

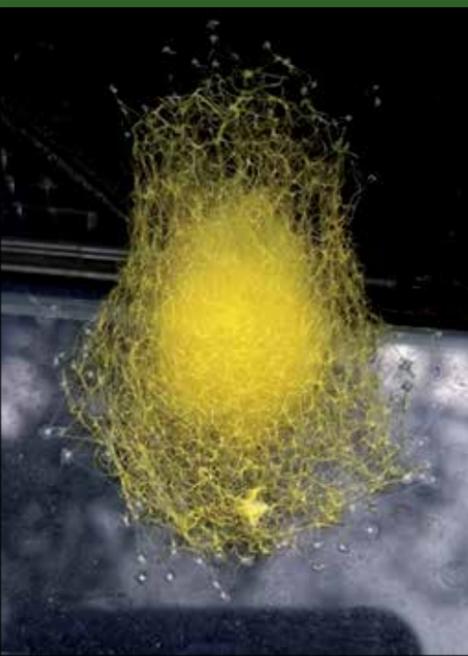
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## World Heritage Mums



**Golden Orb Spider sac** (photo by Belinda Bekkers, Koah).

In the past week or so these beautiful sacs have begun to appear. Golden Orb mothers wrap their eggs in a golden silky case to both protect them from predators and from drying out. Usually they hide these under leaves (or bury them in the ground) but Belinda found this one on the back of her car. The young stay inside the sac until after their first moult in order to improve their chances of survival.

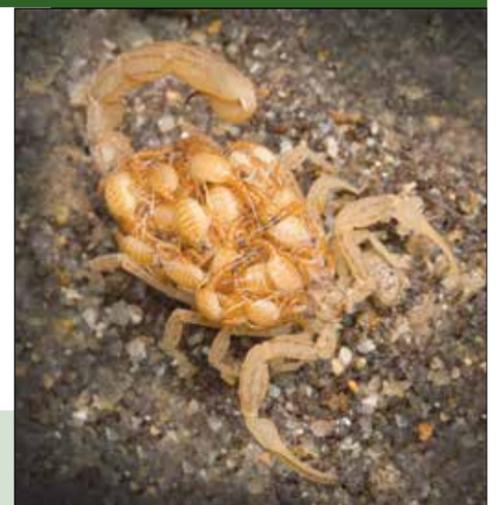
There's little chance the wild mothers of the Wet Tropics will be getting a day off this Mothers Day (May 8th). Every day is a fight for survival. All around us, high and low, tiny little creatures are coming into the world – some completely alone but the more fortunate with the advantage of a caring parent or parents.

Our photo tribute to animal mothers of the Wet Tropics rainforests demonstrates some of the extraordinary lengths animal mothers go to in order to maximise their offsprings' chance to "carry on the family name". We will save the equally extraordinary parenting of fathers for September.

**The Kuranda Paper** wishes all mums of all kinds a day of appreciation and love.



**Spectacled Flying-fox with baby, Bush Stone-curlew with chick, Red-legged Pademelon with joey** (photos by Helen Douglas).



**Scorpion mother with scorplings** (photo by Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife, Kuranda – [www.minibeast-wildlife.com.au](http://www.minibeast-wildlife.com.au)).

Scorpions are viviparous – they give birth to live young. They are born individually via a genital operculum on the underside of the mother. She forms a cradle for the youngsters with her legs, and catches them as they emerge. The babies then crawl up onto their mother's back. They hitch a ride for a around four weeks until they undergo their first moult. At that stage they will begin to disperse and fend for themselves. This species is from the dry country west of Kuranda and appears to be a specialist spider hunter.



**A four-week-old Saltwater Crocodile on mother's back** (photo courtesy Solar Whisper Daintree River Crocodile and Wildlife Cruises – [www.solarwhisper.com](http://www.solarwhisper.com)).

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### Concern Over Barbed-wire

Firstly, I just want to say that I love this publication. Thanks for running this great community platform.

Secondly and importantly, I went for a small bushwalk the other day with my family, that looped through Barron Gorge National Park starting at Speewah campground and finishing at the end of Stoney Creek Road. It was a beautiful walk and I was really happy to see well over a dozen cassowary scats on the footpath. However, when we reached the border of the National Park and private property on Stoney Creek Road I was very dismayed to find that it was fenced with barbed-wire, which cut right through a large section of rainforest. Barbed-wire is detrimental to wildlife and over 75 species in Australia have been identified as vulnerable to getting entangled and often dying as a result. Nocturnal species such as owls, flying-foxes, possums and gliders are especially endangered by barbed-wire – not to mention cassowaries! As a community we co-exist with these remarkable creatures in one of the few cassowary habitats remaining, and I feel it is our obligation to do our utmost to protect them (as well as all the other Wet Tropical inhabitants). If you are a landowner with barbed-wire on your property, please reconsider your fencing. Even by replacing the top wire, you are reducing your impact on the environment. There are plenty of fantastic resources on this issue – see [www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com](http://www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com).

Cosima Stokeld



### Why Not Euthanase The Remaining Cassowaries

**What chance do our cassowaries have?** With ineffective regulations on habitat clearing, cat and dog control and pine forestry in the Kuranda National Park or speeding vehicles, particularly along Black Mountain Road, we might as well euthanase the remaining cassowaries to save them the pain of vehicle hit or starvation. Logging trucks operate up and down Black Mountain Road, over the speed limit, 13 hours per day, six days per week, threatening cassowaries and tree kangaroos as they criss-cross their diminishing habitat. But it's not just wildlife. On the bitumen section of Black Mountain Road, trucks and vehicles often travel 20-30 km over the 50kph speed limit threatening the safety of children playing and residents coming out of their driveways. Will it take a fatality or serious injury before the rules already in place are policed properly?

You may not be aware of the high use of Black Mountain Road. Here is a line-up of vehicles which use it: logging trucks, earthmoving machinery, council vehicles, school buses, subcontractors to HQ Plantations, service vehicles (Telstra, Ergon etc) and local residents. Then there are the earthmoving machinery, 4WD enthusiasts and trial bike riders. It must also be said that Top of the Range Estate residents use Black Mountain Road as a shortcut. They are often the worst offenders for speeding. A straight bitumen road is no excuse for speeding in a built-up area.

In spite of Mareeba Shire Council, Kuranda Police and the Department of Transport being notified about speed along this road, nothing is being done to control the problem.

Name Supplied

### A Voice for Kuranda

In reply to Jax Bergerson's letter in last month's *Kuranda Paper*:

Firstly, I would like to thank people in Kuranda and the rest of the Mareeba Shire who supported me in my bid to be elected onto the Mareeba Shire Council.

It felt like 'David fighting Goliath' without the slingshot, a battle I don't regret. However, I do regret the lack of Kuranda representation with an understanding of our area on Council.

I intend to lobby for a Kuranda Division as we are so uniquely different from the rest of the Shire, Wet Tropics. If there are any other communities in the Mareeba Shire wanting divisions, I will encourage them also.

I have started to organise a petition to lobby for a Kuranda Division. I am asking everyone for their support.

Maggie Herbohn

10 Bangalow Place, Kuranda

### Yellow Crazy Ant Threat

I'd like to congratulate you and the Kuranda community for your focus on the Yellow Crazy Ant threat and your advocacy to all levels of government to support WTMA's eradication proposal. It is community mobilisation and on-ground activities like I've seen through the Taskforce that really makes a difference.

The Wet Tropics Management Authority assures me that their baiting program is secure until later this year, and in the meantime I'm confident that we will get the level of funding needed. However while it's not impossible without the state's contribution, we really need them to step up to the plate.

This doesn't need to be solely with cash either – their biosecurity team based in the Far North was very successful in eradicating electric ants and the same expertise can be utilised with YCA. While the team is relatively small, with the equipment they already have and the experience they can offer, they would be a huge asset in combating this infestation.

Congratulations again to the Kuranda community on your proactive initiatives.

Best regards,

Warren Entsch MP

Federal Member for Leichhardt

### Would You Believe It?

The recently advertised eco-dyeing workshops to be conducted by Tasmanian textile artist Aukje Boonstra will be under way near the end of April. Because of the diversity of plant material in the Far North, in comparison to that in Tasmania, Aukje came to Kuranda a week early to collect and experiment with, new to her, plant materials.

You can imagine my total dismay, disbelief and delight when she came up with these fantastic colour variations on white silk and cream blanket wool from the flowers and leaves of the much maligned Singapore Daisy. There is a good use for it after all.

There are some very excited artists looking forward to working with Aukje.

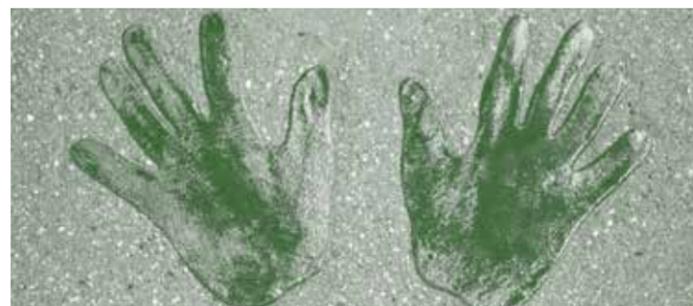
Toni Rogers

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Singapore Daisy Colours

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# Yellow Crazy Ant Update

Since the last edition of *The Kuranda Paper* which highlighted the threat posed by Yellow Crazy Ants to both the environment and our quality of life there have been some developments. Though sadly (at time of going to press) no indication that vital future funding to continue the YCA eradication programs has been committed by either Federal or Queensland governments.

Indeed on April 7th, the Wet Tropics Yellow Crazy Ant Information Group on their Facebook page posted:

*"Suspension of suburban yellow crazy ant treatment.*

*Treatment of yellow crazy ants through the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication program is due to end late 2016—prior to the completion of the project in 2017. Due to the uncertainty of future funding for the program, the Authority has made the difficult decision to cease any further residential baiting in Cairns during 2016.*

*Yellow crazy ant infestations in Edmonton, Bentley Park and Russett Park (Kuranda) have been baited for the past two years through the Australian Government funded program. In this time, the treatments have significantly reduced numbers of the ants across a large area. Some areas are expected to be declared free of infestation this year.*

*Scott Buchanan, the Wet Tropics Management Authority executive director said, "We have decided to concentrate remaining resources on treating the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and areas adjacent to creeks to focus our efforts on the high threat areas.*

*"The creeks are major sources of spread and re-infestation, and it's a priority to prevent any further spread of yellow crazy ants into the rugged terrain of the World Heritage Area.*

*The Kuranda Community Taskforce, supported by Kuranda Envirocare, will continue treatment of residential areas of Russett Park.*

*"We would like to thank residents of Edmonton, Bentley Park and Russett Park for their support for the program over the past two years. Their cooperation and patience has enabled us to help prevent the worsening of the crazy ant crisis in our backyard," Mr Buchanan added."*

This was obviously a very tough decision for those in Wet Tropics to have to make but, without any guarantee of future funding, spending of what is left has to be strategic. The decision was made to continue to work in World Heritage Area and riparian areas where ant activity is greatest. By concentrating efforts there, it is hoped to reduce the areas from where ants can be washed downstream.

It also worryingly came at a time when YCA activity appears to have increased. Sadly those people in the residential areas south of Cairns are now left to deal with this problem themselves. And to risk fines if they do not. *"Yellow Crazy Ants are a class 1 pest under the Land Protection (Stock Route Management) Act 2002. Under the Act, landholders have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to keep their land free from this pest."*

We are very fortunate in Kuranda that WTMA have recognised the serious threat YCA pose to the Wet Tropics rainforests, meaning that the eradication campaign at Russett Park will continue for now – and as long as funds last. Local residents may have noticed helicopters delivering bait buckets to the Russett Park area during early April.

"The current round of baiting is using an Insect Growth Regulator. IGRs work by interfering with the reproductive cycle of the ants. That means that there is not an instant knock down as the current generation will die of old age. YCA workers typically live for around 85 days and there are larvae and pupae in the nest that will still hatch out. It is expected that we will continue

to see ants in high numbers for the next few months. It does not mean the bait hasn't worked. It's a lot harder to see the impact of an IGR as we're used to seeing and wanting instant results "

(Gareth Humphreys – Operations Manager, WTMA Yellow Crazy Ant Program )

**A REMINDER:**  
**The Kuranda Paper is matching DOLLAR for DOLLAR donations with ALL money raised going to the Kuranda YCA fight.**  
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As well community efforts to eradicate YCA from Kuranda are continuing with the Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce volunteers scheduled to take on treatments in Russett Park indefinitely in part thanks to the support of Kuranda Envirocare and the Community Taskforce of Volunteers. Russett Park residents have continued to assist the program in any way they can through assisting with baiting, helping to clear access tracks, weed spraying and preparing sites for revegetation, clearing of vegetation and mulch, preparing baits

for monitoring events, participating in biweekly monitoring events, donating professional skills in media, film making and natural resource management, donating to the KMA appeal.

The other important contribution Russett Park residents are giving us is their first person insights into what it is like to live with the horror of YCA in your home and garden.

If you are interested in volunteering to help eradicate yellow crazy ants from Kuranda then please register as a volunteer here at <http://kuranda.envirocare.org.au/yellow-crazy-ants.html> or contact Mikhaila Jacoby (Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce Coordinator) on 0400 018 332 or email her at [mikhailajacoby@hotmail.com](mailto:mikhailajacoby@hotmail.com).

As reported in last month's Kuranda Paper much needed "stop gap" funding has been donated towards the continuation of the eradication plan for Kuranda (centred on Russett Park) by both Kuranda Envirocare and the Kuranda Media Association (Kuranda Paper).

Part of this eradication plan is to also financially kick start a new JCU research project, studying the lifecycle (phenology) of the ant to understand its behavior in the Wet Tropics. This is required to understand how to manage and eradicate the ant effectively.

We absolutely CAN NOT wait for funding to start

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this research, while State and Federal politicians thrash out their petty politics. A delay in 2012 has already cost us dearly. When Biosecurity Queensland dropped the ant treatments, the infestation was an estimated 300Ha in 2012 . By 2014 when WTMA received first funding, it was 575 Ha and after Cyclone Ita, the area was over 750 Ha – as ants had rafted down the creeks. Treatments are working but not effectively enough to ensure eradication.

What else can you do? Well PLEASE keep lobbying local, State and Federal politicians to include funding for YCA eradication in North Queensland in their budgets. See last month's paper for a list of politicians to write, call or email. Kuranda Paper past issues online at [www.kurandapaper.com](http://www.kurandapaper.com).

And the Invasive Species Council of Australia has put together an extremely easy letter (which will be sent on your behalf to the Queensland Premier and Federal and State Ministers for Environment and Agriculture) which takes just minutes to complete online.

It can be found here: <http://invasives.org.au/act-now-help-eradicate-yellow-crazy-ants/>

PLEASE ACT NOW so we can ensure next and following editions of this paper can print only GOOD NEWS about Yellow Crazy Ant eradication.

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# Pilot Programme for Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

Mayor Tom Gilmore was pleased to announce that the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre has been selected as one of six accredited visitor information centres in Queensland to participate in a six month pilot programme.

This programme, initiated through the joint efforts of Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC), Queensland Information Centre Association (QICA) and Visit Queensland, would see visitor information centres engage with their own indigenous community in an effort to promote Indigenous tourism products and share cultural information with our visitors.

This is being achieved through an Indigenous mentoring programme and we are delighted to welcome Errol Hunter as the successful participant at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.

QTIC also manages the Indigenous Employment Champions Network programme which is to see 20 new Indigenous owned businesses established in Queensland by the year 2020.

*Photo: L to R – Errol Hunter, Rhonda Appo (QTIC), Cathy Harvey (Kuranda VIC), Mark Greaves (Visit Queensland).*



## Eradicating YCAs

I am concerned that decision makers in both levels of government may be too ready to give up the fight against invasive species. I have heard many times that eradication cannot successfully be carried out.

This was the initial response when Papuan Fruit Fly was identified in FNQ in 1995. Little was known of the extent of the infestation or the biology of the species and some in Government threw up their arms in dismay. But, after considering the consequences of doing nothing, a full scale multidisciplinary eradication program was initiated involving research, monitoring trapping and baiting. After four years the species was declared eradicated. The savings to the horticultural industry are estimated to be \$20m per annum.

Can eradication be achieved with YCA?

If we do nothing, then this will certainly be the case. However, look at what has been achieved on Christmas Island where super colonies of YCA were decimating the land crab population and changing the island's ecosystem. A commitment was made to conduct annual baiting in 2001 and the YCA population has been reduced to 2% of its peak numbers, the red land crab and sea bird numbers are recovering and research has identified a micro wasp that may be able to reduce or assist in suppressing YCA numbers into the future. It's a marvellous achievement and testament to what can be done if all stakeholders are committed and determined. It is also testament to the value of targeted research.

The key to locally eradicating the YCA in north Queensland is research. If we can identify weaknesses in their lifecycle, or a better way of delivering bait, control may be able to be achieved quickly and local eradication may follow. At the moment funding is not in place. We have a world class facility in JCU at the bottom of the range, with experts on invasive ant species willing to assist, students keen to get on with the job and use the skills they have gained through their study at JCU, and first class facilities waiting to be used. However, the time to act is now and if the Qld and Federal Governments won't act then Kuranda will.

*The Kuranda Paper* has already donated \$5,000 toward the YCA eradication program. Kuranda Paper readers have donated over \$1,000. If we can build this to \$5,000 the Kuranda Media Association will match it. We will then have \$15,000 to initiate research and can use this as justification to attract more funding. One way or another we will get there.

Remember this place is too precious to lose.

**Neil Boland**  
Treasurer, Kuranda Envirocare

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## Injured Sugar Glider On The Mend



Over the Easter weekend Pam received an urgent call about an injured Sugar Glider. The little chap had been found on the ground in Kuranda mid-morning being attacked by a butcherbird. The kind gentleman at the scene rescued the glider and brought him to Batreach.

As Sugar Gliders are not active in daylight, it was apparent that some prior event had brought him down, leaving him injured and vulnerable to opportunistic predators. A local wildlife vet visited Batreach to assess the glider. Apart from an obvious leg injury, a puncture mark consistent with cat/dog attack was found. The vet took him into care to administer appropriate medication and monitor his progress. The glider is recovering well and will soon return to Batreach to be bonded with other youngsters in preparation for release back to the wild.

**Story and photo by  
Helen, Batreach Volunteer**

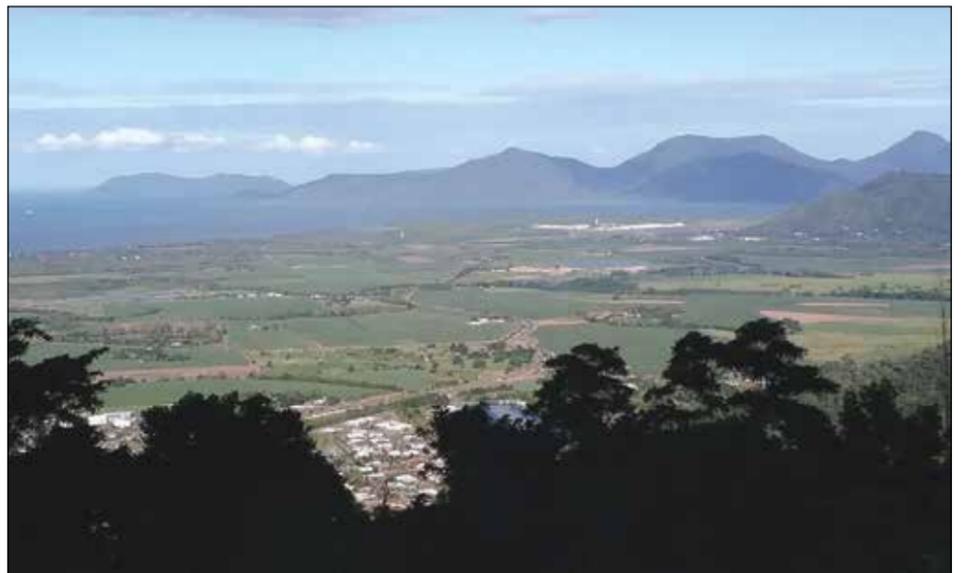
Pam would like to say a huge thank you to all the local volunteers who help in so many ways, and particular thanks to Cathy Harvey, Visitor Information Centre, for ongoing support.



## The Changing Face of the Kuranda Range



View from Kuranda Range Lookout, looking towards Trinity Inlet: vintage postcard by John Englander & Co, Printer, Melbourne, 1960s (above) and a recent photo by Cathy Retter (below).



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# Queensland Must Rebuild Run-down Biosecurity System

The Invasive Species Council has backed a review that says Queensland's run-down biosecurity system must be rebuilt to protect people, the environment and agriculture from future pests and diseases.

"Queenslanders have felt the full force of dangerous new invasive species with infestations of yellow crazy ants threatening to turn the state's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area into a massive dead zone," Invasive Species Council CEO Andrew Cox said today.

"The red imported fire ant outbreak in south-east Queensland has already cost more than \$300 million and without successful eradication this could turn into a damage bill exceeding \$40 billion over the next 30 years.

"Clearly, without a rigorous and well-resourced biosecurity and surveillance system, damaging pests can slip into the state with disastrous consequences."

The Queensland Biosecurity Capability Review was tabled in Parliament on 11 April and contains 32 recommendations that would improve the way the state responds to risks from invasive plants, animals, insects and diseases.

"Queensland's biosecurity system suffered years of neglect under the former Newman Government," Mr Cox said.

"The review's findings that we need to focus on prevention and early action confirms that the Newman Government's decision to abandon the yellow crazy ant eradication program was a mistake.

"The Queensland Government must now turn the tide on these highly aggressive ants by reinstating its support for the eradication program."

The long-awaited review addresses serious shortcomings in the Queensland Government's approach to biosecurity. The Invasive Species Council urges its full implementation.

"Queensland faces financial constraints, but unless new funds are found implementation of the review's findings will be difficult. Good biosecurity is not cheap but it is much cheaper than the consequences of allowing dangerous new pests into the state," Mr Cox said.

"We strongly welcome the review's recommendation to move the state's biosecurity system towards prevention and surveillance and establish a new preparedness and response unit.

"It is pleasing to see the report identify marine biosecurity as a major gap that needs to be addressed by a marine biosecurity initiative.

"We also strongly welcome the recommendation to realign government action towards 'public benefit' biosecurity and the plan to recover costs from private beneficiaries.

"A stronger focus on northern Australia was also another important finding given the regularity of new invasive species arrivals from the north."

The comprehensive review consulted with industry and land management stakeholders, key research bodies as well as federal, state and territory biosecurity agencies and local government.

The Invasive Species Council is a not-for-profit organisation that campaigns for stronger laws, policies and programs to keep the Australian environment safe from new weeds, feral animals and other invaders.

**Andrew Cox**  
CEO Invasive Species Council  
0438 588 040



## Col's Big Day

On April 11th 2016 local identity Col Jeanes turned 70 years. He would like to say a big thank you to all who came to the party on Friday 15th, and to those who couldn't make it, and for their well wishes, cards, gifts and blessings.

Many people went out of their way to make it a great successful night. "Love you all, God bless and thanks again!" Col said.

Photo above: Carol and Col Jeanes about to cut the amazing cake.

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**Meet 'n Greet**

New MSC Councillor, Lenore Wyatt, will be at KRC for dinner on Friday 27 May. Come along to meet Lenore and grab the chance to discuss any Kuranda issues with her.

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# Gardening in Kuranda

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**M**AY, and a cooling in the evenings and early mornings as the seasons' gyre, sees the slow return to slumber of more tropical treasures such as Amorphophallus, Caladiums, Kaempherias and some **Zingiberaceae** species. The wise gardener will have marked their spots to avoid damage during dormancy.

I was asked recently what was the major mistake in establishing my garden and I would not hesitate in identifying the planting of Heliconias and Gingers in garden beds near the house. Despite their evocation of the tropics, their rate of growth in both height and spread, ratio of flowers to foliage and need for annual cleaning and thinning makes for recurring work. It definitely pays to check out estimated plant growth before planting.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Guaiacum officinale***, Lignum-Vitae or Tree of Life along with *Guaiacum sanctum* introduce rare, desirable blue flowers to the garden (flowers and seed pods below), growing as tall shrubs or medium sized trees. From the drier tropical Americas, their highly resinous wood is some of the densest and hardest known while healing powers have also been attributed to their resin.

Of extremely slow growth, reaching a maximum of 9m, and requiring extremely well-drained positioning and average soil, both bloom almost continuously making them very desirable garden specimens. Flowers come in a range of blues fading to white and have attractive golden anthers.

Propagation is from seed.



**Q & A: Dear Gretchen,** Probably the best way to consider replanting your ornamental garden is to take a walk around your area noting what plants are doing well. Joining your local Garden Group is also of great assistance, not only giving opportunity to learn the ins and outs of gardening in the tropics but also the opportunity to visit other established gardens. A visit to the website of The Friends of the Botanical Gardens (Flecker Botanical Gardens, Cairns) will also provide information on their many activities such as specialist plant talks, bird walks, etc. Lastly, consider buying plants from the various local Markets where you have the opportunity to talk to growers, who are only too happy to share their knowledge and observations, as well as usually saving money.

**Dear James,** Citrus are heavy feeders and repay regular fertilizing and are most nutrient-hungry from blooming to fruit set. Some home growers swear by fowl manure but do not apply this during flowering as it may cause bud drop. Citrus prefer somewhat acid soil and will benefit from a slightly nitrogen rich or balanced NPK fertilizer that also has some micro-nutrients in it like boron, copper, iron, magnesium and zinc which most commercially available citrus fertilizers contain.

**Dear Adele,** *Tetrapanax papyriferus*, the Chinese Rice-paper plant, the soft pith from its stems used for making fine quality rice paper, with its large deeply lobed leaves is certainly attractive. However extreme care should be given before its introduction as it is extremely invasive with suckering occurring up to 6m from original planting.



For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [alectura2015@bigpond.com](mailto:alectura2015@bigpond.com)



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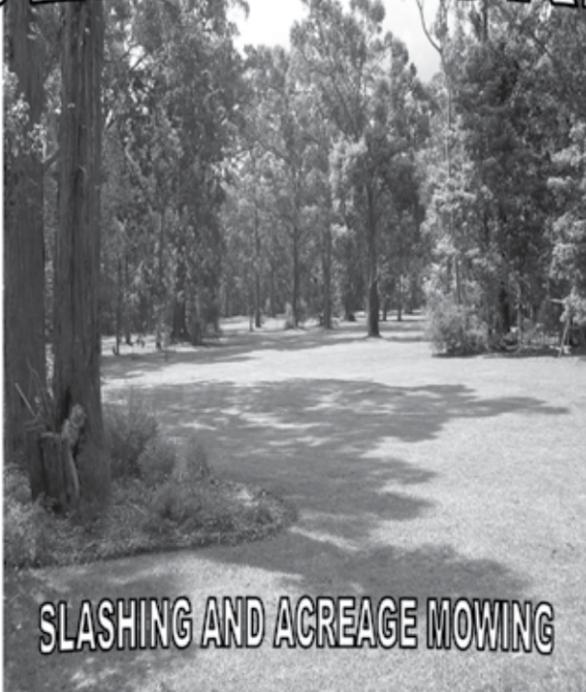
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## Unrestrained Dogs and Cats Kill Native Animals

Dogs and cats when unrestrained are a grave danger to native animals, children and even adults according to Mission Beach activist Ingrid Marker.

A marvellous talk was given in Kuranda last week by Ingrid about her work developing and promoting a State level Act modelled on Queensland Transport laws and regulations. This regulation will contribute to controlling roaming dogs and cats by ensuring responsible pet ownership.

Ingrid herself lived with a family of seven cassowaries which sadly became prey to unrestrained 'pet' dogs. There were no consequences for the dogs that attacked the cassowaries and also threatened Ingrid in her own house.

Campaign ideas were put forward by the people at the public meeting organised by Kuranda EnviroCare and supported by Friends of The Earth Kuranda and the Kuranda Region Planning Group.

Community members could declare their properties cat and dog free using signs and stickers. Council could inform people of the list of wildlife found in the area when people join the Shire. We heard about a successful and practical campaign to save Kiwi in New Zealand: A community based group identified, mapped, and trapped problem dogs in one particular shire there.

Ingrid is collecting and coordinating horror stories of dogs and wildlife. You can send them to her at [doveswithlove@hotmail.com](mailto:doveswithlove@hotmail.com). And look out for further information on the campaign.

## Lest We Forget the Frontier Wars

ANZAC day, originally reserved to remember the trauma of veterans of WW1, has in recent years focused on all veterans of Australian wars. Peace activists have taken ANZAC 'eve' to remember the whole human cost of war. Soldiers, civilians and refugees suffer incredibly with trauma often persisting for many years. The Frontier Wars between Indigenous people and non-Indigenous militias, armies and invasion forces occurred in Australia with a moving front from 1888 till the 1930s.

In Gimuy – the Cairns area south of the Barron – many invasion incidents occurred in the decade from 1870 till 1880. There are several reports of massacres, torture and killings from this time including reports transferred in the oral tradition of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji.

Battle Creek at Bungalow/Trinity Inlet was the site of the earliest recorded battle in the Gimuy area. Just near the original site, this euphemistically recorded "skirmish with the Blacks saw the men down to their last five rounds of ammunition before the the 'skirmish' ended" (Jones, D.1976): In other words, after stealing a canoe, the Beche de Mer fishers killed people who were upset by and responding to the fishers unethical and intrusive actions.

On Sunday 24th April at 6pm, Peace Pilgrims with the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji will hold a ceremony of remembering: 'LEST WE FORGET the Frontier Wars!'. Guided by Yidinji elders, non-Indigenous Australians and visitors have a chance to hear the stories and respond with a 'lament', with the human care that was hard to find in earlier times. We hope to build a culture and language for remembering the true history of the Australian Frontier.

# Barron River Challenge



The **Tinaroo Canoe Club** will be holding two canoeing events for its **6th Annual Barron River Challenge** on the weekend of May 7th and 8th.

Firstly, the **12km BRC12** will be run on **Saturday 7th May**. This scenic paddle on the Barron River from **Mareeba to Biboohra** is a great **family event**, suitable for novice to experience junior and open paddlers.

While the more gruelling and challenging **50km BRC50**, for experienced paddlers aged 18 and over, is held on **Sunday 8th May**, starting in **Mareeba and finishing at Kuranda**.

**To register online for the Barron River Challenge, visit the Tinaroo Canoe Club website at [tinaroo.canoe.org.au](http://tinaroo.canoe.org.au).**

For more information open the **BRC Handbook 2016**

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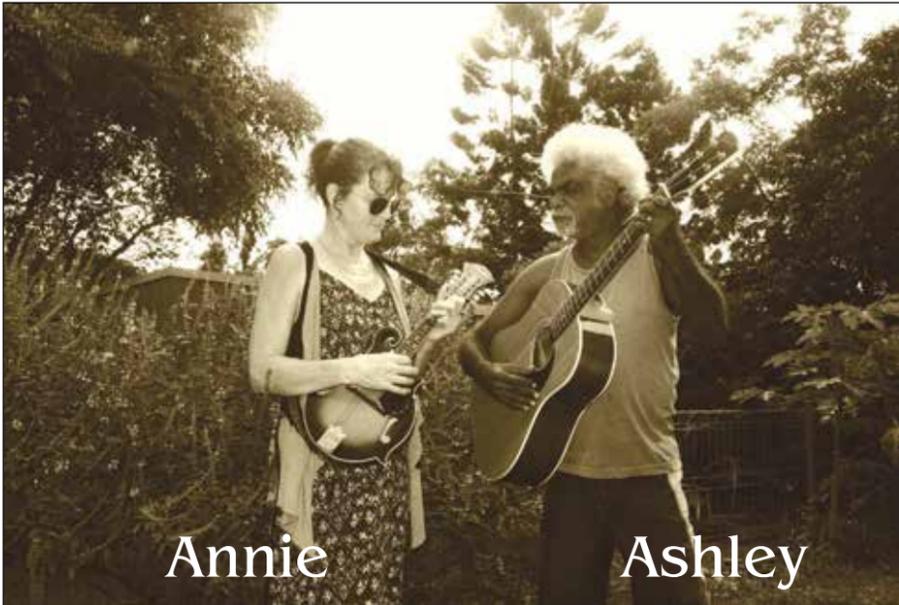
"Tax Commissioner Chris Jordan has revealed about 80 of the 800 Australians being investigated following the Panama Papers leak match the Australian Crime Commission's serious and organised crime intelligence database" - Source: AAP. Based on UK estimates, Australia could be losing at least \$2 billion a year in tax revenue. The high art of tax evasion is alive and well in Australia, it appears. Maybe this is the real reason why our dear government can't afford health care, research, pensions, housing, indigenous affairs, etc, etc. Who are these artful dodgers who steal from our poor, and our children? One would think our government would be eager to root out such thieves, and stop them from stealing from our future. But all we get is more rhetoric about how we must all tighten our belts to pay for this theft. It makes you wonder who these people are, and why we allow them to get away with it, and why those in a position to do something about it are reluctant to do so. Maybe we are all just thieves hoping one day to reach the top of the dung heap.

Anyhow, have a creative and profitable May, Art lovers - seren.



# Ashley & Annie Coleman

Keeping culture alive and thriving through the spirit of song. Ashley and Annie have been holding song workshop/singalongs around Kuranda. Songs are in both English and Djabaguy tongues. Copies of the lyrics are provided so all can join in.



Annie

Ashley

Ashley and Annie have been married for 20 years now, with kids at Kuranda state school. Ash himself went to Kuranda school, and his family have lived here for many many generations. He has always loved music and has been a huge influence on the local Kuranda music scene. Many of us will remember Mantaka Band, Ashley being a founding member back in the '80s. He has toured with Warumpi Band, and was a founding member of Guju Guju, still heard around town today.



Ashley's eldest daughter Lorraine (right), partner Phillip, and grandchildren Austin, Laylarnie, Tshante and Phillip jnr.

Ashley has also collaborated with local storyteller and historian Michael Quinn, and

as well as on stage, to tell an... "We have so many... and so many..."

"Roy" the last Djabaguy speaker, in documenting this ancient language. Both Ashley and musician wife Annie, have always had a strong desire to keep traditional culture alive, active and growing, and to pass this ancient knowledge on to future generations through the spirit of song.



Some of the participants at the library workshop

Thanks to the Kuranda Library for providing the initial venue for these great workshops. Ashley and Annie have decided however



Ashley, with granddaughter Arjulah keeping time with the bibarra clapsticks

that the spirit of song can best be served by taking their workshop/singalongs to the people. As consequence, the next gathering will be held in the park, near the fountain, opposite the Honey House, starting Saturday, 30 April, at 10:30. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help with expenses.

Ashley and Annie thank you for your support.

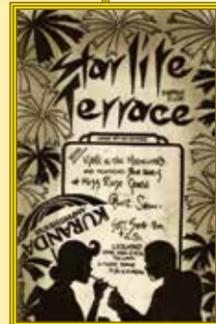
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# Amphitheatre News

Kuranda Amphitheatre News  
May 2016

Members and Friends,  
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Saturday 7th May  
Friday 13th May  
Saturday 21st May  
Please check the Music Page for more details.



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## Open Mic every Sunday at the Queen Bee Cafe



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# Great Barrier Reef disaster is the latest harbinger of a global mass extinction

by **James Dyke**, Lecturer in Sustainability Science, University of Southampton

Large sections of the Great Barrier Reef, the Earth's largest living structure, are dying before our eyes. Sustained high sea temperatures have stressed the corals to the point where they expel the brightly coloured algae that live within their tissues. This process is aptly named bleaching as it removes all pigment and exposes the shocking white calcium skeleton of the reef structures.

The coral can survive in this state for up to a few weeks. Thereafter, if temperatures do not decrease then they will die.

The Great Barrier Reef has experienced bleaching events twice before. The first, in 1998, was bad enough, with 50% of the reef affected. 2002 was even worse with 60% of the reef bleached. Recent aerial surveys of the northern 1000km of the reef evaluated 500 different sections – 95% were bleached.

The full impact that such bleaching is having will not be known until biologists directly observe the corals in the water. Estimates coming back from initial monitoring show that on some reefs more than half of the coral has already died.

Given the record-shattering temperatures over the past year, coral researchers were preparing themselves for another mass bleaching. But the scale of this event has left some researchers stunned. Or angry. Returning from five weeks investigating the reefs, Jodie Rummer, a biologist at the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies said:

"I witnessed a sight underwater that no marine biologist, and no person with a love and appreciation for the natural world for that matter, wants to see".

Patches of bleached coral are everywhere.

Many are asking the simple question – why is this happening? First, we need to stress that there was not a single coral bleaching event on the Great Barrier Reef



in the 400 years prior to 1998. While the current extreme El Niño is playing a part in this latest episode of coral destruction, the underlying driver is increasing global temperatures as a consequence of human-made climate change.

## Why corals need their colour

Coral polyps and their colourful zooxanthellae algae have a tightly coupled relationship, where each aids the other.

The algae are autotrophic photosynthesisers, which means they make their own food by using sunlight to split carbon dioxide molecules and form sugars. Coral polyps are much more complex heterotrophs – they use fine-meshed sieves to sweep up suspended organic matter from sea water.

For the algae, a coral reef represents the perfect place to live. There, they are safe and secure within a strong structure, near the surface and so able to receive large amounts of energy from the sun along with coral polyp waste, which helps promote photosynthesis. In fact photosynthesis is so productive that the algae produce more food than they can consume. This surplus is greedily gobbled up by the coral polyps. It's a win-win situation – what biologists call a mutualistic symbiosis.

However, just like any biological process there are environmental limits. Higher temperatures along

with very bright sunshine can impact both coral polyps and their algae and their relationship breaks down, leading to the expulsion of the algae and bleached coral.

Bleaching can also be driven by pollution, particularly agricultural run-off and sedimentation from activities such as dredging. These two factors threaten the more southern portions of the Great Barrier Reef which at least so far have dodged some of the very worst bleaching as sea temperatures have been lower. The northern stretch of the reef is more remote and better protected from human impacts, but it has borne the brunt of extreme temperatures.

## Our response...

Given that scientists have been warning about a significant bleaching episode for some time now, one may have hoped for a coordinated response to this predictable disaster. There have indeed been related developments.

While biologists were in the air and under the water scrambling to understand the severity of this latest bleaching event, the Queensland Government approved mining leases for the A\$21.7 billion Carmichael coal mine and associated new rail line in the Galilee Basin. If all of this coal is extracted and burnt, some 4.6 billion tons of carbon dioxide will be released into the Earth's atmosphere.

Given climate change's obvious impact on the Great Barrier Reef, some scientists have pointed out the fundamental contradiction in a government stating that it is both committed to protecting the reef and developing these new coal mines.

Abbot Point is just 19km from the nearest coral. As if adding insult to injury, the vast majority of the Galilee Basin coal will be shipped out of the deep water port of Abbot Point which is within the Great Barrier Reef UNESCO world heritage site.

Those shipping the coal will be able to wave goodbye to the reef in more than one way as they transport it to power stations in India, China and Japan where it will be burnt and so contribute to further warming and further bleaching.

At times like this, it's hard not to anthropomorphise – to see the Great Barrier Reef and other coral reefs around the world turning white not due to bleaching, but in shock at our sustained attack on the natural world. The events unfolding off the coast of north eastern Australia are dramatic, but are also just the latest manifestation of the mass extinction event humans have initiated.

This not only drains the colour from the Earth's most magnificent aquatic ecosystems, but robs us of biological beauty across the world. We will all lead diminished lives because of it.

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5:30 pm Mont-e hosting "Open Mic"  
8:00 pm Kenta Hayashi  
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Australia was introduced to Kenta for the first time last November 2016 when he left audiences speechless and gobsmacked on what they had just witnessed. Whether it was causing 'a dance frenzy' up in the tropics of Kuranda or wooing listeners in intimate settings to the point you could hear a pin drop KENTA HAYASHI impressed.

Japanese singer-songwriter and loop pedal ninja Kenta Hayashi takes the term 'one man band' to the next level, Creating an intricate layering of vocals, guitar, special effects, percussion, and electronic beats, Kenta produces a fusion

of psychedelic dubbed out audio-scoped musical journeys with an overtone of harmonies on a rhythmic foundation - all created live by Kenta through the use of his loop pedal.

If you missed Kenta last year (Billabong Beats Nov 2015), Kuranda fans are in for a treat on Friday 13th May at the Understage. Kenta's current Australian tour includes performances at this year's Mardi Grass Festival in Nimbin and Port Douglas Carnivale, along with a host of shows from Byron Bay to the Sunshine Coast.

Grouped with a great bunch of local talent, Mont-e hosting the Open Mic, a down temp D'n'B set by Uforikz, and the closing set with Slippery Gypsy, this night should be one to remember. See advertisement for more details.

KURANDA GIG GUIDE

SATURDAY 7TH MAY

The Understage  
MEMBERS NIGHT

++ ZENNITH ++  
Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm  
Members \$10/Others \$15

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FRIDAY 13TH MAY

The Understage

++ KENTA HAYASHI ++  
MONT-E OPEN MIC,  
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SATURDAY 21ST MAY

The Billabong  
RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

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A.M.P (Rocky), ODIUS (Cns)  
SALACIOUS (Cns)  
GHOSTS OF BLACK RIVER  
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Music in May

MUSIC in Kuranda opens with ZENNITH on Saturday 7th May at The Understage. A Kuranda Amphitheatre Members Night, inviting community to come along and support the Amphi. After recent studio recording sessions, as well as filming a new musical video, Zennith Boyz will have you bouncing Kuranda style! Join as a Member on the night and get in for FREE.

Kenta Hayashi returns to Kuranda for a one night performance at the Understage on Friday 13th May. (See above article). Kenta is looking forward to re-connecting with all his Kuranda friends and sharing some more wonderful times together.

In the village, it is good to have The Kuranda Hotel providing some live entertainment for a Saturday afternoon session (Sat 14th May) with Cairns based live duo Jam, in the main bar.

Out at The Billabong, the Collaborations Festival Launch Party (see gig guide for more details) kicks off with a host of live entertainment featuring Zennith, Koahlition, The Taste and Diggis. Offering a little taste of what's to come for Collaborations Festival, the organisers envision creating a fun, family friendly event for everyone to enjoy. Supporting our awesomely talented local artists, with bands, producers and DJs to get groovy to until the wee hours of the morning.

Rumble in the Jungle rocks it at the Billabong on Saturday 21st May (see below). And for those looking to immerse themselves into some festival culture, Happy Daze in its fourth year running (27-29th May), is located in the tropical forest paradise of Queensland's Whitsunday's Coast with over 29 acts. From Friday night live music to a drum&bass session, a mixture of dub, electro swing and glitch hop on Saturday, then more traditional techno, prog and psytrance after 12. A musical journey for everyone! A world class event, with focus on family, music, art, performance, with guest speakers and creative workshops. <http://happydazefestival.com>

A bit closer to home, The Cairns Eco-Fiesta will be held on Sunday 31 May 2015 at the Cruise Liner Terminal and adjacent parkland. This venue combines the best of both worlds, an indoor exhibition space for businesses and outdoor 'festival' space where event attendees can enjoy a day out in a relaxed atmosphere.

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

FOR the third coming of Rumble in the Jungle, organizers have upped the ante by scouring the whole of Queensland to provide what will undoubtedly be the heaviest line up yet.

Brisbane metal merchants Chronolyth become the first Rumble act from outside of the local music scene, and will perform on the back of their new CD, Atrophy, as part of their Australian tour.

Joining them will be A.M.P from Rockhampton, Wishing Well and Ghosts of Black River from Townsville as well as Odius and Salacious from Cairns.

Nestled among the rainforest, Rumble in the Jungle provides an unrivalled musical landscape with an outdoor stage and scenic surroundings, with plenty of camping and parking available.

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For more information contact Thomas on 0481 206 631 or Kris on 0401 587 516 or check out the Rumble in the Jungle fan page on facebook. [www.facebook.com/rumbleinthejunglekuranda](http://www.facebook.com/rumbleinthejunglekuranda)

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## CAS Exhibition at Tanks

The Cairns Art Society annual exhibition at the Tanks Art Centre in Cairns was shown during the month of April. Arts Co-op member Lieselotte Edwards (right) displayed her encaustic and mixed media triptych "Ambiguous" in this exhibition.

## "When to Remember" continues

This exhibition by local textile and fibre artist Toni Rogers continues at Tableland Regional Gallery, Robert Street, Atherton until 1st May.

## A Colourful Environment

A number of Eco-dyeing works are currently being undertaken at Cantata Studio, Kuranda, by Tasmanian textile artist Aukje Boonstra. Seek, find and the collection of suitable plant material has been going on in the village for a week in preparation for the workshops. This project has received support from RADF Mareeba Shire Council and Arts Queensland.

Aukje Boonstra and the workshop (below)



## Cultural Tourism Painting Trips

Across the desk today came a flyer from the Norfolk Island Travel Centre advertising holiday painting packages. It reads "Beauty surrounds you, artistic inspiration is at its peak". More and more people are travelling to Norfolk Island and this experience sounds very inviting. Interested artists should check out [www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com](http://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com) and click on 'painting holiday' for a long list of workshops throughout the year. Cultural tourism at its best.

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 It's just so close I can smell the food,  
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 Just a few more steps, Just Gorgeous rocks.  
 Had to step back now, this was great, a hippie girl had a  
 hand full of snakes  
 Stretched out a hand, had to hesitate, it's not every day, you  
 can stroke a snake  
 Walked across the street,  
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 Crossed the road a magic shop, Abracadabra it's got the lot  
 Indian beads essential oils cotton sheets and mozzie coils  
 Girl at the counter red hair ablaze, this takes me back to my  
 younger days  
 Turned the corner so perplexed So unreal a huge T-rex  
 Now what's this thing I haven't a clue what's that you say  
 a didgeridoo,  
 Pursed my lips gave it a blast, turning blue, I think I'll pass.  
 Bought a crocodile belt, and jute undies, a moleskin hat just  
 like Croc Dundee's  
 Strolled on down to the Honey Pot  
 Honey ice cream, I'll have two cones please, No get your own,  
 their both for me !!  
 Took a left, look! old market stalls, it's all too lovely it's a  
 hippie mall  
 Green coconuts fresh from the tree  
 or if you prefer some Japanese tea.  
 Music shop guitars and ukes,  
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 Silver jewellery for your hair and arms  
 Twisted wire spells out your name, for a sister at home or  
 your current flame  
 Crystal charms semi precious stones, they're talking to me  
 "please take me home"  
 Now what's that aroma I'm hungry as a hog, getting closer,  
 They're cooking Kranski dogs, there's four nearly done I'll  
 take the lot.  
 Feel so much better they hit the spot  
 German sausage lemonade to sip.  
 Off to the Barron for a short boat trip.  
 Enjoyed the boat had lots of fun, mums and dads daughters  
 and sons  
 Barron Falls a misty scene, cascading waters a surreal dream  
 Time's almost gone, but I'll come back again, but it's not over  
 yet we still have the train  
 Stepping back in time traveling on down  
 In North Queensland, Kuranda's the jewel in the crown  
 Back to the airport, hop on the plane  
 Hope I get the chance to visit again.  
 Sitting on the plane, thinking of the events of the day  
 If I had a wish, wish I could stay!

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**Let me introduce myself.** My name is Carolyn Cooper, I am a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist. I live at Myola and I recently opened an office in Kuranda and Mareeba, "Confidential Womens Counselling."

Counselling isn't about you having a problem and then me telling you what to do. It's about me (as a neutral listener) helping you to find ways to make improvements that suit your very own needs and personality. It's very individual.

While the term mental health can sound as though there's something wrong with you, many of our problems in life can be due to the pressures we have to deal with. That's why I am a strong believer that most of us, at some point in our lives, have struggles. We really are all the same. It just depends whether or not we want to relieve the pressure and find some peace from our negative thinking and worries.

All of the negative thoughts that go around and around in your head actually uses up lots of your energy. Wouldn't it be lovely to put that energy into something that gives you pleasure.

Talking to someone who makes no judgment about you, in a private and confidential situation can help to relieve the pressure. A bit like sticking a pin in a balloon. Just talking can help you to unload some of the burden you are carrying around.

When you get caught up in this unhappiness and stress you may believe there's nothing that can help or no way to change things. However with the help and support of a neutral person (together) answers can be found.

Some of us may be scared that we will have to "change" but I have found (in most cases) the most powerful thing we will need to do is change our thinking. This can be a bit challenging but if you think about how much time and energy goes into your negative thinking, well it's really about putting the same time and energy into different thinking.

There is no miracle.....you are not going to wake up one day and find your problems are all "fixed" so ask yourself do you really want to spend the rest of your life with this unhappiness niggling away at you.

There is no "shame" in asking for help however the "real shame" is when you suffer in silence.



## Kuranda Workshop For Emerging Writers

A workshop for new writers from 10.00-1.30pm on Friday 6th May at the Kuranda Recreation Centre on Fallon Road will unearth and support local writers to get started using their own creativity and imagination, to put that onto the page, and to start making progress with their writing aspirations.

"We're looking for new writers in the region who haven't got started yet, or are secret writers who may have some journals or diaries or scraps of paper they've never shown anyone, or avid readers who'd just like to try their hand at writing," said project coordinator Eve Stafford.

"Participants will get to try out ideas in writing short pieces, then step back to learn how to edit them to be even better. More experienced writers will get a timely refresher to get started again and the motivation and confidence to keep going."

Tutor Glyn Davies has had a lifelong love and dedication to words. His interests range from drama and theatre, through to creative writing. He is also a keen linguist with near-native fluency in French. For many years he was a senior lecturer at Griffith University's Education Faculty in Brisbane, teaching English and Drama. Since moving to the Atherton Tableland in 1994, he has taught writing at James Cook University and regularly reviews theatrical productions and books in the far north.

The event is part of a series of workshops the lead up to the 2016 Tropical Writers Festival 12th-14th August called Emerge: new writers in the region, with workshops scheduled for Atherton, Innisfail, Mareeba, Mossman and Cairns.



Glyn Davies

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# Self Help Is Called For

The Queensland Government has just released a discussion document entitled "Queensland, an age friendly community"; they say it is one of the first steps towards an action plan which will be released mid-2016, based on a World Health Organisation's age friendly community model. This model contains eight domains:

- 1. Outdoor spaces and buildings:** seniors live in an environment that includes open spaces, buildings, shaded areas and walkways that are safe and easy to navigate.
- 2. Transport:** seniors can get out and about, using a range of affordable user-friendly transport services.
- 3. Housing:** senior's housing options are affordable, accessible and close to transport and community services.
- 4. Social participation:** seniors are supported to be active in their community, doing the things they enjoy.
- 5. Respect and social inclusion:** seniors from all backgrounds are valued and appreciated and no-one is excluded based on race, geography, culture, language, gender, sexuality, ability or socioeconomic status.
- 6. Civic participation and employment:** seniors participate in employment, training, lifelong learning and volunteering opportunities and inform government policies.
- 7. Communication and information:** seniors access information they need in a variety of formats to stay informed and connected with their communities, families and friends.
- 8. Community support and health services:** seniors are helped to stay healthy, active and independent through community support and health services, including service responding to elder abuse, fraud or exploitation.

These are worthy objectives and they perhaps indicate where we would like to be. However, those of us with any experience in government service delivery may be excused a touch of disbelief in the ability of any government of any persuasion to provide any of the above, let alone all eight.

Again, those of us with what we like to call the wisdom of years may well have come to the conclusion that it's no use waiting for the skies to open and manna to fall and that the only way to guarantee the result you want is to do it yourself. Luckily there is an option open to seniors which ticks virtually all of the boxes above. It's called Cohousing, which means "a community approach to independent living in your own house"

Cohousing is all about doing it yourself. Typically a group of perhaps 25 to 30 people come together with the aim of creating their own neighbourhood (coholders frequently call their community "a village"), where individuals have a sense of belonging, where everybody knows everyone else, where people care about and look out for their neighbours and where they can all grow old while still contributing productively. A group this size can work together well and will always make better

decisions than an individual.

Sometimes this group is of empty nesters, whose kids have flown the coop, or people whose partners are no longer here but they are all united by a desire for companionship. As Patch Adams MD says "We primates have been communal for 80 plus million years. We thrive in companionship. Loneliness is the worst experience a human can have". They are also practical people who are trying to downsize and who realise that one or two mowers can be shared between twenty couples, that one large workshop makes more sense than twenty small ones and that they need never worry about fixing a tap washer again because Joe, three doors up, knows just what to do.

Instead of waiting for a developer to profit from the developer's idea of what a development should look like, the group searches for and obtains a piece of land. It engages an architect and together they plan the layout of the community and the form and content of the houses in it. Typically the houses are one to two bedrooms only but there is a large community-use building, the common house, which may also have bedrooms and these can accommodate spillover guests or wooffers or carers needed on a temporary basis.

The group may contain an accountant or a lawyer and these can help the other members while the group negotiates with the local council to obtain permits and with one or more builders to complete the project. The process is not necessarily easy but its great fun and it can form lifelong friendships.

Take a look at what the finished product looks like against the eight criteria in the first part of this article:

- 1. Outdoor spaces and buildings:** the group will have designed landscaped gardens and pathways in which they are comfortable.
- 2. Transport:** very often the cohousing community has one or two community cars, these days they'd be electric. Ridesharing happens all the time.
- 3. Housing:** senior's housing options are affordable by design with the architect. The locality of the village has been chosen with accessibility to services in mind.
- 4. Social participation:** The cohousing village is their immediate community, the common house has craft rooms and libraries and there are a range of veggie gardens and orchards, but access to outside activities such as concerts is readily available because of easy transport and others who share similar interests.
- 5. Respect and social inclusion:** members are united by a passion to be part of the community. The only requirement is an ability to participate in community activities..
- 6. Civic participation and employment:** a community of this size automatically has a voice in local affairs and can act as a role model.
- 7. Communication and information:** Talks and seminars are often held in the common house, which can have its own media room with a large screen TV. The village can have its own wi-fi setup.

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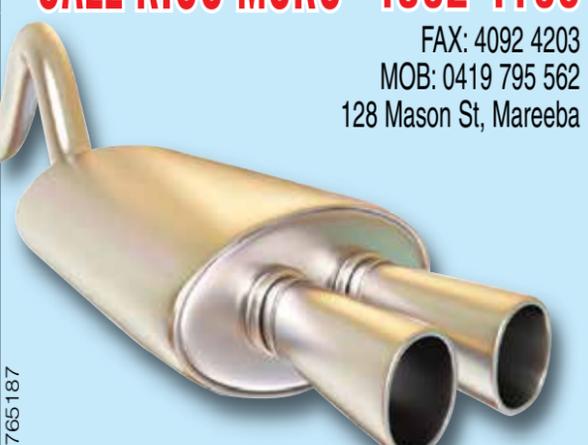
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**Australasian Bat Night**

Australasian Bat Night events have been happening all over the country since March, including eight events in southern Queensland and now it is North Queensland's turn.

"Australasian Bat Night is all about partnerships and with so many local councils and land care and other community groups involved, there is sure to be a Bat Night near you", said Australasian Bat Society out-going president, Dr Kyle Armstrong.

"Now in its fifth year, the Australasian Bat Night programme is modelled on the long-running European series, which celebrates the positive aspects of bats and educates people about the vital ecological roles undertaken by bats and the threats they face.

Bats make up around a quarter of Australia's native mammals, with over 80 species, including four mainland species of flying-fox. They are also the only native mammal in New Zealand", Dr Kyle Armstrong said.

"Over 45% of Australia's bats live in tropical Queensland."

"Unfortunately, there are many unfounded fears and misconceptions associated with bats, and the Bat Night events give people an opportunity to ask questions and discover the facts from experienced and knowledgeable people".

Participants in many of the events will have the opportunity join in citizen science projects and encounter bats for themselves. 'Watch parties' to see the dusk fly-out of both flying-foxes and microbats are popular, as are 'discovery night walks'. With the use of electronic bat detectors, night walk participants can hear the echolocation calls of microbats before they see them.

"There is so much to do at a Bat Night Event. We have many of our experienced people giving talks on bats, giving advice on how to look after bats that come into care, showing films and demonstrating the building of bat roost boxes. There is also interactive play and craft for kids, bat exhibitions and a chance for people to meet a microbat or flying-fox up close", said Dr Armstrong.

"The enthusiasm from councils and community groups to host local events as part of Australasian Bat Night has been fantastic. There are events all over Australia and New Zealand, you can find out about events in your area on our website – <http://ausbats.org.au/>.

We are still accepting new events and encourage anyone interested in hosting one to contact our Bat Night Coordinator, Maree Treadwell-Kerr on [batnight.ausbats@gmail.com](mailto:batnight.ausbats@gmail.com).

Our Kuranda Bat Night event is on Saturday 30 April. Come to our Kuranda Bat Night and find out all about our winged foresters and nature's pest controllers. We will meet at Centenary Park for some batty games and other fun activities then walk to Bat Reach to meet some live flying-foxes. To finish off we will observe wild flying foxes circling around as they begin their nightly foraging.

For more information on events, or to register new events please contact our Bat Night Coordinator Maree Kerr on 0412 311 403 and email [batnight.ausbats@gmail.com](mailto:batnight.ausbats@gmail.com) or visit: <http://ausbats.org.au/australasian-bat-night/4581984807>.

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**The Moth E**

Although this year wet-season (bug season) is upon us, there are still stimulating some insect activity. Moths are still in numbers on warmer nights. One such local moth (Syntherata escaulata), which is spectacular in both stages.

The Northern Emperor Moth is one of the largest moths feed on a variety of plants, including gum leaves, but they only do so at the caterpillar stage. The caterpillars are yellow to white in colour. Usually they feed in lines or clusters that are glued to the underside of the leaves, and are yellow to white in colour. Usually they feed in lines or clusters that are glued to the underside of the leaves, and are yellow to white in colour. Usually they feed in lines or clusters that are glued to the underside of the leaves, and are yellow to white in colour.

Adult Northern Emperor Moths emerge from pupae in late summer or early autumn. They are quite large moths, between 50 and 100mm in length, with some being bright yellow and some even a dusky pink colour. They also have large wings, with a zig-zag running along all four wings and a 'window' in the middle of them.

Adult Northern Emperor Moths do not feed as adults. They live for a few weeks as adults. The females are usually equipped with much more sensitive antennae than the males. The antennae are extensive, feather-like antennae which pick up the pheromones released by female moths.

Whether it be on your trees or under the porch, an Emperor comes to visit.

*Deanna Henderson*



*A male with his feathery antennae*

# Emperor

apparently behind us, the recent rains is are one such groups still appearing moth is the Northern Emperor Moth both the larval (caterpillar) and adult

e larger moths in this region. These im leaves, guava leaves and Melicope ge. Their oval-shaped eggs are laid on usually, these are laid in batches of ten the leaf or each other, hatching seven s are black and bristly in appearance. ks, they change to the familiar green they are about 80mm long, at which a pale stripe down the length of their tive bristles. This growth occurs via a s its skin (exoskeleton) to move to the pillar produces a tough cocoon from t four months to several years, and is

om their cocoons during the warmer is, and their colour varies immensely yellow, some orange, some tan brown have some striking patterns on their ngs. The fore-wings have a small clear

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No series on animals of North Queensland would be complete without an article on our 'big bird' – the Southern Cassowary. (The name is from the Papuan "horned head".)

Not in huge numbers around the Kuranda area, it is a breathtaking surprise to suddenly be confronted by one on a walking track, notice one on the side of the road, or in some cases, an encounter of one strutting through the back yard.

You may think it odd that our North Queensland big birds are classed as Southern Cassowaries, but this is because North Queensland is at the southern-most of their range, the northern-most being southern New Guinea. (The 'Northern Cassowary' is found in northern New Guinea.)

Unusual for the bird world, the female of the species is bigger and brighter-coloured than the male and can reach up to about two metres and weigh in at up to 50 kilograms.

As is well documented, the female, having done her bit by laying the



eggs, then leaves it up to the male to incubate (around 50 days) and then care for the cute little striped chicks for up to 15 months.

Potential predators approach Cassowary chicks at their peril, as daddy is a fierce and fearless protector.

Their diet consists mainly of a variety of rainforest fruits, and researchers have identified about two dozen plants that are their favourites. Cassowaries have also been observed snacking on various fungi, insects, frogs and snails.

To say that the Cassowary is endangered would not come as any great surprise to the reader. Naturally, the clearing of habitat is the main reason for this, however a major study was made in 2006 into Cassowary deaths.

Of the 140 deaths investigated, 75 were attributed to motor vehicles, and 26 to dog attacks. Only 18 were from natural causes.

The population was further put under great stress as a result of forest devastation by Cyclone Yasi in 2011, and it was estimated that about 10% of the total population died either directly in the cyclone or starved due to destruction of food sources.

The Cassowary's three toes, each fitted with rather intimidating claws, the centre one of which is sharp and particularly long (about 120mm) are the subject of much folklore. Stories abound of various attacks on humans.

Once again, a major study was made in 2003 on such attacks. It was found that only one human death can be attributed to a Cassowary, in 1926 allegedly following the apparent provocation of the bird by two teenage boys.

Of the documented 150 "attacks" on humans studied, the majority of these were as a result of the Cassowary demanding or snatching food, having become accustomed to being fed by ignorant humans. (A bit like the maligned dingos on Fraser Island one might muse.) Thirty-two of the attacks were as a result of self defence, a real or perceived threat to the Cassowary itself, or his chicks.

It has been estimated that there are only about 1500 cassowaries left in the wild, and it is listed on both Federal and Queensland State wildlife registers as an endangered species.

Curiously there does not seem to be a great deal of funding forthcoming to ensure its future survival: for example, it is estimated that there is about the same number of cassowaries as there are Giant Pandas, and millions of dollars are raised world-wide annually for the preservation of the Panda – with Cassowary funding paling in comparison.

The Southern Cassowary, along with the declining Spectacled Flying-fox, is one of the major distributors of rainforest seed dispersal and with the continuing decline of both species who knows what condition the North Queensland rainforests will be in in a few decades?

Will our grandchildren ever have the chance to see a Cassowary (or a Spectacled Flying-fox) in the wild – or just stuffed ones in museums?

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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

After a long absence ceramic artist **Sandy Hablethwaite** has returned and set up her spacious studio under her home in Kuranda. Many may remember her '**Sandy Beach**' gallery in the village before her move interstate.

Sandy has brought with her on her return, a wealth of experience and expertise in the area of hand built organic shaped ceramic artworks. Her teaching experience has kept her abreast of the latest technological advancements but Sandy believes in the merit of a strong, traditional skill set.

Sandy is committed to the values that quantify who she is. She has rekindled her love of ceramics, realising the infinite world of hand building and the artistic possibilities it opens.

## Where is your current studio?

My studio is the space under my home in Kuranda. It is an old Queenslander, so it has a large space that I have converted into a permanent studio. I have set up my workbench, tables, a slab roller and hopefully soon my kiln will be organised and powered so I can fire my work from home.

## Do you work alone or with others?

I work mostly alone, however, I have friends and kids who come over and we create casual workshops and 'play with clay'. I have in the past collaborated with my husband Paul, who works with wood and together we have created wood and ceramic sculptures. I love the concept and look of the combination of wood and clay, they work beautifully together.

## What are the essential features your studio has to have?

Lots of shelves and open space...and I love having good natural light and airflow which the underneath space of the house provides. The studio is very open so I am also really enjoying working and looking out into the garden.

## Describe your work pattern – hours/days/week.

I am in my studio whenever I have that day with nothing locked in...a window in my schedule. Working with clay is a 'process' and I like to follow through and not lose the flow. I really need a few days in a row to accomplish something and that has been difficult with working a lot. But this year, I am pushing for more 'windows' and trying to make my ceramics more of a priority in my life.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

I am only just getting back into ceramics after a long break...so I'm still figuring out what it is I do? I am in the process of just making right now. I started with large coil vessels and pots but lately I have been drawn to figurative shapes, using the slab roller and then sculpting out a form from there. I have just been experimenting with different shapes and objects with different methods and techniques and types of clay; most recently working with porcelain for the first time.

## Why is ceramics your chosen medium?

I have been working as an Art/Photography teacher for the last 10 years and have worked with many different mediums. I did my Diploma of Visual Arts at Cairns TAFE specialising in Ceramics and then went on to doing my Bachelor of Visual Arts at Southern Cross University in Lismore with sculpture as my major. The clay is my

very favourite...I love working with clay because of the whole organic feel of it...how it feels in your hands...the way you can manipulate it. I love the organic process of taking it from the ground, colouring it with oxides, the burning and firing processes, and smoke firing being a favourite. I also believe, as a medium, it suits me...as it's a bit 'less is more'. Clay always lets you know when it has been overworked. I find I like to work on 2-3 pieces at a time so that I don't overdo it and can step back and slow the process down.

## List three things you listen to while working.

I listen to ABC Radio National as I learn so much from some of the talkbacks, panels, interviews etc. I also listen to music on my iPod, which I set on 'shuffle' so I get a great variety of music. Also my husband is a musician so he often plays guitar and I love hearing that in the background too. And then there is the 'quiet', which I can really appreciate too.

## Your favourite tool?

[At this question Sandy hesitated and then moved across her studio to gather a handful of cedar pottery tools. I shared her appreciation for these handmade instruments.] These would be my favourites, Paul made these for me and I love working with them; they are so tactile. I also love my two lazy susan wheels, which I made myself...and the practicality of them. I work in 3D...I wouldn't be without them. I need to see all sides.



## Do you teach from your studio?

I intend to. As soon as I am fully set up I would like to conduct hand-building workshops (adults and children) and also do workshops to share the techniques of transferring images onto clay.

## Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

I have recently done and are still doing photographic workshops on the Tablelands, I am starting an ESL course and I am also a volunteer member of the Mareeba Shire Council RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) committee.

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

At the moment my priority is to get my kiln up and running and I am also looking forward to more cover when we get a roof for our upstairs deck. These two

priorities are still in the design process.

## If you were not working with ceramics what would you be doing?

Where I am at is very much where I want to be. I am very content and happy to be back living in Kuranda again after so many years away. I have my house, my studio, my ceramics practice and my garden; I think myself fortunate and in a very good place.

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# Bee-haviour

by The Honey House Team

This month we look at the marvellous Leafcutter Bees (genus Megachile).

There are over 40 species of Leafcutter Bee in Australia, mostly found in coastal areas. Leafcutter bees are 6-15mm long. Most are black with patches of white or orange.

You may not have noticed these in your garden, but you probably have seen the evidence that they are around.

Leafcutter bees will leave very neat little circles or ovals cut out of your foliage. Many people mistake their labour for the work of caterpillars, but if you look closely, you will notice the smooth edge they leave, unlike a serrated hole that a caterpillar would leave.



They favour soft leaves such as roses, bauhinia, wisteria and buddleia. I have seen these cutting away on Frangipani leaves in my garden here in Kuranda.

The female Leafcutter Bee grasps the edge of the leaf, and using her powerful jaws, takes about 10 seconds to clip out a piece of leaf. As she cuts, she gathers the piece of leaf between her legs, folding it underneath her. The last cut sees her tumble through the air, then fly furiously to carry her load to the nest.

These bees are solitary bees, so they construct a nest solely for raising young. The oval sections of leaf are used for the sides of the nest with the round sections used to cap the cells containing eggs.

They also weave leaf sections to form mini cradles inside the nest for their young!

The immature bee hibernates through the colder months and completes its development into an adult in the spring.

Nest sites vary from species to species. Some prefer pre-existing holes or crevices in timber or masonry. Other species will nest in the top soil in your pot plants, or even the between stems at the base of plants.

Leafcutter bees display an interesting courtship behaviour. The male bee rubs his feet over the eyes of the female which proves to her that the male is of the correct species to be a potential mate.

You can provide nesting site by tying thin, hollow bamboo stalks together and hang them below branches of trees in your garden. Keep the diameter about 3-8mm. Alternatively, cut small holes into old plywood and position under a tree. Face the entrance to catch the morning sun.

Leafcutter bees are excellent pollinators of alfalfa, apples, chillies, carrots, coffee, and most legumes.

Unlike honeybees or the stingless bees that carry pollen on "baskets" on their legs, Leafcutter Bees carry pollen on bristles on the underside of their abdomen. Because she carries the pollen dry, it falls off easily as she moves between blossoms, increasing the rate of successful pollination.

To attract these bees to your garden, plant soft leaved varieties and their favoured foods (especially legumes) and provide safe nesting sites to encourage them to choose your garden and stay for generations to come.

Photos courtesy of Erica Siegel



## Signs of the Times

*A sign in a shoe repair store in Ballina:*

We will heel you  
We will save your sole  
We will even dye for you.

*Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office:*

Dr Jones, at your cervix.

*In a Podiatrist's office:*

Time wounds all heels.

*On a Septic Tank Truck:*

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels.

*At an Optometrist's Office:*

If you don't see what you're looking for,  
you've come to the right place.

*On a Plumber's truck:*

We repair what your husband fixed.

*On another Plumber's truck:*

Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

*At a Tyre Shop in Alstonville:*

Invite us to your next blowout.

*On an electrician's truck:*

Let us remove your shorts.

*In a non-smoking area:*

If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.

*On a Maternity Room door:*

Push. Push. Push.

*At a Car Dealership:*

The best way to get back on your feet -- miss a car payment.

*Outside a Muffler Shop:*

No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.

*In a Veterinarian's waiting room:*

Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

*At the Electric Company:*

We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time; however, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.

*In a Restaurant window:*

Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.

*In the front yard of a Funeral Home:*

Drive carefully. We'll wait.

*In a Lismore Radiator Shop:*

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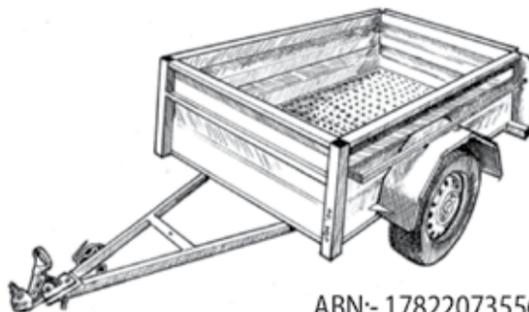
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# Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

## Chapter 46

### Pioneer Cemetery

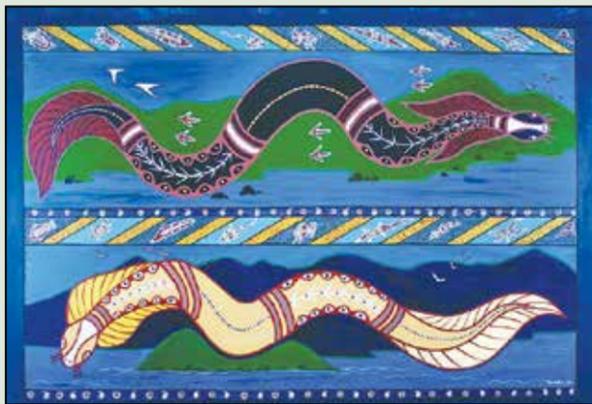
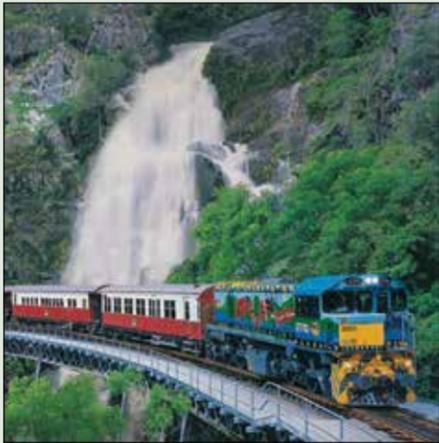
A few minutes after Kuranda Scenic Railway departs from Cairns Station we pass the McLeod Street Pioneer Cemetery. The cemetery was established in 1884 and the position would have been on the outskirts of Cairns, back then. The date of 1877 on the entry sign relates to the original cemetery, which was near the Cairns Base Hospital, however was moved to current site to escape the tidal waters encroaching on the burial site. Two workers employed during the construction of this rail line are also buried here. Martin Brennan (born in Kilkenny, Ireland, died aged 28) and Alexander Corbett (native of Ross Shire, Scotland, died aged 25) died when part of No 4 tunnel collapsed on them causing death on 14th November 1887.



## Chapter 47

### Buda-dji Locomotives

The Barron Gorge National Park was declared in 1940 and is a section of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. This environmentally and culturally significant region is sacred to the Djabugay people. The locomotives used on Kuranda Scenic Railway have been hand-painted to depict their dreamtime legend of 'Buda-Dji (pronounced boo-dah-gee) the great carpet snake who carved out the mighty Barron Gorge. The legend is that one day Buda-dji came ashore in the form of a Carpet Snake and with him he brought the much prized Nautilus shells, so he could trade them for dilly-bags and eel traps from the Tableland Bama. On one of these trips, three greedy bird-men ambushed Buda-dji near the Barron Falls chopped him up and scattered him throughout the

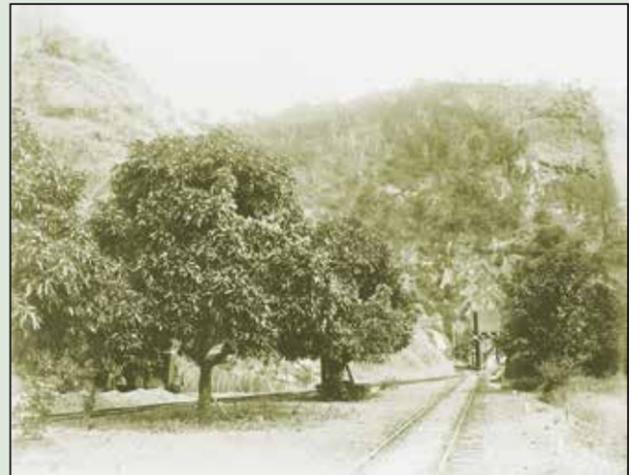


land. Everywhere Buda-dji's pieces were scattered became a significant Bulurru landmark: Freshwater, Red Bluff, Hill of the Scrub-hen Nest, Cassowary Mountain and Lamb Range amongst others. The landscape that Kuranda Scenic Railway travels through is truly anchored in a rich and ancient past – the path of Buda-dji.

## Chapter 48

### Walking Tracks

From as early as the 1900s visitors to our region used the existing walking tracks in to the now Barron Gorge National Park. The main paths were named after some of our most famous pioneers such as Alexander Douglas who blazed the Douglas Track from Kuranda to Trinity Bay and Bill Smith who blazed the trail from Cairns to the Hodgkinson gold fields. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) have upgraded and connected many of these walking tracks to Kuranda village over the past ten years. It would be interesting to note if current visitors realise as they walk through these areas that hundreds of people once lived on this busy mountain side as they build the railway line or that women bore children in makeshift huts just meters away from where a tunnel was being built. As QPWS upgraded these paths they discovered a piece of crockery which was later authenticated in London as being an original piece of first four sets of Royal Doulton crockery ever made. They sure knew how to live in style on the Cairns to Kuranda railway line back in the day!



## Chapter 49

### The Institution of Engineers Australia 2005

In 2005 The Institution of Engineers Australia presented a plaque to Queensland Rail honouring the great engineering feat of the building of the Cairns to Kuranda railway line. The plaque can be found on the pyramidal cairn which also commemorates the railway's line 100th anniversary.



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# A Grinter's Tail

## CYBER BULLYING

I dropped all my previous ideas for this month's article to focus on a subject very close to my heart, adult cyber bullying. I use the term 'adult' loosely. After all, look at the definition of adult, "a person who is fully grown or developed". Keep that in mind. That's anyone from 13 to infinity. Sometimes it feels like the 13-year-olds have more sensitivity than the older Facebook users.

It takes less than one minute to place a Facebook post that can kill someone. I hope that sank in.

When I worked for the previous local State member, there was a preconception that I was a political animal, and for those unaware I was in fact, apolitical, and focused on serving the electorate, I was fair game, sometimes feeling like the blood letter in a dog fight. When the comments got particularly offensive, it hurt, yes, but I'm pretty thick skinned, born of a very diverse career in different corners of the globe, and a life path in environments far scarier than Kuranda in full pre-election mode, plus an Irish mother for whom weakness was punishable by excommunication.

I was recently put into contact with a teenager who had been the victim of a vicious tirade on social media. Whether there was some justification for the post was irrelevant. Aside from the fact that none of us is perfect, and surely lynch mobs and witch hunts belong to another century.

There's plenty of processes and channels to mete justice appropriately.

I am the first to admit, I've done it myself. No posting per se, but making a one line comment that really didn't need to be there. It was a subject I felt very strongly about. I subsequently deleted it. But the fact remains, I'm not proud of myself.

It only takes a moment to be crucified on Facebook. Never mind the other side of the story. Never mind the veracity of the tale. When the proverbial shit hits the fan on Facebook, as the supposed perpetrator of a 'crime', you're gone. Your life, and possibly that of others connected to you, is an open book, laid bare for the vultures sitting in judgement on the other end of a keyboard. It takes two minutes for the world, it seems, to hate you. No chance to defend yourself; the cancer multiplies by the second, like Pac Man.

That's enough to end a vulnerable life.

On this occasion, this was not the case. We talked well into the early hours to defuse the ticking bomb. The situation was far from perfect, but it became relatively safe.

You know, the sad thing was, no one checked the facts first. It's on Facebook so it must be true. Trial without jury.

There have been numerous instances of false posts being put up on Facebook to elicit a reaction, or in some cases to seek revenge, a notable one naming a girl who purportedly fostered pitbulls to sell to a dogfighting ring. It was a hoax, but her name and her face went global. Branded.

Well the fact is, mischief runs riot. There are of course, plenty of valid reasons to criticise someone, and there may well be justification to take action, but there's a hundred better ways than destroying someone on Facebook. After all, we've all made mistakes.

Where I'm as guilty as the next in criticising large corporations, or government policies, or cruelty to animals or people, criticism of individuals or local small business has no place on social media, the latter having a hard enough time to survive in the shadow of the giants.

Whether or not they are worth listening to, there are always, but always, two sides to a story. As someone said recently, there are three. One on each side, and one somewhere in the middle that is the truth.

I see vindictive, spiteful, sad, uninformed, foul, knee jerk exchanges on community pages, and wonder at the wisdom of sane, adult people posting such venom for our kids to read. How they must wonder how we have the gall to discipline them in thoughtfulness, respect, kindness of spirit, generosity and forgiveness?

And we ask ourselves what's wrong with Generation Y?

## Self Help is Called For

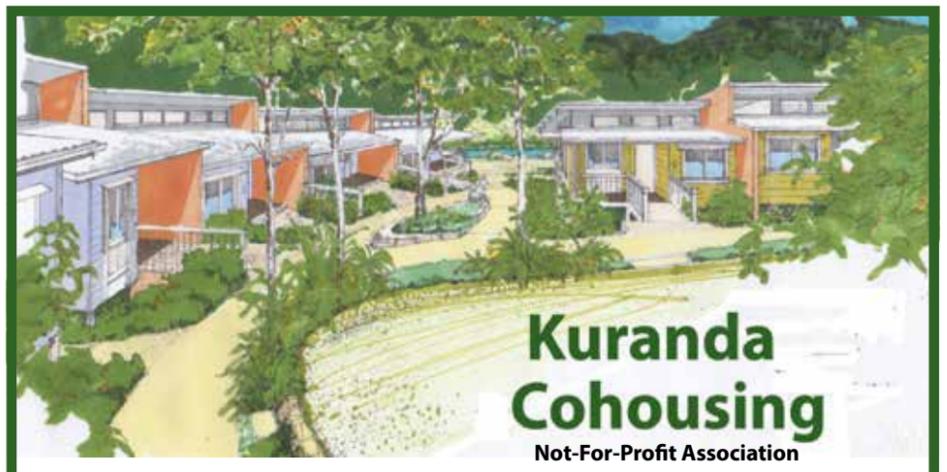
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**8. Community support and health services:** There can be regular visits from health service providers, who appreciate the benefits of having so many clients under the one roof, so to speak. Craft rooms in the common house can be used for exercise sessions. Chiropodists, hairdressers and others can make regular visits.

Of course cohousing need not be only for seniors. Intergenerational cohousing was invented in Denmark in the 1980s. It was taken to the USA by Charles Durrett, an American architect who has made it his life. Charles has written many books on the subject and has personally contributed to over 50 communities, some senior, some multigenerational, in the States and internationally. His books and those of others lay out the processes needed to get a village up and running. They are inspirational. One of Charles Durrett's books is available at the Kuranda Library and others are coming soon. Many books on the subject are available through Amazon or more widely on the net. Google cohousing.

In the coming months there will be more information on cohousing but why wait for this? If you're interested in the concept and want to participate in a group in your area ring around your friends. You will most likely have been talking about the subject, however broadly, for many years. There is a group forming in Cairns called the Cohousing Action Group and contact details may be obtained by calling the number in the next paragraph.

A group has been meeting in Kuranda for several years. The land has been obtained, the village layout and the houses have been designed, the local council is enthusiastic about the idea and a development approval has been obtained. We are in the final stages of pricing and choosing a builder and developer. If you would like to be part of this process or to learn more about it, call Cathy on (07) 4093 9926 or 0419 624 940.



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# Avocado Love

With the avocado season peaking across the Tablelands and farm gate specials to be had, most Kuranda homes can boast groaning bowls full of the green delights, to the envy of southern friends who are forced to pay dollars per piece only too often to suffer the disappointment of bruised fruit.

Avocado buying need not be risky if you can plan ahead and buy them green and hard. They will ripen within a few days this time of year. Putting them in a bowl or bag with a ripe banana ends up the process.

Once you have your avocados it is hard to go past the sheer delight of fresh cut fruit with a squeeze of lime and sprinkle of salt. On toast with tomato and cracked pepper it's a perfect snack. Or you could try mixing your avocado with a little curry powder for a Californian twist.

Most people probably encounter avocado for the first time as guacamole or in a salad but the world of books and google is full of other less usual recipes - both cold and hot. There are avocado smoothies, ice creams, cakes and cheesecakes as well as avocado in pasta dishes, on pizza or baked in the half shell. Here are a few less common recipes to expand your avo repertoire.

## Avocado Creamy Sauce:

Great instead of a cheese sauce (or add to your favourite cheese sauce – vegan and non version)

- 2 Avocados – mashed
- Nuttelex or butter
- Unbleached plain flour (you could use rice flour for gluten free version )
- Almond milk (or any other milk )
- Salt pepper and lime juice to taste.

Make a roux – as per usual white sauce – by melting three tablespoons of Nuttelex (or butter) in a pot over medium heat. Using a whisk add two tablespoons of unbleached plain flour and let the flour and Nuttelex combine.

Now turn heat up a bit and slowly add milk until it starts to thicken. Keep stirring so it doesn't stick. Add a little more milk if necessary while stirring until the sauce is smooth and creamy. Turn the heat down and keep stirring if necessary.

Now add mashed avocado and a little more milk if necessary. Once the sauce is smooth and creamy add salt, pepper and a good squeeze of lime or lemon juice. Stir well and cover. Serve hot over steamed veggies, pasta or anywhere you would use a cream sauce. You can always sprinkle with some fresh fine chopped herbs – tarragon, parsley, dill or chives are some suggestions.



LET'S AVOCUDDLE

## Avocado Chocolate Muffins:

(original recipe from *She Bakes Here*)

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat pastry flour (or gluten free)
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp espresso powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 ripe avocado, pitted & peeled
- 2/3 cup maple syrup (not pancake syrup)
- 3/4 cup almond milk
- 1/3 cup coconut oil, melted
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

Preheat your oven to 180C. Prepare your muffin tin by greasing with non-stick cooking spray or baking liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together whole wheat pastry flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, espresso powder and salt. Set aside.

Measure the coconut oil and melt in the microwave for 30 seconds. In a food processor, puree the avocado, maple syrup, melted coconut oil, almond milk and vanilla extract until smooth.

Make a well in the dry mixture and add the wet mixture to the dry mixture. Stir together with a wooden spoon until just combined. Fold in chocolate chips.

Scoop the batter into the muffin tins and bake for 15-20 minutes until the tops are slightly cracked. Remove from the oven and do not remove from the muffin tins for an additional 15 minutes to let them cool.

Keep stored in an air-tight container. You can also keep them stored in the fridge, like we had to do once our place became too humid. They taste fantastic cold!

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**L**ABYRINTHS are an ancient human symbol known to go back at least 5,000 years. Unlike a maze, the labyrinth has only one path, leading from the outside to the centre. They can be made of any material and can be permanent or temporary, indoor or outdoor, big or small. They have appeared on all inhabited continents in prehistory. The labyrinth is therefore an archetype, a pattern that is universal to all of humanity.

As Carol House, World Labyrinth Day Coordinator with the Labyrinth Society affirms: "Labyrinths are energy patterns created from the symbols of sacred geometry. These are patterns found in nature and in all living creatures that support life. As energy beings, walking labyrinths, the sacred energy of the labyrinth is activated and expanded bringing great benefit to the walker, the community and the whole earth."

Basically the labyrinth is a tool, an ancient single path that can be used as an exercise for the mind, body and spirit for personal, psychological and spiritual growth. Walking a labyrinth is a right brain task (creative, intuitive, imaginative), and can induce or enhance a contemplative or meditative state of mind and are a way to quiet the mind, recover balance in life, gain insight and self-reflect.

World Labyrinth Day is celebrated the first Saturday in May every year. If you choose to walk a labyrinth on this day you will join a global community of people all over the world walking labyrinths. Walking a labyrinth with others combines and focuses intent. If that intent is love, harmony and positivity then this is indeed a powerful way to bring some light to the world and yourself. <http://labyrinthssociety.org/world-labyrinth-day>.

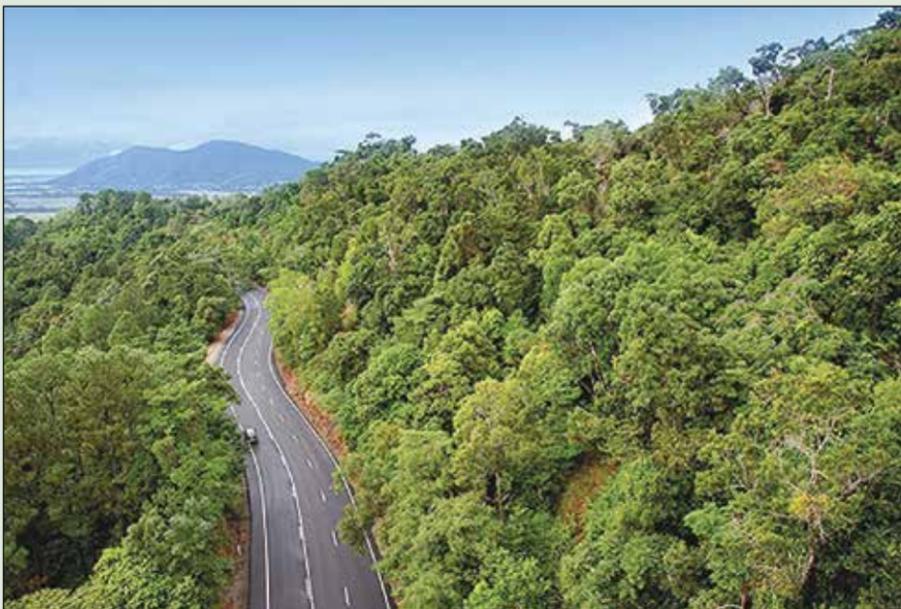
Labyrinths are currently used worldwide in most institutions including schools, churches, aged care facilities, mental health organisations, hospitals, workplaces and parks. They are being used to heal, de-stress, exercise, meditate, problem solve, help conflict resolution, team build, enhance creativity and just to have fun. Use the labyrinth in any way that meets your needs.



The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre has an 18 ft. poly canvas indoor labyrinth for hire – ph 4093 8933.

## Help the Range Elves

Travellers on the Kuranda Range Road over the past couple of weeks may have observed large garbage bags dotted here and there along the roadside. If you would like to support the ongoing clean up of the the Range Road you can either donate some LARGE HEAVY DUTY garbage bags and/or join the band. Please drop off your garbage bags at Wotta Bout Fish 'n' Chips at the BP servo – and if you want to do more please attach your contact details.



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**New Social Work Student:** KNC welcomes Mandy Teis who will be doing her placement with us for the next few months (see profile, right). Please feel free to drop in and say hello. KNC hosts social work and community service students usually twice per year which has a mutual benefit for both the student for learning outcomes and KNC to have extra help around the Centre.

**Study into Kuranda Homelessness:** The Mareeba Community Housing Company Ltd has produced a study into homelessness titled 'Ngayang Bulmba'. If you would like a copy, please email knc@qld.chariot.net.au and Marg will email you an electronic copy. The issue of accommodation deficits and how to use the findings from the study will be on the agenda for the next Kuranda Interagency Meeting on May 3rd at 2pm. Venue to be advised – email for more details.

**English as a second language:** We would like to see if there is demand for English as a Second Language classes in Kuranda. There is a qualified tutor available and we can explore starting a class if there are people wanting or needing this service. Please call the Centre on 4093 8933 and speak to Marg.

**KNC is looking for a heavy duty shredder:** If you have an unused shredder, we would love to give it a new home here at KNC!

**Gambling/Financial Counselling:** Susan Cook from the Salvation Army is coming to Kuranda every second Wednesday to assist people with gambling and financial issues. If you require any information, advice or advocacy, Susan provides a strictly confidential service – please phone KNC to make a booking.

**Domestic Violence Service** coming to Kuranda: There will be a new worker from the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service coming to Kuranda one day per fortnight at KNC. Please make inquiries to Ceri or Marg.

**Garden bed request for help:** KNC is looking for a volunteer(s) to do a one off job clearing and replanting the strip of garden bed that runs along the side of the building towards the car park. It is a small area that has a bit of mondo grass and some dracaenas. It also has nut grass and other weeds taking over. We will supply all materials (maybe pebbles or bark mulch and source other plants if necessary). Please come to the centre and see Marg if interested.

**Mareeba Housing Support Service:** A worker (Heidi) is currently coming to Kuranda two days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) as part of the Street to Home program to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent or imminent accommodation. Assistance and support is provided to identify affordable and suitable accommodation options and includes applications for housing through the Department of Housing, community housing programs and the private rental market. Please contact Ceri or Marg for a referral.

**Justices of Peace at KNC:** KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1-5 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 4093 8933.



My name is Mandy Teis, I am a third year social work student studying at the JCU Cairns campus. I hail from Bribie Island, about an hour north of Brisbane and moved to Cairns in 2010. I absolutely love Cairns and Kuranda and enjoy meeting the people here. Before moving to Cairns I worked various administrative positions including Centrelink, the Defence Force and retail positions within bars and bottle-shops. I began my studies in 2012 in social work because I am passionate about social justice and human rights. My career will be focussing on youth and juvenile justice, drug and alcohol addiction and Indigenous Frameworks and I like to think I am super approachable, honest and down to earth. I am the social work mentor at the Cairns campus and love to assist people. At present I am doing my student placement at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, where I hope to advocate for and empower as many individuals and families as I can. I urge any local Kuranda people to pop into the centre and say hi and if I can assist you in any way or you have any issues, please feel free to come in for a chat.

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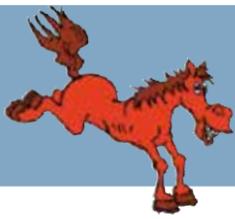
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# Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well, since the last edition of *The Kuranda Paper* time seems to have flown by. Easter has come and gone but the Zone 18 Easter camp at Ravenshoe was a great success and a few of the club's newer riders were able to get the opportunity to go along and learn new skills and meet new friends.

The weather was fantastic and everyone from different areas of North Queensland had a great time.

At the same time the Hewitt-Toms family did the big road trip with their horses to the State Jumping Equitation and Show jumping competition which was held at Gatton.

Jamie and Olivia from the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club did themselves, parents and the club proud, with many ribbons won and Jamie coming 1st, winning the state rug for her age in Equitation. What a fantastic effort. As you can see in the photo, Jamie on her horse Ben with the prize winning rug.



Jamie Hewitt-Toms after her win at Gatton.

The girls were very honoured to also receive a donation from Councillor Nipper Brown to help with their fundraising efforts to get down South to compete at this event. Wonderful to see the councillor willing to help a local family be able to attend such an event, as you can imagine travelling this distance with two horses is not cheap and takes a lot of dedication. So, well done.



Olivia and Jamie Hewitt-Toms with Councillor Nipper Brown.

On 20th March the Holly Brown Memorial Barrel Day was held at the Mareeba Pony Club grounds. This was a fantastic day to remember Holly, who suddenly passed away last year at the age of 17. I am sure she would have been thrilled with the great day of sportsmanship and fun all the riders had.

As this was the first time it was held there was a high point trophy for the 16/17 age group which another of our talented riders, Kristy Lane, won.

So, congratulations Kristy. Sophie Curtis, also from Kuranda, won the 18 to 25 age group. Congratulations to the organisers at the Mareeba Pony Club for a wonderful, well-run day.

On Anzac day the club was there, riding in the parade along with the Kuranda community. It is always a great honour to be part of this special day.

The club's next rally day is on Sunday 1st May starting at 9.00am and finishing at 12.00pm. Rally days are where every rider learns the different disciplines that pony club has to offer and is a great social day. So if you own a horse and are interested in joining pony club, come along on the 1st and get to meet the instructors and other riders. Membership is only \$90 for the year. For any more information please contact myself, Di Curtis at [paulanddi@bigpond.com](mailto:paulanddi@bigpond.com) or check out the club's Facebook site.

The club has also been offered once a month the chance to sell meat tray raffles at the Speewah Tavern and the next one will be on the 13th May. We thank the Speewah Rural Faries for allowing the club to share this fundraiser with them and also to the Speewah Tavern for giving us a great place to sell tickets.

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



Kristy Lane winning the Holly Brown Trophy.

## What's on at Koah Hall?

**TUESDAYS WITH TANYA:**  
Yoga Classes  
from 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAYS WITH JADE:**  
Pilates Classes at  
7.30am and 5.45pm

**FRIDAYS WITH BETH:**  
Pre-natal yoga at 9.00am  
and mums and bubs  
yoga at 11.00am

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Saturday 25 June:  
Los Coracoles, Latino band  
Saturday 2 July:  
Roots Festival

### NEWS:

Koah Hall has recently been given a grant through Mareeba Shire Council's Regional Arts Development Fund to conduct a master planning process through community engagement, with architect Zachary Barclay and landscape designers Tonielle Christensen and Blake Hudson. This will involve 3 workshop sessions directly after the markets days of May, June and July open to all local residents, towards a concept design of how the grounds of Koah Hall can be improved to even better accommodate more sports and social activities.

**Sessions will be from 2-4.00pm on Saturdays 7 May/4 June/2 July.**  
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Our wonderful caretakers Sophie, Jacob & Tehya McGrath have returned from the Adelaide Fringe Festival, and plan to live on site at the Koah Hall for the remainder of 2016. Welcome back guys!

We thank Shanda Benjak who recently resigned as secretary of the Koah Sports & Social Club for all her hard work (especially sorting out 2 decades of archived paperwork!) but welcome our new secretary Tonielle Christensen who stepped into her place.

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## Library Lines

Just recently I heard someone mention the Kuranda Library as the library in the rainforest, and I thought what a lovely way to describe our beautiful library.

Over the last few months there have been some changes within the library. We have welcomed some new staff and many new library members. We have moved into our wonderful new library which has plenty of space to hold new programs like Go Digital and school holiday programs.

It is because of our new space we are able to offer more programs and workshop and we are always interested in hearing from our members what future workshops they would be interested in seeing offered at Kuranda Library. Please fill in a feedback form with any suggestions.

National Simultaneous Story Time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year Kuranda Library will participate in this national activity on Wednesday 25 May at 11am in the libraries court yard. Everyone in the community is welcome to join in the fun.



### Important Dates to Remember in May

- Baby Rhyme Time: Thursdays 10:30-11:00am
- Story Time: Fridays 10:30-11:30am – this month's theme is Birds
- Mother's Day craft activity card making: Tuesday 3 May 4:00-5:00pm bookings essential
- Go Digital Master Classes: Tuesdays 6:00-9:00pm
- Chess Club: Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm.



We all want our children to have the best opportunities in life and have the greatest chance to succeed. Current research shows the important role parents and caregivers' have in supporting their child's early development.

First 5 Forever program aims to provide strong emergent literacy foundations and life-long learning skills for children 0-5 years, by supporting parents as their child's first and most important educator.

Let's work together as a community to support each other and build on the opportunities families have daily to interact with their children. This means spending time in the early years talking, playing and reading with our children so their growing brains can develop to their full potential.

For more information on this program please contact the staff at the Kuranda Library, Phone 4093 9185.

**Kuranda Library and Council Office:**  
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A woman who had been married three times walked into a bridal shop one day and told the sales clerk that she was looking for a wedding gown for her fourth wedding.

"Of course, madam," replied the sales clerk, "exactly what type and color dress are you looking for?"

The bride-to-be said, "A long frilly white dress with a veil."

"Please don't take this the wrong way, madam, but such dresses are usually more fitting for the first time bride who is more innocent in the ways of life, if you get my meaning."

"Well..." replied the customer, a little peeved at the clerk's directness, "I can assure you that a white gown would be quite appropriate."

"Believe it or not, despite all my marriages, I remain as innocent as a first-time bride. You see, my first husband was so excited about our wedding, he died as we were checking into our honeymoon hotel. My second husband and I got into such a terrible fight in the limo on our way to our honeymoon hotel that we had that wedding annulled immediately and never spoke to each other again."

"What about your third husband?"

"That one was a politician", said the woman, "and every night for four years, he just sat on the edge of the bed and told me how good it was going to be – but nothing ever happened."



### Ministers visit Bill Fulton Bridge

The reality of getting the Bill Fulton Bridge and associated roadworks duplicated is a step closer after I invited the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Treasurer Curtis Pitt and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland, Coralee O'Rourke, to visit the site in peak hour to witness the traffic congestion first hand.

The project has been costed at \$35.7 million and I am deliberately targeting the Deputy Premier's \$180 million Significant Regional Infrastructure Projects Program as the funding source.

Traffic congestion and boat ramps were the two big issues when I contested the 2015 election. In the past 12 months I have inspected the local infrastructure for recreational fishers and met with a number of fishing groups and I have to agree that there is a big gap between what we currently have and what we need.

The closure of the Palm Cove ramp and alterations to the Yorkeys Knob ramp has put pressure on all our facilities and "ramp rage" is not uncommon.

I am not a boat owner myself so I need to rely on the advice of others on how to proceed. To that end I have formed a working group which recently met with the Minister.

The group comprises local councillors, council officers, departmental staff and recreational fishing groups. Consensus is that a new facility is required and existing ramps need some alterations. The working group will continue to meet and report back to the Minister.

Anyone wishing to make a submission can email [barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au)

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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**A SHOCKING SIGHT**

"Junior", a 6-month old cassowary, was run over and killed sustaining massive internal injuries on Easter Sunday at the first bend of the dirt section on Black Mountain Road. The bird's internal organs were so smashed that the Kuranda vet who carried out the autopsy said it was difficult to establish its gender. Speed and hooning behaviour by party goers to a "rave" in the pine plantation are suspected to have caused the incident. The people in the vehicle must have known that they had run over such a large animal.

This young bird was the only surviving offspring of the ageing dominant male in the area. With a threatened population of cassowaries, every life is precious. Losing this cassowary is a high price to pay for careless, impatient, thoughtless and selfish driving.

**A SHOCKING SIGHT** continued

There might be some benefit at least to educate the driver about the consequences of his/her actions. Anyone with knowledge of this incident is urged to report to Kuranda Conservation on 4093 8834 or by email: kurandaconservation@hotmail.com.

The logging trucks were not operating at the time of the incident.

**Please be aware if you're driving along Black Mountain Road; this is Cassowary Country.**

Cassowaries and other wildlife criss-cross this road regularly. You may not see them, but then again you just might.

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*L.myola (or L.serrata) male in amplexus with Litoria dayi. Photo by Rhys Sharry.*

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Melissa Alford

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## A Thought for May

**T**HIS month we concentrate on a verse from St Johns Gospel Chapter 21 verses 11 'Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.'

One hundred and fifty-three fish! That's a very large number; and a very precise number. The fact that the number of fish that the disciples caught when they went fishing on Lake Galilee, after Christ had risen, is recorded so exactly, tells us a number of important things. Only a fisherman would have taken the trouble to count the catch.

For other people, fishing is a charming sight and a mine for metaphors. For fishermen it's a business. Anyone else would have exclaimed, 'Goodness, what a lot of fish!' A fisherman would sit down at once and count them. They must be counted before they can be divided up between the crew of the boat; they must be counted before they can be sold. So this story at the very end of the Gospels isn't a legend or a myth. It's an eyewitness account, told by people who knew what they were talking about.

That's where Jesus meets us, in situations where we already think we know it all, but then He shows us something unexpected.

The water's shallow near the shore of Lake Galilee. The fishermen were carrying on their trade at night-time, with lighted flares to attract the fish; but with all their expertise they'd caught nothing.

In the grey light of dawn, a man standing on the shore could avoid the reflection of the light and the sky which the men in the boat would see. So Jesus told the professional fishermen how to fish, which must have been humiliating for them. 'Cast the net on the right.' Grudgingly they obeyed Him, and they caught 153 fish.

The generosity of Jesus in helping them to catch so many reminds us how God often surprises us with the showers of blessing He pours upon us. We're dealing here not with a myth. We're dealing with a down to earth God who tells people how to do their job better; provides overflowing resources of food, enough for everyone; and cooks breakfast.

That's what the eyewitnesses reported – not a vision or a hallucination, but a person whom they'd recognized and shared a meal with. The careful counting of the fish reassures us that Jesus is really alive.

St Jerome lived for many years in a cave in Bethlehem, (when he undertook to translate the bible in Latin) to get to know the way the people in the Holy Land think, so that he could translate the Bible accurately into Latin. Speaking to the Galilean fishermen, he made a surprising discovery.

They boasted that there were many types of fish in their lake – 153 different species. St John's Gospel was reporting real events, but it's very quick to recognize their symbolic meaning.

Jesus, who told His followers to fish for people, had helped them to catch one of each kind. Nobody knew then how many tribes of people there were on the earth, but maybe this memorable number was to reassure us that there's room in Christ's Church for people from every race and language.

St John's Gospel then tells us that in spite of the large catch, 'the net was not broken'. A striking experience for a fisherman; for many people believe that the Gospel was written by John, son of Zebedee, who was one of those in the boat. But a striking parallel also with the Church of God; that is large enough to receive believers from every race, language and nation. Our God is an Awesome God. He gives us little pointers of the way in which He would lead us, pointers of how to follow. But are we willing, are we ready, are we engaged.



## Baha'i Thought for the Month

It was at this epoch (April 1863) that Bahá'u'lláh, on leaving Baghdad for Constantinople, declared to those who surrounded Him that He was the Manifestation announced by the Báb. It is this declaration which the Bahá'ís celebrate by the Feast of Ridvan, (April 21 to May 2) this name being that of the garden at the entrance of the city, where Bahá'u'lláh stayed during twelve days, and where He made the declaration. 45 (**Abdu'l-Baha**) Arise, and proclaim unto the entire creation the tidings that He Who is the All-Merciful hath directed His steps towards the Ridvan and entered it. Guide, then, the people unto the garden of delight which God hath made the Throne of His Paradise. We have chosen thee to be our most mighty Trumpet, whose blast is to signalize the resurrection of all mankind. Say: This is the Paradise on whose foliage the wine of utterance hath imprinted the testimony: "He that was hidden from the eyes of men is revealed, girded with sovereignty and power!" This is the Paradise, the rustling of whose leaves proclaims: "O ye that inhabit the heavens and the earth! There hath appeared what hath never previously appeared. He Who, from everlasting, had concealed His Face from the sight of creation is now come." From the whispering breeze that wafteth amidst its branches there cometh the cry: "He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is made manifest. The Kingdom is God's," while from its streaming waters can be heard the murmur: "All eyes are gladdened, for He Whom none hath beheld, Whose secret no one hath discovered, hath lifted the veil of glory, and uncovered the countenance of Beauty." Within this Paradise, and from the heights of its loftiest chambers, the Maids of Heaven have cried out and shouted: "Rejoice, ye dwellers of the realms above, for the fingers of Him Who is the Ancient of Days are ringing, in the name of the All-Glorious, the Most Great Bell, in the midmost heart of the heavens. (**Baha'u'llah**)

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### The Stars in May

**T**HE month begins with an exact aspect between the Sun and Neptune. It's a sextile (60%) aspect that speaks of communication and passing opportunities with the Sun representing life-force vitality and success, and Neptune the deep, the spiritual. Fantasy and illusions. What might we have here at the birth of the month of May?

Let's do just a *little* Sun-Sign Astrology. If your birthday is about now, 1st May, or 1st March, 4th September or 4th November then you will be involved, as May begins, with a fascinating experience of the polarity between the real and the fantasy, the earthly and the spiritual, or perhaps the scam and the victim. Many possibilities for the rest of us – take nothing at face value, things are not as they seem and this may be wonderful or a nasty illusion. As always, you need a complete birthchart to pin down the precise possibilities of any planetary aspect.

And that is just day one. Now let's scan, Jupiter finally stops backward motion, comes to a standstill and goes direct on 9th May. This is great news for those born on 5th/6th September or 4th March and good news for us all. It's been a healing, cleansing and meticulous ordering of details lately, and now your projects and ideals can move forward. The temple is open and the blessings flow. Long distance journeys and pilgrimages can begin and horizons expand.

Well, perhaps Mars and Saturn are both retrograde in Sagittarius for the month, and *that* suggests that a great deal of purpose and effort will be needed to get the trip off the ground. Insurmountable set-backs for long-range plans for athletes and others preparing for tough challenges. This indicates incredibly rigorous and disciplined preparation, otherwise it's your own Grant Hackett moment. Only the tough make it through...

There's a nice Venus trine, Pluto trine, Moon node on 14th May. Fated attractions bloom and an almost soul mate sense of excitement is likely to surround "chance" meetings in the earth signs. "Let's get Physical" would be a strong mutual feeling. Going with the Sun signs again (all we can do without a birthchart) 7th/8th May, 9th/10th November, 7th/8th January and 9th/10th July are the hot birthday spots.

The Sun goes into Gemini on 21st May. Mercury goes direct on 22nd and goes into Gemini on 24th with a Full Moon in Sagittarius on 22nd, Jupiter picking up the pace kind of opposite to Neptune. So, a very flighty, excite, sparkly, bubbly 3 or 4 days. Mars, Saturn and Pluto, the heavys, all retrograde and grumpy in the back-room. Nothing serious now folks. Time to dance and play and celebrate the rites of May. Yay!

Blessings

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### First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

### Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

Yoga with Aileen 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

### Second Sunday

Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

### Every Monday

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Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

### Every Tuesday

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Kuranda AA meeting Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30pm

### Second Tuesday

Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph James Partridge 0402 119 642

### Second & Fourth Tuesday

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Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
ATHERTON	6.00am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.00am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
MAREEBA	6.30am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.30am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.35pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am	5.35pm

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.30pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.30pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.25pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.25pm	5.25pm	7.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS operate on Sunday Service \*1\* Timetable  
No Sunday 4.35pm or 6.25pm Services departing KURANDA on LONG WEEKENDS  
No Services operating on CHRISTMAS DAY or GOOD FRIDAY

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Timetable effective as of 01.01.2016



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Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$750,000



Acreage, SOLD 3 Bed, \$574,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$990,000



Acreage, SOLD 3 Bed, \$635,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$630,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$923,000



Acreage, SOLD 3 Bed, \$342,500



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$540,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$495,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$590,000



Acreage, SOLD 3 Bed, \$550,000



Acreage, SOLD 2 Bed, \$380,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$625,000



Acreage, SOLD 4 Bed, \$518,500



Acreage, SOLD 3 Bed, \$378,000