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Congratulations also go to the new Kuranda Amphitheatre committee, and many thanks to the long-serving 'old' committee. It is great to see new energy flowing into our iconic community venue, and many new members signing up. LOVE BOMB in April was a great success and now we have the announcement of an Understage concert by Troy Cassar-Daley to be held on 1 June. Check out pages 6 and 7 for details and be sure to secure your tickets. Don't miss out.

*Elvis and chick Archie sighted on the banks of the Barron River 15 April 2023. Photo: Kuranda Riverboat*

*Lloyd Mais played the Last Post at the Dawn Service.*

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*Father Chris Wright, Kim and Mick Forde.*



*Anzac Day March  
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Unfortunately the Kuranda Medical Centre is not immune from these pressures.

As a consequence our patients will see a change in billing practice at the Kuranda Medical Centre, there will be more private billing. If we do not implement these changes then there is a distinct possibility that the Kuranda Medical Centre will cease to exist.

I would ask for everyone's patience and understanding when working with the reception staff. They are not to blame for any changes in billing. They are merely implementing changes that have been requested by management and the senior doctors. Medicare will still be refunding some of the cost of the consultation but there will be an increasing out-of-pocket cost.

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Our masthead this month is a detail from an original painting *A Family of Sea Turtles* by Connie Rovina. Connie is of KukuThaypan, Cape York, and Widi/Birriah Central Queensland ancestral heritage. Her artwork is inspired by both her familial and cultural heritage and the brilliance of Far North Queensland's rainforests and seas.

You can find Connie's original artworks at her Widiworks Aboriginal Art Gallery, Shop 6/13 Therwine Street, Kuranda (open 10am–3pm Thursday-Sunday) or at [www.widiworksaboriginalart.com](http://www.widiworksaboriginalart.com). Follow her on Facebook (WidiWorks Aboriginal Art Gallery) and on Instagram @\_connie\_rovina\_

You can also admire Connie's beautiful handpainted cassowary *Bundarra* at the Kuranda Skyrail station, part of the ever growing Cassowary Art Trail in Kuranda.



*A Family of Sea Turtles* acrylic on canvas, 2022. 90 x 160cm

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# 2023 Kuranda Art Prize

Entry submissions closed on 16 April 2023 for the 2023 Kuranda Art Prize and I am delighted to report that 52 artworks have been received for this year's competition.

I also welcome our judges for this year – Connie Rovina and Henri Hunsinger.

Connie Rovina is of KukuThaypan, Cape York and Widi/Birrah Central Queensland ancestral heritage. Her artworks have been exhibited worldwide since 1988. Visit her gallery WidiWorks in Kuranda where you can view and purchase her range of paintings, giftware and jewellery. Follow on Instagram @\_connie\_rovina\_ or her website [www.widiworksaboriginalart.com](http://www.widiworksaboriginalart.com)

Henri Hunsinger was born in Paris and has exhibited

worldwide. In 1989 he established his studio in a Kuranda. He is also known for his more figurative works, which he signs 'Teval'. His artworks are sold @kuranda\_arts\_cooperative and via his website. [www.kurandaline.com.au](http://www.kurandaline.com.au)

Connie and Henri will select the finalists who will be notified by 25 April. The Official Opening and Award Night will be held at Café Mandala on Friday 12 May. The exhibition runs from 10–28 May 2023. All artists who submitted an entry will be offered a complimentary ticket to the Award Night. For anyone else wanting to attend this event, tickets can be purchased for \$10/person.

Melissa Clinton, Founder of Kuranda Art Prize

Right: Connie Rovina  
Below: Henri Hunsinger



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**10 May - 28 May 2023**

**Café Mandala, 20 Coondoo Street, Kuranda**

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## REBRANDING KURANDA



### Rebranding Kuranda – Clarification

The Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) has received some comments regarding our previous updates in the last two editions of *The Kuranda Paper*, where we put a call out for expressions of interest (EOI) from community members interested in engaging in discussions about rebranding the 'tourist' aspect of Kuranda.

Whilst we have had no formal EOIs via email, it seems that there is a great misconception that the KTA wishes to rebrand from the current 'Village in the Rainforest' slogan.

To clarify, the concept of the rebranding of Kuranda was raised during many hours of interviews across a broad spectrum of participants including both residents and business owners. The outcomes of these interviews were collated into a report by Pinnacle Marketing who then presented it to the KTA. The data supporting these recommendations was then circulated amongst our members, Mareeba Shire Council (MSC), and the new Mareeba Local Tourism Organisation. The data is available on request to the KTA.

The KTA is happy to facilitate the process towards rebranding, but not without community consultation, hence the call out over the last editions of this paper.

To find out more, please email [kta@kuranda.org](mailto:kta@kuranda.org) and give any feedback on this proposal and/or any ideas, or even any opposition to the rebranding of Kuranda.

The KTA will not engage in any discussions on Facebook or discuss one-on-one in person, as we like to ensure all discussions are minuted for consideration and discussion at our committee meetings.

### Hans Pehl wrought iron sign posts – update

At the request of businesses, the KTA have approached MSC regarding Hans Pehl's wrought iron sign posts that were recently replaced by new wayfinding signs. Council has advised that the Hans Pehl signage is being repurposed and will be used as informational/interest signage (rather than directional signage), and will be installed in prominent locations around the village. Council is working with Hans on this project.

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## Councillor Column



### MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR MARY GRAHAM

I am pleased to provide an update to residents and ratepayers on some of the latest news from Council.

#### Tourists Returning to Kuranda

Council has recently reported on an increase in visitors to our region, and I am delighted to see that the number of tourists at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre has exceeded pre-COVID levels.

Council provides direct support for tourism promotion within the Shire by funding destination marketing and post-arrival visitor information services. Visitor Information Centres relies on volunteers to help make our area a great place to visit, and the Kuranda Centre is currently recruiting to build up our award-winning Volunteer Team. If you would like to join our friendly team, please visit Council's website for more information.

#### Mareeba Multicultural Festival

As the Chair of this Mareeba Multicultural Committee, I look forward to Mareeba coming alive to celebrate the 25th annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday 26 August 2023. The event celebrates our diverse multicultural community and is attended by people of all ages, enjoying a range of cultural performances and delicious food on offer.

In celebration of this milestone year, the Committee has launched a new website to showcase our diversity and attract attendees from across Australia. If you would like to get involved in the 2023 Festival with a performance or a stall, please visit [www.mareebamulticulturalfestival.com.au](http://www.mareebamulticulturalfestival.com.au) for an application form, or contact Council's Customer Services Centres.

#### Bicentennial Lakes Survey

Council has commenced a project to revitalise the Bicentennial Lakes, for the enjoyment of our community and visitors. I am extremely passionate about this project, and I look forward to seeing the work completed.

I would like to thank residents who recently provided feedback on the play elements of the park by attending the on-site information sessions and completing the survey. Survey results will be shared in due course and construction at the park will commence soon. I invite community members to watch this space!

To close, I would like to remind residents that my fellow Councillors and I are always available to talk. Please get in touch if there is a matter you would like to discuss.

Councillor Mary Graham

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## Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and now that school has resumed for term two, don't forget to slow down in school zones morning and afternoon and watch out for our children.

Next time you're passing the Henry Ross Lookout, you might consider checking out the new plaque commemorating the first crossing of the Kuranda Range by a motor vehicle. The journey, up what was the Old Smithfield Track, eventually paved the way for the Queensland Government to invest and build the Kuranda Range Road, opening up Kuranda and the region to tourism and economic development.

A new \$15 million initiative will be trialled in Cairns, Townsville and Mount Isa local government areas to help seniors with the cost of securing their homes. The initiative will help subsidise practical home security improvements such as strengthening window locks and shutters, installing CCTV cameras, and addressing other security weaknesses.

Assistance of up to \$10,000 (GST exclusive) per household will be available to eligible customers to undertake security works.

Head to [www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/helping-seniors-secure-their-homes](http://www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/helping-seniors-secure-their-homes)

Finally, although you will notice ongoing maintenance and inspection works on and around the Barron River bridge, alternatives to the current method are being investigated to reduce the interruption to traffic. Importantly, we are expecting planning to be completed early next year for the long-term replacement, duplication, or upgrade of the bridge — the site has some very sensitive cultural and environmental factors to consider in addition to the complex nature of bridge engineering.

To sign up to our newsletter, please visit [craigcrawford.com.au](http://craigcrawford.com.au).

You can also follow daily updates on Facebook.

As always, if you need anything from me, please contact my local office at 4229 0100 or email [barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au).



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### VIDEO CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE SHIRE

Council has recently launched the Kuranda and Speewah edition of our 'Proud to be Local' video campaign.

This six-part video series will see locals from across the shire sharing what makes them proud to be local. For the Kuranda and Speewah video we interviewed Dameon Hunter from Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation, artist Cathy Harvey, Christian Bedwell from Distil on the Hill, and Mick Dub from the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade.

Visit Council's website or Facebook page to hear what they had to say!



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### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Mareeba Shire Council will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) at all four libraries again this year.

Join Council for the reading of the story, "The Speedy Sloth" by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie, on Wednesday, 24 May 2023. The event includes the making of a craft activity and a library bag will be provided to all attendees.

Now in its 23rd successful year, NSS is a colourful, vibrant, and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book. Visit Council's website for bookings and additional information.

### SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN VISITOR NUMBERS

Council can report on a significant increase in the number of visitors to our diverse area.

Kuranda, the village in the rainforest, remains a big drawcard, with a 170% increase in year-on-year numbers for the first quarter. Visitors numbers in 2023 have also exceeded pre-covid levels, with a 6% increase compared to the 2019 figures. This is a welcome boost to the local economy.



### RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



With a registered population of over 4,000 dogs, Mareeba Shire Council would like to remind residents to be responsible pet owners.

Council's role in animal management includes administering the Local Law (Animal Management), conducting inspections, and responding to complaints about wandering stock, dog attacks, and safety of residents and wildlife.

Council requires that all dogs are registered for easy identification, and dogs must always wear their registration tag, as this assists with reuniting wandering dogs to their owners.

Domestic animals wandering at large can be a danger to themselves, other animals and members of the public. Pets who escape from their enclosures can also be a cause for great concern and anxiety for the owner and their family.

Find out more on keeping a pet in Mareeba Shire by visiting Council's website and clicking on 'Animal Keeping Minimum Standards Fact Sheet'.



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Above: Djawarray (Bertie Riley)  
Right: Performing under the name of "Djawarray" are band members L-R: Kapua Gutchen, Aaron (Bigmo) Riley, Rohan Rusch, Bertie (Djawarray) Riley, Adric Rusch, Sharmaine Drieberg, Moses Warusum.  
Photos: Alicia Jade

Djawarray, also known as uncle Bertie Riley, is a talented musician and songwriter hailing from Ngunbay (Kuranda) and born in Gimuy (Cairns). "Djawarray" means "thunderstorm" in Djabugay language, the voice of Gudju Gudju (The Rainbow Serpent). Djawarray's highly anticipated EP, titled *Binal*, will feature four original songs that share traditional knowledge and important messages from both his Djabugay and Western Yalanji heritage.

Djawarray has collaborated with Koahlition Reggae Band to bring ancestral First Nations songlines to the forefront, captivating audiences with songs that embody cultural identity and vitality. The EP's title, *Binal*, is the Western Yalanji term for "understand", however it has multiple meanings which cannot be described in language alone. Djawarray best describes *Binal* as "understanding your pathway, where you are from, and acknowledging the country you stand on. Listening, comprehending, thinking about, recognising, realising, and reconciling the law (l-o-r-e) of the land" (Riley, 2022).

Djawarray is well-regarded for his leadership of Mayi Wunba dance troupe and music among the local community, with powerful songlines that convey the emotion and spirit of the Dreamtime or The Dreaming. Djawarray's music passes down and pays respect to the stories of self, culture, values, symbols, information, and laws that were shared with him by his Elders through yarns, song and dance.

Supporters can also show their support by purchasing a CD, merchandise, streaming the music online, sharing, or donating.

The official launch will be held on Friday 26 May at the Kuranda Ampitheatre Understage. Djawarray will be joined by his nephews and their up and coming band Cloud 9 and the Mayi Wunba Dancers.



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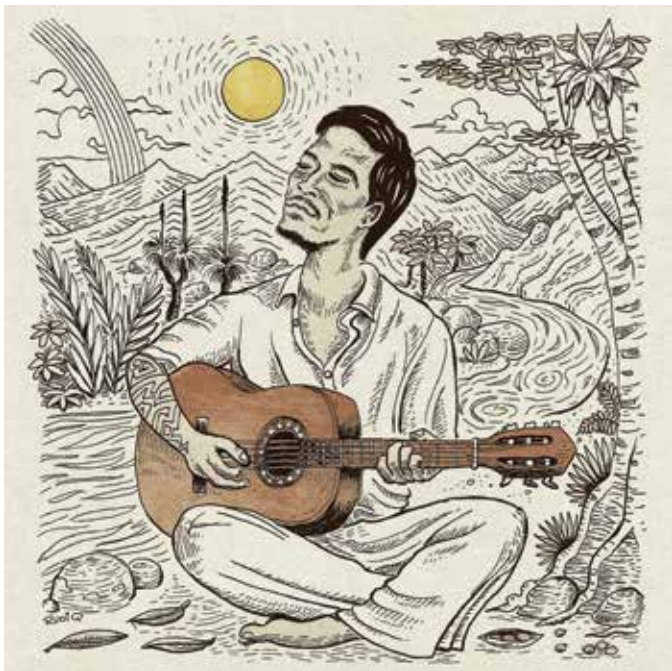
## TO YOU, HUMAN

by Toshi Sakamoto

Local musician, Toshi Sakamoto's new EP "To you, human/人間のあなたに" is out now and available on all the streaming platforms. This album was made possible by part funding through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) through the Mareeba Shire Council and the Queensland Government.

The physical EP can be purchased by contacting Toshi via Facebook, email at [toshiharu3@protonmail.com](mailto:toshiharu3@protonmail.com) or at his live performances.

Another live performance is set for June in St Saviour's Church, Kuranda. Follow Toshi on Facebook to stay up date on performances, and keep an eye out for more details about the St Saviour's event in next month's *Kuranda Paper*.



Album cover artwork by  
Morgyn Quinn



### Troy Cassar-Daley

We are tremendously excited to announce that Troy Cassar-Daley will be playing at the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage on Thursday evening 1 June. Troy is a multi-award winning musician and songwriter with a strong love of far north Queensland, and this is a rare and perfect opportunity to see him in a more intimate setting than the big stages he usually graces. This will be a seated concert with a local support, and tickets are limited so get in quick! See booking details on page 7.

### Djawarray album launch – Friday 26 May

Djawarray, aka Bertie Riley, is performing his original songs from his EP *Binal* at the Understage to launch his latest work. Don't miss what will be another magical night of authentic Kuranda music! See details on left.

### Thank you Kuranda for the LOVE BOMB!

Our Easter LOVE BOMB member drive was a wonderful night of brilliant local music, dance, and community connection. How lucky are we to have so many talented artists in this town? Thanks so much to active volunteer Mo Zach for producing the event, and to all the artists – local superstars Z.D.C with Textstar aka Aden Brim, Elijah the Prophet and B.S.K, Diggis and Jimmy, Koahlition, Howlin' Dingoos, Toshi Sakamoto, Faux Mo, and Mayi Wunba dancers, VJ Blake Hudson, Fairy Jenny, and emcees Bugzy Bumblebee and Mark Sheppard.

We would love a showcase of original Kuranda music to become an annual event at the Amphitheatre.



Koahlition performing at LOVE BOMB. Photo: Rick Moyer

### Volunteers & Sponsors

Thanks so much to Kuranda Koala Gardens, Copperlode Brewing, Distil on the Hill, and the Kuranda Traders Association for sponsorship of the event, contributing artist and production costs, and helping raise funds to keep the Amphitheatre going strong. A big thanks also to the many Kuranda businesses for your donations: Tropical Pulse, Connie Rovina at WidiWorks, Kuranda Candy Kitchen, Ric Steininger Gallery, B Gifted Kuranda, Just Gorgeous, Kuranda Conservation, Rare Earth Oils, Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations, and Noodle Nations Anime Shop at A Little Bit of Everything.

And a huge thank you to all the volunteers who showed up and chipped in for the event, who gave time before, during and after to make it happen, and had loads of fun while doing it! Especially to Chris Top & Tinkerbell for the many hours getting your part of the event just right.

The main goal of LOVE BOMB was to attract Kuranda Amphitheatre Society membership, and we are so pleased that over 250 new members signed up at the event. It was great to see such a big cross section of our community there, and so many families, renewing or starting KAS memberships. On top of that we raised some funds to keep us going strong, and really felt the strong love that Kuranda has for the Amphitheatre, and the desire to keep it a place for the arts to thrive.

Membership gives you a stake in our community venue, so if you see something that needs doing, or needs doing better, please contact us and let us know how you can help! Every member is welcome to volunteer and there are a huge variety of skills needed. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to hear about more events and opportunities.

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## KMA Update

### CONTENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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# Troy Cassar-Daley to play the iconic Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage

Troy is set to perform an intimate concert in Kuranda Amphitheatre's iconic Understage on Thursday 1 June 2023. Being no stranger to Cairns and no stranger to this part of our country, he can't wait to grace this stage in this beautiful region that he loves, and is particularly excited to play in Kuranda again after all this time.

"There is something very special about far north Queensland for me. I have friends up here I met back in 1990, on the Brian Young show, who I would now class as family really. I am looking forward to playing in this iconic space. I've been on the road all year with the *Red Hot Summer* tour, where we have played big stages with an electric guitar show to massive audiences, but it will be a pure joy to get back to being up close with an audience again to share special stories and songs. I can't wait," said Troy

Troy is a proud Gumbayngirr/Bundjalung man who comes from a long line of storytellers and shares his musicianship with so many artists across different styles of music. His passion to pen stories about this land and what lies at the heart of it has been a driving force in his career.

Troy has been awarded numerous accolades including 40 Golden Guitars, five ARIAs, three APRA Song of the Year awards, nine Deadlys (Australian Indigenous Artist Awards), four CMAA Entertainer of the Year awards plus two NIMAs (National Indigenous Music Awards). In 2017 Troy was honoured as the 50th inductee into the prestigious Australasian Roll of Renown. He has had numerous gold and platinum albums and achieved a staggering 32 Number one chart singles.

His songs have been the soundtrack to the everyday triumphs, struggles, good times and celebrations for Australians from our small towns to the big cities and everywhere in between.

Secure your tickets now to avoid disappointment. This fully seated, general admission show has limited availability. Doors open at 6.30pm with the show commencing at 7pm.

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# CASSOWARY ART TRAIL UPDATE

We are proud to announce that our fourth cassowary statue—painted by Melanie Hava—has now joined the Cassowary Art Trail in Kuranda!

On Easter Saturday, Mayor Angela Toppin officially launched another stunning painted cassowary "Beautiful Beatrice". Melanie Hava presented the story behind the painting on the cassowary and why she named her "Beautiful Beatrice" – from having grown up in Mamu Country in the Beatrice River and Johnstone River catchment areas. The full story can be found at [www.cassowarytrail.com.au](http://www.cassowarytrail.com.au).

The statue was unveiled by Melanie, together with Mayor Toppin and project founder Jurg Jutzi. The statue is located in the Kuranda Village Centre arcade (corner Therwine and Coondoo Streets).

"Without the contribution of the RADF funding, sponsorship from local businesses and organisations, especially the Kuranda Conservation, other community groups, and *The Kuranda Paper*, this project couldn't be set up. A big thank you to all of our supporters," said Jurg Jutzi.

There are already another two cassowary statues in progress, one of which will be painted by artist Jedess Hudson and her father David Hudson, and the other by Hayley Gillespie. These will be completed mid-year and will be located at Rainforestation in Kuranda, and the ZOOM & Wildlife Dome in Cairns.

There are also requests for painted cassowaries from Daintree Discovery Centre, Port Douglas, Mamu Tropical Skywalk, and Goondoi Art Indigenous Inc. Our goal is to set up an art trail around the whole Wet Tropics region!

You can follow the Cassowary Art Trail on Facebook and Instagram, or visit [www.cassowarytrail.com.au](http://www.cassowarytrail.com.au).

*This project is in collaboration with  
Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc*



Above: Artist Melanie Hava with "Beautiful Beatrice"

Left: Melanie Hava, Margaret Genever, Mayor Angela Toppin, Jurg Jutzi, Anabel Belson and Jax Bergersen.

Right: Melanie Hava, Jurg Jutzi and Mayor Angela Toppin.

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Great trophies, and prizes are up for grabs!

This year we have fantastic support from the Kuranda business community as well as continuing support from the Kuranda Scenic Railway who have been a part of this event since it started in 2011. Part of the proceeds go to Kuranda Envirocare Inc.

For more information contact Dr Alan Courtney 0418 759 318 or go to:

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The day promises to be jam-packed with activities and events that will give you a taste of what our school has to offer. Take a tour of our beautiful campus and immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of our classrooms. Meet our passionate teachers, who are dedicated to nurturing each child's unique talents and abilities.

For the little ones, there will be face painting, arts and crafts, and a chance to make new friends in our play area. For the older kids, there will be bushwalks, outdoor games, and a chance to participate in music workshops.

Parents can take part in informative talks by our staff, which will give you an insight into our unique educational philosophy and approach. You can also have your questions answered by our admissions team, who will guide you through the enrolment process.

We believe that Steiner education is a gift for every child, and we want to share it with the wider community. So, come along and discover how we nurture the whole child through our curriculum, which is designed to develop their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Join us on 13 May from 10am to 2pm, and experience the warmth and creativity that defines our Steiner school. We can't wait to welcome you!



Books and stories are a big part of our Kindy day. We also love to have incursions and excursions that help the Kindy children to connect with people from the Kuranda community. So, it makes sense that one of our favourite things to do is go on excursions to our local Kuranda library.

We try to walk over to the library at least once a month. When we visit the library, the children listen to a story read by one of the wonderful librarians. They also dance to music and do some art and craft.

This year we are very lucky because the librarian Ms. Peta has invited the Kuranda Kindy children to be part of an Australian event called National Simultaneous Storytime. Last year 2,186,347 people listened to the same story at the same time from 59,038 locations across Australia and New Zealand. This year the story will be *The Speedy Sloth* written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie. We are excited to be a part of this national event.



Above: Story Time at Kuranda Library

Left: Craft Time at Kuranda Library

Below: Sharing a book together from Dolly Parton Library



Another way that we incorporate a love of books and stories into our Kindy days is by collaborating with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program involves a book delivered every month to Kindy children at their home free of charge to families. Reading to children from a young age helps their language develop and assists them to develop skills to read themselves as they get older. It is also a program that is great for family involvement and interactions. We are looking forward to another year working with this amazing program.

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# A Grinter's Tale

I figure the only reason to go on holiday is to release the stress caused by planning and facilitating it.

To be perfectly honest, I no longer have any yearning to go overseas, or at least anywhere that involves 20 hours in economy class with the passenger seat in front reclined onto my lap for the duration. Oh, to be able to sleep like that on an aircraft.

I always seem to find myself behind one of those very fortunate people who can close their eyes as soon as the seatbelt lights go off, and wake up 12 hours later as the plane starts to descend and the flight attendant prods them to raise their seat. How the heck do they manage that, waking just in time to join the long queue for the loo prior to descent?

Personally, I could have six glasses of wine, listen to the most boring podcast in the universe, insert a whole sock in each ear and still be wide awake, listening to Joe Bloggs next to me snoring and wishing I had taken a Meloxicam to keep my back from aching because I can't stretch my feet out into the aisle for obvious reasons.

The most dreaded case scenario is Joe's lolling head, dribble emanating from his cavernous open mouth, landing heavily on my shoulder, or worse. When it happened to me I had this dreadful urge to pluck the sick bag from the pocket in front of me and stick it over his head. I didn't, I promise.

I wish I could justify or rather afford the expense of a first class seat. Actually, I can easily justify it: mental health, sleep, claustrophobia, the fidgets, long legs. Anyway, I figure I deserve it more than politicians, who could save the state/country a fortune if they travelled the few hours to Parliament in economy rather than pretend they're working. After all, Richard Branson always flew economy class and I'm sure he had far more to do.

The plus of economy is that I can wear jeggings and sneakers, instead of a hip hugging power suit and high heels. I could, if I were so inclined, read *Hollywood Wives* with impunity, instead of poring over the pages of Financial Review for effect.

I'm not sure whether you know this, but the easiest way to upgrade to first class inflight is to die. That's where corpses generally get moved if you're unlucky enough not to survive the flight for one reason or another, probably because that is where there are more empty seats. Joe Bloggs nearly went to first class.

There was a time when we got dressed up to fly (and I don't mean the midnight flight in

black dress and tall pointy black hat). I think I even did wear high heels, feeling a million dollars, but wrecking the look by staggering off the plane like Robin Williams playing Mrs Doubtfire, crippled at the end of the eight hour flight by swollen feet reluctantly squashed back into shoes that had shrunk a full size.

The last time I headed back to England was five years ago. England, like good quality apple cider vinegar, contains the mother, aged 95. Two years later, in 2020, my April flight was cancelled due to COVID and it's only now I'm finally able to visit her, bless her cotton socks.

It's all different now at international terminals and I just know I am going to make a fool of myself. But that's okay, I'm used to that. It's different now, and I always stuff up when other people are waiting to use ticketing machines. I've been known to insert my RACQ card in an ATM and open automatic shop doors with my car keys, so I'm sure to entertain somewhere along the way.

I'm not looking forward to this flight at all. Quick turnaround in Singapore, and that's okay, as I know the shops there like the back of my hand, but please don't let my flight from Australia be late. Much as I hate six hour stopovers, Changi is one of the nicer airports to bide your time – there's movie theatres and the butterfly farm, the latter which I love. But there's nothing worse than knowing you only have 15 minutes to get from one side of the airport to the other.

I usually pick the aisle seat, because of my claustrophobia and because people hate you climbing across them when they are fast asleep, and inflight is not the place to make enemies. Indeed, you have to be careful about how you climb over people in order not to make the news.

I've got to say, I love the fact there are three choices for each meal, and that someone has cooked it for me. Now I don't get that option at home. It's a miracle if I remember to get something out of the freezer. Did you know, though, that over 30% of your taste buds go numb at altitude? And you thought the food was bland?

The more I write, the more I just can't wait to get back home. Home is where the heart is, and my furry family, my comfortable sofa, and room to stretch my legs and take my shoes off when I want. Home is also where the loo is a mere 14 steps away, there's no queue and the only obstacles are sleeping dogs and the vacuum I should have moved. Ouch.



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# WATER RABBIT – the story continues

Back in February of this year, local writer Michael ‘Gonzo’ Gompert gave *The Kuranda Paper* readers a tease of his 12 month saga *Year of the Water Rabbit*. However, due to the space constraints involved in print publishing, it became necessary to take the rest of his original story online.

Now the story continues on the *Water Rabbit* Facebook page (scan the QR code above or go to [tinyurl.com/5C9326NR](https://tinyurl.com/5C9326NR) or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/596323909027432/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/596323909027432/)).

A new episode will appear once a month on Facebook, with the series finishing with a quiz and art contest including \$2000 in prize money!

Check out the story and if you like it, please pass it on and share with your friends.

May the sun shine upon your smiling face,  
‘Gonzo’

## 30 APRIL 2023 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH II

### Tropical Writers Celebrate

Tropical Writers Inc. invites both old and potential new members to its 20 Year Anniversary event at **Cairns City Library meeting room from 10am–12 noon on Sunday 30 April**.

It started in 2003 as a loose group to fill the gap in support for writers across the far north at all stages, especially new and emerging writers. The first major project was an anthology in 2006 aimed at publishing stories and poetry from local writers who’d never been in print before to give them a voice, with several anthologies published since. The group then initiated the biennial Cairns Tropical Writers Festival from 2008, which proved its increasingly national place in the far north events calendar with the success of the latest festival in February this year.

Tropical Writers meet other like-minded people monthly to share their work in a safe environment and to learn from each other. The anniversary event on Sunday 30 April will have some short presentations and displays, the launch of *On Butterfly Wings* as the latest anthology followed by some readings by the authors, and a catch-up over butterfly cupcakes.

Check out the Tropical Writers website [www.tropicalwriters.com.au](http://www.tropicalwriters.com.au) or their Facebook page for more information.

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Artists of the North Exhibition

Three of our artists – Cathy Harvey, Louise Mabbutt and Buck Richardson – participated in the Cairns Art Society *Artists of the North* annual exhibition held at the Tanks Centre in Tank 4. It will run until 7 May and is open every day if you have a chance to visit.



Kuranda Arts Co-op artists participating in the "Artists of the North" exhibition.

Above left: Reef Images by Louise Mabbutt

Above: "Mothic Mosaic" by Buck Richardson

Left: "Everlasting Memories" (glass) by Cathy Harvey



Above: Mollie Bosworth's Green Ant vase

Vase heads overseas

A vase from the *Green Ant* series by ceramicist Mollie Bosworth is heading to the USA to the Vasefinder Ceramic Art Museum in Carson City, Nevada. For several years, in the early days of online exhibitions, Mollie entered a vase into the Vasefinder Competition which gave many ceramicists exposure to a wide audience. This museum is run by a private entrepreneur who has amassed a large collection of ceramics, particularly American.

Earth and Fire Mission Arts Exhibition

Kate Prynne will be exhibiting two of her glass pieces at Mission Arts Exhibition *Earth and Fire* which is open from 28 April through to 23 May. She will also be showcasing some of her jewellery at the "Art Without Boundaries" exhibition at the Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort on Friday 12 May.

Arts Co-op promotion

The Kuranda Arts Co-op has been included in the latest Kuranda Village tourist brochure and we will also have a spot in a new TV advertising campaign for Kuranda Village, with thanks to Angela and Peter Freeman (Kuranda Koala Gardens, Kuranda Birdworld, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures).

Drop in and take a moment to watch our video playing at the back of the Gallery, showcasing most of our artists at work.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and stories @Kuranda Arts Cooperative. For news and views on the local art scene and exhibitions, follow our news page at the [www.kurandaartscoop.com/news](http://www.kurandaartscoop.com/news)

Found and Gathered Workshop

By popular demand, during 2023 Toni Rogers will be running five small workshops in her Cantata Studio, Kuranda. Toni is a member of the Kuranda Arts Co-op and exhibits and sells works through the Co-op Gallery.

The first workshop *Found and Gathered* will be on Saturday 13 May from 10am–12.30pm and will explore contemporary creative experimentations, embellishment, free-wheeling, and having fun.

Cost will be \$25 plus \$5 for materials (provided). Discount available for all five workshops. Limited numbers. Bookings essential.

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**APRIL**  
"Kuranda Rainbow"  
Jill Melody  
(24 March 2023)



# ROBOTIC TRAPS AND FERAL CATS



Robotic traps and feral cats, oh my! You may have heard about Australia's 'legendary black panthers', but have you heard about the robotic traps we've started deploying in a trial to control feral cats in Queensland's Wet Tropics?

"Cats are incredibly cunning and feral cat control is notoriously difficult, no matter where you are. When you put this into a remote rainforest situation it suddenly gets to a whole other level of difficulty," says Ranger Chris.

But fear not, robotics and artificial intelligence may just be part of the solution to this huge problem!

Led by Resource Ranger Chris, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has been trialling a novel feral cat control method using robotic traps and artificial intelligence for over two years in the dense rainforests of Wooroonooran National Park, part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

The robotic traps use laser and image sensing technology to detect movement and artificial intelligence to distinguish feral cats from other non-targeted wildlife.

These 'Felixer' grooming traps have already been trialled in other areas of #Australia, but the harsh conditions of the wet tropic's rainforest will really put their pest management success to the test!

We are currently in the middle of a three month trial of an updated version of the trap and the results are looking really promising. "We're only targeting quite a small area, a 10km stretch of road, and already 25 cats have been removed using these traps," says Ranger Chris.

Source: Queensland National Parks

## NEW CSIRO PROJECT TO CRACK THE CODES OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST INVASIVE SPECIES

CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, has embarked on an ambitious new project to unravel the genetic blueprints of Australia's top pest and invasive species to better enable their management or eradication.

The Australian Pest Genome Partnership (APGP) will generate the genomic data of hundreds of pests and weeds and make it freely available, along with digital solutions to help analyse the data. The data will assist researchers working on pest and weed species and underpin next generation species-specific solutions.

Invasive species have cost Australia \$390 billion over the past six decades, with weeds costing the agriculture sector at least \$5 billion a year. This presents a significant burden to Australia's agriculture and livestock industries, as well as the significant and ongoing environmental impacts created by these invasive species.

APGP has now prepared its first 28 genomic datasets, and this year, with its collaborators, will make public genomic data assets for some of Australia's top pest and invasive species such as mosquitoes, khapra beetle, cane toad, fall armyworm, fox, feral pig and cat as well as weeds such as wild radish, rye and rat's tail grasses.

CSIRO principal research scientist Tom Walsh said data is easy but analysis is hard. APGP intends to make genomic data more easily accessible and usable to support industry, government and the scientific community in managing pests.

"This project has the potential to drive new science and digital innovations to safeguard Australia's environment and biosecurity from existing and growing threats posed by invasive and pest species," Dr Walsh said.

"In the same way genome sequencing has helped inform medical advice, pest genomes can help us unlock new ways of protecting our environment, agricultural sector and public health with a quick and targeted response," he said.

CSIRO senior research consultant Rahul Rane said the fit-for-purpose genomics database being delivered through APGP will be a game-changer in invasive species control and management.

"Genomes and genetic diversity data can tell us all manner of things including where a particular pest species has travelled from, what environments it may thrive in, and whether it has developed resistance to chemicals and pesticides," Dr Rane said.

"The more we know about the genetic characteristics of a pest, the better our ability to make informed decisions to effectively control or eliminate them safely."

"Ultimately research based on these new datasets will benefit all Australians by reducing public health risks and the impact of these pest species on our environment and agricultural production," he said. Hundreds more pests are being sequenced this year, including jellyfish, invasive ants and beetles, termites, African boxthorn, crown of thorns starfish, ticks and head lice.

APGP is looking to partner with companies, government departments and other research organisations to continue sequencing and collating the genome of pests impacting Australia's biosecurity.

The project received investment from the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC), and has received co-investment from Australian BioCommons and Australian National University. Genomic datasets were developed in collaboration with Macquarie University, University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, University of Queensland, University of Western Australia, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and South Australian Research and Development Institute.

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### Our latest planting at Owen Creek

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Thank you also to our setup volunteers Harry, Cheryl, Cathy, Jack, Ed, Sanne and Lorenzo behind camera.

This project was made possible by the Queensland State Government through the Community Sustainability Action grant funding for Threatened Species. The event was organised by Kuranda Envirocare volunteers.



Far left: Young environmentalists enjoying nature based activities with Mermaid Amy while parents plant  
Left: Mum and daughter fun time planting  
Above left: Lorenzo Bertola (presented a great talk on Kuranda Tree frog genetics)  
Above: Lyn applying mulching carefully after planting  
Above right: Rachael enjoying her afternoon

### • Date Claimers •

**Saturday 20–27 May** – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.45pm. Check Facebook or text Cathy 0419 624 940 to join the group texts and emails.

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

## We are the invasive resist-ants



### KTF (Kuranda Tree Frog) survey #2

The next Kuranda Tree frog creek survey will be at Queen Creek 29 April 2023 @ 8am–12noon. There are four positions available on our team of six. No experience is necessary, but a medium level of fitness is required.

Lunch is always provided, and we suggest bringing a small backpack to carry your water bottle and personal belongings. Sturdy footwear, long pants and sleeves, gloves, hat and eye protection also make for a safer day. We will have spare gloves and cold water to top up your water bottle.

Here are the dates for our upcoming monthly KTF Surveys in 2023. I hope to see you at one or all.

- Survey #2 – Sat 29 April – Queen Ck
- Survey #3 – Sat 27 May – Queen Ck
- Survey #4 – Sat 24 June – Mantaka Ck
- Survey #5 – Sat 29 July – Mantaka Ck
- Survey #6 – Sat 26 August – TBC
- Survey #7 – Sat 23 September – TBC



Biosecurity Queensland officer Liz with Taskforce Volunteer Jacinta, getting ready to check the lure for invasive ants near a bamboo patch. Bamboo is an attractive nesting area for yellow crazy ants.

Wet Tropics Management Authority staff putting down a lure of jam and cat food to attract ants at Russett Park. Photo: Alishamay

### Kuranda Infestations update

The recent survey at Russett Park in March, discovered a small patch of yellow crazy ants in the centre of the infestation area. Two years ago, yellow crazy ants were detected in the same location and spot treatments were applied to the site. Small, remnant populations detected during the eradication process are neither uncommon nor unexpected and these are targeted for detailed spot treatments. Yellow crazy ants were not detected at the site in 2022. This demonstrates the need for ongoing surveys.

When yellow crazy ants are in very low numbers, they become difficult to detect. The Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program uses multiple tools to improve the probability of detecting persistent populations including the use of odour detection dogs. Before declaring eradication, there must be several consecutive surveys over a period of several years.

The annual survey at Green Forest has again shown no sign of yellow crazy ants, with both lure survey and odour detection dogs only producing negative results.

Yellow crazy ants were first detected in Green Forest in 2017 and the same intensive management as Russett Park has been underway. Thanks to the splendid work of the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program, this site is also in the later stages of eradication.



The infestation at Myola has had its third broad scale hand treatment indicating early stages of eradication and that is to be expected as this infestation was more recently discovered in 2021.

The yellow crazy ants were active with the warm weather and treatment was successful with conditions dry enough to treat.

Thank you to residents in all infestation areas for your patience and understanding. The weather did change plans, so your cooperation and flexibility made it easy to reschedule survey dates. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### FREE Toolbox talk

Learn about the risks and impacts invasive ants have in your community.

**WHERE:** In your workplace or school

**WHEN:** Get in touch to make a time

#### Kuranda Tree frog habitat (KTF) monthly survey

Volunteers wanted for our survey crew

**WHERE:** Queen Creek, Oak Forest Rd., Kuranda

**WHEN:** Saturday 29 April 2023 – 8am–12pm

Moderate level of fitness required. No experience necessary – all training provided on the day. Lunch included

#### Rotary FNQ Field Days

Volunteers wanted for Thursday and Friday shifts, lunch included.

**WHERE:** Kerribee Park, Mareeba Rodeo Grounds

**WHEN:** Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 May 2023




#### Ecofiesta

Volunteers wanted, lunch included.

**WHERE:** Munro Martin Parklands, Cairns

**WHEN:** Sunday 4 June 2023 – 10am–6pm

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### NORTH QUEENSLAND THREATENED SPECIES SYMPOSIUM – MARCH 2023

#### Volunteer Habitat Protection mechanisms

Of all the historical pictures I've seen on the internet, this one made me smile, so I had to copy it. This image brought back the best memories of my childhood growing up in Thongon Street, Kuranda during 1960-70s.

The Barron River was always the lifeblood of our people (black and white), living along its banks and because we had no crocodiles, the native wildlife made sure us kids could swim until the sun went down. A river so clean you could see the sand on the bottom, and with that, a healthy ecosystem.

Sugar gliders flying tree to tree, giant Golden Orb spiders. Outside the top pub, hundreds of Hercules moths fluttering over the street was a sight to see. Platypus in our creeks. Native fruit, bush honey, is something else. At night, our critters came out to play and our night glowing fungi is pretty cool too. Sadly, a cassowary roadkill sacrificed for us.

Within a conservative 50 years, what do we now see? The Barron isn't blue. Overkill of our life-sustaining species and Cairns sprawl creeping towards Buluwai country. For me, native title for Buluwai, is Government recognition of our Natural Law, one of preservation and conservation of our ancient land and all that it holds. I know at the current rate

of threatened species, my grandson will not see our native wildlife in their natural habitat.

Every generation doesn't have authority to impede the next. For our future, our unique native flora and fauna, is worthy of protecting and preserving. Converting freehold land to wildlife corridor conservation zones, is necessary. Buluwai is proud to work alongside communities and dedicated professionals, who also feel as we do.

by Diane Brim

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#### Meetings & Contacts

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2023 Dates: 13 May, 10 June



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## MINING BAN PROVIDES EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION TO WET TROPICS WORLD HERITAGE AREA

The Queensland Parliament's decision to ban mining in the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area (the Area) is a significant milestone for ensuring this globally important biodiverse place is protected for future generations.

Wet Tropics Management Authority's Executive Director Scott Buchanan said, "This year marks the 50-year anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, and 18 April is World Heritage Day where the theme is working on the future, what better way to celebrate than to announce a ban on mining within the Area."

"We at the Wet Tropics Management Authority are proud to announce another significant step towards this goal, where the Queensland Parliament last month passed a change to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993 that causes mining to be prohibited in the World Heritage Area."

"The proposal to prohibit mining was consulted extensively with the public during the review of the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 – support from the community and industry was almost unanimous," Mr Buchanan said.

"However, to achieve the prohibition we needed Parliament to change the Act, and we thank the Queensland Government for their support."

"This is an important milestone in providing an extra layer of protection to one of the world's most important biodiverse places, we at the Authority are committed to protecting and presenting the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area for the world and these latest amendments to the Act strengthen this protection," Mr Buchanan said.

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority

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# The webs that appear at night



Garden Orb-weavers (*Hortophora species*) are harmless spiders and are fascinating to watch as they construct their intricate webs. The web is a classic round 'orb' web, which is suspended in a position that is likely to be a flight path for insects. One of the things that often perplexes people is how they get their web from one place to another. The answer is simple – the air carries it. When the spider is ready to build a web, it moves to a high vantage point, puts the tip of its abdomen in the air, and releases a steady flow of silk from its spinnerets. The silk is so light that the slightest breeze will carry it, and it will float on the wind until it snags against a solid object. The spider continues to do this until it has a line attached to a suitable site. Once the spider has this initial line in place, it can move out along it to build the rest of the web.

Unlike some other spiders such as the Golden Orb-weavers that construct a web and stay in it day and night, Garden Orb-weavers remove the web at dawn each day, and construct a new one each night. The reason for this is predator avoidance. These spiders would be sitting ducks for hungry birds, so they have developed the hide-by-day strategy. Although the main 'orb' part of the web is gone during the daylight hours, some of the structural lines are often left in place, and the spider usually shelters at a point where these meet a tree, house or fence. The camouflage of the Garden Orb-weavers is excellent when they are in 'day-time' mode; their compact, mottled brown bodies and tightly folded legs look just like a bump on a branch.

At night these spiders take on a completely different look, spreading their legs out in the 'ready' position as they sit in the middle of their web. The upper joints of their legs which are hidden during the day are exposed and are usually red in colour. Their web is designed to catch flying insects, and the most common at night are moths and beetles. When prey strikes the web, Garden Orb-weavers move like lightning – they must. If they give a struggling insect time to thrash around in the web, it will usually free itself, so speed is of the essence. Once the spider reaches the prey it will wrap it quickly with copious amounts of silk in bandage-like form, before biting it and returning with the prey to the central hub of the web. Like all spiders, Garden Orb-weavers can only eat liquid food, so the indigestible solid parts of their insect prey are discarded and dropped to the ground below the web.

There are several species of Garden Orb-weavers, but even within each species there is a great deal of variation in the colour and pattern. Our local species can be cream, yellow, various shades of brown and even charcoal coloured. Some have stripes down the middle of the abdomen which can be white, cream, yellow and orange-red, looking a little Redback-like. Regardless of their colour, Garden Orb-weavers are considered harmless to humans.



Top: A male and female Garden Orb-weaver getting friendly on the high-wire.

Middle: Garden Orb-weavers wrap their prey quickly with copious amounts of silk.

Above: A Garden Orb-weaver in its web at night.

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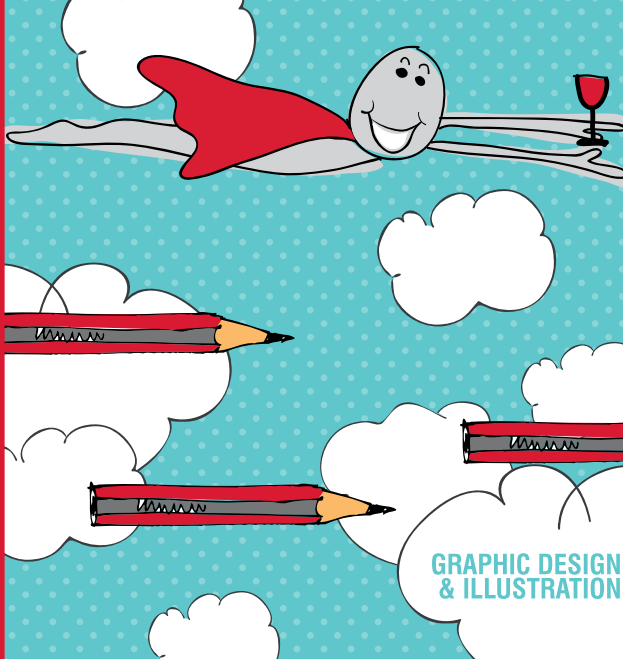
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There are only a couple of tables of six left. We also have several individuals who have bought tickets who can make up a table if there are other singles or couples wishing to join them.

Our local businesses have once again been overwhelmingly generous in donating prizes towards the Kuranda Historical Society's Quiz Night raffle, Silent Auction, Under Chair and Lucky Door prizes and of course, ye olde Quiz Winners!

#### Prizes

Kuranda River Boat (Voucher 2 adults), Rare Earth Oils (Products \$156), V People (Sarong), Just Gorgeous (Boxed mug), Great Adventures (pass 2 adults Green Island \$192), Smithfield Driving Range (Voucher x 2, 1 small bucket balls and family pass mini golf \$50), Emerald Creek Ice-creamery (Voucher \$30), Yorkeys Knob Boat Club (Meal voucher \$100), Ron Edwards (Watercolour \$30), Best Plants Mareeba (Plant donation), Kuranda Candy Kitchen 2 x baskets \$35), Envirocare (Plants \$50), Skyrail (Return trip for 2 Adults \$186), Tea Lily (2 x Vouchers \$50), Riley's Cafe (Voucher \$50), Jaques Coffee Plantation (1kg coffee \$46), Kuranda Pharmacy (Product \$50), Nu U Beauty Spot (Starter Kit \$125), Distil on the Hill (Bottles of gin \$258), Here's Good/Frogs on Coondoo (Voucher \$50, John's Boot Camp (3 Group Fitness & Pilates Classes \$45), Kuranda Koala Gardens and Birdworld Kuranda (Family pass \$111), Hartley's Creek Crocodile Adventures (Family pass \$112.50), Frogs Restaurant (Voucher \$50), CAPTA Group – Australian Butterfly Sanctuary (Adult/Child pass), Mayor Angela Toppin (Arts Co-op voucher \$50).

#### Silent Auction

Kuranda Raw Materials Greco's (Voucher \$150)  
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#### Lucky Door Prize

Bunnings (Voucher \$20)



# FRIGHTFUL GUNPOWDER ACCIDENT

Peter Ryle

Each year an organisation publishes a list of people who qualify for the Darwin Award. Wendy Northcutt, in her book *History And Rules* explains how the awards are chosen:

"In the spirit of Charles Darwin, the Darwin Awards commemorate individuals who protect our gene pool by making the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives. Darwin Award winners eliminate themselves in an extraordinarily idiotic manner, thereby improving our species' chances of long-term survival."

The Darwin Award did not exist in 1893, but if it had, it is probable that it would have been presented to a man who worked on the third section of the Cairns to Mareeba railway line.

On 4 February 1893 *The Cairns Post* reported on a serious accident at Myola...

"On Wednesday W. Thomas, railway guard, aged 23 years, and Thomas Those, locomotive fireman, were brought into the Cairns Hospital suffering from the effects of an explosion of gunpowder at Myola on Tuesday last. It appears the men, who are in the employ of Messrs McKenzie & Co, the third section contractors, were instructed to destroy four kegs of damaged blasting powder by rolling them into the Barron. Instead of pouring the oil on troubled waters, the unfortunate fellows indulged in the insane idea of destroying this powder by ignition, and after lighting a fuse one of them threw the match away, which alighted on one of the kegs immediately causing a terrific explosion. Those suffered the most severely, his sight being destroyed, and his face being destroyed beyond recognition. Thomas also sustained serious injuries, the unfortunate men being literally blown out of their clothes and boots. No particular danger is expected in Thomas' case, but very grave fears are entertained with reference to Those, who has never completely recovered consciousness since the accident. Before being sent into the Hospital the sufferers received every possible attention at the hands of Dr. Doble. The poor fellow Those had worked on the first and second sections under Mr. David Lyons, and was considered one of the nicest and most courteous of the men engaged on the lines. Travellers on the second section by Robb's engine will have a good recollection of the man."

On 8 February *The Cairns Post* reported on the progress of the two men...

"On enquiry at the Hospital yesterday we heard Thomas and Those, the poor fellows blown up by gunpowder, were doing well. At all events Dr. Koch said so, and we have to thank him for the most extreme discourtesy. If Dr. Koch treated his patients with politeness as a cure they would all choke. The man has got a good billet, and why he cannot be civil is a mystery to everybody."

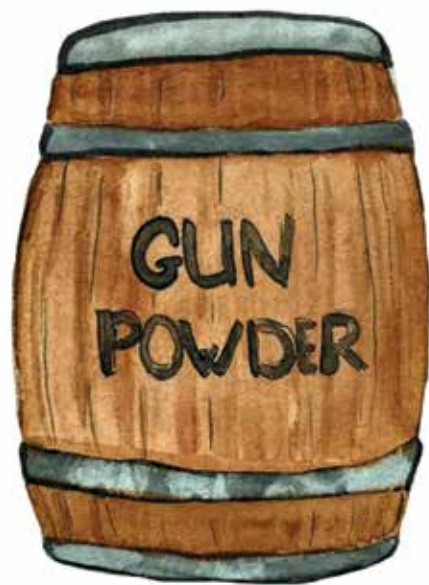
Obviously, Dr. Koch was not well liked in the Cairns community, as no one came forward to protest this harsh criticism of his 'bedside manner'.

There was no mention in the paper of just when Thomas Those died, but his funeral was reported in the paper on 11 February. He was buried in the Cairns Cemetery.

On 18 February it was reported that W. Thomas was recovering well and was expected to be discharged from Hospital within days.

A Magisterial Enquiry was held to investigate the accident. On 22 February *The Cairns Post* reported that the enquiry had concluded. W. Thomas gave evidence that "they were destroying some gunpowder by igniting it with a fuse, when a heap, over which the deceased was standing, exploded unexpectedly and caused the fatal injuries." The paper did not report the finding of the enquiry.

Peter Ryle is a Kuranda-based historian.



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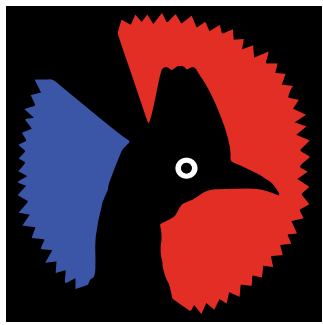
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### WHAT'S IN SEASON – SEED SAFARI

Kuranda Conservation has a volunteer army of seed and fruit collectors. We are always on the hunt for native plants fruiting in our area, because these fruits and seeds grow into plants of local provenance, perfectly adapted to the Kuranda environment. Right now, the eye-catching red pods of *Adenia heterophylla* (Red Lacewing butterfly food plant) are ripening on the vine and dropping to the ground. If you find these pods, save them and bring them to us, and we'll sow them to grow more of this wonderful vine.

### CASSOWARY ART TRAIL'S NEW STATUE

For those who missed it, the Cassowary Art Trail project unveiled the newest addition to the

cassowary line-up on 8 April. The latest cassowary, painted by renowned artist and Mamu Aboriginal woman (Dugul-barra and Wari-barra family groups) Melanie Hava, is named "Beautiful Beatrice" in reference to the artist's ancestry story. Beautiful Beatrice features a gorgeous rendition of freshwater and saltwater environments, representing rainforest and reef country. You can see this work of art at the Kuranda Village Centre arcade. The project is growing steadily and two more cassowary statues will be revealed in the coming months – so watch this space.

The Cassowary Art Trail project raises awareness of our Southern Cassowary while boosting tourism around the Kuranda region, bringing benefits to our local economy and our environment. We aim to join the dots of the Cassowary Art Trail right across the Wet Tropics. Contact us or Jurg Jutzi 0429 085 066 if you think it would bring people to your door.

### ECOFIESTA – 4 JUNE

We'll be there with our iconic bin stickers, a full-sized cassowary (the rigid, silent type), information handouts and lots to talk to you about. We want to hear your stories about your adventures with cassowaries, the critters in your garden and snakes. Everyone's got a snake story. You should have seen the size of the python we bagged this week!!



*Adenia heterophylla* – food plant for the Red Lacewing butterfly.  
Photo: Jules Seabright

### CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS

To report a sighting, especially one where a cassowary is in danger, go to [www.kurandaregion.org/cassowary-records](http://www.kurandaregion.org/cassowary-records) under Kuranda Region Cassowary Families or call 4093 8834 or 0439 899 731. The Department of Environment's reporting number is 1300 130 372.

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Students in Years 9 and 10 Food Specialisation recently presented a series of scrumptious delicacies to staff as part of their Term 1 Unit. Students prepared and presented their own food ideas to the school as part of a Cooking Class food stall.

Selections to choose from included Southern Fried Chicken, Pigs in Blankets, "Brookies", and an Oreo Birthday Cake. Staff were extremely impressed with the choices, and the overall feedback was extremely positive. Well done KDSC students!

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Year 9 and 10 students cook up a storm for the Cooking Class food stall.



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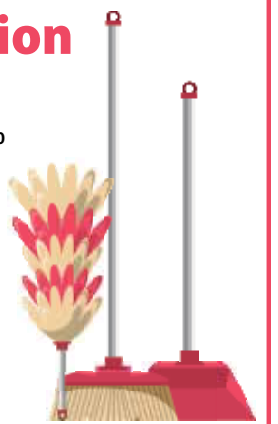
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## THE MAGIC SUN KYTE

In 1975, local author Michael Quinn wrote and self-published a children's book called *The Magic Sun Kyte* in Goa, India. It's a story of two children, Benzel and Sonna, who enter an enchanted maze in a fairground and slip through a crack into a parallel dimension. There they find the Magic Sun Kyte and travel through the multiverse – encountering blue skinned pirates, dragons and the dark mage Zag.

Michael's son, Morgyn Quinn, grew up with this bedtime tale, and is now illustrating *The Magic Sun Kyte* to bring it to new audiences. A long time illustrator of poster art, comics and oil paintings, Morgyn has enlisted the help of water colourist Ines Luisa and designer Donna Gee to complete the book.

"I believe reading bedtime stories to young children and introducing them to the world of books is one of the greatest gifts you can give for the development of their imagination and literacy."

Morgyn has posted a GoFundMe campaign ([www.gofundme.com/f/printing-the-magic-sun-kyte-book](http://www.gofundme.com/f/printing-the-magic-sun-kyte-book)) to help with the layout and printing expenses of *The Magic Sun Kyte*.

All donations over \$30 (plus postage) will receive a signed copy of the book.



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## A 'WEATHER SERVICE' FOR WATER QUALITY

In March CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, launched AquaWatch Australia, a mission to deliver a world first ground-to-space water quality monitoring system for Australia and the globe. AquaWatch will provide near real-time updates and predictive forecasting – in essence a weather service for water quality – once fully operational.

Using an extensive network of Earth observation satellites and ground-based water sensors, it will support better water quality management, with early warning of harmful events such as toxic algal blooms, blackwater and runoff contamination.

The system will also increase the resilience of Australian communities who depend on water, as well as improved outcomes for our natural environment after events like bushfires and floods.

CSIRO, with foundation partner SmartSat CRC, is bringing together research, government, and industry with an initial co-investment of \$83 million to design and develop AquaWatch. CSIRO Chief Executive, Larry Marshall, said water is one of the most important and vital resources in Australia and across the globe.

"Imagine taking your family to the local swimming spot and being able to open your phone and check the water quality before they dive in. Or better yet, getting a forecast for the water quality days before you planned your family day out," Dr Marshall said. "Now imagine the impact of this if you were an environment manager, able to receive advance warning of the oxygen-depleted blackwater events often responsible for mass fish kills. Or an aquaculture farmer able to plan ahead for an impending algal bloom."

"The ingenuity behind AquaWatch is it integrates Earth observation with other science capabilities like in-situ sensing, ecosystem modelling, engineering, data science and artificial intelligence. It is the latest example of CSIRO's Missions Program which are large-scale scientific and collaborative research initiatives aimed at accelerating the pace and scale at which we can solve some of the nation's greatest challenges," he said.

Working with a range of implementation partners, AquaWatch will extend from rivers to coasts, with the ability to monitor bays, coastal wetlands, aquaculture farming, mangrove forests and coral reefs, including the Great Barrier Reef.

SmartSat CRC Chief Executive Officer Andy Koronios said that space technology will be a key aspect of AquaWatch and essential to developing an accurate understanding of Australia's water systems.

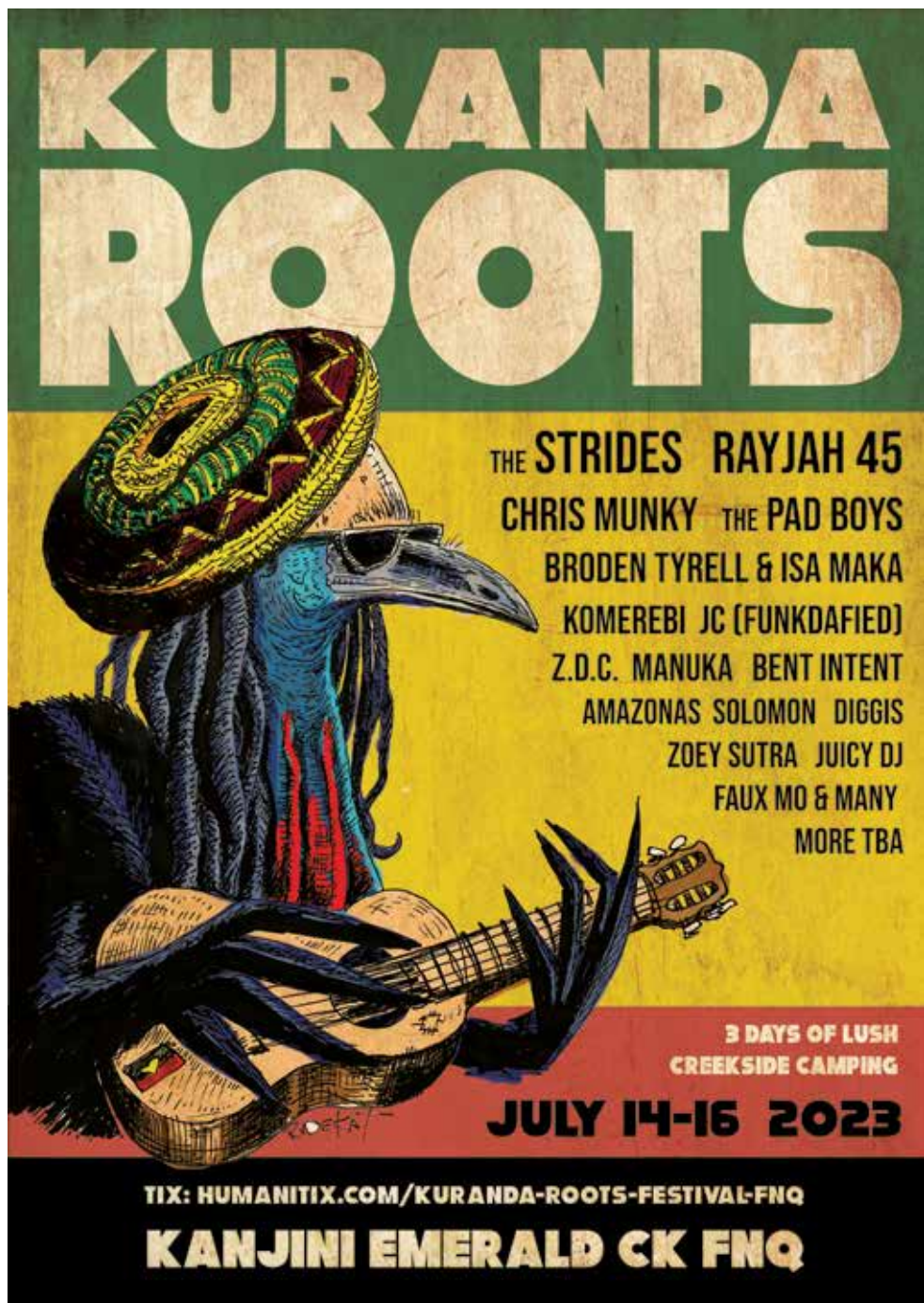
"The AquaWatch partnership is a prime example of the benefits of cross-agency collaboration and demonstrates how much we are able to achieve when we combine our efforts and know-how for the benefits of all Australians. This collaborative effort to harness the data gathered from satellites will play an essential role in safeguarding our future water supply and improving our natural environments," he said.

Data from both the sensors in the water and on the satellites will then be integrated at a central data hub where CSIRO's capability in data analysis and AI can provide forecasts a few days ahead.

AquaWatch already has six pilot sites set up around the country to test the system for several uses such as monitoring toxic blue-green algae blooms at Lake Tuggeranong in Canberra, a popular spot for recreation. It is also being tested around our coasts, with another pilot focused on how sediment flow from the Fitzroy River out to the Great Barrier Reef affects water quality.

Source: CSIRO





## KURANDA ROOTS TURNS 21!

Australia's longest running reggae infused event turns 21 this year!

On 14-16 July Kuranda Roots will be returning to stunning Emerald Creek Falls (Kanjini, Camp 2) to connect and celebrate the abundance of culture, art, music and nature that flourishes in tropical North Queensland.

Kuranda Roots – originally called the Kuranda Reggae Festival – was created by Kuranda duo Morgyn Quinn and Billy Dread with the invaluable help of Mikki Sellton (Reggaetown/Katchafire), Nicholas Mills and Stephen Foster (The Tanks) in 2003.

Since its inception, the festival has played host to a huge range of reggae and bass music stars, and this year will see Australia's number one reggae crew, The Strides (pictured right), headline the main stage.

The Strides are a force for Reggae music, fronted by roots man Ras Roni from Barbados, Fijian MC LTL GZeus, and Sierra Leonian ragga powerhouse Blaka C. The Strides deliver a musical experience that is as explosive as it is authentic. The Strides' music faithfully builds on the foundations of classic roots reggae with a hip-hop edge, forging a sound that brings together modern dance hall, dub beats and reggae-pop.

After 15 years on the road and having graced the stages of some of Australia's biggest music festivals, including Splendour in the Grass, Byron Bay Blues and Roots festival, and WOMEXelaide, and having supported the likes of Tony Allen, Julian Marley, Groundation and Third World, this world class 9-piece have become a reggae institution, melding a diversity of cultures and instrumentation under the one universal consciousness.

Coming in hot on the Dreadagade stage are Bristol producer extraordinaire Chris Munky and SubTribe front man RayJah 45 on the mic.

Joining them are Kuranda's Roots Reggae superstars The Pad Boys, who are promising an extra special show, reggae soulman Broden Tyrell with Isa Maka, Kuranda's own Zami Coleman aka Z.D.C, hip hop producer Diggis, Sydney refugee and new FNQ local JC Funkdafied, the rising star Komorebi, Cairns' wild funk of Manuka, the venerable DJ Solomon, Walsh River's Bent Intent, South American reggae crew Amazonas, Juicy DJ, Zoey Sutra and many more TBA!

Early Bird tickets are onsale now through humanitix and market stall applications are now open at [www.kurandaroots.com](http://www.kurandaroots.com)



## Kuranda Girl Wins BAFTA!

On 23 April 2023, Nikeah Forde—former Kuranda resident and Smithfield High School captain—topped an amazing year of personal highlights by winning a BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) as the Visual Effects Producer of the highly awarded HBO series, *House of the Dragon*.

Her career commenced almost 15 years ago as a production assistant to the visual effects team on the locally filmed series, *The Pacific*. Her rise to lead the visual effects team has been meteoric. Working on films like *Cinderella*, *Dark Shadows*, *Kingsmen: The Golden Circle*, and *The King's Man*, her roles have got bigger and her opportunity to mentor other young women, has been greater.

Nikeah is now based in London where she gave birth to her daughter, Florence, in August last year. She is now getting ready to recommence work on her next film.

Her proud family, locals Mick and Kim Forde, and brother, Russ, are immensely proud of her achievements. Well done Nikeah!



Nikeah Forde and fellow recipient Asa Shoul with their BAFTAs for Best Special, Visual and Graphic Effects for their work on "House of the Dragon" series.

## REGEN WALLABY CREEK

Wallaby Creek Festival are having an eco-fieta fundraiser in Rossville on 22 & 23 July to buy our festival site. We have spaces available for stall holders and workshop providers.

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**PERMABLITZ**

*Imagine what you could achieve with a crew of happy helpers lending a hand at your place.*



Permablitz is an open volunteer system where people help each other get their gardens going. First-time gardener or veteran vegetable grower, everyone has something valuable to offer – whether it's time, energy, or different skills. It's all about hands-on community action and about people connecting. Permablitz initiative is based on reciprocal support, so you volunteer in other people's gardens too.

Permablitz's can include such things as: planting seeds; pruning fruit trees; setting up a wormery or other compost system; making swales; creating planters or raised beds; suggesting how to store rainwater; making bug hotels; creating chicken coops and inoculating logs with mushroom spores.



Contact Kuranda Region Organic Garden Blitz  
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## Permablitz – A Grow it Forward Energy Exchange

Too often when I walk around our property I see work rather than a beautiful landscape. And I see work that needs to happen, not all the work that has been done. This tunnel vision takes away the enjoyment of the moment and also negates all the hard work accomplished. So now I try garden walks with the express purpose of enjoying the fruits of our labour or even the fruits of nature's labour ie. all the stuff left to its own devices. I try and see how amazing it all looks even with only half the jobs and weeding done. And because we are very lucky to live in the stunning wet tropics that is always abundant and beautiful, I usually succeed.

But sometimes I wish for magic fairy helpers to come in and with a wave of their wands complete all those niggly jobs that have been waiting for, in some cases, years to be completed. Like labelling all the fruit tress in the orchard, or planting out the shady driveway with gingers, or putting up kites on bamboo poles to scare away the cockatoos from the citrus harvest.

Or those huge tasks like growing a massive compost pile to have lots of ready-made humus for the new garden beds, or putting up five trellises for all the vines that are still in pots in the nursery, or pruning all the orchard fruit trees, or laying stacks of cardboard to start off new food forests.

But I need wish no more. There is a magic method called

a permablitz. And it works like this...

You throw your name into a hat (actually on a list but it didn't have the same panache); if you are selected you provide all the tools and materials for your project plus lunch and some groovy music; then a whole group of magic fairies turn up at your place for a day and you all chip in and get the jobs done to the *many hands make light work* tune. If you are not selected for the month then you get to be a magic fairy and go to someone's place and help them realise their garden dreams. Twelve wishes can be realised each year - one wish will be yours and the other eleven times you get to be a fairy helper while meeting like-minded folks, eating delicious and learning a ton of knowledge and skills to apply to your own place. And did I mention there are always free cuttings and seeds to be had.

So where's the hat to throw in my name? Well lucky us, it's held at our local Seed Savers ([seedsavers@kurandaregion.org](mailto:seedsavers@kurandaregion.org)). Contact them to get the **Kuranda Region Organic Garden Blitz** rolling. The Mareeba Seed Savers and others have been doing magic fairy blitzes for quite a while now so we need to catch up. Let's start such a magic community energy group that we will need to blitz twice a month to accommodate all the fairy helpers with their magnificent gardens. Abracadabra!



## Dragonfruit

The beautiful, interesting and quite striking cactus dragonfruit grows very well in our area. One would wonder how such a deliciously refreshing fruit took such a long time to find its way to us from the tropical and sub-tropical area of the Turtle Island Americas—Mexico, North and South Americas—and also along the Pacific regions including Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvadore and the Caribbean. Plants were taken to Asia in the early 1800s and they are grown profusely there and are gaining popularity here and in other tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world.

Previously found in only the most exotic restaurants, dragonfruits are becoming much more available as they become more sought after, with more farmers and market gardeners adding them to their crops, making many more available at the markets and fruit stores in season. Though delectably luscious peeled and eaten straight from the plant, it is also a gloriously colourful addition to any fruit salad. Try a mousse of dragonfruit, chia seeds, banana and coconut cream, or a dragonfruit/mango gelato. Dried dragonfruit is an attractive and delicious treat that children big and small will love, and fresh or powdered dragonfruit is used in smoothies etc., sometimes indicated as a 'superfood' with good vitamin C and minerals and fibre, antioxidants and other benefits.

The seeds contain omega 3s and 9s so the dragonfruit is definitely not just a pretty face. Some people have found drinking dragonfruit and fresh turmeric juice to be an excellent repairer for prediabetics, so this would definitely be a good one to include for many people.

The dragonfruits can grow in guilds and syntropic systems if care is taken to provide for their needs, which are few, though over-watering can stress a plant and give little fruit, as well as rotting the root system and destroying the plant. Too much shade can also limit blossom and fruit-growth, though they do grow successfully in semi-shade, up a tree (their natural habitat), or on an easy trellising system, a strong pole with a pushbike wheel on the top. Four cuttings can be planted on different sides at the base of the pole, and their aerial roots will grab on to this, a tree, fence or wall, and grow with little attention. Tie them lightly to the pole for starters until the roots grow, and to 'train' them on the trellis for fruit access.

You may even get fruit in the first or second year, though it may take longer. For more fruit, give a good composting, worm-castings or seaweed mulch or all of these things in a 'compost tea' watered in once a month or so, and cover the ground around it with mulch and/or living groundcovers such as queen of herbs, pinto peanut, sambung etc to keep the soil from dehydrating.

Dragonfruits (*Hylocareus undatus*), otherwise known as Pitaya, Pitahaya, Strawberry Pear, Moonlight Cactus, Than Long, and other names in various languages, are in the Cactaceae family, and have quite a few species and many varieties. Cactus Fruits Australia here in North Queensland is said to have those available in Australia with over two hundred varieties growing and fruiting in season (as well as over two hundred varieties of other cactus fruits). These are an excellent drought tolerant food plant.

The plants can grow five to ten feet tall, so ensure that you cut it at the height you wish the dragonfruit and it will lean back down so that you can reach the fruits. Keep an eye on them so they don't grow out of reach.

If your plants are not fruiting, try helping the pollination with a soft brush – you'll have to be ready as the flower only blooms, so gorgeously, for just one night. You can also catch them in the morning before they start drooping – just brush the pollen from one flower to another, hopefully you have more than one dragonfruit plant to increase the fertility chances. Usually the pollination is done by native bees, moths, insects and bats, so perhaps plant more

# Kuranda Region Organic Garden Blitz

## Grow It Forward Energy Exchange

### HOW IT WORKS

- You may need help with making new planting beds or raised gardens for your edible plants & flowers OR Building compost bay(s) OR constructing a chicken house and run OR installing a bee hive, worm farm and/or other options for beneficial wildlife OR creating a food-forest OR constructing a simple shade-house/nursery OR swales for water management?
- You put your name on the Kuranda Garden Blitz list for an Energy Exchange happening at your place.
- If you are selected for the month you provide (or request from fellow blitzers) all materials for your chosen project and all tools and equipment to get the job done.
- If it is not your month to be selected, you help out at your chosen blitzers garden, bring a plate to share and have fun and learn lots!
- Feel free to bring and share music, bring organic/non-hybrid/non-gmo seeds/seedlings/cuttings, knowledge and enthusiasm.

### WHAT

An informal gathering – sharing activities, skills, resources – where you help out a community neighbour – maybe teach or learn something new – get help in your garden – get some healthy sunshine, fresh air & exercise – share some nutritious food – make some new friends and have a lovely day.

### WHY

To create or add to edible food gardens relating to permaculture, syntropy, regenerative, resilient and abundant living & receive help on those garden tasks you've been putting off!

### WHEN

On a pre-arranged day we will exchange energy, resources, knowledge and friendship – 12 noon stop for lunch and a yarn and even maybe a song & a tune – bring your instruments and your talents – don't be shy – see you soon!

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to attract more pollinators to your garden/farm.

Dragonfruits are very easy to grow, requiring little care. On farms they can be grown in rows between other crops, just be aware that they do branch out and some varieties do have spikes, so select the type for your space and make room available around it so you can easily move through your garden.

Easy to grow from seeds (there are many seeds in each fruit), just pot them up in a well-draining organic potting mix, chemicals are completely unnecessary. As the cute little cacti grow, you can stake or tie them until you plant out or give to your family and friends. You may get differences in the fruits from seeds, which you will not know for some time. This, and purposeful natural cross-pollinating has created the great selection that we now have, so if you want a particular kind, ask for or seek a cutting.

Seedsavers often bring dragonfruit cuttings to our meetings to share, and there are also plants available from the Koah Markets and other places.

For more information on seedsavers and meetings in our region, please email [seedsavers@kurandaregion.org](mailto:seedsavers@kurandaregion.org) and go to Kuranda tv to see videos on gardening, syntropics, seedsavers and much more local content.





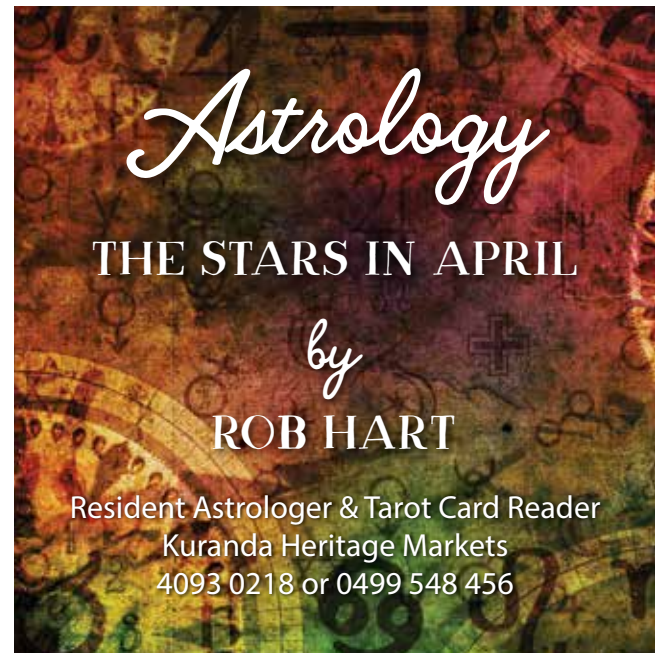
## LOCAL STAR-MAN CELEBRATES MILESTONE ORBIT

Resident astrologer, Rob Hart, was surrounded by friends and family—including his eight children and five of his six grandchildren—as he celebrated 80 years on Earth.

Rob is a long-time fixture at the Kuranda Heritage Markets and for many years has given *The Kuranda Paper* readers his very personal and lyric view of the astrological landscape, through his monthly astrology column. Many happy returns Rob!

*Rob enjoys a birthday selfie with niece Lucy Hart at his birthday gathering at Speewah.*

*Photos: Lucy Hart*



## HMMMMMMM!!!!

You know when you have a succession of days, that all seem the same? This wasn't one of those.

New neighbours with a young boy had just moved in, and on our mutual fence line I met this young man, he told me his name was Gilbert. I told him that I had never met a Gilbert before. I was still bouncing the syllables of his name around in my head.

When I realised he was runway ready, for a chatty take off and suddenly, I was thrown in at the deep end with all the christian names of his family from near and far, my brain was getting battered and I wanted to escape before it shattered.

I tried politely to take my leave but this wasn't easy as he didn't seem to stop to take a breath and for a six year old, he had disturbing penetrating eye contact. When suddenly his fertile brain jumped to fishing, which was obviously his fascination and his passion, he asked if I knew that "Fish are an oil rich product"?

My brain started to spasm. I thought I had to leave before I got drawn onto the names and the locations of the different fish throughout the world. I said I had to go because as I had left the kettle on and I heard, a knowing snigger began from inside one of their rooms.

I returned to my kitchen and did put the kettle on and was pondering the fact that I had been side blinded by a child's shining mind, and figured the sniggering was about my poor excuse for the retreat which meant someone had been listening.

When a knock at the door occurred, it turned out to be another head-space invader, it was a young man with a preaching plan. He tried to hand me a spiritual regime magazine. The magazine was called 'The Evangelist Service' he said.

"It contained a message explaining how it's the righteous, not the salacious that is to inherit the earth. As the Supreme Being will decide when it's too late to collect any more of life's casualties and we should all remember. It's when you slow down that life catches up."

Enough enough, I was getting the feeling I could be dead, by the time it was read.

So I said, "I'm sorry, I have a cup of tea waiting for me up stairs."

He handed me his personalised card and the magazine saying "Give it a read and don't despair, because we care"

His card said his name was Gilbert Bright-spot.

I was amazed from never having met one. I met two Gilberts within a matter of minutes on the same day.

It was then that I realised if the Gilberts of the world unite... Look Out, beware their might.

If the Gilberts unite.

**Professor Headmessenger**  
*Hip Pocket Poetry Presents (on Facebook)*

Professor Headmessenger aka DJ/David Jones is a member of the Kuranda Writers Group.

May begins with a Sun-Mercury conjunction in Taurus. Anyone still doubt that this Earth is heating up? This graphic, cosmic indicator that the mercury is indeed rising will show convincingly that the process is speeding up.

The Sun then aligns with planet Uranus, again in Taurus, on 9–10 May, indicating sudden, radical movement within the Earth as solar activity interacts with Earth disturbances and some sudden shifts in the power structures involving governments, military and social unrest.

A lunar eclipse along the Taurus-Scorpio axis on 6 May stirs subterranean and submarine fault lines, and within our own individual physical and emotional fields we will certainly feel it. With Pluto hovering on the zero Aquarius point, these transitional disturbances will not be gentle. We are all in this together.

And, remember, we are still very much under the influence of the 29 degrees Aries solar eclipse in April, with a "Final Battle, Warrior's Death" kind of feel about it.

The Sun moves into Gemini on 21 May, as Mars crosses into Leo and Jupiter enters Taurus. So, there are the three Fire planets, Sun, Mars and Jupiter, all on the move.

Fire, Air and Earth ... and Water? Well, Venus in Cancer and Saturn and Neptune in Pisces are certainly very emotional and we feel these big changes in all aspects of our lives and again, Pluto at zero degrees Aquarius is driving this along with a cyclonic force. "Enjoy the ride" say the stars and if zero degrees Aquarius or Leo are powerful points in your birthchart then lead the way, ride the wave and carve out the new pathways.



Around 18–19 May Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are all in fertile signs, so the new moon on 19–20 May is very fertile. Want to plant, conceive, initiate or encourage growth in anything? Now is any incredibly good time to do it!

The air trine between zero degrees Gemini Sun and zero degrees Aquarian Pluto, the centre and boundary of the solar system, on 21–22 May opens lines of communication previously unavailable, to exchange of ideas and other dialog, from your neighbours out to the galaxy, so quite unexpected and game-changing. Be ready.

May your May be AMayzing!

Blessings





# KURANDA WRITERS GROUP

Next meet: Thursday **11th May** 10-12 noon


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*'all welcome'*







# RANGERS report

## TRACQS Sponsorship

Season 2023 has officially started. Let the games begin!

What a start to the soccer season! We saw grit, determination, skill and great sportsmanship all round. Enjoy the all of the action shots from Round 1.

## Just a few reminders:

- Every session makes a difference, please attend as many training sessions as possible. Signing up to a team sport requires commitment to the Club, to the coach and to all team mates.
- On game day, try to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to game time to allow for warm up.
- Commitment is especially important in a small club like ours. We do not have a large pool of players to draw from, so each and every player in the team plays an important role in the team.
- When a player (or two or three) does not turn up to the game, it makes it very difficult for the coach and for the team members who do turn up to play a competitive game.
- Understandably people make plans and unplanned events occur, when in this position please let the manager know as soon as you can.
- Keep checking the Kuranda Rangers Facebook page for information and updates.

The Marlin Coast Carnival is on 7 May. It is always a great day of soccer and fun for our teams. Stay tuned next month for all the results and photos.

**Enquiries:** email [play@kurandarangers.football](mailto:play@kurandarangers.football)

## Club contacts:

Adric Rusch 0429 488 214 or Simone on 0402 003 164, or via our Facebook page.



Clockwise: Coach Joe and the U6 team congratulate their opponents, Noah McDonald tackles the ball, Coach Alex and the U8 team, Tao Masaki always working hard for his U12 team.



## KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

## KURANDA HORSE AND PONY CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The grounds are looking fantastic after all the rain and our caretaker, Dan, is keeping them looking so neat and tidy. We are very lucky to have such a great place to ride.

The new wash bay got a good workout with everyone wanting to give their horses a good hose down afterwards as you can see in the photo. What a great new asset to have at the Club.

The Club's April rally was held on 23 April and we had riders participate in the Anzac parade on 25 April which was a welcome comeback after not attending the last couple of years.

The next rally will be on 28 May.

The Club is looking into a couple of fundraising ideas and we do have our room for hire if anyone is interested. There is also a new event being tried on the grounds with market stalls, the next one will be on Saturday 13 May. If you would like to book a stall or know more about this, please contact the Club via our Facebook page and we will give you the details.

The Club has a date booked at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Smithfield for 2 July – so if you are down at Bunnings that day come along and help support the Club.

## ROOM FOR HIRE

The Club has an air conditioned room available for casual hire at great rates. It would suit a variety of uses e.g. meeting room, massage or yoga classes. If you are interested in viewing the space or needing any more information please email [kurandahpc@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahpc@gmail.com)

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

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



The new horse wash bay



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Going looking for words



The Bama (people) of this area (bulmba) shared a common ngirrma, 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 preside 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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- WUNAY
- WURIWURIY
- WURRAY
- YADAL
- YULBAL

WORD MEANINGS

BABAL: to push. Ngawunggu nyurrany babal-a-galing. I'm going to push you.
BAGAL: to pierce, poke, spear. Ngawunggu nyurrany bagal-a-galing. I'm going to poke you.
BANYDJARRIL: to follow. Nyurra nganya banydjarril. You are following me.
BULWAL: to jump. Ngawu bulwal-a-galing. I'm going to jump.
BUNDARRIL: to lead. Nyurra nganya bundarril. You are leading me.
BURRAL: to pull. Gari nganya burra! Don't pull me!
BURRAY: to fly. Gudji djarruy burray-galing. That bird is going to fly.
BURRDJAL: to visit. Ngawu nyurrany burrdjal-a-garrang. I'm coming to visit you.
BURRGIY: to slide, slip, slither. Nyurra burrgiy-galing. You are going to slip.
BUWAY: to enter, go in. Ngawu burranydja buway-galing. I'm going to enter the cave.

BUYURRIL: to drag, to pull. Nganya wumarri! Help me! Ngawu gudji nalmal buyurrit-a-galing. I'm going to drag that log.
DALNGGAY: to limp. Ngawu dalngga-dalnggang. I'm limping.
DARRBAY: to slip. Gari darrrban! Don't slip! Ngawu burrgi-burrging. Ngawu darrrba-darrrbang. I'm sliding. I'm slipping.
DIDAY: to return. Birii didan! Come back again!
DJANAY: to stand. Gudji Bama djanay-galing. That person is going to stand.
DJANBAY: to stick to, to keep to. Nyurramba djumburru-la djanban! You all stick to the track!
DJARRIY: to drown. Gudji dayal djarriy-galing. That boy is going to drown.
DJUNDAY: to walk, to perform a dance or work. Nganydji warrma djunday-galing. We are going to dance a warrma.
DJUNGGAY: to run. Ngawu djunggay-galing nguma. I'm going to run tomorrow.

DJUNGGARRIL: to run off with something. Gudji gurraa ngayang minya djunggarrit. That dog is running off with my minya.
GALIY: to go. Ngawu galing-ala. I'm going now.
GAMBAY: to crawl. Gudji barndil gambay-galing. That baby is going to crawl.
GARRAY: to come. Garru ngawu garray-galing. I'm going to come later.
MAGAYIY: to climb, get up, rise ascend. Bungan magayiy-galing. The sun is going to rise.
MANDAY: to trap. Nganydji djun.gi manday-galing. We are going to trap small crayfish.
MARRIY: to cross something. Ngawu Gimuny dja marriy-galing. I'm going to cross Gimuy.
NADAL: to step on. Gari ngayang djinaa nada! Don't step on my foot!
NYINAY: to sit, to stay. Ngawu nyinay-galing. I'm going to sit.
WADIL: to drift, to float. Ngudaa wadil djin.gal.nda. Clouds float in the sky.
WALAYIY: to pass, go past. Gudji mudaga walayin! Pass that car!
WANDAY: to fall. Djudan djulbin-mu! Come down from the tree. Nyurra wanday-galing. You are going to fall.

WANIRRIL: to bring, to carry. Nganydji minya wanirrit-a-galing. We are going to bring the meat.
WARRNGGIY: to turn around. Ngawu warrnggi-warrngging. I'm turning around and around.
WAYGAL: to find, to look for, search for. Ngawu ngayang djadja waygal-a-galing. I'm going to find my child.
WUNAY: to lie down. Ngawu wunay-galing-ala. I'm going to lie down now.
WURIWURIY: to walk around. Ngawu wuri-wuri-y-galing. I'm going to walk around.
WURRAY: to flatten grass by stamping on it or hitting it, or to put out a fire. Nganydji giradji wurray-galing djama-malim. We are going to flatten the grass because of snakes.
YADAL: to chase away. Ngawu gudji ganibarra yadal-a-galing. I'm going to chase away that dingo.
YULBAL: to creep up on. Gari nganya yulbal-a-galin! Don't go creeping up on me!

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds
/a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words "some," "come" e.g. bama (person)
/a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in "father" but longer e.g. buda:dji (carpet snake)
/i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word "bin" e.g. bina (ear)
/i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in "heat", "beat", "feet" e.g. biri: (again)
/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word "book" e.g. mudu (back)
/u:/ the vowel is lengthened and pronounced as the vowel sound in the words "good", "tool", "rule" e.g. djungguu: (behind)
Consonants
/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. djulbin (tree)
/g/ is pronounced as in the word "gun" e.g. gindan (moon)
/rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word "sporran" e.g. burra-y (to fly)
/r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. biri (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. nyurra (you)
/ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. bungan (sun)
/n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the
/ngg/ two sounds together e.g. djin.gal (sky)
is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. nyinggarra (eel)
/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. Djabugay
Stress
When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?
In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. bina (ear).
In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. ganyarra (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. ganyarra - nggu (crocodile).
Language classes every Wednesday 6-8pm at Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm).



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## St Saviour's Thought for May

This month we read a passage from St John's Gospel Chapter 20 verses 19 to 31. Jesus said to [Thomas] "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29.

Things went a little haywire for Thomas, at a time when the other disciples were daring to believe that the unbelievable had actually happened. Thomas could not take the news on board without proof. So Jesus allowed him to go a week beyond belief, in continued doom and gloom and uncertainty – and then, very daringly, challengingly and convincingly, made it impossible for Thomas not to believe. That was the 'God of the second chance' at work.

As we re-live the wonderful Easter story, doesn't it home in on us that God is in the risk business in a big way, as we see one after another of the disciples, nearest and dearest to Jesus, failing to understand, doing or saying the wrong thing, being slow on the uptake? It took Jesus most of Easter Day to get the message across to those in whom he was placing his trust to take the Church out from Jerusalem and into the world at large. He had to convince them that it had happened – that preaching the gospel was more important than trawling in a netful of Galilean fish. So what chance have we of convincing the millions of people out there that the gospel today is worth more than the National Debt?

At times we are like Peter, Thomas and the rest. We are slow to respond to God's hints and prods. Sometimes, when we think we're actually doing quite well, we let down our guard and do, or say, the wrong thing - not deliberately, please God, but often because we've taken off some of the attention our Lord requires. But God is still the 'God of the second chance'.

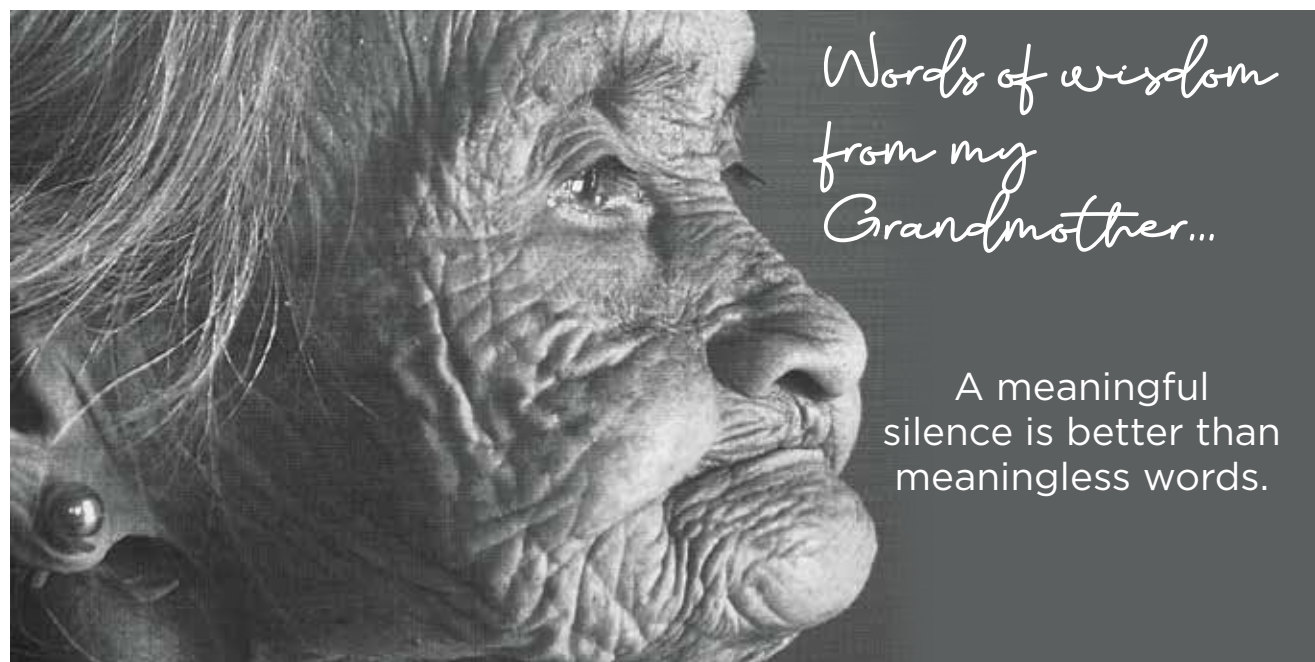
And nothing is too big or too trivial for him. We have his word that if we sin in ignorance, he understands. Yes, he does, and we are not to be too hard on ourselves. God not only

forgives sins confessed and repented of, he also forgets them. If God is so magnanimous, we also need to forget them. The world will try to tell us that such is not the case; but the world does not, in general, know the meaning of magnanimity and love.

But then, the world is not God. If we let go the pull of the world, and hitch on to the gentle pull of God, we shall let go all those inner tensions that threaten to surface, and which tell us we are no good; we've failed in our calling; it would be best to chuck in our lot with the rest of the world.

If Satan can get us to believe all that junk, he is one happy Devil. Peter could have been so devastated by his threefold denial of Jesus that he high-tailed it out of the limelight, never to return. Who would then have become the missionary to the Gentiles, and the first Bishop of Rome? Thomas could have wallowed so whole-heartedly in his doubting that he broke off all relations with the other disciples, and never returned to the upper room. Who would then have been the first to take the gospel to India? - for that is where tradition tells us Thomas went.

Even today, in some parts of India, Christians are known as 'Christians of St Thomas'. The disciple's grave is said to be in the church at Mylapore, near Madras. God knows what it needs to keep us in his will. He'll work with us, as he worked with Peter and Thomas. He will give us all that is necessary to keep us on the right lines. We can bank on it; God's assurance is gilt-edged. And, praise him, it's not beyond belief.



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"...man should know his own self and recognise that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty. Having attained the stage of fulfilment and reached his maturity, man standeth in need of wealth, and such wealth as he acquireth through crafts or professions is commendable and praiseworthy in the estimation of men of wisdom, and especially in the eyes of servants who dedicate themselves to the education of the world and to the edification of its peoples. They are, in truth, cup-bearers of the life-giving water of knowledge and guides unto the ideal way. They direct the peoples of the world to the straight path and acquaint them with that which is conducive to human upliftment and exaltation. The straight path is the one which guideth man to the dayspring of perception and to the dawning-place of true understanding and leadeth him to that which will redound to glory, honour and greatness."

"We cherish the hope that through the loving-kindness of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, obscuring dust may be dispelled and the power of perception enhanced, that the people may

discover the purpose for which they have been called into being. In this Day whatsoever serveth to reduce blindness and to increase vision is worthy of consideration. This vision acteth as the agent and guide for true knowledge. Indeed in the estimation of men of wisdom keenness of understanding is due to keenness of vision."

(Baha'u'llah)

**Meditations/Reflections:** all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions, also discussion evenings, by arrangement.

**Morning prayers:** each Thursday at 8am, in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda followed by coffee.

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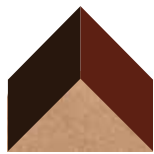
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You will notice I said "Shed". Why? Well, the Kuranda Shed, while officially titled the Men's Shed, is the only Shed in our area to welcome both men and women to come and use the workshop and share the safe environment a Shed guarantees, whilst allowing discussion about mental or physical health issues of all kinds.

We welcome persons of all sorts and types – the Shed is about bringing together as diverse a range of people as possible in order to help each other the most. Take myself as an example. I have had multiple physical traumas, joint replacements, spinal fusions and surgeries of all kinds. But I was welcomed, and in the first session I learnt how to use three new tools and am now set to learn how to do resin inlay work – I have been wanting to learn for years! The Shed Manager could not have been more helpful in guiding me in those first few sessions, and I wasn't once made to feel silly for not knowing how something worked or needing to be shown a second time.

But the Shed isn't just there for woodworking and other handcrafting skills – it's a place to talk and listen to each other. The reason the Australian Men's Shed Association was started back in 2013 was to create a place where people could occupy their hands and clear their minds, have friends around to listen to and encourage them, provide advice, or just be there and be supportive – all in a non-judgemental environment. We have all had traumas and problems in our lives, and the worst of them are always the ones where we are alone and isolated.

The Shed will be holding regular Open Days again soon, so if this article has sparked a little bit of interest in you, come on down! Even better, bring a friend. However, there's no need to wait for an Open Day, come along during our usual hours and say "hi". Tuesday mornings, Friday and Sunday afternoons are for ladies, and Wednesday and Saturday mornings are for the men. Morning sessions are 8.30–11.30am and afternoon sessions 1–5pm.

Any man or woman or adolescent (with parental approval) who enjoys working with tools, creating things or needing a shoulder to lean on is welcome, and the Members and Shed Managers are always there to help and teach. You don't need to know how to use tools, you don't need to know what you would like to create. Be like me – the first time I went I had no idea what I wanted to do, but walking through the wood shed gave me some amazing ideas that—with help of the Shed (Members and tools)—I am now pursuing.

And hey, who knows, YOU may be able to teach US some new skills!

Moral of my story? Come along to the Kuranda Shed! If you have questions feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you at the Shed.

Julia (President)



### Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am  
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### Contact

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Kuranda Men's Shed



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

## SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT

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We are pleased to announce that \$130 was raised for the QCWA Flood Fund at our last Social Event on 19 April. Participants were wonderfully entertained by Rudi Homberger on flute and the Body Groove Dance group. Displays included AL ANON, Kuranda Historical Society Cemetery Project, plus Jennifer Rooks with the books she wrote in conjunction with her "Walking for Cancer" endeavours. And Sheree Scott's shoulder massage offer. A fabulous morning tea was included. Definitely to be repeated later in the year.

If you'd like to make a donation to this worthy cause call 0427 965 526 or email farnortherndivision@qcwa.or.au. You can also make a direct deposit to QCWA State Disaster Fund BSB: 064-000 ACC: 14604131 with Reference 'Disaster Fund'.

**CWA monthly Members' meeting** – will be held on Wednesday 10 May 9–11am.

**Social** – Wednesday 17 May 9am–12noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. All welcome.

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Above: Raffle included locally handmade crocheted rug, Tillandsia, book by CWA member Jennifer Rooks and more – won by Lorraine Ryle. Thanks to our donors.

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Alternative fortnights at Atherton and Mareeba. Contact 4091 4036.

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## WILDLIFE

**Wildlife Rescue** 4053 4467 (24 hours) – recommended to contact first.

**Batreach** 4093 8858

**TigerLodge Wildcare** 4093 0761 (24/7 phone service)

**Kuranda Vets** 4093 7283

**DES CASSOWARY HOTLINE** 1300 130 372 (rapid response including road strikes 24/7)

**SNAKE REMOVAL**

Jax Bergersen (non-venomous only) 4093 8834

Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872

## DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.

**Kuranda Men's Shed** end of Kuranda Heights Road

**Kuranda Pharmacy** cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts

**Kuranda Medical Centre** cnr Thongon and Barang Sts

**Kuranda Ambulance Station**, Fallon Road

**Kuranda Swimming Pool**, Myola Road

**Steiner School**, Boyles Road

**Kuranda SES** on board vehicle

**Envirocare Nursery** 284 Myola Road

## WATER AND SEPTIC

**Water Delivery:**

**Grego's Raw Materials** 0419 705 005

**Septic Tank Emptying:**

**Paul Jennings** 0417 632 688

## LAUNDROMAT

**BP Service Station complex**

**Gurii Gambi** 5C Coondoo Street

## FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



**Caring for the region's native wildlife.**

**Wildlife carers are all volunteers.**

**Tax deductible donations appreciated.**

**New members welcome.**

**Tel: 07 4053 4467 (24 hrs)**

**Email: fnqwr@bigpond.com**



## Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

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

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

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

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



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

[www.treeroorecue.org.au](http://www.treeroorecue.org.au)

Visit us on



## RECYCLE

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

RECYCLE

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

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

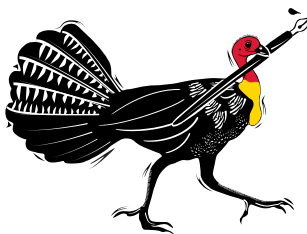





## ROAD REPORTS

**Council EMERGENCY number for local roads**  
1300 308 461

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





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

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

**Robin Anscomb** – 0409 046 932 (Operates 24/7)  
**Karen McLaren** – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment

## Join your local SES

Training every week  
Tuesdays 7pm  
Contact Paul for more details  
**0448 008 087**





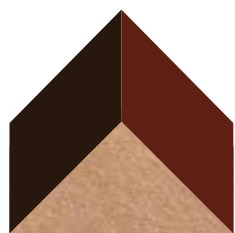
## RAINFALL

**April 2023**  
147.6mm  
(to 25 April 2023)

**Annual Total**  
1788.5mm  
(to 25 April 2023)

*Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station*

## KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

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

- glass beer bottles
- aluminium cans
- plastic soft drink bottles
- aluminium cans
- poppers **\*\*No milk or wine bottles please\*\***

*Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.*

## HELP GROUPS



**kidshelpline**  
Anytime Any Reason

**Kids Helpline**  
**1800 55 1800**  
**[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)**

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.



**Need help with a drinking problem?**

**1300 222 222**

**[www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au)**



**Al-Anon Family Groups**  
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

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If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?

**Al-Anon can help you!**  
Meetings in Kuranda, Smithfield and Cairns.  
Contact **Kate 4093 9668** or **1300 ALANON**





**Mareeba**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

## Community Services

### KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

#### OPENING HOURS

**Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm**

(No Council business after 4.30pm weekdays)

Kuranda Community Precinct  
18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda  
4093 9185

kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au  
msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

#### OPERATING HOURS

**Tuesday & Thursday: 9am–4pm,**

**Saturday & Sunday: 9am–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  
**msc.qld.gov.au**

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website [www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au)



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](http://www.transnorthbus.com.au)

### Emergency Contacts



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

### RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



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

**Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction**

**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?**



### Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

Route 851	Monday to Friday
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm

\*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only  
Current as at 11 February 2022

**\*\*No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day\*\***

### TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374  
Trans North 3036 2070



**Bookings 1300 743 374**





## What's On at Koah Hall

**EVERY MONDAY**  
PILATES with Jaide 6–7pm  
0488 229 700

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
PARENT AND BUBS MEET –  
10am–12noon. Tui 0472 987 859  
SELF AWARENESS – MIND, BODY,  
ENERGY. 3.45pm. 8+ years to adult.  
Contact Samantha 0438 780 279  
YOGA 5.30–6.30pm.  
Eileen Short 0417 073 223

**THURSDAY 4 & 18 MAY**  
MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP  
7pm. Open to all men.  
Solomon 0484 761 505

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
DANCE FUN. 4 pm. 8+ years to adult.  
Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

**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](http://www.koahhall.com)  
✉ [koah.hall@gmail.com](mailto:koah.hall@gmail.com)

**Koah Hall**

### KOAH MONTHLY MARKET MAY MARKET

**Saturday 6 May  
8am till Midday**

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



### DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES — TERM TIME

Bookings are essential. Please contact Sophie 0409 333 404.

More info at [www.dreamstatecircus.com](http://www.dreamstatecircus.com) on the Dream BIG! Circus School page.

**MONDAY – Circus LOVE 18+ – 9–11am**

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

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



### NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2023!

Introducing Kuranda Recreation Centre's  
new Management Committee for 2023.

We are all excited to create some amazing  
events this year and are looking forward  
to connecting our community.

So put your thinking hats on and get  
creative. We are open to your ideas on  
how to use our beautiful venue to its full  
potential.



Back row L-R: Tim Riley, Frank Burton, Mike Richardson  
and Peter McCabe  
Front row L-R: Kat Röming, Davini Lewis and Karlina  
Elskeling. Photo: Karlina Elskeling.

"Alone we can do so little.  
Together we can do so much"

Helen Keller

Proud to be the home of:



## CONTACT US

**Kuranda  
Recreation Centre**  
✉ [krc4881@gmail.com](mailto:krc4881@gmail.com)

**JUMRUM BAR OPEN  
TUESDAY 6.30 PM**

## WHAT'S ON

**KURANDA RANGERS –**  
Training Thursday 4.30–5.30pm  
(Feb–Oct)  
Tuesday Skills Training 4–5.30pm  
(U8+ only)  
Simone 0402 003 164

**PILATES –**  
Monday 9.30am  
Tuesday 9am (Beginners Pilates  
with Davini)  
Tuesday 5.45pm  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9am  
Saturday 8.15am  
Davini 0414 994 123 and Jaide 0488 229 700

**TAI CHI – Monday 6pm**  
Les 4093 8276

**WING CHUN KUNG FU –**  
Tuesday 7.30pm  
Grant 0414 966 823

## Venue for Hire

Are you having a party or celebration?  
The KRC has multiple areas available  
for hire for functions, seminars and  
activities. Features include – onsite  
parking, toilet facilities, licenced bar  
and commercial kitchen.  
Please email [krc4881@gmail.com](mailto:krc4881@gmail.com)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the  
Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.  
See page 28 for CWA listings for this month.

### EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

### EVERY TUESDAY

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

### SECOND TUESDAY

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

**She Shed Kuranda** 1–5pm.  
[kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com)

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Ashtanga Yoga** 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

**Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am.  
[mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)

**Mah Jong** 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

### EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

**Ashtanga Yoga** 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

**Group Fitness Class** 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community  
Precinct

**Domestic Violence Help** Kuranda Neighbourhood  
Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

### EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

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

### EVERY FRIDAY

**Ashtanga Yoga** 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

**She Shed Kuranda** 8am–1pm.  
[kurandashed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandashed@gmail.com)

### EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

**Trauma Tension Release Exercise Class**  
11am Kuranda CWA Hall. Sabine 0415 959 195

### EVERY SATURDAY

**Tree Planting** Kuranda Envirocare. Contact 0419 624 940  
or check Facebook or website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)

**Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am.  
[mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)

### THIRD SATURDAY

**Meditation with Horses** 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

**AA Group** Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

**She Shed Kuranda** 1–5pm.  
[kurandashed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandashed@gmail.com)