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SPRINGING BACK

With the arrival of October comes warmer days, blue skies and a sense that while humanity is facing an extraordinary level of uncertainty, the natural world is just getting on with it. That can be a great comfort, elevating our minds above depressing news and reminding us that it is not 'all about us'. This is a time to really immerse ourselves in the beauty and wonder of the Great Outdoors (ours somewhat greater than others, lucky us).

Walks short or long, pedestrian or adventurous, stretch both muscles and minds, letting the unexpected into our lives along the way. The Barron is at its best, as are local creeks.

October is also a reminder that we are about to turn the corner into the monsoon season. November is officially the start of the cyclone season but before then comes fire season. We can be grateful that, behind the scenes, both are being planned for, and in the case of fire, our local fire brigades and Bulmba Rangers have been conducting cool burns for some months now. In terms of the 2020-2021 cyclone season it is predicted to be the reverse of this year, which had no cyclonic events that affected us. Above average monsoon and cyclone activity is forecast. So now is the time to start planning in earnest and contact your local tradespeople for repairs and vegetation management.

As we look towards the turn into 2021, it's important to remember that the COVID-19 threat will be with us as we make that turn. We must not be complacent just because we have not had outbreaks locally. That can change at any time as the state, country, and region opens

up – as they must. To keep our community safe we need to keep that in mind as we go about our near-normal life. ANYONE who feels unwell, with even the mildest of symptoms, should immediately get tested and isolate until the results are known.

As much as we need to be aware and prepared, we can also take heart from the great sense of renewal happening. If you haven't taken a good long walk around the Village lately ... you should. Without a doubt, the retail landscape reflects changes caused by COVID-19, most especially our closed international borders. But change also brings opportunity and established businesses are re-inventing themselves, and new businesses starting up. Well worth taking the time to familiarise yourselves with all the great options right here in your own backyard. Especially as thoughts turn to Christmas and end of year gift buying. Each gift you buy locally strengthens our local economy.

October 10th marks a great milestone in this crazy year- our Amphitheatre will host a Spring Recovery event, featuring local musicians and providing an opportunity to celebrate community and local culture. Other smaller scale events are becoming more often, regular and well patronised. We are getting our mojo back.

All of this provides us with a firm sense that we can, if we come together as a community, take the pieces of opportunity we can find and rebuild what we need to create a positive, supportive and prosperous future.

10 OCTOBER

Spring Recovery Day, Kuranda Amphitheatre

18 OCTOBER

Inaugural Speewah Markets

31 OCTOBER

Election Day (see page 7)

31 OCTOBER

Halloween Fun Night, Kuranda Recreation Centre

The beautiful Barron River – breathtaking whether you are on it, in it or above it. This stunning drone capture of the Kuranda Riverboat plying its way on a glassy river is the work of local photographer Steven Nowakowski (www.stevennowakowski.com)

Masthead by artist David Stacey see page 4



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MINISTERS RESPONSE TO E-PETITION

The following is Minister Mark Bailey's response to the e-petition organised by Kuranda resident Melissa Clinton. The online petition garnered 1,076 signatures by Queensland residents in the month (8/7/20 to 8/8/20) it was open, before being tabled to Queensland Parliament to the Minister on 11/8/20.

I refer to petition 3371-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 11 August 2020 requesting the immediate alteration of the overtaking lanes and speed limit on the Kennedy Highway near Kuranda.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of a campaign to reduce the speed limit on Kennedy Highway, near the top of the Kuranda Range. In the interest of consistency and safety, TMR sets speed limits in accordance with Australia-wide technical guidelines. TMR has reviewed the speed limit at this location and I am advised there is currently no technical justification for changing it. Arbitrarily lowering speed limits where technical guidelines are not met generally results in poor compliance, inconsistent driver behaviour and reduced safety for all road users.

The section of the Kennedy Highway between Kuranda and Mareeba ranks highly among state-controlled roads in Queensland for serious crashes. According to the most recent crash data available to TMR, there have been 26 serious, head-on crashes along this section— including three fatalities—in the last five years. Head-on crashes are commonly related to unsafe overtaking behaviours, which is why it is important for TMR to provide strategically located overtaking opportunities for road users. In the same five-year period, there has been no recorded accidents on the overtaking lanes.

The overtaking lanes on this section of the road are the first overtaking opportunity at the top of Kuranda Range Road. If TMR changed the intent of the lanes by making the left lane an optional turn-out lane, drivers may get stuck behind slow vehicles that choose not to pull into the left lane. This would increase the risk of drivers attempting unsafe manoeuvres further down the road. In the interest of safety, TMR currently has no intent to change the configuration of the overtaking lane at this location.

TMR takes the issue of road safety in known cassowary habitats very seriously and works closely with the Cassowary Recovery Team (CRT), which includes representatives from Kuranda, to reduce the risk of cassowary road strikes.

In consultation with the CRT, TMR has invested \$100,000 in developing a Cassowary Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). When completed later this year, the plan will provide a holistic approach toward addressing driver behaviour and the implementation of consistent road maintenance and treatments across all known cassowary areas.

I am pleased to advise that I personally met with cassowary advocacy groups in Mission Beach on 24 June 2020 to discuss initiatives to address cassowary road strikes on state-controlled roads. Feedback from this meeting will be incorporated into the CCMP. TMR is also working with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation on a \$65,000 study to collect data about cassowary and driver interactions using roadside monitoring cameras. This data will also be used to inform the CCMP.

In addition, TMR is currently finalising a cassowary media campaign aimed at encouraging drivers to slow down in known cassowary areas. The campaign is expected to include radio, newspaper and billboard advertising to raise driver awareness and reduce the risk of vehicle strikes. On 22 June 2020, the Australian and Queensland governments announced a \$415 million jointly funded injection Economic Stimulus package to deliver shovel-ready road upgrade projects and smaller works across the state-controlled road network over the next two years. This initiative, which is estimated to support 670 direct jobs over the life of the program, includes \$30 million for Intelligent Transport Systems on the Kuranda Range.

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.

While the scope of works is still being finalised, TMR is looking at cutting edge road management technology including variable speed limit signs, travel time signs, electronic message signs and roadside data systems. This technology will complement the existing variable message signs, automatic number plate recognition and Bluetooth systems on the range. It will enable TMR to detect incidents, better manage the road and display messages to road users on Kennedy Highway warning drivers to be aware if a road hazard, such as a cassowary, is reported. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

G'day, I'm Aaron, your Greens Candidate for Barron River. I've lived in FNQ for twenty-odd years now, and I'm passionate about making sure FNQ gets a fair crack.

If you have any questions for me heading into the election please do not hesitate to contact me, either by email at

aaron.mcdonald@qld.greens.org.au or phone 0436 466 424.

Aaron McDonald

CASSOWARY KUDOS

We read your Cassowary article in last month's paper with interest. My husband and I completed the cassowary silhouettes and erected them as well as the other two signs "Three Cassowaries in Six Months".

We followed the tradition in the south of France whereby human silhouettes are erected on the roadsides where a death has occurred. This can be rather haunting following a country road and seeing these figures especially when they are of young children.

Cheers

Sue Schwass and Patrick Dauwe, Kuranda

Photos of cassowary signs courtesy of Josette Braithwaite.



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Farewell to Nina & Serge Spigariol



Above: Nina in front of Serge's tool board. Photo: Kerry Geck

Left: Nina. Photo: Gillian Sachlikidis

Well it's official...Nina and Serge Spigariol have left Koah! Although it is something that has been talked about for years, when it happened it all seemed to happen in a flash.

Not only did Nina turn 80 during Covid Restrictions, she and Serge also sold the farm. What should have been a Big Farewell to these two very cherished, long-term residents of Koah are quiet, private yet no-less-tearful, farewells from friends. This letter is my official hug Nina when all we are can to do is give the 'Live Long and Prosper' hand greeting/ blessing from Star-Trek...had I been game to hug you I may not have let you go!

Although Nina and Serge had a life of farming here, and Serge later worked many, many years with the Main Roads Department, they also managed to raise four lovely children-Michael, Therese, Eric and Joanna.

Nina has been The Community Giver since forever in Koah (barn dances, tennis club fund-raisers and fire brigade to mention a few), Kuranda Primary School, and her own church... plus everyone who passed her door. And she fed every volunteer fireman during crisis peaks. Where some physically tire, Nina managed all this with the most delightful of smiles and the heartiest of laughs. The unsung-energy-giver!

I first met Nina as she knocked on our door with an invitation to her home for family Sunday dinner when I first came to Kuranda forty one years ago as a new bride. Of course her young daughter was not impressed as my husband Chris was her teacher! But I was impressed then, as now, as I met this woman with the big heart, and the most amazing cook in the world. I know our kids were first to Nina's sponges on the community occasions...

I could go on forever Nina as I've listened to your family history and stories, some recorded in the School centenary magazine, and I know so many other people have their own fond memories of being in your company, both you and

Serge.

And so Nina and Serge, with tears and many, many fond memories, we wish you all the very best as you set forth to join family in the south. They are so lucky!

Farewell Friends – safe travels and a happy future, with love from our family and all your many friends in Koah and beyond.

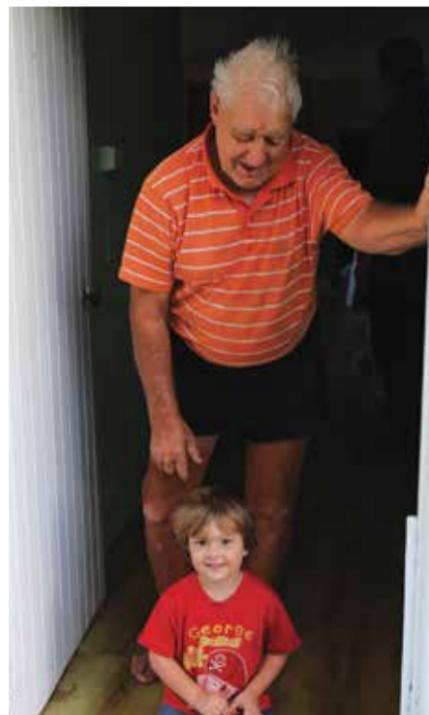
by Gillian Sachlikidis



Top left: Joanna and Michael with mother Nina and her brother Sam.



Bottom left: Barb (Nina's neighbour and Koah bestie) with Nina.



Left: Pop Serge with his youngest grandson

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Arts Queensland.



As mentioned in the last edition of *The Kuranda Paper*, the Kuranda Amphitheatre (KAS) has been successful in gaining funding from the QLD COVID Recovery Package – Arts QLD – PLAY LOCAL. This funding will allow the Amphitheatre to host a community event supporting local performers. KAS is very excited to open the venue for this event and look forward to seeing our Kuranda community. We are pleased to announce the

"Spring Recovery Day"
Saturday 10 October 2020
11am – 5.30pm

Tickets are available at the Honey House: Adults \$15 pre-booked and \$20 at the gate. Youth (aged 12-17) \$5. Kids (under 12) FREE. All patrons, including children, must be ticketed to enter. Sorry NO PASS OUTS. CASH ONLY.

Terms & Conditions must be read and signed, and contact details to be supplied before the purchase of tickets.

COVID Restrictions, as per QLD Health Guidelines, will apply at this event and we ask all patrons to be mindful and respectful of the Terms and Conditions, as well as each other. Our volunteer staff will be working hard to ensure everyone's safety.

Our venue's compliance is of the utmost importance, for the venue to continue operating through COVID times and its future viability. Success this time means more Amphitheatre events in the future!

And of course ... Can you help?

WORKING BEE: Sunday 4 October to help in all areas to get the venue ready! Please come along if you can. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

We are sooooo excited to be organising this event and we need community support. Thank you in advance Kuranda!

Contact Mandy (Event Manager/Site) by text 0414 015 525. See posters around town and check Kuranda Amphitheatre Facebook page for more details.

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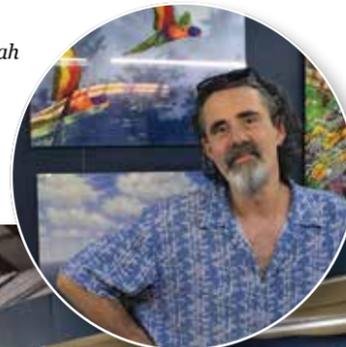
Thank you to Kuranda's acclaimed artist David Stacey for allowing us to use a detail from his painting "Abundance 2" for our October masthead.

As always, his art reminds us of what an incredibly beautiful place we live in.

David's Gallery has recently relocated from Coondoo Street to the Heritage Markets, Shop 1B – near Frogs Restaurant. Current hours are Thursday to Sunday 10am to 3pm. NOTE: during these school holidays you can also visit on Wednesdays.

You can also view and purchase his art at www.davidhstacey.com and follow on Facebook – David H Stacey Limited Edition Prints

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Australia Day Awards 2021

Nominations are open for Mareeba Shire Council's 2021 Australia Day Awards.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Angela Toppin is encouraging residents to nominate individuals and community groups that have gone above and beyond to help others. "This year has been extraordinary in terms of dealing with the challenges and opportunities of COVID-19," Cr Toppin said.

"COVID-19 has impacted the way we live our lives but has not stopped the outstanding contributions of so many within our community and we must acknowledge these, residents and community groups."

"Mareeba Shire is very fortunate to have so many wonderful, dedicated and community-minded people who volunteer and give back to their local community.

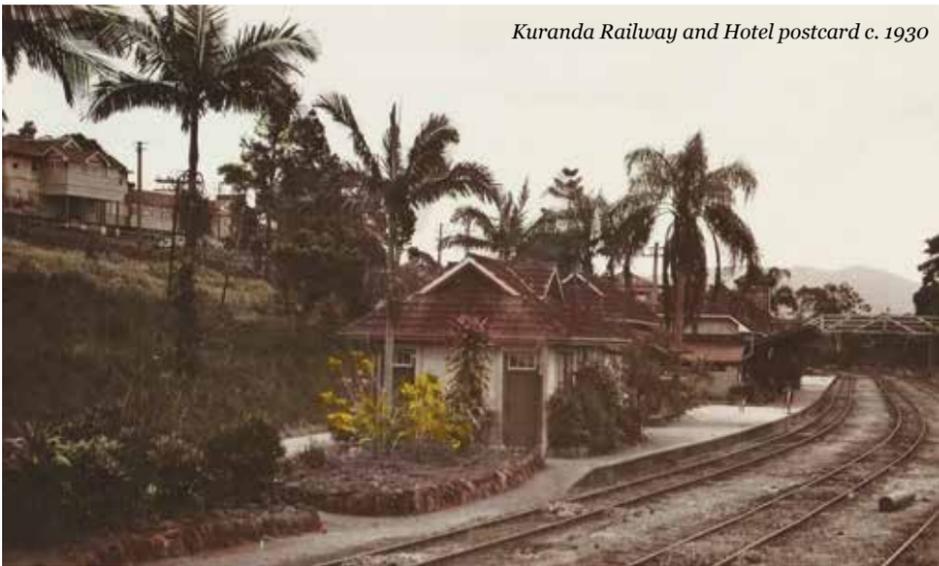
"Whether it's a service group or sporting club, your neighbour or a stranger, please consider nominating them for an Australia Day award," Cr Toppin said.

Australia Day Awards are open to Mareeba Shire residents and community groups that have made an outstanding achievement or contribution within the community.

Mayor Toppin said nominees and award recipients will be acknowledged appropriately amid COVID-19 restrictions.

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations online through Council's website. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Council's website or collected from Council's customer service centres in Mareeba and Kuranda. Nomination forms should be returned to the customer service centres or posted to PO Box 154 Mareeba Q 4880.

Nominations must be received no later than 3pm Tuesday 15 December 2020.



Kuranda Railway and Hotel postcard c. 1930

KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

During September, our long postponed (due to COVID-19) Strategic Planning Project was finally able to commence with the first of two workshops for Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) members led by Dr Jo Wills (Museum Development Officer FNQ, Queensland Museum). The aim of the Project is to provide a solid structure for the Society as it moves into a more active phase, following a couple of years spent just getting established. A second workshop for members will be held in October, the results of these workshops will then be compiled into a Strategic Planning report by Dr Wills.

This Project is made possible through the Regional Arts Development Fund. Thanks to Mareeba Shire Council and Arts Queensland. Thanks to the Kuranda Country Women's Association for providing a handy and COVID-Safe venue and thanks also to Kim and Bob at Foodworks for their generous in-kind support of refreshments for the workshops.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF MAJOR AMENDMENT NO.1 OF 2020 TO THE MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2016

On 15 July 2020, Mareeba Shire Council resolved to make Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 to the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

The full title of the amendment is Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 – Nullinga Dam development area.

The purpose and general effect of Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 is to establish the Nullinga Dam Overlay to protect the proposed Nullinga Dam site from activities that may:

- physically impact the structure/geology of the land;
- increase buildings and infrastructure with the area;
- affect water quality.

Public consultation period

The public consultation period for Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 commenced on Wednesday 9 September 2020 and will close on Friday 9 October 2020.

During the public consultation period, Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 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: www.msc.qld.gov.au/planning.

Major Amendment No.1 of 2020 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 2020. 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 Friday 9 October 2020.

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.

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QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTION KEY DATES IN LEAD UP TO ELECTION DAY

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

14 September 2020: Applications for postal votes open. For the first time ever, voters are able to apply for postal votes prior to the issue of the writ for the election. The earlier opening date provides additional time for electors to lodge an application and allow the ECQ to manage the higher demand anticipated for this service as a result of COVID-19.

6 October 2020: Issue of the writ. The Governor must dissolve the Legislative Assembly and issue a writ for a general election. The writ will set out the dates for close of the electoral roll, cut-off for candidates to nominate for election, polling day, and day by which the ECQ must return the writ. The ECQ must conduct the election in accordance with the writ.

Close of electoral roll. The ECQ must close the electoral roll on the date set out in the writ. Under section 84(1)(b) of the Electoral Act 1992, the cut-off day for the electoral roll must be between five and seven days from the issue of the writ. However, section 392N(2) of the Electoral Act 1992 allows for an earlier day for the close of the electoral roll. **Eligible electors have until this date to update their enrolment details to a new name or address, or to enrol for the first time. Doing so will guarantee their eligibility to vote in this election.**

7 October 2020: Candidate nominations open. Nominations for candidates for each of Queensland’s 93 electorates will open from the day after the issue of the writ and will close on the date specified in the writ. **Details of nominated candidates will be published on the ECQ website following the close of nominations.**

Ballot paper draw. Immediately following the close of candidate nominations, the ECQ will conduct random draws to determine the order in which candidates’ names are to appear on the ballot papers for each electorate. Details of nominated candidates in ballot paper order will be published on the ECQ website following the ballot draws.

16 October 2020, 7pm: Postal vote applications close. Postal vote applications can be made from 14 September 2020 to 7pm, 16 October 2020. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. Postal votes cannot be printed and distributed until after the close of candidate nominations and the ballot paper draws in mid-October.

19 to 30 October (Early voting) 2020: Detailed information about operating hours and locations will be published on the ECQ website following the issue of the writ.

Saturday 31 October 2020: ELECTION DAY. All polling booths will be open from 8am to 6pm. Detailed information about polling booth locations will be published on the ECQ website following the issue of the writ.

Source: Electoral Commission Queensland www.ecq.qld.gov.au

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Dave and Elise Springett with daughter Summer at a Fight For Our Reef community outreach stall.

VOTE ONE FOR THE REEF

My name is Elise Springett and I am a Great Barrier Reef Community Campaigner for the Australian Marine Conservation Society. I am also a local Kuranda mum on a mission for our Reef and region and I want to urge my fellow residents to have their say this state election and join the fight for our Reef and local livelihoods.

How lucky are we to call Kuranda home? Our own slice of tropical paradise, surrounded by the lush and vibrant world heritage wonders of the Rainforest and Reef. My family and I were proud to join this small but colourful community a year ago, moving up the hill from Cairns. We now call Kuranda home.

This year has hit our community hard, as we faced two huge global challenges, COVID-19 and climate change, head on. Being tourism towns, Kuranda and Cairns were some of the worst impacted areas in the state. At the same time the pandemic shattered our tourism industry, yet another mass coral bleaching occurred, further endangering the economic backbone of our region, our irreplaceable Reef.

Facing such huge challenges can feel overwhelming, but as a community, we are strong and as custodians of the Reef and Rainforest, what we do locally can make a vital difference.

Our Reef and tourism industry is already under enormous pressure and now, yet another serious and completely avoidable threat has once again reared its head: chemical pollution of Reef waters. Vital water quality regulations implemented to protect our Reef and tourism industry are under threat.

Thanks to the efforts of people-powered organisations like the Australian Marine Conservation Society, the Palaszczuk government passed crucial laws last year to limit chemical-laden farm pollution from flowing into the waters of our beautiful Reef.

Comprehensive scientific research has found that sediment and fertiliser runoff from farms can devastate corals and seagrass ecosystems, critical habitats for threatened dugongs, turtles and many juvenile commercial fish species.

These laws were desperately needed after years of voluntary measures to stop farm pollution had failed. It was clear that we needed compulsory minimum standards to turn the tide on Reef water pollution. It was good news for the Reef at a time when there has been very little to celebrate.

Many Queensland farmers have been working hard to help the Reef, adopting safe and sustainable practices to stop chemicals reaching our waterways. Yet industry lobby groups and conspiracy theorists are attacking science, undermining the hard work of honest farmers who are doing the right thing, casting doubt over decades of settled science and pressuring candidates to commit to repealing important laws so they can return to polluting our precious Reef.

We can't let this happen. That's why we encourage everyone to contact the candidates vying for our votes at this crucial time. As always, the race in Barron River will be tight.

Use your voice to demand all parties commit to upholding crucial laws to protect our Reef from water pollution and invest in supporting farmers to adopt sustainable practices. We're looking for investment from both the major parties and a commitment from the LNP to retain the current important Reef protection laws if they win government.

Our voices matter and so do our votes, so I invite all Barron River residents to join our online community forum on Thursday 1 October. This is an opportunity to ask your questions, have your say and hear directly from Barron River candidates Craig Crawford Labor MP, Linda Cooper LNP candidate and Aaron McDonald Greens candidate.

This Queensland election, candidates have the opportunity to make a big difference. With smart, sustainable stimulus we can tackle climate change, water quality and COVID-19 recovery at the same time. By investing in renewable energy, cleaning up our reef waterways and supporting farmers to implement best practice, we can not only generate thousands of regional jobs, but give our region a fighting chance at a thriving future.

It's time for our community to stand together and protect our World Heritage wonders on which we all rely. This Queensland election let's show our FNQ candidates that our community cares about the future of our Reef and region.

by AMCS Great Barrier Reef Community Campaigner, and Kuranda resident, Elise Springett.



You can join the online Candidates Forum and have your say by Googling "Future of Our Reef and Region – Candidate Forum – Eventbrite" or go to the Fight For Our Reef Facebook page.

North Queensland rainforest. Photo: Wikimedia



Vote for the Environment

The unique environment and wildlife in the Far North will continue to face threats posed by climate change, inappropriate development proposals, destruction of habitat and loss of keystone species such as cassowaries and flying foxes. Ensure your vote at the 2020 state election makes a difference for the environment and its inhabitants – all of us.

NEXT Meeting:

Friends of the Earth FNQ meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom – the next meeting is Wednesday 7 October.

Join us in the fight to protect the environment – and for a safer, more equitable world free from discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, sexuality or religion. Contact Ingrid on 0438 688 229 or email cassowarykeystoneconservation@gmail.com



Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland

Environment and Social Justice issues in Queensland State Election

On your way to the polling booth on 31 October why not cast your vote with the environment and social justice issues in mind. Obviously, COVID-19 will be high on the agenda, and any 'recovery' will need to deliver outcomes that are sustainable and carbon-neutral. A quick look across the parties offers some insight for ordering those all-important preferences when you cast your ballot.

Queensland Greens

The Greens have put forward a type of 'Green New Deal' involving sustainable jobs and industry development, public housing estates, 100% public owned renewable energy, universal health care and free education – all paid by raising taxes on mining, gas and big banks. It sounds good if you want the same society we have now – with the added benefit of lower carbon emissions and more state-funded services.

Australian Labor Party (QLD)

The ALP has yet to release election-specific policies, but during the last term of government they finally reinstated stronger vegetation management laws and do have a policy commitment to zero carbon emissions by 2050. Unfortunately, Labor still supports massive coal mine expansion and associated ports, coal seam gas and highly damaging fracking. Labor has also introduced policies to privatise access to national parks, including resorts and infrastructure.

Liberal National Party of Queensland

The LNP frankly is a looming disaster for the environment – a party heavily promoting coal mining, coal seam gas and fracking – and even coal-fired power stations. When last in government under Premier Campbell Newman, they gutted vegetation management laws, completely removing wild river protections and a recycling levy. Their current policies include taxpayer-funded dam development, including the phantom Nullinga dam on the Walsh River. They also plan to de-fund important public interest groups like the Environmental Defenders Office.

Minor Parties

Minor parties such as Katter's Australia Party (KAP) and Pauline Hanson's One Nation are also poor performers when it comes to the environment. KAP has policies to oppose strong vegetation management laws, although they do call for compensation for landowners impacted. KAP also proposes to cull endangered flying foxes and build dams. One Nation has few, if any environmental policies but opposes reducing carbon emissions and questions the scientific basis of climate change. The party also has policies supporting massive dam development.

SCIENCE AND SMASHED AVOCADOS...

talking science and traditional knowledge over breakfast

Almost 400 people joined in for a science breakfast event discussing old and new ways of fire management in the Wet Tropics World Heritage at Kuranda last month – blending physical and virtual delivery to maximise attendance. It was the first time the Wet Tropics Management Authority used live streaming at a community event.

'Future proofing and fire management in the Wet Tropics, an Indigenous perspective', held on September 10, was the first in a series of science-focused breakfast events called Science and Smashed Avocados, organised by the Wet Tropics Management Authority.

Aboriginal land management specialist and descendant from the Djabugay-speaking people of the Cairns Hinterland, Barry Hunter, along with cultural fire ecologist Dr Peta-Marie Standley discussed the science behind Indigenous fire practices and explained cultural indicators for caring for Country.

"Cultural burning is becoming more recognised as one of the strings in the bow that play an important role in implementing good, sound fire management outcomes," Mr Hunter said.

Both speakers spoke about the need to change current fire management practices to ensure control burns were not the wrong type of fire, and not too hot so as not to destroy the fragile eco-systems of the Wet Tropics World Heritage area.

Dr Standley said "In far north Queensland and northern Australia generally, there is so much knowledge that is held within Indigenous Peoples' practice. Only now are they really getting the opportunity to demonstrate this knowledge."

The sold-out event, held at Frog's Restaurant in Kuranda, was the first of a series, 'Science and Smashed Avocados' to be hosted by the Authority which will discuss the science behind managing the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

The Authority's Executive Director, Scott Buchanan said: "The fact that this event sold out shows there is a real appetite from community to learn about the innovative approaches of science in managing and protecting the Wet Tropics."

"As well as the 50 people who attended the event, more than 360 people watched the event's live stream, which shows that the potential reach of this type of engagement is far greater than just a physical event."

Mr Buchanan said that since the event finished the recording has been viewed almost 1500 times by an external audience on the Authority's Facebook page.

"This style of presentation has set the benchmark for future community events with the blend of physical and virtual delivery enabling us to engage with a much broader community than traditional forms of delivery," Mr Buchanan said.

The Authority is planning a second Science and Smashed Avocado breakfast in the second week of November.



Top: Dr Peta-Marie Standley

Above: WTMA's Jeanette Wormald shares questions from online audience

Left: Barry Hunter

Photos: WTMA

SMOKE SIGNALS

Continuing their effective collaboration in the interest of local fire management, the Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade and the Bulmba Rangers recently worked together with a local landowner to encourage native regrowth on land previously used for grazing.

Photos: Baz Child



Davies Creek National Park

What's News

STATUS

MSC BARRON FALLS WALKING TRAIL BIC participated in the Cultural Heritage monitoring for the first section of the new walking trail joining the Kuranda Village with the Barron Falls Lookout. An excellent Nature-based Tourism Infrastructure project in Kuranda!



QPWS CARING FOR COUNTRY GRANT BIC has submitted for funding cultural work at Davies Creek, cleaning up vegetation and restoring an alternate return route for Bunda Bibandji Rock Art Gallery. Fire training/ certification for the first four Buluwai Rangers. Also includes high-quality digital assets pack and capacity building consultation.



WTMA RAINFOREST ABORIGINAL GRANTS BIC has been awarded funding to "Develop Handbook for Indigenous-led Tourism" for Nature-based and Cultural Tourism Visitor Activities in Wet Tropics Landscapes. We are looking for Cultural Guide Cadets to join Willie Brim to learn about the tourism business.



ARTS QLD COMMISSIONING FUND BIC has submitted for funding to build an outdoor cultural arts space on the Barron Falls Walking Trail - Link Section. An essential Indigenous Tourism Infrastructure project for Kuranda.



AWC NORTHERN BETTONG THREATENED SPECIES SURVEY 12-23 October. Buluwai and Bulmba Rangers are teaming up with Australian Wildlife Conservancy ecologists for nighttime trapping surveys at Davies Creek. Call or email if you would like to participate. All Bettong enthusiasts most welcome!



Join Buluwai Indigenous Corporation to build local opportunities for Kuranda to Davies Creek in Landcare, Tourism and Education.

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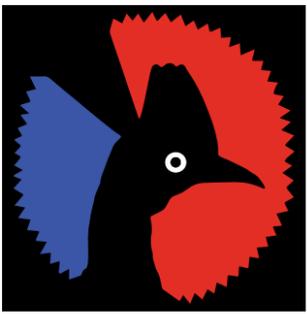
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Memberships

New memberships forms for Buluwai Indigenous Corporation are coming soon! Two types of memberships are proposed:
1. Primary: Descendants of Buluwai ancestors
2. Associate: Residents and Friends of Buluwai Country
Note: Induction surveys will be available for new members.



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WORLD CASSOWARY DAY - 26th SEPTEMBER

As this article is being written, it is World Cassowary Day. Are we eating cassowary poo fruit cake? Well no, but a good fresh fruity poo smells good enough to eat. We collect the poo but would rather grow more trees from the seeds in the poo than gobble it up ourselves. When we plant out the trees we grow from the poo, we know we're getting it right for the cassowary.

Anyway, every day is Cassowary Day for many of us in Kuranda who have these magnificent birds on our properties and get a privileged glimpse from time to time.

A GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL WALL (fence)

Most of us now know that cassowary Elvis has emerged from 60 days sitting on eggs with 4 brand new chicks. How wonderful and how scary! In the last 12 months, Elvis lost all his youngsters, three of them on the overtaking lanes at the Kuranda end of the Kuranda Range Road, in exactly the same place. Since last month's Kuranda Paper, a wallaby and a brush turkey have been killed in that same spot. TMR (Department of Transport and Main Roads) denies that this has anything to do with speed and the four lanes of traffic. It says it is due to the drivers. Don't get the rationale here? Neither do we.

DES (Department of Environment and Science) rangers are making good progress on a number of ways to protect wildlife on this fatal stretch of road. One project is to set up a flashing signal that

indicates a cassowary is close to the road. This can be done with light sensors that trigger the flashing lights if the bird sets off this trigger. However, we're running out of time and we might have to erect a shadecloth fence, like the one half way down the Range Road. It'll have to be on private land and be about one kilometre long. If we can get this in place urgently, we may succeed in keeping the birds off the road. If we need your help, we'll put out a call on Facebook, Instagram and our website. We would need mattocks to drive in star pickets and people to tie the shadecloth on to them. There's a couple more steps to be taken before we get to that point. We'll keep you posted.

REPEAT INFO ABOUT FEEDING WILDLIFE - THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

It is such a temptation to feed a cassowary or any other wildlife for that matter when they visit you. But there's a thing or two you need to know about the food you're handing out. One is knowing what a wild animal might feed on naturally. For cassowaries, that's native fruit which becomes available seasonally. Please DON'T FEED them anything man-made. No bread, no left-overs, no pizzas. No fruit or vegetables if they are not native fruit. You can kill them or make them very sick. Another thing you MUST NOT do is show them you are feeding them. Do not throw food to them. Do not feed them from your car - definitely NOT.

It is illegal to feed wildlife. If you're going to break the

The nursery is **NEARLY ALWAYS OPEN**. We're always grateful for seeds you have collected on your walks or stolen from a neighbour!! Native, of course. You may be able to find seeds we would never otherwise come across. We pride ourselves on diversity in our nursery, not necessarily quantity. We know it takes effort to pick up native fruit and seeds, so your contribution is much appreciated. Maybe we can swap plants for your seeds.

Lots of growth happening in the nursery - from little seedlings big trees grow..

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law, then be smart and informed. Don't you be the reason our cassowaries are getting sick or malnourished.

KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH OUR LOCAL CASSOWARIES

As you know, Elvis has come forth with four chicks; Merlin is being courted by Gertie and we're expecting him to disappear shortly to incubate his clutch of green eggs; Old Dad, who is now about 45 years old, looks like he's going to have a year off (a gap year) or hopefully give parenting up for good and gracefully become a grandfather. On the Barron Falls end of Kuranda, cassowary Di is seen occasionally and who knows who she's seducing. We believe Baz is her son from last year. The Nature Refuges between Williamson Drive and the highway are providing ever shrinking valuable habitat for viable cassowaries evidenced by sightings of a couple of juveniles on properties adjoining these protected areas. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ENCLOSED.



Wildlife Carer Dianne Daniels with Joe the pademelon

IS ANYONE LISTENING?

The following emails have been sent to Craig Crawford, WTMA, TMR and Minister Bailey, DES and Minister Leanne Enoch:

Sent 17 September 2020

As you know, three of cassowary Elvis's offspring of his 2019 clutch were killed at the same spot at the overtaking lanes on the Kuranda end of the Kuranda Range Road. Elvis is currently sitting on eggs which are expected to hatch in days. He will keep them close to the nest for the first month or so before showing them where to find food in the forest. His traditional track takes him across the same section of 80kph overtaking lanes.

As no progress has been made in the past months to rectify the problem of cassowary deaths on this road, we fear the killing will continue.

We have been doing all we, the Kuranda community, can to influence change in this regard without success. We will continue to press for speed reduction and rearrangement of overtaking lanes. We believe, however, that TMR and DES also have a primary responsibility to protect these endangered birds and we find your lack of action deeply regrettable, especially when there are achievable solutions.

Dianne Daniels, President
Jax Bergersen, Secretary
Margaret Genever, Treasurer
Kuranda Conservation

Sent 23 September 2020

THIS IS AN URGENT CALL FOR ACTION: Cassowary Elvis has been seen by several local residents, one at the property on the south-eastern side of the overtaking lanes (the Stratfords), with four new chicks. It is from this property that he takes his chicks across the overtaking lanes to the other side and has, last year, lost all but one of his four chicks to traffic hits.

Here we go again. We've had months to deal with this problem. No tangible action. TMR in denial. Who is responsible? We nag, offer money and drag the dead carcasses off the road. Your turn.

We are all accountable for the safety of these birds.

Kuranda Conservation



Left: Tourists celebrating World Cassowary Day at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre on 26 September 2020.

Below: Gail Shanahan, Cathy Harvey and Dorothy Sibly aptly dressed in cassowary colours for World Cassowary Day. Photos: Cathy Harvey.

Below right: Elvis and chicks. Photo: Kuranda Riverboat



Elvis and his four new chicks hatched in September 2020



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LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

SANDRA VIDEN DESIGN

As part of an ongoing series profiling our local advertisers, *The Kuranda Paper* asked Sylvia Walker at Sandra Viden Design how her local business began and how she's found the past few months.



Photo: Gayle Hannah

How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

I have been in business in Kuranda for eight years but Sandra Viden Design has been around for 30 years next year. It was founded by Sandra Widen in 1991.

How did you come to be in Kuranda?

I always loved wildlife and the tropics, so after visiting many times in the 60s, 70s and 80s I decided to move up to Kuranda in the 90s.

How did you come to name your business and what was your vision?

I purchased the business from Sandra Widen (spelt Widen but pronounced Viden, so she

called the business Viden) and kept the name because of a very strong and loyal following of country women all over Australia and New Zealand—as well as many overseas tourists who are still with us today. Everyone recognised Sandra Viden Design and we had a lot of loyal customers so I saw no point in changing it. My vision was to continue in the footsteps of Sandra Viden by providing women with beautiful quality, natural fabric garments that were comfortable to wear and easy to care for...especially in the tropics.

What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business?

I enjoy meeting locals and tourists and also knowing that I am producing a product that is made of natural fibres and made ethically. We use only Australian machinists, pattern makers, and suppliers. We also have all our cotton knit fabrics produced and dyed at a mill in Australia. I am also proud of being able to employ local staff who are as passionate about this business as I am. Thank you Sabine and Tara.

What community endeavours are you involved in?

I have always been interested in wildlife and the rainforest. I am particularly keen on restoring rainforest habitat and land that has been degraded by weeds. With the assistance of Jax Bergersen (Kuranda Conservation) many areas of my land have been successfully restored to native habitat. Thank you so much Jax.

Living close to the Barron Falls I have dedicated my two acres to the Humane Society International – Wildlife Land Trust, which is a global wildlife sanctuary system. Even though my property is the smallest of all the registered properties in eight countries, it was accepted because it is often used by cassowaries and many other wonderful native animals. It is of immense importance to the long-term conservation of biological diversity in Australia. Check out Wildlife Land Trust – Sylvia's Retreat at www.wildlifelandtrust.org.au

I also am passionate about caring for wildlife and spent many years as a volunteer with FNQ Wildlife Rescue manning the after hours phone service over the weekends and caring for birds...that was before I started working full time at Sandra Viden Design. I look forward to resuming wildlife care when and if I ever retire!

How have you found the challenge of COVID-19 and what are you doing differently?

It was quite a shock at first as I had to close the shop for a couple of months, but now we are open seven days a week again and things are looking up. I was able to make the shop COVID-Safe by installing a perspex screen, providing hand sanitiser and keeping social distancing rules in place. I was also able to apply for a grant from the Qld Government to improve our website which has made an enormous difference to our sales. Before COVID, we relied so heavily on store traffic as over 50% of our customers were tourists from overseas.

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Sylvia is committed to reducing plastic waste in both her personal life and business. Among her favourite solutions to reducing plastic packaging are "Shampoo With A Purpose" soap bars (available in store). One of these shampoo and conditioner combined soap bars saves up to SIX bottles of shampoo/conditioner! Personally tested and loved by Sylvia. Another great find are the "Compost-A-Pak" postal satchels. Packaging is a terrible bugbear for eco-friendly businesses, so Sylvia is wrapt to have found these satchels (Australian Certified compostable) which are a great alternative to the dreaded plastic ones. Every Sandra Viden Design order now goes out in eco-green packaging with the message "The Earth Is In Your Hands" printed in soy-based ink.

NATURAL WONDER

This Cairns Birdwing caterpillar has spun a silk sling from the plant it is preparing to pupate upon. What an incredible feat for a creature with no hands. The caterpillars leave their host food plant, the native rainforest pipevine *Aristolochia tagala*, and move to a nearby plant for the next stage of their life cycle. The Cairns birdwing (*Ornithoptera euphorion*) is the largest endemic butterfly in Australia. Males have a wingspan of up to 12.5cm, and females 15cm. The impressive caterpillars grow to 9cm in size, and store poison accumulated from food plants in their orange spines to deter birds attacks.



Photo: Sabine Nellen

PROPOSED BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS IN QUEENSLAND

Nearly 20,000 Queenslanders and businesses recently had their say on the Queensland Government's proposed ban on single-use plastic straws, cutlery, plates and stirrers. Key findings: 94% supported a ban on these single-use plastic products, 90% agreed that a start date after 1 July 2021

was sufficient time to introduce a ban, one third supported exemptions to the ban, particularly for people with healthcare or disability needs who require use of straws. 80% agreed that more voluntary action would help reduce plastic pollution, supported by education and awareness campaigns

The Queensland Government's bill was referred to Natural Resources, Agricultural Industry Development and Environment Committee with the report tabled in

Parliament on 28 August, to be considered at a future sitting. The proposed ban forms part of Queensland's plan to tackle plastic pollution. Find more information on the proposed ban at www.qld.gov.au/ReducingPlastic.

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Source: Queensland Department of Environment and Science.

BLOWING THE QUARANTINE BLUES

Speewah musical couple Jane Younghusband and Bruce Wannan recently returned home after 14 days quarantine in a Brisbane hotel. They survived the experience with help from family and friends who supported them with treats, entertainment, long phone chats and exercise sessions. Jane's brother-in-law delivered recording equipment which meant they could get creative, write songs and 'record stuff'. This is their Quarantine rewrite of *Hesitation Blues*, a 1916 blues classic.

If you would like to hear their version it is available on YouTube at QUARANTINE Sep 9 to 23, 2020 (Channel Jane Younghubba) www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn9y9Rrp_8k

*Well I'm lookin' out the window, room seven one nine
Food's okay and the company's fine*

Chorus:
*Tell me how long do we have to wait
We'd like to get out now but – we have to isolate/hesitate*

*We spent three months down in New South Wales
Stayed away from hotspots – but to no avail!*

Chorus
*Got into Brisbane and joined the line
Have to spend a fortnight in quarantine*

Chorus
*Threw me in the hotel with my back to wall
Thanks COVID-19 – you're the cause of it all*

Chorus
*Rocks in the ocean – fish in the sea
I'd like to get out if they would only let me*

Chorus
*I'd sleep in the woods in a hollow log
If they let me outside to pat my dog*

Chorus



Photos: Jane and Bruce



*Well a nickle is a nickle and a dime is a dime
How much will it cost to do my time?*

Chorus

*Well they call me the doctor but I'm no good
But I can ease your pain, if you only would!*

Chorus

*Got a negative test – things are looking fair
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Rainforest to Runway

Kuranda's Leah Kelly, natural fibre fashion designer and maker, should have been in Paris, showcasing her Leah Kelly By Design garments. However, her showcase for Paris Fashion week 2020 has officially been postponed to February 2021 with a revision being made in October. Her collection is already registered and paid for, as a result of support through local crowdfunding, the Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance and ARTS Qld. In the meantime, the creating and sewing and dreaming continues. Leah recently gave friends some sneak peaks of her collection on Facebook and Instagram, including a stunning all natural fibre corset.

As Leah explains, "The Beautiful Turtle detail is handmade by local silversmith Seanne McArthur, using gold and an exquisite fresh water pearl, which elegantly finishes off the centre of my organic corset made from hemp/silk, boned and edged with banana bark and hand embroidered with silk thread. I wanted to use an alternative to plastic boning, and show that natural fibres do work."



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The gallery opening hours for the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery will continue as:

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Pottery outside the square

Hand-built pottery is Sandy Hablethwaite's forte because, as she says, "it gives me the freedom to create as many shapes as I desire."

Sandy also incorporates into her creative stoneware art pieces found objects such as wood, seeds and leaves. Every artwork is well considered and Sandy usually has a theme. For instance, The Boat People highlights the refugee status in Australia. Calling them the 'boat people' gives them a certain label and perhaps one that they may not agree with, but the name arouses controversy. Therefore, the work has purpose. In contrast, the three pieces in white and blue, featuring an intricate line pattern of leaves, have a functional purpose as receptacles for sugar, milk and biscuits (pictured right).



by Sandy Hablethwaite

A novel approach to jewellery is Sandy's ceramic dress rings. Put one on and feel the lovely finish. You will be pleasantly surprised at how well and attractively they look and sit on the finger.

Of Sandy's larger pieces, two pottery artworks stand out for their colour, tone and shape. One of these works (pictured left) is easy to relate to the forest surrounding us in Kuranda.

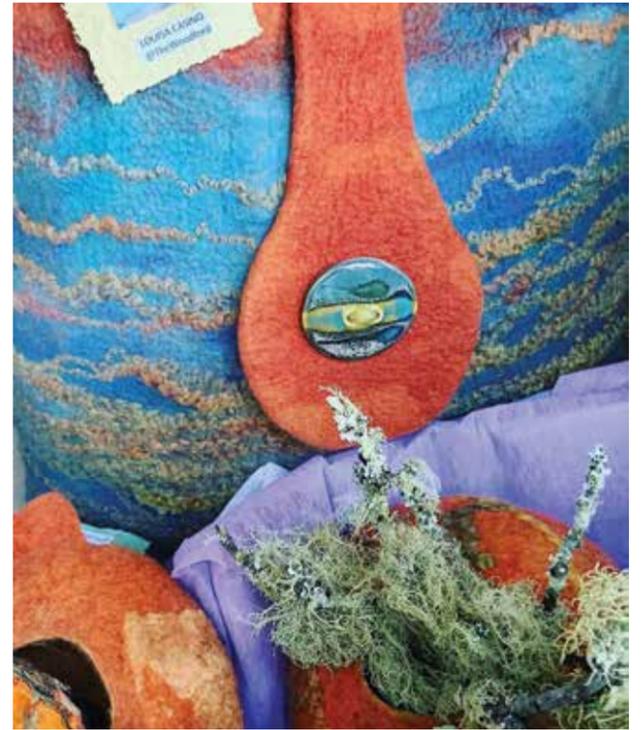
For many of the artists in the Kuranda Arts Co-op, the Wet Tropics rainforest is a great inspiration.

Felting soothes the soul

Louisa Casino began felting more than 10 years ago. She loved it from the first touch of merino wool tops, soapy water and says the gently massaging soothes her soul.

Evidence of felting dates back 3,500 years to the early Bronze Age and has continued around the world throughout history. Felt making is an ancient art form and it began for Louisa in the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains of NSW with so much inspiration from the unique warm rustic colours of the surrounding bush. Louisa moved to Kuranda, into the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics where she now creates new exciting wearable and sculptural felt artwork, inspired by the colours and shapes of the oldest rainforest in the world.

Louisa chooses to use Australian grown wool, from soft superfine merino for projects that touch the skin, to blends



Felt artwork by Louisa Casino

of Perendale, Border Leicester, Corriedale and Suffolk with higher microns for structure of vessels and ornamental pieces. Much of the wool tops, yarn and embellishments she uses have been sourced directly from sheep farms or artists' galleries on her travels.

Louisa Casino has mastered this craft and her work is available in the Co-op gallery.

"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun."

Mary Lou Cook



CALLING ALL CREATIVES IN THE ZONE: THE SECOND WAVE ...

Following her recent photographic exhibition at The Old Post Office Gallery in Atherton, photographer to the makers, Jan Sargeant is looking for more creators to capture when they are "in the Zone", absorbed and transported in the act of making: be that music, art, cooking, dance ... whatever your passion.

"I regard the project—photographing artists and artisans of the far north—as an ongoing, lifetime passion. I'm aware I've only just scratched the surface with these 41 subjects – there are many, many more of you out there. If you reside anywhere in north Queensland, from as far south as Townsville, I would love to photograph you for the next exhibition. Most of us are very wary of being photographed but as you can see if you check out my work, I'm careful to show people in a kind light. If you'd like to participate, or email me at janrobysarg@hotmail.com or text me 0439 135 583."

"And I will never exhibit your photo publicly if you don't like it." Jan Sargeant



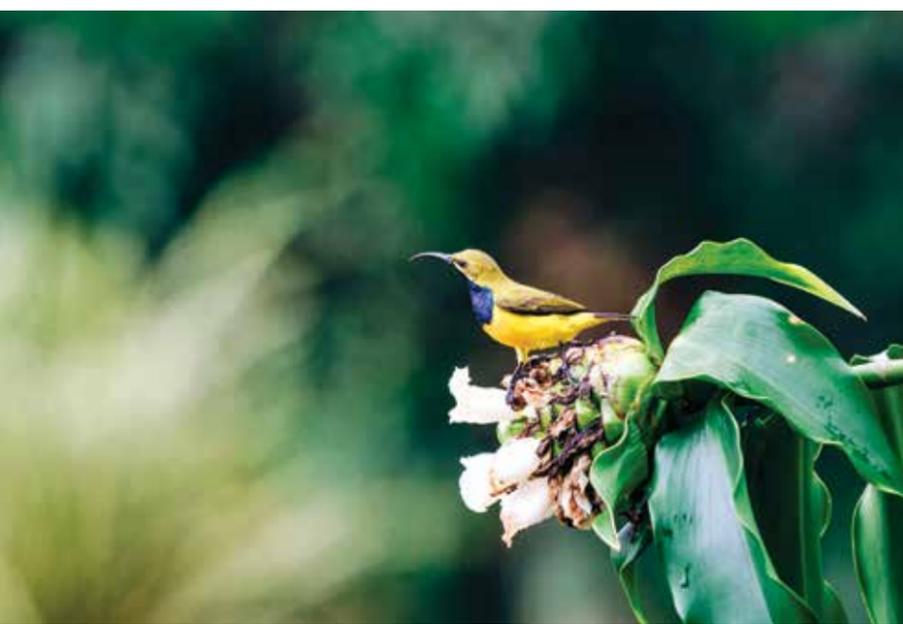
Right: Toni Rogers viewing her portrait at the "In The Zone" exhibition at the Old Post Office Gallery in Atherton. Photo: Gayle Hannah

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FOCUS ON KURANDA

The **Focus on Kuranda Photography Group** is a Facebook group for photographers of all levels. Photos featured here have received the most 'likes' for the previous month (at the time of going to print).



SEPTEMBER "A little bit of sunbird on these rainy days..." by Heather Miller (30 August 2020)

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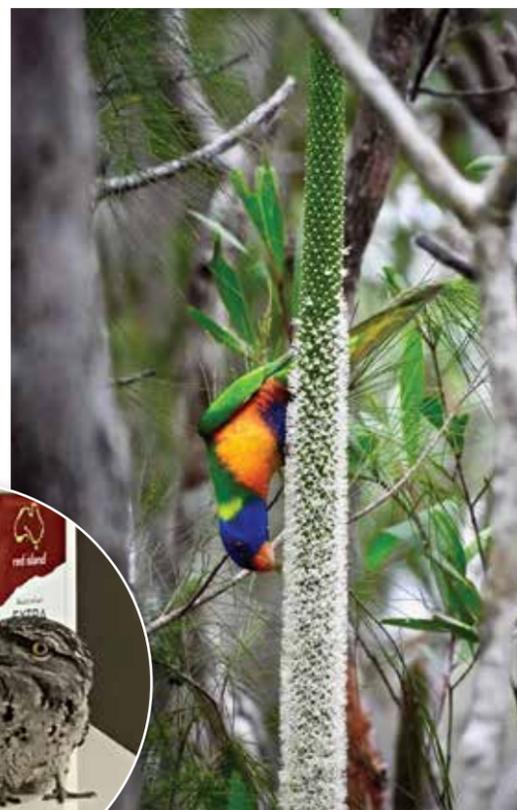


Our region is rich in bird life, from some of the biggest to the smallest. Thank you to local bird lovers for the images shared here.

Above: Buck Richardson (www.leapfrogoz.com.au) Helmeted Friarbird on a torch ginger in his Kuranda garden.

Centre: Tracy Rusch's adorable surprise kitchen visitor, a Tawny Frogmouth, at Koah.

Right: Ranjini Rusch captured a Rainbow Lorikeet feasting on a grass tree (*Xanthorrhoea australis*) flower spike at Koah.



BIRD COUNT 19-25 OCTOBER

The annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count will be held from 19-25 October 2020. The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is organised by BirdLife Australia. You can read more about BirdLife Australia at www.birdlife.org.au

Spring is the season when birds are more lively and visible. They begin nesting, breeding and flocking. Thousands of migrant birds return to our shores in spring as well. For these reasons it is also National Bird Week, a tradition that started back in the early 1900s when 28 October was first designated by our predecessor, the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, as the first 'Bird Day'.

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is an activity for all ages that involves observing and counting the birds that live near you – whether that's in your garden, the local park, a beach or even your town centre. By telling us about the birds you've seen within a 20 minute period, you will help BirdLife Australia develop an understanding of local birds, whilst getting to know the wildlife on your doorstep!

BirdLife Australia is the nation's largest bird conservation organisation. We have run the Aussie Backyard Bird Count since 2014, alongside our range of different programs, with the aim of protecting Australia's birds. BirdLife Australia has been Australia's voice for birds since 1901 and with our specialised knowledge and the commitment of our extensive network of members, volunteers and supporters we are creating a bright future for Australia's native birds.

To complete the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, spend 20 minutes standing or sitting in one spot and noting down the birds that you see. You will need to count the number of each species you spot within the 20 minute period. For example, you might see 4 Australian Magpies, 2 Rainbow Lorikeets and a Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo. The Aussie Bird Count app has a handy field-guide to help you identify birds.

Once you have completed your count, you can submit it in two different ways:

- You can submit your bird count through the online web form (not active until the 14 October) or
- You can submit your counts through the free Aussie Bird Count app. The app is available for iPhones and Android smartphones, go to the Google Play or iTunes to download the app for free. If you have the Aussie Bird Count app from previous years don't delete it, it should update automatically with the newest version. In between event dates, the app operates as a field-guide/bird finder.

By participating in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, you will be helping BirdLife Australia find out about the common species that live where people live. Providing us with a snapshot of Australian birds at the same time each year allows us to look at the trends in our bird communities from year to year. This is important because it's these more common species that give us the best indication of the health of the environment – think of birds as a barometer for nature!

An added incentive for participation is automatic entry into a prize draw. First prize is a pair of Swarovski Optik EL 8x32 Swarovision Binoculars.

Source: BirdLife Australia.

On Hidden Sophologies of White Cockatoos

What strange hierophantic picture language do such heavenly creatures speak?
Which celestial abode birthed your dazzling white magnificence?
Do landscape angels send you on my way with a missive every evening?
Have you glanced hidden temples of light within jungle lianas and fruit dove sanctuaries?
Is it you who helps the fledgling paradise kingfisher find its way home to New Guinea?
Your delicate wings brushed aside the sugar factory canopies of glossy rainforest leaves, ever hungry for the sun.
You've shed grace on the cruelties of nature and sang to the strangler figs slowly suffocating a living tree in its vampire embrace.
The sacred architecture of the forest with its Gothic sun ray seeking spires is an open book to you.
You saw the Rainbow Serpent sacrifice himself in the Barron Falls and become an ever living presence in every steep granite gorge and soothing freshwater creek.
What of your Nemesis? Devil Birds? Black Cockatoos?
Appalling and discursive epistemes, they weave their dark magic into the Meissen porcelain of dainty seashore shells.
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by Diana Thoresen

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A Grinter's Tale

Many years ago, I wrote a column of similar style to this, but those were the days when I knew exactly what was going on all over the world.

Nowadays, I'm blown if I know what's happening down the hill except for traffic jams, so where I used to write about world, regional and local events, the content of my column is very parochial. Working in media and especially in media in politics does that to you, you never want to see a news item again once you're out.

Those were the days when my left brain (LB) said to my right brain (RB) "You spit it out, and I'll put it in order". My left brain always puts a damper on things by being too sensible and grown up and wanting everything organised and correct. But... fortunately, LB sleeps a lot, and very soundly, then RB and I have fun, step out of the square, take risks and just do stuff.

LB gets called in to undertake damage control when RB and I have gone off the rails in all sorts of ways. LB will edit this article once I've finished. In truth, although LB is the goody goody that says "Turn the music down" she has got me out of a lot of trouble.

LB sleeps soundly at 3am when my right brain realises it can actually come forth with ideas that won't get poo poo'd by LB.

It's been a challenging week, work wise. Long hours for RB, while LB snoozed peacefully for the greater part of the day, as usual. Yesterday LB woke up at 5.40pm and asked what RB and I had been doing all day. Speechless, RB and I ordered LB to clear up the desk, which is one thing LB is good at, being highly organised and efficient. At least she likes to think so.

There wasn't much to do, the major task being to extricate fat cat from the file upon which RB and I had been working and put a few pens back in the pot. LB had directed me to clean up my act last weekend, which I did. Fat cat attempts to stop work at 5pm on the dot by lying on whatever client file I have open at the left hand side of the keyboard. In desperate situations, if hungry, she will lie on the keyboard, the massive blob of her underbelly completely obliterating the keys.

Six dead mice lay on my desk but fat cat wasn't interested. I had unearthed them from a box of cheap and useless electronics when main mouse died at the beginning of a day fraught with deadlines. Why do I keep them? No idea. Perhaps I thought they may revive after a rest. Well, one did, so that proves my theory.

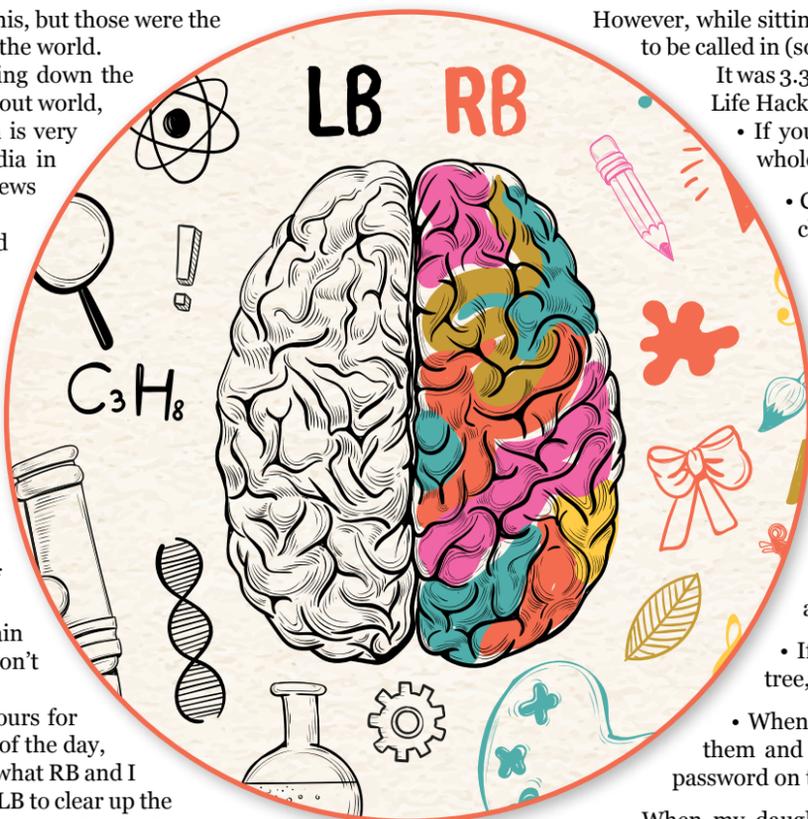
I have hordes of mouse USBs, and wasted an hour trying to match each one with its owner. Fortunately, LB was asleep, as that would send her into apoplexy.

LB finished cleaning the desk, yawned, then the three of us headed out to feed the horses. LB was going on and on ad nauseum about smart working, which RB and I hear every single day, but it's like being told to do your homework as a kid, the more you get nagged, the less you want to do it.

I find a glass of wine puts LB back to sleep, and in fact, RB too.

It's 3am, and RB wakes up. It's like having twins that are chalk and cheese. RB is very creative of course, but unfortunately comes up with the best ideas at this time of the night. The incessant chatter keeps me awake, even giving me ideas for this column, which I promptly forget in the morning. Yes I should write them down, but then I would be wide awake.

This morning though, I WAS wide awake. I didn't want to be. A friend had been talking about playing games on her tablet when she couldn't sleep, but I'm not really into games.



However, while sitting outside the osteopath's clinic the other week waiting to be called in (social distancing), I had found an app called 'Life Hacks'.

It was 3.30am, and time for a diversion from RB's noise. I opened Life Hacks. I have to share some of these pearls of wisdom...

- If you type "do a barrel roll" into your Google search, the whole page will spin. (Go on, try it)

- Cornstarch will untangle all kinds of knots – shoelaces, chains, string

- Everyone talks about leaving the planet a better place for our kids. We should also leave better kids for our planet

- Putting Rennie's on a painful mouth ulcer will cause it to go away in a matter of hours

- Pineapple juice is five times more effective than cough syrup. (Having had a really nasty bout of flu last week, a client told me that as kids on the family's remote station, they were given pineapple juice when they had colds, as the enzymes break up the mucus. It worked miraculously – the bromelain in pineapple has a mucolytic effect).

- If you don't like where you are, move on. You're not a tree, and ...

- When your kids are born, reserve a good email address for them and send them pictures, notes and so on. Give them the password on their 18th birthday.

When my daughter was little and growing up in Abu Dhabi in the 1990s. I cut the front page of the Gulf News every day and put it in a lever arch file dedicated to that year. Occasionally I would add other things of interest, not just news but things we did, school book pages, photos and so on. I think I started when the Berlin Wall came down. I still keep a lever arch diary for every year, but I'm not as dedicated these days as I figure she may be able to record events herself now she's an adult, and besides, the lever arch files could almost fill a whole wall of shelves. Instead, I gave her a Five Year Diary. I thoroughly recommend keeping one – reading mine from the eighties is priceless!

There were many more really interesting facts. I could have kept going all night, but then with the clock edging near to 4.30am, I came to this one.

"Contrary to popular belief, thinking of the future is usually what keeps people up at night. Thinking of the past can actually help you sleep."

So I put the tablet down and pictured the huge tree in the grounds of my old school, heard the breeze tickle the leaves on its long arms, and the happy laughter of my school friends in the innocence of teenage. I can't explain it, but that always instils an amazing sense of peace in me. It shuts RB up, and LB woke up just long enough to say "There's no use worrying about deadlines or customers not paying their accounts, as you can't do anything about it until morning. Things always seem worse in the middle of the night."

"Thanks Dad," I said, because he keeps both sides of my brain under control from where he sits in my heart. He may have gone, but he's still here trying to keep my left and right brain from fighting, just as he did with my brother and I as kids.

Fat cat smiled, because cats sense spirit, and she purred on cue, the sound like a lullaby. Harry the kelpie shifted, looked at me then closed his eyes as if to say, "You do it like this".

So I did.

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KURANDA TRADERS ASSOCIATION

In early September, a timely opportunity was presented to the Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) for a five page fashion spread in the locally produced Oasis Magazine.

The opportunity came at a time when we were finding our feet as an organisation, but with the enthusiasm and positivity of our members, we grabbed it with both hands—it was a marketing opportunity for Kuranda that we just couldn't pass up! The promotional shoot included a number of our members' businesses and showcases some of the great fashion we have to offer in Kuranda. The magazine has been published, we made the cover ... and it looks FABULOUS!!

Special thanks to Liz Tonkin (Tonketti Trading) who coordinated the shoot with Jules Steer (Oasis Magazine), and Eirian McArthur (Tranquility Beauty and Spa) for doing the model's makeup. Extra special thanks to Greg Hillman (Kuranda Photography) who dedicated his valuable time and expertise, producing some stunning photographs of our model Fern Newcombe. Greg's photos captured the model, Kuranda's edgy fashion outlets, and our town beautifully—it really does our little village proud. Oasis Magazine is available in print and online at www.oasismagazine.com.au

Our committed Committee have been hard at work behind the scenes attending meetings with Mareeba Shire Council, Mark Olsen (CEO of TTNQ), and other Destination Marketing professionals. We are also in discussions with Council about the future of the now decommissioned Tourism Kuranda's digital assets, as well as commitments from Council for their support and recognition going forward. Our ultimate goal is to establish an easy and sustainable working partnership with Council to further progress our endeavours and put

Kuranda on the destination map.

As an association, our aim is to build a successful trading sector in Kuranda and a supportive environment for our businesses. We also want to promote a positive visitor experience to all tourism markets, particularly the domestic market given the challenges of COVID-19 and loss of international tourists. To help us achieve this, we will need the help and support of our amazing Kuranda businesses and community.

Our membership base is steadily growing as more businesses are coming on board and new membership requests are arriving daily. We are also amending our constitution to include 'supporter' membership—for those who do not have a business/trade in town or ABN, but who still want to help and contribute to the KTA.

HOW TO JOIN

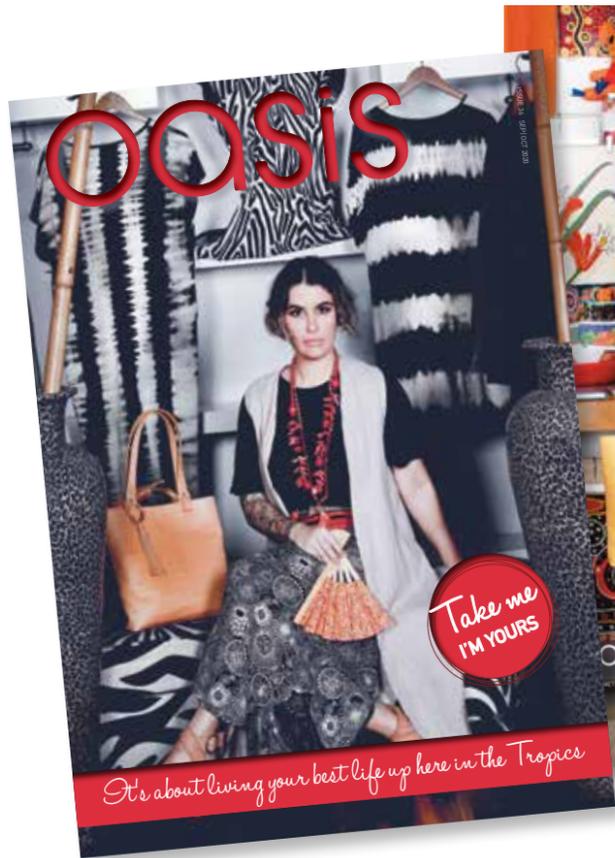
Joining the team of traders who make up the KTA is easy! Just send an email to kurandatradersassociation@mail.com to request information and a membership form.

You are welcome to attend our next general meeting

**Thursday 8 October at 4.30pm
at Tonketti Trading, 11 Coondoo St, Kuranda**

If you have a fold up chair to bring that would be great! COVID regulations will still be in place and registration of attendance will be required.

We look forward to seeing you!



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REACHING KURANDA IN THE EARLY DAYS

by Steven Nowakowski

Today we take for granted the various ways to get to Kuranda—either by road, rail or even Skyrail. In the early days, Kuranda was an outlier near the edge of the world, or so it seemed due to its geographical constraints.

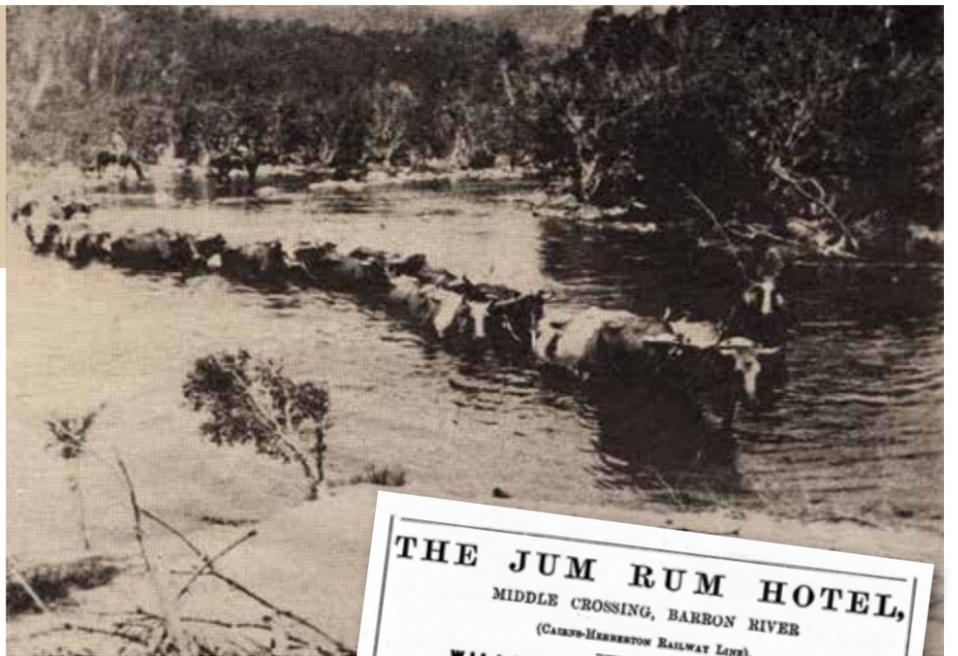
I sat down with third generation local Dugg Stratford to learn more about early transportation in the district and discovered how this was the catalyst for the formation of the Kuranda we know today.

Dugg passionately explains, “The only means of access back in the late 1870s was up an old bullock track that came straight up the side of the mountain from Smithfield. It was only put in for horse and bullock teams to take supplies to the Hodgkinson goldfields and that was the only means of transport.” Dugg continues, “To get through they originally tried to get in from Port Douglas using the ‘jump-up’, but that was too steep and rugged and only serviced Maytown to the north. The Hodgkinson goldfields were further south so a small village became established on the Barron River called Smithfield (Old Smithfield) which was right on the bank of the river. They used to take all the supplies through on horseback up over the Douglas Track from Smithfield, over the range to the goldfields, but that too was always most impassable.”

Dugg says, “Smithfield was a thriving little town in 1876 when a flood came through and washed a lot of it away, and then another flood in 1879 washed the whole town away! The town was then rebuilt from scratch where it is today on Avondale Creek. It was then that a new trail was blazed up the side of the mountain—it was a shorter track and easier access—and that was the bullock road through to Kuranda. This was in use until about 1928 when the first car was able to get up over the hill.”

“A small bridge was built over the Barron River where a small township was settled. This is where the Kuranda cemetery is today. This was called Middle Crossing. It was called Middle Crossing because it was the middle crossing of the Barron River. You had to cross the Barron River three times on your journey from Cairns to the Hodgkinson goldfields. First north of Cairns, then at Middle Crossing at Kuranda, and then finally again near Mareeba. Middle Crossing had a hotel and few shanty houses. The hotel was called the Jum Rum Hotel which I could imagine was pretty popular!”

“My father told me that around this time Cobb & Co. coaches commenced travelling up from Cairns. It was a full day trip from Cairns to Kuranda and they used what is now our property as a depot for overnight stays and stockyards to change bullocks and horses. This was called the ‘change-over station’. Next morning they would cross at Middle Crossing which was usually a treacherous crossing that was very low and mostly under water than out! They would sometimes go a little upstream and cross over a rocky crossing near where the caravan park is today, then back track to Middle Crossing. When Cobb and Co. were travelling from



Above: 1926 Kenny Veivers' team crossing the Barron River at Middle Crossing (Kuranda Village News June 1979)

Right: 1889 Cairns Post advert for the Jum Rum Hotel.



Below left: Boating party on Barron River Kuranda c.1910, with Remilton's Kuranda Hotel on the hill. (Kuranda Village News photos from June 1979 from the collection of Charlie Morton)

west to east, they would overnight at Middle Crossing and next morning cross the Barron River before continuing on the way back to Cairns. This is how all the supplies got to and from the miners.”

“As we now know, the Barron floods most years and this was an unreliable and hazardous route, so the government was lobbied to provide a railway line from Cairns to Kuranda over the mountain. Work started around 1887 and originally finished at Myola and this is how Kuranda developed into a little town,” continues Dugg.

A little side story Dugg remembers... “There was a lady called Mrs Remilton who was a woman of the future! She could see the railway was coming so she walked up the bullock track and identified a parcel of land next to the proposed railway line. She built a hotel called The Remilton Hotel. The hotel was ready to start trading in 1891 when the railway finally came through. This pub today is known as the Bottom Pub and formed the start of Kuranda Village as we know it today.”

After that, the railway line became the main route to Kuranda which then opened the town up to logging and emerging tourism ventures.



1927 Kuranda Crossing. Photo: Courtesy State Library of Queensland

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'Prehistoric proto-spider' meets yellow crazy ant! This amblypygid or whip spider is an evolutionary relic dating back to the early rise of arachnids more than 390 million years ago. *Charinus pescotti* lives in the Wet Tropics bioregion and is cryptic and difficult to find.

Left: Julian Pitcher with Hope's cycad. Photo: Michael Solinas.

Below: Whip Spider found by Larry Simpson of NQ Land Management Services while doing yellow crazy ant field work. Photo: Cam Simpson.



Increase in Citizen Scientists during COVID-19 Australian Museum Centre for Citizen Science breaks new records

Australian Museum (AM) citizen science projects FrogID and DigiVol's Wildlife Spotter have broken new records during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people become involved from their homes and backyards.

In August, the Australian Museum's FrogID program surpassed 200,000 validated frog records. The incredible milestone was reached with the recording of the threatened Red-crowned Toadlet (*Pseudophryne australis*), documented by a citizen scientist in southern Sydney named Tom.

Frogs are one of the planet's most threatened groups of animals and are often an indicator of environmental health. FrogID is a citizen science project that enables anyone to record and upload frog calls, along with time and location data, using a free app. More than 30,000 people across Australia are currently registered with FrogID.

"It's incredible that since launching FrogID just under three years ago, we've been able to work with thousands of citizen scientists to record and validate more than 200,000 frog calls. The data collected from these recordings will help us understand the distribution, habitat and conservation needs of this incredibly significant animal group, as well as monitor the health of our ecosystems.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has helped us reach this exciting milestone and encourage even more people to get involved by downloading the free app," Dr. Jodi Rowley, Chief Scientist of FrogID, said.

FrogID is not the only Australian Museum citizen science program that's seen an uptick in participation this year. DigiVol's Wildlife Spotter project has also seen a huge increase in activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program engages citizen scientists in identifying wildlife in camera trap images from across Australia, without leaving home.

This year, citizen scientists have transcribed nearly 2.4 million animal identifications in images on DigiVol's Wildlife Spotter. In June alone, volunteers completed more than 500,000 transcriptions. This information will help Australian researchers monitor and protect Australia's iconic wildlife.

"Citizen science is important work that makes a difference. I'm proud that the Australian Museum established the Centre for Citizen Science, helping engage the public to make

meaningful contributions to science through programs like FrogID and DigiVol's Wildlife Spotter.

I hope we will continue to see more people participate and become citizen scientists, ultimately helping us make positive changes for the environment," Kim McKay AO, Director and CEO of the Australian Museum said.

Anyone can become a citizen scientist. Visit www.australian.museum/get-involved/citizen-science for more information.

Source: The Australian Museum

About the Australian Museum:

The Australia Museum (AM) was founded in 1827 and is the nation's first museum. It is internationally recognised as a natural science and culture institution focused on Australia and the Pacific. As custodian of more than 21.9 million objects and specimens, the AM is uniquely positioned to provide a greater understanding of the region through its scientific research, exhibitions and public and education programs. Through the Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI), the AM also has a leading role in conserving Australia's biodiversity through understanding the environmental impacts of climate change, potential biosecurity threats and invasive species.





THE PREDATORS WITH LEGS APLENTY



Top: Our local Giant Rainforest Centipede (*Ethmostigmus rubripes*) is large enough to prey on small frogs and lizards.

Second top: A long-legged Scutigera (House) centipede.

Above: A mother centipede guarding her precious babies.

Photos: Alan Henderson



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A flurry of legs and a slender body rapidly disappearing into the garden is the glimpse most people would get of a centipede. They are often encountered when lifting objects such as pot plants or even whilst digging through the compost – these being ideal moist dark habitats for these animals. There are many different forms with a variety of patterns and colours. Many are quite small, and some have such long legs that they take on an almost hairy appearance. Although their name implies that they have exactly one hundred legs, this is not the case, with many species having less than half this number.

Centipedes are not insects; they instead belong to the invertebrate group Chilopoda. Australia has over 150 species of centipedes, found throughout the country from the harshest deserts to the lush rainforests. One of the largest of the species in Australia just happens to be our most common local centipede – the Giant Rainforest Centipede (*Ethmostigmus rubripes*). This large rainforest species can grow up to 200mm in length and can be brown, green-blue or even banded in appearance. The other significant local species is the large 'hairy' Scutigera centipede. These strange long-legged animals seem to cruise across surfaces like a hairy hovercraft, with an almost hypnotic leg movement. They are often known as House Centipedes due to an overseas relative which has the tendency to live in houses – ours however, is more at home in the rainforest.

Centipedes are remarkably clean animals considering they live under rocks and within the soil. They groom themselves using their mouth-parts, and are particularly fussy when cleaning their delicate antennae; running them through their mouths over and over again. Their bodies are covered with a hard exoskeleton, which for some species is quite decorative in both colour and sheen.

They are predators, and large or small they must capture prey and subdue it in order to feed. They do this through the use of venom which is delivered by two specialised venom claws that acts as fangs and are located at the front of the head. Many people confuse the long-modified legs at the tail end of the body for some sort of venomous sting, however, this is not the case. Insects including cockroaches and crickets, spiders, and occasionally small vertebrates such as small frogs and lizards make up the diet of centipedes. These animals are overpowered, held and and bitten by the centipede in a swift all-engulfing action.

Hunting usually takes place at night, and centipedes are most active after rain. Some hunt upon the ground while others will readily climb trees in search of food. Most centipedes have small simple eyes and relatively poor vision and instead rely upon their antennae to sense their way around and to tell food from foe. The exception is the House Centipedes, which have well developed compound eyes, similar to those of an insect. They have many predators themselves, being part of the diet of many frogs, lizards, spiders, scorpions, and carnivorous mammals.

Centipedes are egg layers. Many species will curl around their eggs and guard them until the young have hatched and are old enough to fend for themselves. This is usually done in a moist protected area underground or beneath a rock or log.

The venom of most species of centipede is harmless to humans, however, some of the largest species can give a painful bite with some systemic effects such as headaches and nausea.

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What's that bird – birding surveys

Interested in helping with rainforest bird surveys? Over the next few months Dr Ray Pierce will be carrying out a series of bird surveys across the Barron River revegetation areas and is calling for a few local volunteers to assist him. The project started in 2014 and is measuring changes in rainforest bird use of the KEC-planted areas over time and stand-age, some of which are now 25 years old. Of particular interest are the many rainforest-dependent bird species, such as Noisy Pitta, Eastern Whipbird, Victoria's Riflebird and the various Monarch Flycatchers.

Ray's work normally involves threatened bird and invasive species projects across tropical Pacific nations. Action out there is largely on hold at present which has in turn benefitted the local community projects he coordinates. As well as the KEC Barron birds project, it includes measuring the recovery of birds at Russett Park following the removal of yellow crazy ants, and the NE Queensland studies of endangered finches, including the Gouldian Finch.

If you would like to join Ray for morning bird surveys locally, please email him on raypierce@bigpond.com for further details.

Gouldian Finch Photo: David Clode



Plant of the month – *Deplanchea tetraphylla*

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Deplanchea tetraphylla, plants at Smithfield roundabout towards Cairns



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8 October – Thursday 7pm AGM. Kuranda Rec Centre 7-9pm. All welcome.

17 October – Saturday 8am, Trial plot plantings. Meet at nursery, 284 Myola Road at 8am. For more details call Cathy 0419 624 940

19–25 October – Frog monitoring. Check our Facebook page or call Cathy 0419 624 940

Speakers – "Mini Beasts" Deanna and Alan Henderson 7pm Thursday 8 October at the Kuranda Recreation Centre

Deanna has been working with wildlife for over 20 years, studied zoology at Melbourne University and developed a fascination for small wildlife, namely invertebrates. Alan has held a fascination for invertebrates his whole life, along with macro photography. Together they are the 'mini beast' experts.

First planting for restoration of degraded Cain Creek



Lena Taylor with Soren and Pascal.

A sunny, relaxed, fun August afternoon for adults and kids where our first 400 stems were planted. Allan Dale spoke on protecting forest habitat and we finished with a sausage sizzle, the last planters not leaving till sundown. This project is funded through a Queensland Government Community Sustainability Action grant.

We are the invasive resist-ants



A sticky trap survey by the Taskforce



Taskforce volunteers from left Sophie Courtney, Jules Seabright, Bernd Seidl, Tim Brown, Mandy Hales (front) and Sally Troy.

There was a great turnout for the recent sticky trap survey for yellow crazy ants near Russett Park, with volunteers travelling from as far south as Mount Sheridan.

On 19 September the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce (the Taskforce) went on the hunt to make sure that there were no yellow crazy ants along the Barron River opposite Russett Park. The survey area is on the edge of the Russett Park treatment area, within the 100 metre buffer of the infestation.

The day started with a sticky trap workshop of 14 volunteers at Kuranda Envirocare nursery. We had more



Above: Taskforce volunteers and Jeff Jackson (second from right) at the entrance of the survey site on Oak Forest Road.

Right: Taskforce volunteers Jules Seabright (left) capturing the GPS coordinate from Sophie Courtney placing the trap.

people than expected thanks to volunteers travelling up from Cairns.

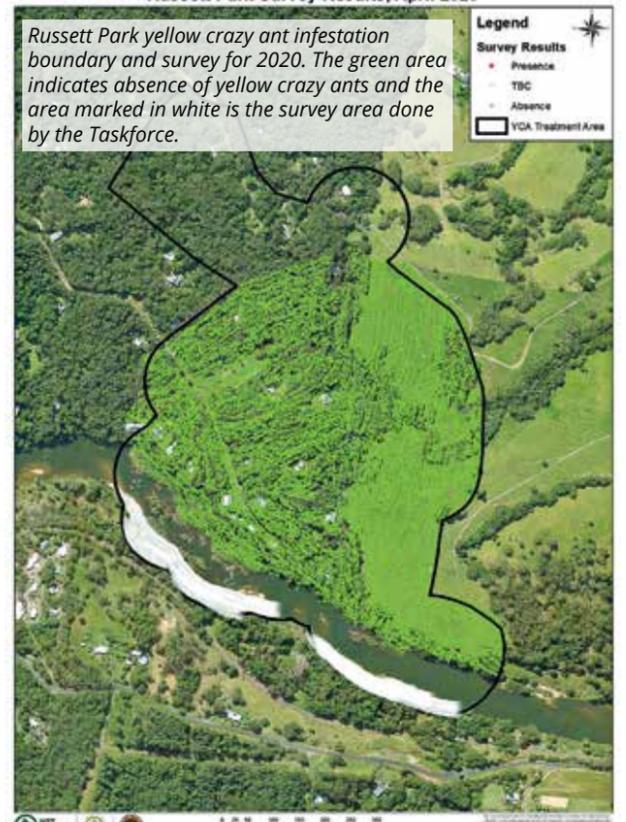
With the assistance of Jeff Jackson from the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the volunteers baited 140 sticky traps. Once they were ready, we assembled on the side of Oak Forest Road between Owen Creek and High Chapparal Road to access the survey site and put out the sticky traps.

Volunteers left the beaten track and explored a beautiful part of the rainforest that featured mature figs and large trees – characteristic of the diverse vegetation along the Barron River. They placed the traps 10 metres apart in two lines parallel to the river. Each trap was given a GPS coordinate and flagged. The traps were left for a week and picked up the following Saturday by the Taskforce.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers for coming along and contributing to the eradication of yellow crazy ants in Kuranda. It was a longer day than expected due to a later start but they got the job done and didn't give up. We are fortunate to have a strong community spirit here in Kuranda. The volunteers certainly earned their lunch and a long morning tea of homemade scones and passionfruit butter.

The results of September's survey will be reported in the November edition.

Russett Park Survey Results, April 2020



Taskforce activity for October

This month the Taskforce will engage in yellow crazy ant education and awareness, targeting residents on Green Forest Road near a yellow crazy ant infestation. For those who may be interested in contributing to the Taskforce in this way or would like to gain skills in community engagement, please contact Ciara at coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au **Ciara**

Join the invasive resist-ants

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NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE

Locals have been admiring a paddock full of sunflowers, planted as a cover crop at Koah. The sun will be setting on their flamboyant glory very soon as they must be ploughed into the soil before they can seed. *Photo: Kerry Geck, Koah.*

Too Good To Be True

© Kerrie Foster, Kuranda

We all have heard the adage that, 'it's too good to be true.'
 Yet many, who we read about, seem not to have a clue.
 I'll use a few examples here, where people have been caught.
 The scammers who commit their fraud, against all we've been taught.

Pretending it's the Tax Office, receivers are exhorted;
 Unless they give their details out, then they will be reported.
 If they don't hand them over, there's a chance they'll be arrested,
 and then could find themselves in jail. These calls must be contested.

Fake charities are on the rise; they always sound true blue.
 They ask for their donations, for the needy, and how to
 transfer your money: 'it will help!' These scammers are the worst
 They often prey on those naïve; these low-lives who are cursed.

The lottery scams are on the rise; they make them seem so real.
 The emails look like you have won; some people jump and squeal.
 They then ask for the bank details; to claim this large amount.
 And, should the victim fall for it; they'll clean out their account.

The postage fee's a common one; where promises are made
 that you can trial a product free, once postage has been paid.
 Provide your credit details, not knowing there's fine print,
 they can withdraw a monthly sum, and one can end up skint.

A promise of inheritance, can trick you into giving,
 your credit card or bank number; this fraud is unforgiving.
 They say they are a lawyer, and they found a distant kin,
 who you have never heard of - no, there's no way you can win.

For me I think the saddest one: the date and romance scam:
 One meets a swindler there online, and falls for their flimflam.
 The victims, often lonely, then believe the love expressed.
 Then conned out of their savings, those poor people left depressed.

The lesson is: If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

SCAMDEMIC AWARENESS

The Australian Signals Directorate's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) continues to receive reports about a range of COVID-19 themed scams, online fraud and phishing campaigns.

The ACSC's Stay Smart Online program provides information on how home internet users and small businesses can protect themselves. More at www.cyber.gov.au

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) Scamwatch page also has helpful information about the different types of COVID-19 scams and how to prevent yourself becoming a victim. More at www.scamwatch.gov.au



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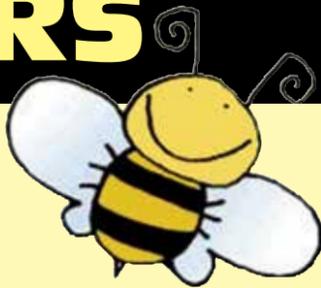
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RATES RELIEF FOR THE CWA

Mareeba Shire Mayor, Angela Toppin, came bearing good news at the Kuranda Country Women's Association recent monthly meeting, saying "Council recognises the important role played by not-for-profit community groups in delivering services and activities for the benefit of the community. For this reason, Council provides financial and in-kind assistance to support community groups through the Community Partnerships Program." KCWA President Carol Jeans, gratefully accepted the Council's offer of a generous rate rebate.

It is with relief that Yoga, Taekwondo, Dance and Kids Drama groups have resumed, and other community groups are making use of the larger space to meet.

The Wednesday morning monthly Craft group shared their various mask patterns while enjoying a relaxed catchup session. Any requests for or offers of crafty learning opportunities, please contact Christine 0427 535 916.

Join us for a cuppa on Wednesday 14 October at 10.30am to celebrate 80 years since the opening of the Kuranda CWA Hall. Bring along any memorabilia we can take photos of, so we can link into The Kuranda Historical Society. Contact Krishna 0427 937 348.



Mayor Angela Toppin addressing the Kuranda CWA monthly meeting in September. Photo: Sandra McCorry.

Mareeba Hospital welcomes new CT scanner

Mareeba Hospital has a brand new CT scanner which will save patients the need to travel to Atherton or Cairns hospitals for their CT scans.

The Medical Imaging Department at the Mareeba Hospital has been expanded and refurbished to house a new CT scanner, a new X-ray machine and dental X-ray machine. The refurbishment included an upgrade of the ultrasound, X-ray and administration areas.

Robyn Boundy, Chair of the Hinterland Hub of the Health Service's Community Consultative Committee said she welcomed the new CT scanner and upgraded facilities.

"We all want our health services as close as possible to our homes," Ms Boundy said, "and this CT scanner is a great service for the Mareeba community."

"It is great news for our communities because the Health Service is improving access to the latest technology closer to home and reducing the need to travel for certain types of scans."

Mareeba Hospital Facility Manager and Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Ross Clarksmith said the computed tomography (CT) scanner uses x-rays and a computer to diagnose illness and injury. "It's right next to our Mareeba Hospital emergency department which is perfect for patients with critical injuries who need to be diagnosed quickly," said Mr Clarksmith.

"It gives our clinicians improved confidence in their treatment decisions.

"The new CT scanner at Mareeba Hospital will produce high quality images. It is very fast and uses reduced doses of radiation," said Mr Clarksmith.

"We have not had the ability to provide CT scans previously, and the community will benefit greatly from this new service. We will no longer have to send patients to the Cairns or Atherton hospitals in some diagnostic cases, allowing us to treat local residents closer to home."

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service



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Neighbourhood Centre News October 2020

Furniture Exchange Program: This program is starting up again and we have many people in need of household furniture and items. If you have items in good condition including dining tables and chairs, couches, sofas, beds of all sizes including mattresses and bases, or other items please call. We can arrange pick up usually on Tuesday mornings.

Community Service Map: We have had Emma Chapman doing a placement with KNC. She has updated the Kuranda Community Services Map. Ask for a copy in the Centre or have an electronic copy emailed to you. If there are any mistakes, additions or changes required, please email coordinator@kurandanc.org.au.

Street Pantry and Kuranda Community Essentials Project: The Kuranda Community Essentials project continues to be available for those in the district who have been affected by coronavirus in any way. Please contact the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-1pm or email coordinator@kurandanc.org.au or familysupport@kurandanc.org.au to discuss your needs.

The Street Pantry is located at the front of the KNC building and is open 24/7 for people to donate non-perishable food or for others to take items as needed. The Food/Meal program has also restarted where people can come to the Centre and ask for a frozen meal to be heated up to take away.

Service Continuity and Opening Hours: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is operating on pre-COVID-19 opening hours, Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-1pm. Please be patient with our volunteers and staff with the COVID-19 protocols and there may be some times when the Centre is closed due to reduced volunteers. This means we have less computers available and the kitchen remains closed.

If the Centre is closed, please call on 4093 8933 or email us for assistance. In an emergency please call 000 or Lifeline on 131 114. Please do not attend the Centre if you have any symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or have come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have returned from interstate hotspot or overseas within the past 14 days.

NILS: The No Interest Loan Scheme is operating with phone and face to face interviews available on Wednesdays. For information, assistance or to book an interview, please call 4093 8933. Documents can be emailed to admin@kurandanc.org.au



L-R: Tracey Morgan (Executive Director Rural and Remote Services), Cynthia Lui (Member for Cook), Clive Skarott (Board Chair), Dr Tjaart Grobbelaar (Director Rural Medical Services), Ross Clarksmith (Director of Nursing and Midwifery Mareeba Hospital), Robyn Boundy (Community Consultative Committee, Hinterland Hub), Angela Toppin (Mayor Mareeba Shire Council) with the new CT Scanner at Mareeba Hospital.

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Mental health and nutrition

by Sarah Dobbs

This one is massive so forgive me for just skimming the surface. When we think of mental health and all the many and varied diagnoses it encompasses, nutrition rarely gets a mention beyond 'eat well', yet it is an integral part of mental health. There is not one solution to mental health. I firmly believe it takes a village to support mental health. Pulling together a team of trusted health care providers to support you, including GPs, psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, natural health care practitioners and body workers, creates an unparalleled support network. Whatever brings you even a small amount of help needs to be added in. Like I said, it takes a team.

When we talk about nutrition, I am so grateful that the gut-brain axis is being recognised in conventional circles as well as recognising that genetics play a part in mental health, and this includes our ability to convert nutrients to usable forms. There's so much more research being done! I am loving that nutrition is finally being acknowledged as part of the bigger picture in mental health.

Gut health

I'm the boring person at parties these days with my preoccupation with the gut-brain axis but more and more studies are being done looking at the connection. It's an incredibly exciting area of mental health. For starters, 90% of our serotonin lives in here. This is one of our feel-good hormones. Histamine, as well as causing allergic reactions, is an excitatory neurotransmitter that is broken down in the gut. B12 is synthesised in the gut, which, at low levels, can be an issue for energy levels and depression, as well as being needed for the creation of other neurotransmitters.

Mineral imbalance

Did you know that zinc to copper ratios need to be just right for good mental health? If they are not, we can see a range of mental health concerns, ranging from mild anxiety to risky, impulsive behaviour. Often children will present as having low attention spans, unable to sit still and have angry outbursts. Low zinc can impact our ability to think. 'No zinc, no think' is a nice little saying but low copper can create similar issues so be cautious with supplementation. Zinc and copper can most definitely be tested in a blood test.

Before you all run out to get blood test be aware that these are not the only things that could be an issue. Low vitamin D can be an issue in depression as can low B12. Too much histamine stimulates our nervous system also. Honestly, the list goes on and on. This is just a very quick overview.

There are many, many reasons why you may be feeling the way you do, which is why creating a team to thoroughly cover everything is so important.

Methylation issues

Here's a fun one that seems incredibly topical right now. Variations in the MTHFR gene can inhibit our body's ability to change folic acid to folate (the useable form). There are lots and lots of fall outs from this, including recurrent miscarriage to, you guessed it, mental health issues. It sounds simple enough, but over-methylating and under-methylating give two different responses.

A huge range of children's behaviours can be exacerbated by a variation in the MTHFR gene including lack of attention, impulsivity, anxiety, obsessive behaviour or thoughts and self-harm in more extreme cases. Obviously, these can be attributed to adult concerns as well. The specific MTHFR gene is not the only one in the body that has variations, aka mutations, aka SNPS, but it's a common example.

It is all about epigenetics and whether these genes are active or not. All kinds of things get them going including stress, diet, environment, exposure to toxins and so on. It is absolutely possible to test for these things although symptoms need to be taken into account as well. We are individuals after all!

I'm not suggesting that anything I'm outlining here is THE answer to all mental health issues, but they are definitely a piece of the puzzle worth exploring. If you are concerned, chat with your GP but also with your natural health practitioners. Get your team together! There are many pieces to the mental health puzzle. It is worth exploring them all!

The information given here is general in nature and not intended as a diagnosis nor should it be taken as such. It is in no way intended to take the place of advice from your chosen healthcare professional or specialist. If symptoms persist, or you have further concerns please see your chosen health care provider.

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TALES FROM THE CRYPT

Shed



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We've got a few new things happening this month at the shed. Don has hung up his welder for a while and, with some help and lots of advice from others, has begun converting an old chest of drawers we were given into a Community Library Box. Eddy's garden is going gang busters still, but despite concerted efforts, it's a 50/50 race with the grubs for his cabbages. Rhys has started on a coffee table made from a piece of old tree trunk that someone has told me is Black Wattle. Should be magnificent when it is finished and considering that he started at the shed with very little (actually no) woodworking experience, is a real credit to him. A joint effort sees our smoko bench nearing completion, with Richard applying the first of several coats of two pack to the timber top. It is coming up really nice! Kudos to Jeff and Richard.

Since a large part of our Men's Shed is now complete, we have been able to turn our attention to the finer things like tool racks, safety signs and landscaping the outside. Richard is concentrating on clean fill to fix up our grassed area while Eddy is busy planting out flowers in our first line of blocks around the verge. Geoff is rebuilding a saw bench that we have been given and Chano is getting a spare drop saw and drill press back up to speed.

Our main income at the moment is still the 'Containers for Change' project and this is starting to improve once again. However, we feel that it is still too early (and complicated) to start taking part in the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles just yet. Might leave that to the young ones for a while longer.

We had a really successful day at the Koah markets on 5 September, followed up by a Father's Day BBQ lunch back at the shed. Now that things are slowly getting back to somewhere in the vicinity of normal up here, I am hoping that we can get back into more community functions soon.

If you would like to be a part of the team, make some new friends (or catch up with old ones), come on down to the shed, have a look around and join us for a cuppa on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For those people interested in the Men's shed organisation you can find lots of information and news at www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380 or visit the website at www.mensshed.org/theshedonline *Sheddy Eddy*



Inside the workshop. L-R: Chano, Mal (back view), Andrew, Daryl and Eddy (hammering it up in the front).

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REGIONAL DRIVERS URGED TO CHECK VEHICLES FOR FAULTY TAKATA AIRBAGS

Car manufacturers are urging regional and rural Australians to immediately check their vehicles to determine if they are affected by the Takata airbag recall.

Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries chief executive, Tony Weber, says thousands of vehicles in regional and rural Australia could be affected by the recall.

"Many of these vehicles will be driven by farmers and people in support industries. These drivers are the economic backbone of rural Australia and may well be travelling long distances every day. It is vital they are able to do so safely" Mr Weber said.

A wide range of passenger cars, light trucks and vans are affected by the recall. There are currently more than 150,000 vehicles still requiring faulty airbags to be replaced.

A faulty Takata airbag can kill or seriously injure any occupant of the vehicle regardless of whether they are a driver or passenger.

It is also possible owners of vehicles who have ignored multiple requests to have a faulty airbag rectified will be confronted by registration sanctions. This could include a cancellation of registration or an inability to transfer ownership when selling.

"We have a very strong message for people in regional and rural Australia. Whether registered or unregistered, check your car, check your ute, check your four-wheel-drive, check your van. Ask your colleagues, neighbours and friends if they have checked their vehicles."

Mr Weber said car manufacturers acknowledged that recalls could be very inconvenient for the farming community given the distances involved and time taken with trips to town.

"But we need to be frank. A faulty airbag can have disastrous consequences."

"Car manufacturers are keen to work closely with vehicle owners in regional and rural communities to locate and rectify affected vehicles," Mr Weber said.

He urged people to check the recall status of their vehicles by using the automotive industry's Takata airbag recall website www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au and by taking prompt action to arrange for the rectification of any affected vehicles. The recall status of a vehicle can also be checked by texting TAKATA to 0487 AIRBAG (247 224).

"All you need to know is a vehicle's registration number and the state or territory of registration. A check is quick and repairs to affected vehicles are free.

"Unregistered vehicles can also be checked by contacting the brand directly."

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Kuranda Taekwon-Do Grading Report

Students from the Kuranda ITF Taekwon-Do club had the opportunity to apply for belt promotions at the Spring Grading held in the CWA hall. This is the first grading this year due to COVID-19, and the students were well prepared.

In normal circumstances, students have the opportunity to test every quarter. Testing is governed by several factors:

- Practical ability to perform set techniques, including self-defense;
- Theoretical knowledge of the Martial Art; and
- Demonstrated willingness to uphold the Tenets of Taekwon-Do - Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control and Indomitable Spirit.

Our Kuranda club consists of students aged seven years and up. We have brothers and sisters, mums and dads, teenagers and seniors training together. We have several qualified Instructors to oversee the classes.

Injuries are extremely rare, as we train to a strict code of behaviour. The emphasis of training is on control, balance, focus and timing. We teach practical self-defense, and reinforce that self-defense comes in many forms. For example – it is not justifiable to punch someone out because they have called you names. In that case, it would be more appropriate to simply walk away. Avoiding physical confrontation is always the safest option. On the other hand, if attacked by someone with a weapon (knife etc) then it is permissible that the person is immobilised.

Whatever the situation, we are permitted to only use an appropriate level of force.

It is my belief, that training in Taekwon-Do not only gives us the skills to practically defend ourselves, but equally as important, it provides life skills on how to be a confident yet caring community member.

I invite you to try a free introductory lesson, and see what Taekwon-Do can do for you. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm at the CWA hall.

Jeff Dieben, Chief Instructor
Queensland Taekwon-Do Academy
Mobile: 0437 438 196

Abby and Jamaal testing for their next belt level. Photos: Jeff Dieben



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With only four games left in the 2020 season, it's hard to believe we're already at the end of this 'COVID' season! We are very grateful that Football Queensland were able to put a COVID-Safe plan in place so that all of our players and other clubs were able to play a delayed, yet full season. The kids have had a great season and all have grown in their skill levels. There's nothing better than seeing bright smiling faces coming off the field after a hard fought match. Many of our teams have also had wins over the season which has only increased their love of the game and boosted their confidence.



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KURANDA DISTRICT STATE COLLEGE RUOK? DAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Kuranda District State College (KDSC) students commemorated this special day with a range of awareness activities and celebrations across both college campuses.

RUOK?

RUOK?'s mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

At KDSC we always say RUOK? is about looking after your mates, checking in on your family and friends and those around you, and helping them connect to support networks.

RUOK? Day is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" if someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs.

The message for RUOK? Day 2020 was "There's more to say after RUOK?"

This has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected and, for those who are able, to be willing to support those around us. The RUOK? website has plenty of resources to help Australians know what to say when someone says they're not OK and guide them through how they can continue a conversation that could change a life.

The Kuranda DSC senior woodwork students have spent the past few months making three amazing 'conversation benches' that will be utilised at different locations across the campus.

They will be for students to sit and share meaningful conversations, check in on their mates, and gather if they are feeling in need of particular support for any reason. The benches were paid for by our P&C Association and on RUOK? Day the tables were officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by students Jessie Currie and Alex Richardson. This also included a speech made by deputy Principal Mr Adrian Hooper.

Our School Chaplains, Deb Bromley and Molly Wilson, and the KDSC Chaplaincy Committee, provided a range of RUOK? merchandise as prizes and giveaways for students who were nominated by friends who took the time to check in on their well-being. Some culinary treats were provided in the form of yellow RUOK? cupcakes from our P&C and at our regular Friday Pancake 'Boost Breaky' for students, our pancakes turned yellow especially for the occasion!

Photos: KDSC



VIDEO COMPETITION OPENS FOR YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

Terrain and the Wet Tropics Management Authority are calling on Wet Tropics teens to draw inspo from the likes of David Attenborough, Greta, Dr Karl and local environmentalist Brian 'Rossey' Ross and put Wet Tropics environmental issues in the spotlight.

The video competition is challenging students from the region to put their creative minds and smart phones to good use and shoot an inspiring three-minute video.

Local tour guide and ecologist, Brian Ross, wants students to follow his "step outside mate" motto and get involved in the competition.

"We're incredibly lucky to live in such a diverse and pristine part of the world. This competition is a great opportunity for youngsters to explore our insta worthy backyard and get their game changing ideas out there."

The competition is open to year 10 and 11 students in the Wet Tropics region – which spans from Mossman to Ingham and west to Atherton.

Terrain NRM Chair Dr Keith Noble said getting the next generation of leaders engaged in addressing environmental issues is important for the region's future.

"The Cairns Youth Climate Summit last year highlighted how driven the youth of our region are – we want to harness that enthusiasm and provide a platform for their ideas and solutions to be showcased."

"By working together and giving younger generations the opportunity to get involved in our NRM challenges, we're a step closer towards a more sustainable future," Dr Noble said.

A Palm Cove kayak turtle tour, Kuranda stand-up paddle boarding and photography lesson and tour will be awarded to the first and second prize winners.

Entries are open to groups of 5 or less people with video entries requiring a hashtag of #terrainchangers on Instagram or Facebook by 30 October, winners will be announced in November.

More information contact Skye Orsmond, Communications – Terrain NRM | 0427 964 911

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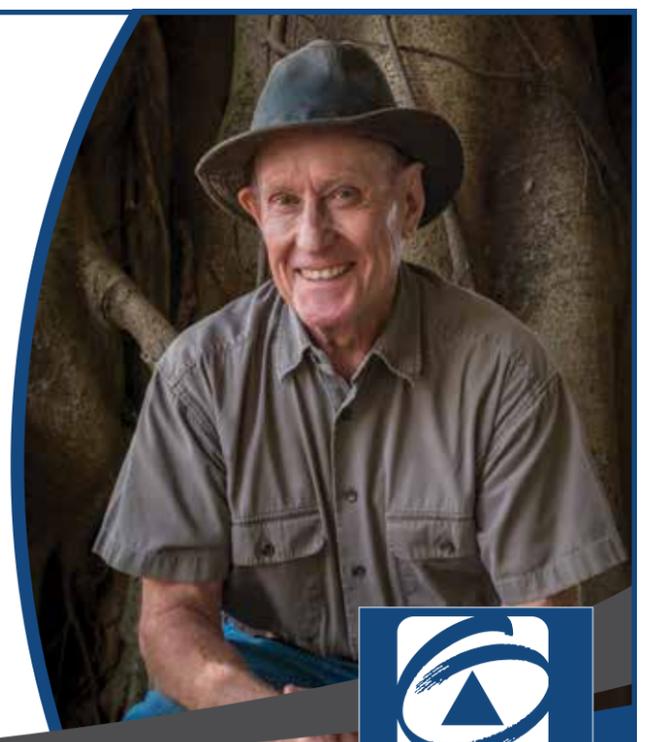
Those who only want to sell once the property values go up significantly—and of course this will happen one day—may have to wait longer, most likely quite a number of years, as nothing supports the assumption that it will happen anytime soon.

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The Importance of Play in the Early Years of Learning

Research and current thinking have brought to light the importance of play-based learning in the early years across schools nationally, to support critical thinking, cognitive and social skills and foster imagination. Play-based learning is a core and natural component of Steiner education in the pre-school and primary years, as a healthy foundation of academic learning and wellbeing. Shelley Bowen, Education Director at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School (CHSS) explains that “research shows the overwhelming benefit of the role of play in supporting intellectual achievement and social well-being in children. At our School, play and learning are not separated, but intertwined in our Early Childhood programmes.”

Current pedagogical theories of child-development show that the skills needed for learning are all present in play-based learning. These are skills like gross and fine motor skills, social skills (communication, problem-solving, conflict resolution), emotional skills like empathy, self-regulation, self-awareness, and creativity (imagination, making and expressing), explained Ms Bowen.

“Children who learn via play-based programs generally have higher learning outcomes than those in direct-instruction programs”, said Ms Bowen. “Students in direct-instruction learning are more likely to experience negative effects like stress, not wanting to go to school and behavioural problems”. Steiner education is the ‘slow cook’ method of education – children enter formal learning at age seven and at their own level and pace.

Steiner education has a holistic view of learning. The Steiner educational approach in Early Childhood is discovery and exploration rather than instruction. Whether playing alone or with others, play activities provide an essential platform for children to discover, to question and to communicate. “Children are born to play, and their motivation to play provides fertile ground for learning and the development of foundational skills and capacities.” says Ms Bowen.

At CHSS, in an average week, the 4-6 year olds experience periods of free play (often involving construction activities, role playing, pretend play); periods of artistic activities (painting, modelling, music, movement, and practical activities like cooking, gardening and craft); oral literacy and language (story-telling, puppet shows) and physical activities (games, bush walks) and all on a basis of rhythm, routine and repetition. “This is an education that responds to where the child is ‘at’ and one that many parents at the school say they wished they had had themselves”, said Ms Bowen.

Spaces are available for our Lilly Pilly class (5 years) in 2021 but are filling fast. Sunbird (4 years) and Rose Apple (6 years) currently have wait lists.

If you are interested in learning more, call Cairns Hinterland Steiner School to book a tour on 4093 8809 or email admin@chss.qld.edu.au. Follow them on Facebook for updates and school.



Top: Students from Cairns Hinterland Steiner School dance around the maypole at the Spring Fair.
Middle: Children have fun at the sandpit Crystal Dig.
Above: Beautiful classroom display of students work from Class 2 and 3.
Left: Students from Class 4 and 5 Choir Group performance.



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Up close and personal with electric ants



Electric ants, scientific name *Wasmannia auropunctata*, are native to Central and South America but have spread to many other countries around the world, including Australia. First detected in Cairns in 2006, electric ants are one of the world's most invasive pests. They affect human health and lifestyle, can blind pets, damage the environment, and have the potential to severely affect agricultural industries.

Electric ants are tiny and golden-brown, usually slow-moving and form distinct foraging lines. They prey on and compete with other insects and can displace large numbers of native animals, ants and other insects. They can also inflict painful stings on wild and domestic animals and on humans.

The National Electric Ant Eradication Program has made significant progress in eradicating electric ants from Australia. Surveillance is ongoing, and treatment and containment measures are continuing in areas of Far North Queensland where the ants have been detected, including the Kuranda region.

Habitat

Electric ants establish colonies anywhere rather than having visible nests. They can be found under stones, blocks, sleepers, logs and in garden waste, leaf litter, soil, trees, around swimming pools and watercourses. They have also been found in wall cavities, clothing, bedding, garden equipment and camping gear. Electric ants are found in both wet and dry conditions and can survive in water, with some people being stung in their swimming pool.

Life cycle

Electric ant queens live for approximately 12 months and lay up to 70 eggs a day. Eggs are incubated for 8-10 days and larvae develop for 14-16 days. The nymphal stage lasts 13-14 days while adult workers live for more than 40 days and males live for several weeks.

Impacts of electric ants

Electric ants can out-compete and displace other ant species. They can cause declines in numbers of invertebrates and small vertebrates—in the long term, dense infestations of electric ants reduce overall biodiversity. Electric ants are thought to have reduced reptile populations in New Caledonia and tortoise populations in Galapagos Archipelago, where ants eat hatchlings and attack eyes and cloacae of adult tortoises.

Electric ants collect honeydew from sap-sucking insects and protect them from other predators. This can result in agricultural farms experiencing dieback and reduction in crop yield through reduced plant vigour and the spread of crop diseases such as sooty mould. In addition to lost crop production, direct production costs are increased by additional insecticide and fungicide treatment required.

Electric ants can inflict painful stings on humans that cause painful, itchy, persistent pimples and, rarely, severe allergic reactions. In some countries, there has been a significant loss in tourism as their painful sting discourages outdoor recreational activities.

Electric ants may sting, and possibly blind, domestic pets while dense infestations may leave backyards or pools unusable.

Movement and spread of electric ants

Electric ants live in soil and most materials that touch soil, including plant and inorganic materials. Moving these materials poses a serious risk of spreading electric ants.

Some of the things that can contain electric ants and present a high risk of spreading them include: potted plants, cuttings from plants, garden mulch, soil, garden waste and soil.

It is very easy to unwittingly spread electric ants through everyday activity such as swapping of pot plants or cuttings and this has contributed to the creation of new infestations.

The Kuranda region has been identified as a high-risk area for electric ants with one in five of all infestations being found in the Kuranda, Myola, Speewah and Koah areas.

Be electric ant aware

Over the next few weeks, the National Electric Ant Eradication Program is asking residents of the Kuranda region to make some time to join in the fight to find and get rid of this serious, invasive pest.

People can help protect their families and the environment by:

1. Being aware of what electric ants look like and where they like to live
2. Knowing what items can transport electric ants and taking action to reduce this risk
3. Being aware of electric ant restricted zones and what movement controls apply
4. Reporting suspect ants

Information and support

You can find out more about electric ants, including information about what they look like, where they are likely to be found and how to report them at daf.qld.gov.au/anthunt

You can check out the latest information on where electric ant restricted zones are through a new, interactive map by visiting daf.qld.gov.au/electricantmap The map includes a search facility, so just type in your address to check if you are within or close to a restricted zone.

Information stalls

The National Electric Ant Eradication Program is holding several information stalls over the coming weeks around the Kuranda region and is encouraging residents to come along to say hello. The staff will be able to show you what electric ants look like, provide information on simple ways to reduce the risk of spreading electric ants and are offering the opportunity for people to register for a free yard check or pick up a self-survey kit.

Working with the community is the best way to help eradicate electric ants!

Stall dates and venues:

Thursday 1 October, 11am-4pm, outside Kuranda Foodworks, Thoree St

Saturday 3 October, Koah Market

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Jaboticaba

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JABOTICABA (*Plinia cauliflora*) the Brazilian Grape Tree is in the family *Myrtaceae*, and native to Brazil. The tree is known for its purplish-black, white-pulped fruits which grow directly on the trunk; they can be eaten raw or be used to make jellies, jams, juice or wine.

Out of fruiting season, it remains an attractive, easy to grow addition to a backyard or larger property in our region. The fruit, washed, drained and chilled, are a refreshing treat in themselves but if you are lucky enough to have plenty they make great preserves as well. The jams work well in tarts or desserts and the syrups make great pouring sauces or drink bases. You can even explore the archaic world of homemade "shrubs" using Jaboticaba fruit. Enjoy!
Queenobeans

BASIC JABOTICABA JAM via annettemcfarlane.com

INGREDIENTS: freshly harvested jaboticaba fruit, enough sugar to set and to taste (roughly equal to weight of fruit).

METHOD: De-stalk and wash the jaboticaba fruit and place into a large saucepan. Softly boil the fruit (no need to add water), stirring regularly so that it does not stick to the saucepan. When the fruit begins to soften, use a potato masher to squash the fruit, continue to softly boil the fruit until the flesh, skin and seeds are well separated. This process helps to release pectin that will help your jam set. Ladle the hot mix into a sieve to separate the seeds and skin, the more you push the pulp through the sieve, the more jam-like the end product, letting the mix largely drip through will achieve a more jelly-like end product. Discard the seeds and skin in the compost or feed to poultry.

Measure the strained liquid into a saucepan and add one cup of sugar for every cup of liquid. Reboil the fruit and sugar mix until the sugar is dissolved. Keep on a rolling boil until the jam thickens and sets. Place the hot mix into hot, clean, dry jars and seal with cellophane jam covers. Add the lid once the jam cools.

JABOTICABA and RHUBARB CHUTNEY via kitcheninbrazil.wordpress.com

Makes 2 cups. An easy alternative to cranberry sauce

INGREDIENTS: 500g rhubarb stalks, 500g jaboticaba fruit, 2 cloves of garlic roughly chopped, olive oil, 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger, 1 cup dry white wine, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon chili powder, 1/4 teaspoon allspice, 1/4 teaspoon fresh or dried nutmeg, seeds of 4 cardamom pods ground, fresh ground black pepper to taste, 1/4 teaspoon salt, a teaspoon fresh orange zest.

METHOD: Clean the rhubarb. Cut the stalks into 1 inch pieces. Extract the juice of the jaboticaba fruits by pulsing a few times in blender or food processor. Strain out the skin and pits. Reserve the juice discarding the rest. Over medium heat, saute the garlic in the olive oil.

Add the rhubarb and fresh ginger. Saute rhubarb until it sweats a little. Add the wine and jaboticaba juice. Reduce heat and simmer. After about 5 minutes add the spices, sugar and orange peel. Let simmer on low until rhubarb falls apart and the chutney thickens, about 20 minutes. Store in airtight container in refrigerator (up to three days) or preserve as a chutney in sterilised jars for longer life.

JABOTICABA SYRUP via suwanneerose.com

INGREDIENTS: 4 cups jaboticaba fruit sliced in half, 1 cup water, 1 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, a few slices ginger (optional).

METHOD: Combine fruit, water, sugar, and ginger in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer for 15 minutes. Once the fruit is soft, use a potato masher to crush. Add lemon and allow to simmer for 5 more minutes, turn off the heat and cool to room temperature, pour the juice through a fine-mesh strainer and refrigerate until ready to use. Uses: drizzle over desserts, fresh fruit, French toast or pancakes. Blend into smoothies or salad dressings. Mix with soda water or your favourite spirit for a refreshing drink.

JABOTICABA "SHRUB" or "DRINKING VINEGAR" via brisbanelocalfood.ning.com and food52.com

The word "shrub" first appeared in English in 1747, but the drink's origins are older. The word derives not from shrubbery, but from the Arabic sharab, meaning syrup, and the Hindi sharbat, from which the English "sherbet" is also descended. In colonial times, centuries before artificially flavoured soft drinks were our bubbly refresher of choice, shrubs ruled the roost.

Although shrubs can be simmered for quicker results, fresher fruit flavours are retained through the cold prep method as described here. NOTE: the vinegar is the key to a successful shrub, because it preserves the whole mixture while adding a tartness to balance the sugar's sweetness. The result is vaguely kombucha-like, but more fruit-forward and a lot less hassle to make at home.

INGREDIENTS: 2 cups fresh jaboticaba fruit, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup cider (or white or red wine) vinegar

METHOD: In a glass or ceramic container, add sugar to fruit and gently stir to mix together. Place container in the fridge for up to three days, stirring occasionally. Strain off the resulting syrup through sieve or cheesecloth, mix in a cup of vinegar, but do this slowly, tasting as you go so that you get a shrub that is just sharp enough for you, and bottle. You can now enjoy your shrub as a cordial with water, mixer or spirit. It will keep refrigerated for up to three months, and the flavours will continue to evolve. NOTE: The shrub should not ferment, bubble, or become slimy. If it does, scold it, throw it away, and start anew.

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TRACQS CDP Participant, Thomas, with Troppo Propagation owners Tracy and Rohan Rusch.



TRACQS PLANT A NEW SEED FOR TROPPO PROPOGATION

Businesses are much like plants – in the sense that if you nurture them correctly, they'll grow.

Rohan and Tracy Rusch, owners of Troppo Propagation, run a wholesale seedling nursery at Koah in Far North Queensland. At their nursery, Rohan and Tracy supply a variety of indoor plants that are purchased for commercial buildings in our major cities. They also supply a variety of landscaping plants to the wholesale and retail nursery industry.

As long-term residents and business owners in Koah, our TRACQS Employment and Outreach Services Manager, Sali, reached out to the pair to discuss the services TRACQS offers in the ways of recruitment, referrals, Post Placement Support and Government Incentives.

With Rohan and Tracy both being incredibly busy and wanting to create local employment opportunities, the pair trusted our team to help lighten-up their schedule by finding them a suitable candidate to join the Troppo Propagation team.

Rohan and Tracy were looking for a specific type of employee – someone with a good work ethic who wouldn't mind working outside during the scorching North Queensland summers.

Taking in the preferences of both Rohan and Tracy, Sali paired them with TRACQS Community Development Program (CDP) participant Thomas. As a part of our services for CDP, Thomas elected to be a part of the Kowrova Property Maintenance Activity Group, where he gained skills in land care and vegetation management, which included activities such as landscaping and planning.

"We have found the assistance and knowledge of the TRACQS team very valuable. The nursery work is primarily outdoors and has been most suitable for those who enjoy fitness, the physical side of work and don't mind the heat of the tropics!" described Tracy.

Thomas' time within the Kowrova Property Maintenance Activity Group, specifically the skills and experience he picked up doing vegetation management, meant that he was an excellent match for Troppo Propagation.

Both Rohan and Tracy are thrilled to have Thomas on board, and as a part of our recruitment services, they've had the spare time to build on other areas of the business. To help them achieve this, we were able to provide them with a 26-week Employer Incentive, which they can utilise for training future jobseekers.

TRACQS has managed to present suitable staff for the position. It's been great having a local company that is at hand for follow up service," said Tracy.

To prepare Thomas for starting his new job, our Post Placement Support Services provided him with the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) he would need to commence. Working outdoors, protective workwear was essential for Thomas: two cargo pants, two lightweight open front shirts, Saturn lace-up steel cap boots, Force 360 cool flex AGT nitrile Gloves, two straw hats and cotton boot covers, which adhere to Workplace health and safety requirements.

It's now been six months since Thomas commenced working at Troppo Propagation as a nursery hand. In that time, he's acquired impressive skills including: preparation of seed for propagation, propagation and identification of plant species, potting and maintenance of plants, assistance with the preparation of orders for dispatch, machinery operation and maintenance and all aspects of running and maintaining plant/seedling nursery.

Thomas is thriving in his new role and enjoying the work he's doing at the seedling nursery. Since commencing a relationship with TRACQS by hiring Thomas, Rohan and Tracy have continued to use our recruitment services and have achieved several work placements with our jobseekers.

We're pleased to yet again see another story come full circle. In this instance, we've created another fantastic connection with an established business, and have given them room for new opportunities. At the same time, we've allowed a participant to find stability and discover new passions and skills. We can't wait to see our partnership with Rohan and Tracy strengthen, as we continue to support them, while creating security for our participants.

One Giant Leap for Golden Wattle

In October, seeds of Australia's national floral emblem Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) will be sent to the International Space Station. The project was made possible by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and its cooperation with Japan's space agency.

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment is assisting in facilitating a smooth journey for the seeds and ensuring the seeds don't pose a biosecurity risk. Upon return the seeds will be grown by school students across Australia under the Australian 'Seeds in Space' educational program. Upon arrival back to Earth, the Department will facilitate the safe arrival of the Golden Wattle seeds back home in line with Australia's stringent biosecurity requirements.

The seeds were collected by CSIRO from a wild population in Victoria. They are held in the National Research Collections Australia at CSIRO as part of a unique resource alongside representative seeds of Australian tree species.

The Australian Ambassador to Japan, the Hon. Richard Court, handed the seeds over to the Japan Aerospace

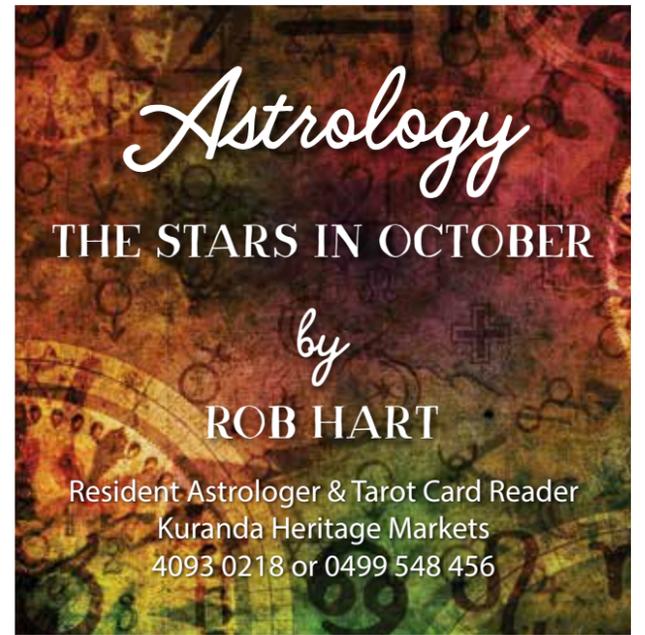
Exploration Agency in a ceremony at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo in August. The seeds were packaged up and then moved to the Tanegashima Space Centre from where they will be sent to the US to be launched on a Space X flight scheduled for October.

They will spend around six months on the International Space Station before beginning their long journey home. The seeds will be grown by schools under the inaugural Australian Seeds in Space educational program.

The One Giant Leap Australia Foundation is supported by the Australian Space Agency on this project, in collaboration with Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Kibo Research Module on the International Space Station which facilitates space-related educational projects.

Wattles have long had special meanings for Australians and in 1988 the Golden Wattle was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.

Source: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment



The first week of October will have us running around in circles, going off on tangents, striking dead-ends and looking, really looking, for the way out and the path found.

If you want the astrology of it, well ... how about a Full Moon in Aries, Libran Sun struggling against a Taurean Uranus, Venus out of Leo and into Virgo, Jupiter and Neptune harmonising – really putting a shine on all that is illusionary. Mars retrograde in Aries – grrr! c'mon, c'mon. And Pluto, after nearly five months retrograde, finally becoming stationary and going forward again. Finally! Now!

We could also mention Mercury, in Scorpio heading towards its next retrograde phase. Don't trust the messenger, or the message, with Pluto, now on the move, squaring off to Mars going backwards. Then 9 October and 10 October are ferocious – very explosive and we will, for sure, see incidents around the world that have danger signs all around them. We should be aware of the potential for flareups and things going out of control around those two days.

The Jupiter-Neptune contact is exact on 11, 12, 13 October. We can dissolve the aggression and forgive, or appear to and plan a sneaky counter-attack. It looks to be a confusing, complex time.

For those people with Libra strong in their birthcharts this could be their worst nightmare. Finding the Libran utopia in that lot, the harmony, the balance, the mutual affection and aesthetic integrity ... well this doesn't look like the time. You can only try.

The Libran New Moon with Sun and Moon at 24° Libra on 17 October, has the promise of bringing things back into balance. But at the same time, Saturn is squaring off to the Sun-Moon, the messenger is embedded in a Scorpio retrograde phase, so our attempts to find a Libran compromise are blocked and undermined. You can only try.

Capricorn people are likely to be in a commanding position if that is what is required. Otherwise, locked into power struggles with the pretenders. Hang tough guys, these testing times taper off in 2021 and you will be just the stronger.

Aries people are tethered and they hate it. Virgo is blessed with the goddess planet Venus in the Virgo temple all month. The aspecting of Venus and Neptune round 20 and 21 October in the sacred, healing, perfecting signs of Virgo and Pisces, softens and gentles the conflict. So Virgo and Pisces people especially can look to that time with joy, and everybody can tune into that gentle vibe on those days.

The Moon aligns with Galactic Centre on 21 October as the Sun crosses the sting of the scorpion with honey on its tail. Again don't trust the messenger.

The last day of the month has the Sun coming into exact opposition to Uranus retrograde in the fixed-earth sign of Taurus. The volcano's gonna blow! Watch out for people who've been holding back – especially Taureans, and particularly end of April birthdays, and by the way it's also Full Moon – the hunter's moon in Taurus at its most powerful and exalted. This could be the most exciting, explosive Full Moon of the year. Enjoy.

Blessings



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SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

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St Saviour's Thought for October

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 for the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday 4 October.

To celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held this Sunday, 2 October at St Saviour's Church.

In the 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.



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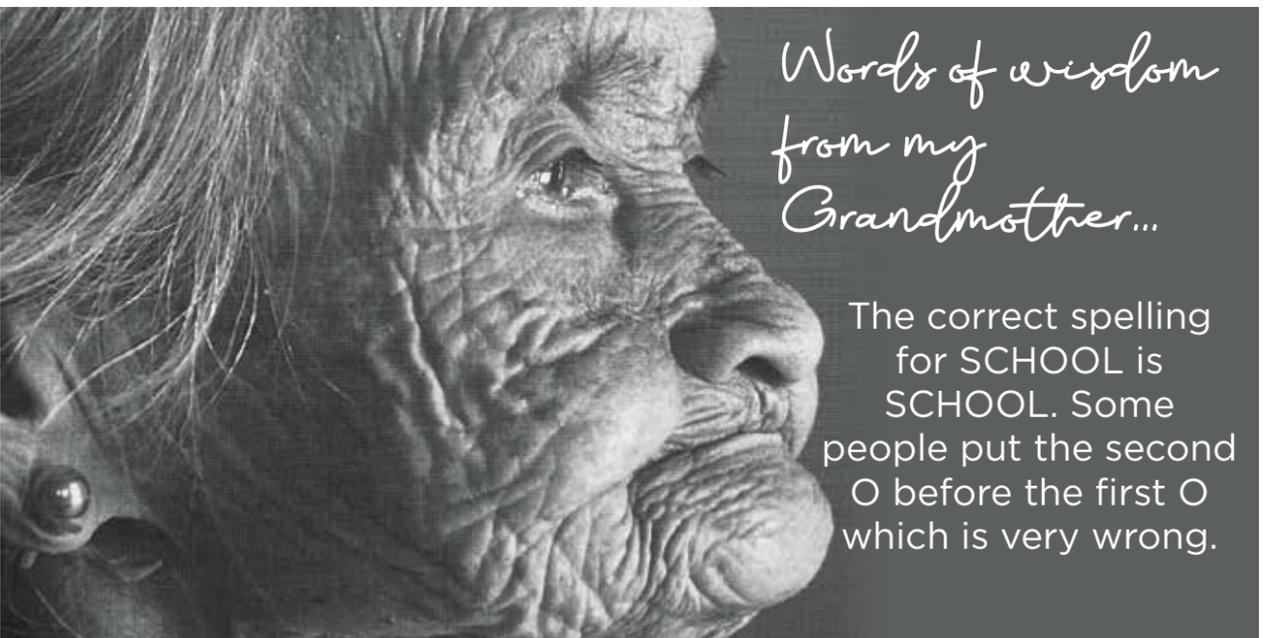
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from my
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people put the second
O before the first O
which is very wrong.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

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which he laid the foundations of the work in Australia and New-Zealand; and the faithful love with which both of these noble souls tended the growing institutions of the Faith – all constitute a landmark in the victorious progress of the Faith. He is indeed the spiritual conqueror of that continent!"

(Shoghi Effendi)

Meditations/Reflections, Morning Prayers and Study Circles and other face to face Baha'i meetings are gradually being reinstated in accordance with the Queensland meeting restrictions.

Our weekly prayers 8am every Thursday morning in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda have begun again as well as other functions, to which all are welcome.

Study circles are now available in Kuranda including Book 1, open to all interested, no cost. Functions in Mareeba have recommenced as well as elsewhere on the Tablelands.

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WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

Going looking for words



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

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

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

believe that once their hunting grounds stretched to the Barrier Reef. At the end of the last ice age there was a rise in sea-level that pushed the people back inland and created the present shoreline. Nowhere else in the world have people been able to 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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GULA THE BODY

BALA	GUDJUN
BALGU	GUNGA
BIGUNY	MANDI
BINDA	MANGGA
BUDJAY	MANU
BUNDAGAN	MARA
BURRNYA	MARAWADA
DABA	MUDU
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DJIRRI	NUGAL
DJULBIDJULBI	NYANDJI
DJUNGA	NYAWIL
DJUNGUL	WANGAM
DUMBUL	WIDIL
DUMU	WULNGGUWULNGGU
GALMBARRA	YAGAN
GANYDJARR	YAGANYDJI

WORD MEANINGS

- BALA:** calf/shin. *Ngayang bala gurii-wala.* My calf is good now.
- BALGU:** belly. *Nyurran balgu banggal.* Your belly is big.
- BIGUNY:** fingernail or toenail. *Nyurra biguny guni!* Cut your nails!
- BINDA:** shoulder. *Ngayang binda warrangaying.* My shoulders are aching.
- BUDJAY:** body-hair. *Gudji dayal budjanydji.* That man is hairy.
- BUNDAGAN:** index finger. *Banydjarri ngayang bundagan!* Follow my pointing finger.
- BURRNYA:** heart. *Ngayang burrnya gurrii.* My heart is good.
- DABA:** forearm
- DIBAN:** skull
- DIMINBIN:** lungs. *Way-way diminbin-da.* Air in the lungs.
- DJARRA:** thighs

- DJIBIN:** navel
- DJIRRI:** upper-arm
- DJULBIDJULBI:** guts/intestines. *Djulbidjulbi wururri guyu-m.* Take the guts out the fish!
- DJUNGA:** skin boil. *Ngayang djun.ga wubang.* My boil is swelling up.
- DJUNGUL:** gums. *Ngayang djun.gul warrangaying.* My gums are aching.
- DUMBUL:** skin/bark
- DUMU:** chest
- GALMBARRA:** liver
- GANYDJARR:** under-arm
- GUDJUN:** buttocks
- GUN.GA:** arm/arms
- MANDI:** wrist
- MANGGA:** pubic hair
- MANU:** neck
- MARA:** hand

- MARAWADA:** palm of hand
- MUDU:** back
- MULABUNY:** brains
- NGAMU:** thumb. *Gari nyurran ngamu maya!* Don't suck your thumb!
- NGAMUN:** breast
- NGIRRINY:** little-finger
- NUGAL:** ankle
- NYANDJI:** flesh
- NYAWIL:** tongue
- WANGAM:** kidney. *Ngayang wan.gam warrangaying.* My kidneys are aching.
- WIDIL:** shoulder-blade
- WULNGGUWULNGGU:** throat
- YAGAN:** sweat
- YAGANYDJI:** sweaty. *Nyurra yaganydji.* You are sweaty.

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

Consonants

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

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

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KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays: 8am–5pm

2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah

0418 282 542

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

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba

PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880

1300 308 461 • info@msc.qld.gov.au

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au

Trans North Bus & Coach

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

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

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

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

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

Bus stops are located at:

Cairns – Platform 1, Cairns Central Railway Station, Cairns

Cairns T.A.F.E – Newton Street (7.15am & 3.00pm Services from and to Kuranda)

Smithfield – Bus shelter near the traffic lights on Kennedy Highway at bottom of the Kuranda Range

Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre

Speewah – Speewah Road bus shelter in front of tavern

Mareeba – Arnold Park, 171-179 Walsh Street (next door to Police Station)

Atherton – 54 Main Street

Ticket Sales:

Purchase tickets from the driver as you board the bus or from Piagnos News at

142 Byrnes Street Mareeba. Phone 3036 2070 (office hours)

Email: atherton@transnorthbus.com.au www.transnorthbus.com.au

Emergency Contacts



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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



First Officer Kuranda	Baz Child 0437 746 601
First Officer Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
Warden Kuranda	Duncan Blakey 0408 151 199
Warden Speewah	John Thomson 0488 988 481
Davies Creek	4093 3181
Koah	4232 5468
Myola	4093 7190
Speewah	0488 988 481

Permits required for ALL fires



FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Kuranda Station

Your local Queensland Emergency Services Fire station is looking for Auxiliary Firefighters

If you are interested contact your local station:

Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station

Please visit: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/jobs/auxiliary-firefighter.html>

Are you driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?

Trans North Bus & Coach

Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns			
Route 851	Monday to Friday	Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm	9.00am	11.15am
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm	9.20am	11.35am
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm	9.40am	11.55am
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm	10.00am	12.15am
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm	10.05am	12.20am
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm	10.45am	1.00pm

*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only
Current as at 3 August 2020

TRANSPORT

Kuranda Taxi 4093 7119
Rideshare 1300 743 374

John's Kuranda Bus 0418 772 953
Trans North 3036 2070

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS *The local bus!*

Please note due to COVID-19 this service is currently not operating.

**For more information or other routes contact
John 0418 772 953**

Halloween Invitation

Get your scare on!



The KRC is 'getting the gang back together'. Join us for the Halloween full moon and shake off the shackles of 2020 in a COVID-safe way!

Saturday 31st October from 6pm



**FREE MUSIC
FREE FOOD
FUN & FRIVOLITY**

**LOCAL MUSICIANS
WITH LOCAL SUPPORT**

...no politics allowed!!!

thanks...

The KRC would like to recognise Ian Tranby from TRACQS for all the effort he has put into keeping our venue looking great. Thanks Ian! We appreciate your work and contribution.

WHAT'S ON

EIGHT BALL – Tuesday Team Comp
kuranda8ball@gmail.com

KURANDA RANGERS – Training
Thursday 4.30-5.30pm (Mar-Oct)
Adric 0408 096 694

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm Les 4093 8276

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

YOGA IN THE RAINFOREST –
Wednesday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.30am. Aileen 0419 726 955

Check Facebook for more details.

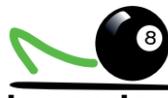
JOIN US

Contact us for a Membership Form. Complete form, make payment online and return it in person or by email.

Venue for Hire

Licensed venue and commercial kitchen available for functions, seminars and activities. Janet 0405 092 957

Proud to be the home of:



kurandaeightball



What's On at Koah Hall

EVERY MONDAY
PILATES with Jaide 6-7pm
0488 229 700.

EVERY THURSDAY
YOGA evening classes with Tanya 5.30-7pm

THURSDAY 15 October
Mankind Project MEN'S GROUP 7pm.
Open to all men.
Contact Simon 0459 755 553

EVERY FRIDAY (during term time)
IRISH DANCING from beginners to advanced. Contact Emma 0400 977 177

SALTY CAPTAINS Fish and Chips 5-8pm

EVERY SATURDAY
KOAH FARMERS MARKET –
Every week local produce 9-10.30am
Contact Sal 0421 710 474

SATURDAY 3 October
CIRCUS FLOW JUGGLE JAM
1-5pm after markets.

HIRE FEES
• 1-2hrs \$10 • Half day \$30 • Full day \$60
• Full day and evening (24 hour block) \$110
• \$200 refundable bond for one-off events (if space is left as you found it)

www.koahhall.com

koah.hall@gmail.com

Koah Hall

OCTOBER KOAH MARKETS
1st Saturday of the month

8am till noon
Saturday 3 October

Come along and help make it a cracker!

- Live Music by Honey Tree
- Delicious Koah Hall fundraiser Breakkie BBQ

••• Stall spaces available •••
Contact Nicky 0488 961 660
or via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

DREAM STATE CIRCUS CLASSES

Dream BIG! and Circus Love! Various classes, workshops and trainers, weekdays during the school term. Bookings essential. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404. Info on www.dreamstatecircus.com workshops page.

Mondays – Adult Circus LOVE! 10.30am–12.30pm
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 6 years.

Tuesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45–5pm Age 7 to 9 Show Class 5–6.30pm by invite only. Prepare to turn your skills into a show ready piece.

Wednesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45–5pm All ages. Junior Aerial Trapeze and Silks 5–6.30pm Age 8 and up.

Thursdays – Aerial Trapeze and Silks 3.45–5.15pm Age 12 and up.
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 6 years.



PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OR ADVERTISERS TO CHECK ANY CHANGES TO TIMES.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.

EVERY MONDAY

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

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm All Ages 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

Yoga in the Rainforest with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 4093 7401

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

Financial Counselling (from UCC) Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY TUESDAY

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6.15–7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda
Kirstin 0497 479 606

SECOND TUESDAY

Kuranda SES Training 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.
John Baskerville 4093 7246/0427 037 054

Emergency Relief Help from Mareeba Community Support Centre at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm All Ages 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

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

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am. Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Craft and Social Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall. Carol 4093 7187 or Sandra 0447 737 415

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

Kuranda Dance: Tribal Bellydance with Lisa. 6-7pm
Kuranda Amphitheatre. 0409 367 967

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer training 4.30–5.30pm.
Adric 0408 096 694

EVERY FRIDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm All Ages 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct.

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6.15–7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda
Kirstin 0497 479 606

EVERY SATURDAY

Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare 0419 624 940 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au

Men's Shed Kuranda 2–5pm. Call Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

Koah Farmers Market – 9–10.30am
Contact Sal 0421 710 474

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

THIRD SUNDAY

Speewah Markets 7am–12noon. Speewah Tavern carpark. Suzy 4093 0449

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