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Discuss various issues concerning the Kuranda Range Road

Monday 10th March 3.30pm

Kuranda Hotel

(Bottom Pub)

Guest speaker Michael Trout



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What's with the Range Road?

As a reasonably regular visitor to North Queensland, I have watched the seemingly endless work taking place on the Kuranda Range Road over the years. Most of the work seems to have involved cutting various corners, which I guess is justifiable given the number of accidents.

On my most recent trip I was on my way back from Port Douglas along the Captain Cook Highway and I was astonished to see this ugly, massive 'gash' halfway up the range.

"What's all this?" I gasped. I was soon to find out as I proceeded up the range to be confronted with no less than three stoppages.

The 'gash' halfway up the range was a mind-boggling assault on the beauty of this world heritage area.

Whilst in Kuranda, I asked various locals what was the story with this extensive clearing of an acre of rainforest.

I asked if it was for road widening? I asked if it was for yet another wire mesh and concrete 'stabilisation' monstrosity? Was it for an overtaking lane? Was it just to give the heavy machinery a bit of a workout? Disposing of an excess of overtime money in kitty before the end of financial year?

No one could tell me. I looked through the pages of this newspaper's last two editions. Nothing. I had a look on the Post Office noticeboard. Nothing.

On my way back down the range a couple of days later, I happened to be first in line at the lights, so I asked the 'stop/slow' man. He shook his head and said he didn't know.

Who does know? Aren't various levels of government and their representatives supposed to keep us, the electors/their employers informed on matters such as these?

What's happened to the famous North Queensland greenies of old, chaining themselves to the bulldozers demanding an explanation for this eco-terrorism? Have they all retired to the drowsy world of apathy and 'someone else should do something'.

– *David Roberts*, Brisbane

My Range Road

I wonder if there are any other residents concerned by the amount and degree of cutting and gouging that's happening to the slopes and drop-offs on the Kuranda Range Road at present. I see it every day from the high up vantage point of a bus seat and the changes are truly huge.

Entering the tunnel of green that connects Kuranda to the coast, I see shafts of light playing through the trees, swirling on the light mists on the morning drive down and feel the coolness enveloping us as we wend our way back up at day's end, trees reaching out their branch finger tips, to touch across an ever widening road. If you were late when you entered, you'll be late when you exit some 12 minutes later. That's just how it is. But right now you'll be later still, with one or two single lane, enforced stops.

I know we have the odd mud and rockfall with trees brought down in the wet season, that might close the road for an hour or two, once or twice a year (none that I recall last year). What of the truly pathetic attempts to stop the muddy silt from each work site washing into the nearest creek. Silt traps are just that and as with any trap, they need to be cleared out BEFORE the next lot of rain. Otherwise it's washed clear over the silt trap edge into the nearest creek. Perhaps the crew from out of town were as unaware of how the tropical seasons work as the desktop study engineers. I wonder where Wet Tropics Management permissions are when all of this is happening, especially when I consider what commercial and residential developers have to comply with on their building sites. And just because it's a government-funded job, does that mean the standards are lower?

In an attempt to keep us safe from falling debris, they have wrapped the rocks in steel, using over-engineered bolt holes at great expense and then spent nothing on returning a sympathetic native foliage covering (it is World Heritage isn't it?), instead letting exotic weeds recolonise the bare spaces. There is a very good example of what can be done to complement a gabion rock wall half-way up the range on the uphill side, complete with water storage tank for drier season establishment. It seems like it would be little enough extra expense to put something sympathetic in place, in fact I'm horrified it wasn't a requirement. For goodness sake they're spending enough with all the equipment hire and wet weather allowances and taking on areas that don't seem to be of any danger at all, eg the site at the very bottom of the range. And as for clearing areas of trees, such as downhill near the water point, before they're ready to start on those sites!

Again, even in a desert, people know what erosion is and what damage it can do when you have exposed soil. Overall it seems to be an exercise in proceeding with the results of a desktop study without the onsite value engineering that should take place, face to rock wall, to reconfirm site condition assumptions.

And what of the last three road closures, each at least six hours long, caused by truck rollovers from shifting loads and poorly cambered roads. How about shrink wrapping them to steady their loads and attaching outrigger training wheels to help stop the rollovers.

Oh I forgot, the road is barely wide enough as it is for two trucks to pass without scraping their sides, no room for outriggers or the 1 metre space to protect the courageous cyclists. What, not even minor road widening included in this current job? When will this farcical expenditure of taxpayers' money (to avoid losing it in the next financial year) end and will the outcome have been worth it?

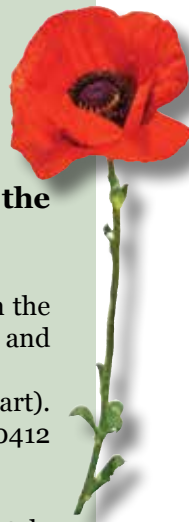
As one resident was heard to say to a work crew "If you don't stop picking at it, it'll never get better".

– *Concerned citizen*

Name and address supplied



Program for ANZAC Day 25th April 2014 In Kuranda



Everyone is welcome to join the Kuranda RSL sub branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service.

Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

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

The Anzac Day march begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10am for a 10.15am start).

The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005 / 0412 126 204.

All groups and individuals are welcome to march, see Mick on the day.

The march goes to our park where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection.

With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

Any individuals or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies.

Again this year Father Chris Wright will officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities, everyone is welcome.

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Mayor Tom Gilmore, Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Coordinator Catherine Harvey and Councillor Jenny Jensen turning the sod at the new Visitor Information Centre.



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FIRSTLY:

Last month we promised to keep you informed about the rollout of high speed broadband into the Kuranda area. Bob Madden, who has a long history of public service in this community has researched the matter and has written the following article.

Broadband Internet Service in Kuranda, provided by the National Broadband Network Co. [NBNC]

The National Broadband network is a nationwide infrastructure, set in place by the former Federal Government, which will provide a high-speed broadband signal across our vast nation.

Different methods of delivery will be used in different locations. Methods of delivery will be by – Fibre to the home [FTTH], Fibre to the Node [FTTN] for use in the regional areas, fixed wireless, or alternatively Satellite.

Explanations of these various options can be found on the NBNC web site where frequently asked questions are answered at <http://www.nbnco.com.au/get-an-nbn-connection/home-and-business/connecting-fibre/connection-faqs.html>. This is a vast topic and it is not the writer's intention to be able to cover every aspect of the project here. The reader can research it further.

NBNC is the wholesaler of the broadband service. Customers who want to connect to the service need to choose their preferred Internet Service Provider [ISP], who will then arrange for the service to be connected.

Plans are well advanced for the provision of NBNC's broadband in the Kuranda village and its regions of: Kowrowa [Boyles Rd], Koah [likely to be adjacent to Kennedy Hwy] and Speewah [Telstra Exchange, Speewah Rd].

All the political talk about changes to how broadband will be delivered refer to capital cities and regional country towns. Regional and remote areas will not be affected by any of the changes. (Wow, what a relief!)

Thanks to the pro-active Tablelands Regional Council, during 2011-13, development plans submitted by NBNC have been finalised. [The new Mareeba Shire Council will receive a briefing from an NBNC staff member in the next few weeks.]

The next step will happen later in 2014. It is expected that the contractors for NBNC, who are now working in Gordonvale, will move up to the tablelands and it is planned that work in the Kuranda area will commence before July 2014. Works start with the erection of towers, other activities will then follow.

How will broadband be provided and where?

Kuranda village will be served by some areas of fibre optic. It is proposed to be in the form of Fibre to the node [FTTN], where fibre is connected from the telephone exchange to a node, a small cabinet out in the street and is then further distributed using the existing Telstra copper network.

Outer areas of the village will be served by Fixed Wireless service or by Satellite. The method used here will depend on the amount of vegetation present and the landforms of the area.

Fixed Wireless is where a tall tower will be built to serve the specific needs of an area. A broadband signal will be sourced either from fibre optic or by microwave link. This signal will then be sent out in a 360-degree pattern.

There will be areas where line of sight to the towers does not exist. With television reception this blocks the signal and the same will apply with wireless broadband. The residents who are in these areas will be served by the next category of delivery, which is Satellite.

Frog Watch



Kuranda and District Residents Group

Satellite service: the permanent NBNC satellites have been designed and are now being assembled. In the meantime an interim service has been made available but it was over-subscribed. The Federal Government is considering hiring more capacity from the satellite operators.

Watch the web site of NBNC for more news of this interim service. You may wish to ask your Federal Member of Parliament how this is going if you are one who needs the interim satellite service!

Now to the important detail: that is: what speed will be available for users of the system? The technical staff have indicated that there will be a minimum speed of 25 mega bytes down and 5 mega bytes up. If you want to check your present broadband speed for a comparison, do a Google search for 'test broadband speed', choose a site, and carry out a test of your system.

The new systems will be designed to ensure that there is a robust signal so that these speeds can be attained at all times. This is in contrast to the present system, which delivers a slower speed when many people are using the system.

Happy and successful "Broadbanding".

Source: Bob Madden 4093 0169; bobjmadden@gmail.com

SECONDLY:

Another item we promised to follow up was the state of the Range Road. It is the subject of two letters in this paper and some comments from our local State MP, Michael Trout in his column. It accounts for a lot of questions from locals, both to members of our group and to Michael Trout. Most people, it seems, have an opinion on what appears to be happening and many have a suggested solution to their idea of what the problems appear to be.

Notably: the work is being done by the Department of Main Roads and has nothing to do with local Councils, so we can all stop abusing the MSC, the TRC and the CRC. DMR has employed a contractor for the whole of the works, top to bottom of the range, and it is being funded by the residue from Federal Disaster relief funding left over from Cyclones Larry and Yasi.

The highway from Smithfield to Kuranda has apparently never been engineered to main road standards; the portion up to the highest point being where one man on a bulldozer thought it should go. Fill, excavated from above the road level, has been dumped and compacted below. It is amazing it has lasted as long as it has without needing major repairs.

I am reliably informed the current work is an attempt to re-engineer some potential trouble spots before they cause huge upsets during heavy rain events. Heavy traffic loads are beginning to cause cracking in some areas and the embankments below need to be pinned in place with many long steel rods. Hillsides above the road have also been denuded, cut back and pinned in some cases.

Residents have been critical in their comments about the timing of the works and it is hard to see any justification for working throughout the Wet season unless it is the imminent disappearance of the funding, which will of course run out at some time. Residents have also commented on a general lack of information about what is happening and why. The works seem to have been going on for ever, with precious little information about why there have been delays.

Michael Trout has offered to meet residents and others on Monday, March 10 at 3.30 pm in the Bottom Pub. If you can't make it and you have a question you would like asked, please contact one of your local Resident's Group members and we'll ask it for you. We will try to have a representative from DMR attending the meeting also. It's time we heard from them directly.

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A visiting Japanese tourist was enjoying a wonderful day out in Kuranda until she discovered she had lost her mobile phone containing her holiday pictures while walking around the village.

The frantic woman arrived at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre late in the afternoon to report it missing and happily VIC co-ordinator Catherine Harvey was able to reunite her with it just 30 minutes later.

The following is an email Tourism Kuranda received from the very happy Japanese visitor.

"My name is Satomi Shinoda. I'm Japanese. I lost my iPhone at last week 6 Feb. Thank you very much for all your help and kindness support. I was safely able to return to my country. That was my first Australia & Cairns visit. But this trip remained in my heart that I have ever experienced for a trip abroad. Kuranda is wonderful and beautiful nature place. The best of things is, People is friendly and kindness. My niece Sara said "I'm very happy and have a fun too!". And then I never expected that it will be found. It is thanks to your and other staff cooperation. I introduced my friends the glam of Kuranda by my Facebook page."



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LASTLY: We have heard rumours that a large rate increase is due in the middle of the year. This rumour seems to have two parts: people are worried they will have to pay for the Mareeba Sewage Plant upgrade and the second part is they worry we will have to pay for the whole cost of de-amalgamation in one hit before the end of the year.

To answer the first part of the equation: when the upgrade is carried out on the Mareeba Sewerage Plant, and it's not certain it will be starting this year, its cost will be borne by those who are in the affected area, as a benefitted levy, and not by residents of the rest of the Shire.

The second part is more complicated. The Minister has always said that the costs of deamalgamation would be borne by the supplicant shire, in this case us, and there is no way, short of a Ministerial epiphany, that the MSC can avoid having to do this. Where the repayment money comes from within the Shire is an area of possible flexibility however. It may be possible to dip into Reserves for the full or partial amount and to repay the Reserve funds over more than one year, thus softening the initial blow. The full amount must be repaid eventually but spread over several years it may be more manageable.

No decisions have been made about this matter as yet. The budget will be a work in progress until some time in May and we are told the Mayor and all Councillors are striving as hard as possible to lessen the effects of this impost. They are aware of the hardship a large and unwelcome cost like this will bring to those ratepayers who are struggling and they would take no joy in having to pass it on. They may well be blameless but they would certainly be blamed anyway, human nature being what it is.

– **Garth Owen**
President, KDRG

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The Arts Page



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE Amphitheatre News

Hello Members and Friends.
The Annual General Meeting was a huge success with a great crowd attending and electing a nine person management committee! How exciting!

Executive:

President	Ian Cannon
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Committee:

Bar Manager	Anika Betts
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	Biri Duffin
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The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue, voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s, still powering ahead over 30 years later! Your membership and input assists the Society in keeping this unique place in our hearts and ensuring not only its existence in our village, but that it flourishes for generations to come... KAS is a multicultural and diverse Society and knowing that you have helped in some way creates a sense of community and a sense of place and pride.

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

Sorry there was no Arts Page last month. I was in Melbourne for my son's 21st. on Australia day. I went to the National Gallery of Victoria to check out the latest in High Art, but it was closed. Nevermind. I have a picture of the entrance (below), and the spire (above). All is Art! The graffiti in Fitzroy gets better all the time, and it's always open to the public, free. Now I'd call that High Art. Some freestyle rapping in Federation square, and some fireworks. So goes Australia day. I did my own freestyling with my son Ben in a club called Penny Black in Sydney Rd. Brunswick, my home

ALL IS ART



Entrance to the National Gallery of Victoria, 26 Jan 2014

territory where I did my teens in the 60s. Anyhow, then it was back to the lush FNQ to pick up a degree in Creative Industries from James Cook Uni. (after four years of jolly good times and a bit of study). Sorry also that this month's rave is all about me. Hey art people, write in to this paper, or email me direct, serenstarlight@gmail.com and let me know when you're doing your art thing, exhibition, performance, whatever. Have a cool dry, but productive March art people, seren.



The Committee

We're all looking forward to an exciting, productive year. With so many hands on deck things are lookin' pretty good!

FUNDING FUNDAMENTALS - Arts Nexus

Quite a few attended this very informative grant writing workshop. Many thanks to Arts Nexus for facilitating this workshop.

CAFÉ PROJECT - (Arts Nexus and supported by Tablelands Regional Council) began on Monday 20th January and will meet again in April. This is a youth arts project mentored by local artists, organised by Gail Betts and Arts Nexus, and involves mural painting within the venue. This is a great opportunity for local youth to become involved and showcase their talents to the wider community.

FUSION DANCE CLASSES

Every Friday and Saturday in the Understage. For more information please visit - www.creaturesque.weebly.com

Time to start the WORKING BEES again. There are many small jobs that need volunteers to help with, eg. painting, gardening, assisting with construction projects

around the place, basic clean up and tidying etc, so if you have some time, even an hour, please come along. Amphitheatre volunteers make sure it's a great day with lots of laughs to be had and always a yummy lunch. Next Working Bee is Sunday 9th March from 10 am.

WORKING BEES
 Next Working Bee
 Sunday 9th March
 from 10am.

KAS Thanks You!

You can obtain a Membership Form from: www.kurandaamphitheatre.org, and "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda.

Just a reminder that we are a voluntary run organisation and our onsite office is unattended most of the time.



For enquiries and support please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org - Contact Us

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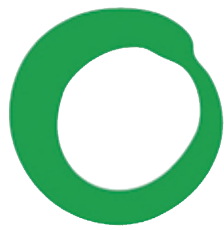
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Glyphosate – Not So Fast?

Glyphosate (also known by the brand name Roundup) is widely used as a herbicide in Far North Queensland by Government Agencies, Councils, farmers and many other landowners.

Glyphosate has long been marketed as a weed-killer that's quite safe for wildlife and the environment – especially because its breakdown is claimed to be rapid. When used in the Barron catchment, for example, many people have assumed that glyphosate is no longer potent by the time it reaches the Coral Sea.

Recent research suggests this may not be true. Glyphosate seems particularly resistant to biodegradation in warm sea water – and could therefore be a major contributor to decline of marine coral reef systems such as the Great Barrier Reef.

In a new study entitled, "Glyphosate Persistence in Seawater", published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin, Australian researchers describe increasing concern over the global loss of corals and seagrass, which has been particularly well documented for the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.

The authors point out that extensive agriculture activities impact water quality around reefs and seagrass beds. This is especially the case during the wet season from November to March, when rain-induced flooding delivers "runoff containing excess sediments, nutrients, and pesticides". Satellite imagery reveals their associated plumes travel up to 50 km offshore – as far as the midshelf coral reefs.

In order to assess the potential impact of glyphosate, they quantified its biodegradation using simulation flask tests with native bacterial populations and coastal seawater from the Great Barrier Reef. They discovered that, "the half-life for glyphosate at 25°C in low-light was 47 days, extending to 267 days in the dark at 25°C and 315 days in the dark at 31°C. This is the longest persistence reported for this herbicide".

While an abstract about this study is on the web, the full text is behind a paywall. Increasingly, scientific information about matters of public interest, even when undertaken by publicly-funded scientists, is available only on a pay-to-view basis. It's a disturbing trend!

On Friday February 28th at 5.00 for 5.30 pm, Friends of the Earth Australia are holding a forum about the impact of climate change on islands in the Torres Strait. The venue is 76 Greenslopes Street, Cairns.

This event will include a showing of the movie *Dire Straits* followed by a discussion. Light refreshment will be provided. All welcome. Gold coin donation.

What about our islands?
A community forum to share information and stories on climate change concerns in the Torres Strait

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The Firefly Bar Sunday Sessions aim to host a variety of local acts both electronic and acoustic as a regular event.

Sunday 9th March

with DJ Taesty Gecko

Random Arab aka *Taesty Gecko* will be spinning up the decks for lovely Sunday vibes with some soulful chillout, dub and deep house tunes, so come on down to the bottom pub and kick up your feet in the new beer garden.

Sunday 16th March

with Dave Cooke

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And he is sure to please the discerning listener, so be certain to come along to the *Firefly Bar & Grill* for an afternoon of fine music and good company.



Dave Cooke

Kooii

Kuranda Roots Festival 2014

20th - 22nd June

To tantalize your musical appreciation... The Kuranda Roots Festival organisers have confirmed the return of *Kooii* to far north Queensland as co-headliners for this year's Festival.



Hailing from Brisbane, *Kooii* have earned a reputation as innovators of an original Afro reggae sound. Their music is a meeting place, a gathering that celebrates the magic of song and dance. From the vibrant and pulsating groove of Afro beat through to the hypnotic depths of reggae rhythms, the music is woven into charming song through the exquisite vocals and compositions of singer Peter Hunt.

Over the last seven years they've toured extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand, refining their sound and gathering a devoted following along the way. They've become festival favourites with a dynamic live show, known for working audiences into a dancing frenzy through entrancing and infectious grooves.

Set alongside the picturesque billabong at Kangaventure the *Roots Festival* continues to grow and flourish with an expansion of workshops available to the festival goers.

As a special note to any artists, musicians, performers and DJ's wishing to be included in this year's premier event, creative applications are opening from the 15th March at www.kurandaroots.com as well as applications for food and market stalls. Any enquiries and expressions of interest from workshop convenors (music, dance, circus, cultural, weaving, holistic, & self development) can be made to kittykatkuranda@live.com. KC

KURANDA GIG GUIDE MARCH

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH

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The Firefly Bar & Grill

** DJ Taesty Gecko **

Sunday Session

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\*\* Dave Cooke \*\*

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John Mayer 'Paradise Valley'



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A wonderful cover of J.J.Cale's "Call me the Breeze" just about sums it up. If you're really over the kids' video-driven, hormonal music, as such, then, like we said, this is the perfect antidote. Who knows, they might just like it too. Yeah, right. Never mind, it's very tasteful and we don't think we will ever tire of it. There will always be time when it's just right. The musical equivalent of a massage under a waterfall. Paradise Valley indeed! Shambala...

Oh, and, yes, heard one of our kids walking around the other day singing John Mayer's first track "Wildfire". Ha!

Dubmarine: 'Laser Sound Beam'

Dubmarine are a red-hot live act with many national and international performances under their belt. From festivals in Germany and the Netherlands to recently headlining New Year's Eve at the Woodford Music Festival Amphitheatre and appearing at Earth Frequency 2014, this band has a habit of astounding and then blowing away audiences. We've seen them a few times, and always left the venue high as kites, sweating, buzzing, laughing and still bopping. So it's a real treat to have



their second album land on this planet.

Dubmarine have mashed up their own special style, rooted in electronic dancehall, coloured with the horn stabs and vocal phrasing of dub and roots reggae, swinging with dub step, pulsing with quick-fire toasting and rap, brimming with soul; creating something super heavy and manically fun. The lyrical content is at turns freaky, cheeky and deadly serious about the state of our world.

The players interlock, giving all the songs, building mini-movies flush with great details and theatrical flourishes. The music itself tells stories - narratives twist and zip in unexpected directions. So when you add two powerhouse vocalists to the mix the whole thing just explodes.

The masculine energy comes from D-Kazman who raps, sings, and lets out primal roars of pleasure and pain. He holds nothing back and his lyrical flow is quicksilver smooth, his words heart-felt but sometimes slyly brain-twisting. Opening track "Beat in Control" is a perfect example of Kazman in full effect.

The feminine counterpart is Billie Weston who lets loose her own brand of sweet cosmic soul, singing like a street angel. She takes flight on choruses, intoxicates with repeated vocal riffs, always weaving an amazing sonic dance with Kazman. She's got brevity, her voice right there without frills - just chockas full of the real thing.

Laser Sound Beam is an album on maximum power, set to stun and get you rockin'. It is roots and sci-fi fused into one polished sound clah. It's an epic cinematic treat in full flight from the future, where we're all superheroes empowered by the groove and lyrics to save the world from the greed pigs and haters. With this gorgeous manna from heaven on our side we can't lose.

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Moon Temple



On the fourth Saturday of every month, the KRC will be transformed into a 'Moon Temple'. What a beautiful vision of colour, warmth and inspiration.

Donna Raymond is offering the 'Moon Temple' to the Kuranda and Tablelands Community as a sacred space where women can come to rest, nurture, heal, renew themselves, find support whilst connecting with other women and enjoying the beauty of sharing space with the sisterhood. It is time out and a time out of time; a sacred place where womban can be herself without any judgements or pressures. A place to unwind and unfurl deeper into herself, with the support from fellow sisters.

Some women come to dance, to rest, to sing, to create, to journey deeper into themselves...to heal, to renew. This is a sacred space, free of judgement. A place of support and nurturing for women by women.

The next temple is on Saturday 1 March at 7.30-10.30pm.
Moon Temple 2: Anchoring the Dreaming (creating a medicine pouch and dreamtime pillow)
\$40 booked 3 days in advance or \$50 thereafter and on the night. Places are limited.

To book contact **Donna 0413 938 880** and more information can be found at www.DonnaRaymond.com.au

WE'RE GROWING!

Over the past few years, as a group of volunteers, we've worked very hard at raising the profile of the KRC and reviving the building and grounds to be a great venue for the community. This year we plan to keep moving forward and the Mareeba Shire Council has committed funds in their budget for our proposed amenities block! We will be seeking grants to raise the additional funds required for this project. We thank both Jenny Jensen and Mayor Tom Gilmore for their support.

KRC AGM RESULTS: The KRC Management Committee was elected on 16 February.

President - Mike Richardson, **Secretary** - Arch McArthur, **Booking Coordinator** - Janet Hoyer, **Marketing** - Nettie Dunne, **Sports Coordinator** - Nathan Sutherland, **Maintenance Coordinator** - Matt Harrison. Treasurer role is still vacant.

Thanks to our out-going committee members Gary Davis and Diane Grogan, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We welcome our new members Nathan and Matt, and look forward to their fresh input to help make the KRC even better!

SOCCER SIGN ON



We've had a couple of successful sign on days for the Rangers soccer. Thanks to Leonie and Prue at the Bendigo Bank for providing the EFTPOS facilities!

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3. Check every entrance. After the front door, prospective buyers will evaluate a home by its entrances. Repair any breakages or signs of wear and tear.
4. Look down. People walk in and wipe their feet. One of the first things they'll notice is the condition of the floor around ... you got it ... the entrances!
5. Beware the four most dreaded words in real estate: "What is that smell?"
6. Walls - spot treat any blemishes. Fix scuff marks, nail holes and paint cracks.
7. Make your home appear organised. Storage closets packed full? Take some of it out and store it elsewhere, make your closets appear as if they are coping.
8. Kitchens, closets and bathrooms. Check doors and drawers open easily and handles are clean.
9. Kitchen and laundry appliances. You may or may not be selling your appliances with your home. But appliances attract a lot of lifestyle attention in the minds of buyers. Make sure they shine.
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KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Where Do They Go?

As artists we often wonder where our artworks will end up. A piece of Mollie Bosworth's earlier work from the late 1990s has been found to be recently donated (unattributed) in the Griffith University Art Collection. It will be going on display soon in Southbank, Brisbane with other recent acquisitions at the Griffith University Art Gallery. The acting director of Griffith Artworks was delighted to solve the mystery from the potter's stamp.

Mollie has resumed her pottery classes at her studio. Phone 4093 9063 for more inquiries.

Kuranda On Parade In Cairns

Eight Kuranda Arts Co-op artists are being showcased 22nd February – 7th March at the Cell Art Space, 109 Lake Street, Cairns.



Kate's 'Coral Reef' Earrings

Kuranda jewellery maker, Kate Prynne, has developed a specific range of earrings using metal that she has patinated. Kate calls them her 'Coral Reef' series as they look like the reef when you look down on it with the darks of the reef and the aqua shades of the sandy areas. These beautiful wearable artworks are available at the Co-op Gallery.

Women Artists Celebrate

It is that time of year again, when Knock Knock Contemporary Artists' Initiative presents their annual Women in the Arts exhibition event in celebration of International Women's Day. Once again a cross-venue event, this year's program explores the cross-over between visual arts and literary fields.

- 1) Women in the Arts: Of Sense & Sensibilities at Canopy Art Centre from Wednesday 19th February – Saturday 8th March. An exhibition of new major works by 16 regional contemporary artists, curated by Louisa Ennis-Thomas
- 2) Women in the Arts: Booked in the KickArts foyer from Monday 17th February – Saturday 22nd March. An exhibition of artist books and text-based works from local artists as well as a selection from Australia, the UK and USA, curated by Rose Rigley.

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Eyes, Toes and Tadasana Pose

There are many micro adjustments in yoga that can be taught to children. These foundations can be introduced after children have been doing yoga for some time or when old enough to understand the instructions. The most basic pose in yoga is called Tadasana or mountain pose. It can look simply like standing up tall, but when done properly the whole body is working and the pose can be quite challenging.

Tadasana – Child’s Version

Feet: Start with the feet touching at the front of the mat and heels slightly apart. Feet need to be weight bearing equally. The four corners of the feet and all toes should be equally taking the load.

Toes: Toes are spaced so that they are not touching. It should be possible to see some yoga mat between each toe.

Muscles: Activating the three ‘body hugging’ muscles. (There are more than three but for children these are the main ones to focus on.) By drawing up the two kneecaps we can ‘hug’ our legs with our thigh muscles. By slightly tensing our stomach we can ‘hug’ our belly with our abdominal muscles.

Arms: Place hands on hips and roll the shoulders back and down. Keep the elbows pointing behind the body. Without moving the shoulders from that position allow the arms to drop from the hips and let them hang down by the sides. The arms are kept straight.

Hands: Hands are in a karate chop position. Palms facing the body.

Eyes: The head is straight with eyes looking forward. In yoga this is called drishti. Drishti is where the eyes should be gazing with a soft focus.

The position of the feet, toes and ‘hugging’ muscles are the same in many poses. Practising the foundations in Tadasana will make it easier to apply these foundations in other poses. For example, raising hands above the head in Tadasana is actually handstand reversed. In handstand keep the hugging muscles activated, feet flat as if standing on them, toes spread, legs together and drishti straight ahead, just like in Tadasana. For yoga teachers or parents Tadasana is a great pose to find areas on children that need to be focused on. In the picture of Pypah notice one shoulder is slightly higher than the other. This may be muscle tension or it could be something like scoliosis in the spine. Yoga can gently improve these body alignments. Pypah is able to bring her attention to her shoulders in poses and see if she can even them up feeling the difference – never to the point of pain or discomfort. Only adjust children gently, so they get the feeling of being aligned and the opportunity to observe the way their body moves. Yoga is a practise not a perfect. It is good to try and correct what we can in our body but it is also important to be able to accept our body as it is in this moment.



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Tulsi is used for a variety of ailments being considered a herb that balances the different processes in the body and is helpful for adapting to stress.

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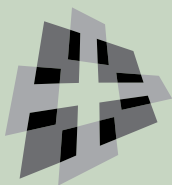
The herb is also reputed to lower sugar levels, optimise blood pressure and provide pain relief. The juice can also be applied to insect bites, ring worm and skin diseases.

To make a refreshing and relaxing cup, pick a few fresh leaves, pour boiling water on them and let them brew for five minutes.

Add lemon and honey to taste and do not drink more than two cups a day.

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I am really enjoying my time in General Practice but am unsure where it will take me, mostly because of my husband's career. As we are both from the Atherton Tablelands we hope to be able to stay in or around Cairns and continue to build our lives together.

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Neighbourhood Centre News - March 2014

Kuranda Family Day: The next family fun day will be held on Tuesday 15th April from 10.00-2.00 at the Centenary Park (second week of the school holidays). Please join us for a day of fun and activities. Services and agencies from Tablelands and Cairns as well as Kuranda will be doing different activities and providing information about their services and programs. Hope to see you there!

WuChopperen Counselling at KNC: There is a counsellor coming up to Kuranda on Monday mornings to see people needing help around substance misuse. Please contact Ceri/Marg for a referral – counselling is strictly confidential.

Keen about Gardening? The veggie garden at the Neighbourhood Centre needs to be prepared for the oncoming season. If you are a keen gardener and have a few hours to spare each week, you may wish to become a volunteer at KNC and help maintain our veggie garden. All produce is donated to the community or made into soups for those in need. Call into the centre and speak to Marg.

Furniture Exchange: If you have items in good condition to donate, please let us know and we will arrange for a pick up. Right now, we are seeking a number of lounges, tables & chairs and beds. All items will go to families or individuals with identified needs and all items are welcome. THANKS.

– The Neighbourhood Centre Team

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This new levy, which came into effect from 1st January 2014 has broadened the coverage of a previous levy which only Urban areas paid.

It will be used to pay for a wide range of services provided in response to disasters including, but by no means limited to, the equipment for State Emergency Service, Rural and Urban Fire Brigades, the emergency helicopter rescue, disaster management response and volunteer marine rescue services. These services clearly include both urban and non-urban areas so the Government has now decided to collect funds across all sectors of the community to ensure that Emergency Management across Queensland can be appropriately funded.

So while this new levy appears on your Council rates notice, it is done so under a legal requirement on Council and the funds collected are passed on to the State Government.

This levy is in addition to the Volunteer Brigade Equipment and Maintenance (formerly Rural Fire) Levy which Council raises directly on behalf of the respective area brigades and is passed on in full to fund the specific operational needs of each Brigade. Each Brigade calculates what it needs are annually and then Council collects the required amount and passes it on to them to ensure that they can deliver the important services they do.

If you would like further information on your EMFR Levy classification for your property, please contact Mareeba Shire Council rates section on 1300 308 461.

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Possum Tails

The Coppery Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus johnstonii*) inhabits the rainforests of the Atherton Tableland. It is a similar species to the more widely-spread Common Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*). Both species are arboreal, nocturnal marsupials and feed on a range of leaves, fruits and flowers.

Molly, a Coppery Brushtail Possum, was orphaned when her mother was killed by a dog. Her survival prospects were at first uncertain – although well furred, she was injured and traumatised. She was treated with antibiotics and kept in a quiet, peaceful environment. Once her wounds had healed and she had stabilised, she began to gain weight and now, some five months later, she is ready for release back to the wild. Molly will soon be taken to a release enclosure at Tarzali, close to her original habitat. Her gentle nature has endeared her to all the volunteers at BatReach.



Molly – Coppery Brushtail Possum

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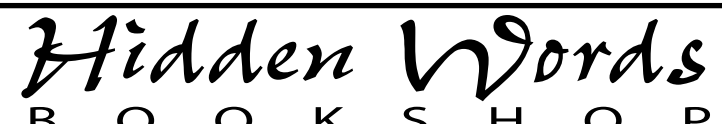
“Cairns Festival is an opportunity for the Cairns community to celebrate life in the tropics and is a key event to highlight the region's talent,” Community Services Chair Cr Max O'Halloran said.

“It wouldn't be a Festival without our local performers and artists so I encourage everyone in the artistic community to get involved.”

The purpose of the application process is to source quality local artists, performers and cultural groups to showcase the region's talent in a professional setting.

Interested parties should visit www.Cairnsfest.com.au and navigate to the Performers & Artists page under the Join In tab (<http:// Cairns.qld.gov.au/festival/join/perform>) for more information about the application process and expectations on performers/artists before lodging their application online.

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ARCH and welcome rains have refreshed the garden. However the observant gardener will carefully inspect for areas that may still be dry – under heavy foliage or house eaves and sometimes, at the base of trees.

Potted and basket plants also need watching – too easily waterlogged if left out in the rain or burnt when forgotten and the sun emerges. Keep an eye on the potting mix too as in this weather it can quickly break down and become stodgy.

Likewise, the careful gardener will also be keeping a watchful eye on any new introductions to their garden for runaway weed potential.

As a confirmed plantaholic, any new plant introduction has to be acquired. However two recent introductions have cause for concern. Both beautiful but both unrestrained in their spread, the yellow dancing-lady ginger *Globba schomburak* is proving highly invasive setting a plethora of extremely viable bulbils from each flowering cane – sometimes these actually shooting on the stem – which are easily carried off to spread to other parts of the garden.

The other potential weed is an unidentified soft leafed *Calathea* with small pendant yellow flowers carried in a green calyx. Again a prolific seed setter.

Plant of the Month:

Warszewiczia coccinea, sometimes known as the Wild Poinsettia, Pride of Trinidad and Tobago, Mawcaw's Tail or *Chaconia*, is an outstanding addition to any larger garden. Kept as a small tree or large shrub, its dramatic, often to 30cm long panicles of bright red bracts of the persisting calyxes are unforgettably eye catching.



Unfortunately propagation of *Warszewiczia* is by somewhat difficult to strike cutting as seed is seldom set and has short viability. For best growth and display this plant requires full sun in a sandy well drained soil with an admixture of organic material, but this cold-tender plant requires regular watering to achieve its best.

Given its relative scarcity, plants, when available, command a good price.

Q&A

Dear Margaret: Great spotting and yes it is the Pink Nodding Orchid, *Geodorum densiflorum*, growing in that near empty garden bed by the Tourist Information Centre. This terrestrial native orchid flowers through December–January and, although once widely spread through the Top End and along the Queensland coast to northern New South Wales, is becoming relatively rare in some parts.



Dear Peter: *Pellionia repens* (Syn. *Elatostema*), sometimes known as the Trailing Watermelon Begonia from its leaf marking, or Gunpowder Plant from its explosive pollen distribution – was once quite frequently seen as a desirable basket subject or low growing ground cover for a protected position. Belonging to the Urticaceae or Nettle family, there are several forms however it is increasingly difficult to find particularly the bronze leaf form. Of the easiest cultivation requiring only a shady position, humus rich soil and good moisture supply, this plant makes an excellent extremely low and slowly increasing ground cover or basket plant.



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Wet Tropics in the Top Most Irreplaceable Protected Areas on Earth

Of over 173,000 protected areas, the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area is the **second most 'irreplaceable' natural World Heritage Area on earth** and the sixth most irreplaceable protected area, according to a team of international scientists.

Data on the world's 173,461 terrestrial protected areas and 21,419 species on The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species were analysed to provide advice on improving the effectiveness of the earth's protected areas in protecting our global biodiversity.

An area's level of irreplaceability reflects the dependence of wildlife species on that area for survival, with the level of irreplaceability increasing the more a species is restricted to that area.

A high number of species in the Wet Tropics are only found here such as the mahogany glider and our two tree-kangaroo species. These, along with the area's large number of threatened species such as the southern cassowary and their distinct habitats, contributed to the Wet Tropics' high score of irreplaceability.

The high irreplaceability ranking of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area comes alongside a commitment by Australian Minister for the Environment, The Hon Greg Hunt MP, to fund the Wet Tropics Management Authority for the next five years.

Wet Tropics Management Authority executive director, Andrew Maclean, said he was delighted with Minister Hunt's continued support and vision for World Heritage management in far north Queensland.

"The ranking of the Wet Tropics in the top list of irreplaceable protected areas highlights the extraordinary and special place that the Wet Tropics region plays in the conservation of the earth's biodiversity. It also emphasises our responsibilities both locally and internationally in strategically managing our resources."

"Commonwealth funding will help the Wet Tropics Management Authority to work with its partners to continue the high standard of conservation and protection of our unique species and their habitats," Mr Maclean said.

Summary Of The Irreplaceability Ranking Of The Wet Tropics

A new scientific study by an international team of scientists has identified the most irreplaceable places on the planet when it comes to protecting biodiversity and preventing extinctions of the world's mammals, birds and amphibians. This analysis provides practical advice for improving the effectiveness of protected areas in conserving global biodiversity.

The Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area ranked sixth overall in global irreplaceability on the basis of all species and eighth on the basis of threatened species. With respect to World Heritage properties, the Wet Tropics ranked as the second most irreplaceable natural World Heritage site. The study stated that irreplaceability was an important aspect of the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage properties.

The study, published in the 15 November 2013 edition of the international journal Science, calculates the 'irreplaceability' of individual protected areas, based on data on 173,000 terrestrial protected areas and assessments of 21,500 species on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species in order to assign each protected area a species-based irreplaceability score. The score is based on the fraction of each species' global range overlapping the boundaries of each protected area. Two species irreplaceability scores were calculated for each protected area, one based on all species in the assessed groups, the other one based only on the globally threatened species in these groups.

Seventy-eight sites (comprising 137 protected areas in 34 countries) have been identified as exceptionally irreplaceable. Together, they harbour the majority of the populations of more than 600 bird, amphibian, and mammal species, half of which are globally threatened. This study highlights species for which each area has particularly high global conservation significance (this information is available here) which can be used to assist in informing management priorities in individual protected areas.

Mammals, amphibians and birds were the groups chosen for the study as not only do they comprise three totally distinct groups of animals but they also represent the most widely studied taxa on the planet and so provide a good overall comparative indication of global biodiversity.

A comprehensive analysis of the data is available in the IUCN publication Terrestrial Biodiversity and the World Heritage List: Identifying broad gaps and potential candidate sites for inclusion in the natural World Heritage network. Table 4.2 in this report lists the most irreplaceable natural and mixed World Heritage sites currently included on the World Heritage List. In the table below, sites are sorted by irreplaceability score for all species. The irreplaceability rank indicates the relative importance of a site (based on its irreplaceability score) among the 173,461 protected areas analysed. The table shows all natural and mixed World Heritage sites that are among the 10 most irreplaceable protected areas for all species or all threatened species analysed. As depicted in this table, the Wet Tropics ranked as the second most irreplaceable natural World Heritage site based on this methodology.

For a more detailed analysis of the global irreplaceability of the Wet Tropics visit <http://irreplaceability.cefe.cnrs.fr/sites/17757>.

This is how the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area ranked:

1. The **second** most irreplaceable natural World Heritage Area
2. The **sixth** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **all species** (bird, amphibian, and mammal species)
3. The **eighth** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **overall threatened** bird, amphibian, and mammal species
4. The **fifth** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **all amphibian** species
5. The **third** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **threatened amphibian** species
6. The **fortieth** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **all bird** species
7. The **1928th** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **threatened bird** species
8. The **sixth** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **all mammal** species
9. The **72nd** most irreplaceable 'protected area' on the basis of **threatened mammal** species.

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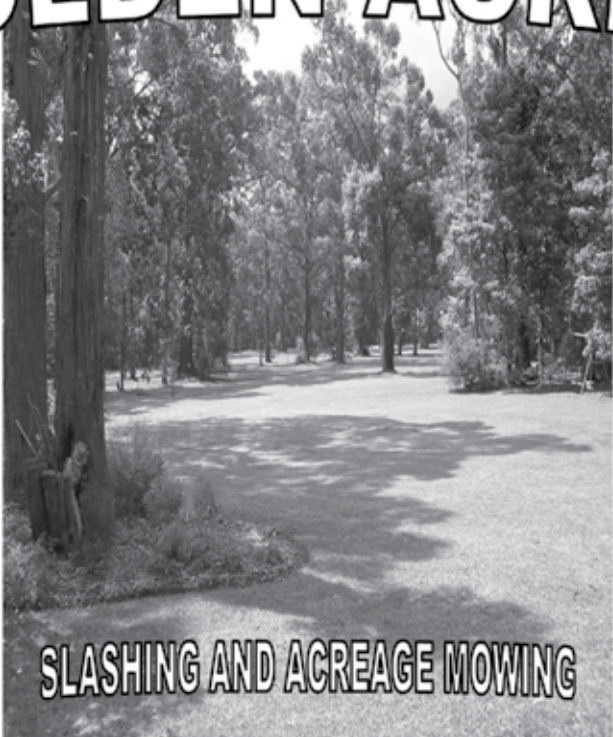
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Les Anwyl

Martial Arts, Adventurer, Music Man and Sustainability Proponent

Let me introduce our profile for the month, **Les Anwyl** of Kuranda. He went to school in Sydney but was not destined to stay there permanently. Straight from school he went on a three month wild tour with adventurer Malcolm Douglas up the Fly River, helping to make the film "Land of the Long Canoes", in which Les did the sound recording as well as second camera. He subsequently made several other trips with Douglas, including close shark encounters and desert survival episodes.

Returning to Sydney, he obtained a TAFE Certificate qualification in horticulture, following which he worked at an orchid nursery. It was about this time that he picked up his interest in the martial arts, practising to this day Tai Chi and the more ancient I Ching based Pa-kua (Ba-gua) Chang. This led him to travel to China on two occasions in 1985 and 1986 to further his interest. From 1985 for about the next five years he was an international backpacking traveller on and off, taking jobs as he found them. In addition to China, he visited places like Mongolia, USSR, Japan, England, Nepal, Egypt, India, Ladakh and Timor. He lived in Thailand for about a year.

Whilst back in Australia between trips away, he moved to remote North England in NSW, built a hut, and practised full time his martial arts in preparation for the 1986 Tianjin international Wushu martial arts competition, at which he represented Australia.

Returning to Australia in the early 90s he became senior horticulturalist with the Royal Botanic Gardens in charge of the tropical section. Here he developed his interest in sustainability. He also ran a vegetarian restaurant in Sydney's southern suburbs for several years. He returned to northern NSW and was mentored by Bill Mollison in permaculture, receiving a diploma in that subject at Mollison's own Institute. Bill was born in 1928 in Tasmania and is a renowned researcher, author, scientist, teacher and naturalist. He is considered to be the 'father' of permaculture. Bill operated from Tagari Farm near Mt Warning in northern NSW. This experience with Bill had a profound effect on Les, who then began running courses and undertaking consultancies in related fields. This included food security projects in remote Aboriginal communities across the Centre and Northern Australia. During



a visit to Elcho Island he met his Kathryn, a teacher and later his wife. Together they produced a series of books, videos and other materials responding to cultural and everyday activities, leading to a National Literacy Award.

They both moved to Kuranda about 10 years ago and married in Cairns. Kuranda suited them, with its tropical environment and diverse community. They bought a property and settled down. They have two children. Les still practices Tai Chi and gives lessons. He also teaches sustainability and biodiversity at the local state school and undertakes some consultancies. Otherwise he is a stay at home dad. He plays blues harmonica in the band the "Howlin Dingoes". Kathryn is involved in the Families as First Teachers program with the Education Department.

Along the way, Les picked up an interest in Buddhism and the core values it espouses – tolerance, non-violence, kindness and logical investigation into the nature of things, although he does not regard himself as a practising Buddhist. His own perception of himself is more of a private but open-minded person, perhaps agnostic, who sees altruism as enlightened self-interest.

He appreciates the "yin-yang", or "Tai chi" symbol, illustrating the duality in all things. An aspect of that symbol to him is that the study of martial arts can further one's understanding and abilities in the healing arts. He considers himself a pacifist, with non-violence as a core principle. This allows him to comfortably accommodate his practice of the physical martial arts. His other great interest in life is with sustainability on a global scale and the survival of the natural systems of the planet. He regards the present world system, based on ever-increasing growth, as unsustainable. This is, no doubt, a view shared by many Kuranda residents, as more and more people become disillusioned with the way the world is heading and search for a better way.

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The Giant Burrowing Cockroach's ten year lifespan is long than many reptiles, and mammals.

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Females typically live longer than males in the bug world. This is certainly true with praying mantids. Even if they aren't consumed during mating (like this headless male) they still don't live as long as their female counterparts.

A Bug's Life

When it comes to living long lives, we humans are near the top of the list. Only a handful of other animal species on the planet have a longer life expectancy than we do. Often it is the larger animals that live for longer, but there are numerous exceptions. Many people assume that the insects and their relatives (the invertebrates) have very short life-spans due to their small size, but surprisingly this is not always the case.

There are certainly many invertebrates which do not live long at all, and have their entire life cycle over and done with in a couple of weeks. Some invertebrate's lives appear to be over in the blink of an eye. Some butterflies, for example, have only a few days of life on the wing. What many people do not consider is the length of their immature lives as caterpillars and their time pupating prior to emerging into the form that we know so well. Still, a few months is not exactly a surprisingly long life.

Cicadas take this a step further. They may only appear above ground for a matter of weeks over the summer months, but in fact many of these animals are quite long-lived. In some cases the young cicadas (nymphs) spend many years developing underground before emerging as the noisy adults we hear.

For other species, some individuals may live longer than others due to the roles they play in their communities. Social insects such as bees and ants are such examples. Worker honeybees live fast, furious lives of around six weeks in duration, however, the queen honeybee can live three or four years.

Cockroaches are relatively long-lived insects, with many species expecting to live a year or two. One Australian species, however, the Giant Burrowing Cockroach (*Macropanethsia rhinoceros*) lives up to ten years on a very simple diet of dry gum leaves.

In the spider world, many species are seasonal (living for less than a year) which includes the regularly encountered orb-weaving spiders common to our region. Some of those we encounter around the house such as huntsman spiders may live two or three years. The longest living species are actually the most primitive species; the trapdoors, funnelwebs and tarantulas. The tarantulas hold the records here; Australian species may live to around ten years, while some of the largest overseas species can live for up to twenty years.

Sex also has a big influence on the lifespan of many invertebrates. The females of many invertebrate groups including stick insects, praying mantids and spiders outlive their male counterparts, often by a considerable length of time. The pinnacle of the male's life is to reproduce and once he has mated it is often game over. The sexual cannibalism of mantids and some spiders is well known, but if not being eaten by a ravenous female, the male often simply hits his 'use by date' and dies naturally. Females on the other hand must live on to lay eggs or give birth, often doing this multiple times and living months, or in some cases, years longer.



A Honeybee worker has a hectic life which lasts around six weeks.

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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Welcome to a New Year at Kuranda Horse and Pony Club. I'd like to start off this article with how the club's year ended in 2013.

The break-up was a great success held on the 7th December, at the Speewah Tavern, where riders were recognised for their achievements and perpetual trophies were awarded. A presentation of certificates attained were also presented to riders. This makes it a very special time to look back on the year and reflect on how far everyone has come.

We also asked Judy Pope to come along as Judy has been a big part of the Pony Club over the years and recently retired from this part of the horsey world, so as a special surprise we presented Judy with a life member award.

"Thank you Judy for all the work you have given to the Pony Club."

We even had one of our wonderful young riders who had a terrible fall with one of her horses just before the break-up, manage to get permission to leave hospital for the day to come along and help celebrate. Our thoughts are with you Chloe – please know we are thinking of you and we hope you heal strong and get well soon.

The club's AGM was held in January with the previous committee retaining their positions. I am President for the second year running and would like to thank my fellow committee, Christine Hewitt (Vice President), Shanna Janz (Secretary), Fionna Lane (Treasurer), for also taking on the roles. We are really looking forward to the grounds having quite a bit of activity throughout the year which will be great to see.

Riders who have already joined up for 2014 have had a couple of rally days and we successfully held a one day clinic with Kim Weston on flat work which was well attended.

At the Australia Day Awards held in Mareeba, one of our riders, Kristy Lane, was awarded the "Junior Sportsperson Award" which is a great achievement, so congratulations Kristy from all of us at the Pony Club.

The next big event coming up on the 1st and 2nd March, is a Zone Championship Jumping Equitation and Zone Championship Show Jumping. Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us, and anyone is welcome to come along to watch. The Canteen will be open all week end.

So the club is looking forward to another year of fun, friendship and really enjoying learning all about looking after and riding our best friends – our Horses!

If anyone is interested in joining the Pony Club, a years membership for a rider is \$85, you must own your own horse or have a horse available. Each rally day is at no charge unless a invited Instructor has been hired which can require a payment. All pony clubs are run under PCAQ rules and insurance, all instructors are volunteers and have taken the time to do the training to be qualified. All members play a part in making a club work well, and getting in and helping and being involved is a great way of enjoying the outdoors and gaining exercise to keep us all healthy. For any enquires feel free to email me at paulanddi@bigpond.com or phone 40930379.

Thanks and till next time Happy Riding!



The kids with their trophies together with the instructors, Di Curtis and Fionna Lane



Di presenting Judy with the award



Kristy with her trophy and horse Licorice

Di Curtis, President/Instructor

The school year has got off to a brisk pace, with all our classes well engaged in the activities that have been planned by their teachers.

Our students have certainly lost no time in getting into the rhythm of the term, and there is a palpable sense of enthusiasm for learning permeating the whole school. We are very proud of the high standard of work produced by our students, which you can find examples of on our website and Facebook page.

One of the most important aspects of what we do in Steiner schools is to create learning experiences that are practical and relevant to our students. Education that is meaningful and speaks to the child. Culture and life experiences are surely more effective and enjoyable for the student. Education should be the lighting of a fire rather than the filling of a pail, as the saying goes.

Music has always been an important part of Steiner education. Modern research, aided by recent advances in brain imaging technology, have shown that music has a significant effect on brain structure and function, improving children's communication skills, attention span and memory, as well as enhancing the language and cognitive skills they use to learn other subjects. All of our students play an instrument and learn to read music. Many of them also become involved in building instruments in our Woodwork lessons, such as the marimba pictured.

We have recently been accredited to offer the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden programme, which will further develop our already very successful and extensive food gardening programme. Our students all learn how to grow healthy organic food, but also learn how to prepare it too. Students cater for our weekly tuckshop meal, as well as providing ingredients for our weekly wood fired pizzas, which are cooked in an oven built as a class project. These pizzas are available at our weekly community market, which features produce grown both at the school and locally.

These are just a few examples of how we meet the challenge of an academically rigorous but also real and meaningful education in our school. We are always ready to welcome new families into our school community, and some vacancies still exist in certain classes. If you would like to visit our school, or would like to know more about Steiner education, please contact us at 4093 8809 or admin@candlenutsteinerschool.qld.edu.au.



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Music – it has the power to make us move, notice, manipulate and transform emotions, unite in a spiritual essence and to bring our bodies to a higher place. Art – the awakening colours, mind bending concepts and designs, and textures that bear their own descriptive personalities. These two acts together can create one of the most peaceful states of mind, body, and soul. No matter what you believe in, there's something deep inside all of us that wants to be at peace, and with so much stimuli, events in the environment and rushing around our realities local artist **Gail Betts** moves and lives in both these camps, music and art, and her creativity in her painting and her music provides a perfect balance in her life.

Where is your current studio?

After living in Kuranda for many years I now occupy an old farmhouse in an area just down the range known as Barron. I have no immediate neighbours but I have all the facilities a painter/printmaker/musician needs. I still spend a lot of time each week in Kuranda playing music with Gudju Gudju (Rainbow Spirit) and with my three daughters and grandchildren.

Do you work alone or with others?

Being part of the Gudju Gudju band I am working with others. And then I find the balance in my life working alone with my printmaking and painting after the huge energy output of my music. I am able to really enjoy the quietness of my visual artwork.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I need space, light, much bench space, really good ventilation and most importantly, a relaxed atmosphere. I have it all in my farmhouse studio.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I do not have a formal work pattern. I try to be as disciplined as possible, especially with my music. I come to Kuranda regularly to play and rehearse with Willie Brim/Zennith Band and the other members of Gudju Gudju group. But my time allotted to my printmaking and painting varies. I get a lot more done in the wet season when I am kept indoors and the rain stimulates my creative energy. It is then that my work pattern is full on. I love to work in the early hours of the morning when it is quiet.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I paint with acrylics, watercolour and oils. In addition I am a printmaker and really enjoy doing linocuts. I am also a songwriter and recently recorded an original album of songs written about North Queensland culture called 'Tropical Vibe'. One of the songs on this CD includes seven Kuranda indigenous musicians and is called "Kuranda, Living in Harmony" and is often played on local radio.

Why are painting and music your chosen mediums?

I paint because I love colour and I love texture. I find painting very therapeutic and it provides a balance in my very busy life. I play bass and acoustic guitar and sing and write songs with the band and I love the connection with the band members and the audience.

List things you listen to while working.

I often start with some tranquil music to take me into a relaxing space and then I progress to music that I can sing along to while I paint. I get lost and absorbed in my work and time passes enjoyably.

Your favourite tool?

My favourite would have to be my cutting knife for my stencil work used for printmaking. I am forever replacing paint brushes so I do not have a sense of attachment to them, however, I have had my cutting knife for over 15 years. It

has travelled most of my artistic journey with me.

How do you identify your work?

I sign my prints with my name in pencil, using the usual protocols of a printmaker – the number in the edition on the left, the title and then on the right, my signature. I also sign my name on my paintings. In terms of my song writing, one cannot use a 'signature' as such, but I am registered with APRA which offers me copyright.

How do you sell your work?

Again, it varies. I sell through galleries, markets, online, and I recently had a solo exhibition at c1907 Contemporary Art Space in Cairns where my artwork was sold.

Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Technically, there is no selling from the studio other than online. I do not teach from the studio either but teach through workshops often for youth.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I am a Regional Arts and Cultural Co-ordinator for Arts Nexus and in this position often give workshops on Arts Sustainability, as well as Music and Culture. Recently I worked with Willie Brim on a very successful Music Outreach Program for youth in Cooktown and currently I am Project Manager for the 'Creative Arts for Everyone' project inspired by Shona Hammond Boys who set up 'Creative Art Houses' for children throughout New Zealand and USA. The 'CAFE project' is sponsored by the Tablelands and Mareeba Shire Councils and includes working with youth and artists in Kuranda to create a mural. As a professional musician I get paid for performance work and perform regularly at corporate and community events with a variety of bands including my long time musical partner Kirk Steel.

I also freelance as an Eco-tour guide with Nature of Oz and inbound tour companies and shipping companies. I teach international students and take them on tours educating them about Australian history and culture and have integrated music and art into these programs. I love working with young people. I was Treasurer for 12 months at the Kuranda Amphitheatre and I am now a volunteer at every major event there helping the current Treasurer.

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

Like most artists I applaud the ability of being able to leave unfinished artwork and things on the table and benches. I love my 'mess'. But the mozzies are giving me heaps at the moment, it is that time of year and I could do without them. Otherwise there is nothing else I would like to change.

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

I would do more tour guiding as I love being active and outdoors and I really enjoy being involved with education in the community, teaching mainly overseas people about our culture. I am a passionate traveller and would like to be doing a lot more travelling overseas or perhaps be a beachcomber for a while...the grass is always greener on the other side.



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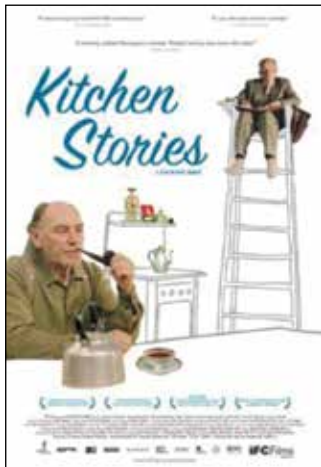
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Kitchen Stories

Inspired by actual Scandinavian post-WWII "home science" studies that tried to chart housework efficiency through in-home observation. Swedish number cruncher (Tomas Norstrom) camps out in the kitchen of a passive-aggressive Norse curmudgeon (Joachim Calmeyer). He observes silently, concocting flow charts every time his subject makes a cup of tea. Gradually the two men break the rules of scientific purity and begin to relate to each other. Inspired minimalism, colour perfect 1950s set design and expert pacing yield a sweet, goofy story that celebrates human connection, even in so unlikely a setting. (From the DVD cover notes)

Red Dog

Red Dog lies in the public house in the mining town of Dampier on death's door. The locals – mainly miners – gather round and reminisce on how he affected each of their lives and brought the people of Dampier together.

In the early 1970s, a truck driver Thomas (Luke Ford) arrives in Dampier, Western Australia, late one night. Upon entering the town pub he sees the silhouettes of a group of men, one of whom is



holding a gun. Believing he is witnessing a murder he rushes into the next room, where he sees that the men are trying to put down an apparently sick dog (Koko). Unable to bring themselves to carry out the euthanasia, the men, with Thomas, retreat to the bar. Publican Jack Collins (Noah Taylor) tells him the dog's name is Red Dog and narrates his story. Upon arriving in Dampier, the dog befriends many of the employees of Hamersley Iron, who have a major iron ore excavation in progress. Various miners relate their stories of Red Dog to Thomas, but state that, while Red Dog was a dog for everyone, he had no real master.

The men then tell of an American named John Grant (Josh Lucas), who became Red's true master. John, a bus driver for Hamersley Iron, starts dating a woman named Nancy (Rachael Taylor), who is a secretary at Hamersley Iron. After living in Dampier for two years, John proposes to Nancy. On the night of the engagement, John tells Red Dog to stay until he returns from Nancy's caravan. Early the next morning, John rides his motorcycle from Nancy's caravan, but is killed in an accident on the way home.

In the shock of John's accident, Nancy and the Hamersley men forget about Red Dog. Three days after the funeral, they find him still waiting where John told him to stay. After three weeks Red Dog decides to look for John, first at Hamersley Iron, then the bar and other places where John was known to go, until all of Dampier is explored. He then continues across much of the Australian North West Pilbara region from Perth to Darwin. He is even rumored to have caught a ship to Japan in search of John. Finally, the grief catches up to him, and he decides to return to Dampier. When he arrives, he returns to Nancy at the caravan park where she is staying, and she is overwhelmed to see him. The caretakers of the caravan park, however, do not allow dogs in the park, and threaten to shoot Red Dog. Nancy and John's friends at Hamersley then travel to the community of Dampier in support of Red Dog and, after a "civilised chat" with some of the miners, the caretaker and his wife leave, leaving their cat, Red Cat, behind. A great fight between Red Dog and Red Cat ensues, and in the end, they resolve their differences and become mates.

Back in the present day, miner Jocko (Rohan Nichol) asks the gathered crowd why they should have a statue of a man (William Dampier) set in their town when all he did in relation to the place was say that there were too many flies, and suggests that they should instead erect a statue of someone who represents the town – Red Dog. During the celebrations that follow, Red Dog gets up and walks out of the bar, unnoticed by everyone. Upon realising that the sick dog has left, everyone in the town begins looking for him, eventually finding him lying dead in front of John's grave.

One year later, Thomas once again drives up to Dampier with a new puppy, a new Red Dog and the whole town unveils a statue of Red Dog, a statue which still stands today.

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Cyclones • Floods • Mosquitoes • Mud

Last month, I said: we are still waiting for the wet season and expected cyclones to arrive, so the day the Kuranda Paper arrived in your letterbox, Cyclone Dylan crossed the coast north of Airlie Beach.

Actually three cyclones arrived within a week. Cyclones Dylan, and Edna then Fletcher (NT Gulf of Carpentaria) bringing welcome rain inland to our drought stricken outback. But our graziers need more follow-up rains, not floods, to survive the current severe drought.

Observed changes in rainfall are occurring at a more rapid rate than previously predicted, resulting in farm closures and farming could shift towards wetter coastal areas.

Kuranda's February rainfall so far is approx 570mm, making wet and muddy conditions on the Kuranda Range Road too, with contractors and heavy machinery chiseling away at our rocky hillsides! Traffic conditions are reduced to one single lane, manned by personnel and traffic lights. Do allow extra travel time traveling to Cairns or the airport, because of these delays.

If you are new to Kuranda, sign up for SMS traffic alerts at www.tmr.qld.gov.au or telephone 131 940. Touring our region? Then check with www.racq.com.au for current road conditions.

Wet, muddy conditions plus kid's sports or gardening also results in a messy pile of brown stained laundry. How did those pioneering women keep their clothes and bedding clean and dry when it rained for a month with no sun to dry them? Nowadays, powdered oxygen bleach is a safer healthier option than chlorine bleach. It is colour safe, can be added to your normal wash, doesn't break down the fabric fibres and is a relatively 'safer' option for septic systems, unlike chlorine bleach.

No clean clothes? No clothes dryer or your drier has stopped working? Ask a favour from a friend or neighbour. Use the local Laundromat or just wash important clothes, don't soak them too long (clothes sat in water or wet clothes unwashed will stink). Hint: Put clean laundered wet washing in plastic grocery bags (colour coded), and store in your freezer. Hang them out when the sun shines again.

Completely dry your clothes before hanging them in the wardrobe or you'll soon see and smell mould and mildew. To stop your clothes absorbing moisture in cupboards, use wardrobe dehumidifiers or make your own absorbent pouches from

rice, clay cat litter, shredded paper or stored excess toilet rolls.

Damp-rid type products are a constant expense unless you recycle the liquid. If you put clothes straight from the washing line onto your bed, you may be sleeping with spiders and caterpillars!

Gardening in muddy conditions has its problems too. Pot plants need good drainage, and established garden vegetables and soft stemmed herbs will rot and die if waterlogged. Garden lime or dolomite sweetens acidic soils; gypsum will change the soil structure to improve drainage. Dig trenches or swales to direct water flow away from your house.

Build raised garden beds. <http://www.childsplaypermaculture.com.au/wick-gardening.html>

Worm farms will also become water logged if you don't cover them.

For agricultural crop recovery after flood – goto <http://tinyurl.com/nwcpeek>

Basil, sweet corn, sweet potato/kumara and mustard greens can be planted now for harvesting in June or July.

Be careful if wearing gum boots, plastic crocodile shoes or thongs – you can easily slip on the clay ant mounds in your lawn area. Leeches can be easily removed, just sprinkle with salt or apply a hot match or hot cigarette. They will drop off, but the wound will itch and may continue to bleed.

Be aware of Dengue or Ross River fever symptoms caused by mosquitoes. Empty water from birdbaths, plant pot bases, containers, palm fronds, boats, tyres, buckets and any standing water! Take precautions at dawn, dusk and when working outdoors. While out and about, wear light coloured clothing, and continue to apply mozzie repellent against both sand fly and mosquitoes!

Inside your homes especially bedrooms and before going to bed, spray under and behind furniture, beds, tables and wardrobes. Switch on the ceiling fan to stop mosquitoes landing on your body

while sleeping, or use a mosquito net especially for babies and children. Relieve mosquito bites instantly in children using a mosquito click pen. Observe them for any allergic reactions then apply this cream, tried and tested on babies, children and toddlers www.bitestingrelief.com

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King O'Malley's Chair How Did It Get That Name

Some early photos of the Barron Falls show people sitting on a few large flat rocks shaped like a step. This group of rocks was known as King O'Malley's Chair. King O'Malley was a well-known politician in Australia's early history.

O'Malley was born in Kansas and arrived in Australia in 1888. He soon had political aspirations and claimed he was a Canadian, as only citizens of the British Commonwealth could be elected to Australian parliaments. He was a member of the South Australian Parliament for some time, and was elected to the first Federal Parliament in 1901 as a member of the Labor Party. He became Minister for Home Affairs in 1910. O'Malley was a great supporter of women's rights, and was also regarded as one of the main instigators of the Commonwealth Bank and the Reserve Bank. He was also appointed to oversee the establishment of Canberra. Ironically, one of his favoured names for the capital was Myola, but he was overruled on this.

So, how did a stack of rocks at the Barron Falls get to be named after this man? We may never know for sure, but an article in *The Cairns Post* on 16 August 1911 appears to give us a clue. Surely such a supportive article as this would warrant some recognition?

Mr. King O'Malley's Visit Impressions on Barron Falls Eulogy of Kuranda "Bewildered, Amazed, Astonished"

By the down train last evening the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. King O'Malley, accompanied by Mrs. O'Malley, also Mr. Anstey M.P. and Mrs. Anstey returned from Kuranda where they have been spending a short holiday. Mr. O'Malley has been visiting North Queensland to recuperate his health and his trip has had the desired effect of practically restoring to the Minister a vigor essential to the performance of the arduous duties of office.

Speaking to a representative of the "Post" last evening, Mr. O'Malley said he thought the people of Southern Queensland hardly realised what their state possessed in the Barron Falls. He thought the Queensland Government might spend with advantage an amount of money in the erection of a suspension bridge over the Falls, and the formation of a walk around them. It would make the Falls more attractive.

"Just imagine a bridge from which you could look down a distance of 800 feet. There would be a thrillingness about it, and you know how people like excitement. It would be the greatest advertisement North Queensland could have. If the Government spent £50,000 on it, I think it would be worth it. The scenery there is as fine as in any part of the world. If you look around America, I do not think you will find anything there superior to what is to be seen between Cairns and the Barron Falls. It is better than

The Thousand Islands. There is nothing to equal it in Canada. I have seen the Niagra Falls, and if the Barron Falls had the same volume of water they would be a thousand times more beautiful than Niagra. I have seen the Royal Canyon, Pikes Peak, The Garden of the Gods, and other places that are largely visited in America. I have travelled the world over, but on visiting the Barron Falls I am bewildered, amazed and astonished. When Senator Givens and Mr. Bamford M.H.R. told me of it I thought probably they were making a good deal of the place because it was in their electorates, but they have in no way overestimated it.

What made my visit all the more interesting was the attention bestowed by Mr. E. Hunter of the Barron Falls Hotel where I stayed. I think the place, in proportion to its advantages, is equal to the famous Waldorf Astoria in New York. Mr. Hunter is deeply interested in his guests, takes them out to many charming places that are to be seen and spares nothing to make their stay as enjoyable as possible, which it certainly is. He took us to Rocky Point Lookout - Cairns Lookout I called it, and yesterday he accompanied our party to the Barron Falls, where he had a grand luncheon in readiness for us. I say that a man who takes such interest in his guests as Mr. Hunter does, is an invaluable asset to the community. I am leaving them with the feeling that my visit has far out-distanced my imagination."

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Since then Youth Link has continued to evolve and at this time provides its services and projects through three identified team areas: Health Services, Housing Services and Administration. The Services at Youth Link incorporate early intervention, harm minimization and empowerment through a variety of strategies for individuals and groups of Young People.

A new Youth Link Service, “Cre8 Altern8tives” was established in Kuranda through funding obtained from the Labour Government. With the change of Government late last year this program was defunded. Youth Link is passionate about continuing this valuable program for the young people of the area.

We are calling on the support of the Community to assist through volunteering or donations.

“Cre8 Altern8tives” aim is to be a safe place where young people (12-24years) can come to be free from judgement and talk to the staff about what is happening for them as young people. We are not here to tell young people how to live their lives. We support young people in their choices and inform them of their options.

There are a range of activities happening with our friendly volunteers that young people can participate in. If something happens in a young person’s life there is always someone to listen and support here at “Cre8 Altern8tives.” There is nothing ever so bad that you can’t tell someone. We are passionate about social justice and the rights of young people and voices being heard no matter how quiet they are. Youth Link also has an outreach caravan that will be located around the community soon.

I would like to thank our current volunteers who just completed their Youth Work training. They are doing an amazing job working from the heart and making the place a positive environment for the young people of Kuranda.

If you have any queries or questions I am more than happy to talk with you .



The team at CRE8 is looking forward to meeting the young people of the community.

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FROM OUR SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT *Maria Boswarva*

THERE are many kinds of bus drivers in Sydney: the serious, always sticking to the Transport rules variety; the kind-hearted one, who will pick you up at the red light if you just missed it at the stop; the friendly one, who greets you on entry and bids you a warm farewell; the knowledgeable one who helps lost visitors find the right bus and sends them to the appropriate bus top; the sociable one who asks where you are from, and wants to know why you are here and what you are going to do with your time.

But the one I enjoyed the most was the one who was driving a bus to Bronte Beach one sunny day.

A young man stepped onto the bus at Paddington [for those who don’t know Sydney, it is a long way from the beaches], with a surfboard when the driver advised him “Go to Bondi mate. The waves are better there! Not much chop at Bronte!”

Well, having spent the first 19 years of my life growing up just across the street from Bronte Beach, I couldn’t let a slur like that go unchallenged. “Bronte is a great beach,” I countered. ‘Yes it is a great beach,’ the driver agreed “but the waves are better at Bondi today.” The young man looked confused and didn’t know if the driver was being fair dinkum or was pulling his leg until the driver conveyed “I’ve got a board the same brand as yours.”

The young man considered this new information for just a second more and must have decided that the driver really was trying to be helpful, and stepped off the bus. I thought of him later on in the day, and hoped he had a great day catching the best waves ever. Now that’s my kind of driver!

ANOTHER day, another event. Maybe missing the bus was your lucky day!

Newton in Sydney is an old suburb; the first structure, a church, was built in 1845. The two-storey houses sharing a common wall are tiny, only one room and a hallway wide. The streets between the houses are equally narrow, really only a lane, and not built

for modern traffic, in fact even a horse and cart in the old days would have trouble negotiating their narrow width.

I was visiting a friend who lived in such a confined area. Residents could park their cars in the street as long as the wheels were flush against the kerb, but this required that only one car at a time could travel down the street in either direction. If two cars were travelling in the opposite direction and met, one had to back up, just like on many dirt roads in the country. Not easy for any car no matter how small and manoeuvrable, so this often led to angry confrontations.

It was a Saturday, and like many roads in cities all over Australia the highway was being repaired, requiring traffic to divert onto other streets. Along came a bus, the driver reading the sign, digesting the directive, and making a quick decision turned out of the main highway up the street (only half the width of the highway itself), and turned quickly in what he thought was the right direction only to end up in my friend’s tiny lane.

With three quarters of the bus in the lane and the area behind him now blind for backing there was no way he could back-out whilst turning at the same time. He was stuck! And the passengers were stuck as well.

Once the residents realize what had happened they spilled out of the tiny houses to watch, give advice and in some cases actually help.

Fortunately, the owner of a car on one side of the street was at home and was able to move his car out of the area; a motor bike was picked up and deposited in someone’s even tinier front yard, leaving only a string of parked cars down one side of the lane. Now the ordeal of getting the trapped bus out of its predicament could begin.

With cars parked one side and front fences precariously close on the other it would take all the skill of the driver and even more skill of the man directing the driver, now blind to how close he was to damaging

the immovable hazards on both sides, to escape the confines of this tiny trap.

Two inches, a total of two inches -- that’s all the leeway the unlucky driver had to manipulate the huge unweildy bus through.

The volunteer neighbour who took on this arduous responsibility stood in front of the bus, using both words and hands, “two inches to the left mate...now two inches to the right”, then hand signals directing the bus forward.

The bus may have been able to move hopefully, safely, two inches sideways, but it didn’t even creep forward, it only oozed imperceptibly onward at a pace so slow it didn’t seem to be moving at all.

Only the constant turning of the steering wheel by the profusely sweating driver gave any indication that there must be some progress!

No neighbours left the drama to return to their houses, it was too personal, too scary, and yes, way too funny to even think of missing one second. Many captured the drama via video on that newfangled camera, the mobile phone, to be able to relate the incidents to others not there. Meantime the bus moved forward like a snail.

An hour passed, and then more, but finally the bus was free. Free to finally drive to its designated destination. Did the passengers cheer, or were they too hot, frazzled, or even angry or just relieved to be out at this unexpected diversion from the anticipated quick trip to the city?

No one told me, but I hope that those who were going to Central Railway hadn’t missed connecting country trains, and that the harrowed driver didn’t lose his job, but was forgiven for his mistake and congratulated on skilful driving in a situation that he will hopefully only repeat in his dreams.

(Marie Boswarva from Kuranda is visiting Sydney and has had her interest piqued)





Kuranda Rangers Soccer Club

Sign on NOW for 2014 Soccer

Don't panic, there's still time to join a Kuranda Rangers Football Club team – but be quick! All ages welcome from Under 5s SQUIRTS to Under 15s. Find us on Facebook for all the latest news: www.facebook.com/KurandaRangersFootballClub

We have had two successful Saturday sign-on days at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, with support from Bendigo Bank. Many new players turned up to meet our coaches and have a kick. It was great to see our returning players and families. We all love the new outside awning – perfect for our Thursday training sessions!

If you missed the sign-ons you can sign on this

THURSDAY 27 February from 4.30pm at our first training at the Kuranda Recreation Centre and Hunter Park or you can now do online payments: www.myfootballclub.com.au

It is \$130 per player (plus KRC membership: \$20 single/\$40 family). KRFC Shorts & socks extra. U5s Squirts \$20 (plus KRC membership). Our Club is Get Started registered & eligible children are entitled to \$150 voucher – REGISTER ONLINE NOW! www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html

Our competitive season starts at Endeavour Fields North Cairns from Saturday 29 March to end August. U5s Squirts train Thursdays only at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Training starts Thursday 27 February 4.30pm. New kids welcome to come and try. Secondhand boots for sale cheap.

For more info please call a coach:

• U15 Hugh Cobham 0401 429 579

• U11 Gavin Brown 0402803 762

• U9 Piers Freeman 0438 368 117

• U7 Matt Harrison 0424 456 379

• U6 Melina Clarko 0427 964 931

Club & Team SPONSORSHIP enquiries please call Lisa Macalister 0407 520 536



Eradication Program In The Pipeline For Kuranda Crazy Ants

The Wet Tropics Management Authority plans to commence a yellow crazy ant eradication program for the Kuranda region in April.

Authority executive director Andrew Maclean said a portion of the funding received from the Australian Government late last year for yellow crazy ant eradication south of Cairns will be funnelled into the Kuranda infestation.

“We recognise the significant threat the Kuranda infestation has to the biodiversity of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and consider the infestation a high priority given its proximity to the Barron River and therefore, the risk of spread,” Mr Maclean said.

“The yellow crazy ant infestation in Kuranda is still quite small so there is a good prospect to be able to eliminate this new infestation before the colony becomes too established. At the same time we will continue to monitor and treat the existing colonies

south of Cairns,” he added.

Mr Maclean said the Authority and its partners in the yellow crazy ant eradication program are calling upon land holders in the vicinity of the Kuranda infestation to be especially vigilant and protect their properties from this severely debilitating pest.

“We have already contacted those land holders who have property affected by the infestation. While the Authority intends to commence yellow crazy ant eradication in Kuranda, we encourage landowners and others to seek opportunities to source additional funding wherever possible.”

“We commend those landholders have begun their own baiting treatments but we do ask landholders to contact the Authority before embarking on private baiting program to ensure it complements our existing eradication program,” Mr Maclean said.

Early detection is vital. Landholders can contact the

Wet Tropics Management Authority on 4241 0500 for advice and assistance.

The Authority is coordinating the yellow crazy ant eradication program in collaboration with landholders, Conservation Volunteers, James Cook University, Biosecurity Queensland, FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils, Cairns Regional Council, QPWS and CSIRO.

About Yellow Crazy Ants

- Yellow crazy ants are one of the world's 100 worst invasive species.
- Yellow crazy ants are a social and environmental pest invading suburban backyards, agricultural crops and the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.
- Unlike other ants that bite or sting, yellow crazy ants spray formic acid to subdue prey or to defend themselves, and can burn or irritate the skin and eyes of people.
- Native animals and domestic pets are especially at risk of burns and blindness when the acid is sprayed in eyes.
- The term 'crazy ant' originated because of the ants' erratic walking style and frantic movements.

Warning:

- Avoid close contact especially to your face
- Wash your hands after contact with yellow crazy ants.
- Seek medical attention.

Why are they so bad for the environment?

The ants 'farm' honeydew (a sugary liquid) by protecting sap-sucking insects (like scale and aphids). This leads to spread of sooty mould that weakens plants, and can further lead to dieback of plants and crops such as sugar cane, fruit trees, and backyard veggie gardens.

In addition to sugars, yellow crazy ants need protein to breed. In infested areas, small animals such as native ants, insects, spiders, worms, frogs, skinks and nesting birds are aggressively preyed upon, severely depleting their numbers or, in some cases, eliminating certain species.

The ants take over burrows and nesting holes of animals

such as birds and brush turkeys to establish numerous nests with multiple queens. Eventually, yellow crazy ants form super-colonies making eradication extremely difficult.

How to identify yellow crazy ants

- 5mm body length (or half the size of a green ant)
- long legs and antennae
- Brownish-yellow or orange-yellow, with a brown abdomen, sometimes striped



- Erratic, frantic, “crazy” movement (unlike other ants that walk in a line)
- Able to forage day and night but less active in intense heat and heavy rain.

Where you might find them

Yellow crazy ants lay their eggs in damp niches, under rocks and logs, leaf litter, in boxes, plant pots, furniture and even wall cavities. They also take over the burrows and nesting holes of birds and other animals (e.g. bush turkey nests).

What you can do

Yellow crazy ants are mostly spread when they hitch a ride with people in timber, soil, vegetation, garden waste, pot plants, picnic and camping gear or via waterways. That's why they are also called 'Tramp Ants.'

- only dispose of vegetation, plants and soil at approved council sites
- spray pot plants with insecticide when moving home
- check your yard regularly for signs of yellow crazy ants.

For more information about yellow crazy ants visit <http://www.wettropics.gov.au/stamp-out-tramp-ants.html>

Mareeba Shire Council

RATE NOTICES ISSUED - DUE 20 MARCH, 2014

The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ended 30 June 2014 have been issued. **The discount period closes on Thursday 20 March 2014. If you have not received your Rate Notices, please contact one of Council's Service Centres.**

HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay your Rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash, cheque and money orders. Change or cash out is not given on credit card payments. To receive the discount, you need to ensure the BPay transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date.

WHERE CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay at any of the Council's two Service Centres or at our Agencies listed below;

Council Service Centres

- **Mareeba:** 65 Rankin Street - open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm (Thursday opening 9.00am)
- **Kuranda:** 4-12 Thooree Street, Kuranda - open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11.00am - 4.45pm; Friday 9.00am - 11.45pm

Council's Agencies

- Paying safely and securely in person at any Australia Post Office, pay by cash, cheque or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only)
- Phone 13 18 16 at any time of day for the cost of a local call (within Australia) Visa and MasterCard are accepted, normal call charges apply from public phones, mobile phones and overseas phones
- Posting a cheque to Mareeba Shire Council, PO Box 154, Mareeba QLD 4880
- Using Australia Post Billpay - www.msc.qld.gov.au, click on the icon "Pay my Rates" then click on "Australia Post Billpay".
- Calling your financial institution (or logging onto their website) to pay your rates by cheque, savings or credit card account, BPAY Biller Code 228171 and your customer reference number that is found on the top right hand corner of your rates notice.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS?

To help ease the financial burden, Council has a payment arrangement scheme available provided the total amount outstanding is paid by 30 June 2014. This allows you to pay a nominated weekly, fortnightly or monthly amount towards the Rates levy. You will only receive the 10 per cent discount, if the full amount of Rates and Charges is paid by Thursday 20 March 2014. Contact one of Council's Service Centres for further information.

Discount will not be allowed under any circumstances if payment is not received at Council's Service Centres at the above times by the due date. A Pensioner Rebate also applies to those holders of a State Government Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card.

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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome. You can also contact any of your MSC Councillors if you would like to discuss any Council matters.

Council Outlook: There are still many challenges ahead, but the new Council is determined to make this work and to ensure that costs are kept in check. It is important that all communities are represented and that improvements and efficiencies occur. I am very confident that this is a "new look" Mareeba Shire Council.

Budget: Money will be very tight over the few years. It is anticipated that the De-amalgamation debt will be around 5 1/2 to 6 million and this must be paid by the end of 2014.

The 6 month Budget for Jan-June 2014 was adopted on January 30th. The Budget is lean and the financial impacts on residents are being kept to a minimum. There is no rate rise now, but costs for Water and Sewerage have increased. (Sunwater costs to supply raw water to Council will rise by over 800% next year.) However, the next Budget (Jul 2014 to Jun 2015) will be a very tough one and there will almost certainly need to be some rate rises.

This is the honest reality, but Council is already working on the next Budget and looking for ways to reduce the rate rise. I cannot say yet how this will occur, but Council is certainly looking for savings, efficiencies in how Council operates as well as strategies such as delaying some capital projects, "hunting" for Grants and State and Federal government funding, and reviewing services. Operational services will continue as normal. (NB. The Mareeba Sewerage Plant is a large Capital expense; Council is exploring all avenues for grants funding. Increased charges for Mareeba sewerage are specific to Mareeba township only.)

Small grants to Community Groups: Community groups can apply for grants up to \$2000. The application process is fairly simple. Grants assist clubs and associations to carry out projects and can cover a range of things such as training and skills development, materials for projects, equipment, functions etc. Very few groups have taken up this opportunity and I encourage groups to apply.

For details, check the website (search FIKS) or phone the Council office. There is also a p/t Grants Officer who can help your group to identify other grants /funding opportunities for bigger projects.

Recycling: I am very aware of the strong desire of Kuranda District residents to have kerbside recycling. The new Council is working on this, but it will take time and it does involve additional costs. I will keep you informed.

In the interim, there are special arrangements in place which cater for some access to recycling. You can take any recyclables to the Kuranda Transfer Station (open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and place them in the Recycling Bins there. The recyclables are not being placed in landfill.

Residents Associations: Get involved in your local Residents Associations. This is a good way to push for the services that you want in your community.

Speewah Residents Assoc. Next Meeting: 7.30pm Mon May 5th Contact: President Bob Madden Ph: 4093 0169 Email: bobjmadden@gmail.com

Kuranda District Residents Group (KDRG): Contact: President: Garth Owen Ph: 4093 9926 Email: cergog@gmail.com

Top Of The Range Neighbourhood Watch group: Contact Maggie at Kuranda Post Office.

Apply for RADF funding: Until June 2014, TRC will continue to manage the 2013-14 Regional Arts Development Fund for both the new Mareeba Shire Council and the new Tablelands Regional Council. This ensures that applicants from the new MSC are not disadvantaged. Applications for Round Two of the 2013-14 RADF close on Thursday

1 May for projects commencing after 1 July, 2014. Contact Council for details.

Kuranda Community Precinct: The recent Budget has confirmed significant funds for further development at the Community Precinct and the relocation of the Council Service Centre and Library to the KCP site. The funds also cover landscaping, external lighting and the Material Change of Use/ Development Application.

(The site is currently zoned Residential and an MCU is required to alter the use to Community purposes). The sale by tender of the two small blocks of residential land (the old pre-school and pre-school yard) will be advertised fairly soon. Contact is John Thurlow at MSC.

Visitor Information Centre: Construction is underway! The contractors are trying to minimise the impacts on tourist traffic, local businesses and Kuranda residents. The completion date (weather depending) is late May-early June. Frames etc are being built off site before being transported to the location. Over the next few months, please be extra alert to pedestrians crossing Therwine St. For any locals with a little time to spare, it might be a good time to consider volunteering at the Centre. Contact Cathy Harvey at 4093 9311.

Council Service Centre and Library: Commencing Monday March 3rd, the Council Service Centre and Library will be open every weekday for a full day. As well, the Library will continue to open on Saturday mornings. A special Afternoon Tea / Launch is planned for Monday 3rd March at 3.30pm. All welcome. Remember that you can access some Council services and transactions in Kuranda.

New Aged Care Units in Thoree Street: With the completion of driveway construction, the two new units are now available. Enquiries: Contact MSC Housing Officer. Ph 1300 308 461.

Disaster Management: Council contact is 1300 308 461

Customer Requests system: Requests for Council action can be submitted online either via email to info@msc.qld.gov.au, or by using the link "Lodge a Service Request" on the Council website (www.msc.qld.gov.au), or by phone 1 300 308 461 (this number is also the Council after hours Emergency number).

Council Meetings: Formal Council Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month: The next meetings are on March 5th and Mar 19th at the Council Offices in Mareeba. Meetings are public meetings. The Meeting Agenda is published on the MSC website on the Friday immediately prior.

Councillor Contact Details: Ph: 0417 002 046 (mobile is best) or landline 4093 8601

Email: jennyj@msc.qld.gov.au Facebook: www.facebook.com/Cr.JennyJ

Website: www.msc.qld.gov.au

Every Councillor now represents every community within the Council area. Even though there are no longer any Divisions, you can still expect to see me as your local Councillor, but I also have commitments to every other community. Please continue to contact me with any concerns or questions; however you can also contact any of your Councillors.

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Cr Alan Pedersen: Ph: 40948337 Email: alanp@msc.qld.gov.au Mob: 0409275776.

Mareeba Council Website

Residents are reminded the new Mareeba Shire Council website has been designed to provide a user-friendly experience with improved navigation and functionality throughout, allowing customers to access detailed information easily.

The site provides a range of information on the services provided by council and ensures residents, visitors and businesses are kept informed.

Community groups can access information and download application forms for the financial and in-kind support program from the website at www.msc.qld.gov.au.

"This is a fantastic opportunity and avenue for the community to access information quickly and easily and also stay in touch with what your Council is doing. It is a great start and as time goes on we will be making improvements to the site," said Mayor Tom Gilmore.

Residents can easily access the minutes and agenda for each council meeting to stay up to date about decisions made.

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Mareeba Shire Council

Library Lines

First, the REALLY, REALLY BIG news!!

From 3 March 2014, Kuranda Library and Customer Service Centre will have extended opening hours. So, to confirm what we quoted in last month's *Kuranda Paper*, our extended hours will definitely be as below:

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10.00 – 5.00
Tuesday	10.00 – 5.30
Wednesday	10.00 – 5.00
Thursday	10.00 – 5.00
Friday	10.00 – 5.00
Saturday	9.00 – 12.00

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE HOURS

Monday	10.00 – 4.30
Tuesday	10.00 – 4.30
Wednesday	10.00 – 4.30
Thursday	10.00 – 4.30
Friday	10.00 – 4.30
Saturday	CLOSED

As an opening event, we would like to invite the local community to a Garden Tea on Monday 3 March 2014 from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Library staff will be dressing-up as a book character and you are also encouraged to come dressed as YOUR favourite character! Cr. Jenny Jensen will be present, together with other Council representatives.

We will also announce the winner of our Library Lover's Month draw, as the result will be too late to include in this month's article.

If you do not already belong to the Library, why not take this opportunity to join? All you need are two official forms of I.D. showing your name and current address and we can register you immediately. We can also link your children to your library account, and they can have their own Library cards, too.

Come and re-discover your local library – so much more than just books. You can use the Internet, access e-books and audio books, borrow DVDs, play Wii games, read the newspapers or browse the latest issues of our magazines.

Please note the change of time for our regular one-hour Story-time sessions for the under 6s: they now start at 10.30. New families will be made very welcome.

We also function as a Customer Service Centre so it is possible to pay rates, register cats and dogs and many other receipting functions. Please advise Council if your address details have changed recently: this will ensure that all correspondence including animal renewal notices, rates notices, etc., are being sent to the correct address. The cut-off date for rates discounts will be 20 March 2014 – and as a reminder, have you changed your direct debit details, from TRC to MSC, with your banking institution? Letters were mailed out to all rate payers, but if you think you may have mislaid or overlooked this correspondence, please ask us and we will be happy to help.

Kuranda Library and Council Office:

PHONE 4093 9185

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Come Celebrate!

You are invited to a garden tea to celebrate the new opening hours of the Kuranda Library & Customer Service Centre

**3 March 2014
3.30 - 4.30pm**

light refreshments served

Library staff will be dressing up as literary characters on the day. The public is encouraged to come dressed as your favourite character!



The winner of the \$20 book voucher for the Library Lovers Month draw will also be announced



Mayor Tom Gilmore along with Cr Jenny Jensen will be on hand to launch the new opening hours

Trout On Line



The Kuranda Range Road is a subject on most people's minds at present, and one that has undergone much discussion. Mooted solutions are many and varied, and where constituents have contacted me, I have explained the pros and cons of each of these issues. It is too

complex an issue to be discussed in forum on All Things Kuranda, and as I am not sitting at a desk, on a computer, but in meetings all day every day with my mobile phone as my office, texting long drawn out conversations on Facebook is just not an option, unfortunately.

So, I am happy to meet with any Kuranda residents wishing to discuss the issue of the Kuranda Range Road, at **3.30pm on Monday 10th March in the Bottom Pub**. Please put this date and time in your diary, and I hope to see you there.

As you are aware, slope stabilisation works are currently underway on the Kuranda Range Road on a number of sites. These works are being funded under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative. Under these arrangements, the Australian Government provides 75% of the funding with 25% from the Queensland Government. These important slope stabilisation works will be ongoing on Kuranda Range Road until August 2014, weather permitting.

The site near the top of the range is an embankment reconstruction site where the slope below the road needs to be rebuilt as it is slumping. Work includes extending a culvert at the base, removing the slumped material from the embankment and placing rockfill to support the road embankment. While some vegetation clearing works have taken place, they have been kept to a minimum. The scope of clearing works at each of these sites is determined in consultation with Wet Tropics Management Authority prior to commencement.

As part of The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland – working draft public feedback period, a series of online discussion forums, or webjams are being held.

Queenslanders will have the opportunity to discuss key issues that will shape the state over the next 30 years with some of Queensland's leading minds, through a series of interactive online forums.

Running for one week only, from Monday 24th to Friday 28th February, these live online (text-based) forums will give Queenslanders the unique opportunity to discuss key areas and targets from the working draft with some of the state's leading industry and academic experts.

The 'webjams' will be hosted between 12.30pm and 1.30pm on The Queensland Plan website. I believe the two remaining webjams may be of interest.

Webjam 4, Thursday 27th February – 12.30pm – 1.30pm

• Topic: Balancing environmental protection and economic development

- Experts: Professor John Cole (Executive Director, Institute for Resilient Regions – University of Southern Queensland); John Gunn (CEO – Australian Institute of Marine Science); Jemina Dunn (State Director – Australian Industry Group).

Webjam 5, Friday 28th February

• Topic: Making government better

- Experts: Anne Tiernan (Associate Professor, School of Government and International Relations – Griffith University).

And last but not least, I'm working with Cairns Care Packages (Toni Fuller) to collect groceries and stock/pet feed for drought affected farmers in the worst hit areas of Queensland. In coming weeks you will be able to donate a bag of feed, mineral lick or dog food at participating stock feed outlets. Or drop your donation of food or stock feed into my office at Stanton Place, Smithfield.

Michael Trout MP Member for Barron River

Phone: 4038 2800

Email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au





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The KCons community nursery is nearly always open at 1 Pademelon Lane (cnr Fallon Rd and Kennedy Hwy).

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Dianne Daniels
2014 Australia Day Environmental Excellence Award Winner

Di is a remarkable woman with extraordinary energy and empathy for the whole of the environment that surrounds her.

One outstanding interest is her wildlife caring. On her regular Saturday morning visits to the KCons nursery, she often has a handful of hungry little birds to feed, a pouch full of leggy wallaby demanding regular feeds or a basketful of the cutest, furry bats.

Di is a full-time teacher of primary school children and she uses this role to educate the community about many wildlife matters, combining her environmental messages with music and dance. Truly innovative.

We at Kuranda Conservation are enormously grateful that she finds the time to give us the benefit of her skills and knowledge.

And, she's jolly good company!

SNAKES: If you need a hand to remove a python or other non-venomous snake, we're happy to help. It's better for all concerned if you can manage to live with them around, but we understand there are times when that's not an option.

CassoNews

Reports of the Kuranda Range Road cassowaries are lessening. If you see them, please let us know. We're in direct contact with several radio stations which will let motorists know to be aware and take care. Also, Qld Parks' rangers will be quick to respond if we call them.

Wherever you live, if you see a cassowary, big or small, please call us or visit our website so we can mark it on the map. You may be surprised how many are out there.

PIGS: Please keep us posted - 4093 8834 - if you come across evidence of pig activity. They're still out there and we really do need to be rid of them if we want to protect our native wildlife.



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PLANTS ON THE FOREST FLOOR are few and far between. At Skyrail's Red Peak Station the two most obvious are native wishbone fern and robber fern. Both of these ferns prefer moist areas and can tolerate as little as one per cent sunlight for their growth.

The leaves contain lots of extra pigments which allow them to absorb more from the light spectrum than many other plants. Growth is rather slow in the

dim conditions. These ferns grow on rocks and tree trunks.

Native wishbone fern is very similar to Boston wishbone fern which is a popular indoor plant around the world. Native wishbone fern is a lot more tolerant of low humidity levels than its better known relative and as such, is more suited as an indoor plant.

Red Peak seems to be this fern's most southerly distribution in Australia. They also are found in the Kimberley district of Western Australia where they are known as Kimberley queen fern.

The robber fern also grows on rocks and tree trunks. The ones that grow on tree trunks are noticeably much smaller than those that grow on rocks, possibly due to the lack of moisture.

When exposed to light, like the specimens next to the king orchid at Red Peak, the leaves grow quite large and take on a bleached appearance. To find out what you can see in the rainforest sub-canopy, the canopy and the forest edge, go to <http://www.skyrail.com.au/rainforests/skyrail-nature-diary>.



The Candlenut Steiner School has recently been accredited to offer the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden programme, which will further develop their already very successful and extensive food gardening programme. Students learn how to grow healthy organic food, but also learn how to prepare it too.

A DOCTOR was addressing a large audience. 'The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?' After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, 'Wedding Cake.'

BOB, A 70-YEAR-OLD, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Boat club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year-old blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His mates at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, 'Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?' Bob replies, 'Girlfriend? She's my wife!'

They are knocked over, but continue to ask. So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?' 'I lied about my age', Bob replies.

'What, did you tell her you were only 50?' Bob smiles and says, 'No, I told her I was 90.'



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Frenetic Frog Fancies

All this rain has really brought out the frog fraternity and the males are frantically calling for a mate. The bigger the sound the larger (and sexier?) they are. Sound familiar? Well, one species that's at the forefront of the fraternising, come rainy night or clear, is the Litoria

myola, or Kuranda tree frog. Our small, dedicated, crew of volunteers are not hearing L.myolas at all the sites we're monitoring, but our hope is

to record them when they do reappear after an absence.

Left: L. myola at Warril creek, Feb 2014

Below: L. xanthomera (Orange thighed tree frog) at Kullaroo Close Feb 2014



There is much excitement this month, as the calling has finally started at a site that previously had no flowing water.

L. myola breed in flowing water and are only found in the lower reaches of streams close to the Barron. If you'd like to confirm if you have L. myola on your place, please email info@envirocare.org.au and we can send you a sound file. Better still come out one night with one of the site owners to learn the call and help with that night's monitoring. It only takes 12 minutes of listening and recording what you hear.



PLANT OF THE MONTH

Terminalia sericocarpa (Damson plum)

A medium-sized, semi-deciduous tree, of northern and western Australia up to 30 m and a diameter of up to 1m. at elevations between sea level and 750m. Mainly found along watercourses, in foothills, on lowlands and alluvial plains, fruit can be made into jam and the young indigenous kids call the fruit "native Bubble gum".



If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't hesitate to drop in for a chat. See below for opening hours.

Our trees are all a \$2 donation

Date Climbers

General meeting – Thu 6th March 7pm,
Guest speaker: Sylvia Conway on
Tangaroa Blue Marine Debris Foundation

Kuranda Rec. Centre on Fallon Road. All welcome

Community Planting – Saturday 15 March from 7:30am

Our last community planting for this wet season at Mantaka. Come join us– holes will all be dug and fertilized – all it needs is you to plant, with your hat, gloves, trowel and water bottle (and we'll organise the water.)

Morning tea to follow. All welcome

Nursery opening

Box trailer for hire 10 - noon Sat. *ring nursery on*
 ring Garth on 4093 9926 or Hans 4093 8989 *or by appointment*
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Written by the children of Far North Queensland

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Brodie Bloor

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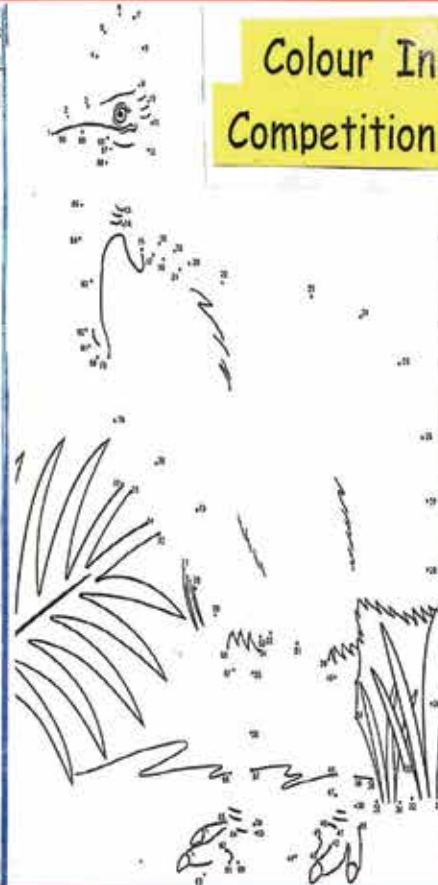
* Easy Ice-Cream *

Put in bowl - juice and rind of 2 lemons (or 3 small). Add 1 cup of sugar, let stand 2hrs - occasionally giving a stir - then add 1 cup of milk. Beat 600mls cream until stiff and then fold both mixtures together. Put in trays and place in freezer. From Tish.

Giggles

Q. What do you get when you put a radio in the refrigerator? A. Cool Music ... Gypsy

Colour In Competition



How many words can you make from CROCODILE ?

* The Rainforest *

The rainforest animals are birds, tree kangaroos, scrub turkeys, slugs butterflies, lizards and tree frogs. There are lots and lots of trees in a rainforest. It rains a lot and Malanda has rainforest all around it. We have lakes and creeks in the rainforest and leaves on the ground. I like the rainforest.

Elizabeth Short 7yrs

Dragon's Question



Join the dots - find the world's most dangerous bird. Colour and Give the bird a name (eg Roger Rooster) Write a story about it. Best Entry shall win a Prize.

* 1st is a trip to Paronella Park for a family (2 adults & 2 kids). Plus 2nd and 3rd gifts, for other readers.

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Extra Prize if you can tell me what these mean. 1 CYCLECYCLECYCLE 2. GSEG 3. WOALICENDERLAND

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The cost is \$40 - seating is limited so come early.

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Rob Hart
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A Thought for March

OPEN your Bible and read this month Mark chapter 2 verses 1-12 a short and interesting passage. There is something wonderfully intimate and domestic about the words, "The news went round that he was at home".

The statement is so casual and ordinary we have to remind ourselves that we are talking about Jesus Christ! No wonder Christian writing in every time and culture has constantly wrestled to express the mystery of his great humility. Here is God come to earth in human form, and what does he do? He sits in the evening on the front steps of the house! And the response to that gesture?

Mark tells us. "Such a crowd collected that the space in front of the door was not big enough to hold them." No king holding court here, with courtiers fawning and subjects groveling. Here is God among us. Here is the intimacy we are often afraid of developing with Jesus with every one of us.

There is a commotion. A small procession appears, probably a familiar thing in those days. Some friends are carrying a paralysed man on a stretcher. Probably there was some scuffling on the edge of the crowd, some resentment at these latecomers trying to push their way to the front row. At first they back off defeated. Then they think of something.

Up the outside steps they go, on to the roof. They clear away the covering of dried rushes and grasses to reveal the roof opening. It takes only a few moments to lower their friend to Jesus. I suspect Jesus may have been smiling at the goings on. He takes everyone's breath away by saying, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

It is not the only time Jesus does this. He knows he will bring on an argument. But Jesus is determined to teach a great truth which we are still struggling to understand to this day. Jesus knows that there are mysterious links between our inner and outer lives.

Our culture describes these links in the language of psychology. But more and more we are recovering the ability to express them in the language of Christian faith. One link is seen in the mysterious effect that emotions like anger, anxiety, and guilt have on our physical being. This Jesus knows well, and he is determined to make others aware of it.

As we read this passage centuries later, Jesus is doing exactly the same for us. He is informing us of the links that exist between our bodies, minds, and spirits. At the same moment he offers us his grace for our healing. Jesus knows that our bodies, minds, and spirits are all connected. He wants us to realise this too.

News from St Saviour's

Sunday School has recommenced at St Saviour's for the year under the capable supervision of Edith Audley.

It is nice to see some new faces come along and others are always welcome to join us Sunday Mornings at 9.30am.

The **First Cakes and Books Sale** for the year will be held on Saturday 1st March. We have plenty of Books and, of course, we will have cakes and other delights.

Lent, the great season of preparation for Easter, will start on Wednesday the 5th of March (Ash Wednesday) the Eucharist for the day will be at 7.30am and 7.30pm.

The new ceiling lights and fans have been installed in St Saviours, and oh, what a difference.



Baha'i Faith Community of the Tablelands

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Be a succour to every lamenting one.

Be thou loving to every afflicted one, a dispeller of sorrow to every grieved one, a refuge to every fearful one ... a consolation to dejected hearts ... and a succour to every lamenting one - **Abdul-Baha**

Thy Lord changeth hardship into facility.

Be not grieved if affairs become difficult and troubles wax intense on all sides! Verily, thy Lord changeth hardships into facility, troubles into ease and afflictions into greatest composure. - **Abdul-Baha**

• **Study Circles** now available in Kuranda. Anyone can join in the study circle. No charge.

• **Morning Prayers** each Wednesday at 8.00am in the park in central Kuranda followed by coffee.

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March Stars

FINALLY, Jupiter stops retrograding and goes direct on 6th March after four months of hanging around in Cancer. Jupiter is exalted in Cancer which simply means that its expansive, super-optimistic potential to bring growth and good fortune is optimised in the sign of the crab. And retrograde? Well, look at it as an in-breath, drawing to itself all those nurturing family and tribal-based desires of the mother. Ok now, big breath and out it begins to flow. Whatever we've been gestating, nurturing, protecting during the last four months is ready to be birthed. Exciting huh? We'll all feel this in different aspects of our life, depending on where 10 degrees Cancer is located in our birth chart. There it manifests personally. That gets a bit technical, but that's where the astrologer comes in handy. I'm always available for a chat...

On the 6th March there's also a beautiful Sun-Moon aspect into the very fertile signs of Pisces-Taurus. Lush and fruitful. Throw in an harmonious aspect to Pluto in Capricorn and we have powerful, firmly based regeneration. Use it well.

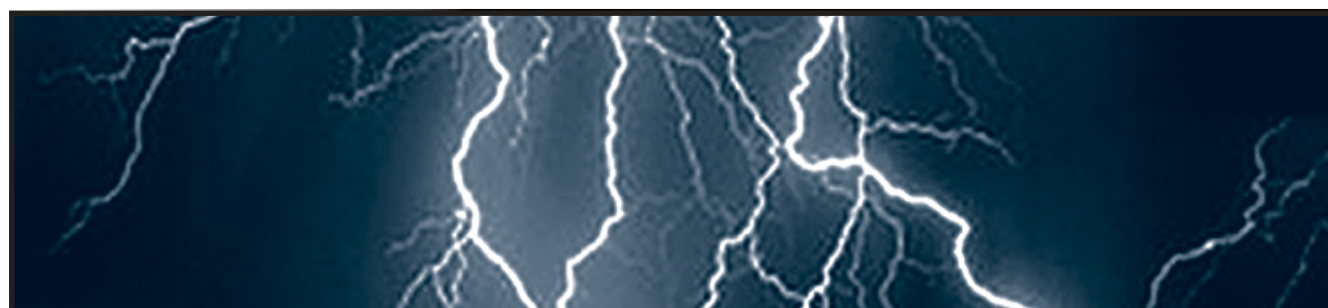
Saturn goes retrograde in Scorpio on 3rd March – descending into deep waters, exploding the mysteries and distilling the bedrock facts and truths. With Saturn now retro for 5 months, this is a wonderful time for deep investigation, research, and factual analysis. Those murder cases now before the courts and a lot of other devious and dodgy mysteries will have the truth revealed. Crimes of passion, sex and cruelty will be brought to light and to justice. Ms Corby? Well, maybe... we will see.

Venus goes into Aquarius, also on 6th March: love elevated to a higher frequency, humanitarian ideals begin to flourish and some very weird works of creativity come to light. Then, when Mercury goes into Pisces on 18th March, the output becomes lyrical. Poets and musicians are inspired and the nectar of creative compassion flows beautifully. Nice.

And the Astro New Year (yes! Yet another New Year) begins on the Equinox on the 21st March. The Sun perfectly aligns with the equator and moves into Aries. The clarion call to Aries is loud and clear, with a Scorpio Moon, passions are aroused, leading to the activation of initiatives in a very confident way. The ruler of Aries, Mars, is retrograde in Libra so all that martial energy is filtered through a thorough process of finding the best outcomes to ensure balance, justice and equality. Harmonious gatherings of politicians and warlords? Well, it would be nice and, now, may very well happen. Watch for the stepping up of the eccentrics, the individuals and the honourable. Taking on the mantles of leadership for the greater good. Yes, it would be nice and the paths are opening.

So, Happy Astro New Year and may all your best endeavours be fruitful. Uranus is still nicely placed in Aries. So anything is possible if we take the revolutionary path.

See you on 15th, the Ides of March.



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- 1st Sat **Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492
- Every Sun **A.A. CWA Hall** 10.30am Ph 4093 7599
Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361
Yoga with Aileen 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
- 3rd Sun **Kuranda Film Society** 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Garth 4093 9926
- 2nd Sun **Uniting Church** Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730
- Every Mon **Kids Aerial Circus** with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917
Kurandacoots adult circus jam Amphitheatre at 6.30 pm. Bring any circus toys.
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
- 3rd Mon **KNC Management Committee Meeting** 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933
- Every Tues, Wed & Fri **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 Tue **Tribal Bellydance** at Kuranda Community Precinct. Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.
Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196
8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre
- 2nd Tue **Tourism Kuranda** meets behind St Saviour's Church.
Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642
- 2nd & 4th Tue **Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.
- Every Wed **Yoga** 6.00 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401
Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)
Craft and Social Morning at QCWA hall 9.00am
Kuranda Playgroup 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.
Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380
Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome
***New* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)** The Amphitheatre 6.30 to 7.30pm. Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645
- 1st Wed **Yoga for kids**. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283
Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC
- 2nd Wed **Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce** 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel
QCWA meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016
Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.
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*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED
 NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY

Departs Bus Stop "D" Lake Street Transit Mall, City Place, Cairns

	Mon & Tues	Wed to Fri	Sat, Sun & Pub Hol
Departs Kuranda	#0720	#0720	0830
	1330	0900	1530
	1530	1130	
		1330	
		1530	
		*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY	
Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0930
	1700	1000	**1615
		1230	
		1700	

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

**Mareeba

Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City
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Trans North Bus & Coach

CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS Mall Zone D	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	*3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	8.50am	11.50am	1.50pm	*3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.10am	12.10pm	2.10pm	*3.55pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
CAIRNS Mall Zone D	*8.30am	9.55am	1.10pm	3.00pm	4.50pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	*8.35am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.05pm	4.55pm

*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sunday

*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sunday

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am
SPEEWAH	7.10am	9.55am	4.25pm	7.10am	9.55am	9.55am
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.40pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.20pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.20pm	3.20pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.35pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.35pm	3.35pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.05pm	4.05pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.10pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.10pm	4.10pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.40pm	4.40pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.10pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.10pm	5.10pm

Atherton/Cairns Services - PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OPERATE ON SUNDAY TIMES
 NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR GOOD FRIDAY

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PROPERTY OF THE MONTH



SECLUSION & PRIVACY IN THE RAINFOREST CANOPY

- Large pole home
- 4 Large bedrooms
- Large lounge/dining
- Renovated kitchen and bathroom
- Rake ceilings with exposed beams
- Polished floor boards throughout



- Huge entertainment deck catching the breezes and overlooking lush rainforest gardens and creek
- Large secure shed under the home with potential (STCA) to enclose further
- Ample parking with three undercover bays
- Rainforest views from every window
- Situated 5 minutes to Kuranda Village and 20 minutes to Cairns

MOTIVATED SELLERS
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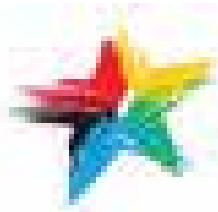
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