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THE BLACK AND WHITE STRIPED POSSUM is found only in rainforests in Cape York Peninsular, ranging south almost to Townsville. It is a nocturnal marsupial, a member of the *Petauridae* family, is closely related to the Sugar Glider, and is rather similar in appearance.

It is an extremely shy, solitary creature and is rarely seen, but is in fact relatively common in its established habitat. It is more likely to be heard as it agilely leaps

from branch to branch. The accompanying photos were taken in the photographer's back yard in Kuranda, where she has identified at least 6 individuals.

They are a small possum (up to about 420g), in contrast with the Common Ringtail up to 1000g and much smaller than a Brushtail (up to 3kg). Despite their docile appearance, they are capable of emitting a fierce growl when confronted with another of its species: "Almost as loud as a chainsaw, up close" said one witness. "I couldn't believe that such a racket could come from such a small dainty animal."

Striped Possums nest in trees, taking advantage of leafy hollows, or settle into epiphytes or clumps of ferns.

They feed mainly on leaves, flowers, fruit and insect larvae which they dig from bark with a specially elongated forefinger, which can be clearly seen on the accompanying photographs.

Its highly imaginative name comes from its pattern of black and white stripes – it is either a white possum with

black stripes or a black possum with white stripes – take your pick! Actually, it's generally regarded as a white possum with three black stripes running the full body length.

The shade of white can vary quite considerably between individuals, with some being a snow' white, and others a cream or 'off white' colour.

Another point of interest with the Striped possum is its unusual walking style, a swaying motion involving the movement of diagonally-opposing limbs, as seen below.

Naturally, as with most rainforest animals, its major problems involve forest clearing resulting in loss of food-bearing and nesting trees. These spectacular, agile little creatures of the rainforest have to dodge their natural predators such as pythons and owls and unfortunately, of course, domestic pets. It goes without saying (we hope) that you must keep your cats and dogs restrained at night to give unique animals such as this a fighting chance for long-term survival.

(There has been a lot of interest on Facebook recently about these little chaps, and we were asked to repeat this article from last year.)



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

Mirror, Mirror, on the wall. Who is the fairest of them all?

Characteristics of the Wasi Sabi aesthetics include roughness, economy, austerity, modesty and appreciation of the ingenious integrity of natural objects and processes. Award winning Kuranda mirror artist **Steve Hutchins** combines all of the above with his recycled materials used in his mirror art.

Steve donated one of his mirrors "Cloud Dreaming" to the Power of Pallets auction gala in October. All the money raised went to the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation. Host Jamie Durie awarded "Cloud Dreaming" the best and most original piece by an individual artist.

Where is your current studio?

My studio is under my house in Kuranda. My partner Barb, and I, have a bit of a gallery upstairs and I hang my finished mirrors there where I can find space.

Do you work alone or with others?

I work by myself, with everything, even my ideas are 99% me. However, Barb attends to my Facebook page. She is also an artist so she naturally becomes my critic. I find my mirror art to be very solitary, in fact, meditative. I do like to share tools, timbers and applications with others, but I work on my arts practice on my own.

Describe your work pattern?

At the moment it is erratic. I would like more time in my studio. Due to my other work commitments any available time in my studio is limited.

Describe the work you do in your studio.

Primarily I make large decorative mirrors. All my materials, all my timbers, are recycled. I prepare the timber boards, backings and cut out shapes that are silhouetted against my mirrors. Each mirror has its own story to be told.

Why is mirror art your favourite medium?

I like the metaphors that I find in mirrors, yet there are imperfections and blemishes throughout the artwork. So too, I think everyone is perfect despite our own imperfections and we don't need the press to tell us anything different. I like the idea of my imperfect mirrors, the silhouettes and the reflections being 'perfect' – just the way they are.

Your favourite tool?

It is a relative newcomer to my tool collection but my little electric scroll saw tops the list. I previously used a jigsaw to do my early mirrors. It was awkward but I did it.

How do you identify your work?

I haven't really thought about the need for that. I don't yet consider my work commercial. I guess I will have to think about identification.



How do you sell your work?

My mirrors are on display at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative gallery. I am a member of the Co-op. I also have a regular monthly stall at the Tanks markets in Collins Street, Cairns.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

No, I do not teach from my studio but I do sell from home by undertaking some commissions.

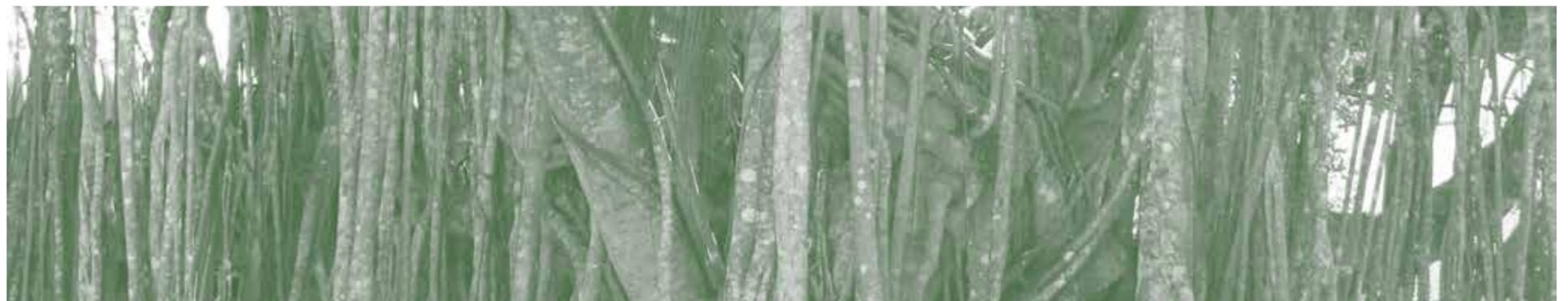
If you could change one thing about your studio, what would it be?

I would increase the size and the accessibility of my studio. I could really do with a free standing shed, an extractor fan and lots of space, both bench space and floor space.

If you were not making mirror art, what would you be doing?

My daughter is about to venture into the big, wide world of school etc. I am just making the most of these days now and will worry about tomorrow when tomorrow comes.

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Make a New Year's Resolution to Reduce & Reject!

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- We use a lot of water.
- We use a lot of energy.
- We grow – and eat – a lot of food.
- We use a lot of water to produce energy.
- We use a lot of energy to move and treat water.
- We use a lot of water and energy to produce our food.
- In some cases, we unwisely use food crops to make energy. ('food, water and energy nexus')

We really need to **REDUCE** our ecological footprints and **REJECT** planet-destroying practices so as to have something left to live on. And it's pretty easy to do by **RECYCLING, REUSING AND REPAIRING** as much as possible. So to combat our craziness let's make a New Year's resolution for the planet this year. And because you are the planet it's for you to...pledge to reduce and reject!

REDUCE

- **energy use** – more than 60 per cent of energy is used on heating, cooling and water heating – so think solar power, solar heaters and woolly jumpers.

- **carbon footprint** – buy local, plant lots of trees and oh...do everything suggested here!
- **water use** – it's finite and good clean water is running out – use less and use tanks.
- **car use** – reduce your greatest source of personal greenhouse gas emission.
- **meat eating** – I can hear the groans already...but just 1-2 meatless days a week is much better for your health and the planet's.
- **food waste** – about one-third of all food produced worldwide is wasted. Australians throw away one of every five shopping bags, which equates to every Australian household throwing out \$1,036 worth of groceries each year.
- **e-waste** – e-waste is one of the fastest growing forms of toxic waste so reduce it and recycle your phones, computers, cameras etc.
- **reliance on chemical medicines** – the monopolistic pricing, toxic side effects, chemical waste runoff and corrupt, criminal operations of the industry make it all utterly non-sustainable – try more preventive nutrition and integrative medicine.
- **household waste** – refuse and re-use bags and containers, even just your water bottle and coffee cup is a great start; join a food co-op; repurpose and rehome stuff, and of course compost!
- **building waste** – the construction and demolition industries generate over one third of all waste going to landfill and pollute our waterways, however most can be sold and re-used. If building make sustainable product choices.

REJECT

- **unsustainable goods, services and food** – use your dollar as a voting tool and choose Australian products that are clean and can be recycled, reused or repaired.
- **unsustainable resources** – there is a finite amount of fossil fuels, like coal. The recharge rate of fossil fuels is on the scale of millions of years – you do the math.
- **energy hungry appliances** – they are heaters and air-con, hot water systems, washers and dryers, lights, electric ovens, fridges, and TVs.
- **non-recycled paper and other non-recycled goods** – you can almost always find a recycled option; if not ask for one!
- **unethical and unsustainable fashion** – "The clothing industry is the second largest polluter in the world...second only to oil," Eileen Fisher. It's getting easier to seek out long-lasting, ethically and ecologically made clothes.
- **toxic soaps and cosmetics** – most all contain chemicals linked to long-term health concerns like cancer and reproductive problems. There's plenty of non-toxic alternatives now.
- **toxic foods** – choose local organic produce; the so-called "healthy average Australian diet" can easily provide you with over 100 toxic food chemicals each day.
- **toxic medicine** – it's called the 'sickness industry' for a reason peoples – it keeps you sick. Be smart and assertive in your choices.
- **inequality and intolerance** – remember everyone's a human being under any skin they wear – reach out this year to someone!

As Pete Seeger sums up, "If it can't be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production."

Yuletide Greetings & Happy New Year Readers



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"It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live.

"There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth."

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35.

Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320. Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000.

Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$780,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, "Mate, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card.

"You must be the luckiest bastard on Earth!"

"Lucky?" he screamed. "Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24".

"Oh my God!" says the bingo caller. "Yellow ticket number 24! You've won the meat tray raffle as well!"



Didi La Baysse Exhibition

A number of past and present Arts Co-op artists attended the opening of Didi La Baysse's exhibition "Landscapes – Messages of Love and Flutters" at Cedar Park Rainforest Resort. This is new work by Didi, the first she has done since her entry into the prestigious Archibald Prize earlier in the year. Apart from her colourful paintings Didi has extended her designs to scarves and cushion covers. The exhibition continues through December.



Co-op Artists Exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery

The Cairns Art Society is presenting a selection of works by local artists and members of the Society to celebrate their 69th annual exhibition. Arts Co-op artists included in this exhibition are Lieselotte Edwards, Peter Brown and Buck Richardson. This exhibition is on display at the Cairns Regional Gallery until 12th December.

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Christmas Wishes

The Management committee and members of the Kuranda Arts Co-op would like to thank the Kuranda community for their support during the year and express wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year.



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While en route home, he asks the cabby if he would be a witness to whatever he finds at home. For \$100, the cabby agrees.

Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip-toe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife in bed with another man!

The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head. The wife shouts, 'Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money.'

HE paid for the Porsche I gave you.

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HE paid for your Swan's season ticket.

HE paid for our house at the lake.

HE paid for your African tour and even the 4 x 4.

HE paid for our country club membership, and he even pays my Credit Card bill!

Shaking his head in disbelief, the husband lowers the gun. He looks over at the cabby and says, 'What would you do?'

The cabby replies, 'I'd cover him with that blanket before he catches a cold.'

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With a tooth recently pulled, I keep thinking about that old song, "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth". My mother would sing that ditty ad nauseum throughout the twelve days of Christmas and well past the Christmas pud, only stopping as the nausea became real in the aftermath of lunch.

I was never sure whether she was singing with my brother and myself in mind, or my dad, who sported dentures since the Navy whipped out all his teeth in his youth. I think that's where the term 'gobsmacked' came from.

Never mind my two front teeth; I'd really like a tooth implant. Surely Santa could oblige. I haven't been good, per se, but I have been reasonable. I'd settle for a tooth implant or automatic front gates. I suppose there's a certain correlation between two neat sets of choppers and self-closing gates.

By the time you read this, the Christmas decorations, the sparkly baubles, blow up reindeer, puds and pies that have been in the shops since Easter (or that's how it feels) will be on special, ripe for the taking to horde for next Christmas. Didn't I just put last year's decorations away?

Gone are the days of nativity scenes, and crackers with gifts you can see without a microscope, paper chains and lanterns, lovingly made by kids, and part of the excitement of preparing for Christmas.

I won't miss Christmas cards – a horrific waste of paper.

Santa's on Instagram, the turkeys are on hormones and Paul McCartney is still earning over half a million dollars in royalties from that dreadful song "Wonderful

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Christmastime" – the gift that keeps on giving.

Searching for the meaning of life and Christmas, I came across a little anecdote that reminds us what the spirit

of Christmas really means. I felt compelled to share.

For over fifty years, Colombia has lived under the shadow of a guerrilla faction, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) responsible for kidnapping and extortion, drug dealing and terrorism. In 2010, an intuitive advertising executive took an idea to the military. Nine 75ft trees were decorated with Christmas lights along a track known to be used by the guerrillas.

As the FARC guerrillas walked by, the trees lit up with a message encouraging them to lay down their arms. As a result, 331 guerrillas re-entered society.

The success of the campaign led the organisers to plan other initiatives. Discovering that many of the guerrillas used the rivers to move through the jungle, they approached the people in the villages along the river, many of whom were connected through family ties, to the guerrillas.

Asking them to write messages to the guerrillas to come home for Christmas, they collected over 6,000 such messages, religious artefacts and personal trinkets, placing them in little illuminated floating balls, sending them down the river.

This simple gesture resulted in a terrorist demobilisation every six hours, hundreds of sons and daughters returning to their families for Christmas.

The following festive season, it became evident that the fears of many young guerrillas were changing from, "Am I going to get killed" to "Will I be rejected" if they came home. So, the campaign chose 27 mothers of jungle guerrillas and asked them for photos of their children, at an age where no one else would recognise them except the son or daughter themselves.

The mothers wrote poignant messages to accompany the pictures, such as, "You were my child before you were a guerrilla, so please come home". The photos and messages were strategically placed throughout the jungle tracks.

The campaign, which won an award for strategic marketing excellence, has resulted in over 17,000 demobilisations, happy families reunited, terrorism significantly reduced, and a glimmer of hope for peace in Colombia.

Interviewing Cairns Regional Councillor Richie Bates for Cairns *Life* magazine last week, he recalled his door knocking experience within his division in the months up to Christmas in 2012. In reminiscing, his most significant and perturbing memory is the vast number of lonely people he encountered.

So, my little story has a message, and I don't think I need to spell it out, but it's to do with the true spirit of Christmas.

It's a time for families and friends; so maybe it's a good time for burying the hatchet, for being the initiator of reunions and forgiveness and for thinking of those who might be lonely at Christmas.

Good things come in small packages, or no packages at all.

The best gift token is a random act of kindness, and the best Christmas wrapping is a bear hug for someone who needs it.



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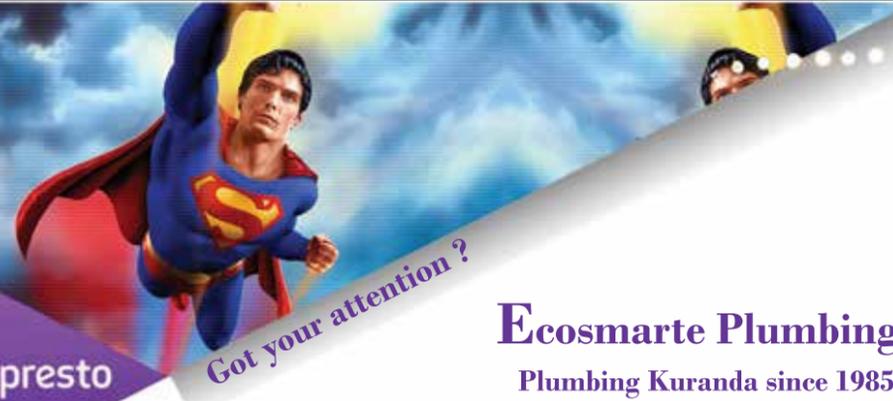




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How to enter:

1. Send up to five photos of your Christmas lights display to info@msc.qld.gov.au
2. Include your name, contact number, address and category with the subject heading: "Christmas Lights Competition"
3. On site judging will occur after entries close on Friday 9 December

Entries close 3pm Friday 9 December
Judging 9 - 16 December
Winners announced 19 December

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Council advises that on Friday 16 December 2016 the service centres in Mareeba and Kuranda will be closed from 12.00pm for a staff function. Council will also be closed from 5.00pm Friday 23 December 2016 and will re-open 8.30am Tuesday 3 January 2017. Council's after hours service will operate during these periods, and staff will be available to deal with critical and emergency issues.

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RUBBISH COLLECTION

A reminder to Mareeba Shire residents that all waste services will operate as normal over the Christmas and New Year period.

COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN SOON

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council that promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions. RADF supports activities that build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride.

Individuals, groups and associations within the Mareeba Shire Council area will be invited to submit applications for grants under the RADF 2016-17 Community Grant Round. The grant round will open on 3 January 2017. Guidelines and application forms will be made available on this date. Preference will be given to projects that respond to the locally identified priority of "cultural tourism." Applications must be submitted by 28 February 2017.

Application kits will be available on Council's website or from Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

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KNC Christmas Closure Dates:

The Centre will be closed from 1.00pm Friday 23rd December 2016 and re-open at 9.00am Monday 9th January 2017. In emergencies please call 000 or in a crisis call Lifeline on 131114.

Broadband for Seniors:

There are three BFS computers with internet access available to people over 50 free of charge at KNC. There are regular Webinars that people can access through these computers such as using 'Google Keep' to make notes and lists or protecting your identity. If you are interested in what is coming up, please contact Marg.

No Interest Loan Scheme:

Just a reminder that the Kuranda NILS program now does Queensland Motor Vehicle Registration through the NILS program. A current payment notice is required along with documentation including Centrelink Income Statements and Bank statements. The NILS is strictly no fee and no interest, up to \$1000 for essential items including fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers, bed furniture, lounges, dining, lawn mowers, whipper snippers etc. Please phone 4093 8933 or drop in and ask for more details

Street to Home Program:

A worker (Heidi) currently coming to Kuranda (from the Mareeba Community Housing Company) two days per week, is changing the days to Monday and Tuesdays to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent 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 Marg or Mandy for a referral or ring Heidi directly on 4092 6899.

Confidential Counselling available:

There are several qualified, confidential counsellors (psychologists and mental health social workers) using spaces at the KNC. If you require a referral please see Marg or Mandy. Some options include a GP referred, bulk billing plan that have no out of pocket costs. All referrals are strictly confidential.

Domestic Violence Service in Kuranda:

Mel from the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service is coming to Kuranda on alternate Tuesdays (the second and fourth Tuesday of the month). Please make inquiries to Mandy or Marg or directly to the Cairns Domestic Violence Service on 4033 6100. All referrals are strictly confidential.

Financial Counselling:

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Hello Bee-lovers: This month we answer some of the common questions we are asked about honey and bee products.

WHAT IS RAW HONEY?

Honey can be classified as RAW if:

- No heat has been used in the extraction or uncapping process
- No fine filtering has occurred
- No blending by humans
- The bees have not been fed on sugar water

Compare this to a processed honey which:

- Has been heated up to 75C – killing all enzymes that boost the immune system
- Has been filtered up to 7 times – removing all pollen, propolis and wax traces
- Often has been blended by humans
- Often has glucose added or is harvested from bees that have been fed sugar water

RAW honey is a natural immune booster.

It is also:

- Antifungal
- Antioxidant
- Anti-inflammatory
- Anti-scarring
- An expectorant
- A sedative
- A fat free energy source

WHAT IS PROPOLIS?

Propolis is another product from the beehive.

It is made by the worker bees from resins collected from trees and shrubs.

The bees mix the resin with some beeswax and saliva to form a sticky glue-like substance.

Bees use propolis as a glue or gap-filler in the hive or nest. It is also spread around the hive to keep it sterile.

Humans use propolis as a natural anti-biotic. It is sold in capsule or tincture form and an ingredient in many health and beauty products.

WHAT IS BEE POLLEN?

Bee Pollen is a slightly misleading name – the product is simply the pollens from

flower stamens that the bees have collected.

Beekeepers collect the pollen granules from the bees as they return to the hive. The granules are freeze dried for human consumption.

Bee Pollen is very high in protein. It also contains many minerals and B vitamins, antioxidants and 22 amino acids. Humans consume Bee Pollen as a natural multi-vitamin.

In the hive, bees use pollen as their protein food source – it is essential to the health of the bees and the amount of pollen being collected will affect the egg laying rate of the queen (and therefore the strength of the colony's population).

WHY IS JELLYBUSH (AUSTRALIAN MANUKA) HONEY SO SPECIAL?

Medicinal Grade Jellybush/Manuka honey has extremely high anti-bacterial properties. However, not all Jellybush/Manuka honey is of a medicinal grade – please be aware!

To sell medicinal grade Jellybush, the honey needs to be laboratory certified with a rating indicator. There are several different rating scales now being used, although the most accurate is the MGO scale (Methylglyoxal). A range of 550 MGO is the preferred rating for medicinal applications. Any honey rated at under 250 MGO is basically the same anti-bacterial strength as a good, raw table honey (so don't pay the outrageous price for it!).

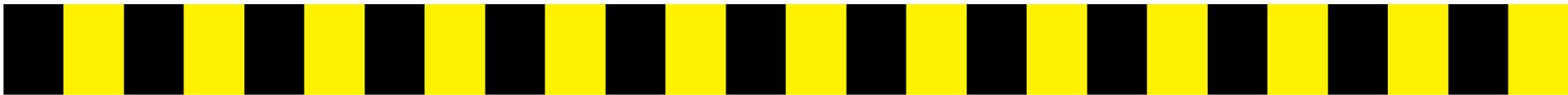
Also, many brands are now blending a small amount of Jellybush/Manuka with table grade honey and marketing it as medicinal honey – buyer beware – look for 100% Jellybush when making your

purchases.

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Lychees

The lychee, litchi, liechee, liche, lizhi or li zhi, or lichee (*Litchi chinensis*) is the sole member of the genus *Litchi* in the soapberry family, Sapindaceae.

It is a tropical and subtropical fruit tree native to the Guangdong and Fujian provinces of China, and now cultivated in many parts of the world. The fresh fruit has a "delicate, whitish pulp" with a floral smell and a fragrant, sweet flavour. An evergreen tree reaching 10–28 metres (33–92 ft) tall, the lychee bears fleshy fruits that are up to 5 cm long and 4 cm wide (2.0 in × 1.6 in), approximately 20g. The outside of the fruit is covered by a pink-red, roughly textured rind that is inedible but easily removed to expose a layer of sweet, translucent white flesh. Lychees are eaten in many different dessert dishes, and are especially popular in China, throughout Southeast Asia, along with South Asia and parts of Southern Africa. And of course right here in Far North Queensland where we are so fortunate to have many well established orchards - and even better farm gates.



Lychee has a history of cultivation in China going back to 1059 AD. Cultivation began in the area of southern China, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Wild trees still grow in parts of southern China and on Hainan Island. There are many stories of the fruit's use as a delicacy in the Chinese Imperial Court. So loved were lychees that one Chinese emperor had his favourite trees planted all along the road between his capital and his summer palace, and the sweet variety was named after his favourite concubine, waiting at the end of that long journey.

North Queensland supplies about half of Australia's lychees for both domestic and export supply. Australia is in the fortunate position of having the longest lychee growing season in the world, offering fresh fruit from October (FNQ) to April (Northern NSW). Currently there are around 40 different varieties. Australian Lychee Growers Association's website provided helpful photos and descriptions. Funny fact : have you ever peeled a lychee and found not the common round brown seed but a tiny shrivelled looking one and thought it was just a sad loser seed ? Not so, it's a variety which has what is known as the "chicken tooth" seed, it's small size considered a bonus.

The tree is a handsome addition to any garden but can be affected by frost, rain during flowering and then there are all the critters who love lychees just as much as you do. Somehow it seems just right that peak fruit production here in FNQ coincides with party season. While a platter of fresh chilled lychees is always welcome for snacking here are a couple of slightly more decadent options.

RECIPES

Ginger Stuffed Lychees Dipped In Chocolate via www.tastinghawaii.com

Ingredients:

Fresh peeled and seeded lychees
Preserved candied ginger
Cooking chocolate at least 65% cocoa solids
A little cooking oil (coconut is best) or shortening to thin the chocolate
2 limes or lemons, juiced

Procedure:

Cut or chop candied ginger and carefully stuff the cavity of each lychee
Melt chocolate using double boiler method (avoid getting steam or water in chocolate) – if too thick add a little oil or shortening to make it more dipable.
Carefully dip each ginger stuffed lychee in the melted chocolate with a teaspoon, one at a time, coating them completely. Carefully lift the lychee out of the chocolate and place the stuffed side down on wax paper.
Refrigerate until cold, about 45 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve, or take to party.

Variations:

Stuff with chopped preserved pineapple or cherries. Dip in chocolate and then gently roll in crushed nuts or toasted coconut.

Lychee and Coconut Tapioca Pudding via www.goodfood.com.au (serves 6-8)

Ingredients:

½ cup of tapioca
2 cups of cold water
2 cups of milk (dairy or plant based)
½ cup of sugar
400ml of coconut milk (not coconut cream)
brown sugar
6 peeled and seeded lychees per person
1 cup of fresh passionfruit pulp

Method:

Soak a ½ cup of tapioca in 2 cups of cold water overnight.
Bring two cups of milk and a ½ cup of sugar to a simmer in a saucepan, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Drain the soaked tapioca pearls and add them to the simmering milk. Keep stirring until the milk thickens and the tapioca is tender – this should take about 5 min.
Take the saucepan from the heat and stir in 400ml of coconut milk (not coconut cream). Allow to cool and then refrigerate overnight. Place a few tablespoons of the tapioca pudding in individual serving dishes, sprinkle on top with some brown sugar and place six peeled and seeded lychees in the middle. Spoon some fresh passionfruit pulp onto the lychees and serve.

Lychee Lemonade

via www.whiskaffair.com (serves 4)

Ingredients:

Lychee 20-25
Lemon juice – 4 tbsp
Sugar – 4 tsp
Water – 4 cups
Mint leaves for garnishing

Instructions:

Peel the lychees and discard the seeds.
Puree the lychee in a blender.
Add lemon juice, sugar and water in the lychee puree and mix well.
Pass the lemonade through a soup strainer.
Garnish with mint leaves.
Add a few ice cubes. Serve chilled.

Wishing all a joyous and safe holiday season and yet another wonderful, fruitful year ahead :)



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Library Lines

National Frog Week Celebrations

Mareeba Shire Council Councillor, Angela Toppin, attended an event at the Kuranda Library on 5th November to celebrate National Frog Week. Visiting authors **Craig Ward** and **Deanna Henderson** both spoke passionately about their research on their specialised topics.



Craig Ward is a zoologist and author who is interested in global conservation. Craig has had over 20 years' experience in conservational research and spoke in-depth about the eternal endemism of animals in our local area, including the many different species of frogs found in Kuranda.

Local author and Minibeast Wildlife Zoo operator, Deanna Henderson, has been working with wildlife for over 14 years. She studied zoology at Melbourne University and developed a fascination for small wildlife,

namely invertebrates. Deanna spoke about her award-winning book **Bugs Alive – a Guide to Keeping Australian Invertebrates** explaining why she felt it was important to write this type of book. At the conclusion of the presentation the audience was treated to the reading of **There's a Zoo in my Backyard**, Deanna's more recent picture book.



Photo above: Deanna Henderson and Angela Toppin

Art Abandonment Project for Adults

Kuranda Library hosted an Art Abandonment session on Tuesday 8th November; the idea was inspired by the book, *The Art Abandonment Project: create and share random acts of art* by Michael and Andrea Matus deMang. All of the above titles mentioned are available for loan at the Kuranda Library.

Participants, under the creative guidance of library assistant Natasha van Ryt, made strings of colourful origami cranes. On completion of their art work participants were encouraged to abandon their art, along with a note, for a stranger to find.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session and expressed their desire to participate in similar monthly activities in the New Year.



Craig Crawford
MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER

I am happy to report that work has now commenced on the \$34.2 million duplication of the Bill Fulton Bridge. Not only is this good news for the 30,000 drivers who use the route each day, but also for the economy, with almost 100 jobs to be supported during construction.

Work has commenced on a project to improve safety on the Kuranda Range Road near Streets Creek at a location known locally as 'The Hole'. The Department of Transport and Main Roads has just completed geotechnical investigations at the site and will use the findings to refine the scope of work which will include widening and straightening the road as well as the installation of a guard rail. The project will go to tender early next year and be completed late next year.

Construction is expected to commence in the first half of 2017 on the replacement Smithfield Fire Station which will provide enhanced fire and emergency facilities to Smithfield and the surrounding areas of the northern beaches at an approximate cost of \$3.8 million and should support an estimated 10 jobs.

Holloways Beach residents would probably be familiar with Kimberley Crijns and her English bull terrier, Luki. Kimberly has just published a children's book making kids aware of first aid. As a former paramedic I can tell you that first aid does save lives. In the book Luki comes across a young boy unconscious on the beach after coming in contact with a marine stinger. Luki then enlists the support of several animals to apply first aid to the boy until paramedics arrive.

I have purchased copies of the book which have been distributed to schools in the Barron River electorate. If you would like to purchase a copy you can do so at the Holloways Beach markets or by emailing the author at kimcrijns@outlook.com or by phoning 0417 717 662.

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

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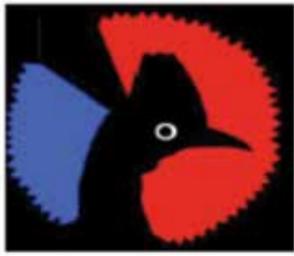
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You can choose shrubs or trees to suit your property – and invite the wildlife to return.

CASSOWARIES AND FERAL PIGS

What we know is that there's one big brute of pig in the area behind Butler Drive properties. This is along the route where Dad and his young partner, Gertie (Socks), stroll. IF they were to set up a nest in the area, which they should be doing for all the cavorting that's been going on!, and IF the pig was to find the nest, it would surely devour the eggs. That would be a tragedy.

We can't be sure, but something has upset the cassowaries in recent weeks and they are both looking a bit ruffled, even injured.

We've put out a contract on that pig.

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Conservation Education News

Students undertaking certificates in Horticulture and Conservation & Land Management, joined us for a full day of activities to learn about nursery production and revegetation projects.

They were guided through the whole process of seed collection, propagation, potting up and general



nursery processes.

This was followed by our standard delicious morning tea and a tree planting activity after lunch. The students planted 100 native rainforest seedlings as part of the Biodiversity Project, a five year project, into its 5th year, revegetating 10 ha Riparian section along the Barron

River near Kuranda. 23,000 trees are already in the ground and another 2,000 will be planted by June 2017.

A huge thanks to Boyd Lenne and his team from the Cairns TAFE for all of your wonderful work. Volunteers keep our organisation alive.

Plant of the Month

Melicope elleryana (a tree) & **Melicope rubra** (a shrub) are both host plants for the beautiful Ulysses Butterfly. Flowers of both plants also attract numerous birds and other butterflies.

The food of the Ulysses butterfly larvae is Melicope Elleryana, still commonly known as Euodia – the Ulysses Butterfly's favourite food plant.

It is an attractive leafy tree with clusters of small pink flowers growing straight out of the branches. Planting a garden that attracts these glorious butterflies is an investment in hours of joy. Melicope rubra, is also a beautiful plant with pink flowers on the stem perfect for the Ulysses who is attracted by red and pink. We have both species available and many other bird and butterfly plants available. All plants \$2 each.



Date Claimers

- NOTE: Closing 20th December–6th January
- Saturday 10 December, Tropical Tree Day, Mantaka, 7.30 am
- Saturday 17 December, KEC & YCA Volunteer Christmas Party. Bring a plate. Little Road causeway, 4.00pm
- Frog Monitoring, third week of every month. Check Kuranda's-Frog-Friendly-Neighbourhood Facebook page or ring Sylvia 0409 647 714 or email info@envirocare.org.au

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A Thought for December

This month we read the Christmas Story from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 1 verse's 1-21. Augustus Caesar and Jesus of Nazareth form a fascinating duality. Both are seen at different times by millions as "Son of God." Both are looked to as "prince of peace." Yet each possesses a kind of power totally different from the other. One possesses legions, the other disciples. One issues a command to conquer, the other a command to love. For a moment these two lives impinge on one another, one of them on the throne of the world in Rome, the other alive in Mary's womb in Nazareth. Without knowing it Augustus sends the holy one on a journey that is to end at the world's end.

This journey could not have been other than inconvenient. We forget that it could have proved fatal. Those miles are demanding miles, some of them through raw, dangerous country. Yet the seed in the womb is asked to survive this, just as in our lives, a newly conceived resolution, a recently discovered friendship, or a special responsibility is tested at the very beginning. Often the seed of a newly found faith is tried in the plain and everyday reality of the institutional church. Yet in the struggle to encounter the humanity that is mingled with spirituality, the seed is given sinew and strength. Often, just as the journey of the child in the womb is made possible by the care and love of those who travel with him, so the seed of faith in a new Christian is nurtured and strengthened by those who form the local community with whom the dangerous yet rewarding Journey is to be taken.

The family goes to Bethlehem because they have no choice. The "powers that be" in every age always intrude on our humanity. Industry decides and a work force travels a thousand miles to find jobs. Governments legislate and laws are made. Computers revolve and our tax forms arrive. Always into the intimate Nazareth where we live, reaches the disturbing power of some distant Rome, demanding, directing, faceless.

Joseph is of Nazareth by all the practicalities of life, home, job, community involvement. But the computer says that by the legalities he is of Bethlehem. There is a providence that triumphs over the mundane decisions of bureaucracy, a destiny which has prepared this road to Bethlehem since the first moment of creation. What sometimes seems empty and pointless in the way that it directs our lives can offer new possibilities and reveal the design of God.

They come to an inn. There are lights, sounds, smells, loves, enmities, appetites, weariness, laughter, food and drink, sexuality, celebration, arguments, deals. On and on goes the whole spectrum of life. For this is the inn - the whole world, the global inn where we stay as guests and halt for a short while on our countless journeys through eternity.

The inn has no room for the child to be born. This is eternally and tragically true. For in the inn that is each one of us, there is constant holiday, constant crisis, constant distraction which crowds the rooms of our mind and heart and soul. Suddenly there is no room for anything except ourselves, our anxiety or passion or ambition. And at the gates of our consciousness, deep in our inmost being, God is offering us a new being to be born in the inn of our individual lives. But there is no room in the inn of our consciousness. It is too full of a thousand chattering guests. In his love God does not go away. Instead he goes, as we bid him, to a lower place, to the manger and the cave of our unconscious being, and there in the shadows he comes to birth.

News from St Saviour's Church

Christmas is coming and there are lots of preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday 18th December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00pm. On Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children, Mums and Dads at 7.00pm and at 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Sunday 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am. Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children overseas. This year's appeal was fantastic result and over 30 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the Samaritans Purse appeal again this year.

Baha'i Thought for the Month

Fighting, and the employment of force, even for the right cause, will not bring about good results. The oppressed who have right on their side, must not take that right by force; the evil would continue.

Hearts must be changed. The rich must wish to give! Life in man should be like a flame, warming all with whom it comes into contact.

The spiritually awakened are like to bright torches in the sight of God, they give light and comfort to their fellows...

To oppose knowledge is ignorant, and he who detests knowledge and science is not a man, but rather an animal without intelligence.

For knowledge is light, life, felicity, perfection, beauty and the means of approaching the Threshold of Unity. It is the honour and glory of the world of humanity, and the greatest bounty of God. Knowledge is identical with guidance, and ignorance is real error.

– Abdu'l-Bahá

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The Stars in December

THE month begins with a rising Crescent Moon just coming out the darks, in Sagittarius, so we can reassure ourselves that the omens are auspicious and it will be a month to enjoy and to be optimistic about. Well, that's the feel good take and, who knows, it may be so. Mars trines Jupiter as well on the first with Saturn sitting on their midpoint giving them both a nudge. Now that starts to fill out the picture. Let's go old school - taking the promise of Mars-Jupiter: successful creative activity and fortunate choices. All good so far, **but** put Saturn on the mid-point and the old astrologers didn't like the picture at all, difficulty making decisions and letting good opportunities slip away. Bugger! What I'd suggest is that it gives us the opportunity to strip situations right down to their basics and having made a decision, dig in and create a basic foundation. Not so bad...

And so the month begins. The 6th & 7th December sizzles with electrical energy; Mars, Uranus, Venus, Aquarius, Aries kind of thing. Steer clear of live wires (all kinds) and be as outrageous as you are able to be. Jupiter is playing tag with Saturn and Uranus (a dangerous game) and the 3 planets come into an alignment on Christmas Day and it holds for 3 days. With the Moon and Venus joining in for Christmas, it seems to promise a big expansive, very different and quite amazing festive season. Once again, a kind of electrical circuit with all switches on. Good will to all men and women and children is the theme from the cosmos for this year. So let's go with it. There is a lovely flow-on here. Anything done with good intentions will flourish and amplify as it spreads like ripples in a pool. So maybe the auspicious omens were spot-on. We'd like to think so.

Anyway that's it from me for the year. I hope the stars and planets have been kind to you and that 2017 begins a bright new cycle. (No. 10 years can do that.)

Blessings



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• Wet Days: 3 of 29

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Community Calendar

Every Month:

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

Every Saturday

Texas Holdem' Poker: Mareeba RSL, sign on from 12.00 noon, game starts 1.00pm. Prizes for 1st and 2nd. Details Terry 045 990 9900.

Pilates 8.15am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

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

First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

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

Every Monday

Kids Circus Classes (up to age 6) at Koah Hall 3.00 & 4.00. Ph Sophie 0409 333 404.

Kids Circus Classes (age 6-8) at Koah Hall 5.00 pm. Ph Sophie 0409 333 404.

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

Pilates 9.30am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

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

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

Pilates 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

Kids Circus Classes (age 8+) at Koah Hall 5.00 pm. Ph Sophie 0409 333 404.

General Yoga Class at Koah Hall 6.00pm. Ph Tanya 0428 590 203.

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

First Tuesday: Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting venue rotates.

Details 4093 8933

Second Tuesday: Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.

Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213.

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

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Pilates 5.45pm at the Koah Hall. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

Pilates 7.30pm at the Koah Hall. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

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

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

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

Mah Jong at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

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Second Wednesday

Financial and Gambling Counselling by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

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

Every Thursday

Pilates 9.00am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

Pilates 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

Kids Trepize Class at Koah Hall 4.00pm. Ph Sophie 0409 333 404

Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

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

Capoeira Training and Roda. 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963

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

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

Every Friday

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Mums & Bubs Yoga at Koah Hall 11.00am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

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	*1550	*1550	*1550	
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	1330	1330	1530	1530
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SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	9.05am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.25am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

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KURANDA	*7.30am	9.30am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
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CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.30am	10.15am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm

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Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
ATHERTON	6.00am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.00am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
MAREEBA	6.30am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.30am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
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
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.35pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am	5.35pm

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.30pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.30pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.25pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.25pm	5.25pm	7.30pm

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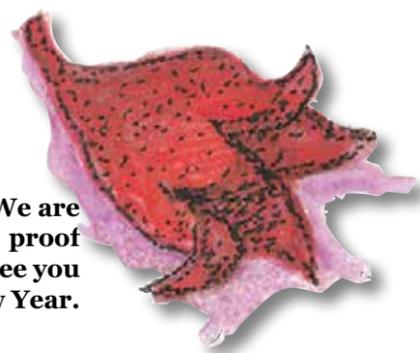
Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



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JANUARY & FEBRUARY:

MSC Australia Day awards Bob Madden, Arch McArthur, Toni Rogers. People's Map of Kuranda Range Road celebrates spots such as Pig Alley and The Hole. Surprise removal of palms at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Artist Shane Morris passed away leaving much beauty behind, most especially at the Neighbourhood Centre entrance. Cassowaries back on the Range Road. Warnings were out for mosquitoes. Council elections were called, Kuranda's representative (over two Councils) Cnr Jenny Jensen retires.

Rainfall: (Kuranda Railway Station via BOM)

Total 223mm – Average 837.4mm

MARCH :

Mayor Tom Gilmore elected unopposed. Three new councillors – sadly none from Kuranda. Easter celebration a great success. A community mourned yet another young life too short – farewell Jay Jay. First ever Koah Monthly Market. Kuranda pool was slammed as “Goldilocks” pool (too hot, too cold, seldom just right), Council called upon to progress shade, and heater repairs. A new Men's Group started in Kuranda.

Rainfall: Total 244mm – Average 443.2mm

APRIL:

Call for the community to come together for urgent task of eradicating Yellow Crazy Ants from Russett Park as government funding running out. *The Kuranda Paper* offered matching of donations. A demand for State and Federal governments to step up. Batreach renovated by volunteers. Some readers may have felt the article dated April 1st about a new KRAP (Kuranda Rainforest Area Precinct) council not so silly after all.

Rainfall: Total 135mm – Average 233.1mm

MAY :

World Heritage “wild” mothers: scorpions, flying-foxes, curlews, pademelons, spiders and crocodiles, celebrated for Mothers Day. Sad news of cassowary chick killed by a speeding car on Black Mountain Road. Bane of Kuranda gardeners, Singapore Daisy, found to be useful at eco-dyeing workshop. Kuranda's very own “tourist terrorist” Col Jeans, in failing health, showered with birthday wishes for his 70th birthday.

Rainfall: Total 215.5mm – Average 108.2mm

JUNE:

Great effort by community in Yellow Crazy Ant fight, donations matched \$ for \$ by *The Kuranda Paper* and partly in response, Federal government confirmed a promised funding for YCA eradication in Wet Tropics Area. On Facebook a new Focus on Kuranda photo-sharing group formed and we published the first “best of the month” photo: Double Eyed Fig Parrots by Fiona Coleman. Rail Tales told puzzling tale of “when the Stoney Creek railway bridge went under water” (the bridge materials having been sunk at sea, then retrieved, before the bridge was constructed).

Rainfall: Total 154mm – Average 72.3mm

JULY:

KUR-World, a huge resort and subdivision proposal for Barnwell Road, Myola hit the front page. And letters page. Concerns about environmental and social impacts, infrastructure, cost to ratepayers. Willie Brim called for all works to be halted for an indigenous cultural survey of the area to be conducted. Mareeba Shire Council announced a new scheme to save agricultural waste from going to landfill. Envirocare reported the first ever recording of Lace-lid frogs at Warril Creek.

Rainfall: Total 145mm – Average 49.3mm

AUGUST:

Local artist Rebecca Koller's painted Roller Doors Project took over the front page. More good news inside with a progress report from the Kuranda Creative Artists Group whose RADF funded program teams talented local artists with youth to bring character and interest to a boring bus shelter near you. Federal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch re-elected. Kuranda well represented at Cairns Tropical Writers Festival by both scribes and local arts legend Eve Stafford (OAM), co-organiser of this fast growing festival. Kuranda Koala Sanctuary received a pair of quokkas from Western Australia, while Kreatures of Kuranda featured the Northern Quoll, beloved of nature lovers, feared by chooks.

Rainfall: Total 63mm – Average 44.1mm

SEPTEMBER:

Local Syd Walker detailed his case, by letter, for Kuranda to “go it alone” and form a new shire, lamenting our RETRO infrastructure and lack of consultative, environmentally responsible and culturally sympathetic government representation on any level. Concerns raised about the seemingly out of control problem of roaming dogs. Queensland Minister for State Development called upon by the Kuranda Region Planning Group to direct KUR-World to urgently begin works to address environment damage done through their extensive clearing and construction of unapproved dam. Great news from MSC that a Blue Hand Steam saturated steam machine had been purchased to replace the use of herbicides in many locations. Fruit of the month was Black Sapote (Chocolate Pudding Fruit). Fascinating history of Kuranda's No. 8 Flying (railway) Gang reprinted from a 1986 article. State MP for Barron River Craig Crawford promised KUR-World would be subjected to a thorough and transparent assessment process.

Rainfall: Total 49mm – Average 37.9mm

OCTOBER:

The Kuranda Festival brought the “Big Top” to town, with the help of local circus groups. Federal MP Warren Entsch called for KUR-World to fully engage with local indigenous people and not lock residents out of decisions or try to circumvent Australia's high levels of protection for the environment. Concerns raised at Koah over MSC extending for the fourth time an “out of date” expired subdivisional approval. The NBN moved closer to Kuranda. *The Kuranda Paper* celebrated its 25th year. Local firefighter (and much awarded it turns out) Steve De Prada was profiled.

Rainfall: Total 56.5mm – Average 49.6mm

NOVEMBER:

Some good news on the Yellow Crazy Ant eradication. The community effort to keep both work on the ground and in the lab progressing is giving real hope. Kuranda Stars Cheerleading Team took out several 1st places at the Nationals. Residents urged to prepare for a cyclone season expected to be more active than in recent years. News from MSC that Kuranda is continuing to increase its use of recycling facilities in Arara Street. Drones being used to search out the dreaded Miconia weed. Students from Steiner School gave us two pages of impressions from a recent cultural exchange visit to China. Closer to home Ngoonbi reported on their October Culture Camp at Davies Creek, with grass and reed weaving and spear making workshops a hit.

Rainfall: Total 14.2mm – Average 80mm

SUMMER HOLIDAY SHORT STORY COMPETITION

CATEGORIES:

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All works in the Junior and Young Adult categories MUST BE entirely the work of the young person submitting. Same for adults of course.

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