

WEIR RECOVERY COMPLETE

Almost three years after ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper caused significant damage across Far North Queensland, the Kuranda Weir Recovery Project is complete, marking a significant milestone for the local community and Queensland's energy future.

CleanCo celebrated the completion of the project on Thursday 22 October, bringing together the CleanCo team, project partners, Traditional Owners and local stakeholders to recognise the extraordinary effort behind the rebuild.

Member for Barron River Bree James also attended the event, which provided an opportunity to thank those involved and reflect on how far the project has come.

When ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper struck in December 2023, record-breaking floodwaters caused significant damage to the Kuranda Weir, washing away a large section of the embankment and forcing the Barron Gorge Hydro Power Station offline.

What followed was a complex, multi-stage recovery project focused on not only restoring the damaged infrastructure but ensuring it is more resilient to future extreme weather events.

Safety underpinned every stage of the recovery, from restoring operations to managing complex construction works in the environmentally and culturally significant Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The first priority was safely restoring operations at Barron Gorge. A temporary rock wall, known as a cofferdam, enabled the power station to return to service just six months after the cyclone.

The following stages involved replacing the damaged embankment with a permanent concrete structure and further works to stabilise and strengthen the surrounding infrastructure.

With the project now complete, Kuranda Weir is better equipped to support the long-term reliability of Barron Gorge Hydro, helping to generate clean energy for the Far North.

CleanCo Barron Gorge Site Manager Paul Smith said the completion was a proud moment for everyone involved.

"This has been a huge effort over the past few years, and it's something everyone involved can be really proud of.

"There were some significant challenges along the way, but the focus always remained on making sure we didn't just replace what was there before.

"We wanted to build something that will be better able to cope with future severe weather events".

"We know this project has impacted the local community, and we're incredibly grateful for their patience and support.

"It's taken a lot of people working together to get to this point and the result is something that will benefit Queensland for years to come."

Among the finishing touches to the project is a mural on the side of the weir's intake structure, featuring artwork by local Djabugay artist Tahalani (Taha) Torney. Originally created for CleanCo's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan, Taha's artwork has found a home at the Kuranda Weir, creating a meaningful connection between the infrastructure and the Traditional Owners of the area.

The mural is a visual reminder of the Djabugay People's enduring connection to Country and the importance of recognising and respecting the cultural heritage of the region.

Throughout the recovery, Djabugay Traditional Owners played an important role in the project, sharing cultural knowledge and providing guidance to help ensure works were carried out with care and respect for Country.



Member for Barron River Bree James with CleanCo Executive General Manager of Asset Operations Rimu Nelson.

Rebuilding the Kuranda Weir was no ordinary construction project. Located within the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, alongside the Barron River and near the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway, the works required careful planning to balance engineering challenges with environmental and cultural considerations.

As Queensland's government-owned lower-emissions energy generator, CleanCo helps power the state with affordable, reliable and sustainable energy. Its portfolio brings together Queensland's sun, wind, hydro and gas generation, alongside storage, to meet the state's growing energy needs. Projects like the Kuranda Weir recovery are an important part of maintaining Queensland's existing energy infrastructure, ensuring assets like Barron Gorge Hydro can continue supporting a more sustainable energy future for years to come.

CleanCo thanks the Kuranda community for its understanding and support throughout the recovery.

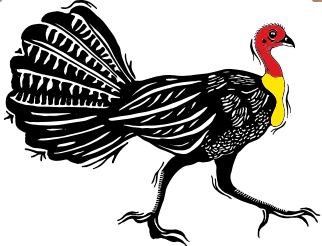
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Above: Kuranda Weir pictured before Ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper.
Below: Flooding events associated with Tropical Cyclone Jasper caused the Kuranda Weir embankment to be washed away, rendering the Barron Gorge Power Station inoperable for six months.



The Kuranda Weir Recovery Project was officially completed in September 2026. Photo Credit: Chris Leach.



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Local councils are on the front line, responsible for roads, drainage, community facilities and emergency response – but the costs of disasters are now rising faster than council revenue.

A Climate Compensation Fund, paid for by this levy, would help provide secure funding for local councils' work - both preparing for disasters and repairing after extreme weather events.

Surely this is the least these large corporations can do after years of paying very little tax and making billions?

Sarah Isaacs

FoE FNQ & Communities for Climate Compensation Mareeba Shire

Hootin' and Hollerin'

We were homeward bound, up the Macalister Range after a fundraiser for the flood devastated people of Nepal held at Khacho Yulo Ling Buddhist Centre in Parramatta Park; chatting away about the night which, by the way, raised \$5,155, when suddenly the darkness of the range was suddenly lit up.

There was no overhead lighting, although it felt like it. We were speechless and aghast, until we turned the corner and there was the sacred Henry Ross Lookout brighter and more radiant than peace in the Middle East. This was our cherry on the top. The sudden sight of reflector traffic lines that could probably be seen on the moon, generated near hysterical shrills of joy and wonder along with a round of applause that emanated from our car.

The seeds of our collective practice of patience for three years has brought us into the 21st century and delivered bright reflector traffic lines for the visually compromised. Alone on the range in our childlike Twilight Zone state of mind we wanted to turn around and drive that section up and down again and again.

So "more more", I cried but alas not to be. We came back down to earth as we travelled once again, into the 20th century struggle. We noted we should be more grateful to those workers on our range that have brought their skills and expertise to our repair and our safety. So thank you and three cheers to them !!!

Now with Christmas on the nearer than I would like agenda, my early Christmas wish is for reflector traffic lines all the way up and down our range that can be seen by the first dog on the moon. Of course I would be happy to sacrifice my wish if it meant Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Anna, Kuranda

Viva the analog world

Much appreciation to *The Kuranda Paper* for the ongoing, community service which is your "Gratis Classifieds" column. As someone who chooses NOT to be on social media but still likes to buy from and sell to the greater Kuranda community, these classifieds are a godsend. My simple advertisement in last month's paper was very effective, with a finalised sale within a week of publication.

Sarah-Jane Hart, Kuranda

Cruise Ships on the horizon

The Far North cruise ship season moves into full swing in November with at least 11 ships expected during the month. Scheduled arrival dates are 7, 8, 14, 20, 23-26 and 29 November. December dates include: 5-7, 9-10, 12, 16 and 20 December.

Sheree Scott, Kuranda

We welcome your letters via email or post

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All welcome

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COVER MASTHEAD

Our masthead this month is an original painting "Bungan, Bana, Guyurru" (Sun, Water, Wind) by Tahalani Torney. It is currently displayed in CleanCo's Brisbane office. It inspired related artworks and designs across various different formats, such as the mural artwork at the Kuranda Weir.

CleanCo is proud to have delivered its first Reconciliation Action Plan in April 2025.

"Bungan, Bana, Guyurru" (Sun, Water, Wind) was created by Djabugay artist Tahalani Torney to visually narrate our ongoing journey towards reconciliation – a collaborative endeavour that honours First Nations cultures, fosters mutual understanding, and paves the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

Find more of Tahalani's original art and design:

Instagram - @djarnda and Facebook - Djarnda Art

www.djarndaart.com.au

Kuranda Weir recovery - Continued from front Page



Djabugay artist Tahalani Torney stands in front of her artwork entitled "Bungan, Bana, Guyurru" (Sun, Water, Wind), which was developed for CleanCo's first Reconciliation Action Plan. Photos CleanCo



Tackling damage at the Kuranda Weir following flooding in the wake of ex- Tropical Cyclone Jasper in December 2023. Photo CleanCo. The Kuranda Paper December 2024.



CleanCo employees were joined by project partners, Traditional Owners, local stakeholders and Bree James MP to celebrate the completion of the Kuranda Weir Recovery Project.



Following the celebration event at the Kuranda Weir on 22 October, attendees took the opportunity to look around the site and connect with each other.



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KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU ... OR IT CLOSES

On 22 November at 3pm, the Kuranda Historical Society will hold its AGM. Unless new people step forward to fill the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer, the Society will have no committee and will have to close.

Those of us currently in those roles are stepping down. We've given eight years to this, and it's time for fresh energy. We'll gladly mentor whoever takes over, but we can't continue to manage.

This would be a real loss. Every community needs a shared history, a place where old-timers can reflect and newcomers can discover what makes the town tick. Until 2018, Kuranda had virtually none. Then a small group of residents, backed by the Mareeba Shire Council, took over the old Visitors Information Centre in Centenary Park and began building one. Since then we've become a Registered Society, equipped ourselves with modern video and audio gear, and started recording oral histories that will be treasured for generations.

The Society is in good shape. We have an enthusiastic membership and enough funds to run for the next year without fundraising. What we don't have is anyone to steer it.

The three roles are manageable, and you don't need experience in history or committee work. You'll have the current office-holders alongside you to show you the ropes. If you can't commit to a full role, consider sharing one with a friend.

What you can do:

- Nominate yourself for President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- Nominate someone you think would be good at it.
- Not a member yet? Join us first by asking for an application form at kurandahistory@gmail.com. It's the first step to nominating.

To find out more or to submit a nomination, contact our Secretary, Marjorie, at the above email address.

To see what's at stake, visit our website and collection at: www.thecollectingbug.com/kurandahistoricalsociety/

If you like what you see and hear there, and you believe Kuranda needs its own history kept, please put your hand up. Without you, it may be gone by Christmas.

Anne Clarke, President
Marjorie Cutting, Secretary
Garth Owen, Treasurer



Kuranda Historical Society

Working with the Kuranda community to preserve our history and tell our stories

Part Two: Ellis Rowan, the Flower Hunter

In Part One, I introduced you to Ellis Rowan, Australia's most prolific artist who travelled to the Kuranda district in 1891. At that time, travel literature was very popular and her book, *The Flower Hunter: The Adventures in Northern Australia and New Zealand of Flower Painter Ellis Rowan* (1898), drew on the collection of letters she wrote to her husband during her travels.



Rowan, Ellis. (c. 1891). *Stenocarpus salignus* R.Br., family Proteaceae, Queensland. National Library of Australia.

These accounts often portrayed remote regions as exciting, uncharted territories, engaging metropolitan readers through the drama of exploration while promoting her reputation as an adventurous artist. Yet the landscapes that sustained these narratives were neither empty or unknown. Her representations raise questions about how colonial narratives often marginalised Indigenous people's enduring connections to Country

Kuranda Historical Society AGM

KHS will hold its annual AGM on

Sunday 22 November 3 - 4.30pm

at the old Information Centre in Centenary Park.

Afternoon tea provided.

If you are interested in joining KHS or nominating to be on the committee, please contact us at. You can also renew your membership on the day kurandahistory@gmail.com.

and obscured the violence of colonisation. Although Rowan's writing may not have intended to conceal this violence, her writing shows how nineteenth-century literature intersected with settler-colonial ideas of exploration and 'discovery'.

Painting tropical flora

Nevertheless, Rowan's close observations of the flora she encountered reveal a different dimension of her work, expressed through her skill in capturing intricate details and colours of her botanical subjects. Three species she illustrated during her visit to Myola may have included *Stenocarpus salignus* (scrub beefwood), *Glochidion lobocarpum* (pin flower tree), and *Deplanchea tetraphylla* (golden bouquet tree).

Rowan's painting, catalogued *Stenocarpus salignus* (white flowers, similar to the grevillea), appears to resemble *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, or the firewheel tree with its striking red flowers that radiate like the spokes of a wheel. This seems fitting, given her apparent love for showy displays of colour that would draw attention to potential buyers for her artworks. *Deplanchea tetraphylla* provides another opportunity to appreciate Rowan's eye for spectacular flowering plants of the region that she may have encountered. This tree has bright yellow flowers in the shape of a bouquet and can be seen flowering in Cairns at present. They grow on the Esplanade and there is one at the roundabout in Edge Hill. Her depiction of *Glochidion lobocarpum* offers a contrast, directing attention to a less conspicuous flowering plant, to its interesting and distinctive cheese-like fruit. Together, these examples of plants reveal the variety of forms and colours that attracted Rowan's attention to the region, and demonstrate how her paintings brought distinctive features of tropical Australian flora to a wider audience.

Plants, Country, and Colonialism

Rowan's botanical interests also reflected a Victorian culture of collecting that valued plants for their beauty, novelty, appeal. For Indigenous peoples, however, plants were part of much broader relationships with Country, providing food, medicine and materials while sustaining cultural knowledge over generations. Rowan's work thus reveals a tension between her artistic achievements and the colonial culture in which she pursued them. While she built her reputation by being an adventurous flower hunter celebrating the natural world, Indigenous knowledge and the violence of colonisation could remain largely outside the story of discovery.

Janine Evans

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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will carry out night works on the Barron River bridge at Kuranda, as part of the ongoing inspection and maintenance program.

Works will start on **Monday 2 November** and continue until **Friday 27 November 2026** weather and site conditions permitting. The bridge will be reduced to single-lane traffic over the four weeks, with short, intermittent full closures for the final two weeks (**13–27 November**).

During this time:

The road will close at 9pm and reopen at 4am.

Traffic will be let through in each direction at midnight (12am) until all queued traffic has cleared. Works will be carried out every night, including Friday and Saturday, when the range is open.



Drone image by Baz Child

KURANDA RANGE ROAD UPDATE

Scheduled Night Closures

Scheduled night closures will start on **25 October** and finish on **Thursday 10 December 2026**, weather and site conditions permitting.

- The road will close at 9pm and reopen at 4am, from Sunday to Thursday.
- Traffic will be let through once in each direction at midnight (12am).
- There are no scheduled night closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

Where do I find more information?

If you need further information about these works, please contact the TMR Cairns office by email at cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au, visit the project webpage Kuranda Range Road reconstruction or telephone 1800 187 937.

ORIGINAL KURANDA RAINFOREST MARKETS

MARKETEER PROFILE: THE MAGICAL LANE - FAIRY JENNY LANE

This month we hear from Fairy Jenny of The Magical Lane, an iconic part of our rainforest markets

Tell us how The Magical Lane started and how the idea came to life?

The Magical Lane began with a little fairy magic! Many years ago, I moved into the beautiful Kuranda rainforest, where I developed a profound connection with nature. I began experiencing the forest in a way I never had before, sensing there was so much more to the natural world than we generally acknowledge.

During this time, I had a profound experience while dancing in my garden, which connected me to nature and opened up a whole new world of wonder, synchronicities and magic. I wanted to share these experiences with others, particularly children, and inspire people to find the magic too. I asked the fairies to help me find a way to share this magic, and perhaps even find a job doing something meaningful. The fairies led me to the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets and helped me build The Magical Lane with fairy wishes!

How has The Magical Lane changed and grown over the years?

Over the past eight years, The Magical Lane has grown and evolved alongside me. The fairy shop leads to the tea party room, an interactive magical experience for birthdays or everyday. Beyond is the quest room which leads to the secret fairy garden and is filled with fairy adventures, treasure hunts and opportunities for children and adults to explore the wonder of nature in an escape room style experience.

Although The Magical Lane has evolved, its purpose remains the same: to bring more joy, wonder and connection with nature into people's lives. Through fairy quests and magical experiences, I encourage them to appreciate the plants and creatures we share this planet with and discover how even small acts of kindness can make a difference.

I find it incredibly rewarding watching adults rediscover their sense of wonder. We live in a world where people are often so busy with work, worries and responsibilities that they forget how wonderful it feels to simply play and experience a little magic.

It must be beautiful seeing people's reactions to the lane bringing such joy to them. What are some special moments you've experienced?

There have been so many beautiful moments, but one that stands out was when Make-A-Wish Australia arranged for a little girl from New South Wales to fly up with her family for a special fairy experience. When the market stallholders heard she was coming, they collected treasures from throughout the markets, and some wonderful characters dressed up, including a wizard and a pirate. When she emerged from her fairy tea party, she was surprised by a gathering of magical characters presenting her with a wonderful collection of gifts. It was a truly heartwarming day filled with unexpected magic and kindness.

What do you see as the essence of the Original Kuranda Markets, and what gives it its charm?

There is something truly magical about the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets. You can feel it the moment you walk through the entrance. I've spent eight years watching visitors wander through the pathways, enchanted by the atmosphere. Tucked away in the rainforest, the markets feel like a little world of their own, with a wonderful energy that almost seems to rise from the earth beneath our feet.

The markets are beautiful, quirky and full of character. They attract some of Kuranda's most colourful, creative and free-spirited people, both as stallholders and visitors. I think that's what makes them so special. It's not just the beautiful setting or fascinating stalls, but the feeling of being somewhere that celebrates individuality, creativity and a different way of life. I feel incredibly fortunate to spend my days here and couldn't imagine a more perfect home for The Magical Lane.

Fairy Jenny



AGM UPDATE

The Original Kuranda Market Association held its AGM on 14 October.

The Committee for 2026-7 is:

President Trish Green, Secretary Connie Rovina, Treasurer Adrian Fethers, Committee members Satya Smith, Sami Vanston and Sally Turner (transition to executives).

DATE CLAIMER

Christmas Twilight Markets will be held on:

Saturday 12 December 4pm – 9pm.

More details in next month's *The Kuranda Paper* and on Facebook and Instagram.



A special experience with Make-a-wish Foundation. Photo Greg Hillman



Fairy Jenny serves tea at a birthday party in the Magical Lane. Photos Fairy Jenny

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Photo: Aurelle Brunjes "The City" EP Launch event

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Eligible town centres include Mareeba, Kuranda, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy, Julatten, Chillagoe and Irvinebank. Projects must be funded and completed by 22 October 2027.

Applications open 1 October 2026

Applications close: 5pm, 27 May 2027 (or earlier if funds are fully allocated)

Questions? Please call the RADF Liaison Officer on 1300 308 461

This program is delivered through Mareeba Shire Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council supporting local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



KURANDA POLICE COMMUNITY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2026

ROAD SAFETY

With continued wet weather conditions expected across the region, Kuranda Police will maintain a highly visible presence on local roads to promote driver safety and reduce road trauma.

During October, officers conducted more than 150 roadside breath tests, resulting in two positive drink-driving detections. This represents an improvement compared with previous months and reflects the positive impact of ongoing road safety enforcement and community awareness initiatives.

Police remind all motorists to drive to the conditions, obey speed limits and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Together, we can help keep our roads safe for everyone.



PROPERTY CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Kuranda Police responded to six property offences during October, including three residential burglaries, two business break-ins and the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle.

Through a co-ordinated investigation involving Kuranda Police and the Tablelands Property Crime Unit, five persons were identified as suspects within days of the offences being reported. As a result of the investigation, police have charged a 24-year-old man, an 18-year-old man, two 19-year-old men and a 15-year-old male with these and related offences.

This outcome highlights the ongoing commitment of the Queensland Police Service to reducing property crime, holding offenders accountable and enhancing community safety through proactive policing and collaborative investigations.

DRONES

With drones becoming more common in our communities, it's important for operators to remember that privacy and safety matter. While it may be tempting to fly over neighbouring properties to capture a better view, doing so can cause concern for residents and may lead to complaints, particularly if people feel their privacy is being invaded.

Drone users should always be mindful of where they are flying, respect the privacy of others, and ensure they comply with CASA regulations. A little consideration goes a long way towards keeping drones a fun and positive part of our community.

Emma MacCallum

Sergeant, Officer in Charge,
Kuranda Police Station

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE



Traineeship and Apprenticeship Opportunities in 2027

Mareeba Shire Council is excited to announce traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities for 2027, offering individuals the chance to earn while they learn, receive nationally recognised training, and gain hands-on experience in their chosen field.

- Diesel Fitter (4-year apprenticeship)
- Transport Infrastructure / Drainage (3-year traineeship)
- Parks & Gardens (12-month traineeship)
- Land Protection (12-month traineeship)
- Local Laws (12-month traineeship)
- Treatment Plant Operator (12-month traineeship)
- Business Administration (Finance) (12-month traineeship)
- Business Administration (Works) (12-month traineeship)

Applications close: Wednesday, 4 November 2026

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- Environmental Achievement Award
- Arts and Cultural Award
- Junior Arts and Cultural Award
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Community Event of the Year



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Nominate by Sunday, 29 Nov 2026



Arts Industry Funding Announced

The 2026/27 round for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) has been announced.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Nine recipients will be supported through the RADF program, with a total of \$40,520 being awarded to support art projects, music, events and education opportunities across the Shire.

Kuranda and Speewah recipients:

• Kuranda Arts Cooperative 30th Anniversary Project

The Kuranda Arts Cooperative 30th Anniversary Project will celebrate three decades of local artistic achievement and community participation through a curated exhibition and professionally produced history video. The project will celebrate this milestone by documenting its history and strengthening its capacity for the future.

• Age of Faith

A local artist from Speewah will hold a painting exhibition at Northsite gallery that features six large scale oil on canvas paintings. Original works inspired by the reminder that life is fragile and distant in the regions during the Covid Pandemic. The works seek to celebrate the features of the lived experience of the tropic and the wet tropics environments in Far North Queensland.



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Bree's Barron River BULLETIN

Ms Bree James MP
State Member for Barron River

*Assistant Minister for Tourism, Early Learning,
Creative Industries and Far North Queensland*

There is plenty happening across Barron River as we head towards the end of the year, with major infrastructure milestones, community achievements and some exciting events on the horizon.

Music lovers will be thrilled to hear that Australian rock legends Powderfinger have reunited and they are doing an Australian Tour. Through a targeted and strategic bid, the Crisafulli Government has secured an exclusive regional performance for Cairns, delivering a major win for local tourism, hospitality and businesses. My happiness is overflowing about this one! I know that this will mean more tourists in our region, visiting Kuranda and surrounds. I'd love to see more musicians playing in Kuranda Amphitheatre again too.

My popular Power On, Aussie Strong Generator Giveaway is also back for another year. From 1 November, local residents can enter for the chance to win a 4.5kVA Redback Generator, helping one lucky household be better prepared for the wet season. The winner will be drawn live on Australia Day.

I would also like to congratulate the Kuranda Rangers Football Club on being nominated for Football Queensland's Junior Community Club of the Year award. This recognition is a testament to the hard work of the club's volunteers, coaches, players and families who continue to create opportunities for young people in our region. It's wonderful to see a Far North Queensland club recognised at a statewide level.

Another significant milestone was the celebration on October 22 of the completion of the Kuranda Weir Recovery Project, following the devastating impacts of ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

Over the past three years, crews have worked tirelessly to rebuild and strengthen the site, including stabilising embankments near the Kuranda Scenic Railway tracks, reconstructing the main wall, restoring electrical infrastructure and undertaking environmental rehabilitation works.

Following extensive damage that saw about 50 metres of the weir's earthen embankment washed away in December 2023, more than \$42 million has been invested to rebuild and strengthen the infrastructure that supports the 66 megawatt Barron Gorge Hydro Power Station.

I'm pleased to report this project was delivered on time and under budget. The project also provided a significant boost to the local economy, with 75 Far North Queensland suppliers involved and almost \$24 million spent with local contractors and businesses, ensuring this critical piece of infrastructure can continue supporting reliable energy generation and regional jobs for decades to come.

It was a pleasure to join CleanCo and everyone involved in the recovery effort to mark this achievement at a special event on 22 October. Seeing the Kuranda Weir restored is a strong reminder of our region's resilience and our ability to recover stronger after adversity.

As we continue to rebuild and invest in our future, it's encouraging to see projects like this delivering lasting benefits for Far North Queensland.

*Until next month, **Bree James MP***

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Message from Matt Your Member for Leichhardt

Kuranda is a town that thrives on tourism and hospitality. Many local businesses have expressed concern about the Federal Government's proposed changes to backpacker numbers throughout the country and the allocation of Working Holiday Visas. I want folks to know I will always stand up for what's the best outcome for our region and I have acted fast to help calm nerves and propose a solution.

Last month I led a working group delegation to Canberra's Parliament House with local industry representatives from Tourism Tropical North Queensland, Cairns Chamber of Commerce, The Reef Hotel Casino Cairns, Ochre Restaurant and Catering, and the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators. Other local industries were invited to join us including representatives from the farming and construction sectors.

Our delegation had a series of positive and constructive meetings with the Minister for Home Affairs Tony Burke and Senator for Queensland Murray Watt, as well as officials for the Minister of Trade and Tourism Don Farrell, as we work together to forge the best path forward for our communities on these matters. The cohort is representative of a huge number of businesses and individuals who are critical to the economy of the Far North. My sincerest thanks to everyone who has reached out to me and engaged in this process. Government policy is best when informed by honest and open discussion, and that is precisely what I and the Albanese Labor Government are continuing to do.

Whilst the broader policies were designed for a national rollout, it's clear that regional communities such as ours require more nuance and finesse. Ours was the first (and only to date) delegation of regional representatives to meet with cabinet ministers, and we intend to remain involved with ongoing discussions before the final legislation is passed.

As ever, if there's anything you believe I can help you with, then please drop me a line at matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.au or come and visit my office at 200 Mulgrave Rd, next time you venture into Cairns.

Until next time, take care of one another.
Matt Smith MP

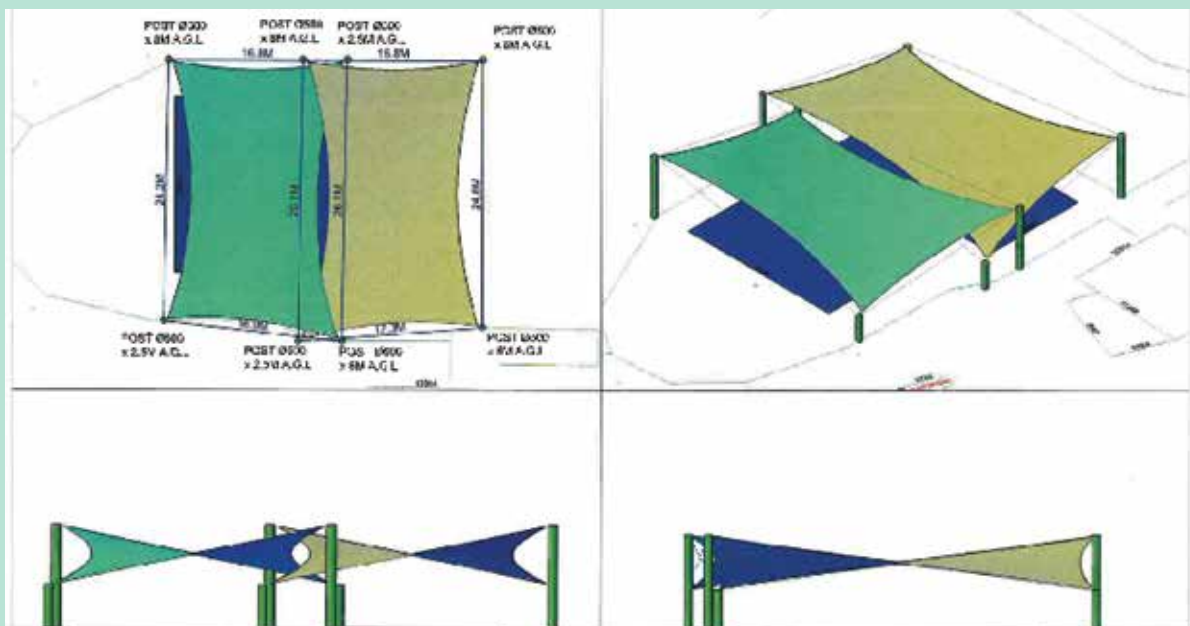


Delegation in Canberra. Photo Matt Smith

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KURANDA POOL SHADE SAIL WORKS PROGRESSING



Exciting progress is happening with the Kuranda Pool Shade Sail Project. With funding now secure via grants and TRACQS, planning and engineering works are nearing completion with drawings being finalised. Steel for the shade sail posts has been ordered with works expected to begin soon.

We hope to have works beginning before Christmas. We are looking forward to having a community accessible space that allows everyone to keep cool and sun safe all year round.

If you're interested in supporting the project or just want to keep up with progress, feel free to get in touch at kuranda.acu@gmail.com — we'd love to hear from you.

Kuranda Aquatic Centre

Image: Approved shade sail design, concept drawing.



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Disaster-ready Mareeba Shire



Thanks to funding from the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Council is boosting disaster awareness and preparedness across communities affected by the 2023 Bushfires and Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Community Resilience Planning In early October, the team hosted community meetings, pop-up stalls and visited businesses and service providers in all corners of the shire including Irvinebank, Watsonville, Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Mareeba, Kuranda, Mt Molloy and Julatten. These activities provided opportunity for community contribution, ensuring community priorities are captured in the final plans.

Community Events Dinner and Disaster at the Drive-in saw emergency and social services come together for a fun afternoon of kids activities, information sharing and a free community movie screening.

Community pop-ups at Mareeba and Dimbulah during Get Ready QLD Week got the community thinking about how prepared they are for this severe weather season

Stories of Jasper - 3 Years On Council released the short film 'Stories of Jasper - 3 Years On', which premiered at the Dinner and Disaster Event. The film captured stories of recovery and resilience almost 3 years on from Cyclone Jasper, with community members, service providers and agencies sharing their perspectives and hopes for the future. The film can be viewed on the Mareeba Shire Council website. A few snippets from the film below:



WHAT'S COMING UP?

CORES QLD have some FREE training opportunities scheduled across the Shire in the coming months. We encourage community members to make the most of the opportunities, which support the mental health of our Shire.

Suicide Intervention Training

Chillagoe - Tuesday 10th November

Dimbulah - Friday 13th November

Kuranda - Tuesday 15th December

Mareeba - Thursday 17th December

Understanding Loss and Grief

Dimbulah - Thursday 12th November

Kuranda - Monday 14th December

Self-Care and Mental Wellbeing Workshop

Dimbulah - Thursday 12th November

Kuranda - Monday 14th December

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- Community gatherings
- Workshops and events



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A massive thank you to everyone who donated, bought raffle tickets, volunteered or helped spread the word for our AusArt Day fundraiser.

What an absolute joy it's been reading all the incredible stories and memories shared on our Facebook page. The Amphitheatre has such a rich history and these stories remind us just how much this special place means to our community. It's so much more than a music venue.

Every dollar raised helps us get our existing music equipment up to scratch and build towards some seriously awesome sound equipment for the future. We'll be shouting the final fundraising tally from the rooftops very soon!

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VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU

With so much happening, we need extra hands in the bar and kitchen, especially on 7, 8 and 13 November. Even a couple of hours makes a massive difference. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get involved, meet some great people and help keep the Amphitheatre alive. Want to jump on board? Message our Facebook page, email info@kurandaamphitheatre.org or call Bugzy B on 0437 309 646. The Amphitheatre is community-built, community-run and powered by YOU!

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Kuranda Amphitheatre

WHAT'S ON AT THE AMPHITHEATRE

• BRACKETS & JAM

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

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• KURANDA COMMUNITY MARKET

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Support local makers, grab a cuppa and some food, browse the stalls and enjoy the sweet sounds.

• FRESH OFF DA BOAT

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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• EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

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THE ART OF STORY TELLING AND SONG WRITING WITH JUNGAJI AT THE KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

What a beautiful evening was the story~telling/song~writing event with Jungaji, at the Kuranda Amphitheatre on 10 October. Goodness, there was so much happening on that weekend! Two big local festivals, a big local community wedding, a Kuranda youth music celebration down the hill. So sadly, a lot of people who wished to attend were unable to...they missed out! We'll have to do it again!

This event was initially inspired by the wish to celebrate two FNQ 2026 Queensland Music Awards winners, Jungaji, and Djawarray in a big concert with some mentoring song~writing workshops, though both artists were in high demand since the awards win. With not enough time to fund a big event, the concert has been postponed until 2027. However, Jungaji graciously continued with the planned workshop. His Three Fires band member Radical Son also attended, gracing us with his beautiful sounds.

Jungaji and special guest Sylvia~Rose (winner of the 2026 Kuranda NAIDOC Talent Quest) invited the other attendees on to the stage to share stories and some of Jungaji's and Sylvia~Rose's beautiful story songs, and then the paper and pens came out to write down everyone's inspirations for a brand new song.

The very lovely song that resulted, 'Where it Began', was well on the

way by the end of the workshop, with James from Koah Hall contributing the initial tune on the guitar, which Jungaji then continued enriching, along with the combined lyrics wrapped around a story Sylvia~Rose shared about Gurrungarr (kookaburra) singing her back home, and inspirations from her sister Starla, with "same eyes, same skin, same blood and a similar grin".

Everyone left the workshop feeling like they had just been through, and contributed to, a very special life experience, where a magical mystical musical combined energy had started something significantly memorable...

Much appreciation to Jungaji, the Kuranda Amphitheatre (particularly Bugzy and Pix), Christa from Topology Music and Greg Dodge from Oxygen 42, and to Evelyn and Cassie from Fruities. Thankful for everyone's contributions to making the event happen.

This story~telling/song~writing workshop at the Amphitheatre with Jungaji led Sylvia~Rose to be invited to the Topology Music Song~writing Bootcamp at Normanby Station up near Cooktown the following week. These are the homelands of the Harrigan brothers from Black Image Band, and Vince and Anselm Harrigan were joined by Merindi and Felicity Schrieber, John Babbage from Topology, and Linda Oliver Shepherd, a seasoned story-teller/artist/dancer and much more, just starting out on her own new journey in song...there was truly an untold wealth of talent on that stage!

The song that was started at the Amphitheatre 'Where it Began' was completed up there, and there is a recording and video of the song (being sung by Sylvia~Rose, and played by these awesome musicians on the big out~door stage at Normanby Station) up on the Kuranda TV Youtube channel now, along with the three other excellent songs recorded by the Topology Music crew up there that week.

Sylvia~Rose definitely has a wonderful natural talent for singing, writing songs, playing music, and a strong stage presence, having had those talents nurtured along by growing up amongst three generations of musicians in the Zennith household. She is already recording with some of the most accomplished musicians. The best is yet to come for this young local musician!

LoveLisa



Top: Djawarray and Jungaji at Savannah in the Round.
Above and right: Songwriting collaborations at the 10 October workshop at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.
Photos: LoveLisa

Public Art in Kuranda.

Long time locals are familiar with the public art throughout Kuranda, but new residents may not know the history to the public art that starts at the railway station and continues along Coondoo Street. Past and current Kuranda Arts Co-op artists were involved in the initial project including Mollie Bosworth, Terry Eager, Peter Thompson, Shane Morris, and Sarah Austin. Terry is responsible for the kiln formed float glass tiles that are embedded in the footpath from Here's Good Café up to Therwine Street. Mollie worked with Zane Saunders, Lynette Snider and Coralie Wason to create embedded clay designs which were carved in Mollie's Studio. Mollie used raku clay with a gold matt and tenmoku glaze.

Over 20 years ago, these integrated public artworks in the main street were commissioned by the local council to Arts Nexus to identify certain nodes of significance through a collaborative approach between 13 local artists and fabricators. Combined with existing and recently installed pieces including colourful murals through Kuranda, this has made the streetscape of Kuranda a wonderful expression of local creativity, with artists bringing their own sense of place and community.

A digital copy of the Public Art Trail is available to download/view from:

www.kuranda.org/about

with more information in the Explore Kuranda app:

www.kuranda.org/explore-kuranda-walking-tour-app

The Boopa Werem Community Kindy Raffle has been organised by Terry Eager's daughter, Lexy, and the artists at the Co-op have generously donated many pieces of art towards this fundraising Raffle. This community kindy has been going for over 50 years and originally started in Kuranda at the Seventh Day Adventist Hall.



Dragonfly by Terry Eager



Hands by Mollie Bosworth.
Photos Helen Douglas

Melting Pot Award Winner

Mollie Bosworth's ceramic piece, Silent Botanica, was the winner of the Ben and Judy Richards Award at Melting Pot 2026, the 17th Biennial National Ceramics Exhibition. This award came about from funds raised from the sale of Ben Richards glass artwork. He was an artist who started late in life and achieved so much, never selling his work. This exhibition continues until 5th December at the Cairns Art Gallery.



Silent botanica by Mollie Bosworth

Wearable Art

Glynis Lee produces beautiful botanical scarves, printed on silk.

Glynis says "The process for botanical printing on silk scarves involves wandering through my garden and nearby bush to collect leaves and flowers and placing them in designs on the mordanted fabric before bundling and steaming or heat pressing them. The fabric is thoroughly rinsed and ironed. Sometimes, immersion dye pots are also used. Colour and shape are important considerations. I think of surfaces as places that hold memory. Cloth absorbs. Colour becomes a way of sensing place — not just seeing the bush but feeling its presence."



Scarf and details by Glynis Lee

Other Co-op News

Kate Prynne is embarking again on another reactive glass course from the UK. This time learning how to create jewellery pieces from various reactive glass, which are topped with pure silver foil, powders and frits. The colour schemes are endless and exciting. The test pieces are underway with projects to complete by the end of October. Studying from the UK via zoom does mean a very early start to the day, 3.30am!!

The annual AGM was held recently, and the new committee was elected:

Chairperson – Mollie Bosworth

Treasurer – Klaus Brucksch

Secretary – Terry Eager

Thanks were passed to Kate Prynne who has been our hardworking Secretary for many years. All the artists play a role in maintaining the Gallery, from working regular shifts, housekeeping, social media, display management and promotion, as part of their commitment to keeping the Gallery operational.

RADF Grant Funding Successful

Thank you to the Mareeba Shire Council and Arts Queensland for assisting with funding towards the Kuranda Arts Co-operative 30th Anniversary Project through RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund).

The project will celebrate this milestone by documenting the Co-op's history and strengthening its capacity for the future. The Kuranda Arts Co-operative 30th Anniversary Project will celebrate three decades of local artistic achievement and community participation through a curated exhibition in Kuranda in 2027, and a professionally produced history video.

LIFE DRAWING AT THE KURANDA CWA HALL

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

7 NOVEMBER 1-3pm
6 DECEMBER 1-3pm (Break up party)

Kuranda Art Co-op offers life drawing at CWA Hall on the first Sunday of each month, corner of Thongon and Barang streets, Kuranda Village. Sessions are from 1-3pm.

We had a great workshop in October despite it being the King's Birthday weekend. It is heartening to see the number of newcomers. In addition to First Sunday sessions at Kuranda CWA art makers may like to know life drawing is also offered in Cairns at Crate 59, 59 Sheridan Street, on the first Saturday of each month. Same time of day, same cost.

Let it also be known we are always looking out for future male and female models - of all sizes, shapes and age (above 18, of course). Please Note: David Green will host our November session, Happy Drawing. Cheers Theo

WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO EXPECT:

Tables and chairs are provided.
Artists provide their own drawing materials, boards clips and easels.
Arrive 15 minutes early to set up. A series of short warm-up poses starting at 1pm followed by 10-to-20-minute poses with two short breaks for socialising and critical discussion.

Cost: \$15 No booking necessary.
(cost contributes towards model and rent)

For further information:

Theo Tremblay, Convenor

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Sketch by Patricia



Sketch by Clive Williams.



Sketch by Ian McLaughlin



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WORD MEANINGS

BADIL cycad seeds highly toxic and needing special treatment to make them edible.
BADAMALIM from the water. Bana-malim garran! Come from the water!
BARAY to leave. Gari nganya baran! Don't leave me!
BAWI father's mother and her sisters.
BAYIBA Deep. Bayngga djula bayiba, wagarra! Dig the earth-oven deep and wide!
BAYNGGA earth-oven, cooking with hot rocks underground.
BUDA fig/Ficus crassipes/ blankets made from its bark.
BULAY once upon a time. Galgarr bulay. Once long ago.
BULBAL to rub. Ngayang mudu bulba! Rub my back!
BULURRU Story waters, sacred places, creation time, sacred beings from that time, totemic ancestors, spirit of life everpresent in the land and its creatures.
BUWAY to enter. Munu buwan! Come inside, enter!
BURRMBURR palm leaves.
BUYBURRIL to blow. Bama-lu yigiyigi buyburril. The man is blowing the didgeridoo.
DAGURR a shield, also madjay.
DJAMBU Hold on! Wait yet!
DJAYNGGARR sandpaper fig.
DJULBIN tree(s).
DJUNGI freshwater shrimp, also policeman djun.gi.

DJURRBAL round-based dillybag made from dalmba grass. Lomandra multiflora / a curled up snake, a coil.
DUGU leaf/leaves.
GANDAL smooth, slippery, also garndal.
GANIL to tie.
GARRUDJA and then...
GIBAL to scrape, to scratch, to shave. Gari nganya giba! Don't scratch me!
GIDI tea-tree bark. Used to thatch a shelter and make torches.
GIDJARR a mark. Gidjarr gunil. Making /cutting marks, painting, writing.
GIRI grass-tick.
GUNIL to cut. Gari nganya guni! Don't cut me!
GURUNGA scrub-itch.
MADJA boss, manager (loan word).
MINDIL a shell-back tick.
MININGAL to do something properly, to fix something. Gudji mininga! Fix that!
MULAM soup, gravy, juice.
NGALGA fig tree. Boomerangs and shields made from its buttress roots.
WAMBAL to put something down. Gudji galga wamba! Put that spear down!

WARRAYWARRAY anything, everything, depending on context. Ngirrma badji warraywarray! Sing anything!
WAYGAL to look for something.
WAYIL to light. Biri wayi! Light the fire!
YANGGI fig, Ficus copiosa. Fruit edible, timber for artefacts.
YIGIYIGI didgeridoo.



Photo: Bernd Dittrich - unsplash

DJABUGAY
A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

- /a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words "some", "come" e.g. bama (person)
- /a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in "father" but longer e.g. buda:dji (carpet snake)
- /i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word "bin" e.g. bina (ear)
- /i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in "heat", "beat", "feet" e.g. biri: (again)
- /u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word "book" e/g. mudu (back)
- /u:/ the vowel is lengthened and pronounced as the vowel sound in the words "good", "tool", "rule" e.g. djungguu: (behind)

Consonants

- /dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. djulbin (tree)
- /g/ is pronounced as in the word "gun" e.g. gindan (moon)
- /rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word "sporrán" e.g. burra-y (to fly)
- /r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. biri (fire)
- /ny/ is like the initial /n/ in "onion", like an /n/ and a /y/

pronounced simultaneously e.g. nyurra (you) as in the word "singer" e.g. bungan (sun) when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the two sounds together e.g. djin.gal (sky) is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. nyinggarra (eel) is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. Djabugay

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. bina (ear). In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. ganyarra (crocodile). However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. budaj: (carpet snake). In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. ganyarra - nggu (crocodile).

Language classes every Wednesday 6-8pm at Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm).



Buwal bugan Ngirrma bulmba-barra. Speak the language belonging to this place. Djabugay ngirrma Windjirri bugaa.

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NGOONBI NEWS

Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation
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CREATING JOBS AND BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation is committed to employing local people and creating stronger economic opportunities within the communities it serves. Community wealth creation is a key priority in Ngoonbi's Strategic Plan, with a strong focus on keeping employment, skills and opportunities within local communities. Today, 90 per cent of Ngoonbi's workforce is Indigenous, working across its four site locations in Kuranda, Mareeba, Atherton and Mt Garnet.

This commitment has been further strengthened through funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to deliver the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program and TRACQS employment during 2025–2026.

Through the RJED program, Ngoonbi has successfully employed up to 11 people with 4 youth positions across a range of areas, including construction, Community

Programs, business development and administration. TRACQS have also referred two additional young people to gain employment within Ngoonbi's Community Programs, under their Community Projects activity.

These opportunities provide Ngoonbi employees with meaningful experiences and opportunities to up-skill, contribute to services, programs and projects that directly support their own communities.

For Ngoonbi, local employment is about much more than creating jobs. It is about building skills, strengthening economic participation and creating meaningful pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to contribute to strong, sustainable communities.

Through initiatives such as RJED and TRACQS, Ngoonbi continues to put its commitment to community wealth creation into action by creating local jobs, developing local skills and investing in local people.



Photos Ngoonbi



CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAINING AT MONA MONA MISSION

Djabugay Bulmba Rangers recently held their first workshop in First Nations Cultural Heritage Training 2026 with QPWS (Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services) employees. This training was to help guide QPWS through different scenarios, working around cultural values with traditional owners respectfully, when they are out in the field.

It was a way to create a better connection for them to understand Country the way we see it - through the cultural lens. The feedback was very positive and we are hoping to offer more cultural heritage training into the future.



Above: Djabugay Bulmba Rangers guiding trainees through the cultural heritage site.

Above left: Group photo with team Djabugay and QPWS on the stairs of the old church.

Left: Dennis Hunter, Rudy Brim, William Duffin explaining the history of the Mona Mona Mission and the impact it had on the descendants of the Djabugay people. Photos Djabugay



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KVIC volunteers farewell Simone Van Der Zwaag on her last day as Centre Manager. Photo MST



FAREWELLS, FRESH OPPORTUNITIES AND THANK YOU FROM MAREEBA SHIRE TOURISM

Mareeba Shire Tourism (MST) extends a heartfelt "thank you" to departing Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Manager, Simone Van Der Zwaag, for her wonderful contribution over the past 18 months. Simone brought passion, energy and enthusiasm to the Centre, sharing her love of Kuranda and the wider region with visitors, local operators and our dedicated volunteers. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every success as she pursues a new career opportunity.

Recruitment for our next Centre Manager is continuing, with 38 applications received. We are working through the selection process and look forward to welcoming a new manager. In the meantime, thank you to our staff and volunteers for keeping the centre running smoothly and

providing such a warm welcome to visitors.

Next month, we invite all our Kuranda operators to our MST Annual General Meeting and TTNQ Networking Event on Wednesday, 25 November, at Chez Coco in Kuranda, at 04:15pm. Save the date for an evening of conversation and connections with our tourism community.

A special thank you goes to the five Kuranda businesses that have joined MST as Influence Partners. All five Influence Partnership spaces are now filled. These valuable contributions help sustain marketing for Kuranda Village through its social media channels, website and partnership opportunities.

Businesses interested in other ways to get involved can explore the Mareeba Shire Tourism Partner Program.

Local businesses can also strengthen their online presence through the free small business workshop, "Can You Be Found Online?" See details this page.

This practical, highly interactive workshop will help participants optimise their Google Business Profile and website to stand out in Google Search, Google Maps, and increasingly, AI-powered searches. It will cover the essentials, alongside simple ways to help search engines and AI tools better understand and recommend your business.

With Christmas and the school holidays approaching, it is a timely opportunity to help more customers find what you offer.

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BULUWAI INDIGENOUS CORPORATION NEWS

WALKING THE WAY

Join legendary Uncle Willie Brim to explore a powerful, six-part AI video series designed to inspire and empower the next generation of Aboriginal youth. Blending the deep rhythms of roots reggae and traditional vibes with the vivid backdrop of Buluwai Country and modern cityscapes, Uncle Willie leads viewers on a transformative journey across identity, resilience, and leadership.

The series is structured around six themes:

- The Rhythm of the Land: Exploring identity, ancestry, and the deep roots that connect young people to the oldest continuous living culture on Earth.
- Wake Up the Song: Unlocking purpose and self-expression through music, art, and modern creativity as tools for truth and love.
- Walking Two Worlds: Demonstrating how to successfully balance modern success, higher education, and digital technology while remaining deeply anchored in ancient culture and values.
- The Forest Providers: Embracing community leadership, family care, and the cultural blueprint of lifting others up as you find success.
- Stronger Every Day: Building resilience to overcome modern hardships, anxiety, and doubt by drawing strength from an unbroken DNA line of survivors and warriors.

- Your Turn at the Fire: Passing the ember of legacy and cultural knowledge to the next generation, urging them to fuel the future with their own fresh energy, ideas, and stories.

To find out more about this educational series,
www.buluwai.org/walking-the-way



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

MEETINGS & CONTACTS

10am – 12pm, Saturdays @ Kuranda Amphitheatre
2026: 14 November, **2027:** 13 February, 13 March,
10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August

New AI Series Featuring Buluwai Elder Willie Brim. Credit Kuranda TV



#1 the rhythm of the land
Walking the Way
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#2 wake up the song
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#3 walking two worlds
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#4 the forest providers
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#5 stronger every day
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feat. Uncle Willie Brim
Kuranda, Buluwai Country

ADAPT YOUR HERBS FOR SUMMER

Here in the tropics, growing the traditional European herbs such as parsley, rosemary, thyme and sage through summer can be challenging.

The unusually cool and wet conditions of recent months has meant my Mediterranean herbs are looking fantastic. As the hot, humid summer approaches that may turn out differently.

The key to growing successful herbs is finding a position where they get good drainage, good sunlight, preferably in the morning, and good airflow to resist fungal attack.

Growing in pots is popular because they can be moved under cover or into a spot with afternoon shade when summer hits.

Kuranda has many local micro-climates where some areas are wetter or drier, hotter and cooler than others. Raised garden beds or placing stones around a herb garden can help to modify those traits to create the conditions your herbs enjoy. So if you are having trouble, try different spots in the garden to see where you can find a more ideal micro-climate.

Rock walls or using gravel and rocky fill can improve drainage around Mediterranean herbs. These plants also prefer poor soils so don't over-fertilise. My carport is built on gravel fill and the two-year-old rosemary plant nearby is about a metre high and thriving.

In another area of heavy clay soil, I built a rock wall and used sand along the edges to stop the clay washing through the rocks. Here I planted thyme and sage, which is also doing well as the sand improves drainage and the reflected heat off the rocks keeps the humidity low. Regular cutting also helps these herbs to bunch up and look better.

At another house I had great success with terracotta pots under the kitchen window. One rosemary plant lasted more than 7 years enjoying a dry heat from the brick house and protection from excess rain under the eaves.

Planting by the moon phases also gives plants greater vitality and resistance to disease. Using the perpetual Moon Gardening Calendar, I plant my herbs in the high growth period for above ground crops, which will be from November 11-21 this month.

If you are drying herbs, there is also a preferred time to harvest by the moon. When the sap run is low, around the moon's last quarter, herbs cut for drying will contain less moisture, store better and have greater concentrations of essential oils.

The locally-produced perpetual Moon Gardening Calendar is available from Wholesome Kuranda and Kuranda Post Office.

For more information about planting by the moon phases,
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Sheree Scott



Planting herbs like thyme along gravel paths or near rock walls can help improve drainage and reduce humidity around the plants.



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BABY BAT SEASON BEGINS FOR ENDANGERED FLYING-FOXES

Conservationists are urging Far North Queensland residents to give flying-fox mothers and their babies space as the annual birthing season gets underway.

Endangered Spectacled Flying-foxes are beginning to give birth across Far North Queensland, with maternity roosts expected to become busier over the coming months.

The native fruit bats give birth to just one pup each year, making every new arrival important for the recovery of the species.

Wet Tropics Wildlife Rescue Co-ordinator Kristy Jensen said Spectacled Flying-foxes congregate at maternity roosts during spring and summer.

"The birthing and nursery season typically runs from September through to March, and numbers at maternity roosts can increase significantly during this time," Ms Jensen said.

"Many maternity roosts are in urban areas and, while having a roost nearby can be challenging for residents, this is seasonal behaviour. By Easter, most roosts will have dispersed to other locations."

Wildlife carer and FNQ Wildlife Rescue Bat Co-ordinator Cheryl Hudson said hundreds of flying-fox pups are orphaned or separated from their mothers each year.

"Last year, almost 400 orphaned pups were rescued in the Cairns region alone," Ms Hudson said.

"Flying-fox mothers carry their young constantly during the first few weeks of life, so this is a particularly vulnerable time.

Photo. Vivvy Hsieh



"Mothers and pups can become separated when roosts are disturbed by loud noises, severe weather or other disturbances."

Spectacled Flying-foxes play an important role in maintaining healthy rainforests, pollinating flowering plants and dispersing seeds over large distances as they move through the landscape at night.

The species faces significant threats including climate change, habitat loss, paralysis ticks, entanglement in barbed wire and powerlines, and human disturbance.

A severe heatwave in 2018 caused mass deaths of Spectacled Flying-foxes, contributing to the species being listed as endangered.

Ms Jensen said recent monitoring had shown encouraging signs of population recovery, but significant threats remained.

"With summer approaching, every pup matters," she said.

"Giving mothers and their babies a safe, undisturbed place to raise their young is one simple way the community can help."

How residents can help

Residents can help protect flying-fox mothers and their young by:

- staying out of flying-fox roosts
- keeping dogs away from roost areas
- avoiding shining lights into roosts at night
- avoiding loud noises directly beneath roosts
- never touching an injured, sick or orphaned flying-fox.

If you find a sick, injured or dead flying-fox, do not touch it. If it is safe to do so, cover it with a towel, box or blanket and contact FNQ Wildlife Rescue on (07) 4053 4467.

Spectacled Flying-foxes are protected under Queensland and Australian Government legislation. Disturbing or harming flying-foxes or their roosts may result in significant penalties.

For more information, see Terrain NRM's Spectacled Flying-fox FAQs.

This project is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust and the Saving Native Species Programs.

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TINY INSECTS WITH A BIG IMPACT

When we think of termites, we often think of timber damage, mud tubes and the dreaded discovery of a hollow wooden beam. But termites are much more than household pests! In Far North Queensland, these fascinating insects are important recyclers, soil engineers and architects, playing a vital role in our tropical ecosystems. From the rainforests around Kuranda and the Atherton Tablelands to the open savannah woodlands further inland, termites are busy working behind the scenes. So what makes them so interesting?

Termites are social insects that live in colonies, sometimes containing thousands or even millions of individuals. Although they are often called white ants, they are not ants at all. In fact, termites are closely related to cockroaches! Termite colonies have different castes, each with its own role. Workers gather food, care for the young and maintain the nest. Soldiers defend the colony against predators, particularly ants, using powerful jaws or specialised defensive secretions. The king and queen are responsible for reproduction, while winged reproductives, known as alates, leave established colonies to start new ones. This division of labour allows termite colonies to function as highly organised communities.

Far North Queensland provides a wonderful variety of habitats for termites, including rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest, eucalypt woodland and tropical savannah. Not all termites build the large mounds we associate with the tropics. Some live underground, others nest inside fallen logs or standing trees, and some construct conspicuous nests on tree trunks and branches.

One of the most noticeable signs of termite activity is the presence of earthen mounds. These structures range from

low, rounded humps to impressive towers. A mound is much more than a protective shell. Depending on the species, it can help regulate temperature and humidity, protect the colony from predators and provide a network of chambers and passages. Termites construct their nests using materials such as soil, plant fragments and saliva. The resulting structures can be remarkably durable, providing a stable environment for the colony.

Although termites are best known for eating wood, their diets are varied. Depending on the species, they may feed on dead timber, fallen leaves, grass, bark, plant litter, dung or organic matter in the soil. Their ability to digest cellulose, the tough structural material found in plants, is particularly impressive. Termites rely on specialised micro-organisms in their digestive systems to help break down this material and obtain nutrients. By consuming dead plant material, termites help return nutrients to the environment and speed up the decomposition process.

Termites play an important role in tropical ecosystems. Their feeding and tunnelling activities help break down organic matter, redistribute nutrients and influence soil structure. As termites move through the ground, they create galleries that can affect the movement of air and water. Their nests and mounds also bring soil materials to the surface, contributing to the complex processes that maintain healthy soils. Termite nests can provide shelter for other organisms, too. Some animals use abandoned mounds as refuges, while various invertebrates live alongside termites or take advantage of the resources associated with their nests. A termite mound is not simply a pile of dirt; it is part of a much larger ecological system!

After suitable weather conditions, often associated with seasonal changes, some termite colonies release winged reproductives called alates. These flights can be spectacular, with large numbers of termites emerging and gathering around outdoor lights. Their purpose is to disperse, find mates and establish new colonies. After landing, successful individuals shed their wings and begin founding a nest. Very few succeed, as many become food for birds, geckos, ants and other predators. Flying termites can be confused with flying ants. Termites generally have straight antennae, a broad waist and two pairs of wings of similar length. While some termite species can damage buildings, furniture and other timber products, termites in natural environments are valuable decomposers. By recycling plant material and influencing soil processes, they help maintain healthy forests and woodlands. However, if you suspect termite activity in a building, it is best to seek a professional inspection rather than disturbing the colony.

Termites are a wonderful example of how much fascinating wildlife exists right under our noses. The next time you explore a rainforest, walk through open woodland or discover a fallen log, look for signs of termite activity.

A mud-covered gallery, a mound beside a walking track or a colony quietly feeding inside a branch can reveal a hidden world of social organisation, remarkable engineering and ecological importance.

These little insects may not always receive the appreciation they deserve, but they are an essential part of Far North Queensland's tropical ecosystems - and certainly worth celebrating!

Deanna Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife



A jawed soldier termite defending the nest



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Nicola Clode

Head of Special Education Services KDSC



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Take the leap: Enrol your child and join the Kuranda Community Kindergarten community for 2027

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The Queensland Kindergarten Year offers a play-based framework aligned with the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (QKLG), helping families establish gentle routines and developmental milestones.

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- Free kindergarten 2027 applies to kindergarten aged children. This is children who turn four before 30 June, 2027.
- Kindergarten is inclusive and suitable for all Kindy age children.

WHY KINDERGARTEN MATTERS:

- Parents as educators: The framework recognises parents as children's first teachers, creating a practical bridge to home-based learning and fostering peer networks.
- Community connections: Parents are encouraged to participate and share their skills with the Kindy community; homeschooling families can involve older siblings as peer mentors in learning experiences.
- Structured resources: Programs like PAL (Parent and Learning) Project provide guided at-home kindergarten options for eligible families.
- Low-pressure transition: Kindergarten is not mandated in Queensland, and compulsory schooling starts at six years and six months. Kindy offers a soft, unhurried start, letting parents ask questions, make friends, and prepare for formal schooling requirements.
- Building foundations: Kindy develops questioning and problem-solving skills, communication, social skills, and early literacy and numeracy through play—core building blocks for the Australian Curriculum.

WHAT CHILDREN GAIN AT OUR KINDY:

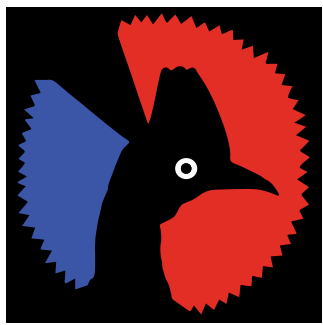
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AWARD WINNING KURANDA CONSERVATION - LANDCARER AWARD

On Saturday 10 October members of Kuranda Conservation went to the Queensland 2026 Landcare Awards ceremony where our esteemed leader, Jax Bergersen, was presented with the Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award. This award recognises Jax's work as a highly dedicated, community conservationist focusing on rainforest restoration and the protection of the endangered Southern Cassowary in the Kuranda region of Far North Queensland over more than three decades.

Having volunteered continuously over that time and as founder and leader of Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery, Jax engages volunteers from the community to grow local rainforest trees in a nursery on her property. The trees are then sold at a minimum cost to the public or used for revegetation projects undertaken by Kuranda Conservation.

Jax's conservation work has focused strongly on protecting the endangered Southern Cassowary through habitat restoration, community education, advocacy and support for wildlife corridors. She is an inaugural member

of the Cassowary Recovery Team, which co-ordinates implementation of the Recovery Plan for the Southern Cassowary *Casuarius casuarius johnsonii* under the EPBC Act. The plan aims to protect cassowaries, their habitats and wildlife corridors from threats through improved planning, monitoring and community involvement and Jax has made these aims a priority in her life too.

This award is well-deserved as Jax's extensive knowledge, leadership qualities and passionate commitment are an inspiration to all.

Dianne Daniels,
President Kuranda Conservation



THE WEATHER

We never complain about the rain. It does a good job keeping our nursery plants watered and in tip top condition. Now is a good time to get plants into the ground with the promise of future rain.

Left: Jax Bergersen (second from left) and the Kuranda Conservation team receiving the Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award at the Queensland 2026 Landcare Awards ceremony.



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I realise as time goes by, people will think that my faculties are waning and I do repeat myself on a regular basis. Please bear with me, as this isn't an advancing age issue but rather a necessity. We have learnt over the years, that people need reminding of things that are not necessarily part of their everyday routine.

If you are anywhere near your mobile phone at present, please grab it and put a WILDLIFE RESCUE number into your contacts or download the IFAW Wildlife Rescue app. As you are probably aware, most if not all rescue groups provide a 24/7 hotline to contact so do use it. The numbers listed in the IFAW app in our area are (in alphabetical order):

- TigerLodge WildCare 4093 0761 (ok I am biased and put ours first)
- FNQ Wildlife Rescue 4053 4467
- Tablelands Wildlife Rescue 4091 7761
- The Agile Project 0467 022 358

I realise there are other numbers people have used which is perfectly fine!! As long as you have a number in your phone that's what matters. We often see social media posts asking whom to call for injured or orphaned wildlife. Although social media is central to many people's lives, CALLING a wildlife rescue service remains the quickest way to get help. It also avoids multiple rescuers responding to the same post and wasting resources, particularly when they travel longer distances.

Please do make that call if you see wildlife in need. It can save a life and only takes a couple of minutes of your time. If you are technically savvy you can send the rescuer a pin as to the location of the animal. Otherwise please be as specific as you can describing where to find the animal if you were unable to stay with it. Always mention your direction of travel and a unique landmark. Not everyone is good in guessing distances but it makes it so much easier for us to get to the location as quickly as possible if we have these references.

Thank you for caring about our wildlife.

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- This community **NATIVE PLANT NURSERY** specialises in plants that belong here. We care.
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- **SNAKES:** We're happy to relocate an unwanted snake. We love them.
- We can refer you to **Native Wildlife Carers for Injured Animals**
- Want advice on what to plant at your place? Give us a call.
- Let us know if you see a cassowary on the road or in the bush.
- Two sturdy **BOX TRAILERS** for you to borrow - 0439 899 731.

CASSOWARY NEWS

Good news regarding Elvis's chick which was struck by a vehicle a couple of weeks ago. While we waited and watched for any sign of the Elvis family, we are relieved to report that he has now been sighted with both his chicks in tow. He continues to cross that hazardous road adjacent to the bus depot. We are trying hard to come up with ideas, acceptable to the Department of Transport, that will alert drivers to the fact that this stretch of Kuranda Range Road is a regular cassowary crossing. We have noted some of your suggestions on Facebook and will put these to TMR. It is almost exclusively only Elvis and family that crosses here so TMR won't want to spend large sums of money on IT signs. However, painting the road where they cross together with more large, permanent static signs might be acceptable.

Researchers continue to contact us to assist them with opportunities to photograph our local birds. We are busy assisting with locations of vantage points where our birds show up from time to time. We can never give guarantees.

DON'T LEAVE WASTE LAYING AROUND

One of the topics high on our agenda is DON'T LEAVE WASTE LAYING AROUND. Whether it is at home or on a trip away, please keep our wildlife in mind who are not familiar with many items us humans use regularly.

As you can see from the x-ray image accompanying this column, this Lesser frigate bird (*Fregata ariel*) had swallowed a fishhook which was embedded deep down in its gizzard. Fishing tackle accounts for far too many injuries in our wildlife. Birds, bats, turtles and others often suffer horrendous injuries from hooks and fishing line that was left behind either on the ground or draped over some branches of a tree. But not only that, parent birds collect all sorts of materials to build nests in preparation for the next generation. As you can imagine, a fishhook can be fatal when encountered in the nest by a baby bird as it would penetrate their little bodies in no time. So please don't leave anything behind or if you find some rubbish, dispose of it responsibly. Our wildlife will be eternally grateful.

Carelessly discarded items however aren't the only dangers to our animals. As you can see this Bush Stone-curlew (*Burhinus grallarius*) was covered in oil from head to toe. We can't be sure as to what exactly happened before we were called to Mareeba that day but somehow this bird had access to this used oil and got covered. Never leave any liquids or other items laying around where animals or humans can get hurt. Trying to get all this oil out of the poor bird's feathers was an absolute nightmare. Not only did we have a totally distressed bird on our hands but we had to setup a wash station where all this oil didn't just get washed down into our biocycle system. Washing oiled birds takes massive amounts of warm water which can be 600 litres per wash. Body temperatures of birds range from 38-42 degrees Celsius so not only does the water need to be at the right temperature but it subsequently requires a drying station with the same temperature. Naturally the feathers aren't the only thing effected by foreign substances but also the eyes and ears and sometimes some fluids go down the bird's throat which causes numerous issues.

We appreciate that our images can be distressing to some readers but we feel we have to make it plain to see what can happen if we aren't mindful of those who share our planet with us.



A Grinter's Tale

Back in the land of the living after surviving the triennial pilgrimage to the mother country and my place of birth.

I don't know that pilgrimage is really the right word, as Locks Bottom in the UK is hardly a sacred or historical place, although it boasts a very old graveyard with some wicked tombstone inscriptions. If I was John Lock, I would be furious that I was remembered for my bottom, even though it was actually the name for the valley or hollow where he owned land as a farmer in the 1700s.

Let's go back to the painful weeks of stress prior to long distance travel when you have acreage, horses, dogs, cat, multiple fish ponds, veggies coming on, more pot plants than a country market, and a big garden the soil through which water percolates like a colander. All I can say is, thank God for friends. I can't name them all here, as it's a newspaper column not an Honours List, but all went far above and beyond the call of duty and, as they say, you know who you are, which is more than I can say for myself.

I thought I was well prepared this time, having historically, and sometimes hysterically, gone through the horrors of last minute travel faux pas. For me these include discovery of passport expiry one week before departure to UK and on another occasion taking the wrong (expired) passport to the airport resulting in a frantic taxi dash back to Clifton Beach. Several years before I had been passing time in the Sydney duty free shop only to learn my name had been called three times as the last passenger to board the waiting aircraft. It was a long run down to the departure gate and plane, where the glares from the 120 righteous pierced me like 120 March flies. Then there was the suitcase left on my parents' driveway as we set off for Ireland from the UK to attend a wedding. I was not responsible for that one, but I ended up looking like Lady Gaga at the wedding as a result of last minute loans from generous benefactors.

Those events happened over a period of 20 plus years, but now I am definitely old enough and nervous enough to learn from past mistakes. Everyone I know is more organised than me, starting packing a week or more before they leave. If I do that, I can't remember what I packed, so everything comes out again anyway. So, this time, I started packing the day before AND had a checklist! In any event, I have to throw the dogs' ball to the other end of the big paddock, then get the suitcase out quickly and hide it in the spare bedroom so they don't see it. Dog owners will understand why.

I had good intentions of packing frugally. Somehow I ended up with a suitcase that would need its own forklift to load onto the plane. I consoled myself that I had a big jigsaw for my mother and clothes that I would leave in op shops when I departed UK.

Arriving early, I lugged my baggage onto the conveyor belt with a sigh of relief, fingering a leaflet on the counter which told me I should not pack power-banks in my luggage bound for the hold. No, I thought, it's in my hand luggage, but argh... I brought two! I have to say the check-in guy was super cool and treated me like a fairly normal person. His counter was soon covered in beads of perspiration emanating from my panic, along with glass cases, book, tissues, lip balm, hair brush, toothbrush, spare clothes (in case my luggage went missing) and redundant flight socks. I figured I could use the latter as sleeves if it was cold on arrival in UK.

It soon became clear that I was going to have to suffer the ultimate embarrassment of unpacking the huge suitcase on the floor of the departures area. I retreated from the counter as hastily as I could, wishing I had a paper bag to put over my head so as not to face the smirks

of those virtuous passengers waiting patiently for me to get out of the way. I found a seat right near the automatic doors in the hall of shame and began to unpack my big suitcase, as arriving hordes of organised (smug) passengers trod their way around my underwear, Mum's jigsaw and far too many clothes and shoes for a fortnight.

I don't know if you have ever had to unpack a suitcase in a very public place. It was far worse than losing my bikini top in front of a squillion youngsters on hitting the water at the bottom of a Waterworks slide at Gordonvale many years before. I emptied the case three times, watching the queues to the Singapore Airlines counter get longer by the minute.

In a cold sweat I returned to the queue, found Mr Patience and told him that I could not find the errant power bank but had decided to risk it, or hand myself over to the authorities right now, or do whatever I had to do, because I couldn't go through that again.

I stuffed the boarding passes into my bumbag, not being savvy enough or in fact wanting to have them on my phone, and went upstairs, through security, and into the departures lounge. There I downed a glass of white wine like the Barron Falls in flood, waiting nervously for the PA system to call me back to the check-in area to be handcuffed and taken away for a body search. Minutes passed, half an hour passed. I figured I was safe. They had either blown up my suitcase or it was nestled in the hold of the Airbus, where no doubt it was as cramped as we would be in cattle class.

Finally on the plane, I breathed a sigh of relief. I harboured a strong urge to accidentally drop my little backpack onto a lounging, smug looking first class passenger. But that was mean, I was just jealous. And to be honest, I witnessed an iota of sympathy in my target's eyes at the last minute. The pauper's walk of shame.

It's a miracle anyone survives in economy. I always book an aisle seat or claustrophobia would get the better of me. It took me several minutes to find the seat under the ubiquitous blanket and pillow that I would always rather be given if I asked for it because they just reduce the available space, if you can call it space. I put the pillow on my head for protection as a short, stout man tried unsuccessfully to get his tall, thin cabin bag into the already full overhead locker. He didn't think that was funny.

My next door neighbour for the flight was equally as sour as a fermented Baltic herring. I'm not keen on talking through a long flight at all, but I always smile broadly or say something friendly, just in case my head lolls against them if by any remote chance I fall asleep. I'd rather we had some kind of relationship happening if we had to sleep together for seven hours. I thanked God I wasn't next to him on the 13 hour leg from Singapore to London. I made up my mind to stretch my legs with my handbag underneath and feign sleep if he looked like needing the loo.

It was going to be a long seven hours.

It will be a long time before I fly to UK again, or indeed any faraway country, without a lotto ticket win. Thirty two hours from door to door. And for your info... On 1 December, Singapore Airlines will replace the wide-body Airbus A350-90 on the Cairns to Singapore route with a Boeing 737-8 with, I believe, a daily service, and the seat pitch in the narrower Boeing will reduce from 32" to 30". Just thought you might like to start saving for a Business seat, of which there will only be 10 – a 75% reduction from the previous 40. Now I know why all the Singaporean stewardesses are so very thin. I think the company uses them as crash test dummies.

The naughty power bank was in my handbag...



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KURANDA WASTE-BUSTERS

Tricky recycling

This month's challenge: Recycle right!

National Recycling Week is from 9 to 15 November 2026. Let's take this opportunity to make sure we are recycling everything we can!

Remember, in Mareeba Shire, the contents of your kerbside wheelie bin go straight to the Springmount landfill. It is up to you to keep your recyclables out of landfill by taking them to a recycling station (like on Arara Street in Kuranda), a Transfer Station (like Kuranda or Mareeba) or another recycling program (for hard-to-recycle items).

Recycling can be confusing. When you're unsure, Mareeba Shire Council suggests using the Recycle Mate app to "Take the guesswork out of recycling by searching over 30,000 everyday items to get clear disposal instructions".

When I tested the app's waste-busting ability, I received clear instructions on soiled pizza boxes (landfill bin) and metal jar lids (landfill bin). When I entered "AA battery" in Recycle Mate, it stated, "Please do not dispose in your kerbside bin."

There is also a Chatbot, which suggested I ask how to dispose of AA batteries. When I asked, the Chatbot told me it didn't have an entry for household / AA batteries and I should contact a council expert for help!

The app needs improvement, given that it failed to provide the information stated on Council's recycling webpage: household batteries can be recycled at Council's Transfer Stations for free. (They can also be dropped off at Kuranda IGA.)

Kuranda IGA has a household battery recycling station.



Preparing a box of tricky recycling to send to BRAD.

Here are some more recycling tips:

- Mareeba Shire accepts plastic types 1 to 5, glass, steel, aluminium, flat cardboard and paper at all recycling stations.
- Ensure that recyclable items are clean, rinsed out, dry with lids removed, and not bagged.
- E-waste like appliances and whitegoods can be recycled at Transfer Stations. Recycle mobile phones and accessories for free through MobileMuster.
- Recycle ink cartridges at the Kuranda Post Office. Ask at counter.

To avoid contaminating the recycling system, do not put these items in local recycling facilities:

- Nappies (put them in the landfill bin)
- Garden waste (take to the Transfer Station for green-waste mulching)
- Food waste and shredded paper (compost it instead!)
- Plastic bags and other soft and scrunch-able plastics (put them in the landfill bin or reuse them, e.g. as bin liners)
- Plastic lids (Precious Plastic FNQ accepts clean plastic bottle caps at its collection point, Good Start To Life, 3/127 Anderson Street, Manunda, Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm)
- Metal lids (anything smaller than a business card will not be recycled and can actually clog up the recycling sorting machine)
- Pyrex, broken or tempered glass (but candle glass can be posted to specialty recycler CandleXchange)
- Things you wish were recyclable but aren't (like Tetrapaks and plastic drinking straws)
- Single-use coffee cups, lids, cutlery and bowls; dental and beauty product packaging; roll-on deodorant; pumps, sprays and tubes from cleaning and beauty products; blister packs; contact lens cases; sunglasses and reading glasses; CDs and DVDs; writing pens; metal coffee pods and plastic beer clips (but all of these hard-to-recycle items can be sent to specialty recyclers like the Banish Recycling and Diversion program (BRAD); banish.com.au)

For more information:

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

Read more and subscribe at kurandawastebusters.wordpress.com



KURANDA BRANCH

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President: Carol Jeanes

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

HAPPY 89TH BIRTHDAY KURANDA CWA

The Kuranda CWA Branch celebrates its 89th Birthday Party with a morning tea at 10am on 11 November. The party will be held after the 9am meeting. All are welcome.

The Country Women's Association in Kuranda was established in 1937. The Rest Room at the Hall opened in 1940. For more of the KCWA history go to:

thecollectingbug.com/kurandahistoricalsociety/

CWA in Australia was founded initially in Queensland and New South Wales in 1922. The aims are to improve the conditions for country women, their children and families, especially those living in rural and remote areas. In Qld, there are more than 3000 members across 219 branches statewide (plus a virtual branch option). Look up qcwa.org.au to find information regarding CWA nationally and internationally.

Celebrate 89 years of CWA in Kuranda Village
Morning tea at the CWA hall 10am
Wednesday 11 November.

HALL UPGRADE

The Kuranda QCWA Hall upgrades have started. If any machinery, or workers are around the exterior of the hall please park away from the premises. Work includes restoring the area around the stumps under the hall, containing the water runoff, establish a rear hall disability access and rebuild the car parking area. Mareeba Shire Council is overseeing the projects' contractors, funded by a 2025 Delivering for Queensland grant under the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety.

WELCOME WOMEN TO CWA ACTIVITIES

CWA CRAFT GROUP Crafts of your Choice sessions on Fridays, 13 & 27 November at 10.30am-12.30pm. Cost is a donation. Contact Trish Maude 0417 050 911.

CWA MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING

Wednesday 11 November, 9am. All welcome. Contact via email.

CWA DANCE GROUP Tuesday mornings 9am – 10am
Contact Sandra 0447 737 415

CWA SODALITY Creative activities Sunday 22 November 4 - 6.15pm. Holly 0494 369 462.

Contact the following PRIVATE GROUPS for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Taekwon-Do - Jeff Dieben 0437 438 196

Vinyasa Yoga - Valentina 0439 287 403

Sound Healing - Kylie Arantz 0400 781 607

Kuranda Life Drawing - Theo Tremblay 0415 127 089

MaGiCS Dance Group - Denver 0451 949 740

Eckanker AU. Faith Group - 0452 544 490

Line Dancing/Harp - Liza Soenario 0413 178 489

Mareeba Community Corrections Services
0429 683 588

AVAILABILITY;

The Kuranda CWA Hall is a volunteer-managed venue close to the village, with a large safe space, air conditioning, kitchen, toilets, furniture, disability access and parking. Professionally cleaned and flexible hire times.

We currently have availability Monday 9am-5pm. Wednesdays and Thursdays mostly free until 4pm. Some Fridays and Saturdays free.

Please enquire via email address as bookings can change: kurandabbranch@qcwa.org.au

CWA is about friendship, education, connection & advocacy.



Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's environment
"by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before"

Recognising our volunteers

Kuranda EnviroCare is powered by volunteers, and we are thankful for all the time and energy they contribute. We recently hosted a surprise birthday lunch for our volunteer 'seed midwife' Jenny. She has sown the seeds of possibly millions of trees that are now growing across Kuranda's backyards and revegetation areas! If you have a few hours to spare and are looking for a meaningful way to contribute, get in touch with us via info@envirocare.org.au.

Some volunteer tasks include:

- Helping in the nursery with seeds, potting and weeding
- Handy jobs around the place like fixing shadecloth or the irrigation system
- Staffing our information stall at the local markets, for as little as an hour
- Behind-the-scenes paperwork, websites, database management and social media
- Monthly frog monitoring (see elsewhere on this page for details)
- Any other way you can imagine using your skills and experience!

Keep an ear out for frogs

As the rain becomes more regular, we are starting to hear more types of frogs calling. Only the male frogs call, trying to attract females. The tok-tok of the Striped Marsh Frog can be heard year-round as it lives in still water like ponds. Other pond breeders that are getting active are the Orange Thighed Frogs with a noisy crescendo call and the Dainty Frogs with a guttural purr.

Meanwhile in the flowing creeks you will find Rainforest Stony Creek Frogs, Mottled Barred Frogs and the critically endangered Kuranda Tree Frog. Each has a unique call which means you can "spot" them even without seeing them! We recommend the Frog ID website and app for frog identification. It has a handy "frogs near me" filter and recorded calls of different frogs.

You can help our frogs by planting native trees along creeks and gullies; not disturbing the flow of natural creeks; minimising unnecessary outside lighting; and choosing natural and biodegradable household products like cleaners.

Kuranda Envirocare monitors the critically endangered Kuranda Tree Frog (*Litoria myola*) and other endangered frogs in the Kuranda habitat. If you would like to join the next monitoring efforts on 27 & 28 November, contact Cathy on 0419 624 940.



Photo of *Litoria myola*
by Simone Vinton



Frog Monitoring: 27 & 28 November

6:45pm - Details via group texts and emails

Contact Cathy, on 0419 624 940

Facebook Friends of the Kuranda Tree Frog

Email: info@envirocare.org.au

Coming events:

The Kuranda Envirocare AGM: Thursday 26 November at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Members are encouraged to attend.

The African Tulip removal project on private land will kick off shortly. Watch our Facebook page for a link to register your tree(s) for removal.

Plant of the Month:

Snake Vine - *Hibbertia scandens*

Hibbertia scandens (Snake Vine or Climbing Guinea Flower), is a flowering scrambling vine of rainforest margins, rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest. It grows in full sun to part shade and has large yellow solitary flowers any month of the year. It fruits between January and April and the green or brown capsules are eaten by pigeons and Victoria's Riflebird.



Photo: Vern Hansen

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We are the invasive resist-ants

MEET THE UNWELCOME NEIGHBOURS

TWO TINY ANTS. TWO VERY DIFFERENT TROUBLEMAKERS.

Last paper we asked how much you really know about Kuranda's two invasive ants.

So let's meet these unwelcome neighbours.



Yellow crazy Ant similar to green ant size, on Kuranda tree frog face.
Photo: M. Jacoby

Yellow Crazy Ants get their name partly from the frantic, erratic way they move. Unlike our familiar Green Ants, they don't build leafy nests in trees. Spaces under mulch, fallen timber and other sheltered places will do. And when their numbers become very large, they can dramatically change what it feels like to live, garden and spend time outdoors.

Then there's the **Electric Ant**. It is tiny. Very tiny. So small, in fact, that you could easily have them on your property without realising they were there. But small doesn't mean harmless.



Photo: Stock photo of Electric ants to show relative size to a lead pencil

Both species are a concern, with particular attention currently being given to Electric Ants as infestations continue to be detected around the Kuranda area.

The good news? We can all help prevent their spread.

And you don't need to become an ant expert to make a difference. Kuranda Envirocare is launching two free learning resources to help our community Protect Your Patch.

For residents: A short, practical video showing how invasive ants spread, what to look out for and simple steps you can take to protect your home, garden and neighbourhood.

For contractors: A free online Ant Aware Contractor course explaining how everyday work involving soil, plants and machinery can unintentionally spread invasive ants and how to reduce that risk while protecting your business and customers.

Register now for free access when the resources launch in early November.



Simply scan the QR code below, or visit www.envirocare.org.au and select the Invasive Ants project under Current Projects.

And thank you, Kuranda! Our community survey, How much do you know about invasive ants?, has now closed with nearly 80 responses. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your answers will help guide future community activities. The raffle winner will be contacted in early November.



Reflections on the artful practice of raking leaves

Many indigenous stories speak about the interconnectedness between humans and nature. This relationship is never stronger than in the idea of caring for Country, where Country provides all needs, material and spiritual, but fulfillment is not reached until one has met their responsibilities to care for Country. Cultural governance and lore dictate how clans and individuals need to go about meeting these responsibilities.

I ponder how this relationship between nature and myself may be reflected in my life. It is clear to me the resources that the earth provides and I so willingly take. Oxygen, water, shelter, food, wood, metals for tools and resources and more. I'm given stability through daily, monthly and yearly cycles of day and night, seasons and tides. I'm given insights, sights and sounds that fill me with contemplation, delight, wonder and awe. However, I struggle to identify any substantial way in which I as a modern, techno-human meet my responsibility to care for the earth by giving something back. I recycle, I plant trees, I reduce my waste, I try not overuse resources, but it still seems vague and lean. I suspect that I'm not alone in this quandary.

I decide that the next best stance that I can take is to at the very least always meet with gratitude the benefits that I receive from nature. This means to honour and respect the process of using whatever resources one takes. This may mean being moderate in what you use and taking care to use it wisely. But more than that, it also requires one to find real joy in this act. The Greeks have a word for this. Eudaimonia. This comes from eu, good and daimon, spirit- literally being in a state of good spirit or divine favor or acquiring a state of flourishing.

This is a long-winded way of introducing my love of raking leaves. Our family lives on a long narrow bush-block with our house well away from the road. Subsequently our entrance driveway wanders sinuously through stands of regrowth forest dominated by large wattle, Cadagi eucalypt trees, quandongs and figs as well as others. Leaf drop is prodigious and three times a year I rake and gather all the leaf mulch which has fallen on the driveway, put this into a wheel-barrow and place this onto our vegetable garden beds and around our young trees. By doing this I calculate that I gather and use approximately 60 cubic metres of material every year. The tools required are simple. The rake should be as light as possible without trading away strength of handle, head or fasteners. Common rake heads are made from bamboo, metal and plastic. No matter the material the head should have long flexible teeth which provides the flicking action to move the material. The wider the head the more efficient the tool but it will require more strength to use. The handle can be hardwood or the more modern aluminium.

To me, the action of raking leaves is one that needs to be mastered over time and through "doing the task". The action of raking is unique. It needs to be light but strong, smooth as one seeks to use long arcs of movement, the mind stilled even when involved in the task of constantly completing geometric equations of matching least movement to greatest leaf gathering. The leaf pile sculptured to ensure that wind presents as low a risk as possible. I sit down to take a rest, reach into the wheelbarrow and gather two big handfuls of the leaf mulch that I have gathered. The first thing I notice is the extraordinary variety of material that I hold in my hands. By far the biggest quantity by weight and percentage are the leaves. But the story only begins there. Freshly dropped, still green entire leaves, particularly wattle and Cadagi seem to come to the fore, but when you look closely it is probably the browned-off dried leaves of these two species that is in the majority. Curiously broken-down portions of these leaves don't seem to be present. Pioneer species like quandong, Alphintonia and milky pine make up a lot of the bulk. Interspersed amongst the bulk is the beautiful and delicate. Fragile web-like leaves now devoid of their clothes and made up of veins only. At the other end of the spectrum, branches chewed off by cockatoos still resplendent of leaf caught before their prime.

Imagine a sieve taking away that leafy bulk and leaving a jumble of sticks, spines, stalks, and stems, vines, thorns and twigs of all colours, shapes and sizes. Dependent on the time of year add flowers, fruit, seeds and pods, fleshy, dried, half chewed or beautifully preserved. If this miasma is moist and intact one may see what is often called the "filamentous web" of white fungal mycelia dense and throughout. Often one will see these fine threads spearing right through an aging leaf from one side to the other. I find a snail shell, empty. I find a small spider, a dead solitary native bee, and the wing parts of what may be a dragonfly. I find two feathers from the moulting curlews and some unidentified scat. Maybe bandicoot.

The last layer is the soil or stuff on the way to becoming soil. Rocks, stones and gravel, always grey in colour. Large, medium and fine grains of sand. Finally, what looks like rock-dust coating every other thing. Of course, beyond this and invisible to the naked eye is a plethora of tiny invertebrates and a network of scavengers right down to single cell size, starting the process of breaking down this organic material on its way to becoming humus. This humus will then stimulate the actions of other beneficial micro-organisms such as fungi, bacteria, earthworms, and other decomposers which will further break down the complex organic material into simple compounds that plants can digest.

I apply the leaves to my garden, letting them fall as they wish always accepting that the light wind present will reshape the result to some extent but also knowing that tonight's rainfall will bond and draw the leaves together and closer to the earth. My task is done.



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We can pencil in the new moon on 9 November, and the week that follows, as a week of high intensity and determination to win. To bring out the truth, and to see that 'good luck' is really just a function of the power of intention.

Why? well... The Scorpio new moon is followed by a conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, the winner's aspect, on 15 November, at 25 degrees Leo. The new moon, where the Sun and Moon conjoin, was at 19 degrees Scorpio, so the whole month pretty much circles, like a whirlpool, around a vortex of 19 degrees Scorpio to 25 degrees Leo. Midpoints are powerful moments and here we gave midpoint at 7 degrees Libra and 7 degrees Aries (it's a circle remember) and Saturn is on the Aries degree.

So, crunching all that, standing firm and resolute will win the day. If any of those degrees are powerful in your own birthchart, then this is especially relevant to you and, as the Sun moves through Scorpio, you will be feeling the intensity and can be a winner.

The Moon is not your friend, so drifting and dreaming won't do it. Resolute focused intention is the way here, in whatever area of your life is highlighted by your birthchart. And there really is no other way to recognise your true place in the universe without the map, the birthchart, that locates you, as an individual, in the great planetary cycles.

When the Sun moves into fire sign Sagittarius, on 22 November, we move into a very interesting phase. Moon approaching full in Gemini, Mars about to move into Virgo, Venus and Jupiter into a sextile aspect (in Libra and Leo) and the 'big and' Uranus and Pluto in exact aspect in 3 degrees Aquarius and 3 degrees Aries. So if Sagittarian Sun is seen as fast, far-moving and optimistic, then all these qualities are really being boosted, turbo-charged if you like, towards a quite unique, revolutionary transformation.

See that as a world event indeed with Pluto and Uranus, the outer planets, hitting alignment, but also, inevitably, in your own life. Where do 3 degrees Gemini and 3 degrees Aquarius sit in your own chart? Coming up right now they are in a perfect air trine: "Change is gonna come".

With Venus and Jupiter also in harmony, it could be beautiful. To align is divine and we can all join in... Here is truth, Mars in Virgo gets down to work

Blessings, Rob.



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Photo: 'Dad' the cassowary with his chicks October 2026. "This cassowary is known as Dad".
This season he has four chicks and one is adopted from Merlin. Kuranda National Park." Gerhard Hillmann

BIRD COUNTING BONANZA

Field guides to Australian birds had a solid workout in October as the annual Aussie Bird Count recorded more than 120 different bird species in the Kuranda area.

The annual BirdLife Australia event from 19-25 October well exceeded its 5 million tally of 2025 with more than 6.11 million bird sightings lodged around the nation by 10am Tuesday, 27 October. The figure included 677 species recorded across 186,061 checklists.

Kuranda locals got onboard with about 126 bird species recorded in the 4881 postcode area, encompassing more than 3079 bird sightings on 142 checklists. Final count figures are subject to auditing, with checklists for the count period lodged by October 28.

Birdwatchers of all abilities recorded whatever birds they could identify in a 20-minute period at their chosen location, including backyards, parks and urban areas. From Australian King Parrots and Spotted Catbirds to Azure Kingfishers, Pacific Baza, Chowchillas and Crimson Finches, the bird count revealed the great diversity of species commonly seen in the Kuranda area. Many spotters recorded 20-40 species at their chosen locations, with at least 30 sites monitored between Kuranda and Davies Creek.

People recorded seeing the Cassowary in three areas: Black Mountain Rd, the Barron River near Kuranda and around Douglas Track at Speewah.

BirdLife Australia said people participating in the Aussie Bird Count helped to build a snapshot each Spring of the most common birds visiting the areas where people live. By doing it at the same time each year it helped to track trends in Australian bird communities from year to year and could indicate changes in the health of local environments.

BirdLife Australia is a national bird conservation charity. Over time, citizen science data like the annual bird count could help identify changes in bird populations, understand how birds are responding to environmental change, track trends in urban and backyard birds, support conservation and education programs, and encourage Australians to connect with nature.

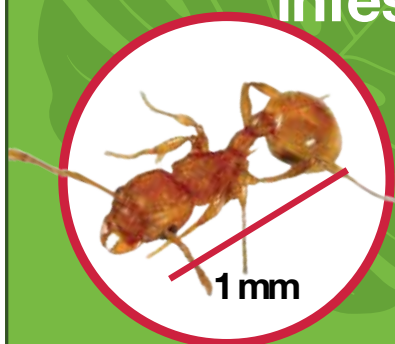
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In a piece titled *A Healthy Disrespect for Authority*, Gerry explored this as an Australian trait arising from our convict beginnings. Citing the bushrangers Ben Hall and Ned Kelly, he claimed both were well supported by the people as folk heroes against what they saw as the regular abuse of power by a corrupt establishment. While today you still hear that migrants should leave their conflicts in their home countries, in the early days as a penal colony, the British subjugation of the Irish was imported holus-bolus, with the squattocracy at the top of the pecking order and Irish Catholics like the Kellys at the bottom. Ned drew over 30,000 signatures on a petition demanding clemency, but in 1880 they hung him anyway.

Steeped in contradictions, the Ned Kelly story has since been retold in art, music and literature. From the world's first full length feature film, *The Story of the Kelly Gang* (Melbourne, 1906) onwards the celebrity of our early outlaws has continued. Peter Carey read the 'poetic' 56 page handwritten grievance letter known known as Ned's manifesto when just 19 (Jerilderie Letter: <https://tinyurl.com/3v6zabh9>). He was 24 when he saw an exhibition of the 27 paintings in Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly Series (1946-1947). But more than 30 years passed before he wrote *True History of the Kelly Gang* (2000), which won him his second Booker prize. At the time he said, "At 56, I wrote what my younger self could not have managed."

Inspired by attending Edwina Shaw's recent memoir workshop in Kuranda, Toni shared the third chapter of her brave new foray into writing fiction instead of sticking to her usual non-fiction. Continuing her outback story of Josephine as an isolated girl and her horse Jasper as her best friend, she explored the growing friendship between Josephine's equally isolated friend Lila who had recently visited.

With her sleeping bub tucked into her, Julia expanded on the themes of her '*Waste Busters*' column in *The Kuranda Paper*, including questions of how economics itself is misleadingly inadequate when it comes to questions of the planet's sustainability.

Though some regular members sent apologies, we did have newcomers Janita and her home-schooled young daughter Gabrielle talking about keeping journals for daily jottings and joining in other discussions.

Eve's piece, *To AI or Not AI; that is NOT the Question*, stimulated the regular appearance of AI as a topic at every meeting. Not surprising given its rapid increase as part of our everyday lives, whether we like it or not. Eve said she's "not happy" with apps being forced on us daily either. The rise of AI is much bigger and faster in all facets of our lives than when the internet arrived, and who could do without the internet these days? There is a case for AI regulation for sure, but how, since that horse has already bolted. We are all using AI in our everyday lives, for better AND worse, whether we know it or not.

In news from the wider world, we are saddened to hear that Cairns Books, as the last Cairns independent bookstore, has closed. That means JCU obstetrics and gynaecology Professor Caroline De Costa's recently launched book, *The Women's Doc: True stories from 5 decades of delivering Babies and making History* is now for sale at the Womens Auxiliary desk at Cairns Hospital.

In October, 280,000 Australians voted for the ABC Radio National Top 100 Australian Books, with Tim Winton's *Cloudstreet* coming in at No. 1. How many of the 100 have you read? Visit the Radio National website to find out.

'The Last Straw' is the topic for homework for the next meeting on Monday 9 November from 10.00am -12.00 noon at Kuranda Library. It can be fact, fiction or poetry. Newcomers will be welcomed.

Eve Stafford

KURANDA BOOK CLUB

Books, Conversation and Community

The Kuranda Book Club is a relaxed and friendly group of locals who meet monthly at the Kuranda Library to share their thoughts on books, exchange opinions and enjoy good conversation. New faces are always welcome!

Our November Book

Our next meeting is Thursday 12 November from 10am at the Kuranda Library, when we'll be discussing *A Slowly Dying Cause* (2025) by Elizabeth George, the 22nd novel in her popular Inspector Thomas Lynley mystery series.

Set in Cornwall, this latest mystery sees Inspector Lynley and his colleagues investigating a murder involving family secrets, conflicting interests and a community suspicious of outsiders.

Kuranda Book Club Joins Rural Library Research

At our October meeting, we welcomed Chanel Lucas, a PhD Candidate from Griffith University, who joined us as part of an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project, exploring the important role public libraries play in rural Australian communities.

Members participated in a group discussion and individual interviews, sharing their experiences and perspectives on the importance of libraries in rural communities. The research explores how public libraries support social connections, learning and access to services, and how they can better meet the changing needs of rural Australians.

More information on The Role of Public Library Services for a Changing Rural Australia, associated with the Libraries Research Group at Charles Sturt University can be found here:

<https://librariesresearchgroup.csu.domains/the-role-of-public-library-services-for-a-changing-rural-australia/>

It was a wonderful opportunity for our little Kuranda Book Club to contribute to research recognising the valuable role rural libraries play in bringing communities together.

Interested in a Weekend or After-Work Catch-Up?

We're also considering occasional relaxed weekend or after-work catch-ups, particularly for those who can't attend our regular Thursday morning meetings.

Would another meeting option make it easier for you to join us? Let us know!

Kuranda Library organises our Book Club books, with free digital reading and audiobook options also available through library services. Come along, meet some friendly locals and join the conversation.



Book Launch with Dianne Brim

Friday, 27 November at 10:30am please join us for a fascinating author talk with Dianne Brim, launching her book *Katjiraka: The Known Clan History of the Buluwai Tribe*. Discover the history, stories and cultural significance of the Buluwai people through Dianne's research and storytelling.

You can book through the library on 4093 9185 or visit the Featured Events page on our website which can be accessed via the QR code below.



Lights, Camera, Action - The Understory Film Festival is back!

Kuranda Library on Friday 13 November at 6pm is screening the 2025 Understory short film entries. Understory is Far North Queensland's premier short film festival, showcasing local talent from Townsville to Cape York, the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Torres Strait Islands.

The main event, where finalists for 2026 screen back to back on the big screen, will be held in Cairns on Saturday 21 November at the Tanks Art Centre. Due to the hugely successful event last year, we are once again presenting a free after-hours screening of the Understory Film Festival 2025 Touring program.

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Book Review:

The Locked Tomb by Tamsyn Muir

Science fantasy, Paperback published by Tor 2017 - 2022

eAudiobook, published by Recorded Books Inc



Goodreads Blurb: The Locked Tomb series: *Gideon the Ninth*, *Harrow the Ninth* and *Nona the Ninth*—is an epic science fantasy that blends necromantic theory and thrilling swordplay with a wicked, sacrilegious sense of humour; a modern mix of Dune, Riddick, and Gormenghast.

Inspired by "When just one book isn't enough, Meg recommends..." I set out to listen to The Locked Tomb novels and what a truly mind-bending tale it was.

A necromantic space opera that throws in some body swapping and time jumping, it really kept me on my toes and engaged. Quite often, I found myself having to rewind and concentrate, or wonder, "Isn't that character dead? How have they come back into the story?"

I listened to this series as an eAudiobook, and the narration provided by Moira Quirl really brought out the truly bizarre nature of Tamsyn Muir's writing style.

With praise from authors such as Charles Stross (*The Atrocity Archives*), V.E.Schwab (*Shades of Magic*), Alix E. Harrow (*Fractured Fables*) and Kiersten White (*The Conqueror's Saga*) as well as nominations for the Hugo Award, Nebula Award and the British Fantasy Award this series is truly worth investing the time in.

Gideon the Ninth - *Harrow the Ninth* - *Nona the Ninth* are available as an eAudiobook to all Mareeba Shire Council Library members through Hoopla completely FREE. You can access Hoopla through the eResources page on our website, or you can download the app and use your library membership card number and PIN to join.

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St Saviour's Thought for November

This month we read a short passage from St Matthew's Gospel Chapter 22 verses 34 to 40

All of us have had the experience of listening to two people conversing and realising that their views and assumptions are so totally different that they can never communicate with each other.

This passage allows us to eavesdrop on such a moment in Jesus' ministry. By now, well into that short ministry, there is no scarcity of antagonists. Already Jesus' attitudes and statements have attracted not only attention, but also deep resentment. This resentment comes from the many established and entrenched elements which were all around Jesus and exist in every society. Even more dangerous for Jesus, we see that two such groups, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, who were usually in disagreement, have come together to put pressure on him. While it is not quite true to say that these were two political parties, it will do to help us understand the situation.

As frequently happened, someone asked Jesus a question which was really a trap. This time it was "which of all the commandments in the Law was the most important?" As he always did, Jesus pierced through the deceit and hypocrisy of the question. There were thousands of commands in the Law. It was and still is a magnificent system which penetrates

into every conceivable area of human life. Indeed, when we are tempted to hear dismissals of the Jewish Law in the New Testament, we should never forget that its very complexity was saying that every aspect of being alive is holy and God is involved in it. That is a most important spiritual insight and we are indebted to the Jewish Law for it.

However, as with everything in life, there is a but and the but is our humanity. The Law was becoming an end in itself rather than a means to help people live. Arguments were endless, the scoring of points the objective. Human life and human need were becoming engulfed by something originally designed to serve life. That is why Jesus goes to the heart of all law when he replies. For Our Lord the ultimate criterion by which all actions are judged is that of love. Notice that in loving our neighbour as ourselves we must realise that we do not always like ourselves nor approve of our own actions. Loving our neighbour is not necessarily being uncritical. Notice too that the basis of all human loving is possessing a love for God. Experience shows that without this latter, the former, loving one's neighbour, fades out. Without the element of love all law eventually becomes cold and sterile. Our Lord, as always, expressed the realities at the heart of life. Underlying all laws and sanctions is the primary law of love.

Words of wisdom from my Grandmother...

I used to refer to myself as "a free spirit". It sounds much classier than "out of control".

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The days of your life are far spent, O people, and your end is fast approaching. Put away, therefore, the things ye have devised and to which ye cleave, and take firm hold on the precepts of God, that haply ye may attain that which He hath purposed for you, and be of them that pursue a right course. Delight not yourselves in the things of the world and its vain ornaments, neither set your hopes on them. Let your reliance be on the remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. He will, ere long, bring to naught all the things ye possess. Let Him be your fear, and forget not His covenant with you, and be not of them that are shut out as by a veil from Him.

Beware that ye swell not with pride before God, and disdainfully reject His loved ones. Defer ye humbly to the faithful, they that have believed in God and in His signs, whose hearts witness to His unity, whose tongues proclaim His oneness, and who speak not except by His leave. Thus do We exhort you with justice, and warn you with truth, that perchance ye may be awakened.

Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things ye would not desire for yourselves. This is My best counsel unto you, did ye but observe it."

(Baha'u'llah, The Summons of the Lord of Hosts)

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NOVEMBER AT KURANDA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

A fresh look out the front for KNC

A big heartfelt thank you to the wonderful team at the Kuranda Men's Shed for generously giving their time and skills to revamp our Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre sign.

Our refreshed sign is looking fantastic, and we are so grateful for the care and effort that went into giving it a new lease on life. The design of the sign was the work of the late Shane Morris.

It's community partnerships like these that make Kuranda such a special place. Thank you to the Kuranda Men's Shed for your kindness, craftsmanship and continued community spirit. We truly appreciate your support.

Help make Christmas special for Kuranda families

With Christmas just around the corner, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is once again calling on our wonderful community, local businesses and community groups to help spread some festive cheer through our annual Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive.

This year, we're aiming to provide 50 Christmas hampers and more than 100 gifts for local children, helping to make Christmas a little brighter for families experiencing financial hardship.

We know that Christmas can be a particularly challenging time for families already feeling the pressure of rising living costs. Through this appeal, we hope to ease some of that stress by providing hampers filled with essential food items and festive treats, along with gifts to ensure local children have something special to unwrap on Christmas morning.

And this is where our wonderful Kuranda community comes in. We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items, Christmas treats, new toys and gifts, gift vouchers and monetary contributions. Whether you're an individual, a local business or a community group, every contribution, big or small, will help us reach our goal.

Last year's appeal was a beautiful reminder of the generosity and community spirit that makes Kuranda such a special place. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of local residents and businesses, and we're hoping that same community spirit will shine again this year.

If you or your organisation would like to contribute, please contact our friendly team on 4093 8933 or email community@kurandanc.org.au.

And to those in our community who may be finding things difficult this Christmas, please know that you are not alone. We encourage you to reach out to our team to discuss what support may be available.

Together, we can help bring a little extra joy, comfort and Christmas magic to local families.

Celebrating another year – KNC AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 5 November at 4pm, providing an opportunity to reflect on another busy and rewarding year at the Centre.

Throughout 2026, our team has continued to provide essential community support services, activities and programs that promote wellbeing, reduce social isolation and strengthen connections across our community.

We've also been fortunate to secure funding for several important initiatives, including child and family wellbeing, mental health awareness, Homelessness Week, Seniors Week activities and community education, and more.

Our AGM is an opportunity to celebrate these achievements, acknowledge the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, and recognise the invaluable contributions of our Management Committee, community partners and supporters.

We warmly welcome community members to join us, hear about the Centre's achievements and learn more about our plans for the future. Please contact the Centre for meeting details.

Funding for a more resilient Kuranda

We are absolutely thrilled to share that Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre has been successful in securing funding through the RACQ Resilient Energy Centre (REC) Program.

This is an exciting step forward in strengthening our Centre's ability to support the community during emergencies and disruptions, particularly during severe weather events.

Living in Far North Queensland, we know just how important community preparedness and resilience are. This project will help improve our Centre's energy resilience and contribute to our capacity to remain a valuable community resource when it matters most.

We are incredibly grateful for this funding opportunity and look forward to seeing the project come to life, with works planned for completion by June 2027.

We'll keep our community updated as the project progresses.

Our volunteers are the heart of KNC

Behind every welcoming smile, community event and successful program is a team of wonderful people who generously give their time to support others.

Our volunteers really are the heart of Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

From welcoming visitors at reception and helping with our community programs to assisting with events and lending a hand behind the scenes, their kindness, skills and commitment help make our Centre the welcoming place it is.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group

of volunteers who genuinely care about their community. To each and every one of our volunteers – thank you! Your contribution is valued more than words can express.

If you've ever thought about volunteering, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new people, learn new skills, feel connected and make a positive difference in your local community.

KNC is here for everyone

Sometimes people think a Neighbourhood Centre is only somewhere to go when life gets tough. While supporting people through challenging times is an important part of what we do, KNC is so much more than that. We're a place where people can connect, share, learn, contribute and feel a sense of belonging.

Whether you're interested in joining a community activity, looking for information or support, keen to volunteer, or simply want to enjoy a friendly chat and a cuppa, our doors are open.

Everyone is welcome at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. You don't need a special reason to visit, and you certainly don't need to be experiencing hardship.

Community initiatives

We welcome your ideas! If there's a community activity, workshop or initiative you'd love to see happening at the Centre, please come and have a chat with us.

From all of us at KNC, thank you for helping make our community such a special place!

With gratitude and community spirit,

Your Team at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre



The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre's iconic sign, now restored, was designed by Kuranda artist, the late Shane Morris, and created by the somewhat famous Elefantus, Cairns-based bespoke metal fabricators. It was officially installed in April 2010.

Photos: Shane Morris at the official opening (above) The Kuranda Paper May 2010. Shane Morris (right) with one of her original paintings. The Kuranda Paper February 2010.



KURANDA MEN'S SHED



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Back in July, the Kuranda Men's Shed (KMS) received a request from the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre to repair part of their iconic welcome sign on Rob Veivers Drive.

Well I'm pleased to say that we have completed the task and the new bits were added to the sign on 7 October. The backing board on the old sign had rotted badly and one of the aluminium letters had disappeared from the stained metal sheet it was attached to. The most difficult part of the job was locating a cheap bit of aluminium plate from which to cut a new letter "E". After failing to find a suitable piece at the usual hardware stores, the perfect bit was found by chance in an old shed in Tolga. It was a real team effort and Nadia and the crew at the Neighbourhood Centre were really happy with the final result.

Apart from that, work has continued with our Rocking Horse restoration mentioned last month. The old paint has finally all been removed and various holes filled. Soon we

will begin repainting it which will be a lot more fun.

We welcomed one new member this month and we hope to have more before Christmas. For the remainder of this year the cost of membership is only \$20. This represents a great opportunity to give The Shed a try to see if the facilities meet your needs.

Cheers from all of us at The Shed.
Dougie



Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Manager Nadia Rengifo and Community Development Worker Jade Falvo happily receive the restored sign from Dougie Buchanan and Daryl Conn. Photos KMS

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KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

Hello, November! And the Marsh Flies, unfortunately. Though where our dry weather is, I am yet to discover. You don't have to travel far west to run into the brown country, with no feed left, so I am not going to complain about the rain that is keeping our country so verdantly green.

The Marsh Flies are even worse for our horses than they are for us, no hands to slap in the awkward to reach places and no indoors to escape to! One bonus; it is not hot yet, so most horses this month will be seen with protective rugs on. The topic of conversation for many horse owners is what concoction is most effective at deterring these pests. I have personally found adding some lemongrass essential oil into Permethrin spray

helps. The insecticide alone does not seem to work too well. The dreaded DEET does work and on the worst days my horses are sprayed (at great expense) with Bushmans 40% DEET. They have quickly learnt to appreciate the relief and walk towards the spray unit to be anointed.

We tried out our new ground surface with an impromptu evening rally. The evenings are beautiful at the moment. Dinner was provided at the clubhouse after our ride, while the horse munched on some hay, happy to stand in the cool evening. Our new surface got a good try out with a visiting instructor teaching two days of showjumping on 24 and 25 October.

This year has been a challenging one for our Club, with memberships down and a lack of volunteers with any time to spare. Hopefully next year will bring more enthusiastic members to share our great resources, well maintained grounds, good equipment and large clubhouse.

Tanya Vickers



Kerry Scott schooling her horse over a grid pattern.
Photo: Melanie McLaughlin.

kurandahpc.wixsite.com Kuranda Horse and Pony Club
kurandahpc@gmail.com

**President - Lauren Moal, Secretary - Tracy Sekac,
Treasurer - Tanya Vickers, Instructor - Deb Curry**



RANGERS report

For more information
please contact:

kurandarangersfootball@gmail.com
Keira: 0437 778 849

For all updates on sign-on,
scheduling and events:

Follow
Kuranda Rangers Football Club
Facebook page.

That's a wrap on another fantastic season for Kuranda Rangers Football Club. Our players gave it their all every Saturday, and it's been a real pleasure watching teams of all ages grow in skill, confidence and friendship. Thank you to our players, families, coaches, volunteers and sponsors for making it such a great year.

FQ Academy Selections

Congratulations to Max Lambert, Darcy Lambert and Chester Forman, who trialled and were selected for the Football Queensland Academy. It's a terrific achievement and a reward for their hard work and commitment. The whole club is proud of you, boys!

Community Club Award Finals

After being named 2026 Football Queensland FNQ Community Club of the Year, Kuranda Rangers has made the finals of the community club awards. It's a wonderful recognition of the volunteers, families and players who make this club what it is. Fingers crossed!

Come and Try Days

Training starts back in the second week of the public school term, followed by three weeks of come-and-try sessions. If your child would like to give football a go, it's a relaxed, fun way to meet the coaches, try a few sessions and see what the Rangers are all about. Dates will be announced on our Facebook page closer to the time.

AGM and New Committee

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in January, with the date to be announced on our Facebook page, so keep an eye out. We're looking for volunteers to join the new committee and help shape the club's future. You don't need any experience, just a willingness to pitch in. We'd also love to hear from any local bookkeepers who could lend a hand with the club's finances. If you can help, please get in touch via our Facebook page.

Fill Up and Support the Club

You can help raise money for the club every time you buy fuel. Sign up for the Kuranda Rangers Football Club UP Community fuel discount and you'll save 2 cents per litre at participating United service stations, with another 2 cents per litre going straight back to the club. Sign up here: unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-community/kuranda-rangers-football-club

Thanks for a wonderful year. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all of us at Kuranda Rangers Football Club. See you next season.

Go Rangers!

Kuranda Rangers Football Club

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- Westfund
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- AAMI
- APRA
- Qantas
- Suncorp
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- DVA

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Résumés. In Speewah, longest-running resume writing business, over 30 years. Employment applications, web text, all forms of copy writing, editing and proofreading. Word Factory (Suzy Grinter) 4093 0449.

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Street Pantry is located at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on Rob Veivers Drive (next to Butterfly Sanctuary). Open 24/7 for donations of nonperishable food or for others to take items as needed. Will also receive food items and toiletries to distribute.

Tutor/Editor
Registered Teacher/Guidance Counsellor. Taking bookings for Years 1-10, Special Needs, web copy and university essay editing. Convenient location Myola Road. Contact 0414 706 454 Facebook: Tree Frog Tutoring.



Support local families struggling with the rising cost of living.

Donations of pantry staples and toiletry items can be dropped off at the centre

XMAS Toy Drive Now Open See Page 9

XMAS Hamper Drive Now Open See Page 21

Heads Up!

The Kuranda Paper deadline for December 2026 edition is **Wednesday 25 November 2026.**
Please send all submissions and advertising to...
mail@kurandapaper.com



* 30 WORDS MAXIMUM

For sale, lost/found and outdated entries will be deleted after one month. Repeat advertisements will be deleted at the discretion of the paper. Existing Kuranda Paper advertisers and community groups will be prioritised for repeats depending on available space. Submit classifieds via email mail@kurandapaper.com

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YOUR COMMUNITY PAGES



WILDLIFE

Wildlife Rescue 4053 4467 (24 hours)
Batreach 4093 8858
TigerLodge Wildcare 4093 0761 (24/7 phone service)
Kuranda Vets 4093 7283
DES Cassowary hotline 1300 130 372 (24/7)
SNAKE & ANIMAL REMOVAL
 Jax Bergersen (non-venomous snakes only) 4093 8834
 Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872
 Steve Larkin (all reptiles, mammals, birds, feral pigs, dogs) 0412 263 279

DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.
Kuranda IGA near Thoree st
Kuranda Men's Shed end of Kuranda Heights Road
Kuranda Pharmacy cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts
Kuranda Medical Centre cnr Thongon and Barang Sts
Kuranda Ambulance Station, Fallon Road
Kuranda Swimming Pool, Myola Road
Steiner School, Boyles Road
Kuranda SES on board vehicle
Envirocare Nursery 284 Myola Road

WATER AND SEPTIC

Water Delivery:
Grego's Raw Materials 0419 705 005
Septic Tank Emptying:
Paul Jennings 0417 632 688

LAUNDROMATS

Gurii Gambi 5C Coondoo Street

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



Caring for the region's native wildlife.
Wildlife carers are all volunteers.
Tax deductible donations appreciated.
New members welcome.

Tel: 07 4053 4467 (24 hrs)

Email: fnqwr@bigpond.com



Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

We are a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates, orphaned, injured or displaced tree kangaroos.

Unfortunately an increasing number of Lumholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.

Please donate to us and the money will go directly towards treating and caring for these beautiful animals.

If you find an injured tree kangaroo please ring us on 0427 790 694



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

www.treeroorecue.org.au

Visit us on



RECYCLE

Kuranda Transfer Station 2186 Kennedy Hwy, Koah
MSC Recycle Station – Arara Street, Kuranda

RECYCLE

Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).

Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.



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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Robin Anscomb – 0409 046 932
 (Operates 24/7)

HELPFUL KURANDA COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUPS

Here are some helpful Kuranda and district community Facebook groups. Member numbers as at June 2026

Kuranda Range Updates (47,700+ members)

On the spot traffic reports in real time for the Kuranda Range Road.

Kuranda Notice Board (14,100 + members)

Information sharing, discussion, advertising.

Speewah & Surround Residents (4,400+ members)

Information sharing and support.

Koah Community (4,000 + members)

Information sharing and support.

All Things Kuranda (1,700+ members)

Discussion group for Kuranda district residents only.

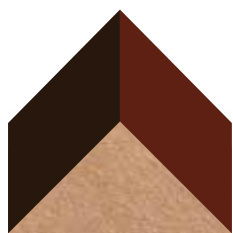
Kuranda Ratepayers & Residents Working Group

(343 members)

Discussion group for issues affecting Kuranda ratepayers and residents.

Upcycling Kuranda (290 + members)

Free recycle group for Kuranda creatives. No buying or selling.



KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING

C10055234

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

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

Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.

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

Australian Men's Shed Association
 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER



RAINFALL

October 2026: 83 mm
 (to 27 / 10 / 2026)

Annual total: 2215.6 mm
 (to 27 / 10 / 2026)

Average October Rainfall:
 50.4mm

Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

HELP GROUPS



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

kidshelpline.com.au

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Mareeba
SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Services

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm
(No Council business after 4pm weekdays)
Kuranda Community Precinct
18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda
4093 9185
kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au
msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Open 7 days from 10am
4093 9311
kurandavic@msc.qld.gov.au

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am–4pm, Saturday & Sunday: 9am–5pm
2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah
1300 308 461
msc.qld.gov.au/water-and-waste

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880
1300 308 461
info@msc.qld.gov.au
msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

TRANSPORT & ALERTS

Rideshare 1300 743 374

Trans North 3036 2070

ROAD REPORTS

Council EMERGENCY number for local roads
1300 308 461

Kuranda Range/ Kennedy Highway Report an Incident
13 19 40 (24/7)

TRAFFIC ALERTS FAR NORTH REGION ROADS

Sign up for SMS traffic alerts for the Kuranda Range, Gillies Range and Captain Cook Highway (Palm Cove to Craiglie). Go to Department of Main Roads website www.tmr.qld.gov.au and subscribe to your preferred SMS alert service. Or call **13 19 40** to subscribe or report an incident.

LIVE KURANDA RANGE TRAFFIC UPDATES

Volunteer-run **Kuranda Range Updates** Facebook group is the fastest way to keep up to date in real time with road conditions from Smithfield to Mareeba.

KURANDA SCENIC RAILWAY (KSR) UPDATES FOR KURANDA BUSINESSES

Subscribe to the Kuranda Scenic Railway for timely updates i.e. maintenance or closures. Email your business name and email address to ksrsales@qr.com.au



Trans North Bus & Coach

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

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

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

****All Sundays, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Good Friday, Anzac Day, Labour Day (Qld)****

Bus stops are located at:

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

Ticket Sales:

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

Emergency Contacts



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



RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

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

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction

Join your local SES

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

Contact Caitlin **0476 772 500**



KURANDA RANGE ROAD UPDATE

Scheduled Night Closures

To continue fast tracking works on Kuranda Range Road, scheduled night closures will be in place from Sunday 25 October 2026 until Thursday 10 December 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.

- The road will close at 9pm and reopen at 4am, from Sunday to Thursday.
- Traffic will be let through once in each direction at midnight (12am).
- There are no scheduled night closures on Friday and Saturday nights.

The night closures will allow us to complete the remaining sites damaged by Tropical Cyclone Jasper. These works are not able to be completed under single-lane closures or with long traffic holds.

Once works are completed the Kuranda Range Road will be open to undisrupted two-way traffic over the busy school holiday and Christmas period. In 2027 we will be working closely with the contractor to complete the remaining two sites impacted by the February 2025 weather event by mid-2027, site and weather conditions permitting.

Where do I find more information?

If you need further information about these works, please contact the TMR Cairns office by email at cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au, visit the project webpage Kuranda Range Road reconstruction or telephone 1800 187 937.

Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)

TIMETABLE

Atherton Tablelands to Cairns

Route 850	Monday to Saturday	
Departs Atherton	7.00am	1.30pm
Departs Mareeba	7.30am	2.00pm
Departs Speewah	7.50am	2.20pm
Departs Kuranda	8.05am	2.40pm
Arrives Cairns	9.00am	3.30pm

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands

Route 850	Monday to Saturday	
Departs Cairns	10.00am	4.00pm
Departs Smithfield	10.20am	4.20pm
Departs Kuranda	10.40am	4.40pm
Departs Speewah	10.50am	5.00pm
Departs Mareeba	11.20am	5.20pm
Arrives Atherton	11.50am	5.50pm

No Services Operate on the Following Days

- All Sundays • Christmas Day • New Years Day
- Good Friday • Anzac Day • Labour Day (Qld)

For more information visit

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7:15pm – 8:15pm: Yin Yoga with Gemma Yoga .
Meditation . Subtle body balancing
contact Gemma 0435 085 503

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

- and every Wednesday after -
5pm – 6pm: Gentle Yoga Flow with Gemma
6:15pm – 7:15pm Pure Yin Yoga with Gemma
contact Gemma 0435 085 503

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

12:30pm - 4pm: Wire workshop with local artist
Amanda Create your very own "Midnight Caller" –
all materials, tools, coffee and tea included;
\$70 pp, limited spaces.
Amanda - 0461 472 618
amanda@amandadesigned.com

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

10.30am – 12pm:
Lunar Release – Rest and Release with Gemma
Start your Sunday with grounding aromatherapy,
restorative yin yoga and soothing sound
bookings essential.
Gemma - 0435 085 503

A massive thanks to all our volunteers attending
the Working Bee last month. Thank you MSC
Mayor Angela Toppin for lending a hand.
Shout out to master chef Tim for the best barbie.
And last but not least - thank you Bunnings
Smithfield for our gloves and trowels.



CONTACT US



Kuranda
Recreation Centre



krc4881@gmail.com

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KURANDA 8 BALL

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welcome
Sundays from 3pm – Sunday sesh
– casual 8 Ball
For more info: kuranda8ball@gmail.com

PILATES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays -
9:30am with Davini - 0414 994 123
Saturdays - 8:15am
with Jaide 0488 229 700

TAI CHI

Mondays - 6pm
Tuesdays - 9am
with Les 0400 938 276

Kuranda Recreation Centre Inc.,
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Kuranda QLD 4881

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*Plenty of parking available

*Airconditioned hall

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KOAH MONTHLY MARKET SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

8AM TIL 12PM

LIVE MUSIC

Helen Butler

New stallholders are welcome
and invited to join us
for all the fun
SMS / Voicemail - Nicky
0488 961 660 or FB messenger
via Koah Monthly Markets
Facebook page

If you would like to support your
community hall please join us for a shift
on the Market Fundraiser BBQ.
Let's make our BBQ great!!

Message Jaide 0488 229 700 to volunteer for a
shift

THE KOAH HALL NEEDS NEW MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE!!

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www.koahhall.com Koah Hall koah.hall@gmail.com

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(if space is left as you found it)

WHAT'S ON AT KOAH HALL

TUESDAYS - 3, 10, 17, 24 NOVEMBER FELDENKRAIS CLASS

9.30-10.30am
with Justine Schlicht 0408 735 309

WEDNESDAYS - 4, 11, 18, 25 NOVEMBER PILATES

6 - 7pm with Jaide 0488 229 700

THURSDAYS - 12 & 26 NOVEMBER MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP

6 - 8pm Open to all men.
Contact Simon - 0459 755 553

TUESDAYS - 3 & 17 NOVEMBER WELLBRIETY & SUPPORT GROUP

5:30-8pm with James 0413 172 474

TUESDAYS - 10 & 24 NOVEMBER TRADITIONAL SWEATLODGE

4 - 8:30pm with James 0413 172 474

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER DRUM CIRCLE - DJEMBE LESSONS

10am -12pm - \$25 with Jeff Cotter
0449 899 503



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the
Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.
See page 21 for CWA listings for this month.

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

Kuranda Envirocare Nursery volunteering.
9am–12noon. 0474 560 700

SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda Library.

EVERY TUESDAY

Taekwon-Do & Self Defence 6–7.30pm Kuranda QCWA
Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

Mixed (male & female) Men's Shed Kuranda
8.30am–noon. mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the
Kuranda Recreation Centre & Ross Common, Speewah
Contact Mike 0422 050 329

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Djabugay Language Classes 6–8pm Nyuwarri Estate (old
Ngoonbi farm), 1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda.
40 938 116

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Theatre)
Free workshops. Kids 7+ @ 4 - 5pm, Adults @ 5:30 - 7pm
Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY THURSDAY

Kuranda Envirocare Nursery volunteering.
9am–12noon. 0474 560 700

Taekwon-Do & Self Defence 6–7.30pm Kuranda
QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

Domestic Violence Help, Kuranda Neighbourhood
Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer
Keira 0437 778 849 for any queries.

SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Library Book Club 10am, Kuranda Library.
Any/all book lovers welcome
Cheryl 0407 670 954 or cheryl.tonkin@gmail.com
New members/readers are always welcome.

EVERY FRIDAY

Kuranda Story Time 10am–noon, Kuranda Library.
Every Friday, during school term.

She Shed Kuranda 8.30am–1pm.
mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

Qi Gong with Kathryn in Centenary Park, 9-10am.
weather permitting. Free, all welcome.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Envirocare Nursery plant sales 10am - 12noon

EVERY SUNDAY

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at
the Kuranda Recreation Centre & Ross Common,
Speewah. Contact Mike 0422 050 329

AA Group St Christopher's Catholic Church
9.30am - 1300 222 222

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Amphitheatre Community Markets
9am–1pm. 0402 130 226

