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LET'S CELEBRATE THE COLOURS OF SPRING

September truly is the best month in the tropics – usually great weather and plenty of events to enjoy.

In Kuranda on Saturday 9 September, we will have an encore of last year's very successful Kuranda Colour Fest. This event will be the latest in a line of events organised by the Kuranda Traders Association (KTA). The KTA is a grass-roots, independent, trader-run organisation that led Kuranda out of the void left by the scrapping of Tourism Kuranda in 2020, and the severe challenges of COVID-19 (some of which, such as staff shortages, still remain). The past three years have asked a lot of the KTA's volunteer committee and it is time for the baton to be passed on – if you have an interest in seeing Kuranda remain a destination of note and a healthy local economy, consider joining the KTA and putting yourself forward for a committee position. The KTA AGM will be held on 21 September (see page 3 for details on both the AGM and the Kuranda Colour Fest).

Coinciding with the Kuranda Colour Fest will be the first anniversary of the equally successful Cassowary Art Trail, which can now boast a total of six life-sized, hand-painted cassowary statues ... with plans for more to come. Local artists have done a magnificent job of painting their unique art stories on these statues. You can find more information on the Cassowary Art Trail at www.cassowarytrail.com or pop along to the Kuranda Colour Fest on Saturday 9 September and visit Kuranda Conservation's stall.

The spring school holidays are fast approaching and will span a total of four weeks across all states and territories.

Queensland and Victoria commence school holidays on 16 September to 2 October, followed by New South Wales, Northern Territory and Western Australia from 23 September to 8 October, with Tasmania and South Australia from 30 September to 15 October. This should mean a steady stream of visitors to Kuranda. It's also the perfect time of year to take advantage of our many attractions, walking tracks and of course local creeks for some more relaxed family time. Enjoy our special places and natural wonders.

While it is no doubt disappointing to hear that the Amphitheatre has had to postpone its much loved Spring Festival celebration until next year, excitement is building for a return to large-scale community theatre, in the form of an original play *Timewarp 2059 – In The Nature of Things*. The play is coming to the main stage on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September. This is sure to be a 'not to be missed' night. See page 10 for details. It's also great to hear that *Reggaetown* will be returning to the Amphitheatre on 4 November – save the date!

For those whose musical tastes run to classical, the Atherton Tablelands Chamber Music Festival is running from 22-24 September. See page 9 for details.

So there is much to enjoy about September. But it is also the month of R U OK?Day on 14 September – which seeks to encourage conversation to tackle loneliness and mental health problems arising from it. So maybe September is also a time to celebrate with others whenever you can and enjoy family and community.



Above: Patrick Dauwe in his cassowary suit at the 2022 Kuranda Colour Fest. Photo: Steven Nowakowski.

NEW MURAL FOR KURANDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

During August a new mural was added to the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. It is the fifth artwork completed under the Mareeba Shire Council's Public Mural Action Plan, with a total of 11 public murals planned throughout the Shire over a three year period. The mural was made possible through funding from the Mareeba Shire Council RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) which is a partnership between Council and the Queensland Government to support local arts and culture in regional areas.

This latest mural is designed by local artist Connie Rovina who worked with the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation to include Djabugay cultural heritage within the artwork titled *Bulmba Ngirrma*, including traditional Djabugay language (Ngirrma) and symbols.

Connie Rovina's artwork can be viewed at her WidiWorks Aboriginal Art gallery on Therwine Street, Kuranda. Connie is also one of the six artists who have painted life-sized cassowary statues for the Cassowary Art Trail project.

Below: Connie Rovina mural on the Coondoo Street side of the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre. Photo: Gayle Hannah.





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Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is a photo by Steven Nowakowski of one of Kuranda's magical cassowaries – Merlin (2020) who is well known to residents in the Black Mountain Road area.



WORLD CASSOWARY DAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

World Cassowary Day is observed annually and internationally. It is a day to consider how best we can support these magnificent endangered 'big birds' for now and for future generations.



"Cassowary" artwork by Nicky Gallagher, hand-painted on a Red-tail Black cockatoo feather with cassowary feathers (feathers ethically acquired from Birdworld Kuranda).

STREET TREES OF KURANDA

Silk Handkerchief Tree (*Maniltoa grandiflora lenticellata*)

This highly sought after medium-sized flowering tree, native to tropical North Queensland and the Torres Strait, is currently covered in seed pods and growing in the Post Office gardens and adjacent car park, on Thoree Street. Well known for its spectacular cascading show of pale pink foliage and fragrant flowers, the attractive seed pods present another treat – and for those interested in growing one of these at home, keep your eyes out for fallen pods which sometimes even sprout on the ground.

Photo: Gayle Hannah

The Kuranda Media Association acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. The Kuranda Media Association is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

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CAIRNS: Cairns Library



KURANDA COLOUR FEST

10am – 2pm
Saturday 9 September 2023
 @ Centenary Park, Kuranda



KURANDA COLOUR FEST & COLOUR RUN

Kuranda Traders Association

Kuranda Colour Fest – Celebrating the Colours of Spring Saturday 9 September 2023

It's on again! After the enormous success of the inaugural Kuranda Colour Fest in 2022, the Kuranda Traders Association is hosting another day of colour and fun on Saturday 9 September 2023 to celebrate Spring.

Kuranda Colour Fest kicks off at 10am in Centenary Park in Kuranda with free face painting and a giant inflatable slide for the kids.

Look up high for visual and interactive entertainment with stilt walker, Ten Foot Tall Tanya, who will entertain the crowds as 'Moko Jumbie' at 10.15am – regarded as a protector whose towering heights made it easier to see evil before ordinary men. Then again at 12.15pm as 'Red Jester' – always cheeky and fun!

There will also be two surprise performances in the park at 11am and 12 noon, DJ music throughout the day with JC, bubbles galore, plus local community stalls through until 2pm.

The highlight of the event will be the free **Colour Run** at 2pm along the banks of the Barron River. Colour Run participants will meet Kuranda's very own Fairy Jenny at 1.45pm in the park to form a parade and follow her to the starting line on the Barron River. The Colour Run features seven colour stations to run through over a course of approximately 500m. Lots of fun that comes with a warning...be prepared to be coloured! White t-shirts will be available for purchase in Centenary Park for Colour Run participants.

Kuranda Colour Fest offers plenty of fun for all, plus the opportunity to visit Kuranda's great attractions, markets and specialty stores.

Make a day of it and get coloured in Kuranda!

If you would like to book a community stall for the event, please contact Maree 0412 311 403 – not-for-profits stalls free or \$25 for retail stalls.

Kuranda Village logo – Thank you for your voting and feedback on the new Kuranda Village logo. We had an overwhelming winner. This logo will now be used for the future branding of Kuranda Village.



- 10am–2pm Face Painting – FREE!
- 10am–2pm Giant Jumping Slide – FREE!
- 10am–2pm DJ Music with JC
- 10am–2pm Community Stalls
- 10.15–11am Ten Foot Tall Tanya performs!
- 11am Special Surprise in the park
- 12 noon Special Surprise in the park
- 12.15–1pm Ten Foot Tall Tanya performs!
- 1.45pm Colour Run participants to meet in Centenary Park to follow Fairy Jenny to the Barron River
- 2pm COLOUR RUN on banks of Barron River (finishes at 2.30pm)**



Kuranda Traders Association AGM
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This year marks 21 years since the Cairns Hinterland Steiner first opened its doors, offering a genuine educational alternative in our local community.

The school has grown from its humble beginnings in an old Queenslander in Stratford with 24 children to its present-day location on Boyles Road, Kuranda, where it now has 170 students and offers classes from Kindergarten to Year 8.

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School founding families and staff, Ms Shelley Bowen and Ms Alison Whitmill, acknowledged the community effort that has seen the school grow into what it is today.

“Our beautiful school is an example of what can be achieved by a dedicated and enthusiastic community of parents and teachers working towards a common goal. There have been so many individuals who have supported the school over the years and many students who have passed through its doors. We wish to acknowledge all these contributions.”

To celebrate the occasion, and to recognise the support the wider community has contributed to the school, all are invited to the annual Spring Fair on Saturday 2 September from 10am.

The Spring Fair brings together school families and welcomes the surrounding community in a genuine homegrown event that showcases the unique educational offering.

A highlight is the music program, with choir and instrumental ensembles performing throughout the day.

There will be a range of delicious and healthy culinary options to choose from, including freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes, hot food and cold drinks.

Games and activities will run throughout the day, beginning with a joyful dancing of the Maypole. The Mayi Wunba dancers as part of the opening of the Fair.

The staff and families of CHSS invite their wider community to come and experience the community spirit for yourself.



Music and fun at the Spring Fair.



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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE DEPUTY MAYOR CR. KEVIN DAVIES

Kuranda Tourism, Parks and Open Spaces Upgrades

I would like to take the time to thank residents who attended our recent community consultation sessions in Kuranda.

We used this time to talk about improvements planned for footpaths and lighting in Coondoo Street, as well as a refresh of Anzac Park. Thank you for taking time to come and talk to us about this very special project. The design options are currently under review and we look forward to sharing more information in the coming months.

Waste Management and Illegal Dumping

Council continues to take a strategic and regional approach to waste management to ensure that our practices are leading the way into the future, at the lowest possible cost to residents and ratepayers.

This strategy will see us moving towards a circular economy and we want to become less reliant on landfill. I would like to thank residents who are doing the right thing and continuing to reduce their waste or looking at ways to reuse and recycle items no longer needed.

Unfortunately, we have experienced an increase in items being illegally dumped across the Shire. Illegal dumping is against the law and there are penalties in place for those found to be doing the wrong thing. You can help to keep our Shire clean by reporting illegal dumping to Council on 1300 308 461.

Community Events

With Spring approaching, it is wonderful to know many events in our annual calendar will once again be back in the spotlight. I look forward to the upcoming Kuranda Colour Fest, taking place on Saturday 9 September 2023 and I am sure you do too.

Mareeba Shire Council is a proud supporter of this event and many other events across the Shire. Events make a significant difference to our towns, and I thank the Kuranda Traders Association and many other groups for their outstanding efforts.

Are you planning a community event and want to spread the word? Council offers an online Events Calendar that allows community event organisers to advertise their events on Council's website for free. Submit your event online or email info@msc.qld.gov.au.

Deputy Mayor Cr. Kevin Davies
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Planning Act 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF MAJOR AMENDMENT NO.1 OF 2023 TO THE MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2016

On 21 June 2023, Mareeba Shire Council resolved to make Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 to the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

The full title of the amendment is Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 – Subdivision in the Rural zone.

The purpose and general effect of Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 is to protect the Rural zone from the subdivision of lots less than 60 hectares in area, thereby maintaining the intended character of the Rural zone and appropriately addressing the intent of the Far North Queensland Regional Plan.

Public consultation period

The public consultation period for Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 commenced on Wednesday 30 August 2023 and will close on Wednesday 27 September 2023.

During the public consultation period, Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 and supporting material will be available for viewing and purchase at Mareeba Shire Council Chambers, 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba.

They will also be available for viewing and download on council's website: <https://msc.qld.gov.au>.

Major Amendment No.1 of 2023 will also be displayed at the Mareeba and Kuranda libraries.

Submissions

Any person can make a written submission about any aspect of the Major Amendment No.1 of 2023. A properly made submission must:

- be in writing;
- be signed by each person who has made the submission (unless the submission is made electronically);
- state the name and address of each person making the submission; and
- state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds of the submission; and
- be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday 27 September 2023.

All submissions must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mareeba Shire Council, PO Box 154, Mareeba QLD 4880.

Submissions can also be made via email to info@msc.qld.gov.au.

Please call council on 1300 308 461 or email planning@msc.qld.gov.au for information about the planning scheme amendment.

Peter Franks
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Mareeba Shire Council

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE



NEW MURAL UNVEILED IN KURANDA



The Kuranda community is now home to a new colourful and dramatic mural, Bulmba Ngirrma, which incorporates traditional Djabugay language (Ngirrma) and symbols.

Local artist Connie Rovina has taken inspiration from the natural surroundings of Kuranda and the artwork features the Barron River, fish, birds and plants found in the Kuranda area.

Ms Connie Rovina said, "I thoroughly enjoyed researching and connecting with traditional history, language and culture of Kuranda while creating the artwork."

Mayor Angela Toppin congratulated Connie and members of the community for working together. "Ms Rovina worked with the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation and traditional owner, Bada Djaygul (Dennis Hunter) around the inclusion of Djabugay cultural heritage within the artwork."

The project was made possible with funding from the Mareeba Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program. RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

The Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Mural is the fifth artwork under the Public Mural Action Plan with a total of eleven public murals planned throughout the Shire over three years.

Visit Council's website for more information.

LAND PROTECTION PRIORITISED

Mareeba Shire Council continues to prioritise land protection and weed management activities across the Shire.

Land protection generally takes on some form of partnership, whether that is with neighbouring local government authorities, residents or traditional owner groups. We are seeing more and more evidence that working together results in much greater outcomes for the land.

Land protection is critically important to this Council and a total of twelve wild pigs were trapped and put down in July 2023.

Pig traps were provided to landholders in Kuranda and Speewah. A landholder in Speewah held concerns that the pigs are competing for the cassowary food supply and, as it is the nesting season for cassowaries, the pigs prey on the cassowary eggs. The pig traps provided to landholders are designed to be cassowary safe.

Community members are invited to visit Council's website to know their biosecurity obligation with the aim of identification, removal and eradication of invasive plants and animals. Access Council's Community Biosecurity Plan online.



Cash Donation for the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society. Pictured: Troy Cassar Daley playing at the Understage.

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT

105 Community Groups and organisations received support from Council in the 2022/23 financial year, valued at over \$380,000.

This significant level of community support was provided through a number of ways including cash and in-kind assistance, rate rebates, interest free loans, discounted hall hire fees and arts and cultural project grants.

Community groups and events make a significant difference to our Shire and our residents, and Council supports the volunteer efforts of groups to enhance the liveability of our towns. By working in partnership, we can achieve so much more than by working alone.

Customers and Community Service Officers are available to provide grant assistance for groups applying for funding. Visit Council's website for more information.



Bibhoora Water Tanks

Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

Meningococcal B

As many Queenslanders know, meningococcal B (MenB) can cause significant illness, disability, and sadly, death. That is why we are making the MenB vaccine free for infants, children under the age of two, and adolescents aged 15 to 19 years from 2024. For secondary school students in Year 10, the vaccine will form part of Queensland's School Immunisation Program. The MenB vaccination program will be delivered through Queensland Health registered vaccine service providers including general practitioners, community vaccination clinics, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services.

Jumrum Subdivision

My office has followed up on inquiries from Kuranda residents regarding the development of the JumRum Rainforest subdivision (Lot 72 RP 903071). Minister Leeanne Enoch's office has advised that no cultural heritage sites are recorded on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Database within the development-approved area. The ministerial office has further written to the developer's legal representatives and are awaiting a response. For further information, please contact the Cultural Heritage Unit within the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on 1300 378 401 or email cultural.heritage@dssatsip.qld.gov.au

Bridge Update

"The Barron River bridge, periodic testing, monitoring, and maintenance will continue until the investigation into long-term solutions to rehabilitate or replace is complete, expected early 2024."

Residents can subscribe to updates/notifications via cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au. More information can be found at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/districts/far-north.

Rebates

Rebates of between \$300 and \$1,000 will be available for eligible Queensland householders who replace hot water systems and other appliances with 4-star-rated (or higher) appliances as part of the Queensland government's Climate Smart Energy Savers Program. Rebates will be available from 4 September. Register your interest www.epw.qld.gov.au/resources/reusable-snippets/hesp-form to be notified when applications open.

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



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KURANDA POLICE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2023



Greetings from the Kuranda Police.

The Queensland Road Safety Week has come and gone (21–25 August) so we hope everyone had a safe time on our roads. Kuranda locals should have seen our speed cameras out and about almost everyday, so there really is no excuse for speeding. I have always advocated if you need to get somewhere faster, just leave earlier.

Unfortunately, we still have isolated incidents of persons consuming alcohol in the street and park areas. It is an offence to consume liquor in a public place in Queensland, so if you see someone doing the wrong thing, please call Policelink on 131 444. Whilst the act of consuming alcohol might not directly hurt anyone (besides your liver and wallet) it's the resultant behaviour that disrupts the peaceful passage of our visitors and community members. You may think you are cool or funny with a little bit of liquid courage, however, rest assured, the feeling isn't mutual.

Sorry (not sorry) in advance for again bringing up property security. We haven't had much in the way of reported property offences which means now is the time to upgrade your security – whether it's installing a good quality CCTV system or welding that steel on to your roller doors. Please remember to close your doors and windows whether it's at home or your businesses. I have noticed on the odd occasion whilst driving around late at night, business doors left open and the odd roller door left up.

That's all I have for now, please stay safe and respect each other and show kindness.

Sergeant Matt Harling, Officer in Charge, Kuranda Police Station

Changed Traffic Conditions

Saturday, September 16, 2023

The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation advises that it has obtained a one-lane road closure of the Kennedy Highway (Kuranda Range) on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

To enable cyclists in the QSuper Cardiac Challenge to safely traverse the range, **the up-lane will be closed from 6am – 8.45am** on that date.

As per the permit, the closure will affect the uphill lane of the Kennedy Highway (Kuranda Range) from Canopy's Edge, Smithfield to RainForestStation, Kuranda.

Any cyclist who has not been able to reach the top of the Range by 8am, will be uploaded into a vehicle.

All emergency vehicles will be able to traverse the Range in either direction if required during the closure.



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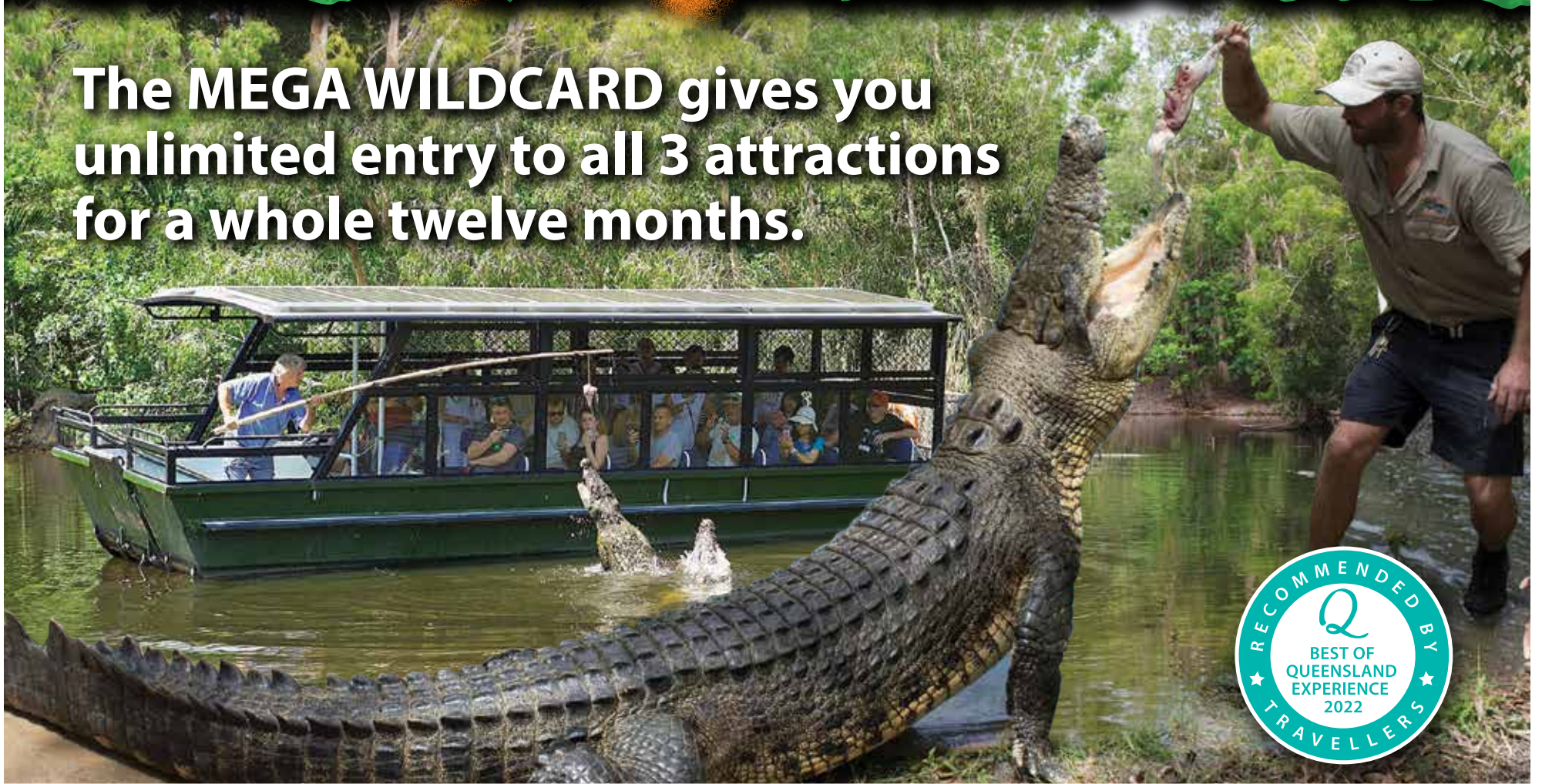
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TABLELANDS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 22 to 24 September 2023

The second Atherton Tablelands Chamber Music Festival will take place on the weekend of 22–24 September 2023, having grown out of an existing series of concerts on the Tablelands established in 2016 by locally-born violinist, Khalida De Ridder and Danish classical guitarist, Simon Thielke.

Khalida, from Silver Valley/Atherton, has spent the past 13 years studying and freelancing in Europe and Australia. During this time she has seen the exciting growth of artist-led concepts similar to her own, particularly in Europe – something she believes is particularly suitable for getting cultural projects off the ground in regional areas.

“What I have been most conscious about over the last decade or so, is there are wonderful examples of regional-based professional ensembles around the globe, and it’s a concept which Australia can struggle with at times. I don’t think we should accept that just because we live in a geographically sparse country that high quality arts should thrive only in our major cities. To me, it’s astounding that here in Far North Queensland we lie almost 2000km away from the (only) full-time professional orchestra in Queensland and it barely raises an eyebrow. How do we expect culture to be of value if we aren’t exposing ourselves to it on a daily basis? The fact is, there are many skilled artists of all genres living in the local and surrounding areas and artist-led initiatives like this are at least a step in the direction of maintaining and sustaining professional output. Coming from a regional area myself, it’s something I will forever feel a sense of duty to achieve”.

This year’s Atherton Tablelands Chamber Music Festival features its own festival String Quartet, the North Queensland Chamber Orchestra, young local talent pianist Jean Plushke, and Sydney-based soprano Katie Miller-Crispe. A public forum on sustaining professional arts practice takes place on the final day, kindly supported by RADF and the Tablelands Regional Council. Tickets are free for U18 and up to \$30 per session, or grab a limited festival pass which includes all five concerts for \$85. These are available online www.trybooking.com/CGNNU or at Uptown Music, Atherton.

New Chairperson announced for Terrain NRM Board



On 23 August, Terrain NRM announced the upcoming appointment of Barry Hunter as Board Chairperson.

Terrain NRM is the Wet Tropics region’s natural resource management body. It is one of 54 regional NRMs around Australia. Terrain is a not-for-profit organisation that works with local partners to keep our soil, water, landscapes, plants and animals healthy, and to support our communities.

Barry succeeds Keith Noble who, after 12 years on the Terrain NRM Board including eight as Chair, has announced that he will retire from the Wet Tropic region’s natural resource management board on 14 November 2023.

Barry was first appointed to the Board in 2018. A descendant of the Djabugay and Jiddabul-speaking people of the Cairns hinterland, his career has included a broad range of roles in government, mining and not-for-profit organisations. He has a passion for working with Indigenous land and sea rangers and has consulted on indigenous land management, the carbon industry and community economic development.

Terrain NRM CEO Stewart Christie said he was looking forward to working with Barry in his new role:

“Barry brings a wide breadth of knowledge and experience and will provide important continuity for Terrain NRM as we position the organisation for the future. I would also like to thank Keith Noble for his invaluable contribution as chairperson since 2011.”

Outgoing Chair Keith Noble said Terrain NRM was privileged to have Barry on its board. “A nationally recognised leader in landscape management, Barry also brings a continuous and unbroken connection to the Wet Tropics reaching back thousands of generations,” he said. “His input over five years has been integral to our development, collaborations and future aspirations.”

Barry said he firstly wanted to pay tribute to Keith and his leadership over the past 12 years, during a period where the not-for-profit organisation’s innovative thinking led to ground-breaking projects combining science and local knowledge. A standout contribution has been his role in developing the Board’s ‘Emerging Leader’ program - to recruit and develop aspiring directors and future community leaders.

He said Terrain NRM’s strong partnerships, inclusiveness and ongoing strategic actions in natural asset management across the Wet Tropics region were key to his own decision to join the board, and to now take on the chairperson role.

“Terrain is integral to leadership of the region and management of our natural assets. We will be continuing to work with others - combining science, technical expertise, local knowledge, traditional knowledge and innovative solutions - to ensure a thriving and sustainable Wet Tropics region from the reef and rainforest to industry and economies.”

Source: Terrain Natural Resource Management



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The Amphitheatre continues to buzz with energy, creativity and fun in the making of this production every Thursday night, and it's been wonderful to see this heartwarming community theatre initiative grow from seed to forest.

If you would still like to be involved, players have been cast, but there are still some opportunities to help with sets, costumes, bump-in & bump out, and other production jobs. Come to the Amphitheatre on Thursday nights at 6pm if you'd like to join in. All welcome!

And if you would like to help out on the performance nights, please get in touch with the Amphitheatre by emailing info@kurandaamphitheatre.org We would love some volunteers to help us out with ticketing, bar, kitchen, set up and pack down.

Sunday Sessions – 17 September 2023

Funkdafied is cranking up the Sunday Sessions once again on Sunday 17 September at the Top Pavilion. Featuring DJs Rockstone (Sunshine Coast), Jimmy Flipshyt, JC (Funkdafied), Matt Gerdes DJ Set & Saxophone. Expect a big night of Funk, Soul, Reggae, Hip Hop, Disco, Latin and more – bring your dancing shoes, and grab your spot on the dance floor early!

Reggaetown! 4 November 2023

Folks, *Reggaetown* is back again! We are so looking forward to this amazing one-day festival of Reggae and Roots music. Info for line-up and tickets coming soon.

General Meeting & Working Bee Sunday 15 October

Working bee on the Amphitheatre grounds from 10am, followed by a General Meeting at 1pm. Please come along and show your support, find out what's happening behind the scenes, and how you can get involved with your favourite community venue. All members welcome!

Spring Fair postponed until 2024

We are sorry to say that our plans for the annual Kuranda Spring Fair have fallen through. Unfortunately a clash of bookings and lack of volunteer capacity means that we reluctantly had to pull the plug on this one. We are definitely looking forward to bringing Spring Fair back in 2024. If you

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The year is 2059, and things are looking grim. Climate and earth changes of the 21st Century have left Cairns under the ocean. There are no vehicles, roads or fuel.

Skyrail is the main transport, its busy hub powered by a nuclear reactor at Din Din. Kuranda is one of the Earth's last remnant rainforests, home to wise spiritual beings, and a clan of crazy, audacious, rebel locals who fight the establishment, and its plans to destroy the last enclave of a wholesome, happy, holistic human society...

would like to be involved in helping put this, or any of our events together, please get in touch with us.

Mareeba Shire Council Support

We would like to thank Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) for their generous support through their Community Partnerships Program, providing Rate rebates and remissions, as well as financial support for discrete events. MSC donations help us continue to sustain this wonderful venue as a unique community and performing arts hub.

One Love Kuranda!

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

The Birth of the Universe

In the beginning, Voids played, in the perfection of nothingness. All was well until a Void, not wanting to stay, quietly slipped away.

It became the imbalance that glitched Nihilism's niche and futurism, jumped the event fence with its burning presence. Initiating the Birth of the Universe.

Its synergy became the universal hiss harvesting space into a place. Igniting life into its big shindig, of the deep and meaningless. Connecting our intellect to our spiritual, our savagery to our sparkle.

And here, we stand, immersed in life's dangers and passions burning our dreams onto our plans. Balanced between good and bad, happy and sad. Our awareness levelled onto that persistent instant of the Eternal, Now.

Where we should remember this: to cruise the surface with purpose and not lose that earth line linkage, and fall from the bridge of space time slippage.

Christopher Headmesser – Hip Pocket Poetry Presents (on Facebook)



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Kuranda District State College Eight weeks until the Kuranda Carnival!

Only eight weeks to go until the biggest event this year – Kuranda Carnival! We are very excited for 13 October which will see the first Kuranda District State College (KDSC) Carnival in over a decade.

There will be an amazing array of school and community stalls, amusement rides, Pop-up Op Shop, food and drink stalls, Kup Mari, entertainment, and a fireworks display to close the evening. A dedicated organising team is busy putting together the event. If you are a local community member or business owner who would like to have a stall at the Carnival – we want to hear from you. Please contact the College and ask to speak with Rebecca or Lucy.

As usual these community events are reliant on community support. There are two ways you can support your local College:

1. Come along on the night and enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Purchase some dinner, participate in the activities and competition stalls, or pick up something special from one of the specialty stalls.
2. Donate items that can be used for prizes at the novelty stalls. We need lots of small wrapped chocolates, fidget items, good quality secondhand clothing and shoes for the Pop-up Op Shop and small prizes.

Play and Learn Together

KDSC hosted the first Play and Learn Together sessions on 16 August. We had a wonderful turnout of local parents and their children. Ms Ally, from Mission Australia, hosted the session in the Out of Hours School Care room. There were so many exciting things to explore, play with and learn from. Thank you to all the parents who attended to share in the day. We look forward to seeing you all back for the next session Wednesday.



Under 8's Day

Another year and another very successful Under 8's Day at Kuranda District State College. This year was the biggest and best yet, with so many new and regular organisations supporting the morning. As usual we welcomed Bugzy Bumblebee, Fairy Jenny, our local Police and Ambulance officers, and Bunnings. We also welcomed for the first time AFL and Ngoonbi. Our Year 6 Student Council were also involved this year contributing to the stalls, face painting and activities. Massive thanks to all who attended and supported. We'll do it all over again next year.

Landcare Grant

KDSC was proud to welcome a representative from Woolworths Landcare to the College. Mr C (aka Captain Compost), accepted a congratulatory certificate and a sizeable donation to go towards improvements in Kookaburra Orchard. Thank you very much to Woolworths for their ongoing support of our gardening and sustainability efforts at the College.



Vale

CORAL DAWN STRATFORD
27 MAY 1942 – 17 JULY 2023



Memories of Coral by daughter Deanne Stratford

Coral was an amazing woman as many in the Kuranda community can attest to. She was one of the most kind, caring, considerate and easy-going people you could ever meet. As a mother to myself, Karen and Sharon she was pure perfection.

Mum was born in Normanton in 1942 during war time. As the story goes, she was named after the Battle of the Coral Sea which had occurred in May just prior to her birth. Her

parents Pat and Olive Jones moved between Cloncurry, Townsville and Normanton during her early years. With her sister Merle being born 18 months after Mum, she had a great playmate for many adventures in the outback. Some years later, her mother went on to have two sons, Terry and Tony – there was quite an age gap.

Dad tells the story of when he first saw Mum – she was working at the telephone exchange in Cloncurry. She was apparently walking down the street holding hands with a very young Terry. Dad was interested in asking her out, but he had to ask around town to check if she was already taken, as he thought that perhaps she already had a baby!

Luckily for the three of us, it was clarified that Terry was actually Mum's brother. Our father Duggan ended up marrying Mum in 1963 and they moved back to Dad's hometown of Kuranda. In fact, they moved into the house on the Duggan property in 1965 and lived in the same house for 60 years.

As young children she was always there for us. Even though she did work at various places around Kuranda, we all have vivid memories of going to work with Mum. She would serve refreshments down at the Railway Station and we would spend hours playing in the gardens until she finished her shifts. She drove the Myola school bus run. Every afternoon after school she would bring us Cherry Ripes and Violet Crumbles – slightly melted from the heat of the bus engine, just the way we liked it! She went on to spend many years working in the Post Office in Kuranda and Smithfield before retiring and recommencing driving buses for Dad.

Another one of Mum's incredible attributes was that she never got angry. She would always remain the calm voice of reason and even if you did something bad. She would never lose her cool, but rather offer you advice like... "That was stupid, don't do that again! And I won't tell Dad!" Another one of the many wonderful qualities Mum possessed was her willingness to listen. If we ever wanted to talk to her



Kath Freeman and Coral Stratford at the old Kuranda Post Office (Thongon St) – The Kuranda Paper February 1992 edition.

about something or ask her advice—be it important or insignificant—she would just listen. Never judging.

One of her greatest loves was for her grandchildren. She couldn't wait for us all to be married and have children. She was blessed to have 14 wonderful grandkids and two great-grandchildren, and she gave all of them her unconditional love.

It has been interesting to walk around Kuranda and listen to the stories of how well Mum was respected and loved in this community. It was hard not to love her.

We are all unsure how we will go on without her. She was our rock. There are so many of her attributes that we wish we had more of – patience, kindness, calmness and endless love. She truly was a special person. A cherished wife, mother, and great friend to many. The world has lost a true angel and our lives will be forever changed without her.

We are sure she is looking down on us right now, proud of all of us and what we have achieved. Proud of our endless love for her and each other.

Vale

JAMES 'JUNGLE JIM' FRANCIS
27 APRIL 1923 – 14 AUGUST 2023



The eldest child in his family, Jim was born in Babinda on 27 April 1923. He passed away on 14 August 2023 in Brisbane .

What a great bloke! Jim had a knockabout youth in Far North Queensland – cane-cutting, horse riding, and butchering.

He fought in the Second World War in the jungles of New Guinea around Milne Bay, feeling lucky he was able to come back.

Jim lived a happy alternative/bohemian lifestyle in Port Douglas during the 1950s when he met my Aunt Iris Lawrence, who had travelled up to meet her friend, who was also a friend of Jim's.

Jim and Iris lived on Barron Falls Road in Kuranda for many years during the early hippy period, building a beautiful home and growing a magnificent garden. He loved bowling, laughing, gardening, and horses.

Jim made the leadlight windows in St Mary's by the Sea church in Port Douglas – his old stomping ground.

I saw him only a few weeks before he passed in his nursing home in Brisbane, with my sister and cousin. I had a little teary eye in the car suspecting it would be the last time I would see him. My sister reported this back to Jim who said, "Why? Is she dying?" His wits were sharp, but his body was failing. He will be sadly missed.

Jim is survived by his son Geoff, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
RIP Jungle Jim.

Kylie Moore, Kuranda

Our friend, Jim Francis passed away on 14 August 2023. Jim was 100 years and 109 days.

Jim and his lovely partner, Iris, moved from Cairns to build their home in Kuranda in 1976. Jim was born in North Queensland and loved the tropics. They left Kuranda in 1996 after their acreage block became too challenging. Iris had family in Sydney who supported them as they aged. Iris passed away in 2014.

Jim and Iris were avid gardeners and members of the Kuranda Garden Club. Jim enjoyed lawn bowls and played for Kuranda. He was an avid craftsman leadlighter and is well known for his leadlight work for the popular Port Douglas wedding venue and church, St Mary's by the Sea. Their home in Kuranda was graced with lovely leadlight windows saved from demolitions in Sydney.

Jim and Iris loved their life in Kuranda and revegetated their land on Barron Falls Road with rainforest species and native tree ferns along the riparian areas by Jumrum Creek.

Jim loved horses and had two Arabian mares. Jim and Iris volunteered their help on the Shiralee Endurance Horse Ride in 1984. This was the first ever endurance ride held in the North.

A real gentleman who contributed to Kuranda and North Queensland in his own quiet way.

Vale Jim, you have left many good memories.

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"Consumerism is so weird. It's a sort of conspiracy we collude in. You'd think shoppers spending their hard-earned cash would be highly critical. You know that the manufacturers are trying to have you on."

J. G. Ballard

No, it cannot be! There are Christmas puddings on sale at Coles in Mareeba! At the time of writing, there are 121 days, that's basically a whole one-third of a year, until Christmas.

It's time to talk turkey before you go to bed on Christmas in July and get up next day to Christmas in August.

Personally, I think it's time to give the big two the flick. Already an oligopoly, we're that near to duopoly it is no longer a future possibility, but almost reality. The big two price hikers apparently own two-thirds of the supermarket sector, and yet you're still buying fish or ham from the deli counter without a use by date on the label.

Meanwhile, despite returning profits of \$1.1 billion and \$1.62 billion respectively this past financial year, prices of food on their shelves are rising exponentially, and we still buy there (yes, I am guilty too, but in weaning mode), despite believing all the excuses for why this phenomenon is occurring.

We still support them in their efforts to pull the wool over our eyes and reject our farmers' produce when not aesthetically perfect. An estimated 25% of vegetables produced in Australia doesn't leave the farm, and over 7 million tonnes of food goes to waste while millions go hungry in our own country.

My view is that a few bags of imperfect carrots labelled appealingly is but lip service, a mere pinprick in the ocean of produce returned to farmers as waste. We are so lucky here in Kuranda to have local suppliers of fresh produce on hand, plus for most of us, the space to grow our own.

It's like buying budgies to free them from pet shop cages, creating a market for more little baby budgies to spend their lives in little cages. Well, maybe not quite, but I can't think of a better analogy at 2pm on a Saturday when my article is late and I have a house to clean.

Oh how I miss high streets comprising greengrocers and family bakeries, lolly shops and haberdashery shops, privately owned shoe shops and boutiques. I wonder how long it will be before we are all wearing the same clothing from the same store. I never thought I would want to turn the clock, except of course to take 40 years off my age, but I miss the simple life more and more, the nearer and nearer we get to total control.

I actually miss my dad telling me to get off the phone because it was costing a fortune, now I have Telstra telling me to get off the phone and download yet another app. I don't want another app! Doesn't anyone in control here know some of us need to find our glasses to use



our mobiles?

I don't want to live attached to my mobile phone, or be controlled by it. I don't want to be available 24/7. I don't want all my banking security apps to be on my phone when I lose it.

I don't want to download an app to complain about an app. I can't even slam the phone down like we used to.

Life is just one big APP! I hate the word app as much as I hate the word luncheon. I'm sick of pressing buttons except metaphorically. I've got so many apps on my phone I need to take a seat while I scan for one because they keep disappearing. Then I use 'search' to find them, and they pop up in the search bar like children playing hide and seek. But I swear they are not on any of my screens.

I got sidetracked the other day by a website telling me how I could delete unwanted apps. It was like learning a new language – crapware, bloatware and rankify. I'm a writer, how could I not know that Moodle is an e-learning platform not a Maltese Terrier x Poodle?

In all the years of having foster dogs here, there were only a couple of dogs I just didn't bond with. It's not like meeting someone you don't have anything in common with, or with whom conversation is awkward. I can't put my finger on it, but like marriage, I just didn't have that "I want to keep you" feeling that has seen three out of the 20 plus foster dogs stay.

I've never bonded with my phone. It's as simple as that. It's sitting beside me know with a smug 13:05 on its face and I hate it. I haven't shared that with anyone before, and feel a little traitorous, but it's like living with a partner who is waiting to do you in.

It's not stupid either. It hides when I am just about to leave the house or when it is on silent, throws itself off fences in the paddock, calls people randomly, and connects me to friends via Messenger video while curled up in the bottom of my horse's saddlebag, despite all apps being closed and the screen turned off before I zip it in. I only keep my landline so I can call the mobile when I lose it.

I usually check in the morning to make sure it hasn't spent the night sending messages to old customers, signed an online petition on my behalf, or made appointments for me at the dentist. The worst thing is its propensity to change the number of rings before the answerphone comes on, and switch off the speakerphone in the middle of a conversation.

Thank heavens people don't say "a phone is for life", because despite the fact it gets taken for a walk every morning, doesn't bark unnecessarily and sits quietly by my side, I don't trust it. Me and this phone will not be living 'appily' ever after together. I might get a new one after 121 sleeps.

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Through her work with birds, local artist Nicky Gallagher has found both inspiration and 'canvas' for her unique feather art. When a work colleague asked her if she could hand-paint a bird onto a beautiful feather, her first thought was that it would be rather challenging, yet, she says, is something she had always thought about doing.

She has now hand-painted numerous feathers, large and small, and her passion for this art has evolved into something she can offer to the public. Nicky is available for commission work and also offers memorial hand-painted feather art of your precious feathered friend.

Check out her art on Instagram @red_earth_dreaming. She will also be showing and selling her art at the Kuranda Heritage Markets over the school holiday period.



L-R: Close up of "Owls on Peacock Feather" and full feather. "Australia" (20 x 65cm). "Owls"



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Overlays, metal inclusions, powders and frits – this piece is ready to slump into a beautiful bowl by Kate Prynne.



Mollie Bosworth has some new treasures to share with us fresh from her kiln.



Bud Vase and Vase by Mollie Bosworth.



Workshop in progress.

Creative Workshops

Co-op member, textile and natural fibre artist, Toni Rogers, is extending her very popular 'once a month' creative Saturday morning workshops. The last of the current series of five finishes on Saturday 16 September.

Toni has been asked to continue these monthly workshops until at least until the end of the year. There is room for a few more enthusiastic participants, so if you are interested in joining the little group please contact Toni at toni@cantatastudio.com or call into the Co-op gallery on Toni's rostered Thursday afternoons and find out more details. Workshops are \$30 including materials and morning tea.

Toni is having a Saturday morning in October (date to be set) in her Cantata Studio with PNG fibre artist Kedlyn Wall. Kedlyn will talk about billums (hand woven bags), their history and their making. Come along and learn to make some traditional 'thigh rolling' cordage. \$20 including morning tea. Contact Toni Rogers and express your interest.

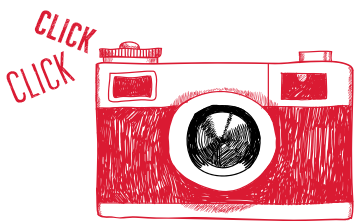
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"Sunbird at my door"
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Tracy Dods reminisces about her parents – Joan and Robin.

My parents, Joan and Robin Dods, met on board a ship coming out from England in 1963. My mother was coming to Australia to work as a nurse in remote indigenous communities and my father was coming home to Sydney. They bought a VW beetle and drove around Australia looking for their perfect home. They found Kuranda, and they never left. They bought old Mrs Veivers' house in 1964, and planted macadamias and oranges.



Joan and Robin mid-1970s.

Both of them were very active in the community: my father designed and with a small community of volunteers, built the Kuranda Amphitheatre. Joan started the Kuranda Tropical Fruit Ice Cream Company in 1983 with Beverly Henderson. Robin and Alan Henderson designed and built the little red ice cream cart. The cart was a Kuranda icon and served as an informal tourist information booth. Joan was also involved in The Kuranda Paper, as a founding member and long-serving president of the Kuranda Media Association. She volunteered as a fundraiser for the Blue Nurses and a was community volunteer in the arts. Robin carried his trusty Nikon camera everywhere he went taking photographs of the happenings in and around Kuranda.

Joan died in 2008 and Robin a few years later in 2015. My sister Nicola and I have since listed their property with the Queensland Government as a wildlife trust, to preserve the habitat of the Myola Tree frog which lives on the property.

This year, I have started scanning more than 50 years of my parents' photographs. It's a herculean task and bittersweet, but I have loved every minute of it so far. I look forward to sharing memories of Kuranda's people and history. I haven't yet made it to the slides of the 1970s and earlier which is going to be very interesting. I am still in the 1980s!

I hope you enjoy the photos and if you are on social media, come and join us on Facebook in the Kuranda Memories Old and New group to reminisce and share stories.

Tracy Dods



Above: Kuranda Tropical Fruit Ice Cream cart on Coondoo Street with some of the locals. Left: Inaki Aboitiz, Robin and Terry Martin taking a break whilst building the Kuranda Amphitheatre. Below: Kuranda from the air circa 1984.

AGM 17 September – Committee members needed

Kuranda Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the KHS Office in Centenary Park on 17 September 2023. We have a good committee, a Strategic plan that we are solidly working through and very practical administrative systems in place.

Membership Reminder

Your Kuranda Historical Society Membership is due in September of each year. It's only \$15, but across the community it adds up to be enough for us to keep plugging away at bringing Kuranda's history together. If you wish to pay your 2023 memberships now or join the Kuranda Historical Society, please send an email to kurandahistory@gmail.com.

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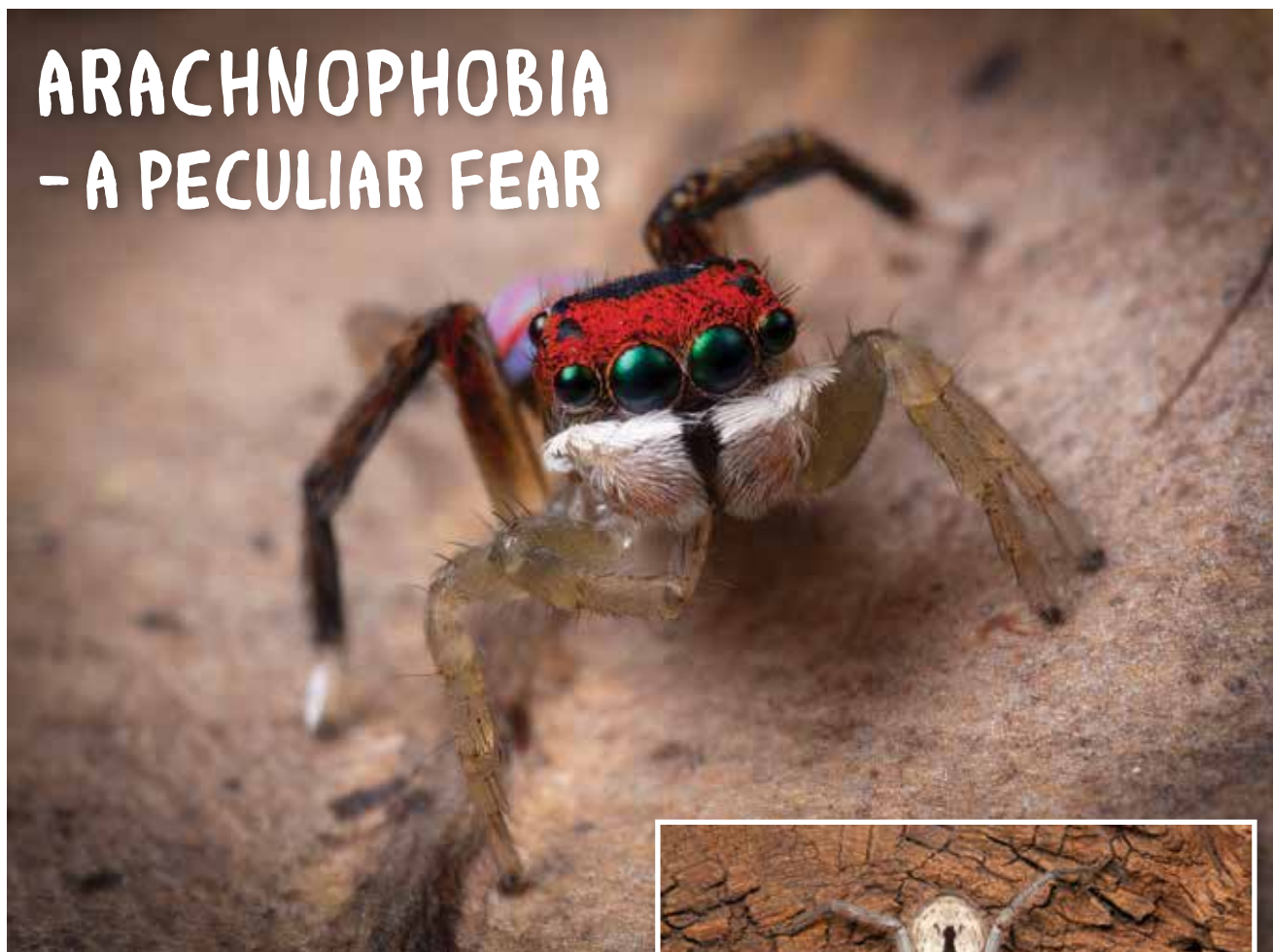
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ARACHNOPHOBIA - A PECULIAR FEAR



There is a curious condition among human beings all over the world that is characterised by an aversion to dark crevices, dusty alcoves and walking through trees. It is an aversion to the silent but speedy scuttling of unseen creatures, or to 'large', hairy animals with more than the usual allocation of legs. It is a fear of fangs sinking into one's flesh, or losing sight of something that was there, and then suddenly was not. It is a condition known as Arachnophobia.

The fear of spiders and, to a lesser extent, other arachnids, is arguably the most common phobia in the world. A bizarrely large amount of people suffer from a fear of what, for the most part, are utterly harmless creatures. Many of these live in countries without a dangerous spider to their names. Another cohort of people suffer from a crippling and acute phobia of objects so harmless as photographs of spiders, or even the word 'spider'. It is a peculiar and debilitating way to live, but is the reality for many otherwise rational people going about their daily lives. But what is Arachnophobia, and what is truly behind it?

One common thing to be noted about Arachnophobes is that most seem entirely capable of admitting their fear is irrational. They do not fear a dangerously venomous bite, or the loss of life or limb (not that this is not an anxiety for many people still!). This has led to the conclusion that much of the human aversion to spiders is made up of a disgust, rather than a fear. Spiders, it cannot be denied, are very different from the pet cats and dogs that we keep in our yards, or the birds that we so willingly invite to our trees. Spiders are perhaps viewed as unnatural in many ways, due to the little most know about such common household visitors, and thus unappealing in the same way of the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*. All these unfamiliar qualities – the speed of movement, the long legs, the love of the dark, the hairy body – are commonly cited as the reasons for Arachnophobia, and are all things that could be easily seen in another manner, if more familiar.

However, for others still, Arachnophobia seems a very rational fear indeed. The tiny critters of so many nightmares – scarcely ever growing larger than the human hand at best, and usually smaller than a fingernail – are viewed as dangerous predators. This fearsome image is one of a thickset spider the size of a 'dinner-plate', as the newspapers usually say, advancing on an innocent human, its fangs dripping with lethal venom as it scurries to its hapless victim at the speed of light...

Such ideas played up since the dawn of time by the media, horror films and neighbourhood gossip, are of course vastly inaccurate. In Australia, for instance, no-one has died from a spider bite for over 30 years – since the invention of the anti-venom for the Sydney Funnel-web. For the only other dangerous spider in Australia, the Red-back, this count is over 60 years. In fact, there have been only 26 Australian deaths from spider-bites in the last 100 years. If we compare this to the Australian road toll – averaging around 2,000 deaths per year – one must begin to wonder why one does not feel the rising urge to squeal every time a car approaches from around a corner.

There are other inaccuracies in the nightmarish perception of spider behaviour apart from the likelihood of a lethal bite. Something important to be noted is that human is very much not on the menu. Spiders will not pursue a human, even in defence. Even a spider in a terribly bad temper – perhaps rearing up in an aggressive display – would only bite if someone was silly enough to stick their hand in the spider's

face. The only time a person will be bitten is if the spider has been caught in their clothes, or almost squashed by a hand or foot appearing out of nowhere to disturb their quiet sanctuary. Then, one would have to be terribly unfortunate if the spider actually broke the skin, and even then, still much better off than if it had been a dog bite.

So, what can be done about such a common but irrational fear? In a book called *Spiders: Learning to Love them*, Australian author Lynne Kelly talks about her journey from Arachnophobia to Arachnophilia, which was an undertaking beginning with simply giving spiders names to see them as individuals, and progressing through self-education to a love of the tiny creatures large enough to dedicate a book to them. Melbourne, Taronga and London Zoos have run programs to cure Arachnophobia through education, with much success. It therefore appears to be a behaviour that lends itself to being unlearned through a bit more of an understanding of the misunderstood animals that are spiders.

The most important thing to remember is that people around you will learn from your own behaviour. This is particularly evident from parents to children. Children learn to react to spiders in a specific manner reflective of what their parents have shown them. Spiders are an integral part of their ecosystems, and keep many more disruptive household visitors such as flies at bay – and should be treated with as much importance as a Koala, or a butterfly. If you treat spiders with consideration and respect, you will have taken an important step to extending compassion to every aspect of our environment, and ensuring the future of our beautiful Earth for the generations of life to come – and that is something worth thinking about.

Caitlin Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: What's not to love in the face of this harmless Peacock jumping spider?

Above: Despite being harmless, the rapid movement of large spiders such as huntsmen is often cited as one of the causes of arachnophobia.

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Book Review

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Lexington was a United States Thoroughbred racehorse who won six of his seven race starts. Perhaps his greatest fame, however, came as the most successful sire of the second half of the nineteenth century; he was the leading sire in North America 16 times, and broodmare sire of many notable racehorses. (Wikipedia)

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, this Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a lasting bond of understanding.

Review:

Eye opening and heartbreaking, in which centre stage is taken by the moving relationship between a man and a horse that should have been his!

Impeccably researched historical fiction with a weaving together of several different eras in the story of Lexington and the paintings that were done of him. Interwoven also, is the story of slavery. Even those who opposed slavery had no real idea what it was actually like, they still took their own unassailable position as the norm.

Hanging over the story is the fear that the horse or the boy and later man will be sold away from family and away from each other. It was confronting to see how the racing industry totally relied on the work of their slaves and their free blacks, without ever acknowledging them.

What happens to Theo in one of the stories shows us that there is still a long way to go in black/white relationships. In this respect, the story is both historical and contemporary and an absolute credit to the author. This book is a modern day classic.

This book won the 2022 BookBrowse Fiction Award as well as the 2023 Indie Book Awards 2023. The author, Geraldine Brooks, has also won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *March*.

Helen, Mareeba Library Service



NEW BOOK RELEASE BY KURANDA LOCAL

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The Afterlife, A journey to: Now you know what will happen is available via Amazon, Kindle and all good bookshops.

About the Author

Stephen Chong M.Ed. is a Kuranda-based author and professional development coach who draws his inspirations from life's themes that relate to us all – love, grief, struggle, overcoming obstacles. Culminating in his six inspirational novels, and multiple short stories, he has converted these 'life themes' into stories that we can all relate to. Stephen's expertise of balancing modern work practices with personal life provides unique insights that make life, and life in the hereafter, a much better place.


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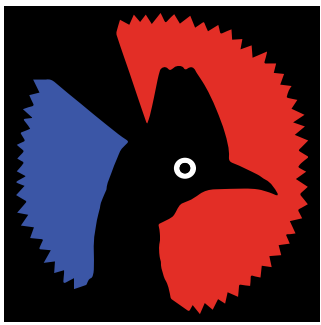
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SPRING HAS JUST SPRUNG ON US

KURANDA'S ANNUAL COLOUR FEST HAS JUST SPRUNG ON US TOO

The Kuranda Colour Fest is a great drawcard to Kuranda's tourist town and a lovely way to catch up with once-a-year local friends. We will be there in Centenary Park on Saturday 9 September, spruiking our cassowary and native plant stuff. Plus the gorgeous bin stickers, designed by Rebecca Koller.

Last year we launched the Cassowary Art Trail, brainchild of Jurg Jutzi of Terra Nova Gallery. Under Jurg's dedicated leadership and boundless energy, he has built the Art Trail to six painted cassowary statues in the past year and we are excited to celebrate our First Year Anniversary.

This year, at the Kuranda Colour Fest, one of our main events will be a **SELFIE PHOTO COMPETITION**. We want the funniest, most colourful, unique, special selfie photo of you with either a painted cassowary statue, a real cassowary or a make-believe one. See right for more information.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CASSOWARIES GONE?

Anytime now the first chicks of the season will emerge, closely guarded by the male. He has been incubating these youngsters for around 50 days and he's not about to let them out of his sight. However, from a nest of up to six eggs, only one or two are likely to make it to adulthood. The world is a big place for a tiny chick and there are obstacles at every turn. Food is still not plentiful but things are improving. Elvis will again be bringing his youngsters across the highway near the bus depot very soon. In spite of losing most of his chicks there and being badly bumped himself, he hasn't learnt and will do it again and again. Please keep an eye out for them and give them right of way if you possibly can.

JUMRUM VALLEY

Groundwork on the subdivision off Fallon Road, pushing into good forest extending up to the Kuranda Springs area, pushes on unabated in spite of government departments being aware of errors and planning inadequacies being carelessly allowed through by Council.

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Several Kuranda community members and organisations have written to:

- The CEO, Mareeba Shire Council
- Qld Environmental Protection Agency
- Qld Independent Environment Protection Agency
- Hon. Craig Crawford, State member for Barron River Electorate
- Hon. Warren Entsch, Federal member for Leichhardt
- Nita Green, Federal Senator for Queensland
- Hon. Tanya Plibersek, Federal Environment Minister
- Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Compliance Section

No answers have been received to any of our questions in more than 8 weeks of letters and phone calls.

When are our REPRESENTATIVES going to represent this community and do their job? They ask for our vote every few years, don't they?

It appears that the conditions placed on the development by the Federal Department have not been met. These conditions are enforceable by law and may result in financial penalties.

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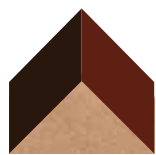
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Men's Shed is the secret to a long life

Hands up – who wants to learn the secret to a long, active life? Men's Shed member Frank has it all sorted. With the help of his Shed mates, and coffee and cake, Frank celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday 19 July at the Shed. Be aware – Frank isn't just a static member of the Shed, he is extremely active and always has a project on the go. Right now, he is churning out bedpost knobs – yes, you read that right – for beds in his daughter's new house. He has also been producing wooden planter boxes which have been selling successfully both at Shed BBQs and privately. If you would like to ask Frank to make you some custom planter boxes, please contact the Shed! Just whatever you do, don't ask him to use any screws or a nail gun – he will flat out refuse because (we are told) he loves to use a hammer. And, forgive me if this is ageist, but WOW – if I can still swing a hammer accurately when I'm 90 (considering I can't do it now) I think I'll be amazingly pleased with myself!



Happy 90th birthday Frank!

Frank hasn't spent his whole life in Kuranda, though. He was born in England and worked as an engineer for most of his life. He and wife Norma settled in New Zealand for a time, before packing up their three children to embark on a journey that would take them across Australia and to India, Eurasia and finally Europe. Frank's sons say this was a life-changing journey, and how could it not be? Picture it... a husband and wife, three children, a long wheelbase Jeep and several ships – I would consider that to be an experience well capable of shaping you as a person.

If you want to learn more about Frank, why don't you drop in on a Men's Shed day at smoko time and have a chat with him? If you bring him some gingernut biscuits I guarantee he will sit and chat with you until the cows come home.

Community Engagement update

If you happened to wander past Cornett's IGA in Kuranda on Saturday 12 July, you doubtlessly stopped to grab a slow-cooked brisket and gravy roll, or a container of pulled meat and gravy to take home. Some of you may even have done both (we sold out in about three hours!). A sincere thank you to anyone who did pop by – and remember, Men's Shed BBQs are not just for fundraising, they are also a great way for us to engage with the community, have a yarn about what's going on at the Shed, and of course invite you all down to participate and become members! We will continue to host regular BBQs, and if you have a creative, simple and tasty BBQ idea for the future, let us know.



Men's Shed BBQ at Cornett's IGA

In other happenings, you'll be seeing our Kuranda Shed members out and about at Mareeba's hugely popular Savannah in the Round festival on 6–8 October. We will be there as part of a joint Men's Shed effort (together with Mareeba, Atherton and Malanda) to collect and dispose of recyclable rubbish. While collecting rubbish isn't always the nicest job, it's a win-win situation with these kinds of event i.e. the grounds and facilities remain clean and neat, and we (as the collectors) receive the recycling money, which forms a good chunk of our regular budget. Remember, you can allocate your recycling refund to your local Men's Shed simply by quoting their recycling code when you drop your cans and bottles off (just ring your local Shed for the code).

That's a wrap for another Kuranda Men's Shed update. Looking forward to catching up with all of you next month. *Julia (President)*

Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am

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Contact: Julia (President) mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

Kuranda Men's Shed



The Speewah District Residents Association

The Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA) held their AGM on 19 June. Members discussed issues affecting our local neighbourhood with Mareeba Shire Council councillors and Mayor Angela Toppin.

We are a not-for-profit association whose purpose is to liaise between stakeholders for better outcomes for our neighbourhood with an annual cost of membership of \$5 per person. All Speewah residents (including Cardinia) are welcome to join and be involved in meaningful input for the neighbourhood.

Our next meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 11 September at the Speewah Fire Brigade training room. If anyone wishes to add anything to the agenda, please email our secretary, Jo Garbellini on jgarbell15@gmail.com.

SDRA Management Committee –
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The costs to maintain the CWA Hall are around \$15,000 per year. These costs are paid for through hire fees by community groups and local organisations who hire the Hall, plus fundraising activities run by a small group of volunteers.

Hall Hire Available – Please consider the Kuranda CWA Hall for your next function or class. We are close to the village, has a large safe space, air conditioning, kitchen, toilets, furniture, disability access, professionally cleaned, parking, and flexible hire times. Also a cheaper smaller space for up to 4-person activity along front of hall.

We currently have hire availability on Mondays 11am–5pm. Tuesdays 1pm–5pm. Wednesdays (1st, 4th and 5th of month 12–5pm) otherwise 8am–5pm. Thursdays until 5pm. Friday all day at present. Most Saturdays. Sunday afternoons. Please enquire as bookings can change. We also have a smaller private space at front of Hall for cheaper rate 0429 737 348.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 13 September 9–11am.

Social Gathering – Due to changed circumstances our social event will be held at Riley's Cafe on Coondoo Street on Wednesday 20 September. The Country Kitchens presentation will be Wednesday 18 October. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

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Native Bee Killer Alert – African Tulip



African Tulip trees.
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While on a recent holiday to Fiji, I was horrified to see square kilometre patches of African Tulip trees growing on both the main islands Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. The density of the trees and the lack of any native species growing in their shade must be seen to be appreciated; it is very similar to what are now forests of *Miconia calvenscens* displacing the native forests of the main island of Tahiti.

African Tulip (*Spathodea campanulata*) introduced to Fiji in 1936, is a tall, fast growing, showy, ornamental tree but it has rapidly spread to become a major weed pest. It flowers most of the year, its seeds are readily spread by birds and wind, and it readily colonises disturbed forest.

Once established, it acts as a 'mother' and many seedlings quickly fill surrounding clearings, smothering out native bush species. It grows quickly to 30 metres and is destroying the local ecosystem, hence it's classification in the Global Invasive Species list as one of the World's top 100 alien invasive species.

In its native African forests the tree is pollinated by birds and bats. It also developed a poison in the flowers to prevent insects getting a feed before these two come along. Yes! **It actively kills all native and introduced bees** and because it is available for long periods when other sources are not available, it acts as a magnet and attracts insects from far and wide. The poison acts quickly and the poisoned bees don't make it back to the hive to warn the colony.

And have you noticed these African Tulip trees all over Cairns and the Kuranda area? – Kuranda Kindy, Seventh Day Adventist church on Thongon Street, and spreading along Jumrum Creek. They have the ability to take over all our rainforest and knock out our native stingless bees if they're not removed. This isn't just a probability, it's a certainty. You should see Fiji! So please, if you have one or more growing on your property and you'd like help with the removal and a more suitable equally spectacular native tree supplied, please email us on info@envirocare.org.au. We'll put you on a list we are compiling to discuss with Council. This tree can be difficult to kill and needs some heavy duty treatment if large.

Plant of the Month Swamp Orchid – *Phaius tankervilleae*

We still have some Swamp Orchids left, but they're going fast. You'll receive a plant with tag, propagated under license, and an instruction sheet for their care. They are endangered

in the wild and flower in August for a month (they are nearly finished). They have 14-15 flowers per stem and are perfumed. Who could ask for more?

Orchids now available at nursery. Some have one or two flower stalks, ready to flower \$25 (plants flowering next year \$20).

Swamp orchids in the Skyrail gardens, Kuranda.
Photo: Cathy Retter



• Date Claimers •

Saturday 9 September – Kuranda Colour Fest
We'll have information and items for sale, even a little competition raffle for both adults and kids. Come and see us at our stall in Centenary Park and join in a fun day from 10am–2pm.

Friday 21–29 September – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.30pm. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.

October weekend workshops – Interested in our latest citizen science project looking at what creatures are in our creeks? Email info@envirocare.org.au for more info.

Nursery volunteering – Mondays and Thursdays 9am till noon and Saturdays 10am till noon.

I'm here to hear R U OK? Day 2023

R U OK? Day is on 14 September 2023 and R U OK? is calling on Australians to let the people they care about know; "I'm here to hear" every day of the year.



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How to let the people in your world know you're here to hear:

- Asking R U OK?, how are you doing, or what's going in your world - is the first step, but genuinely listening to the answer is key.
- That's why it's important you're here to hear - whatever comes next.
- Make sure you're giving your mate, your colleague, your family member or loved one the right environment to open up.
- They know you. And you know them. You know when they feel most at ease. So, take some time to think about where and how you'll be completely here to hear.

- Choose a time and a place where you can give your full attention, free of distractions.
- Create a situation where the person you're asking feels comfortable discussing difficult thoughts, feelings, or emotions.
- Tie it into something that makes sense to you both – no matter what that is and where it takes you. From a walk in the park, a sit down over a coffee, or a quiet night in, you'll know when and where will be best.
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I just want to do something for me.

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Something that gives me a sense of achievement.

Something that raises my spirits,
and gives me a new level of confidence.

For me, that happened in 1981 as a young man. Back then, a wave of Martial Arts excitement was sweeping throughout Australia, and I was encouraged to try out at the local Taekwon-Do school in Bundaberg, where I grew up. I was hooked from the very first lesson. I loved it! We trained hard, and we learnt to push through the boundaries of life's challenges. Anything was possible; you just had to believe.

Fast forward to 2023, I still love Taekwon-Do as much as day one. I never dreamed of where this Art would take me. Now, I look back with fond memories of the journey, but it is not done yet. The focus of training for myself has changed; my passion now is to continue to help others achieve, as I have done.

This can only happen with the support and commitment of others, and yes that commitment we have here in Kuranda by the way of several long-serving community members, each willing to give back what has been given to them. Please allow me expand on who these people may be:

Ben Gilmore: Ben commenced training in 2000. He achieved his blackbelt in 2003. He commenced instructing in 2007 after completing the necessary training to become qualified. Ben recently achieved his 6th Dan ITF black belt, and continues to teach at the Kuranda CWA Hall every Wednesday night. Ben has competed at National level, and has a thorough knowledge of the technical aspects of ITF Taekwon-Do.

Marcelle Dieben: Marcelle has been a black belt instructor since 1997 and is passionate about helping children, and women in particular, meet their full potential. Marcelle's ability to build confidence, while embracing individuality, is highly regarded within our club structure. Marcelle has recently been appointed the Queensland representative of the ITF Women's committee. Watch this space for upcoming events. Marcelle instructs at the Kuranda club every Tuesday and Thursday.

Lawry Goodwin: Some may know Lawry as a local Kuranda musician. That is true, but he also shares a passion for Taekwon-Do. Lawry has trained and instructed for the larger part of his life. Lawry brings a fresh, smiling face to the Kuranda club, and has a gift of sharing knowledge in a supportive way. Lawry recently achieved his 4th Dan black



belt, a qualification long overdue for someone who has dedicated so much time to this Art. Lawry can be found instructing in Kuranda on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Uwe Skrandies: Uwe discovered Taekwon-Do later in life. That said, Uwe has been a student of Taekwon-Do here in Kuranda for over 20 years. Uwe achieved his 1st Dan black belt in March 2009, his 2nd Dan in November 2011, and now his 3rd Dan in July 2023. Instructor Uwe's motto is "Use it, or lose it". I know everyone at our club loves Uwe for his tenacity and dedication to sharing the Art of Taekwon-Do.

So, there we have it. Kuranda has an abundance of great people, and we certainly have dedicated instructors here who have the commitment, and passion to give back to their community. Furthermore, we have a new wave of wonderful people demonstrating their love of Taekwon-Do. Tapio, Abby, and Jasmyn all have completed the Assistant Instructor's course, and are committed to keeping the Art alive here in Kuranda.

I invite you to come and meet the Kuranda team, and see if ITF Taekwon-Do lights your fire.

Who knows where the path may lead.

Cheers,

Jeff Dieben
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It's a great time to plant Jicama/Yam-bean

Jicama or Yam-bean (*Pachyrhizus erosus*) is a climbing perennial plant of the Fabaceae (legume) family, which includes beans, peas and peanuts. As a legume it is also a nitrogen fixer, nourishing its own soil and that around it.

Importantly, it is essential to know that all the above-ground parts of this plant are not to be consumed, as a toxin, rotenone, is found in leaves, pods, seeds and flowers. So best to plant away from small children and animals. Although it is an easy-growing food plant with a delicious edible root, it is worth finding a dedicated spot to grow it. The growing area needs to have a trellis or fence for it to climb. The vine is quite prolific and strong, and has been traditionally used for weaving and making fishing nets, in its original endemic region of Mexico and tropical South America.

It is an excellent plant to use in guilds, syntropics, or the three sisters (corn, beans and squash) though of course care is needed with access to the toxic parts of the plant, so education is required to anyone handling the crop. It is an excellent source of vitamin C, fibre, and also contains vitamin

A, iron, magnesium, potassium and inulin amongst other nutrients. After eating fresh, store remainder in the fridge or in a cool dry place, for two to three weeks – just remove the thin slice that has dried to reveal the moist crunchiness inside.

One of the food plants gaining popularity around our local area, and the world, the jicama is a vine with a large edible root which is distinctly crunchy and quite sweet, with a similar texture to water-chestnuts and apple, and a slightly nutty taste, wonderful to blend into salads, stir-fries, juices, fruit salads and much more.

To plant, sow a couple of seeds in holes a few centimetres deep and 20 centimetres apart and water in gently – now is a good time to plant. These plants do not need a lot of water so be careful not to give too much. Some compost and mulching a couple of times through their growing season of six to eight months should produce up to five root 'fruits' that look a bit like good-sized turnips. Carefully dig around the plant with a garden fork to loosen the soil and lift the roots

out. To prepare, wash and remove the skin, which you can peel off after starting with a knife, and you have a delightfully fresh tasting and versatile nutritious food to use, sliced on crudite platters, added to curries, salsas, or diced or grated on the side...children tend to love the slices and 'jica-sticks'! Traditionally a favourite dish is made with chilli and lime or lemon juice and cilantro/coriander and a little seasoning. Papalo (*Porophyllum ruderale*) or 'Summer Cilantro' can be swapped for cilantro as it has a longer local growing season.

Jicama has been around for several thousand years that we know of, and is making its way around the world, though at this point it is still quite rare to see it in the markets or shops, so there is an opening for local food-growers! Growing and selling direct to buyers, or restaurants and cafes accompanied with some information on nutrition and use, is a great way to add another regular choice to this excellent food-producing region. Prepare some slices for people to try at your stall or introduce to your new potential trader to encourage more custom.

In the tropics, this plant has a long growing season, and it will depend on your rainfall and chill factor as to how long the plant will give you its bounty. In cooler areas, the plant will die back to its tubers over winter. Commercially the vine is often trimmed down to around 30 centimetres, and the beautiful blue (inedible) flowers are pinched off so that the plant's energy is focused on the roots. In Mexico, fields of the plant are grown and it is trimmed back by machete to about a metre high. Just ensure to leave one plant to 'go to seed' providing plenty for your seeds for next year and to share with the seedbank, friends and neighbours.

Propagation is by seed (collect when dry on the vine) or by tubers. All in all, this is a wonderful food plant to add to your protected garden corner and your culinary range. Seeds are available through the local seedbanks.

Contact seedsavers@kurandaregion.org to connect with the regional meetings, or check out SeedSaversFNQ on social media groups.

Seedsavers FNQ

Kuranda Kindy

Fire and Road Safety

Kuranda Community Kindergarten has been so lucky this term.

We want to say a big thank you to Kuranda Fire Station's Acting Lieutenant, Michael Douglass, and the firemen who came to Kuranda Kindy last month. Djama group was so lucky to have a visit from the Kuranda Fire and Rescue Crew.

It was so exciting to see the big red fire engine come up the hill! Then the firemen came in to talk to the children about how to be safe in a fire. We learned some very important things about keeping safe in a fire. Most importantly the children got to see what a firefighter looks like dressed up in the full firefighter's outfit. This was so important because in a fire children need to know that a firefighter is there to help them. Knowing this could save a child's life.

The Djama children were very excited to take a close look at a fire engine – they got to get in and out of it. The children also used the fire hose and so they could see how far the water could go. So much learning and so much fun.

Bundarra group had a visit from Tiny Town about road safety. The children learned to recognise road signs. Then they practised crossing a pedestrian crossing. Stopping at a stop sign. Waiting at a train crossing for the train to pass and the boom gate to go up and so much more. We now have some very road-safe children here in Kuranda.

If you are interested in your child joining in the Kuranda Kindy program, please contact us on kcka@westnet.com.au or 07 4093 8087 for any enrolment enquiries. Kindergarten in 2024 is free at Kuranda Kindy for eligible aged children!



Clockwise from top right: Practising putting out fires, waiting at the boom gate for the train, Kuranda Fire and Rescue crew.

KRC supporting 8 Ball players getting ready for the next big 'break'



Stella Paru, Josea Mooka and Tim Riley preparing for the World Championships in South Africa.

Every Tuesday night at the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) there is an 8 Ball competition with many skillful players of all ages, stages, and genders. It's a great night out.

We are stoked to have three amazing, local, competitive 8 Ball players who are doing us proud in both Kuranda and Cairns. Stella Paru, Josea Mooka and Tim Riley will be competing in the 8 Ball World Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa. They will not only be representing our country, but also our town.

Stella Paru has been playing pool since the age of 22. She puts a good game down to practice and strategy – she is a hard one to beat. Stella represented Papua New Guinea in snooker from 2001 to 2012. She moved to the Atherton Tablelands and has represented Kuranda in 2013 and again in 2016. Stella also played for Cairns in 2017 and 2018. In 2020 to 2023 she represented Queensland. She is putting her

best foot forward for the South Africa games where she will no doubt be hard to beat. Stella plays a stealthy game with a lot of ease and a lot of strategy.

Josea Mooka is another supershot, originally from Thursday Island where he played and was also a representative player. He represented Cairns for 20 years in pool and was also the Geelong Champ in recent years. His biggest inspiration so far has been Eddie Charlton. While it was a car accident that pushed him in the direction of playing pool seriously, he actually started with snooker lessons which he feels gave him a stronger background to how to play the game. Josea is a strong player who knows his game and a good match for the top players across the world! He is keen to mentor kids who want to learn the game, and would like to start junior teams at the KRC.

Tim Riley is a mover and shaker. Tim has been heavily involved in the 8 Ball scene at the KRC for some time. He juggles both the bar work as well as running the KRC competition – it is easy to see why he is so good at what he does. He is a serious contender in the game of 8 Ball with focused and consistent strategies – a strong shooter who does not muck around. For Tim, pretty much everything he does in 8 Ball makes a good game.

At the KRC we encourage more games and would like to see more nights on the table.

If you think you have what it takes to play in our competition nights, or if you just enjoy the vibe of playing a decent game of pool, come along to the KRC on Tuesday nights from 6.30pm. The bar will be open and it's a great night out!

See you there!



Astrology

THE STARS IN SEPTEMBER

by
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Coming out of the full moon as we begin September, there is still that sense of being rather overwhelmed by it all. A Piscean full moon will do that. Just trying to stay afloat takes most of our energy. Obviously it makes a huge difference if we flow with the tide rather than push against it. Just watch out for whirlpools.

Mars in Libra now should take the sting out of anything confrontational, so negotiation, compromise and laying down of arms achieve good results.

Jupiter goes retrograde as Venus begins forward motion on 4 September, forming a "fixed" square aspect. Jupiter in Taurus and Venus in Leo exact on 17 September. Put time, money and resources into a solid project now, with an emphasis on functional beauty and future prosperity. The timing could be perfect, but it does require action and attention to detail as the Sun and Moon meet in Virgo on 15 September which is, of course, the new moon – a most propitious day to commence.

Venus and Mars are aligning nicely in an aspect of opportunity as the Sun aligns exactly with the equator, our Spring Equinox, on 23 September at zero degrees Libra, and that is about as near as it gets to the perfect day: balance, harmony, beauty and love in action. How you use it is up to you, but with a rising crescent moon in Capricorn, something gently earthing and practical is called for.

But get ready: the full moon on 29 September will be in Aries! Venus, Mars, and Uranus are in a very difficult set of aspects to each other and sparks will fly! A real "cat amongst the pigeons" kind of feel to it, a sharpening of blades and ill-considered actions. But you get that sometimes. After this full moon, we are into an eclipse season again and shift-ho!

All the outer planets in retro motion through September does turn our attention back to review, and perhaps adjust, the outcomes of previous decisions with a Libran Sun putting a focus on balance and that is what it's all about. Saturn gently floating back through Pisces suggests that we can wash away the debris and find solid ground again and Mercury in Virgo gives us healing thoughts and words, and the opportunity to cleanse as the mud finally settles and the sense of peace and clarity returns.

All in all, a most interesting month on many levels.

Blessings





RANGERS report

FIFA Women's World Cup

The excitement of the FIFA Women's World Cup has reached fever pitch over the last month and thrown the spotlight on soccer and participation in women's soccer more specifically. Like the rest of Australia, the Kuranda Rangers got behind the Matildas with several families travelling down south to watch the matches.

Reflecting on the past month (and ashamedly only a recent convert to the world of soccer), I have been surprised at my own reactions and feelings throughout the World Cup. I am not embarrassed to say that it has had me in tears... on several occasions, and I know I am not the only one.

The world and temperament of sport has irrevocably changed. Witnessing both our male and female Kuranda Rangers watching the matches, all of them were equally excited cheering the players on. The only talk was remarking on the play, the goals, the fouls, and the scuffles – and not once on the gender of the players. That made me cry tears of sweet and happy joy. The Kuranda Rangers and all other kids around Australia won't even register the difference. Gender equality in sport has arrived.

In August, we were also extremely fortunate to have former Australian Matilda's champion Christel Abenthum join us for soccer training where she passed on her knowledge and skills to the young players. Christel represented Australia in the 1970s where she travelled abroad playing in the Asian Cup in Hong Kong in 1975, where the Matilda's achieved a bronze medal against the Philippines. These days Christel resides in Speewah.



Kuranda Rangers at the Women's World Cup.
Top: Adam, Jimmy, Sally, Jimmy and Georgia. Photo: Simone Titmarsh.

Above: John and Curtis.
Photo: John Cawley.



End of season

We are coming up quickly to the end of the season and our presentations. **Save the date** – 11 September from 11am–1pm where we will be having a BBQ fundraiser.

Big thanks again for all the Rangers volunteers, coaches, support from our local community, our sponsors and our mums, dads, and supporters!

Go Kuranda Rangers!

Lisa Still-Baker



Left: Former Matilda and Speewah resident Christel Abenthum joined the Kuranda Rangers for a training session at Hunter Park.

Above: Christel demonstrating some techniques for the young Rangers.

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KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

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We had an amazing day for the Gymkhana and all the riders looked great. We had 28 riders competing from Kuranda, Edmonton, Freshwater, and Mareeba – they rode so well and proudly represented their clubs.

Mayor Angela Toppin judged our March Past with Edmonton awarded first prize, Kuranda second and Freshwater third. Everyone helped out running the events and canteen which made the day run very smoothly. So thank you to all involved for another successful event.

Another huge shout out to local businesses that took up our new fundraising offer of new signage along the fence at the Club – Kuranda Vets, Narellan Pools, Casali's, Central Vets, and



Mindfulness with Horses. We truly appreciate you supporting the Club. Thanks to Inspired Signs for the great job in making these signs. So keep an eye out for these they look great.

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Keep up to date with what is happening at the Club on our Facebook page. If you have your own horse and would like to join the Pony Club in 2023, contact us for more information by email at kurandahpc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

Till next time, Happy Riding! *Di Curtis, Club Instructor*

WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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WORD MEANINGS

BALGAL: to build, to erect, to put something up. *Nganydji bayu balgal. We are building a bayu.*

BAMBIL: to cover. *Bayu bambil wadanydja. Covering the shelter with lawyer cane leaves (waday).*

BANA: water. *Dumbul banaa murrba wamba djirrba gunda-lum! Put the bark under water to make it soft!*

BAYU: a dome-shaped shelter. *Bayu djulga djanang. The bayu stands rounded.*

BIDJIRR: split lawyer cane used for weaving and tying the thatching to the bayu.

BIRI: fire. A fire was kept in front of the bayu for warmth and to deter ngugun (mosquitoes).

BUDA: a blanket or a carpet made from fig bark and laid on the floor of the bayu.

BUGUL: fishtail lawyer cane *Calamus caryotoides*. Used for weaving yimbi and tying the thatch on the bayu roof.

BURRMBURR: palm leaves, used for thatching a bayu.

DJIMURRU: a large wet-season shelter with a framework of saplings or lawyer cane.

DJIRRGARR: blady grass, also used to thatch a shelter.

DJUGABAL: the lawyer cane framework of a bayu.

DJULAL: to dig. A gutter should be dug around the bayu walls to drain away the water.

DUMBUL: bark, skin. *Dumbul ngalga-n guni buda gunda-lum! Cut fig bark in order to make a bark blanket buda.*

GANDALGANDAL: smooth. *Gandal-gandal gunda! Make it smooth!*

GANIL: to tie. *Gani gudji bayu wuya dawul bidjirra! Tie that bayu three times with lawyer cane.*

GARANGGAL: aromatic leaves of *Faradaya splendida* used in the bayu to deter ticks.

GARRUGUY: then, next.

GIDI: tea tree bark, a torch made from gidi. Bark for thatching the bayu.

GIDJARR: pigments, paints. Gidjarr gunil/gidjarr gundal to cut or make marks, to paint, to write.

GIDJARRI: painted up. *Gulu Bama gidjarri. This man is painted up.*

GUNBIL: to weave, to plait. *Nyurra yimbi gunbi-gunbil. You are weaving a dilly basket.*

GUNDAL: to make. *Ngawunggu wangal gundal. I'm making a boomerang.*

GUNIL: to cut. *Gari guni gudji djulbin! Don't cut that tree!*

GUNYUMUNDU: from there. *Gunyumundu gulunda. From there to here.*

MINDIL: ticks. *Bunganydju munyin-du yadal mindil. Smell of ginger drives away ticks.*

MININGA: properly. *Djugabal gani mininga-ngurru nyanibarra-la! Tie the framework properly with vine.*

MUDU: back/roof. *Bana wurrgu mudu-malim yuling. Raindrops rolling from the roof.*

MUNYIN: ginger. Aromatic ginger leaves laid on the ground in the bayu to deter ticks (mindil).

MURRGUDJU: fan palm, also girbu. Leaves used for bayu-n mudu, the shelter's roof.

NGUNDINGUNDI: level, even. *Walu bayu-n ngundi-ngundi. The bayu's sides are even.*

NGUYAY: kangaroo grass, *Themeda australis* used for comfy bedding.

NYABAL: to pound something. *Dumbul nyaba djirrba gunda-lum! Pound the bark to make it soft.*

WADAY: lawyer-cane leaves for thatching a bayu.

WAWURR: sometimes. *Wawurr djirrgarr gari-la wadanydja djamuy bambi. Sometimes there's no blady grass so cover it only with lawyer leaves.*

WURRUBA: beeswax

YABULAM: lawyer cane, *Calamus australis*. Canes for the bayu framework, leaves waday for thatch.

YADJUL: straight, in line, correctly. *Yadjul mayin! Do it correctly!*

YUMAL: to cross something over, like the frame of the bayu.

YUWAL: to bend. *Ngawunggu djugabal yuwal bayu-wu. I'm bending the frame for the bayu.*

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. **djunguu:** (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 "sporran" e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)
 /r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)
 /ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. **bungan** (sun)
 /n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the
 /ngg/ two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)
 /ng/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)
 /ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).
 In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **gan**yarra (crocodile).
 However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. **buda**:dji (carpet snake).
 In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. **gan**yarra – **ng**gu (crocodile).

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

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Wednesday evenings 6-8pm

Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation

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9.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

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9.30am Sunday 1 October

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St Saviour's Thought for September

This month we read a passage from the Gospel according to St Matthew Chapter 21 verse 33-43.

Jesus during his earthly ministry offered the people of his time a vision. Today in our time Jesus offers the same vision to us. The vision is of a kingdom, what he always calls "the kingdom of heaven". It is another way of living life, a kind of alternate universe. Jesus didn't just talk of that vision, he was the vision. He didn't just speak of the demands of that kingdom, he did them!

So why didn't it all work out in a wonderfully successful way? Why didn't everybody think that Jesus and his vision were just what the world needed? It's difficult to frame a simple answer to this but we can try. In his Gospel, John has two phrases which express the tragedy without necessarily explaining it. He says—The world knew Him not ... his own people received Him not.—Why? John later reports a statement of Jesus which seems to answer that question. Jesus says, "This is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light" [John 3.19]. There it is in the starkest and simplest of words – the tragic heart of the human condition. The Bible's word for this condition, itself simple and stark, is Sin.

This is what this parable of Jesus is about. In it he tells his own destiny. Jesus had no illusions about the consequences of his words and actions. He knew the dark depths of the human nature which surrounded him. The ironic contradiction in human behaviour and experience is to reject that which is utterly in our interest to accept. Our judgement is deeply flawed, and our choices are apt to be terribly wrong. The kingdom that Jesus offers us is not taken from us by some grudging God; we ourselves choose something else. But even as we paint that grim portrait of our human nature another face shines through it, that of Our Lord. The face is a promise that in him our humanity is also capable of a shining glory. Through Jesus we can if we choose set foot from time to time in the very kingdom we refuse most of the time. We sometimes have to make tough choices about the kingdom God offers us and the kingdom we ourselves want.



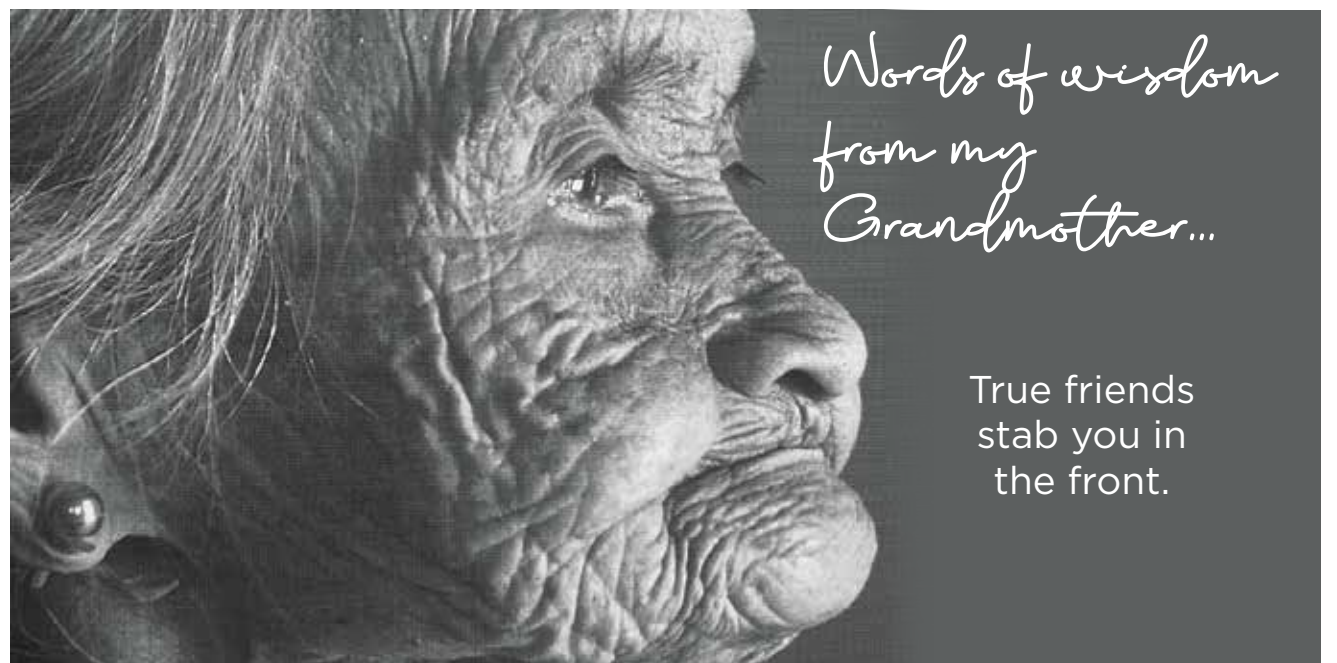
News from St Saviour's

St Saviour's is gearing up to celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held Sunday 1 October at St Saviour's Church.

In 1206 Francis, the wealthy son of a cloth merchant, decided to forsake all his worldly possessions and founded the order of Franciscan monks. He claimed he found his affinity with God through animals, and would often call birds, animals and even flowers his brothers and sisters.

Blessing of the Pets coordinator, Chris Wright, said people can bring pets of all shapes, sizes and species – as long as they are on a leash or in a box or cage. "You don't have to belong to any church to come and join in the fun. Events like this connect people in the community who don't normally see each other or have things in common, and that's fantastic. The event gives the community an opportunity to meet together, share their common love of animals and make new friendships. It's really about shared humanity."

The Blessing of the Pets service starts at 9.30am in the area at the back of the Church.



Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...

True friends
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"Man has two powers, and his development two aspects. One power is connected with the material world and by it he is capable of material advancement. The other power is spiritual and through its development his inner, potential nature is awakened. These powers are like two wings. Both must be developed, for flight is impossible with one wing. Praise be to God! material advancement has been evident in the world but there is need of spiritual advancement in like proportion. We must strive unceasingly and without rest to accomplish the development of the spiritual nature in man, and endeavor with tireless energy to advance humanity toward the nobility of its true and intended station. For the body of man is accidental; it is of no importance. The time of its disintegration will inevitably come. But the spirit of man is essential and therefore eternal. It is a divine bounty. It is

the effulgence of the Sun of Reality and therefore of greater importance than the physical body."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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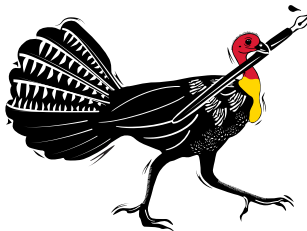
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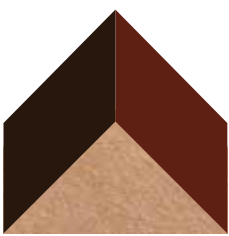
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Departs rainforest	-	10.30am	2.15pm	-	2.45pm
Arrives Cairns	8.50am	11.15am	3.00pm	10.00am	3.30pm

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

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Departs Kuranda	4.00pm
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- 1 hour \$10
- 24-hour only \$150 (community rates)
- \$200 refundable bond for one-off events (if space is left as you found it)

www.koahhall.com

koah.hall@gmail.com

Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET SEPTEMBER MARKET

Saturday 2 September 8am till Midday

- Live Music – Maria Celestino
- Community Market bringing you all the local goodness – produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!
- Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.
SMS/Voicemail Nicky 0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES – TERM TIME

Bookings are essential. Please contact Sophie 0409 333 404.

More info at www.dreamstatecircus.com on the Dream BIG! Circus School page.

MONDAY – Circus LOVE 18+ – 9–11am

TUESDAY – Circus 2 – 3.45–5pm, Age 10+ and Show Class – 5–6.30pm – Age 8+

WEDNESDAY – Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various Classes 5–6.30pm



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 20 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe) 6.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

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

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

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