



FNQ WILDLIFE PORTRAIT TO TOUR THE WORLD

Caitlin Henderson, local wildlife photographer, has received a Highly Commended award at the *Wildlife Photographer of The Year* exhibition held recently at the Natural History Museum in London, for her photograph of a mother possum feasting on a large cicada.

Now in its 59th year, *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* is the Natural History Museum's showcase for the world's best nature photography. This year's competition received nearly 50,000 entries from 95 countries.

Caitlin says, "I was staying in a house in the rainforest near Malanda intending to photograph the local invertebrates. On my first morning I noticed that there had been some kind of massacre on the verandah! There were bits and pieces of insects all over the place and it was so gruesome I had to wonder which animal was responsible. There were heads here, wings there."

"The insects had been attracted to the verandah by the kitchen lights at night. This is a problem for insects – our house lights confuse their navigation systems and sense of time, leading them off course and often to their deaths. The kitchen lights had lured insects, most of which had ended up in pieces.

Curious, I waited until dark and left the lights on in the kitchen to see if I could discover who the culprit was. I stepped out of the kitchen door and was very surprised to spot the culprit – a Common Brushtail possum sitting on the windowsill. This nocturnal marsupial, native to Australia, is widespread and locally abundant. Its long, sharp claws are made for life in the trees, but it has readily adapted to the urban environment, often living in roof spaces, resulting in conflicts with humans.

I crept back inside to grab my camera, trying not to disturb her, and quickly set up on the verandah. The lights attracted more insects as I watched. At that moment a large Northern Greengrocer cicada landed. It was a fatal error."

In the midst of the action, the possum was there just long enough for Caitlin to spot the foot of a baby joey poking out of her pouch.

Caitlin continues, "This mother possum was sitting almost right next to me, methodically dismembering beetles, with her joey in her pouch.

The possum rushed forward and grabbed the cicada with both hands before retreating back along the windowsill to eat it. I had only a moment to focus and capture this shot before the insect was unrecognisable."

Quick reactions allowed Caitlin to photograph the brief moment that all three creatures were visible, her wide-angle view telling the story. As soon as its meal was munched, the possum climbed up to hide in the rafters.

This image was awarded Highly Commended in the Urban Wildlife category. This means it is one of the 100 images selected to spend a year touring the world. The winner of the Urban Wildlife category was Knut-Sverre Horn, who kindly photographed Caitlin in front of her image in London.

The exhibition opened in London on 13 October and will travel the UK and internationally in 30 venues including Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand, and others.

You can view the Gallery at www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy/gallery.

Using the unique emotive power of photography, the competition and exhibition inspires people to think differently about their relationship with nature and become advocates for the planet.

Caitlin is active on Facebook (She's got Legs - Australian Spider and Insect Photography) and on Instagram, @shesgotlegsphotography. Knut-Sverre Horn is @knutsverrehorn on both platforms.



Caitlin Henderson with her award winning photograph at the Natural History Museum in London. Photo: Knut-Sverre Horn

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Going to my car mid-afternoon, I spotted the purse just caught in the door of the rear passenger seat behind the driver – somewhere I was sure to see it when next going out. This was an ingenious move on the part of a mystery helper who had been unable to get my attention at the time.

Needless to say I was delighted and much relieved at the find!

Through *The Kuranda Paper*, I hope the mystery helper will accept my sincere thanks.

Ruth Beasley, Kuranda

KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION



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ROSEMARY RICHARDS
PASSED ON 9 OCTOBER 2023



Rosemary Richards "Mookai Rosie" of Regis Redlynch and Lower Kowrowa, via Kuranda, passed away peacefully at the Cairns Hospital on 9 October 2023, aged 93.

Much loved Mother of Rosanna (Dawn), Sonny (Roy) and Sandra (Pete). Loving grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Mookai Rosie will be sadly missed by her family.

NEXT EDITION

The next edition of *The Kuranda Paper* will be the last for 2023 and will cover two months – December 2023 and January 2024. Our volunteers will then take a break.

Cover Masthead

This month's masthead features a detail from a photograph of a poinciana branch by Gayle Hannah.

"This tree is at least 50 years old and because of its proximity to powerlines it has had many a 'haircut' and some major surgery. Yet each year it bounces back with vibrant green growth that dances in the wind, and over summer, the stunning red and yellow flowers litter the ground underneath it.

Over the years it has also become a high rise community of epiphytes, mosses, lichens and ferns."



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KURANDA COLOUR FEST DONE AND COLOUR DUSTED!



Thank You for supporting the Kuranda Colour Fest and Kuranda Carnival!

The Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the Kuranda Colour Fest and Kuranda District State College (KDSC) Kuranda Carnival on 13 October.

It was a hugely successful community event that was attended by hundreds of locals. It was an event that saw many in our community coming together to enjoy a myriad of entertainment from dancing, singing, cheerleading, Taekwon-do. The smiles on the childrens' faces were priceless. The talent and performances on show were brilliant — there is some serious young talent in this community. It was a fantastic night!

Congratulations to all volunteers, KDSC P&C and school staff who did an amazing job pulling it all together.

The KTA Colour Run was once again enjoyed by all and there was no shortage of energy from those participating! The KTA also donated the Ten Foot Tall Tanya performance, a Giant Inflatable Slide, plus tables, chairs and marquees.

KTA AGM

Reminder that the KTA AGM is on **Thursday 9 November 2023** from 4–5.30pm at the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

The KTA was formed in 2020 to meet the Kuranda community's need to have a representative body for Kuranda traders following the cessation of Tourism Kuranda. The organisation is run by volunteers who also operate their own businesses. The KTA's mission is to engage, connect and support Kuranda traders and the community, to create a thriving commercial and creative hub—one that successfully represents and promotes our unique village as a desirable destination for local, domestic and international tourists alike.

Some of our achievements:

- Kuranda Village website kuranda.org
- Kuranda Village Facebook 20.3k followers
- Kuranda Village Instagram 6.7k followers
- Community Engagement Events including:
 - Twilight Trading 2020, 2021, 2022
 - Kuranda Colour Fest 2022, 2023
 - Cassowary Art Trail launch 2022
 - Kuranda Rocks Easter 2021
 - Kuranda Art Prize 2022, 2023
 - Financial support for community events such as Kuranda Amphitheatre (Spring Fest 2022 and LOVE BOMB 2023), KDSC Kuranda Carnival 2023
- Key partner in newly formed Mareeba Shire Tourism – Local Tourism Organisation
- Regular lobbyist and media spokesperson for Kuranda businesses

All current Management Committee members have indicated that they will NOT be re-nominating at the AGM. If we fail to elect a Management Committee (at least a President, Treasurer and Secretary) at the AGM, a decision will need to be made about the future of the Association.

If you would like to nominate for a position on the Management Committee and you are a financial member, please email us at kta@kuranda.org for a nomination form by no later than 2 November 2023. If you need help getting the two required nominators, please let us know and we can assist. If insufficient nominees are received before the AGM, nominations can be taken from the floor. We look forward to receiving your Management Committee nomination and seeing you at the AGM.



Tanya Veld, aka Ten Foot Tall Tanya, performing as Salicia (the wife of King Neptune) at the joint Kuranda Colour Fest and Kuranda Carnival. Accompanied by Deanna and Alan Henderson of Kuranda. Photo: Kuranda District State College.

Kuranda Traders Association AGM


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Council has partnered with Container Exchange (QLD) Limited (COEX) and Mareeba Recycling to expand eligible container recycling solutions in the Mareeba Shire.

Council has approved three solutions to enhance the program. The solutions are:

1. Shipping container style bag drop - installed at Arara Street to replace the metal cages
2. Six recycling bins - placed in town
3. One large recycling bin - placed at the Kuranda Waste Transfer Station

Councillor Lenore Wyatt, an avid supporter of recycling education explains, "for us as a Council it made sense to pick Kuranda as the first town to receive the bag drop and recycling bins."

"Kuranda residents are conscious about the environment. The container will be branded Kuranda-style with pictures of cassowaries and native trees, providing a more aesthetically pleasing solution than the metal cages."

Residents will be given the opportunity to either cash-in on the containers recycled or donate the proceeds to their chosen charity. Proceeds from the recycling bins and large bin will be going towards the Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

Council donates the proceeds of the Mayor's Christmas Appeal to local community centres with those groups then providing Christmas hampers or vouchers to families in need.

Additional information and video tutorials will be made available on Council's website when the container is installed.



Street Bin



Waste Transfer Station Bin



Example of proposed container to replace caged bin facility at Arara Street, Kuranda



Mareeba Shire Councillors

KURANDA CEMETERY

The existing Kuranda Cemetery is close to reaching capacity. Council has purchased an adjacent property on Kuranda Heights Road for the expansion of the cemetery.

The new Kuranda cemetery will be named the Kuranda Heights Cemetery.

The bulk earthworks to shape the project into the existing surface is close to completion due to favourable weather conditions enabling significant progress by the Contractor.



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024

Nominations are open for the 2024 Australia Day Awards.

If you know an inspiring individual, group or event please nominate them for an award.

This year, Council will have a range of categories including sports, arts and culture, community group of the year, community event of the year, environmental achievement award, community service and of course the Mareeba Shire Citizen of the year.

Please visit Council's website for more information.

ANNUAL REPORT ADOPTED

Mareeba Shire Council's Annual Report 2022/23 has been tabled at the October Ordinary Council Meeting.

The report highlights Council's key achievements in delivering services to the Mareeba Shire over the past 12 months.

Council continued to deliver important services including community facilities, libraries, community partnerships and events. Another key highlight was a significant investment in infrastructure services, including \$15.2M dedicated to roads and drainage, and \$29.2M to water, waste, and sewerage. Council continued to prioritise our 10-year Water Strategy and saw upgrades to essential infrastructure to help secure safe and reliable water access for our growing community.



Visit www.msc.qld.gov.au or scan the QR-code to read the report.



Mareeba Shire's Christmas celebrations will commence in November 2023 and conclude on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

This year will see the addition of five new Christmas trees installed in Mareeba, Kuranda, Mt Molloy, Chillagoe and Dimbulah.

Council's Christmas Campaign includes:

1. Christmas Lights Competition
2. Businesses Christmas lights \$100 cash incentive
3. Augmented Reality (AR) Treasure Hunt

Visit Council's website for more information and to sign up.



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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR DANNY BIRD

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

Small Business Hub

Small business owners are invited to register to attend the Small Business Hub on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at Kuranda or Mareeba for a free 20-minute one-on-one appointment.

This is an opportunity to connect and learn about government assistance such as grants, programs and incentives. You can also ask for advice and assistance to develop workforce plans, and access government programs and funding initiatives that support workforce attraction and retention.

Visit Council's website for further information about this Queensland Government initiative and to register.

Parks & Open Spaces Action Plan

Council is continuing to implement its Parks & Open Spaces Strategy and is making significant progress towards the completion of projects listed under the action plan.

One project to renew the playground and fitness equipment at various locations is progressing well, with exercise equipment for Roscommon Park at Speewah ordered and play equipment at Pat Kinnear Memorial Park in Chillagoe and Bill Newburn Park in Irvinebank, planned.

Another project to revitalise Bicentennial Lakes in Mareeba is progressing well. The southern section includes a range of new facilities, including playground equipment, a pump track, and a toilet facility. Construction is continuing on the toilet facility and contracts have been awarded for the pump track and play elements. We are looking forward to opening the playground and pump track early next year.

Another project I am looking forward to is the planned upgrades Kuranda to improve the footpaths and lighting in Coondoo Street, as well as a light refresh of Anzac Park.

Finally, I would like to remind residents that my fellow Councillors and I am always available to talk to you if there is ever a Council matter you would like to discuss. I welcome your contact.

Councillor Danny Bird
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Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

It is getting to the pointy end of the school calendar year with Term 4 having kicked off recently. In particular, congratulations go out to all graduating seniors – this will be their last school term before they move on to conquer new pastures.

If you haven't already, and have been considering applying for upgrading household security as a senior, rebates for energy efficient appliances, vouchers for vehicle immobilisers, or other cost of living pressure relief schemes, head to the Queensland Savers webpage.

Police have ramped up extreme high-visibility patrols as part of 'Operation Victor Unison'. The operation commenced on 1 March 2023, focusing on preventing, disrupting and investigating youth crime through community engagement and extreme high visibility patrols in intelligence-driven hotspot locations. Great to hear that police in Cairns and the Far North have so far conducted 8,400 extra patrols and arrested more than 500 offenders.

We are committing an additional \$5 million of funding for our local Hospital and Health Service to expand its maternity services. The additional funding follows \$5 million announced last month, to guarantee that birthing services in FNQ will not be disrupted by the closure of maternity services at Ramsay Health.

Finally, I'd like to note that I'm aware of concerns on the upkeep and standards of the Kuranda Skate Park. Residents are encouraged and welcome to contact my office with your thoughts as we look at the best way forward.

For regular Barron River electorate updates please visit craigcrawford.com.au, sign up for my newsletter or follow me on Facebook. If I can further assist you, please contact my local office at 4229 0100 or email barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au.



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Highs and lows of bat breeding season in FNQ

It's flying-fox breeding season in Far North Queensland and public health authorities want everyone to know some simple tips.

Tropical Public Health Services director, Dr Richard Gair, said the good news was that flying-foxes and other bats were important native animals and helped with pollination and controlling insect pests.

"The bad news is that many people don't like them and complain about noise and smell around roosting and breeding sites. Councils can sometimes help if bats are creating a nuisance," Dr Gair said.

So far this year, there have been 23 people either bitten or scratched by bats, who have required medical treatment.

Fear of bats was not justified if they were left alone, Dr Gair said. "Not touching bats is essential because their complex immune systems tolerate viruses that can make other animals or people sick," he said.

"The big disease is Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV) which is bat rabies. Anyone bitten or even scratched by a bat need a series of injections to prevent a

potentially fatal illness."

Dr Gair said that any species of bat may be carrying ABLV and the bat may look normal. "Bats are very cute up close, so people want to rescue them," he said.

"During breeding season, you are more likely to find fallen pups or sick or injured bats, often stuck on a wire fence. They will bite straight through gloves or a towel, so don't risk it. Call a trained and vaccinated wildlife carer to help."

"Our message is simple – don't touch a bat. Any type of bat, adult, or pup, sick or well, dead or alive. Keep children away too. It's just like snakes – protected native animals, but you wouldn't pick them up!"

Anyone bitten or scratched by a bat should immediately wash the wound, apply antiseptic and seek urgent medical care.

Your local doctor or health facility can arrange for any vaccinations required.

Rescues: Look up wildlife carers in your area (see page 26 of this paper).

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Source: Cairns and Hinterland Health and Hospital Service



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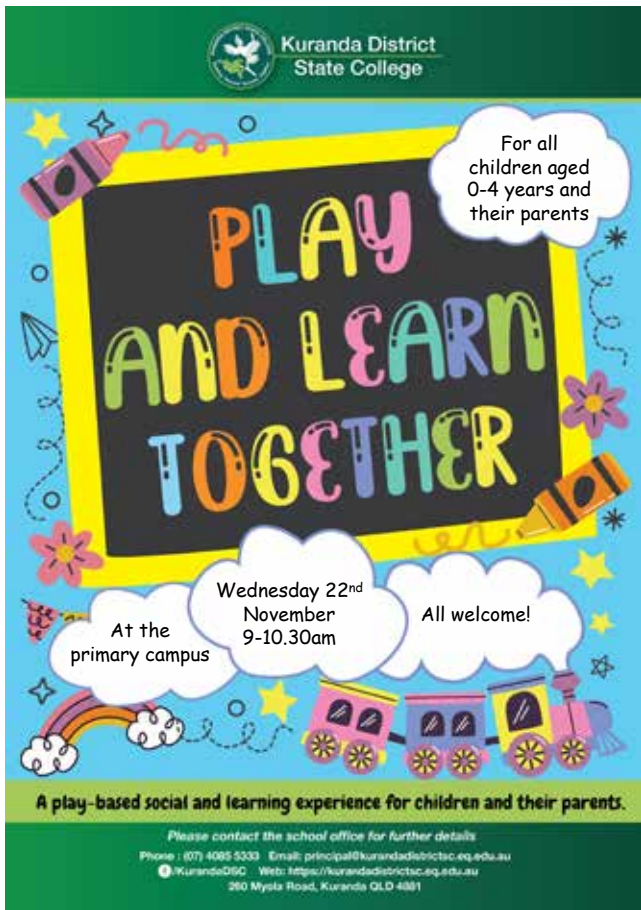
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Kuranda District State College Kuranda Carnival Success plus Play and Learn

Kuranda Play and Learn

Kuranda Play and Learn continues to go from strength to strength with a wider number of parents, carers and children attending. Ms Ally does an amazing job setting up an interesting, interactive and educational environment for children to explore. There are three more sessions occurring before the end of the school year. We would love to see any and all parents and carers with their children 0-4 years of age. All welcome!

Kuranda Carnival and Colour Fest

The Kuranda Carnival and Colour Fest was held on Friday 13 October. It was an amazing night of community, fun, food, entertainment and celebration of all things Kuranda. We offer a huge thanks to the many people who made this event so great. Special mention to: Kuranda Traders Association, *The Kuranda Paper*, Lucy McGinness, Liza Dewey, Jade Falvo, Kuranda Amphitheatre, A Bright Nite Fireworks, Maxstocks Good Service, Barrier Reef Jumping Castle. Additionally,

AJ Hackett at Skypark, the Gutchen family, Brioni McGrath, and Dennis Hunter. We had so many volunteers and it is certain that I have missed some special mentions, but you know who you are and you are appreciated. The College is thankful for your support.

Rebecca Forgie, Deputy Principal – Primary.



Photo: Savannah Chibnall



Kuranda Carnival and Colour Fest fun with Colour Run, music and fireworks that finished off the night.
Photos: Kuranda District State College.



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Deadliest year for motorcyclists

Chris Searle. Photo: Supplied.

Leading Queensland-based compensation law firm Travis Schultz & Partners (TSP) has issued a frank reminder to motorists, as the latest data from the Department of Transport and Main Roads reveals 64 motorcyclists have died this year. With three months of the year remaining, this toll represents 10 more deaths than last year – already making 2023 the deadliest year for motorbike riders.¹

While motorcycles represent a minority of vehicles on Queensland roads, they account for a disproportionate 28 per cent of all road fatalities – and 48 per cent more deaths this year compared to the five-year average. But despite these concerning statistics, more people are choosing to take to our roads on motorcycles. According to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, the number of registered motorbikes in Queensland has increased 8.8 per cent in two years.

With these statistics continuing to make the headlines, TSP Special Counsel Emma Davidson says that while the fatality rates are confronting on their own, they are sadly not a representation of the extent of injured motorcyclists.

“In 2022 alone, 934 riders were hospitalised because of Queensland Road crashes. The reported rates are cause for concern and do not include those who may instead attend their General Practitioner after an accident,” she said.

Ms Davidson’s client, Chris Searle, knows first-hand the harsh realities of motorcycle accidents when motorists fail to keep a look out and check for hazards.

In March 2023, Mr Searle was riding his motorcycle on the Bruce Highway and while legally lane filtering was struck by a motorist travelling in the same direction. He suffered significant injuries including permanent nerve damage and is relearning to walk. His everyday health complications, including having to self-catheterise, means he is unable to return to his mining job.

“Many motorists may not be aware that lane filtering in Queensland is legal for motorcycle riders in certain situations. Riders with an open licence are allowed to move between stationary or slow-moving vehicles travelling in the same direction as the rider, provided they do not exceed 30km/h and conditions are safe to do so.” Ms Davidson said.

“Motorcyclists are also allowed to ride on the shoulder or in emergency stopping lanes, at a safe speed and up to 30 km/hr, if traffic has stopped or slowed on a motorway and has a speed limit over 90 km/hr. To ensure pedestrian safety, lane filtering is only allowed between stationary or slow-moving vehicles, not between vehicle and a kerb.”

“The increased risk of serious injury or death for a motorcyclist means it is essential for road users to be alert and aware of their surroundings while on the road,” Ms Davidson said.

Source: Travis Schultz & Partners

¹ TMR Queensland Road Crash Weekly Report, Year to Date to Sunday 8 October, 2023 https://cars.tmr.qld.gov.au/Static/documents/RoadCrashReport/Weekly/WeeklyReport_Latest.pdf

DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT



NIGHTS OF GRIEF & MYSTERY 2 NOVEMBER AT THE KOAH HALL

An exceptional, once only event is coming to the Koah Hall on 2 November, as a part of the *Rough Gods* world tour.

A Night of Grief & Mystery combines stories and observations by author/culture activist Stephen Jenkinson, drawn from his decades of work in palliative care, with original songs/sonics by recording artist Gregory Hoskins.

These two Canadian artists have been exploring the intersection of their work for eight years, across three continents, in three recordings and two short films.

Concerts for turbulent times they surely are. Not poets, maybe, but the evenings are poetic. The Nights are musical and grave and raucous and stilling, which probably means they are theatrical. Love letters to life are written and read aloud. There's some boldness in them. They have that tone. These nights have the mark of our time upon them, and they're timely, urgent, alert, steeped in mortal mystery. They're quixotic. They have swagger. What would you call such a thing? They called it Nights of Grief & Mystery.

For a taste of what we're in for check out their trailer on YouTube — 2023 Nights of Grief and Mystery Tour Trailer www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgOUTeUJ-Lo&t=24s

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JEANETTE WORMALD TRIO @ FROGS — 17 NOVEMBER

Nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Jeanette Wormald is returning to Frogs Restaurant on Friday 17 November for a night of live music with her band, The Jeanette Wormald Trio.

The trio will be fresh from their performances at the Tablelands Folk Festival, which approached them this year requesting they prepare and perform a special Judith Durham tribute show.

"It was a great honour to be asked," Jeanette said. "I share quite a few links with The Seekers and Judith Durham. My producer, Michael Cristiano was the iconic band's musical director and producer for decades and I recorded my albums *Opal Blue* and *Inland Moon* in his studio – the same studio used by The Seekers."

"My first manager was also the son of Eddie Jarret, who 'discovered' the Seekers and helped propel them to international stardom."

"I have also often been told my voice has similarities to Judith's, which is a great compliment."

The trio, consisting of well-loved local musicians Dave Hart on upright double bass and Paul Vandersar on harmony vocals and lead guitar, will be joined by local favourite and guest artist Terry Piper on banjo and mandolin. They will be performing Jeanette's original songs from her five albums, Aussie pub classics with a twist, and also a few Seeker's favourites.

"Terry is such a hit with the locals we had to invite him back and we are delighted he is joining us again. The dance floor is always full at Frogs by the end of the evening."

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"Clearly you are not, as you wouldn't be talking."

In case you're wondering, I can tell exactly what the dogs are saying by the expression on their faces. Rosie lifted her eyebrows as she uttered this, and wore a supercilious look that did not become her otherwise sweet visage.

I feigned sleep then, as you do, pulling the sheet over my head and stuffing my earplugs in so hard I think they met in the void between.

Ten minutes later, guilt, and the alarm clock, pulled me out of bed. It takes a good two minutes to accomplish this, pushing bodies off the bed and trying to untangle myself from the melee. It must sound like I sleep in a morgue.

"Where are my shoes?" Dead silence. But Rosie looked the other way, a hangover from her puppy days when I seemed to say that every day. Well either that, or "What's this?" or "Why is the verandah covered in cardboard?" or "Why is Ferguson face down in the fishpond?"

Don't panic, Ferguson is a teddy bear, and required no CPR, just a trip to the washing machine. I'm beginning to sound and seem like Mr Bean, come to think of it, but at least I verbalise. There are similarities, I admit, and I can see at least five friends nodding animatedly.

Anyway, everyone is up and I am out to seek revenge on the black butcherbird/s. They are the bane of my life and I'm sure have been the downfall of many of my sunbirds, several large goldfish and probably many other little birds and animals, except the banded finches frequenting the bird table outside my window. They seem to survive everything.

Someone once said to me, in reference to the butcherbirds, "Aww, they are lovely birds and they have a beautiful range of songs".

"Yes", I said. "They are delightful; they skewer little birds and animals like prawn kebabs."

Once they started to treat my house as if it were their own, my hackles went up like Rod Stewart's hair. I like my windows open in the day, and I spend more and more time cleaning bird poo from the back of the sofa, the kitchen floor and in fact right through the house. Several times a day there will be a fracas in the kitchen and sometimes a loud crash telling me the butcherbird has knocked over something on the kitchen benchtop, or worse.

Over a 21 year period, all the dogs I have owned and fostered have learned the word "Whoosher". Whoosher means a pest bird (well, so saying, you won't find that in the Oxford Dictionary, it's part of the Conversations with Dog).

The word took shape in the year 2002, when a plague of Indian mynah birds chose my

Golden cane palms in which to settle and make a din right outside my home office window.

The garden was full of things I threw out of the window at the perpetrators, which sometimes weren't sensible choices (like coffee mugs), but needs must.

I am a Taurean and when I see red, it seems I have a tendency for impulse. Once upon a time, living at the beaches, it was called toad rage. It's a great method of decluttering, but not cool when you forget to go and look for the missile, the hurtling of which at the time seemed a good idea. And don't worry, no human has ever been hurt by my astrological personality trait, well, none that are alive to tell the story anyway. Seriously, the only thing I have ever thrown at a human in frustration is a towel (that was so pathetic as to be funny and must be where the expression 'throw the towel in' comes from). Oh, and a cushion in the case of snoring. But who hasn't done the latter? Oh, and a well-aimed netball at my adversary in a match against Bromley High School after she tripped me deliberately. But that was in another lifetime, and being a naughty little convent school girl, I was sent to the school chapel after the match. I'll bet she didn't suffer the same fate. Still, as Goal Attack (my regular position) it was a great shot, though I say it myself. Worth the ensuing twenty rounds of the rosary.

Anyway, the mynahs couldn't give a monkey's, so I went out and shook the palm vigorously, for some reason yelling "Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh" as a dozen pesky birds headed for heaven in a flurry of wings and rustling palm fronds. The dogs loved the action, especially my German Shepherd, who jumped up and down like The Wiggles in full frenzy.

The birds became known as the "Whooshers", and a mere mention of the word would have the two (then) dogs just about peeing themselves to get at the varmints.

Since that time, in the absence of mynah birds, white cockatoos and black butcherbirds have taken their place. The tradition of chasing the Whooshers has been passed down from dog to dog through all the canines I have owned and fostered over the past two decades. They are totally disinterested in chasing any other form of wildlife.

I'm thinking I might hire them out.

"Whoosher alert!" is like a tsunami alarm. It sends all three dogs flying off the verandah like champagne corks in hot pursuit of black or white perpetrators. Harry might be deaf, but he is up and at 'em like Atom Ant, alerted by the thunderous vibration of eight paws moving so fast they can't get a grip on my floor. Unfortunately this doesn't do my wooden floors any good, but woe betide an intruder if I say "Whoosher Alert", because if it doesn't fly, it's done for.

I just finished writing this and saw two sunbirds on my verandah. Ahhhh.



Black butcherbird. Photo: David Clode

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CASSOWARY ART TRAIL UPDATE

We recently had the privilege of delivering the *Beautiful Beatrice* cassowary statue – painted by Melanie Hava – to Mamu Tropical Skywalk, located on the Palmerston Highway near Innisfail.

Beautiful Beatrice is our first painted cassowary to feature in the southern parts of the Wet Tropics and an important addition as we continue grow our Cassowary Art Trail across the Far North.

In October, the Zoom&Wildlife Dome in Cairns closed their doors. This is where *Arrow* – painted by Hayley Gillespie – was situated. However, we have now relocated him to the Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas.

We are in discussions with a number of other parties across the Wet Tropics who had shown interest in hosting and sponsoring a painted cassowary.

October 2023 marked the one-year anniversary of the Cassowary Art Trail. We held a celebratory function at Frogs Restaurant in Kuranda and thanked all of our supporters with a Certificate of Appreciation. We are very proud that the Cassowary Art Trail has such strong support and would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far. We also have plenty planned for the Trail going forward, so stay tuned!

Do you have any great stories about cassowaries, or encounters with them? We would also love to hear them and add them to our website. Please email your stories to info@cassowarytrail.com.au.

If you would like more information about this exciting project, or if you would like to be involved, please visit www.cassowarytrail.com.au

Regards from Cassowary Art Trail Team



Top right: Jurg Jutzi (Cassowary Art Trail) with Jax Bergersen and Dianne Daniels (Kuranda Conservation) at the 1st Anniversary celebration of the Cassowary Art Trail at Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda.

Right: Chris and Andrea from Brett's Kuranda Day Tours.

Far right: Arrow the cassowary painted by Hayley Gillespie has a new home at the Wildlife Habitat in Port Douglas. The staff at Wildlife Habitat are delighted with their new addition.



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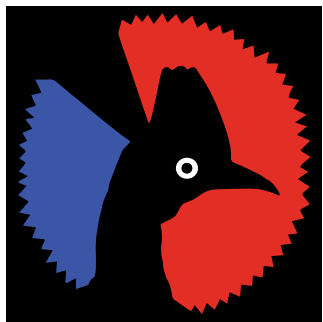
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WHO'S WHO IN OUR CASSOWARY ZOO

We reported last month that Erik from Weir/ Barron Falls Roads had fled when the very vocal and demanding Elle turned up. Now it looks as if he might be the other bird at the old Rainforest Resort. There has been one report of a male with two chicks at that location. No other report of chicks, however there are multiple reports of a male. We think it is Erik. Elle is regularly seen there. Apparently the Resort has recently changed hands so it remains to be seen how changes and renovations will affect these cassowaries.

FERAL PIGS

Feral pigs are turning up in the vicinity of Black Mountain Road and Butler Drive as well as across town at Kuranda Springs (Williamson Drive). Give us a call if you are worried about pigs near you and we'll put you in touch with Kalle Oiderman, marksman extraordinaire.

Feral pigs do not belong here. They cause erosion on river and creek banks; introduce

diseases; and compete with wildlife for food. We have observed time and time again that pigs and cassowaries look for the fruits of the forest and along waterways at the same time and place. We also know that pigs can raid cassowary nests, eating eggs.

No response yet to our call for an extra hand. There's much to do in the nursery including watering, weeding, preparing and sowing seeds, potting up, trimming and lots of incidental things. If you have a couple of hours a week to do any one or more of these things, the nursery would benefit a great deal. It would be voluntary. No one gets paid at the KCons nursery. We do what we do because it has to be done (for the greater good) and we love it. It's a great environment.

CASSOWARY ART TRAIL

We continue to grow to the point where there are painted cassowary statues to follow from the north to the south of the Wet Tropics and at lots of places in between. It's catching on.

Benny the Musky Rat-kangaroo

Recent arrival at Batreach, Benny the joey orphan is doing well after a tragic start.

Benny is a Musky Rat-kangaroo (*Hypsiprymnodon moschatus*) or 'Hypsie', Australia's smallest and most primitive macropod, having retained their prehensile tails and opposable hind toes from their tree-dwelling, possum-like ancestors. Benny was found, with his brother, near Ravenshoe with their dead mother and the two boys were brought to Batreach. Benny's little brother was not strong enough and sadly passed away, leaving Benny comforted by a small teddy in his pouch and a ticking clock in the incubator to simulate the safety and comfort of mum.

Little Benny is growing up fast, but will need many months of care before he is independent and can be released back into the wild.

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Remembering a young man buried in a lonely grave

After writing an article for last month's paper on the background to our mystery grave's occupant, Lorraine Ryle organised a small graveside memorial on 2 October to mark 120 years since his passing.

To recap: John was born John Warren White Finn on 24 January 1886 in Cooktown to a Bridget Margaret Finn. Margaret was a young, catholic, pregnant Irish girl. In despair she attempted suicide and, possibly in revenge, after the birth she named her child after the local Police Inspector. How John Finn became John Keating is possibly the subject of a future column. The passage of time erases our collective memory of events, but much information remains in various archives, as well as in private collections.

Referendum Raffle

Thank you to all our supporters. Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) made \$768.20 on Referendum day from raffle tickets, KHS t-shirts and tea towels. These proceeds go straight into the running of the Society, for things like insurance, office material, merchandise and displays. Much gratitude to the businesses of Kuranda and Cairns who always dig deep to support the Society with prize gifts. Thanks go to Frogs Restaurant, Tea Lily Boutique, Kuranda Butterfly Sanctuary, Kuranda Artist Co-op and Lee Edwards (Ron's daughter) for donating her well known artist father's drawing of a cat.

The booth was really well attended and much interest was shown in Kuranda's history, viewing and discussing some of the old photos we had on display. We always love people coming up and telling us about their Kuranda historical connections.

Thank you everyone for your help and friendship.

Historic Kuranda photos

Do you have old photos of the Kuranda region and personalities you don't know what to do with, but know they are special and would really like to have these preserved for prosperity and available to others? The KHS is starting to compile a photo library and already we are finding little treasure troves of Kuranda history in people's boxes around the ridges.

KHS do not want to keep the original photos but only to scan images at high resolution (600 dpi). We envisage each image will be labelled and have a short description attached including its provenance.

The idea for the Kuranda Historical Society images library is that the images would be searchable and available to all. We are in discussions with Cairns Museum to ensure our systems would be complementary, if not linked. Please email kurandahistory@gmail.com if you have some images you would like to share.



Dr Peter and Lorraine Ryle graveside, thinking of the 17 year old buried 120 years ago at this site.



Above L-R: Luciano Ceciliot and Treasurer Garth Owen, who kindly helped draw the raffle on the day.

Below: The Kuranda Historical Society stall staffed by Marjorie Cutting, Kylie Moore and Jan Weaver.



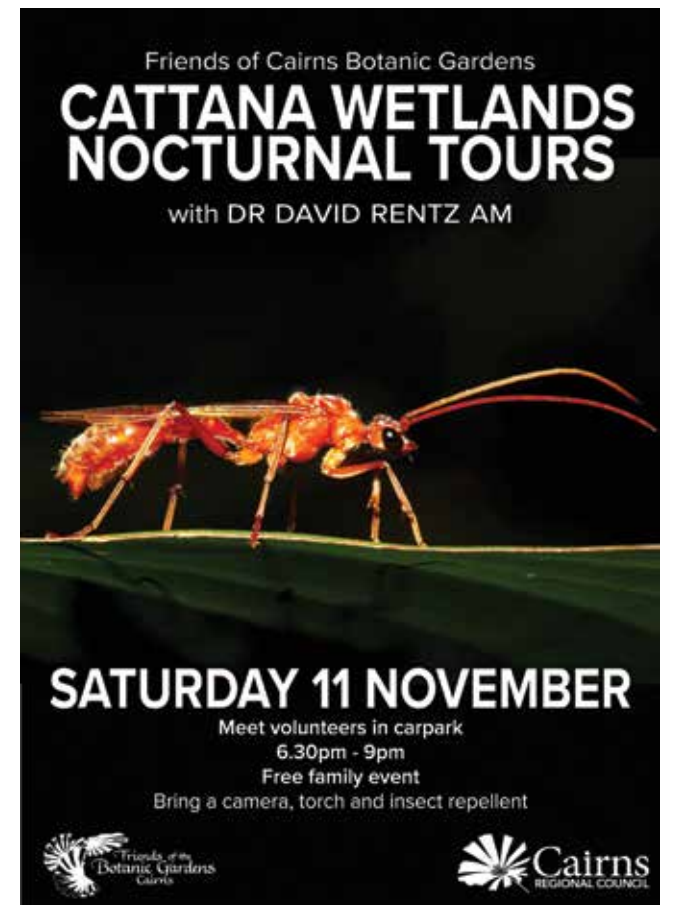
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Welcome to November at the Kuranda Arts Co-operative – we will be presenting a profile of our artists over the next few months to help you get to know us all.

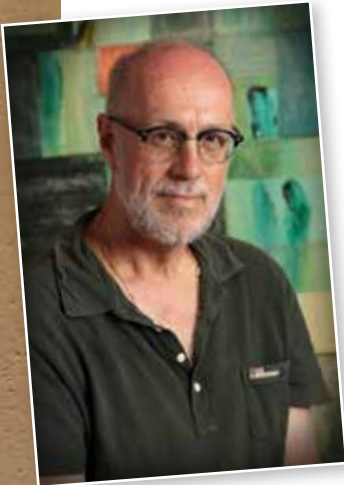
Colin Free

CFR Art is the name I have chosen for me, my art, and is the name I have chosen to paint under. I am 66 years of age and live in Kuranda. I have been painting part-time for roughly 25 years—more seriously but still part-time—for the last 8-10 years.

I have been with the Kuranda Arts Co-operative for nearly three years. I love being part of the Arts Co-op and working and learning with other artists. The Arts Co-op has also allowed me to sell my work to people from around Australia and the world.

My full-time profession is teaching, but as I move closer to retirement from that field, I am spending more and more time painting.

My art style is abstract and occasionally impressionistic. I am an avid scholar of art and have been fortunate enough to have visited a number of major galleries around the world. I am sharing this as I explore my own pathway into my art.



Above: Artist Colin Free.
Left: "Orange and Pink" by Colin Free.



"Black and White" by Colin Free.



"Waterfall" by Colin Free.

Ellis Rowan at the Cairns Regional Art Gallery

The Cairns Regional Art Gallery has an exceptional exhibition at the moment with works by Ellis Rowan (1845-1922). This exhibition pays tribute to a remarkable woman who pushed the boundaries of what women could achieve in the traditionally male areas of art, exploration travel and science. Among her many research expeditions, Ellis travelled by train to Kuranda and took a railway trolley to the Barron Falls in 1892. She was also known to have painted insects and butterflies from the F.P. Dodds collection in Kuranda.

In this exhibition, you will see many recognisable wildflowers, butterflies and birds found in Far North Queensland. The exhibition continues until 10 December.



Right: Brown Sicklebills (*Epimachus meyeri*) c. 1917 by Ellis Rowan

Vessels, Vehicles, Velocity

If you haven't already been, take the time to visit Ian Whittaker's ceramics exhibition *Vessels, Vehicles, Velocity* at The Courthouse Gallery in Cairns. The exhibition is on until 28 October – so hurry before it closes. The gallery is open from Tuesday to Saturday.

Christmas

Klaus Brucksch will have his Seasonal Christmas decorations available in the Gallery and Henri Hunsinger will have Christmas Cards available. Marcia Bird makes lovely tree decorations and there should be other artworks with Christmas themes appearing in the Gallery over the next few weeks.

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Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News



Willie Brim at the podium.

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Willie Brim presented on Tourism and Economic Development

"I was happy to hear about other groups in the Wet Tropics talk about their experiences and some of the success stories going on. It's good to hear how much love and respect for Country is still out there by Aboriginal groups.

I talked about sustainable tourism and how we used to do it in Kuranda. I talked about the experiences of creating tours at Davies Creek Rock Art Galleries and also in Kuranda Village for short walks – Jumrum Environmental Track, Riverwalk, and Barron Falls.

I won many awards for work done well, but I must say it's not just about the ideas from key people, it's the whole group collectively that makes these ventures successful – a real team effort! I just wanted everyone to know these things are achievable and can become very successful ventures for the next generation.



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Back then, we had a school program to develop and encourage the young ones to become ranger/guides because we thought that was the way of the future.

Investment starts in the schools providing opportunities for Indigenous youth to connect with Country. When you're starting at the school level, from there you know of the group, there will be one or two that will be devoted to learning about country. These are the ones we need to make sure are supported – these are the seeds of future Indigenous tourism.

Kuranda District State College has a unique rainforest setting providing a rare opportunity to support Tourism Certificate programs for senior students to provide pathways for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous youth. The Wet Tropics tourism industry is vast with plenty of tourism opportunities for all young people who are interested in it. Students could learn onsite the first stages of guiding and also take advantage of the maturing bush food plantings in the school grounds.

It is necessary to train young people now to get ready for the new Wangetti Trail if there is talk of them needing ranger/guides, of which we are hopeful for. The Wangetti Trail is a big opportunity for our neighbours the Yirrganydji mob and the Djabugay mob, and will be an overall drawcard for regional tourism. Everyone has to learn to work and respect each other, and support each other to do their best."

If you would like to find out more about the Corporation's activities, get a membership form, discuss Buluwai areas of responsibility with traditional owners or any other matter relating to the Buluwai tribe, Dianne Brim can be reached on 0459 062 784.

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STREET TREES OF KURANDA

Photos: Gayle Hannah



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ARMOUR-PLATED BUGS



'Butchy boys', 'slaters' and 'woodlice' are just a few of the names given to the little grey-brown, armour-plated creatures that wander our gardens at night. Most people who have spent any time gardening at all will have encountered them in the soil, under sleepers and beneath plant pots. During the day, they remain in moist, dark places which give them protection from the sun and predators. At the moment our compost bin is full of them.

Slaters are crustaceans – but crustaceans are not a group of animals most people expect to find in the garden, as crabs, yabbies and crayfish are those most familiar. Yet, slaters are in fact true crustaceans and have much more in common with a crayfish than with an insect.

Adult slaters have seven pairs of legs; one pair coming off each of the first seven segments of their body. The smaller segments near the tail don't have legs, but have shorter limbs that act as lungs. For these to work properly (and for slaters to survive) they must remain in a moist environment. That is one reason we find them in the compost.

Slaters are just as important in the compost as earthworms, as they begin the break down all the garden mulch and food scraps, churning out the rich organic material that we seek for our gardens. They are omnivorous, meaning they will not only feed on plant material, but will also consume animal material – the bodies of dead insects, worms, snails, and just about anything else that dies in the garden.

In the right conditions, slaters can breed quickly and in large numbers – occasionally having some impact on young plants as they feed on the new growth. After mating, a female will lay 100 or more eggs into her special pouch called a 'brood pouch'. When the young emerge, they look very similar to adults but have only six body segments and six pairs of legs. Slaters moult (shed) their outer skeleton to grow, and after their first moult, the young will gain their last body segment and seventh pair of legs. They will moult a number of times, growing through each stage, to finally reach maturity.

There are a few species of slaters found locally, along with

their very close relatives – the pillbugs. Pillbugs share the same lifestyle as slaters, but have the ability to roll up into armoured balls to protect themselves from predators.

In many parts of Australia many of the slaters found in gardens are actually introduced – most likely a result of hitching a boat ride here with the myriad of plants brought in from overseas in the nineteenth century from Europe. Here in Kuranda we have various native species, but these tend to remain in natural habitats where they live and feed in conjunction with our native flora.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: One of the native species from the rainforest here in Kuranda.

Above left: A Smooth Slater (Porcellio laevis) an introduced species common in eastern Australia.

Above right: A Pillbug has the ability to roll up.

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What's Happening at the Amphitheatre.

REGGAETOWN Saturday 4 November

Reggaetown is back and we can't wait for this one! If you haven't got your tickets yet, Tantrika in Original Markets Arcade has cash sales, or get them online. There'll be delicious food available from various outlets, a bar, and incredible music from this brilliant local and international line-up. See page 8 of this edition for full line-up.

TIMEWARP 2059: In the Nature of Things

We all felt the love big time at the Amphitheatre on 29 and 30 September, when *Timewarp 2059: In the Nature of Things* premiered at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

What a fantastic event! A spectacle of colour, music, and rainforest splendour. Our community filled the stage and the terraces, illuminated by the spring full moon. The mainstage was transformed by the incredible sets, costumes, make-up, music, lighting, and the wonderful cast who clearly had a ball.

Huge congratulations and massive gratitude goes out to all involved. There are so many to acknowledge and thank, but a special thank you to director Ricardo Rusch, who in four short months, managed to pull together and direct the 80 community members who made up the cast and crew, and to producer Rosalie Rusch who managed the logistics and fundraising for this epic event – raising enough funds to be able to offer it free to the whole community.

The show was a delight to behold and a tribute to Kuranda talent, as well as a great help to the KAS. *Timewarp 2059* brought a huge audience over the two nights and raised funds via our bar, and very importantly, engaged so many community members, many of whom have long histories with the Amphitheatre, and others for whom this was their first time being actively involved. Eighty people came together to voluntarily contribute their skills to this inclusive collaboration – all to make art. The idea of healing was often referred to both in the script and in the process, and this indeed felt like a healing and a re-injection of community spirit into the Amphitheatre.

Timewarp 2059 was the relaunch of Amphitheatre community theatre, honouring a long tradition in our wonderfully artistic and creative village.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe (KAST) – Amphitheatre Understage, Thursday nights at 6pm




KAST is the informal name given to the KAS theatre initiative. All community members are invited to be involved. Currently the group are working on *The Crimson Cocoon*, an absurd one act comedy by Ian Hay Beith, to be presented in mid-December. The players have been cast, but crew are still needed for set making, art department, costume, make-up, stage management, fundraising, and marketing. All welcome! Thursdays 6pm.

POLYMANTRA – Notes from Underground

By the time you read this, we should be looking back on a night of diverse and eclectic live music held at the Understage on Saturday 21 October.

This event, like most events at the Amphitheatre, was produced by an independent hirer. If you're a musician, band, dance troupe, or practitioner of any of the performing arts, please consider the Amphitheatre for your next gig. Our hire fee is \$165 for Understage or Top Pavilion, the hirer takes all ticket proceeds. In 2023 we have special rates for local KAS members – get in touch via our email address for more information, including available dates.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

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



Top: Closing scene of *Time Warp – In the Nature of Things*.

Above: Beautiful Bulmba stage family.

Right: Toshi sprinkling petals.



Above: Janice and Fred



Above: Rastah, Jim and Pete.

Left: Witches and Fairies.

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Book in for Water Bugs 29 October and 12 November Water's Wonders in our Creeks

Our first water survey on 15 October was a fun activity, as we hauled debris aplenty from Warril Creek, peered into trays that revealed all manner of water bugs, dragonfly and beetle larvae, shrimps, tadpoles and more. These water bugs (macroinvertebrates) are biological indicators of the health of our waterways and especially for our stream breeding frogs. We identify and photograph what we find, with the help of local experts.

Next sessions: Sunday 29 October and 12 November from 2.30–4.30pm. All welcome! Space is limited to 10 adults per session so bookings are essential. There'll be more sessions, so please email info@envirocare.org.au to book in or get early notice of future sessions.

Plant of the Month Native mulberry – *Pipturus argenteus*



The Native Mulberry is a non-stinging nettle that produces fruit so delicious, you'll be competing with the local wildlife. This is a fast-growing species that may be pruned to shrub size or cultivated as a small tree. Suits sun to partial shade, suitable for pots, can grow 3-8m if not pruned, tolerates sandy soils and fruits from one year

Native mulberry fruit. Photo: Vern Hansen

onwards. Attracts birds, bees and insects and can be used for screening/hedging. There are male and female plants so buy one of each to keep the fruiting going! Available in nursery now for \$3 per plant.

Would you like to receive a Frog Friendly Property sign?

We are concerned with the health of our local waterways and encourage good land management practice which supports all wildlife including cassowary and stream breeding rainforest frogs of the Wet Tropics. The endemic and critically endangered Kuranda Tree frog lives here and needs your help to ensure its protection. You can show your support with a Frog Friendly Property sign.

What do you need to become a frog friendly property?

Native maturing vegetation and a bonus is running water.

We are offering:

- For you to become a Frog Friendly Property by filling in a simple assessment form, receiving a site visit from Sylvia Conway to discuss any plans or issues at your property that we might be able to help you with. You'll receive a free 'Frog Friendly Place' sign to



display at your property.

- Discussion on weed incursions and native species planting we could help with, especially near waterways.
- Help with protecting your regenerating forest through a Voluntary Declaration process under the Vegetation Management Act (VMA) to protect designated areas of native vegetation for future generations. Eight of us know the process well now and would love to help you.

Get in touch to make an appointment via email info@envirocare.org.au

• Date Claimers •

Thursday 26 October – 6–8pm – BBQ and Dr Ray Pierce who will present his findings to date on the Gouldian Finches in NE Qld. Please email for catering purposes.

Sunday 29 October & 12 November – Book for Water Bugs. Book your spot. Email to register and for more details info@envirocare.org.au

Saturday 11 November – 4–8pm – Frog monitoring and identification training at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Celebrating National Frog Week. Come to the launch of our film on frog monitoring and then training on our local frog calls and using the FrogID app.

Friday 20–29 November – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.30pm. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.



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- Connect with tourists and the local community?

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You are invited to share your talents and participate in an Indigenous-run cooperative enterprise. There is no charge to participate.

Call 02 4810 0646 for more information, or fill out the form online at kuranda.org.au

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Survey: luring for yellow crazy ants in critical frog habitat

Join the monthly survey adventure in the lower reaches of Kuranda creeks

FINAL SURVEY for 2023
Sat 11 November - Dismal Ck
8 am - 12 pm

A moderate level of fitness is required due to steep terrain.
Ant recognition, training, and lunch are provided on the day. No experience necessary.
Get in touch if you would like to join.

Contact : coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or 0409 647 714



The Kuranda tree frog is found in many local creeks. Checking for invasive ants will ensure the protection of this endemic and critically endangered species.

We are the invasive resist-ants



KURANDA BRANCH

20 Thongon Street

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Booking Agent: Krishna Buhler 0427 937 348

President: Carol Jeanes

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

HIGH TEA INVITATION – 86 YEARS

High Tea – You are invited to the 86th Anniversary High Tea celebration of CWA in Kuranda. Saturday 18 November 2–4pm. Do come and enjoy the occasion as we fundraise to maintain the Hall.



Voting at CWA Hall – The Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum voting was held at the Kuranda CWA Hall on 14 October. The Kuranda Historical Society set up a marquee for fundraising.

Country Kitchens – A very yummy Vegetarian Sushi recipe from Country Kitchens can be found on the QCWA website. Sandra McGorry shared her Vegetarian Sushi dish at our last Wednesday Social Morning tea.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 8 November 9–11am.

Social Gathering – Wednesday 15 November at 9am at the CWA Hall. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

Yoga with Tina – 0499 593 119

Feldenkrais with Justine –

0408 735 309

Taekwon-Do – Jeff 0437 438 196

CWA Dance Group –

Sandra 0447 737 415

AA Group – 1300 222 222

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

We currently have hire availability on Mondays 11am–5pm. Tuesdays 1pm–5pm. Wednesdays (1st, 4th and 5th of month 12–5pm) otherwise 8am–5pm. Thursdays until 5pm. Friday all day at present. Most Saturdays. Sunday afternoons. Please enquire on 0427 937 348 or email kurandabbranch@qcwa.org.au as bookings can change.



Vegetarian Sushi shared by Sandra McGorry



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Operated by Kuranda Information & Support Centre Assoc. Inc.

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AGM NOTICE

The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Board and staff would like to invite you to attend our

2023 Annual General Meeting

1pm Friday 1 December

6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda

Refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP by 17 November on 4093 8933

Nomination Forms/Membership Renewal Forms are available from the Centre

Nominations must be received 14 days prior to the meeting.

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November BorrowBox books include:

Nine Lives by Peter Swanson, a heart-pounding story of nine strangers who receive a cryptic list with their names on it—and then begin to die in highly unusual circumstances.
The Cursed Girls by Caro Ramsay, a psychological thriller following a woman returning to her family's estate—a place that has always been a place of loss and misfortune for her. As her family diminishes still further, she must ask one final question: If there is a curse on the house, will she be its next victim?

Kuranda library fun facts

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Book Review

The Coast by Eleanor Limprecht

Publisher's Blurb: Alice is only nine years old in 1910 when she is sent to the feared Coast Hospital lazaret at Little Bay in Sydney, a veritable prison where more patients are admitted than will ever leave. She is told that she's visiting her mother, who disappeared one day when Alice was two. Once there, Alice learns her mother is suffering from leprosy and that she has the same disease.



Review:

This harrowing story is set in Sydney's Little Bay during the 1900s. It was in a time when lepers were shunned and the disease utterly misunderstood. Leprosy is a treatable disease and once you commence treatment, can no longer be spread. Even back in the 1900, it indiscriminately affected some in a family but not others. Most people's knowledge, even today, of leprosy would come from biblical stories of bygone eras where those who suffer this affliction are moved out of mind and out of sight, or even worse. This disease was subject to much bias, ignorance and shame. People even changed their names so their families would not suffer the same shame as those afflicted.

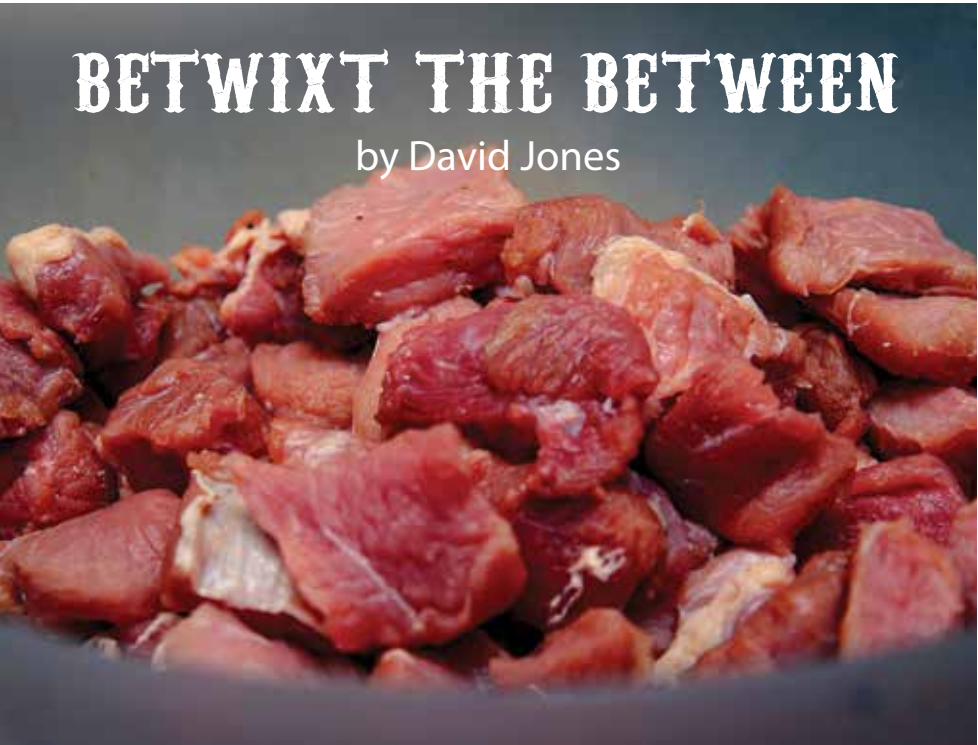
The Coast is a thought provoking story about those sadly afflicted with leprosy but it is also a story about isolation and the will and courage to survive. *The Coast* isn't a story based in a faraway land. It is real. It is based on Sydney's real history. *The Coast* is virtually a prison which very few of the so-called inmates will ever leave. The isolation, accompanied by the shame and loss, is excruciating.

A wind-swept coastal location sets the scene for a story about human touch, kindness, love and respect that was appreciated and valued by the so-called inmates of Sydney's leper colony. Those who willingly worked there were incredible human beings.

The author's descriptions of the wild beauty of the place, its massive cliffs and wild seas, just emphasised the feeling of isolation and loneliness. How people kept their humanity, their sanity and their courage is simply awe-inspiring. How a child was forced to deal with this is unimaginable!

The writing is just beautiful and very affecting. This story has stayed with me for a long time. It is both beautifully written and historically enlightening.

Happy reading, Helen B, Mareeba Library Service



When the mind won't accept what the brain has seen. The car was only recognisable, due to the fact it was a deep red ute. Other than that, you'd be hard pressed to know it.

The train's impact had not only compressed the cab, it had pushed the vehicle at least twenty metres up the tracks. It was Bazza Had-one's car.

It was often said "He was a man who enjoyed more than one."

It was a sad end to a man that liked to party.

How he didn't see the train coming beggars belief, these remote controlled coal trains are lit up like Christmas trees. He obviously never made it across the crossing. Instead he'd been squashed into gruesome bits.

The compression had spit his ribs into pieces and his brains had become a smear on what remained of the windscreen. It looked like his kidneys were hanging off the rear vision mirror. His willy was on the floor and in that light his testes looked like rissoles lying in what smelt like, what had to be stomach contents.

It was a grisly scene. I had seen more than enough, I pulled back wanting to heave.

I called 000 and asked for the police. They asked if anyone was hurt? "I said there is a fatality." "They asked are you sure they are dead?" I said "I'd say so, there's flesh bits from roof to floor and brains are all over the windscreen."

They said "don't touch anything. An ambulance and the police are on their way and will be there as soon as possible." Within minutes of each other the police arrived and then the ambulance, the police being first. I was told to sit and wait while they had a quick look.

Then they came back to me to take my name and address.

After having another quick look they returned to me again and said "Have you taken anything from the scene" I said "What? No! Of course not"

"Well do you mind if we search your car?" I said "What for?"

They said "The weird thing is? There's no sign of any clothing." I was stunned and said "Go for it".

The ambos had been given the go ahead and after quickly investigating the scene they approached the senior police officer.

And what I heard made my blood run cold, the Ambo said "This is not just a train crash. It's much more macabre. It seems someone has been dissected.

They must have been cut up into pieces, then placed in the cab before the crash."

The police officer was beside himself, he was the first responder. First on the scene and this was his first murder mystery.

Next thing I know I'm cuffed and under arrest on what I assumed to be suspicion of murder.

I was pleading my innocence, when another police officer yelled from the dark.

He'd found more evidence. It was a polly tray that had cling wrap still attached and it contained a few chops and several sausages.

He said he'd found them up the track "Looks like they must have been thrown out the window on impact.

It's got what looks like a winning number still attached with tonight's date written on it."

On closer inspection the ambo said "Who would believe it, what looks like rissoles are rissoles and its pork mince meat that's smeared on the windshield. And it's a sausage, not a John Thomas on the floor"

It was then it hit me. It had to be Friday night's Mega prize, the giant meat tray raffle.

Bazza must have won it at the club and got so drunk he couldn't drive. He must have done a heave-ho on his way home and decided walking was the way to go, leaving his car on the crossing. I was released and relieved, and pleased to know that Bazza should be OK.

And thought WOW when he's found, he's got a lot of explaining to do.

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Kuranda Men's Shed



Kuranda Writers Group meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at the Kuranda Library.

Next meet:
Thursday 9 November 10am–12 noon
Theme for November:
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Write in any format, any style on any theme. Or just bring along something you are currently working on.

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30 years of early years in our community

We have seen wonderful children, families, educators and teachers come through our doors over the past 30 years. It was 30 years ago when members of our community got together and decided that we needed a kindergarten in Kuranda.

Volunteers worked very hard for years to achieve the goal of building the Kuranda Kindy and to give our youngest community members the best start. We thank the hard work of each and every one of them.

We are so blessed that we are still here, working hard for our community. We have had a lot of partnerships throughout these years, all working together to give our Kindy children a happy, safe environment so they can learn through play. Thirty years with lots of laughter, tears, band aids, best experiences and learning. After 30 years Kindy is still the best place to be. Most children in this community have come through our doors, and we've seen them grow within our community – it is such a blessing and most of them will tell you, Kindy was just the best.

We invite any families that would like to be a part of our beautiful Kindy next year to come down and have a look, enrol your child and you will see how passionate we are about Kuranda Community Kindergarten. If you are interested in your child joining in the Kindy program, please contact us at kcka@westnet.com.au or 07 4093 8087 for any enrolment enquiries. Kindergarten in 2024 is free at Kuranda Kindy for eligible aged children!

Thank you to past students, educators, teachers, committee, volunteers and most of all our families. Thank you also to our community partners. A special thanks also to Jax from Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery for her generous donations of trees for the Kindy, with the most recent being planted by Mayor Angela Toppin at our anniversary celebration.



Above and below: Construction of Kuranda Kindy.



Tree planting at Open Day with Mayor Angela Toppin

Astrology

THE STARS IN NOVEMBER

by
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For those who read last month's astrology column, you'll agree that earth events are being an extremely accurate reflection of the planetary movements. Last month we saw the astro-predictions that The Voice would "sink like a stone", and that a time of extreme and explosive violence would erupt. Enough said.

In November, Sun, Mars, Moon, Ceres "The Harvest" all align in Scorpio mid-month with Pluto and Neptune in supportive aspects. The worst and the best of human actions and reactions, ranging from savage violence to compassion and sacrifice. These extremes will be playing out on a global level certainly, but also and inevitably will be activated in our own lives and our interactions with neighbours and fellow citizens.

But you would have to say that a real shift in a positive direction is coming at the end of the month, especially around the Gemini full moon on 27 November. By then, the Sun, Mercury, Mars and Ceres (an asteroid) will have transited into Sagittarius – the optimistic, the long-view bringer of good fortune and wisdom, all starting to take hold. Saturn has regained forward motion in Pisces – practical compassion, lessons learnt and willing sacrifice for the long-term relief of suffering.

As for "your day by the stars", how this shift impacts on your own life is entirely dependent on how the planetary transits align with the planets and angles in your own birthchart. We can also look at the geodetic and mundane charts of your location, and of other places in the world and the likely impact on them, and your possible experiences and connection with such locations. The information pours in and, as we affirmed, is amazingly accurate when interpreted astrologically. This is an exciting gig at this time in history and we are all involved.

With Venus transiting Libra now, she is "in rulership" and can bring harmony and balance to relationships, negotiations and the alignment with a Libran moon on 9 November, as Mercury moves into Sagittarius and Saturn hovers at zero degrees Pisces, is very fluid, flexible and capable of bringing that harmony and balance into focus in your own life and all interactions in our society. "We can work it out".

The aggressive violence will subside in the face of this shift, with a sense of coming out of a trough and riding a rising wave. When the Sun aligns with Neptune in the water signs of Scorpio and Pisces on 17 November, and Venus aligns with Mercury and Jupiter there is a definite "three monkeys" feel about it. See, speak and act in the most positive and optimistic ways possible and you'll be riding the light waves.

Fluid, flexible and susceptibility to change and transformation in a positive direction is there for the having. There is now a shift happening.

Blessings



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Start date: 9 October 2023
End Date: 10 April 2024

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See website
for session
information.

FREE AQUA CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Mareeba Shire Council invites senior residents to get moving and grooving at free *Move It Aqua Classes* starting next month at a pool near you.

Hosted at the Dimbulah, Mareeba and Kuranda swimming pools, the FREE fitness classes commenced on 9 October and will run until April 2024.

Enjoy a variety of fun exercises promoting strength, flexibility, and cardio during the Variety Sessions and promote movement in your joints, enhance your core and improve your balance at the Easy Sessions.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Angela Toppin encourages the community to participate.

"Council's *Move It Aqua Classes* are a fantastic way to get your body moving in a fun and energetic environment while socialising with peers," Mayor Angela Toppin said.

Sessions are limited to groups of 15 per class and bookings are recommended, but not required.

Bookings can be made by email to moveitaqua@mcsf.com.au or call 4092 1691.

Please bring along your swimmers, a towel and water bottle. All other equipment will be supplied.



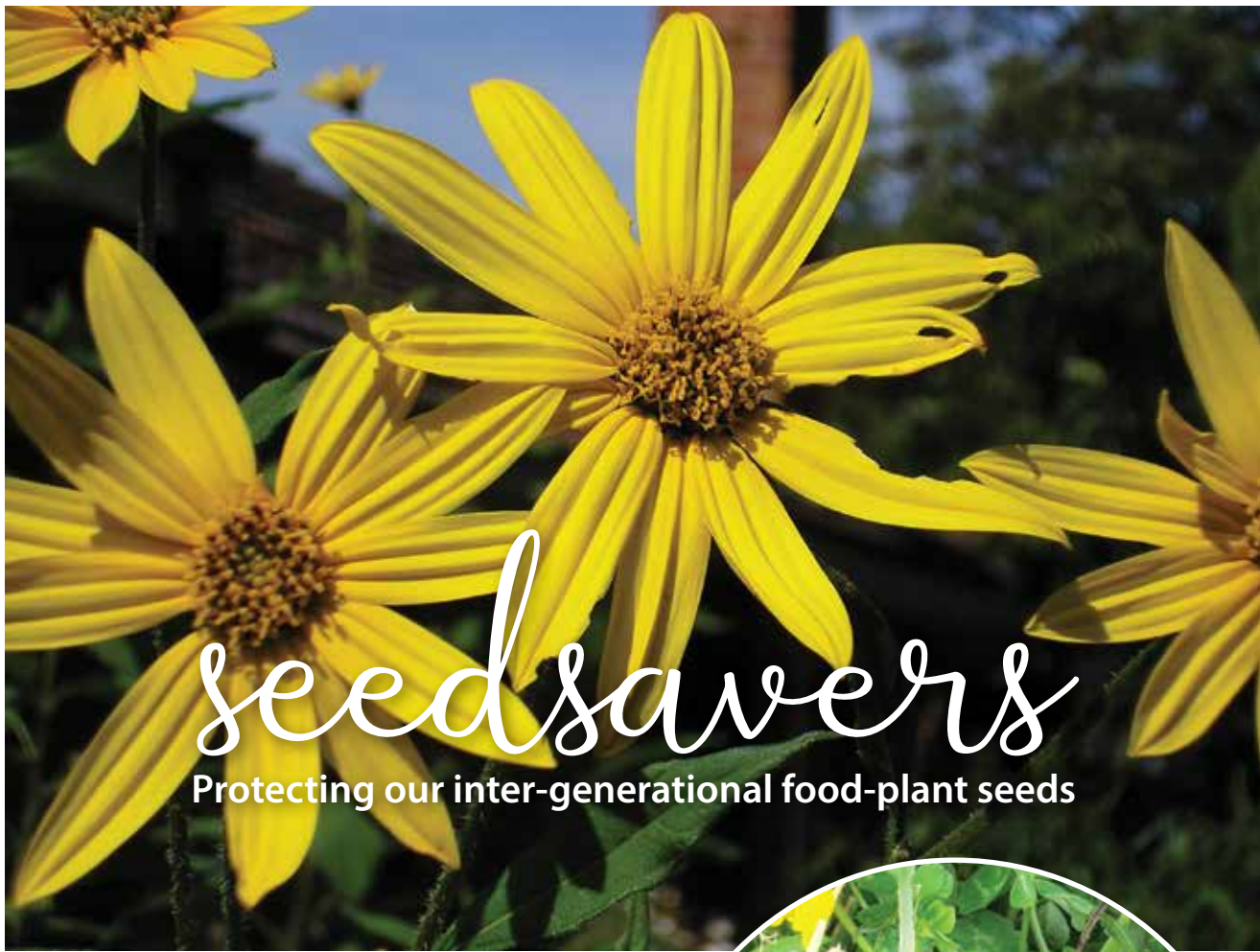
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Jerusalem Artichoke

The Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*) is an herbaceous tuber related to the sunflower, both are in the daisy family, Asteraceae, (Aster), helios – sun, anthus – flower. The Italian name for sunflower is 'girasole' – turning toward the sun, (and perhaps 'jerusalem' was somehow extended from that?).

Commonly called sun-chokes, sunroots, topinambur from the French-Canadians, and earth apples, this plant originates from the central Turtle Islanders (Native Americans) of the Great Plains and their sunroots have been cultivated as a food plant for thousands of years along seasonal travelling routes, ensuring ample food for all along the way.

The colonisers sent them back to their homelands and they became staples for both royalty and subsistence growers, and provided much needed nutrients through wars and famine in many places.

They have pretty bright yellow flowers and are very easy to grow in most soil types. Spring is the time to get them going. Plant seeds or tubers ensuring an eye in each hole, giving space in between for the tubers to grow over the 90 days or so until harvest. They can produce many kilos of tubers per plant so plant at the very least a few feet apart. The plants can provide shelter for other plants or a windbreak or create some privacy, just keep an eye on it expanding and reign in where required if you have a space issue.

Depending on your growing conditions, they can be replanted and harvested through the year. It is a good idea to have an area set aside for growing Jerusalem artichokes so the tubers stay where you want them to grow, in full or a good amount of sun, in composted and mulched soil.

Add their companion plants to the mix and it will be a very attractive and abundant area of the garden. They grow well with corn, climbing beans, brassicas and rhubarb, providing shade for cucumbers and melons as well as providing support for their vines. They also produce attractive and abundant pollen for many pollinator insects and birds.

When the plants start dying off towards autumn/early winter it is time to harvest enough for a week at a time so they are fresh, and put away some of the best tubers for next year's planting. If the ground tends hold water in the wet season, harvest all the tubers so they don't rot, and keep them in a cool dark place.

It's also a favourite food for 'preppers', so if you feel it is important to grow your own groceries, reach out to the people growing these in your area, and gather yourself some bulbs for the coming season, so you can grow them and feed yourself and your family, any animals around you, and share some out for others to grow.



Top: Jerusalem artichoke flowers – related to the sunflower.

Above: Jerusalem artichoke tubers.

As an extremely drought-tolerant plant, they are very low-maintenance and just require trimming if you wish it contained to one area. Trimmings can be utilised for mulch or a high-protein fodder, also valuable in the dry times. Being in the daisy family, just harvest your seeds when the seed heads are dried on the plant which coincides with your harvest time.

When you harvest your tubers, don't wash them until you are ready to use them, store them as they are until you are ready to use, then wash them, and peel them if you wish (some eat with the peel still on like other vegetables), and prepare them as per your chosen recipe or method.

They can be eaten raw, crunchy like radish or turnip, with a nutty, sweet, water-chestnut taste and texture, or cooked in many ways similar to potatoes, such as roasted, chips, mashed, sauteed, stir-fried, pureed in to a delicious soup. They are renowned to contain good amounts of vitamins and minerals including vitamin C, B, iron, potassium, fibre, thiamin, riboflavin, protein, folates, electrolytes, as well as the prebiotic inulin, which feeds beneficial gut bacteria, making it an excellent food choice including for those with diabetic tendencies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WORD MEANINGS

BAGARRA: rainforest. *Nganydji galing bagarra-la.* We are going in the forest.

BALAY: black walnut (*Endiandra palmerstonii*). Toxic nut needs cooking and leaching before edible.

BANYDJARR: itchy. *Ngayang dumbul banydjarr.* My skin is itchy.

BANYDJARRIL: to follow. *Nganya banydjarril!* Follow me!

BIBIYA: Alexandra palm. Edible heart, sheath makes a bida for carrying water.

BILUN: buttress root. Buttress roots of fig used for making madjay shields.

BIRAY: march fly. *Yagay! Ow! Biranydju nganya baya-bayal.* The biray are biting me!

BUGUL: fishtail lawyer cane/stonefish. Edible fruit and cane used for making bi-cornual baskets.

BUGU: scrub wattle, brown salwood (*Acasia aulacocarpa*). When it flowers it’s time to hunt carpet snakes. Wood for spear sticks.

BULAGARRA: supplejack (*Flagellaria indica*). Used for

weaving eel traps.

BULAL: the light of a firefly Wugam.

DJAANDA: yellow walnut (*Belschmiedia bancroftii*). Toxic nuts need baking, grinding and soaking in water for days to make them edible.

DJANDAL: fig root, vine. *Djandal nambi! Maga-magayin!* Hold on the vine! Climb up! Climb up!

DJILIBURAY: green ants, edible and good medicine.

DJINARRA: roots.

DJUGALAWURRDI: season of whirlwinds and dancing leaves at the end of the dry.

DJULBIN: tree. *Djulbin bagarra-barra.* Rainforest trees.

DJUMBURRU: a track, a road, the way. *Djumburru nyiwul banydjarril!* Follow one track!

DUGU: leaf, leaves. *Dugu djundang-ala.* Leaves are dancing now.

DUMBUL: bark, skin.

GADJU: antbed on a tree. The ants can be cooked in ginger leaves and eaten. The antbed makes good fuel for the fire.

GADUGAL: rainforest snail. Shell used to grate up nuts like the black bean yiwurra.

GAMBURR: forest pandanus.

GUBIRRANGGAN: white apple, bumpy satinash (*Syzygium cormiflorum*). Edible fruit.

GUGINARR: coconut.

MANUNGGUL: dome-shaped antbed in forest with edible ants for cooking up in ginger-leaf packets.

MIDJI: soap tree, pink almond, pink ash (*Alphitonia petrei*). Leaves for soap and fish poison.

MUDI: yellow hairy-mary, lawyer cane.

MUNUMBA: sour plum, Davidson’s plum. Edible fruit.

NGALUMBA: hard milkwood. Fish poison and wood good for the gugal, the drill-stick in a set of firesticks.

NGUGUN: mosquito. *Ngugun-du ngayang galbal wungang.* Ngugun is drinking my blood.

NGUNAL: lace monitor. *Ngunal djulbinda magaying.* Ngunal climbs a tree.

NYALALDJI: a wise person full of knowledge.

NYANIBARRA: a vine, any vine.

WAGAWAGA: bumpy. *Gulu djumburru wagawaga.* This track is bumpy.

WALNYDJI: a cliff.

YABULAM: lawyer cane, brown hairy-mary (*Calamus australis*).

YIRRILAM: praying mantis.

YIWANDIBIY: to play. *Galin wawu yiwandibin!* Go play outside!

YULMBU: a dot or line of dots. *Yulmbu gidjarr gundal.* Painting dots.



Lace monitor.
Photo: Jack McGrath

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

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

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

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

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

/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word “book” e.g. **mudu** (back)

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

Consonants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

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

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

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

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

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'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe.' Matthew 22:11

In these days of ever-increasing informality and casual gear, this doesn't seem a very serious crime. But nothing is trivial with God. He has not invested much time and effort in us only to condone a slipshod attitude on our part. We need to stir our spiritual stumps, and spring clean our ideas. Casualness was all very well, before we came to Christ. We need now to forget it: it's bad news – for if we allow standards to fall in one part of our lives, they will also slip in other parts. Oswald Chambers, one-time principal of the London Bible College, used to encourage his students to give their 'utmost for his highest'. It is an excellent aim by which to live. God deserves no less than our utmost. It is almost certainly more than we are presently giving him – and also more than we think we are capable of giving.

So, what is this 'wedding robe' that God requires us to wear? It's quite an intricate garment, woven with at least nine major colour threads, which St Paul delineates in Galatians 5:22, 23, and calls 'the fruit of the Spirit': 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

How these are presently displayed in our wedding robe, may not be clear. Perhaps one or two colours predominate. Or perhaps we have not yet started weaving a certain colour into the growing pattern. The days are running on: we need to collect the threads together, for the robe must be finished in time for the heavenly banquet. It would be an eternal shame if the lack of this garment were to stand between us and salvation. We have all the necessary materials to hand, if only we will use them.

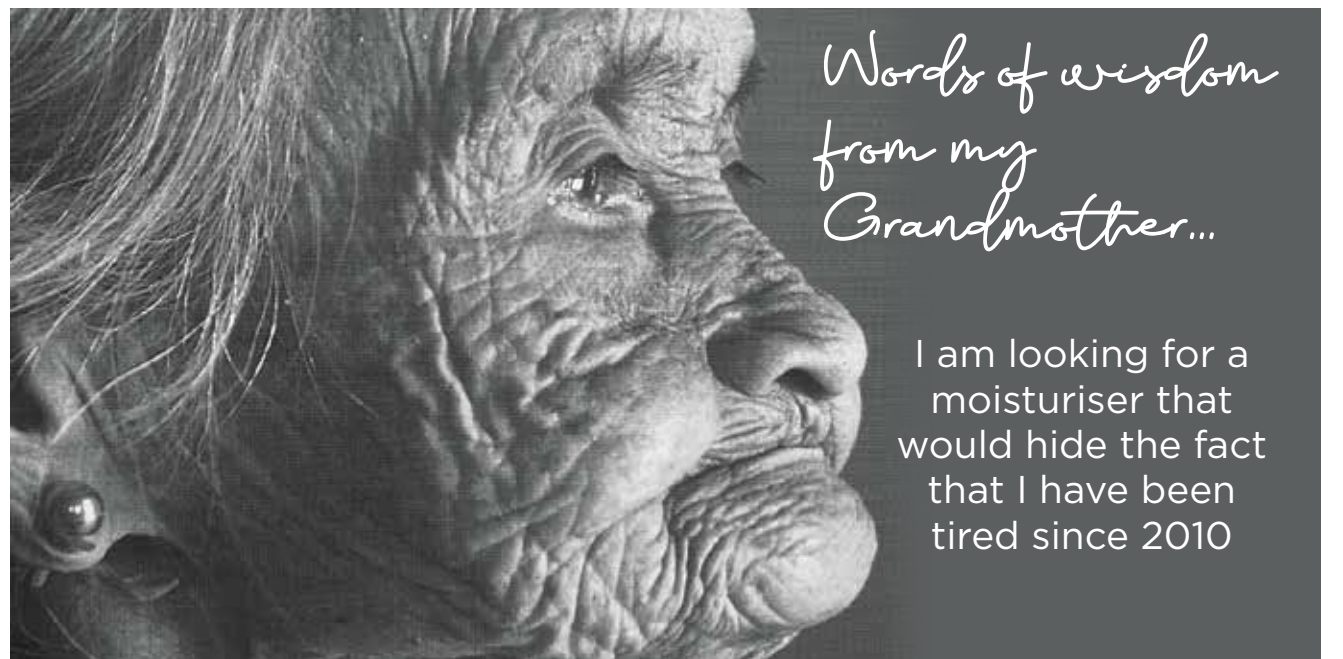
Our divinely-implanted Holy Spirit came fully equipped; but we need to home in on these fruits, to sit quietly in God's

presence, and together seek the best uses of each gift in our lives. We cannot copy another's use of them, because no one else has our opportunities, our challenges – which means that at the heavenly banquet, each of us will be wearing a robe that is uniquely ours. We are robe-makers to a King – yet it is we ourselves who will be wearing the beautiful robes.

Our King will outshine us – of that we can be sure – but if of our lives we have made something beautiful for God, we shall not disgrace Our Lord at the feast. It is not vain to look forward to this with pleasurable anticipation; if our wedding robe did not matter, Jesus would not have given us this parable. 'Set your minds on things that are above,' St Paul counsels us (Colossians 3:2).

Time spent in contemplating heaven in order to get there is never wasted; time spent in merely contemplating it when we should actually be getting there, is procrastination. There can be a wonderful bonus in our spiritual robe-making, in that while we are using the Spirit's gifts to weave our own robe, we are helping others to weave theirs – for we cannot keep these gifts to ourselves; by their very nature, they involve others.

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Kuranda Range/ Kennedy Highway Report an Incident
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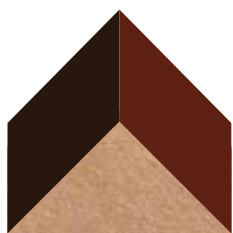
KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING

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

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

Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.

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



Australian Men's Shed Association

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

HELP GROUPS



kidshelpline
Anytime Any Reason

Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

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



Need help with a drinking problem?

1300 222 222

www.aa.org.au

RAINFALL

October 2023
27.5mm
(to 10 October 2023)

Annual Total
2436.5mm
(to 10 October 2023)

Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station



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

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

Al-Anon can help you!

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



Mareeba
SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Services

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm

(No Council business after 4.30pm weekdays)

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

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

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Open 7 days from 10am

4093 9311

kurandavic@msc.qld.gov.au

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am–4pm,

Saturday & Sunday: 9am–5pm

2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah
0418 282 542

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

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880
1300 308 461

info@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374

Trans North 3036 2070



Bookings 1300 743 374

Emergency Contacts



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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



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

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction

Join your local SES

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

Contact Caitlin 0476 772 500



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

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robin Anscomb – 0409 046 932 (Operates 24/7)
Karen McLaren – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment



Trans North Bus & Coach

Atherton Tablelands to Cairns

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

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands

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

Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

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

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

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

Bus stops are located at:

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

Ticket Sales:

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER?

Friday 10 November – 8.30-9.30am
YIN YOGA AND MEDITATION
0459 362 863

Friday 24 November – 8.30-9.30am
YIN YOGA AND MEDITATION
0459 362 863

Friday 24 November – 6-8.30pm
SACRED POETRY NIGHT
Come and share your stories and poems in a safe and beautifully themed space.
Enquiries to 0422 417 276

Saturday 25 November – 6pm
"WOODSTOCK" THEME DINNER EVENT AND ENTERTAINMENT
For enquiries and bookings please text 0459 362 863



Saturday 2 December – 4-8pm
TWILIGHT MARKETS
Please call or text 0455 719 588 to book a stall!

CONTACT US

 Kuranda Recreation Centre
 krc4881@gmail.com

JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

WHAT'S ON

KURANDA 8 BALL – Grand Final
Saturday 18 November
10am–4pm
Bar open

KURANDA RANGERS –
Season will recommence in 2024
Training Thursday 4.30–5.30pm
Tuesday Skills Training 4–5.30pm (U8+ only)

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm
Les 4093 8276

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

Venue for Hire

Are you having a party or celebration?
Please email krc4881@gmail.com



What's On at Koah Hall

EVERY MONDAY

PILATES with Jaide 6–7pm
0488 229 700

EVERY THURSDAY

PARENT AND BUBS MEET –
10am–12noon. Tui 0472 987 859

SELF AWARENESS – MIND, BODY, ENERGY (*Term time*).
3.45–4.30pm. 9 years and under.
4.30–5.30pm. 10 years+.
Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

MORNING YOGA 7am–8.30am.
Jane Dyer 0457 069 457

YOGA – Open space for a Yoga Practitioner to take on this time slot.

THURSDAY 16 & 30 NOVEMBER

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

EVERY FRIDAY

DANCE FUN (*Term time*).
4–5pm. 9 years+.
Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

A Night of Grief and Mystery
See page 7 for more information.
Bookings essential
www.orphanwisdom.com/event/nogmkoah/

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER – KOAH HALL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Koah Hall Jingle and Mingle Christmas Party and a Circus Show.

Featuring *Twisted Cindy* (Cinderella) – *A Circus Show!*

Music, food, bar, chai, community, fun!
It's Christmas, Let's Party!

HIRE FEES

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

www.koahhall.com

 koah.hall@gmail.com

 Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MARKET

Saturday 4 November
Saturday 2 December
8am till Midday

- Live Music November – to be confirmed
- Live Music December – Blue Reed bringing the joy to the December Christmas Market!

- Community Market bringing you all the local goodness – produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!

- Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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



SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda Library. Rachael 0435 001 156

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

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