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Giving Back to Betty

Those who have had the good fortune to know **BETTY TIMMINS** realise what an incredible force of love, care, and commitment she has brought to the countless critters and the community of Kuranda. Her love of Kuranda can be seen in all the devotion she has given to this special place she made her home 37 years ago. We can look to Betty as an inspiration of community spirit...countless volunteer hours on many endeavors!

Best known for her tireless efforts with Wildlife, she rescued, raised and rehabilitated hundreds of injured and orphaned animals, an inspiration to so many people, both here in Australia as well as to all her young volunteers from overseas.

Betty also gave her time to many other community groups: helping establish the Ambulance Centre as a member of the Ambulance committee, being a member of SES Services for 30 years, and having been a breast cancer survivor she had a passion for fundraising activities for breast cancer research. Many locals will remember Betty from when she drove the local school bus and Cliff and Betty were Venture leaders for Kuranda scouts as well. For many years their home was also a home to foster children.

Betty was one of a few people along with Gary Bresnan who went door knocking on every place they knew in Kuranda to start the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club up in the early 80s. Many have also tasted and enjoyed the wonderful flavours of Kuranda Homemade Ice-cream whose flavours were created by Betty after serving as an army cook.

Betty has suffered a massive stroke and now it is she who needs the care and support of her friends and community. She requires all the financial help we can muster to aid in getting the best care she deserves.

Please give what you can, and for those who are unable to help financially, please share, and remember, your visits, letters and cards mean the world, right now, as Betty is a social creature and knowing we won't let her be lonely through this is so important.

Please come along to the Recreation Centre on 1st December (*see notice page 11*) to give your support and enjoy the community spirit that she loves so much! A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated and thank you in advance to those who come along to support Betty.

Betty is currently staying in the Mareeba garden settlement if you would like to visit or send letters and cards.

If you would like to donate there is a Gofundme campaign online at:

'Giving Back To Betty' <https://dm2.gofund.me/7zxpdw-buy-betty-a-bed>.

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~ Vincent Lombardi

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Submitted by Bec Drollinger



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“Tall Tales and True of Kuranda Wet Seasons”

THE KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION OPENS

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Dear Mark Bailey...

On 18/10/2017, Mark Lawson, a KUR-World Representative, gave the latest Transport and Main Roads Averaged Daily vehicle figures on the Kuranda Range as 8996 vehicles. He then went further to advise if anyone wanted to check the figure, all they have to do is give Main Roads a ring.

I have chased this figure since May of this year and have approached the Department of Transport and Main Roads on three occasions, and also made approaches through the Local Member for Barron River, Craig Crawford, for the supply of the same figure. On all these occasions I have been advised that the 2016 year figure was the latest figure available and no updated figures would be available from anyone until April of 2018 (email advice from Hillary Woodman dated 13/07/2017).

How then is it possible that the Developers of KUR-World, can have the benefit of the most up-to-date data figures from the TMR Department, whilst the rest of us have to waste many days on physical traffic counts trying to obtain the same figures?

This is definitely not a level playing field for us and our future responses in the EIS Process, when existing Government data is available to foreign developers, or any developers for that matter, yet is not available to the general public including your own elected Party representative.

This is particularly disappointing as the KUR-World Project will have such a monumental impact on the Kuranda Range and all of the commuters and communities that depend on it.

How about fixing the Kuranda Range Road problem first before that problem is compounded by an enormous increase through KUR-World related volumes.

Peter Cohen, Kuranda

Thanks to Kuranda Conservation

Jill, Pira, and I would like to publicly thank the volunteers at Kuranda Conservation for their efforts last week to plant over 100 native trees on our property. The many birds, reptiles, butterflies and marsupials already here thank them as well.

Luke Melody

2017 Election

As at the time of going to press, the table below shows the voting distribution for Barron River.

District Profile

Electorate at Close of Roll: 35,423
 Last Updated Date/Time: 27/11/2017 12:26:08 pm
 Percentage of Roll Counted: 77.76%

Results Summary				Booths In: 42 of 147	
Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Graph	%
TROUT, Michael	LNP	8,042			30.50
HODGETTS, Andrew		763			2.89
BOYD, Cameron	GRN	3,297			12.50
CRAWFORD, Craig	ALP	8,885			33.69
TONKIN, Cheryl		977			3.70
SCHIBELLA, Andrew	ONP	4,407			16.71
		Total Formal Votes	26,371		100.00
		Total Informal	1,175		4.27
		Total Votes	27,546		
		Total Ballots	27,546		

Indicates member(s) elected at last election
 Indicates elected candidate(s) for this election



Christmas Wreath by Kitty Clignett

*Season's Greetings and
 Best Wishes for 2018
 from the team at
 The Kuranda Paper*

Dear Kuranda Paper,

I checked the results of the polling for Barron River and found that Cheryl Tonkin had gained nearly 1000 first preference votes. Not a bad result when you consider the four-week campaign, how many people are quite conservative in their voting, their understanding of the preferential voting system and the strategies to be used. Add this to the more than 500 surveys filled out locally and the number of signatures on the petition I have seen and it seems to add up to a lot of negative interest in the KUR-World proposal. I subscribed to the kurandaregion.org website for the email updates on what's going on which is interesting and alarming sometimes. Thanks to you I'm much better informed.

Ruby Bradshaw, Speewah

MSC Australia Day Awards Open – Recognise our Local Treasures

Nominations for Mareeba Shire Council's Australia Day Awards are now open. Nominations are not category specific and close 18 December 2017.

Download an application form from the MSC website, or pick up a nomination form at Council's Customer Service Centre or Shire Libraries and nominate an inspiring individual or event within Mareeba Shire and they could be recognised with an Australia Day Award.



THE KURANDA PAPER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of The Kuranda Media Association Inc.
 (publishers of *The Kuranda Paper*)
 will be held on

Saturday 2nd December

at 10.00am in

The Kuranda Paper Office

Red House Arcade

Shop 2, 24 Coondoo Street, Kuranda 4881



Henry Ross Lookout Upgrade Completed

The \$300,000 upgrade to the Henry Ross Lookout, on the Kuranda Range section of the Kennedy Highway, is now complete.

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director North Queensland Sanjay Ram said Henry Ross Lookout was one of 28 scenic lookouts identified for improvements under the \$3.2 million Scenic Lookout Upgrade Program.

"The design and scope of works for the upgrade was developed with involvement from key stakeholders, including State Government, Cairns Regional Council and Wet Tropics Management Authority," Mr Ram said.

"The upgrade, which began on site in September, included construction of a weather shelter over the existing concrete platform, extended walkway, upgraded fencing and minor landscaping of the embankment.

"New information signs will soon be installed at the lookout."



As part of the upgrade, TMR worked with the Rotary Club to arrange a replica of the Battle of the Coral Sea commemorative plaque erected at the site in 1952. The original plaque was stolen from the site before being found by a member of the public in 2014. It was too badly damaged to be reinstated. "The original plaque has been returned to the Rotary Club to preserve for historical purposes," Mr Ram said.

"As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, the replica has added great significance to the Henry Ross Lookout upgrade in commemorating this event."



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Rubbish Recycling Review

CHANGE IS IN THE WIND

by Cathy Retter, interview with Cr Nipper Brown

MSC Council has had a recycling depot in the transfer station opposite Cardinia estate between Speewah and Koah. There is now a depot in Kuranda township to support the level of interest shown there for recycling. What's coming on 1 July 2018?—DRINK CONTAINER REFUND SCHEME.

Q. So what's this Container deposit scheme coming in on 1st July and how will it work?

A. State government will apply a 10c refund on almost all drink bottles and cans which are purchased in the State from the 1st July and returned through a collection point which provides this refund.

Q. Can I stockpile my containers from now to get a head start on the scheme.

A. Whether it is eligible or not will be marked in the bar code so stock piling containers in the hope of a windfall won't work I'm afraid.

Q. You said "almost all". Are there any exceptions?

A. Exceptions to the drink container refund available are wine bottles, pure spirits bottles (eg rum or brandy bottles) and milk bottles (no GST component and this means no deposit can be applied to allow a refund). But containers like beer bottles and ready to drink spirit mixer bottles and juice Tetra packs are included. A major purpose of the scheme is to reduce litter as well as increase recycling.

Q. So how can I get my refund?

A. There will be Container Refund points across the State where you can receive the refund directly. These may be run by bigger businesses who specialise in waste management. In some places the supermarkets may allow machines to be placed to provide a refund, one container at a time. All of this is still being decided and will be announced in the new year.

Q. What if I don't have time to go to the Container Refund point?

A. There will be opportunities for you to support your local favourite not for profit (NFP) organisations via their Container Donation points if they apply to set up one up at their site. Eg Kuranda Recreation Centre already have a cage to collect aluminium cans for recycling and they might decide to extend what they can receive and establish a Container Donation point. The local schools might also decide to be part of the scheme and set up a Collection Donation point.

Q. Can I organise an event and collect the recyclable containers?

A. Yes one off events can also have a Donation Collection point. A person or a NFP organisation can make arrangements with a collection agent to supply and collect bins and can expect to receive the 10c refund per container.

Comment: So a great way to support your favourite local NFPs especially if you don't have time to go the refund depot yourself.

Q. And what's this about the Plastic Shopping bag ban coming on 1st July 2018. I understand it applies to biodegradable plastic bags as well. What's the problem with them?

A. More on that in the next *Kuranda Paper*.



Comparisons are often made between the communities of Kuranda and Nimbin. Which is hardly reasonable as both are unique in their own ways. However, on a recent visit to the "other" magic mountain town I was struck by the fact that Nimbin has obviously got it over Kuranda as far as street side recycling. On the main street there were a number of bins for recyclables and general waste. Let's hope the Mareeba Shire Council enters the 21st century in this coming year.

Gayle Hannah



 www.kurandaregion.org
info@kurandaregion.org
 FB: kuranda region planning group
 December 2017

A development application has been lodged for unlimited flying from a private aircraft facility in Koah

The existing facility has already proven that it is not compatible with the quiet amenity of the area.

A number of conditions put in place in the initial development approval to protect the community from negative impacts of the facility were not adhered to.

The normal background noise level in Koah is about 39 decibel. The circling aircraft reach a noise level of up to 70 decibel and taking off aircraft create a noise of up to 97.7 decibel over neighbouring properties. A 10 decibel increase signifies the doubling of noise. An increase of around 60 decibel means that it is 64 times louder than the background noise level of the area.

An increase of 20 decibel from the back ground noise level is considered very strong and brings with it vigorous community action.

https://qela.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/00_10_22Noise_Pollution_Law.pdf (Queensland Environmental Law Association/Noise Pollution and the Law)

NEXT STEPS:
www.kurandaregion.org/peaceful-tranquillity-of-koah-could-be-destroyed-forever

We demand proper planning for Kuranda Region. Find out more. Get involved. Your concerns matter.
 Send your info / concerns / updates to open-issues@kurandaregion.org or KRPG Facebook page to comment.

KUR-WORLD EIS NEXT STEPS:
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ECONOMIC IMPACTS	~ FEB 2018
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS	~ FEB 2018

How to HAVE YOUR SAY on the KUR-World project during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The EIS is a legal process that is triggered when a proposed development is likely to create significant impacts on the environment, but 'environment' includes social and economic impacts as well as nature.

The 'have your say' process is managed by The Qld Government's Co-ordinator General's Department, Brisbane.

KUR-World are required by the Qld state government to respond to detailed questions about their project plans. This list of questions is called the 'TERMS OF REFERENCE' (TOR).

KUR-World's answers are contained within their ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) document. The public will get to see this document about end January/February 2018.

What does "Have your say" mean? Your opinion REALLY matters in this process.

- You can be 100% for the project OR be 100% against the project.
- You may also like some aspects of the project OR some that will be OK, or some that you want to see changed.
- The public submission 'have your say' will ask you to describe an issue (ie population scale) and then ask for your ideas about a solution to the issue, or how to manage the expected population increases.

Questions / Comments / Forms
 > eiskuranda@gmail.com
Join Community EIS Action Email List
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Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

Kuranda District State College recently hailed its brightest and best at the College's 2017 Student Awards.

KDSC staff, students and their families gathered at the Rainforestation amphitheatre on 1st November to celebrate the achievements of both primary and secondary students over the past year.

Students were recognised for their accomplishments in a range of areas, including academic achievement, cultural and artistic endeavours, sport and community involvement.

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

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

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

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Year 6



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



Kuranda / Myola

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE Community Christmas Party



**15th
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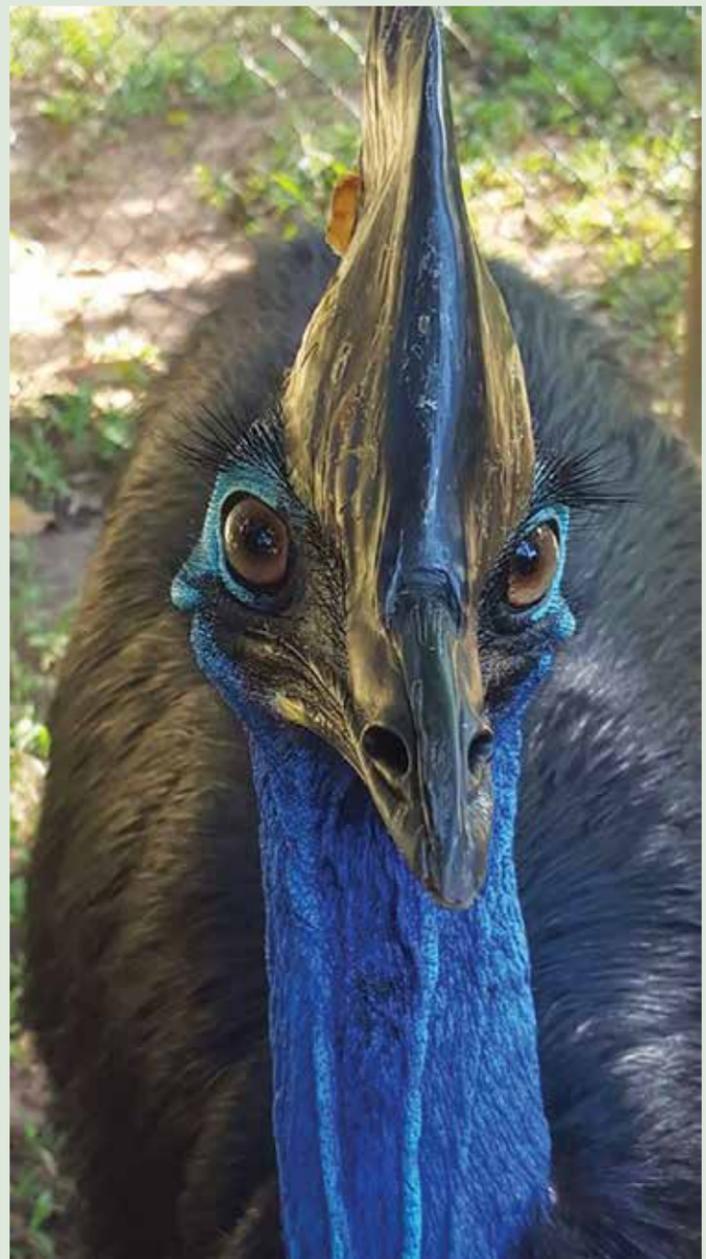
Focus on Kuranda

Focus on Kuranda Photography Group is a Facebook group initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin.

The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor.

It's also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

The Moderator of the page has advised *The Kuranda Paper* that the photograph that has received the most 'likes' this month to Monday 27th November 2017 is Kate Jackson's photo of a cassowary, taken on 26th October.



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Merry Xmas!

Please note that we are closed from Sat Dec 23rd until Tues 2nd Jan.



To *The Kuranda Paper*:

My husband and I built our home in Speewah in 1987. We raised two kids who grew up immersed in the natural environment and local community. We were on school and kindy committees, attended fundraisers and held cake stalls along Coondoo Street during the Spring Fair. We have always found a unique acceptance in the community of Kuranda and newcomers are welcomed and embraced.

But now I am concerned about the future of our village and how it will be affected by the proposed development of KUR-World. I have been reading the papers, updates and websites, attending meetings and listening to many against the development and a few who are for it. When I look for answers, I find inconsistencies and vague wording.

I feel powerless and uninformed.

If our way of life and our home is to be drastically changed, I want to understand how it will affect not only us, but our children and grandchildren.

I have come up with a list of questions about how KUR-World plans to deal with the impacts of the development. The sections in bold are quoted or paraphrased from KUR-World ads or their website.

As an integrated eco-resort development KUR-World seeks to protect and enhance environmental values...

Will the development be built in such a way that the endangered species on the land not only survive, but thrive?

... and contribute to regional sustainable development.

From my understanding, regional sustainable development fulfils the present needs of an area without threatening the needs of future generations. In other words, it is growth without depleting the natural resources of an area. It makes sense that a gradual increase in population proportionate to the resources available will fall into this category. My question is this: how can influx of 2000+ people in just a few years be sustainable? And, if we find out down the line that it isn't sustainable, will the effects be reversible? If not, who will hold the developers accountable?

KUR-World will limit and reduce the demands on transport infrastructure throughout its operations.

How is this possible? The number of cars on the Kennedy Highway (namely the Kuranda Range) increases daily. How can KUR-World reduce the demands on transport infrastructure when the population of the area will double? How will workers and trucks and heavy machinery reach the property to be developed?

KUR-World will support sustainable development by providing a shuttle service for resort users and staff to minimise the number of

vehicles accessing the site. They will have limited on-site parking to reduce vehicle access.

Will the shuttles pick up tourists from the train and Skyrail and bypass town, the markets and the small businesses? How will this benefit the community?

KUR-World will limit and reduce demands on resources and infrastructure throughout its operations.

When KUR-World talks of limiting and reducing demands on resources and infrastructure, what are they reducing it from? Even if they minimise their use, won't it still have a major impact? How can a development of this size reduce the existing impacts of water use, waste and sewerage generation?

Once developed, KUR-World is estimated to create 1333 full and part-time permanent jobs (including flow-on opportunities)

The coordinator general has estimated 600 (operational)

<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/assessments-and-approvals/kur-world-integrated-eco-resort.html>

But what if the resort is not approved? Is it possible that only the residential stage will be completed? If this might be the case, then don't we actually gain job seekers, but no long-term employment opportunities?

During the construction phase, KUR-World is expected to employ 1935 people across a variety of occupations, including residential and non-residential builders, heavy and civil engineers and other trade and technical services

The coordinator general has estimated 545 (construction)

This also raises questions. With 1935 jobs created during the construction phase of KUR-World, will there be provisions or preferential treatment for the smaller local businesses who tender? They won't have the capacity or the budget to meet the conditions of the bigger companies down south or overseas, so will they be bypassed for larger companies? If so, doesn't that mean more tradesmen will move into the area and actually take work away from the smaller local businesses?

And if this is the case, how many of these people will need jobs as well? Doesn't this increase the competition for employment?

I have many more questions, but will finish on one that is aimed at those who are elected to represent us – to be our voices.

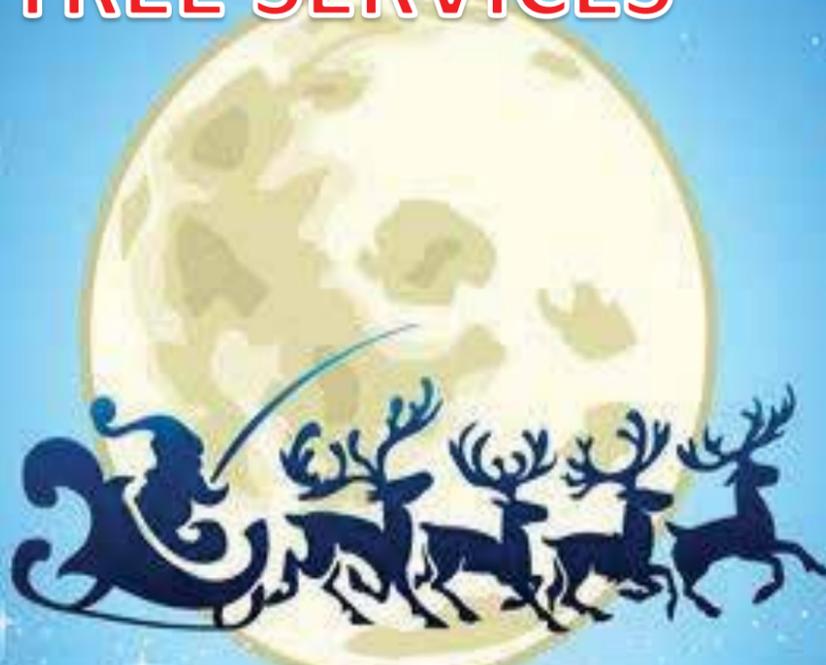
Why have our representatives been so elusive during this process? Isn't now the time they should be on the streets of the village, clarifying, educating and speaking with locals to find out what their constituents want? Isn't that their job?

Why have our representatives been so elusive during this process?

From **KURANDA HIRE**
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Kuranda recreation centre

Connecting our Community

Expressions of Interest, Jumrum Restaurant

Our commercial kitchen is available for hire again next year (at very reasonable rates). With the end of the year looming, the committee is seeking expressions of interest for hiring the kitchen to provide a food service in our Jumrum Restaurant for 2018.

The centre will close in December and re-open in February 2018 with great food and friendly service. We would like to hear from you during December or early January if you are interested in operating a restaurant service, with the option of providing additional catering as required for events and meetings.

We are open to all ideas and are very flexible! Please contact us on: krc4881@gmail.com or call Mike (President) on 0408 774 059.

KRC End-of-year celebration

Family festivities, 5.00pm Friday 1st December 2017. Live music, delicious BBQ, Krishnas Kitchen food van, bar open from 6.00pm, kids' movie night (upstairs).

We will be taking donations for Kuranda's much-loved wildlife carer, Betty Timmins. All welcome. Please RSVP via KRC email or KRC facebook.

We are seeking committee members for 2018 so please get in touch if you are interested.

Have a happy and safe festive season!

WHAT'S ON AT THE KRC

- EIGHT BALL** - Tuesday Team Comp - Peter 0477 088 762
- KURANDA RANGERS** - Training Thursday 4.30-5.30pm
- PILATES** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday - Jaide 0488 229 700 and Davini 0414 994 123
- TAI CHI** - Monday 6pm - Les 4093 8276
- TENNIS FOR KIDS** - Friday 4.30pm - Libor 0405 454 390
- TENNIS (SOCIAL)** - Aileen 0419 726 955
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- WING CHUN KUNG FU** - Wednesday 7.30pm - Grant 0414 966 823
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Check "What's On" calendar on website/facebook for more details.

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Contact Lara 0424 326 758

FIRST SAT OF EVERY MONTH

KOAH MARKETS - Last one before Christmas!
9.00am-1.00pm
NEXT: 2nd DECEMBER 2017
Plants, fruit etc etc as past info

Koah Hall is honoured to be hosting the **FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS** in conjunction with Woodford Folk Festival on the 6th December 2017. World renowned Artists Liz Stringer, with Vance Gilbert will be entertaining us along with some of the local Children from the Dream BIG! Circus program.

Tickets are now on sale at the Visitor Information Centre in Kuranda, or online at this website www.festivalofsmallhalls.com and are available at the Koah Markets too. Further information will be on the Koah Hall Facebook page.

NOW taking expressions of interest for market stalls contact Nicky on 0488 961 660.
KOAH HALL is excited to announce that the Secretary and Treasurer positions have been filled, until our AGM in January.

Email koah.hall@gmail.com

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Hire fees: 1-2 hrs: \$10; Half day: \$30;

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\$200 refundable bond for one-off events (if space is left as you found it)

Community Calendar

Every Month:

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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

First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Angela 0403 788 187

Every Sunday

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

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

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

Every Monday

Dream Big Tiny Tots 2 Class (5 years and under) 3.45pm-4.30pm.

Aerial Kids Trapeze 4.30pm-6.00pm Age 8+ Contact Sophie 0409 333 404

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

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

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

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

Tiny Tots (5 and under) 3.15pm-4.00pm;

Family Circus 4.00pm-5.30pm. All welcome. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404

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

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

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre



First Tuesday: Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting venue rotates. 4093 8933

Second Tuesday: Kuranda SES Training. 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213.

Second & Fourth Tuesday

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

Third Tuesday

Tourism Kuranda meets in the office, Centenary Park 4.30pm

Every Wednesday

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

Pilates 5.45pm and 7.30pm at the Koah Hall. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

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

Craft and Social Morning at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact Carol 4093 7187

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

Yoga for kids. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

Second Wednesday

Financial and Gambling Counselling by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

QCWA meeting 9.30 am at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 7187, Treasurer 4093 7393

Every Thursday

Pilates 9.00am and 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

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

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

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

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

Every Friday

Pre-Natal Yoga at Koah Hall 9.30am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

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

CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES



Gardening in Kuranda

with Alectura



Jewel orchids can grow in extremely low light levels so sunlight should be avoided. While most Jewel orchids enjoy intermediate to warm environments, a few species in the genus *Goodyera* from cooler highland forests of SE Asia and the North American species of *Goodyera* need cooler temperatures.



Needing high humidity, Jewel orchids need to be kept evenly moist, tapering off in cooler weather. When in full growth, light fertilising every two weeks (1/8 to 1/4 strength) with clear watering in between promotes strong growth. When in full growth during the Spring through to late Summer, fertilise every 10 to 14 days. As sensitive to fertilizer salt build up, clear waterings in between will make your Jewel Orchid Alliance plants happy. With cooler weather, a light feeding once a month will suffice. Non-urea based fertilisers are recommended. Plants are subject to slug and snail damage.

Easily propagated anytime of the year with cuttings taken off growing shoots, dipping in a fungal rooting hormone and allowing to harden off before potting directly into a good potting mix. As with most Orchids, Jewel Orchid roots are sensitive to fertilizer salt build up, so remember to clear water flush, between feedings.



DECEMBER, and the last month has seen some useful but, at times, damaging rains. Time now to prepare for the Cyclone Season, taking stock of potential hazards in the garden, trees and branches overhanging buildings and powerlines, dead palm fronds, garden furniture and children's play equipment, hanging baskets – all potentially serving as damaging missiles carried in gale force winds.

Investment in mulching now will also have benefits in the heavy and continued rains of the Wet, preventing run-offs and soil compaction.

With the last Tablelands Garden Show and falling membership in specialised plant societies, there is an increasing dearth in accessing rare plants. This trend, not merely confined to FNQ, is clearly evident in spiralling prices being paid on eBay for the odd and rare.

Stuck for ideas for Christmas presents for green-fingered friends? The Friends of the Botanic Gardens can help. On Sunday 3rd December they are holding their annual Christmas plant sale. Along with the huge array of different species propagated by the Friends, all from plants growing in the Gardens, there will be a selection on sale by local nurseries, including bamboos, bromeliads, herbs, orchids and succulents. The sale starts at 8am and finishes at midday.



PLANT OF THE MONTH: Jewel Orchids are primarily grown for their uniquely marked and spectacular foliage. With distribution throughout tropical and temperate regions of the world, many of the jewel orchids are found in the warm, humid tropical forests of SE Asia and through the Indo Pacific islands, where they can be found growing in the leaf litter of the rainforests.



Their foliage spreads or creeps, along the top of the growing media, quickly maturing into large specimen plants. The flowers of most species of jewel orchids are insignificant; however a few, such as *Ludisia discolor*, produce spikes of small but attractive white and yellow flowers which are also pleasantly fragrant.

Besides *Ludisia*, formerly *Haemaria*, *Anoetochilus*, *Dossinia*, *Goodyera*, and *Macodes* are also members of the Jewel Orchid Alliance.

Jewel Orchids are terrestrial orchids, so they need to be grown on a medium that retains moisture but drains quickly.

Sphagnum moss mixed with a little perlite works well but a good commercial terrestrial orchid mix or African Violet mix can also be used.

Q&A Dear Susan: Nothing better than when a reader shares their pics of plants taken on travels. The plant in question is *Cymbalaria muralis/Linaria cymbalaria*, the Ivy-leaved toadflax or Kenilworth Ivy. Originally of Mediterranean origin, this now ubiquitous ground hugger is found worldwide in cool to warm temperature gardens and is particularly to be found in paving cracks, stone walls and scree gardens. Of the easiest cultivation from seed or off-set, it proves short-lived in our climate.



Dear Elaine: Thank you for your compliment and reference to back-copies. Unfortunately I do not have an answer as to why your *Alocasias* and *Colocasias* fail to thrive. Having countered their obliteration by turkeys, you have tried them in shade. Generally speaking, the large green leafed types prefer sun and ample water (remember that some are field grown as a food crop) while all will take strong dappled light but vary greatly in water requirements – some thriving in pond culture, other need good drainage.



One experienced grower I know advocates annual re-planting while I and other growers often have initial success in plant increase only to see eventual fading with slow but marked decrease in plant size and vigour. I advocate careful reading re specific requirements of individual species and also propagation to ensure carry on. Any comments or advice from readers on this topic would be most appreciated.

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

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



GOLDEN ACRES

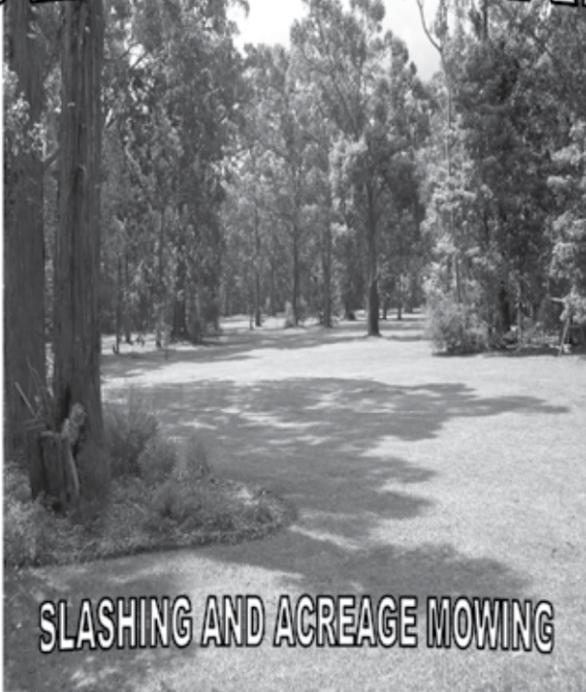
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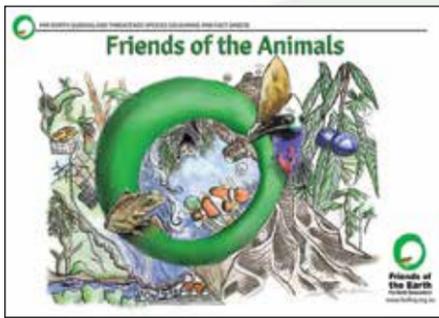
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NEXT MEETING:
NEW YEAR GATHERING
Details will be on FoE FNQ Facebook page
and www.foefnq.org.au in December



Stuck for Christmas presents?

Children love the Friends of the Animals native wildlife colouring-in sheets – beautiful and informative. Available from FoE FNQ website at http://fnq-foe.nationbuilder.com/friends_animals_donation.

Thank you to the State candidates Cameron Boyd (the Greens), Cheryl Tonkin (Independent) and Craig Crawford (Labor) who responded to our questionnaire about the topics below. Their answers can be seen on our website www.foefnq.org.au. Some of our requests to Santa are taken from their good ideas.

Dear Santa,

Instead of Adani and KUR-World, here's what we'd like this year from our newly elected State Government (at time of writing still unknown)

- A local council that understands the special nature of the Kuranda region, is as open to environmentalists as developers and listens to the residents' concerns. A State Government inquiry into alternative local government arrangements for the Kuranda Region would be a great start. Alternatives to be investigated could include (a) merging the Kuranda Region with Douglas Shire and (b) creating a new Kuranda Region Council, separate from Mareeba Shire.
- Sustainable planning and land clearing laws that are enforced with adequate monitoring. These should protect old growth and recovering forest – and stop our communities and wildlife being threatened by mega developments such as KUR-World and Adani.
- A rapid phase out of the use of pesticides such as glyphosate and neonicotinoids – both of which are under increasing international scrutiny for their toxic impact on wildlife and human health – especially in catchments such as the Barron that are adjacent to very high biodiversity areas and drain directly into the Coral Sea. It would be good to see those bees busy pollinating again.
- The buying back of previously State-owned plantations. These plantations replaced and remain adjacent to high-biodiversity areas including World Heritage forests, and are subjected to repeated herbicide and pesticide application.
- More initiatives to support increased use of public transport, cycling and walking within the Barron River electorate e.g. more, wider and better bike lanes, cheaper bus fares and more footpaths.
- A safety review of drinking water supplied from the Barron River – and until they are upgraded or superseded, official health warnings regarding these town water supplies.
- More renewable energy sooner – with more support for small, local schemes such as solar panels.
- A just and equitable Queensland where everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexuality and wealth has a fair go both in the work place and the courts.

Peace Pilgrims & #Close Pine Gap

We are still waiting to see if Margaret, our hard-working treasurer and membership secretary and Pauli, one of our members, will be jailed for their peaceful protest at Pine Gap – see www.closepinegap.org. They have risked their lives and liberty to highlight US Space base Pine Gap's role in US drone attacks, often in countries with which the US is not at war. See the reports of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch (ref: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/22/amnesty-us-officials-war-crimes-drones>) concerning US drone attacks in Yemen and Pakistan.



Friends
Christmas Plant Sale

Sunday 3 December
8am-12noon
Cairns Botanic Gardens

Friends of the Botanic Gardens Cairns
CAIRNS Botanic Gardens
Cairns Regional Council

Kuranda recreation centre
Connecting our Community

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 5PM

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

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ALL IS ART

News may be fake but art doesn't lie. It speaks directly from heart to heart. If we look at the news, fake or not, as a work of art, we may learn the intent of the authors. Knowing this, the minor details, true or false, are not so relevant. Do we look at a Van Gogh and say "Sunflowers don't look like that"? No, because we know in our hearts what old Vincent was trying to say. This situation is becoming even more relevant in this age of instant communication and information overload. The good news for Kuranda is that we now have a "HackerSpace" (see left). Our youth, and hopefully others, will now be able to combine their artistic and technological skills to create meaningful and original art for the information age. It is our intent that will give our art its truth. Happy Xmas Art Lovers, seren.



HackerSpace Kuranda Opens



As everyone knows, technology, and the understanding of it, has become an important component of a child's education. Many of the jobs of the future will require a

fundamental understanding of technology. However, for young people in regional locations such as Kuranda, it can sometimes be difficult to access the latest technology and resources to further their education without great



expense. This is why the recent opening of HackerSpace Kuranda is such good news for Kuranda's youth and the community.



RISE Management (left to right)
 Tess Hicks Team Assistant
 Daren Kilminster General Manager
 Suzanne Muteh Business Manager
 Robert Howard State Manager

Funded by the federal government and operated by Rise Ventures, HackerSpace Kuranda is available to ages 14 to 24 and provides free access to a range of leading-edge technologies and the resources to enable them to learn, create, build and experiment. From coding and electronics, to virtual reality and 3D Printing, there is a broad range of tech to play with, and activities to participate in - and it's FREE. Visit the Facebook page for more information - www.facebook.com/hackerspacekuranda - or just drop by between 12:30 and 6:30pm Monday to Friday, the old video shop at the petrol station, *HackerSpace. Kuranda.*



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Amphitheatre News December 2017

Welcome to new KAS Members! The Kuranda Amphitheatre - a multi-purpose community arts venue managed by the people of Kuranda since the 1970s.

Thanks to the members who attended the last General Meeting of the year and enjoyed a barbecue afterwards.

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF 2017! Always a massive thank you to the RISE CREW, who work tirelessly in making improvements to our community venue.

The upgrade to the venue is remarkable and we can't thank you all enough!

The venue will be 'out of action' over the next month or so, as electrical repairs and upgrades will be taking place.

Council has repaired the erosion damage at the causeway. Many thanks for getting this done before the wet season arrives!

The Amphitheatre is always looking for assistance in many areas of the venue:

Understage Event support - Set up, Clean up, Entry, Bar staff, Floor staff, general upkeep and maintenance.

Terraces - Weeding and planting the gardens, etc.

Volunteer Car Park - planting of native plants, shrubs and ground covers.

If you can help with any of the above please email to the support address below.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and Holiday Season.

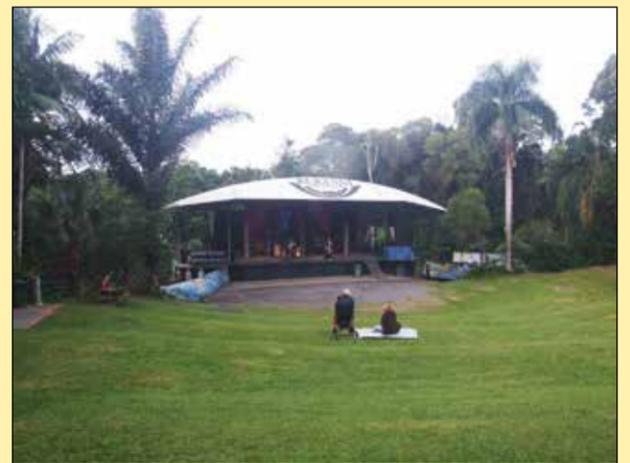
The Kup Mauri Pit and KAS Kitchen are available for hire, along with the Top Pavilion.

The Understage is available for daily hire, as well as evenings.

The Amphitheatre is used on a regular basis by local community hirers. To ensure minimal disruptions, site works need to be completed outside of the regular hire periods and the venue may not always be available for use at this present time.



Monday afternoons - Kids Aerials - Mainstage
 Wednesday afternoons - Kuranda Amphitheatre Youth Arts
 Mon to Fri - RISE Beautification Project
KAS Admin



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE KAS ADMIN TEAM KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and is still powering ahead over 38 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability.

Membership Forms available from:
www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
 or "The Honey House", Therwine St.

For all enquiries go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org
 email support@kurandaamphitheatre.org
 Support enquiries are accessed daily.



Mareeba Shire Arts Festival

During the recent Mareeba Shire Council's Art Festival, Arts Co-op artist Robyn King assisted commissioned 3D artist Jenny McCracken to paint a 3D mural in Mareeba. Robyn applied to the Shire for this Artist's Opportunity.

Painted on the outside wall of Mareeba IGA, the mural depicts the Mareeba Wetlands and Gouldian finches and is to be viewed from a particular position for the 3D effect. The mural took seven days to complete, with Jenny working most days until 2 and 3am. Robyn assisted with marking out, painting the background, cutting in and shading. Robyn is most appreciative to have had that terrific experience and enjoyed immensely working with Jenny.



PHOTOGRAPH BY EUGENE FILICE

Invitation to Tea

Arts Co-op artists Kate Prynne, Mollie Bosworth and Toni Rogers were invited to a Japanese traditional tea ceremony. The sweets and tea were graciously and meticulously prepared and served by Hisae Kamibayashi. An afternoon of elegance and learning.

Sidewalk Sale – Diary Entry

The extremely popular "Just Before Christmas" sidewalk sale will be held this year on the 9th December outside the Kuranda Arts Co-op. Don't miss this once a year opportunity to buy these discounted handmade artworks by our local artists. Open 10.00am to 4.00pm (see notice page 3).

Festive Greetings

The Management Committee would like to thank members of the Kuranda Arts Co-op for their ongoing support to the arts community, and wish our patrons, members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Blessed are those who see beautiful things
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 See Article this page.

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 Entry: \$5 Adults
 6.00-10.00pm

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
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CLIFFORD DE SILVA
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 4.00-8.00pm

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
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Koah Hall

Festival of Small Halls

Summer Tour 2017

Wednesday 6th December

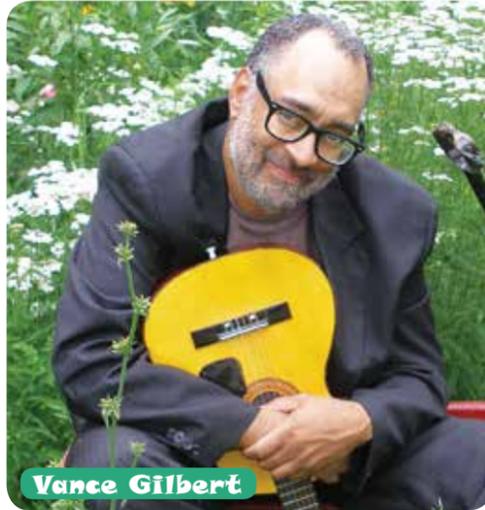
Don't Miss Vance Gilbert (Usa) And Liz Stringer (Aus)

American folk singer Vance Gilbert and the fabulous Liz Stringer are performing at the Koah Hall as part of the 2017 Festival of Small Halls tour.

Produced by Woodfordia Inc. in partnership with the Woodford Folk Festival and Mullum Music Festival, the **Festival of Small Halls** is a locally driven music tour bringing high-quality live original music to small towns across Australia, including a performance at the Koah Hall on Wednesday 9th December.

With a wealth of albums to his credit **Vance Gilbert** has been impressing audiences since the 90s. His music stems from traditional folk storytelling, coming from a background in jazz and roots.

Singer-songwriter **Liz Stringer** is fresh back from an extensive tour spanning Australia, Canada and the United States and



Vance Gilbert

is excited to return to the Festival of Small Halls Tour.

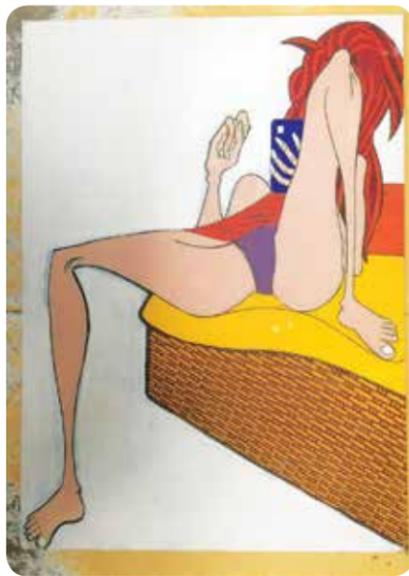
Says Nicky Mckillop, Koah Hall representative, "We really want that 'Hometown Country Fair' feel to the event, The Small Halls tour is a part of the famous Woodford Festival down south. We hope to cement our Koah Hall as one of their annual stops and it would be so great to have locals come and support this show. So invite your friends and neighbours along, too."

Koah Hall will be catering for all the food, sweets, drinks and bar. Everyone must have a ticket, with under 5yrs free, but with that

comes the offer of a **Free Stall** on the day for locally, hand-made, home-grown, arts & crafts and other fine wares. This offer is for ticket holders only, and by application only.

If you think this sounds like a go for you, then please contact **Nicky Mckillop** on 0488 961 660 (SMS preferred please, where possible) or by Facebook Messenger.

The **Koah Hall** and market stalls will be open from 3.30 pm, (food & bar available) with acts kicking off at 6.30 pm, MC'd by the incredibly talented **Dream State** with a short opening act by Koah Hall's own **Dream BIG! Kids Circus**, allowing lots of time for locals and kiddies to come after school/work to mingle and browse and be merry! Please see the Gig Guide for more event information. **KC**



Under Ware 3

In the Top Shed

Kuranda Amphitheatre
 Friday 15th December

Trish and Zac Mo will be performing their hilarious 'Faux Mo Show' which was created for the 2017 Wallaby Creek Festival. It's Music & Theatre & Live Painting & Dance, and includes collaborations from the Centre for Australasian Theatre (CfAT), as well as local musicians and artists.

Cairns poet **Brenton Clutterbuck**, who has won the local poetry slam heat a couple of times and, presented a Ted X talk at JCU, will showcase some of his performance poetry; **The Vixorist**, Cairns based graffiti artist will be painting live;

Sneaky Dread, local dub band (how lucky are we!) bringing in some home spun beats; **Breazie**, popular Kuranda based musicians **Brea & Darren** will be doing their musical thang; **Ayeesha**, singer/songwriter/guitarist will be providing some entertainment, and **Dj Digital Spin** will be tweaking the air-waves to add to the night's musical appreciation.

Dave Hart is running sound and decor extraordinaire **Queen Kitty** is displaying some of her latest weaving coconut frond creations. Entry is only \$5, so come and wish Zach Happy Birthday!!

With more possibilities of maybe another band, another poet, some physical and/or theatrical performance, and perhaps other things in the mixing and makings **UNDER WARE 3** is set to be another fun, mad-cap night of frivolity and shenanigans...

Music in Kuranda

To every season there is an ebb and flow, and I am happy to share with you that once again we are being treated to some mighty fine LIVE music right here in the Kuranda village.

Frogs Restaurant, long recognised for its culinary delights, is offering its patrons a Thursday night of live acoustic music, featuring **Clifford de Silva** and friends on the first Thursday of every month. Be sure to come and enjoy a night out on the town, a cool beverage, and a bite to eat.

Cafe Mandala in Coondoo St is now giving customers a musical treat for Sunday brunch. So far the cafe has hosted the likes of the **Bec Drollinger**, **The Blues Man**, **Blue Reed**, and an acoustic session with **Secret Tuesdays** to name a few. Come, support local artists, enjoy some sweet, smooth tunes to accompany a delectable gourmet meal from their menu.

Other musical offerings continue to come to us via the **The Kuranda Amphitheatre**, **K.O.R.M.**, **The Barron Falls Hotel**, **Kuranda Rec Centre**, **Koah Hall**, **Speewah Tavern**, as well as house concerts. A few km's down the road, **The Billabong** and **Aaron's Bistro** have regular entertainment (and host cool festivals too) with fine dining to keep you a comin' back.

Aaron's Bistro on the Billabong is offering a NYE BUFFET (with the whole she-bang), check the Gig Guide for the deets, but make sure you book your seats to avoid disappointment. Or roll along after the buffet to join in the festivities.

And what a delight it has been to enjoy a musical cruise or three on **The Kuranda Riverboat** this year (an all time personal favourite). Whether to relax to; invigorate and uplift yourself, study with, let go of the doldrums and blues, music sure does enhance one's appreciation of life. Blessed be in 2018. **KC**



Clifford de Silva



KENTA HAYASHI

Saturday 20th January
 The Understage

Kenta Hayashi (a.k.a. 444Hz Loop Pedal Ninja) is no stranger to Kuranda. We have been lucky enough to see Kenta perform his musical wizardry up close and personal, and many will be happy to see his return to The Understage.

Kenta focuses on the vibration of music. The vibrations he creates resonate with the natural frequency of the water in our bodies, 444Hz, like a healing meditational process. Creating an orchestra of sound by layering vocals, guitar, effects and percussion. The result is a fusion of psychedelic dubbed out journeys surrounded by soundscapes and an overtone of harmonies on a rhythmic foundation, all created live by **Kenta** through the use of his loop pedal. Be certain to add **Saturday 20th January** into your diaries. **KC**



Exhibition opening with Jean M Stephen, President, Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery Association Inc. followed by a guided tour of the exhibition with Sandra Lloyd, Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery Curator, Saturday 11th November 2pm, Cairns Art Gallery.

The latest exhibition at the Cairns Art Gallery is a beautiful collection of rarely seen Vera Scarth-Johnson floral arrangement paintings, private sketchbooks, early drawings, personal photographs and fascinating correspondence records with leading botanists and herbariums across the globe. More than fifty works record in exquisite detail the flowers and plants of the Endeavour River area near Cooktown, Far North Queensland.

By all accounts Vera Scarth-Johnson was a formidable and adventurous woman and very much a wild flower.

Born in Morley, England in 1912 Scarth-Johnson was an avid gardener from childhood, and it was later in life that she became a botanical collector and illustrator with a strong grounding in art and botany having studied horticulture at Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture and drawing at the Leeds College of Art in the UK.

A passionate environmentalist, she gladly left finishing school in Paris and created a market garden in her hometown of Leeds during World War II, before travelling to Africa, India and migrating to Australia in 1947 where she established a sugarcane farm in Queensland.



In the mid-1960s she forged a strong connection with the Royal Botanic Gardens

in Kew, an institution with which she fostered a long relationship. Over several decades, Scarth-Johnson self-funded many collecting expeditions, sending thousands of botanical specimens from Australia and the Pacific Islands, to overseas herbariums and botanical gardens.

In 1972 she moved to Cooktown where she was inspired by the local landscape, the unique native species and the botanical drawings by naturalists Joseph Banks, Daniel Solander and artist Sidney Parkinson.

It was here that she dedicated herself to what she referred to as her 'life's work', following the footsteps of European explorers, collecting and painting more than one hundred and fifty native plant species.

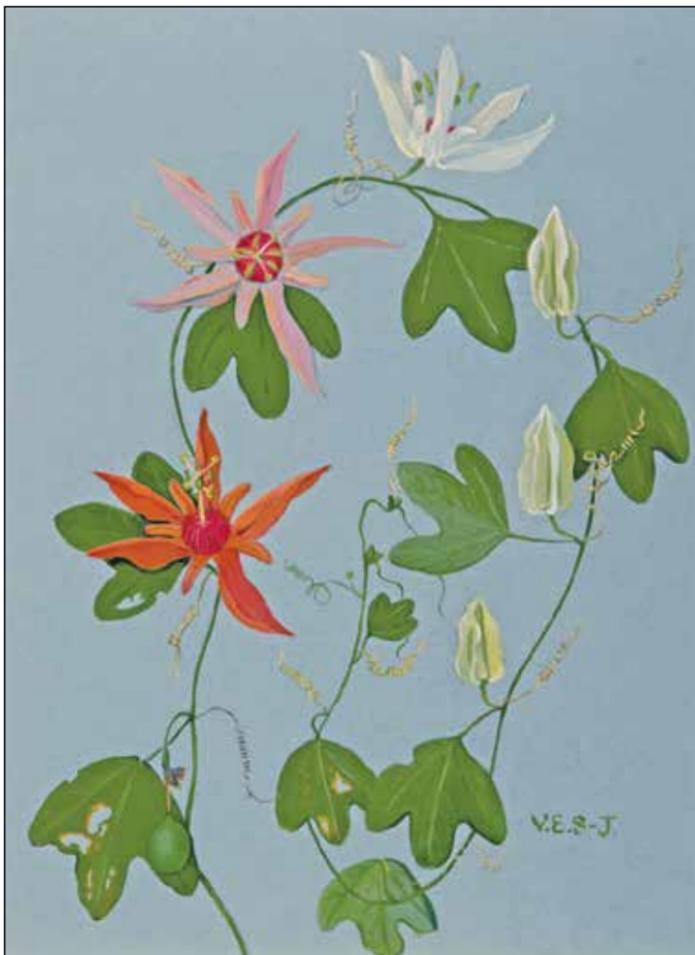
Scarth-Johnson possessed not only a natural talent for botanical illustration, but also a strong sense of design, composition and colour. Her bold botanical drawings and paintings are recognisable for the unique way she highlighted form and detail in exquisitely amplified natural hues against contrasting backgrounds.

Vera Scarth-Johnson's botanical paintings not only correctly recorded key features of native plants, but many are also accompanied by plants names in the local Guugu Yimithir language, as well as in Latin and English. She would often scour the banks of the Endeavour River with Indigenous Elders from different clans, identifying and collecting specimens, learning the plants' properties, uses and related stories.

In 1990, Scarth-Johnson gifted her botanical illustrations of the Endeavour River region to the people of Cooktown and in 1996 she was awarded an Order of Australia.

Left: *Passiflora aurantia* n.d. – watercolour on paper; Above right: *Erythrina phlebocarpa* n.d. – watercolour on paper

Both: Vera Scarth-Johnson Collection, Nature's Powerhouse, Cooktown





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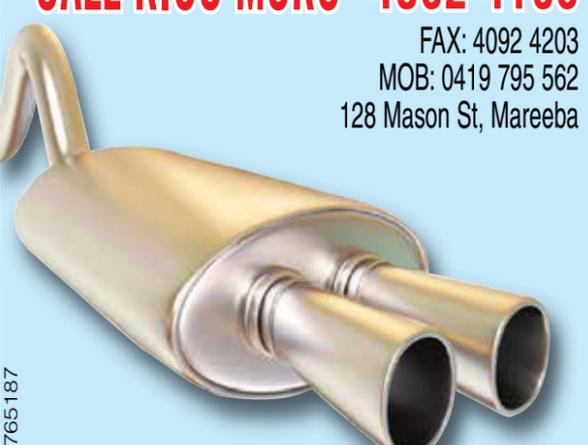
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Kuranda Community Kindergarten Needs Your Support

Kuranda Community Kindergarten has been an integral part of the Kuranda community, offering quality Early Childhood education programs since the late 1980s.

As with many community based organisations, we rely on local community support. Many community kindergartens have found themselves faced with declining enrolments over the past few years and Kuranda Kindy is no exception. It has become more problematic to maintain financial viability due to the reduction in children attending but the committee, staff and families are committed to working through this cycle and hopefully increase numbers of children attending in the future.

This year we began offering our children and parents the opportunity to participate in our PaL (Parents and Learning) early literacy program. The program provides books and resources to help parents and children engage in early literacy exploration together, building strong foundations for literacy learning in school. Both groups have also been visiting the Kuranda Library on a monthly basis to enjoy stories and activities.

Children also engage in many activities that develop awareness of maths concepts, such as counting, sorting, collating, measuring and hypothesising, through play and investigation. The kindy environment is set up to challenge, encourage and support children as they develop the educational and social skills needed for learning in formal schooling.

Preschool helps children to develop a range of skills needed to be able to 'learn how to learn', to be curious about the world they live in, to be resilient and cope with change, and to develop social skills and friendships that are supported and nourished.

We are so lucky to be able to do this in a beautiful rainforest setting with grassed areas and plenty of shady trees.

We offer two groups: M/T/ alt Wed 8.20–2.30pm, Thursday/Friday 8.00–4.00pm, comprising of preschool and younger kindy aged children. Preschoolers (children turning 4 by 30th June) who have a Health Care card are eligible for the Government rebate on fees.

If your child is aged 4 by December 30th 2018 then please come in for a visit or contact the centre on 4093 8087



A Star for Jetstar

We often hear negative stories about our domestic air services, so I thought I would share a good one for a change.

I recently had to have a brief trip to Brisbane, leaving on a Thursday morning and returning on Sunday afternoon.

I won't bore you with the various health issues I had at the time, but suffice to say that I had severe breathing difficulties. Walking from the Cairns airport drop off area to the boarding gate, I was stopping about every 10 to 20 metres to gasp heavily to catch the breath. Then the same thing from Brisbane disembark to my pick up.

Where I was staying in Brisbane, I had a tumble down a staircase and twisted my knee and hip – therefore causing walking problems to add to my existing respiratory problems.

When leaving Brisbane on Sunday, as well as the usual stop-every-10 metres/puff, pant, start again and so on, I also dealt with shuffling along with a semi stuffed hip and knee. Probably an amusing sight to the casual observer.

And was it a flight where one walks leisurely along a raised passageway to the plane entrance? Of course not; I was confronted with a downward staircase, a tarmac and a flight of stairs up to the plane.

After puffing my way slowly and laboriously up the stairs, I paused for at least 10 minutes out of the way just inside the airplane door before proceeding to my seat.

No good news story so far you say?

Well, the good part of the story starts about 15 minutes out from Cairns, when JetStar flight attendant Craig Young came to me and informed me that he had noted my earlier strugglings and that we will be disembarking from one of the furthest bays (14) from the pick up area. He can arrange for a wheelchair to take me from the plane to the pick-up area, if desired.

My first instinct was, of course, "No, no I'll be right – I'm not a bloody invalid", but quick second thoughts on my current condition made me thank him and accept graciously.

I had to wait until everyone else had disembarked, and then hobbled down stairs to a waiting wheelchair driven by a lovely young Jetstar-ess who wished to remain anonymous. Arriving at the pick up area being wheelchaired by a young lady was a bit of a surprise for my wife, Helen.

Good one Jetstar.

– David Gormley, Kuranda Paper



Crocodile Facts

This is an extract from the Facebook page of Adam Britton, crocodile expert: "Queensland MP Bob Katter recently suggested 'every three months a person is torn to pieces by a crocodile in North Queensland'.

Actual data: Six fatal and eight non-fatal in last 10 years. Average one fatal per 20 months. No evidence yet for increase over that period.

In Queensland 0.6 people per year, on average, are killed by a crocodile. Why so low? Because Queensland has a strong education and awareness campaign called CrocWise. Build on this, make it even better."

Total in last 10 years				Annual rate in last 10 years			
	FATAL	NON-FATAL	TOTAL		FATAL	NON-FATAL	MEAN
NT	11	18	29	NT	1.1	1.8	1.5
QLD	6	8	14	QLD	0.6	0.8	0.7
WA	0	7	7	WA	0	0.7	0.4
TOTAL	17	33	50	MEAN	0.6	1.1	0.8

Total in last 5 years				Annual rate in last 5 years			
	FATAL	NON-FATAL	TOTAL		FATAL	NON-FATAL	MEAN
NT	8	8	16	NT	1.6	1.6	1.6
QLD	3	4	7	QLD	0.6	0.8	0.7
WA	0	4	4	WA	0	0.8	0.4
TOTAL	11	16	27	MEAN	0.7	1.1	0.9

Source: CrocBITE (<http://www.crocodile-attack.info>)



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Baby Bat Season

SPRING IS IN THE AIR IN KURANDA, and the change in season signals the beginning of the birthing season for native flying-foxes. Birthing season for the Spectacled Flying-fox (*Pteropus conspicillatus*), typically lasts from the end of September until the end of December. Flying-foxes are placental mammals, just like humans. Mothers are pregnant for six months before giving birth to one, but occasionally two, pups.

Healthy flying fox pups are born with open eyes and fur, and can be up to 20% of their mother's body weight. Babies cling to their mother as soon as they are born, and nurse under her wing. For the first few weeks of their life, the mother will fly around and go about her business with the baby in tow. Once the baby is too heavy, it will be left in a tree with other babies until mother returns. Bigger babies stretch their wings and flap from branch to branch in preparation for when they're fully grown and may have to travel great distances in search of food. Spectacled flying-foxes

become independent from their mothers between five and six months of age, at which point they start to get a good handle on how to use those wings.

Birthing season is always a busy time at Batreach, with many orphans coming into care. Currently we have twenty-one babies in care, ranging in size from just 76 grams to a robust 280. A newborn baby orphan's care begins with being wrapped up in a basket and given milk via bottle, and as they age they slowly learn to hang freely, feed themselves, experience the joys of fruit, and ultimately fly. Many babies suffered traumatic experiences before coming into care, and suffer from maternal deprivation symptoms as the result of missing their mother. As a result baby bats need frequent attention, affection, and nursing in order to help their psychological development. A healthy baby

will grow out of its neediness, as it gets older, while a neglected baby ironically end up disadvantaged and more dependent than it should be when it grows up. For this reason a flying-fox orphan requires a similar level of nurturing and support as a human baby. Each orphan develops its own unique behaviours and personality, as all bats display a high degree of individuality that sets them apart from their peers. Some bats are bold and precocious, others are cautious and shy, but eventually they all become fit enough to be released. After months of careful upbringing, the ultimate goal is to get flying-foxes back into the wild where they can flourish and do what they do best: dispersing seeds and spreading pollen which enables the tremendous biodiversity of the wet tropics.

– Iain Kuttner, Batreach Volunteer



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Anwen qualified in Thai Massage at the traditional Medicine Hospital of Chiang Mai, Thailand, studied Ayurvedic massage and yoga in India, learnt about Tibetan Medicine whilst working with refugees in North India. She decided to invest her time into a formal training in Perth, WA, where she practised as a naturopath and homoeopath.

Wayne is passionate about natural medicine, he is also trained in Swedish and Ayurvedic massage and particularly enjoys seated massage. If you are looking for gentle, alternative healing, his special interest is addictive behaviours.

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Kuranda Artists Exhibiting in Cairns

Congratulations to three Kuranda artists, **Buck Richardson**, **Didi La Baysse** and **Lieselotte Edwards**, who were chosen to be part of the Cairns Art Society 70th annual exhibition.

Lieselotte is pictured with her work "Pausias" (Oil, Encaustic, Mixed Media on Timber board).



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Small black ants look much the same to us, but they are everywhere throughout Australia, and several species are common. They belong to the genus *Iridomyrmex*, one of the most significant groups of ants in the country. They form incredibly large colonies spanning enormous distances, numbering hundreds of metres with a multitude of ants packed together. Other species have colonies that are much more compact in comparison, and the whole colony can fit under the bark of the single tree in which they live.

They naturally dominate the habitats they live in, and they play a role in our ecology. Many interact with other species and have mutually beneficial relationships with a number of plant eating insects that are not ants, which get to drink sugary solutions that they collect as a 'reward' for their protective duties. They are important to native plants as they play a role in pollination.

In species where there is only one queen, many colonies have super-sized colonies with multiple queens. Each queen will continuously lay eggs; they are 'reeding machines'. Worker ants care for the queen and go about the daily duties of finding food, nesting and protecting the colony. Black ants are aggressive towards invaders; this includes larger species of ants and even other colonies of their

own species. Aggressive species will patrol and protect their territories with their lives, and even the largest of intruders will be attacked. They will swarm onto the intruder, biting and spraying formic acid into the wounds. This acid gives them that familiar 'ant smell' that most people have experienced, when they have either upset black ants or squashed them.

We would have to describe black ants as part of nature's cleaning system, and they are extremely effective. All sorts of organic wastes are picked up and swept away by these industrious little workers. Throughout the country it would be literally tonnes each day. Dead animals are those most usually collected, but all sorts of organic material is taken into their nests. Recently I trimmed my fingernails in the backyard and watched in astonishment as black ants collected every single nail and struggled with them until they were cooperatively dragged into the nest. The aim of this mass collection of course is for food, but not for the adult ants; it is to feed the larvae. Adult black ants feed mainly upon sugars, which are found naturally within plants, but is one of the reasons they make their way into our kitchens!

Finding their way to and from the nest is achieved by an ingenious method of communication these ants use – scent trails. Chemicals are left on the ground, and passed between ants, and when one ant finds something of significance, very soon the chemical message is spread to many others. If the chemical trail is lost (or wiped away on the kitchen bench), scout ants are sent out to find the food again and re-establish the trail.

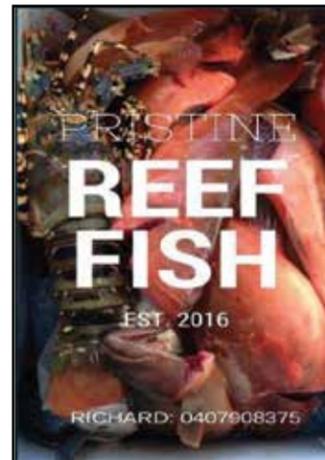
As frustrating as these little acid-filled insects may be to us humans, it would be us that would struggle to survive without them. Imagine the build up of carcasses without these ants to clean them up! On the other hand, if we were to disappear they would barely miss a beat.

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Black ants pin down and dismember a cockroach.

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Of course it's great to expand one's culinary repertoire to include some tasty plant-based treats – and is always very much appreciated. Here are a few plant-iful party dishes everyone will appreciate. Served alongside more traditional fare as well as fruit platters and salads they will ensure everyone can enjoy the many social gatherings common at year's end and new year's beginning.

Thai Green Curry Samosa Pinwheels via contentednesscooking.com

Makes 24

Ingredients: 2 sweet potatoes peeled and cut into cubes, 1 425gm can chickpeas (or fresh cooked and cooled), ½ cup coconut oil room temp, 5 cloves garlic peeled, pressed, salt, pepper to taste, 1 batch Thai Green Curry Sauce, 4 tortillas (gluten free), optional: ½ cup cashews + tandoori spice mix (just mix Cashews with Tandoori Mix, salt, pepper, curry, ginger, turmeric, chili powder), ¼ cup raisins, fresh coriander, chopped.

Instructions: For Curry sauce: 2 tbs Cashew Butter, 1 tbs Green curry paste, ⅓ cup water to thin. Prepare the curry sauce: Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl, and whisk until smooth.

Cook sweet potatoes then mash with coconut oil and chickpeas. Mix with garlic, salt, and pepper. Allow mix to cool. Assemble your pinwheels: put 2 heaping tbs of the potato mixture in your tortillas, sprinkle with Thai Green Curry sauce, roll. Cut into fingerfood size portions.



Baked Vegan Spicy Vegetable Samosas via eatthehealthyhappy.com

Makes 10

Ingredients: 2 tbs olive oil, **Spices:** 1 tsp red or yellow curry powder, 1 tsp garam masala, ¼ tsp smoked paprika, 1 tsp cumin, ½ tsp chili powder, a scant ⅛ tsp-¼ tsp red pepper flakes, depending on how hot and spicy you like your samosas. **Vegetables:** 1 med onion, 1 med carrot chopped fine, 2 med potatoes, peeled and finely

diced, 2 med red bell peppers, diced, optional – 1 or more red or green chili peppers to taste, seeded and chopped fine, about 1 tbs fresh ginger, grated 1 tsp garlic minced, 1 cup water, about 1½ cups green peas, fresh or frozen and thawed, 10 spring roll wrappers.

Instructions: Combine the oil and spices in a large skillet over medium low heat. Stir for about 2 minutes. Add the vegetables, raise the heat to medium and stir-fry for about 5 minutes. Stir in ginger, garlic and water. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, turn heat down a bit if needed. Stir in peas and until they're heated through. Take off heat and let come to room temp. When you're ready to fill your samosas, position two racks in the middle of the oven and heat it to 180°C. Grease two cookie sheets or line with baking paper and have a little container of water, a pastry brush and your wrappers ready. As you wrap the samosas, arrange them on the cookie sheets. You should be able to get 5 on each sheet without them overlapping, brush tops with olive oil then pop them into the oven for about 8 minutes. Get them out, turn them over to brown on the other side, and return them to the oven, switching rack positions, for another 8 minutes. You can eat them straight out of the oven, let them cool a bit first (which I like), or let them cool completely and then reheat them whenever you like.

Cranberry Salsa via frieddandelions.com

Ingredients: 2 cups fresh or frozen whole cranberries, 1 large orange, quartered with peel ON, ½ cup shallot, ½ cup coriander (or alternate herb), 1 jalapeño, ¼ cup coconut, salt to taste.

Instructions: Place all ingredients in the food processor. Pulse until the ingredients break down, but are not pureed. You are looking for a relish consistency, and should be able to see bits of all of the ingredients. Serve with tortilla chips or such.



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Rocky Creek Falls

(The following article appeared in *The Cairns Post* on 15 February 1888. As can be seen the mode of writing in those days was quite effusive.)

North Queensland, admittedly the most picturesque division of all Australia, boasts few more beautiful spots than that portion of the second section of the Cairns-Herberton railway known as Rocky Creek Falls. Possessing the charm always apparent to lovers of the beautiful in Nature, it combines the effects produced by the abundant richness of tropical verdure with the sublimity inseparable from lofty mountain scenery.

The Falls themselves, though not equaling in volume or grandeur the now famous torrent of the Barron, are indescribably lovely: and during the rainy season recall to the memory those celebrated lines that describe with such original rhythm, "How the water comes down in Ladore."

Truly the horny handed sons of toil labouring on the scene of No. 9 tunnel, on the verge of the cataract, have their lines cast in beautiful, if not always pleasant places, and those nomadic tourists who devote so much of their time and incur so much danger and arduous toil in their search of the beautiful amongst the European Alps, would find much more gratification and far less risk in exploring such scenes as those we now speak of. It was a Sunday on which we visited this romantic scene, when the workmen were busily engaged in their ablutions and washing their clay and toil-stained clothing. We observed to one brawny individual that it was a great blessing to have one day on which to attend to their own requirements. He was evidently a bit of a cynic, and observed in nautical phrase:

*Six days shalt thou labour, And do all that thou art able;
On the seventh holystone the deck, And coil down the cable.*

To meet the wants of the times and to provide creature comforts for the inner working man, Mr. G. Lee has erected a comfortable and substantial hostel, and despite the great cost of bringing all his wares from the level plains below by means of pack horses, contrives to keep a good table and well supplied bar (to the qualities of both of which we are in a position to testify), and charges but moderate rates.

From this desirable and charmingly situated establishment is to be seen a view that could not by any means be excelled if equaled, the silver sheen at the Barron River glinting in the sunlight below, and in the back ground the waters of Trinity Harbour with Cape Grafton blue-tinted by distances are clearly observable.

In the time to come when the line shall be open to this favored retreat there is little doubt but that the merchants and well-to-do residents of Cairns, together with inhabitants of more distant localities, will resort to Rocky Creek to renew their health and vigor in the beautiful and bracing climate afforded by the lofty elevation.

In addition to George Lee's establishment there is another licensed house kept by a Mr Gardiner, and innumerable tents occupied by men working on the line while giving the population of a small township in no way detract from the picturesqueness of the scene.

Of the tunnel itself, which is 9 chains long, it may be said that it is the hardest of any on the section, being entirely of solid rock, and is worked by two shifts of twelve hammer and drill men. This tunnel is only worked at one end, the material excavated being required for forming an embankment across the creek, and we could not help thinking with regret of this lavish use of the metal so much needed in poor sandy Cairns.

As an outlet for the water of the Falls a culvert 8 feet in diameter has been carefully

built with cement through the embankment, and the rush of water thundering and foaming through during the wet season, is a sight once seen would not readily be forgotten.

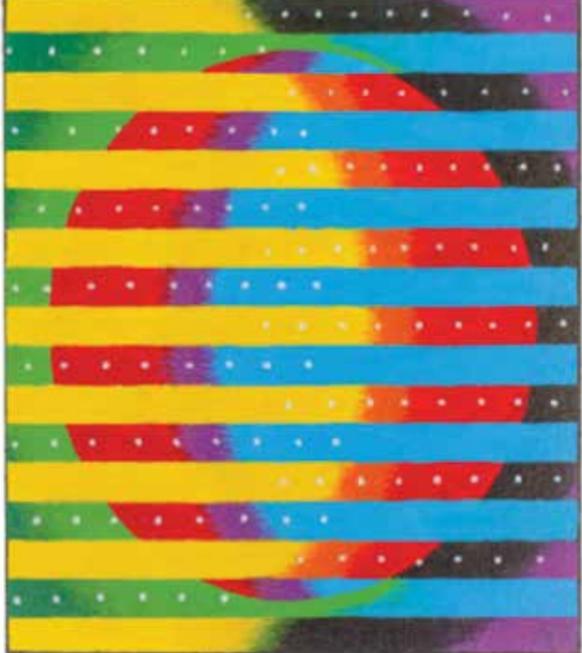
At present about 100 men are camped at Rocky Creek, and as soon as the wet season is over probably fully 200 will have pitched their tents on the spot.

It is somewhat surprising that so few comparatively of the people of Cairns have visited this delightful and busy scene, and it is with the object of advising the public that such beauties exist near at hand that we have devoted so much space to their description.

(The mention of twelve hammer and drill men referred to the practice of drilling holes in the rock to place explosives. The drill man held a drill bar and turned it in the hole while the hammer man struck the drill repeatedly. The drill man gave hand signals to the hammer man with the hand holding the top of the drill, and unfortunately sometimes his finger was caught between hammer and drill. It was not unusual for a drill man to have "short" fingers. It was an extremely hard job, and expert drillers were highly respected. Most of the tunnels on the Kuranda Range were excavated from both ends and sometimes there were also tunnels dug into the river side so spoils could be tipped over into the gorge. When the spoil was not needed for filling embankments it was tipped over the side into the gorge.) ■

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A Grinter's Tale

Did I see an Easter Egg on the supermarket shelves?

Christmas is homing down on us like an irate plover. December 1 looms; the day my shipping container relinquishes its hold on the Christmas tree once again, full of hay, which takes an age to clean from its artificial limbs.

You may ask why I don't bag the tree to keep it clean. You should know by now if you're bored enough to read this column regularly, that I am a very disorganised person in my personal life. You only have to look at the bottom drawer in my kitchen to know my head is in the same state.

And the truth is, we all know that the whole year will turn to compost if you don't take your decorations down on 6 January. Go a day over, and you're done. You may as well say goodbye to your pay rise.

So, for those of you who have had a bad year, mark my words. Even if you have to put all your decorations in the biggest available receptacle before midnight on the sixth day of January, the Epiphany, I figure you're safe. Home and hosed. Who cares if you use the garbage bin? You can go and buy another lot of tinsel and baubles for 5c apiece in the new year sales, although I don't condone such consumerism, oh no. But, at least hide the tinsel, fairy lights and baubles before midnight, and you're guaranteed a full year without so much as a flat tyre or a wet weekend. There was a time when I might believe all that superstitious nonsense, because the nuns at school told us it was true. We couldn't understand why, and we didn't have Google.

So, this is why the poor Christmas tree gets thrown into the shipping container willy nilly. And then it gets forgotten.

There was a chap at Clifton Beach who left Santa and all his reindeers galloping over his roof all year...

For some reason that really irked me, in the same way as the sign on the Kennedy Highway that told us that basically 'the end was nigh'. It had been up there so long, I wondered how one measured 'nigh'. And if it was end of the world for me tomorrow, then my mum in the UK would be sucked into the eternal abyss before me if the global cataclysm respected Greenwich mean time. This also irked me.

The sign disappeared one day, which left me thinking it was predicting its own demise. You see how I digress from subject? It's a worry.

I've got to admit it's the only time of the year when I miss the mother country. Forty years on, that's all it is. I only go there to visit my mother. I'm a little bit self conscious about being a Pom. I spent my first ten years

here with my mouth shut (although I've certainly made up for it since). It could be my newscaster's, southern counties, convent school girl accent, or it could be one of my best friends saying my articles sounded very British, which made me feel, umm, very British. I love her dearly, and there's no such thing as a grain of salt when I consider her advice. I listen. That month I resolved to chuck in a few fair dinkums, the odd 'eh', and whole load of home streuths in all my writings. It didn't work. I couldn't even type in anything but my mother tongue.



What do I miss? Most of all, the twinkling Christmas trees in the front window of every house, unsweaty Santas, a hot Christmas lunch on a cold day, snowmen that don't look like conmen, mulled wine and eggnog (not together), and room for food in the fridge because your wine's cooling outside the back door.

But I only miss these things for the 12 hours of Christmas Day, and maybe my Christmas nostalgia stems from the delight of Christmas experienced by a kid, because that is what I was for the best part of my 21 years in England.

Those were the days of jaw breaking charms and coins in the Christmas pudding, when entire families could spend Christmas afternoon in Emergency after junior swallowed a threepenny bit, surrounded by dads who'd fallen off a ladder while placing the star on the top of the tree, and mums chopping their fingers into the potatoes after one too many sherries.

I do recall an exciting Christmas when my father proudly lit the candle in the midst of an expensive Christmas table decoration. Moments later, combustion occurred, and all hell broke loose. Christmas Day ranked as a poor time for summoning the fire brigade, as similar incendiary devices and faulty Christmas tree lights ignited in quaint cottages across the sleepy Kent

countryside.

Christmas is a whole new ball game in the 21st Century. No more lovingly darned socks filled with oranges and nuts. Indeed, I wonder how many kids would know nuts come in shells? If truth be told, the majority of people these days have never used a nutcracker and wouldn't know that by those 'darned socks', I'm not referring to the single sock sucked into the vortex of a family household.

Today's expectation is no humble sock, but a body pillow packed to overflowing with Iphones, Star Wars Lego, fully motorised skate boards, app-enabled droid action figures, Barbie palaces, and perhaps a last minute drone plus at least a kilo of chocolate.

Dads and mums still forget to buy batteries for the toys; some things don't change. The guilt we feel at the weeping and gnashing of little teeth cut to the core by our lack of battery forethought and our incorrect choices of present, will never change.

As Christmas starts in September now, there should be ample time to get ready. But no. It just doesn't work that way. On receipt of my first flashing Christmas tree in a Facebook message in October, I developed panic attacks. After a friend told me she had already bought my Christmas present, I suffered insomnia for weeks worrying about my inadequacy.

My mother would have almost one hundred cards written, letters and photos enclosed, stamps licked and in situ (yes, licked, no self-adhesive in those days) ready to go, three weeks before Christmas. The pudding fruit would be soaking in diesel (or was it alcohol?) for seemingly months prior to the big day. Christmas cake made, all Christmas tree lights checked for faulty bulbs, hundreds of cards strung on a trellis type contraption on the staircase, handmade paper chain decorations sticky taped to the ceiling, ham and turkey ordered and Santa written to with at least a month to go. No wonder my brother and I received good presents from Santa - first in, best dressed.

And finally, the adventure of Midnight mass. My agnostic dad relished these hours of freedom, sampling all the prohibited goodies whilst our little bare knees kissed the cold wooden kneelers of the local church. I don't miss the religion of the kind that saw me terrified of missing mass on a Sunday for fear of eternal damnation, but I do miss the waft of frankincense, the twinkling candles and mystique of the Nativity brought to life in the little figures huddled around the manger in the corner of the church.

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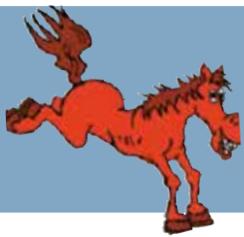
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Each year an anonymous supporter donates money to buy hay to our club and as this picture shows, we are very, very grateful and so are the horses that get their treat.

"Sign Up" and the AGM will be held in January, so check Facebook for the upcoming dates.

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New Zealand to be coal-free by 2018 and 90% renewable by 2025.

The giant panda is no longer an endangered species

China announced plans to end the ivory trade

Farmer Returns 700 Acres of California Coast to Native American Tribe

Mexican Artist Pedro Reyes Reyes went to the deadliest city in Mexico, Culiacán, and asked the people there to exchange guns for certificates they could use towards household appliances or electronics. Then, he melted the weapons down and turned them into shovels to use for planting trees.

Canada protected 85% of the world's largest coastal temperate rainforest

Measles has been eradicated from the Americas

Malawi saw its HIV rate drop by 67%

20 countries created protected marine parks

Israel produces 55% of fresh water from the sea

Scientists developed an Ebola vaccine with a 100 percent success rate

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The city of Melbourne assigned trees email addresses so citizens could report problems. Instead, people wrote thousands of love letters to their favourite trees. <http://tinyurl.com/OTO3V6C>

Sikhs set up free bakery near war zone to feed fleeing Syrians. The group provides food and water to 14,000 people a day <http://tinyurl.com/NPEY8GZ>

Lego, the toy company, spends millions to ditch oil-based plastic. <http://tinyurl.com/PG3PDA5>

France decrees new rooftops must be covered in plants or solar panels. <http://tinyurl.com/OKHLJKT>

A man reduced crime in his Oakland neighbourhood by installing a Buddha statue on a median strip. <http://tinyurl.com/QXQOET3>

Germany to turn 62 military bases into nature sanctuaries for birds, beetles and bats. <http://tinyurl.com/PNNLB8F>

Costa Rica becomes first Latin American country to ban hunting for sport. <http://tinyurl.com/MF4X9UO>

Cop and teen defuse tension by having a dance-off. <http://tinyurl.com/QZ5BEWF>

Iceland became the first country to introduce legislation requiring employers to prove they are paying men and women equally. <http://tinyurl.com/KQGO08P>

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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

The term 'emerging artist' refers to someone who is in the early stage of his or her career but who does not yet have an established reputation in the art world. Local Kuranda photographer **Eugene Filice** is currently leading the creative path of photography and film making. It is a creative challenge for him and he aims to highlight his ability to explore the dynamics of photographic genres, in particular his love of wildlife, developing compositions weaving together his subject with texture, light and colour.

Deft handling of the latest digital wizardry might look impressive but it's no use unless it is relevant to and actually enhances the project in hand. Eugene Filice's short films and still photography exemplify innovation and originality, showing attention to detail, especially when his subject has affected him on an emotional level.

Eugene wishes to promote diversity and inclusivity. He is on his way to ongoing recognition producing experimental and thought provoking photographic artworks.

Where is your current studio?

My studio is wherever I am taking photographs for film. It can be outdoors, indoors, or specific locations. I am currently in the process of taking footage in the rainforest. It will be footage for my resume to showcase the sort of work that I am doing. My indoor studio work is done on a small table and my laptop in the corner of my bedroom.

Do you work alone or with others?

I work alone, preferably, as there is so much to think about and to concentrate on, especially with moving images and sound. I like very much to be in my own space.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I require a laptop, camera, notebooks and a location.



Describe your work pattern.

Sporadic. When I get the inspiration I write the script, I use the camera shots and storyboarding to assist with the composition of the story. I work best in the mornings as most days I am required to attend to other commitments. I don't have the interruptions first thing in the morning and I can focus on my project.

Why is photography your favourite medium?

I find photography is about capturing a moment in time and importantly, an emotion. Over the years that I have been applying this medium I have really enjoyed making the short films. I grew up loving movies in general and wanted to put that process to action. I was very interested to learn how movies were made. I have made a number of short films in the past and also photography, taking specific events. My most recent photography was at a traditional Japanese tea ceremony in Kuranda. My photography has been used for album covers.

Your favourite tool?

I have an old Super 8 movie camera that was given to me as a child. It has never worked but it is a constant inspiration for me. This camera led to my passion for my film work and photography today.

How do you identify your work?

I receive a credit as the editor or the filmmaker, otherwise the facility is there to copyright my work.

Do you teach from your studio?

I have in the past done short courses teaching people who have sought my help. I have done this on an individual basis and I am happy to continue doing this in the future.

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

[Eugene smiled broadly when I asked him this question. tr] I would have a mini studio suite complete with big screen monitors, a mixing desk, and great equipment including an assortment of cameras. This is my dream for my future.

If you were not working with photography what would you be doing?

I would be a painter or perhaps a sculptor working with stone. Stone really appeals to me. It would certainly be some role in the arts. ■



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Mareeba Shire Mayor's Christmas Appeal:

KNC is the contact point for people applying for assistance at Christmas time for Kuranda. Applications close on 8th December, so if you are in financial distress please come in to fill out a form asap. The last few years have not had many donations to the appeal which has limited funding available to assist families in need at this time of the year. If you wish to assist people in the Kuranda District, please consider making a donation to the Mareeba Mayor's Christmas Appeal – Thanks.

QuIHN:

Peter works as a psychologist for the Cairns Therapeutic Service offering a counseling service, providing support around drug use and mental health concerns, relapse prevention and management, referral to specialists services such as detox and rehab, self care, stress management and enhancing motivation to change. There may also be some group sessions if there is demand. Referrals and appointments can be made directly to QuIHN on 4032 1463.

Confidential Counselling available:

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

Mahjong:

A regular group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 12.30 to play a Chinese game called Mahjong. Beginners are very welcome to come along and learn and of course seasoned players are welcome to play and provide coaching or mentoring. There is a small afternoon tea – enquiries to Marg.

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Last month there was reference made on the front page and also in the body of the paper to a medieval round, *Sumer is icumen in*. This sparked a lively discussion amongst music lovers and others and culminated in local composer Ruth Beasley penning a parody more suitable for our climate.

*Sumer is icumen in
Lhude now sing Wompoo
Rolleth thunder, flasheth lightning,
Sing we now Wompoo
Sing Wompoo.
Rain now falleth, more rain falleth
Creeks and rivers flood
Sunshine disappeareth often
(Tyres stick in mud)
Sing Wompoo.*

(With apologies to the unknown original author)



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Kuranda Warriors Compete in Cairns

Every Monday night the Kuranda Sport and Rec team take a group of 12 young people down to Aeroglen to compete in the Cairns Pirates Touch Footy Comp that they host every year.

It's been our 4th year in this comp but sadly, it came to an end with our Kuranda Warriors Finishing Third in the B Comp.

This year we had one of the youngest teams in the competition, which was a mixed team of six girls and six boys.

The Kuranda Warriors team played hard throughout the comp with strong teamwork and a lot of respect for other teams and players.



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More Flights over Koah?

By Concerned
Koah Resident
Marc Jaschok



There is currently a Development Application with the Mareeba Shire Council that will see a significant increase in low-flying aircraft traffic in the area. The applicant has applied to expand the scope of his personal airport at 323 Fantin Road, Koah.

Local residents are encouraged to play a role in deciding on the future ambience of their home, by submitting an email objection, signing the current online petition or writing a letter to their local councillor.

There are significant concerns from local residents who became aware of the submitted application through a community meeting held at the Koah Hall this week. Their concerns include an increase in noise, privacy invasion by low flying planes over their properties, wildlife and stock considerations, land valuations in Koah and surrounds to drop, and the potential for the airstrip to become a commercial enterprise (and further expansions to occur). Local residents expressed an understanding that owning rural land should allow landowners certain freedoms.

However they noted that air plane flight falls in to a different category as it impacts surrounding residents and communities in a way that driving on roads, or creating ground noise does not (due to the reasons listed above and also due to the amount of land that will be effected if the application is approved).

Currently the private airstrip, located at 323 Fantin Road has several conditions in place to control its effect over the surrounding communities. There is a permitted 52 take-offs each year, the plane must be a Cessna or below (I.E. make an equivalent or less impact than this aircraft) and it must be piloted by the owner of the airstrip.

The recent meeting heard local residents express a concern that the current conditions have not been adhered to, and a frustration that these conditions are not being policed.

Specific concerns include more than 52 flights per year, the specified flight path is not being adhered to and that the aircraft is louder than a Cessna.

The application currently before the Mareeba Shire Council is a request to increase the number of flights per year to 365, with up to six flights a day (12 movements), and an additional 12 pilots allowed. The application also allows for bigger and louder planes to be used.

Current alternatives exists for interested pilots in the area. The Mareeba Aerodrome allows for the storage of private planes, and is only 30 minutes drive from Koah.

The infrastructure is already in place, and the local residents knew of the airport before purchasing their properties.

On Monday 27th November I addressed a meeting at Speewah. Although I have lived for 30 years in Koah, before that I lived in Speewah and have fond memories as a child of that area

I was asked to talk about the Koah Airstrip, and what impact the increase in use, increase in pilots, and increase in aircraft engine power will mean for our area.

Sadly, Speewah will not be left unaffected as the flight path to Cairns goes over that beautiful part of the world as well as Koah.

Speewah residents will definitely notice a increase in air traffic with the potential of over 700 flights above your heads.

To submit your objections on this increase in air traffic, please go to the webpage below before 15/12/2017 <http://kurandaregion.org/peaceful-tranquillity-of-koah-could-be-destroyed-forever/>

Please note the deadline for comments on this proposal is 15th December 2017.

Proposed development Have your say

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To: Rural Land with private airstrip- additional take-offs and landings (Air services)
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On: Lot 1 RP746336
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Ph: Liz Taylor: 40552548
web: N/A

Approval sought: Material Change of Use - Development Permit: (Air services)
Application no.: DA/17/0029

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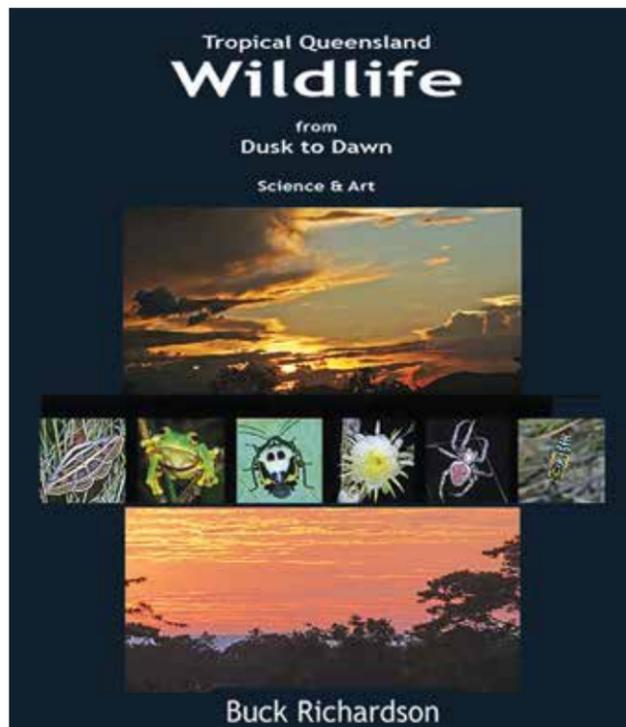
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Written comments to:

The Assessment Manager
Mareeba Shire Council
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Email address: info@msc.qld.gov.au
Telephone: 07- 40864656
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Copies of the full application can be viewed or obtained from the assessment manager.

Public notification requirement per Queensland Government - Sustainable Planning Act 2009 Form 5 version 2.0



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Kuranda Cassowaries Touch Comp



FIVE WEEKS AGO Kris Verevis from the Ngoonbi Sport and Rec. team organised a Kuranda Touch Carnival with the assistance of Ruby and Shannon.

The Touch Comp runs every Wednesday night at Bartley Park, starting at 5.30pm with registration and games kicking off at 6.10pm. We have ten local teams from Kowrowa, Mantaka and Kuranda participating. The last night game will be on Wednesday 13th December with a family day on Sunday 17th December at Bartley Park.

If you have any queries about the Touch Comp please ring Kris Verevis on 4093 7177.



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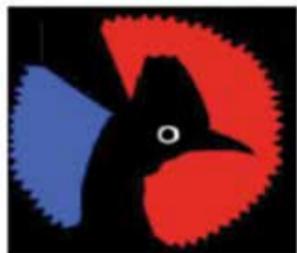
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PLANTS WAIT FOR NO MAN

We'll be busy working in the nursery and planting out on properties for our Connecting Cassowary Corridors project come rain, cyclones or shine!

Plants, like animals, don't take holidays and need feeding, weeding and watering no matter what.

If you need to work off some heavy holiday eating or just need a break from the rellies, then don't hesitate to put your time to good use at the nursery. We can always do with a hand. We'll reward you with plants.

STOP PRESS: Yet another tree kangaroo found dead on the Kuranda Range Road in the past week. That's two in the month of November. So, they're out there, but not for long!



CONNECTING CASSOWARY CORRIDORS

This project is supported by Terrain Natural Resource Management through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme

Michelle Cooke says it for us all at the completion of a Saturday morning planting at one of our CCC sites in Kuranda – hot, tired and sweaty! We got 100 plants in with the help of the property owners. Cold pawpaw was a welcome reward for our efforts. This is in cassowary country and we planted cassowary food trees. Let's know if you want to put your open land under native trees. Phone: 4093 8834.

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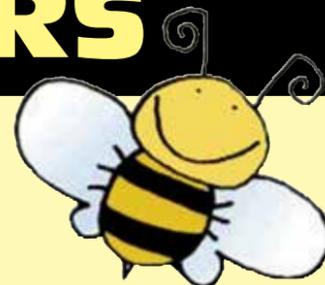
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Wet Tropics a Critical Refuge for Australia's Rock Orchid

The Wet Tropics may become the last place in Queensland to see a native Rock Orchid growing in the wild, according to James Cook University research.

The genetic study of Australian Rock Orchids by PhD candidate Lalita Simpson was co-authored with her supervisors, Darren Crayn and Katharina Nargar at the Australian Tropical Herbarium, and Mark Clements at the Australian National Herbarium and has been published in the journal Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution.

Ms Simpson said evidence from the genetic analysis had shown the orchid *Dendrobium speciosum*, which only occurs in Australia and previously had been thought to consist of up to 11 species, was in fact a single species with two subspecies, one northern and one southern.

"The study reconstructed the distribution of the Rock Orchid under past climatic conditions, which showed a large barrier of unsuitable habitat between Rockhampton and Mackay separated the northern and southern populations in the past," she said.

"This prevented the exchange of pollen and seeds and as a result two subspecies have evolved.

"We modelled the distribution of the Rock Orchid under different climate scenarios predicted for the future and found the northern subspecies which grows between Cooktown and Mackay will be the most severely impacted by climate change.

"With average global temperatures warming beyond a two degree increase we found that by 2080, those wanting to see the Rock Orchid's spectacular flowers in Queensland's bush would only be able to do so in the Wet Tropics.

"However, if warming was contained below a two degree increase, suitable habitat would be maintained in several regions along Queensland's east coast.

"The southern subspecies, which occurs between Rockhampton and the New South Wales and Victorian border, is not as greatly affected as its relatives in the north, although lowland populations along the coast are also threatened."

Australian Tropical Herbarium Director Professor Darren Crayn said the study showed how important climate change was for the evolution of biodiversity, both creating and extinguishing it.

"Ancient climate change drove the evolution of the two subspecies of Rock Orchids from their common ancestor, and now it looks like future climate change will reduce one of them to a small fraction of its current distribution," he said.

Dr Mark Clements said samples were collected from across the entire species range along the east coast of Australia and took more than 30 years to accumulate.

"The results resolve recent controversies regarding the best classification for this grand orchid which is one of Australia's truly iconic and recognisable indigenous orchids."

The Australian Tropical Herbarium is a joint venture between CSIRO, Australian and Queensland Governments and James Cook University. The Australian National Herbarium is part of the Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research, a joint venture between Parks Australia's Australian National Botanic Gardens and CSIRO.



Dendrobium speciosum
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Yellow Crazy Ants – Are they on the run ?

Lots of activity on the YCa eradication efforts in this last month.

BAITING. The most recent bait treatment on 18 November was completed in 2 days, with over 20 people attending and the 30 ha site was covered on foot. The Wet Tropics Management Authority YCa team joined in to support the taskforce by providing their expertise, materials, bait and extra people power. This will hopefully show a further decline in the remaining infested pockets. – **Next baiting April next year.** Below: YCA volunteers and WTMA crew enjoyed morning tea after baiting residential area



SURVEY – Great News!!!

An intensive 10m by 10m grid survey undertaken last month showed positive results with a huge decline in density of YCA. See map. Red dots are where ants are still present and yellow dots are where YCA are absent. The red line is the boundary including a 150m buffer zone. This has given us a clearer picture of where YCA remain and where we need to focus our efforts on targeting hotspots for future treatments after the wet season. We are closer to the point where we can enter post treatment observation for some parts of the currently treated infestation area.



Plant of the Month – *Alstonia scholaris*

Have you noticed there are many trees flowering and fruiting heavily at present. What does it mean I wonder – a good wet season, maybe the trees know something we don't ? All the way down the range road, there are rainforest giants flowering and fragrant blossoms scattered on the roadside. These



Alstonia scholaris, or Milky pines, are quick growing, tower over other rainforest trees, bearing long pods of seeds which burst during the wet season in a flurry of seeds like snowfall. Their shiny dark green leaves, grey green underneath, are distinctively whorled in sets of 4 to 10. Found also in India and South East Asia, timber is used for pencils and coffins and the bark has medicinal uses.



Date Claimers

- **XMAS party** 2nd December, BYO plate to share, a chair and swimmers, walk upstream of Little Road causeway, 4.00pm till dark. All welcome
 - **Saturday 9 December** Tropical tree community planting day. Another planting to enhance Myola frog creek habitat at Owen creek. Ring Sylvia 0409647714 or info@envirocare.org.au
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Where is this all leading to, I thought?

The answer was obvious: Secure the Game, the Food or whatever the Competition was about!

Just recently a client had obtained sales presentations from Four local & prominent agents! In this instance Koah Realty was fortunate to be the "Winner".

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So it's not about HOW MANY houses have been sold. It's all about *how satisfied you are* with the final price achieved and the agent/client transactional relationship along the way. Fact & True!

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Alteouise DeVaughn is no stranger to audiences in the Tropical North Queensland region. Ms DeVaughn first visited Cairns in 2009, in the company of her fiancé, Idris Alkamraikhi. Well known classical music aficionado Herman Soenario invited Alteouise to be a guest artist on a concert tour, consequently meeting audiences in Cairns, Mossman and Cooktown. Following their marriage, Alteouise and Idris decided to make Port Douglas their new home.

While continuing her international career, Ms DeVaughn was contracted as a principal singer with Opera Australia. Following another local tour with Mr Soenario's Encore Concerts, Alteouise conducted singing workshops in Cooktown, leading to the Ho-Ro-Co Choir's performance at the opening of the Cooktown Cyclone Shelter. A choir was subsequently formed in the Douglas Shire, 'Voices of the North'. The choir's debut performance was to sing, in a flash mob style, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah in four churches on one pre-Christmas Sunday morning.

'Voices of the North' was invited to perform at St Monica's Cathedral Concert in Cairns. Their performance of African American Spirituals astounded and delighted the audience and has led to further collaboration between musicians and singers in the region. Subsequently the Tropical Queensland Oratorio Society was formed, consisting of voices from the Cook, Mareeba, Douglas and Cairns Regional Shires.

The Society now conducts an annual concert on the first Sunday of December in Port Douglas, and on the following Sunday in Mareeba.

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CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th

8.30am Christmas Family Communion

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A Thought for Christmas

THE journey towards Christmas for the Church begins four Sundays before Christmas on Advent Sunday (December 3rd), with the fulfilment of God's promises. At last, a sense of excitement and anticipation rises as we prepare for the birth of Jesus our Saviour. The preparations for Christmas, I believe, are as important as the day itself. Each of us will experience our own unique journey.

For some it won't be a straight road, it may be a struggle. Perhaps of pain in the darkness and will require strength and stamina; a path perhaps found in reading of the experience of the Shepherds.

For some it will be an opportunity to share the Good News with messages of good will, singing Carols on their way to Christmas and finding their encouragement through the witness of the Angels.

For some it will be a journey of the intellect, searching for that elusive star of wisdom and truth which will lead to an act of worship and the offering of questions which are answered by the innocence and purity of the baby in the manger or in the profound gifts offered to him and questions answered through gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Magi. Questions that concern wealth, prayer and the questions of life and death.

This year let us focus on the shepherds!

"In the region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of The Lord stood before them, and the glory of The Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them. 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'" (Luke 2: 8-11).

The Shepherds were outcasts in their day, living on the fringes of Society. It is typical of the way God acts all through scripture that the most momentous announcement of history was made to a group of frightened shepherds living on the fringe of respectable society. The message the Angel gives to them is crystal clear. 'I am bringing you good news'. The outcasts then are entrusted with a message of joy "for all the people".

That is an important message for us too, because God has entrusted to his followers in each generation, the same message "for all the people..." and often we've kept it to ourselves.

Of course in one way the shepherds were the 'right' people because all of this was happening in the town of David and David was the most famous shepherd boy in Israel's history. He may well have been keeping the sheep on the very same hillside when the call came for him to meet the prophet Samuel and be anointed king of Israel. Hard to accept perhaps by his father Jesse that such an honour was to befall his youngest son, the shepherd boy. (But stranger things have happened in Gods Kingdom). Luke, in his Gospel focuses on the downtrodden and the outcasts of society must have enjoyed giving the shepherds the starring role on that first Christmas night.

Lord, as Christmas draws closer we thank you for the good news of Jesus, help us to share that good news with others. Amen.

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOURS

Christmas is coming and there are many preparations coming on at St Saviour's for the Christmas Services. On Sunday 17th December we are holding our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm. On Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th, there will be Carols by Candlelight for children, mums and dads at 7.00pm and at 10.30pm the Christmas Eve Eucharist. On Christmas Day, Monday 25th, there will be the Christmas Day family service at 8.30am. Once again this year St Saviour's participated in Operation Christmas Child providing Christmas gifts to disadvantaged Children overseas. This year's appeal had a fantastic result and over 40 boxes donated. Many thanks to Lee for coordinating the Samaritans Purse appeal again this year.

Baha'i Thought for the Month

The Blessed Perfection, Bahá'u'lláh, belonged to the nobility of Persia. From earliest childhood He was distinguished among His relatives and friends. They said, 'This child has extraordinary power.' In wisdom, intelligence and as a source of new knowledge, He was advanced beyond His age and superior to His surroundings... During the period of youth the Blessed Perfection did not enter school. He was not willing to be taught. This fact is well established among the Persians of Tihnan. Nevertheless, He was capable of solving the difficult problems of all who came to Him. In whatever meeting, scientific assembly or theological discussion He was found, He became the authority of explanation upon intricate and abstruse questions presented.

Until His father passed away, Bahá'u'lláh did not seek position or political station notwithstanding His connection with the government. This occasioned surprise and comment. It was frequently said, 'How is it that a young man of such keen intelligence and subtle perception does not seek lucrative appointments? As a matter of fact, every position is open to him.' This is an historical statement fully attested by the people of Persia.

He was most generous, giving abundantly to the poor. None who came to Him were turned away. The doors of His house were open to all. He always had many guests. This unbounded generosity was conducive to greater astonishment from the fact that He sought neither position nor prominence. In commenting upon this His friends said He would become impoverished, for His expenses were many and His wealth becoming more and more limited. 'Why is he not thinking of his own affairs?' they inquired of each other; but some who were wise declared, 'This personage is connected with another world; he has something sublime within him that is not evident now; the day is coming when it will be manifested.' In truth, the Blessed Perfection was a refuge for every weak one, a shelter for every fearing one, kind to every indigent one, lenient and loving to all creatures.'

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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December in the Stars

A S December begins it feels like love stings. Venus on the tail of the Scorpion. And a sense of too many things moving too fast. One of those times when acceptance and forgiveness are about the only useful options. Resolution comes on the third day of December and so does the final Full Moon of the year at midnight. Coaches into pumpkins; illusions into reality, into infinity. Enjoy the dance, and the potential alignment with the modulations of galactic standing-waves. More of that later...

Around 6th December Mercury eases into Saturn, stretching a long bow. Your arrows can fly, carrying your message with deadly aim now – Mars in Libra, perfect balance right on target. Aim and release. Mars into Scorpio on 9th December and this is a different kind of sting. Mars is the ancient ruler of Scorpio and now it symbolizes the "to the death" warrior determination. Go hard or dig a hole to hide in.

Just backing up for a moment; the planets formed a "bowl" formation at the beginning of the month. All contained in the Libra-Aries half of the zodiac circle, with Mars and Uranus the edge planets defining the rim of the bowl – extreme surface tension. Then, as the Moon swings out of the bowl and forms a "handle" on 6th December, the bowl becomes a bucket – tipping out its contents until the 13th December. A disseminating-phase moon, spreading the seeds. The Moon then slides back over the rim on the 13th and the pattern becomes a bowl again and refills...

What have we been seeded with? The possibilities are electric, exciting and a bit wild, with Mars – Uranus (symbol explosion!) on the rim, Mars in Scorpio, looking for a fight, the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Saturn in Sagittarian full flight. Outta there! Here's a clue: the New Moon on the 18th December is in the tail of the Scorpion at 26°Sagittarius – exactly in line with Galactic Centre.

A 13,000-year pulse is known to flow out from the centre of the milky Way and we are in the part of the great cycle when the next wave is about due. So the seeding may be synchronous and seminal.

Saturn and the Sun cross the zero degree Capricorn point, the Solstice, on 20/21st December. Venus joins them on the 25th. Christmas gifts of lasting value and respect for tradition.

Mars makes a trine aspect to Neptune on 28th December. That takes the sting out of the Scorpio Mars and offers, maybe a couple of days late, peace and good will. An appropriate ending to an eventful year, and a little breathing space before the Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Pluto combine in a huge aspect pattern during the 6th - 9th January next year. Something big building up here and it should be quite exciting...

Solstice Blessings to all



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Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



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apathetic with the
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Some highlights from our monthly editions over the past twelve months:

DECEMBER 2016 (Issue 283)

Celebrated the beauty of flame trees and delights of lychees, farewelled Kuranda stationmaster Neville Smith retiring after 30 years of service and launched our annual Short Story competition on the theme of bugs.

JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2017 (Issue 284)

Highlighted the plight of cassowaries on the Range Road, celebrated Zane Saunder's beautiful mural at the Kuranda Information Centre, Envirocare's Cassowary Award and (?) the arrival of NBN in Kuranda. Farewelled Marc La Baysse and Ramona Rusch. And printed the four winners of our Short Story Competition.

MARCH 2017 (Issue 285)

Celebrated the beauty of Garugar (umbrella trees) in flower, updated news on the Kuranda Community Precinct (old school site), recorded the majesty of DinDin (Barron Falls) in flood and the beauty of nature regenerating on after the fierce December fires at Koah. Farewelled Sue Arrowsmith. Introduced our Tech Talk with Thomas column.

APRIL 2017 (Issue 286)

Reported on the Stop KUR-World march and rally. Raised the issue of how communities might address drug abuse with a first hand story of a mother's despair, profiled one of Kuranda's most endearing native animals, the Musky Rat- Kangaroo.

MAY 2017 (Issue 287)

Front cover featured photos of Anzac Day commemorations. The issue of keeping services at the Mareeba Hospital raised. Launch of the Kuranda Nature Tracks Walkway self-guide brochure was covered (*The Kuranda Paper* was happy to support this joint initiative of Kuranda Envirocare and Kuranda Visitor Information Centre). A tribute was made to the late John Beasley, local sculptor and Dorothy Berry (late of Kuranda). Local artist Robyn King was profiled as were Orb Weaving spiders.

JUNE 2017 (Issue 288)

Celebrated 126 years of postal service history in Kuranda and the latest relocation of the Kuranda Post Office. Said goodbye to retiring Exec Officer of Tourism Kuranda, the irrepressible Marc Sleeman. Farewelled Emily Matsen. Reported on Ngoonbi's new Drop-In Centre for youth and the Seventh Annual Cairns to Kuranda Train race (pitting runners against the Kuranda train). Profiled the Kuranda Community Kindergarten.

JULY 2017 (Issue 289)

Called for more responsive and consultative effort from our elected representatives on all levels. Reported on yet another successful Kuranda Roots Festival (lucky 13). Farewelled local and FNQ tourism icon Charles (Charlie) Woodward whose career started with the Orange Groves (now Rainforestation). Heralded the start of what would become months of local roadworks. Heard first impressions of China from

travelling Steiner School students. Remembered Col Jeanes (the "tourist terrorist") a year after his passing.

AUGUST 2017 (Issue 290)

Paid tribute in words, photos and poem to Kuranda indigenous dance group Mayi Wunba, joint winners of the 2017 Laura Festival shield. Celebrated the 20th birthday of the Kuranda Arts Co-op. Covered the bountiful bounce back of the Cedar Park Resort at Koah which had a close call in the December fires. Congratulated the Speewah Residents group committees, new and retiring. Profiled Kuranda landscape photographer par excellence Steven Nowakowski. Heard from the mother of a teen bucking the fast food trend. Reported MSC imposing town water restrictions, including in Kuranda, as Tinaroo Dam sat at 49.58 percent.

SEPTEMBER 2017 (Issue 291)

Reported on the creation of a replica of the stolen, vandalised and recovered Battle of the Coral Sea memorial brass plaque to be restored to the plinth at the Lookout where the original was installed in 1952. Heard about the meeting of traditional fire knowledge and hi tech through the work of the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade and local Indigenous Rangers. Reported on Master Builders Diversity Award winners Ngoonbi Constructions. Said farewell to the old Herbohn house on Thongon Street. Welcomed Tourism Kuranda new Exec Officer Kahlia Pepper. Alectura's gardening column highlighted air plants. And we reported on the Kuranda District State School's award winning honey making.

OCTOBER 2017 (Issue 292)

Our masthead featured a beautiful drawing of Spectacled Flying-foxes by Jacqueline Dillard and we reported on the beginning of the "orphan" bat season when babies are in dire need of care. On a more hopeful note we featured three new renewable energy projects, all within the MSC. We marked the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary's 30th birthday. And gave a heads up that snakes are on the move as the weather warms up. Suzy Grinter offered a personal view of working from home. And we reported on a plan being developed by Kuranda Envirocare to ensure Kuranda district remains Frog Friendly for the survival of our many frogs but especially the iconic Kuranda Tree Frog.

NOVEMBER 2017 (Issue 293)

Front page recognition for the award winning Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. Start of the Cyclone Season. Enduring calls for a proper recycling scheme for MSC. Debunking bat myths. Launch of local author Joyce Berendes' 6th book. A call for an urgent overhaul of Queensland Land Clearing laws by Friends of The Earth FNQ. We celebrated centipedes and native dragons. And were grateful that *The Kuranda Paper* computers were not among those affected by a wild electrical storm on October 19th, though loss of power did test our production team.

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"Tall Tales and True of Kuranda Wet Seasons"

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Open to all residents of the Kuranda district (postcode 4881). Entries from outside the Kuranda district will not be eligible.

All entries MUST BE original, the work of the person submitting and must not have been previously published.

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

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Winners will be notified in person

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