



# Cassowaries on the Kuranda Range Road

## What's prompted this discussion?

In recent years and again right now, cassowaries are seen on the Kuranda Range Road, raising concerns about their safety and the safety of people. When an awesome cassowary is seen close by the road, it's a normal reaction to want to stop or slow your car to view it, take photos or even endeavour to direct traffic if the bird is in danger of being hit. There is heavy traffic on this road. Some drivers become annoyed and want to push past and pandemonium is the order of the day. Sooner or later the birds wander off and things return to normal. The police seemed not to want to be involved, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is slow to respond and if QPWS officers are available, they usually don't arrive till the birds have moved on. It hasn't been clear where the birds have been accessing the road.

In the past year, a good deal of the KRR has been fitted out with steel bump barriers, which have incidentally blocked off some of the points where cassowaries might have accessed the road. Because of this, it is now clearer where the birds can access the road and why.

We know there is a population of cassowaries that occupy the forest that stretches from behind the James Cook University (JCU) and is bounded by the Cook Highway and the KRR. This includes the Kuranda Rainforestation property. There is another population on the other side of KRR, bounded by the Barron River, KRR and may extend to the back of Redlynch. There doesn't seem to be much interaction with the Black Mountain Road population and birds from these areas. There are known populations further to the west that extend from the Barron Falls National Park through to Speewah. This discussion focusses on the cassowaries which share the KRR boundary.

## How are they accessing the roadway?

The steel barriers that have been erected along the KRR in the past year have helped to block the cassowaries' access to the roadway, narrowing down the points where access can be gained. We are questioning the possibility of erecting temporary barriers across the sections without barriers. The birds forage along the slope bounded by JCU, KRR and Cook Highway. The area is fairly steep and the eastern side of the KRR is precipitous in some places. It is only where there is a gentle ramp up from the forest floor to the roadway that a cassowary can manage to get on to the road. There are only 4 or 5 places where this occurs.

The cassowaries are being seen this year between Water Point and the Henry Ross Lookout. Kuranda Conservation's Jax Bergersen is responsible for erecting "Recent Cassowary Crossing" signs when she receives confirmed reports of sightings. At present, the signs have been placed along this stretch of the KRR.

## Why are they coming to the roadside?

A major drawcard for the cassowaries, and one that is repeated year after year, is food scraps discarded by "litter buggers" (no apology for using this term). When a cassowary is seen on the side of the road, it seems almost irresistible to people to want to throw food to it. It goes without saying that there is no good to come from this action. It teaches the bird that people in cars are a source of food. Furthermore, the food is bound to be the wrong sort of food, possibly even dangerous for it to ingest.

Fruiting trees and vines that overhang the roadway are also a seasonal and learned source of food. This does occur on the KRR.

## When are cassowaries coming on to the road?

Sighting of cassowaries on KRR is seasonal. This year it is exceptionally late. It seems to occur when there are chicks in tow. However, juveniles have been seen, presumably searching for their own habitat. They may well have learned about the roadside from the parent bird. The last thing we want is for parent birds to teach their young about the availability of food (fruit or food scraps) on the KRR. This obviously prolongs the problem for years and over time, increases the number of birds which might seek to access the roadside, if they were to live long enough to breed themselves and bring their offspring back to this lucrative spot.

The cassowaries that we see on the road do not seem to be trying to get to the other side to access extended habitat. The roadside is the end of the line – a place where food can be found. When the birds leave the roadside, they follow the track back to where they came from. There are places where we do believe the birds move from one side of the road to the other. In these cases, it would appear that the KRR runs through their home range or that there are potential mates on the other side. We think Streets Creek is one such crossing place and that, for the most part, the culvert under the road at Streets Creek is where the birds are crossing over. We know there are a number of cassowaries on the Marshall's property and opposite that property, at Rainforestation. Both these properties have boundaries with extensive National Parks. Dedicated wildlife crossings at intervals along the length of the KRR are necessary if we are serious about reducing human threats to cassowaries.

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### Dismal Outlook

Thursday night (12th January) about 9.30pm I am driving home on Oak Forest Road and I come across a vehicle stopped in the middle of Dismal Creek bridge with its high beam directed at me (i.e. facing Kuranda direction). I could not see anyone around the vehicle. I waited for five minutes at a distance of approx 50 metres. Nothing happened (no visible activity). At this point I considered the possibility of a fallen tree and some considerate person was trying to warn traffic, then thought about alternate possibilities (some of which were not worth testing out), and reasoned most people would engage hazard lights and leave lights on low beam for safety). I decided to reverse back to a point I could turn around, drove back towards Kuranda a few hundred metres and parked in a driveway, and considered my options and what I should do if anything.


I waited about 15 minutes, and drove down again to see if the vehicle had moved or someone was visible, no, nothing changed. I returned to my driveway hideaway, and decided to ring 000 and ask/report what I had experienced to the police that answered, they said they would send a patrol out ASAP. So I waited and I waited (about an hour passed) and one other light coloured SUV did a similar thing during that hour (returned and rechecked 15 minutes later and then left for good). It was around 11.00pm by now, and I was considering ringing 000 again to check when the police patrol was expected – now thinking that Kuranda was unattended and a patrol from Cairns or Mareeba were on their way when finally a police patrol vehicle arrived at the scene.

I walked to within observation distance, and watched as those brave guys approached the vehicle, headlights still blazing, and no one in sight, trying to communicate with anyone in the vehicle – there was no response. One of the officers shone his torch into the side window of the car (remember it is pitch black – lights blazing, and I think the engine was still running – and on a narrow bridge – water level about three metres straight down) and luckily found a person asleep at the wheel. More brave stuff – they woke him – and questioned him etc, moved the vehicle off the bridge so that traffic could pass, just in time for another small sedan to pass, I then walked back to my car, and knew I could get home finally, drove up to the police, and they waved me on – i.e. suggested with hand signals to move on. I decided I needed to tell them that it was me who called the incident in, and this might be useful to the police.

They told me that no one from 000 contacted them at all – it was a regular patrol or they were on the way for another reason (can't quite be sure what they said). So I responded as anyone would with "thank you"... and thought about the incident on the last few kilometers home.

Two significant thoughts kept repeating in my head – first and foremost – thank you to those police (who I now assume are from Kuranda). What would we do without them. I guess they are presented with lots of similar situations on a very regular basis (and sure I would have been a little more likely to approach the vehicle if I had a bullet proof vest and a firearm – that has issues of its own) but they would not know how many men could have been waiting for them or what their intent was. Thank you Kuranda Police. The second thought was not to assume that a 000 will get the response you need in every case. If the time marches on and nothing happens, ring again, and again. In this case I am glad that the situation was very static and no urgency or emergency eventuated.

Peter Stein



**– IMPORTANT MEETING –**  
**Sunday 19th February**  
**3.00pm**  
**Barron Falls Hotel**  
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Members will receive a report prior to the meeting.  
All residents interested in forming a Mens Shed in Kuranda are urged to attend.

*It is time to lean in with a bit of shoulder*

### Make Kuranda Great Again

First, let me say thank you to the small in number but well dedicated volunteers that take the time to assemble the best source of local news and coming events in FNQ if not the nation.

Talk of social media, the online version of the paper is accessible and well set up for sharing with folks at home or abroad. Thanks to Seren Starlight, a long-time volunteer.

Kuranda has many facets. Apart from the tourism which drives a good part of the local economy there are many other sections of the community. It should be known that we have some of the country's finest artists in the fields of ceramics, oil painting, digital art and sculpture.

Along with that we have access to great home builders, landscapers and developers not to mention a proliferation of philosophers, what may be lacking is a keen use of all this local talent so this missive is a plea to "make Kuranda great again" by utilising local assets as much as possible.

Please support the local markets not only in Kuranda but also Speewah with great bargains in fruit and veg and Mareeba markets with an amazing variety of stalls with local produce, plants and poultry all at better than supermarket prices.

Having said that there is surely no better place on this planet to live than right here in Kuranda.

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### Kuranda Lookout Memorial Plaque

I am pleased to report that TMR (Main Roads) contacted me recently to ascertain the whereabouts of the stolen and vandalised brass plaque which used to sit on the currently bare concrete plinth at the Henry Ross Lookout. The plaque (erected in 1952) commemorates the Battle of The Coral Sea and takes the form of a starburst compass marking important places and distances to them.



Since the plaque was found again through *The Kuranda Paper* in 2014, it is fitting that I can now report here that TMR, and Craig Crawford MP, have confirmed to me that the plaque will be reinstalled following the upgrade of the Lookout, which is being funded through the Premier's State Scenic Lookouts project.

Many thanks go to the local Kuranda family who salvaged the plaque from the fire pit of the thieves' bush camp, helping keep our hidden history alive.

Gayle Hannah, Kuranda



KVIC MURAL DETAIL BY ZANE SAUNDERS





# KVIC Mural

Last month Mareeba Shire Council Mayor Tom Gilmore officially opened a marine debris awareness art project in Kuranda.

The stunning mural by artist Zane Saunders (pictured at right with Mayor Tom Gilmore) highlights the impact of rubbish and pollution on the rivers and rainforest ecosystem of the Great Barrier Reef.

Mr Saunders said there is a lot of meaning within the work itself. "Essentially it's about marine debris and that awareness that we need to care for the country and how we dispose of rubbish or any waste and how we interact with the land," he said.

"Just being mindful of the land, it was here before us and also the animals that occupy it."

Mayor Tom Gilmore said the artwork is a commitment to protecting the Great Barrier Reef. "This mural means to me a deep abiding commitment by our community and the Kuranda community and our indigenous friends who are deeply committed to exactly the same thing as we all are, and that is to ensure that we pass to the future generations a Great Barrier Reef that is worthy of them and worthy of us having been the custodians," Cr Gilmore said.

This artwork was developed as part of the Great Barrier Reef Clean-up which was funded by the Australia Government's Reef Trust, in partnership with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Mareeba Shire Council.



## Kuranda Envirocare receives Cassowary Award

The Cassowary Awards were established by the Wet Tropics Management Authority in 1999 to recognise individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions towards the conservation and presentation of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.

Award recipients come from a range of backgrounds including farmers, scientists, conservationists, artists and tour operators. The diverse award recipients have all made an exceptional effort towards the protection

and management of the World Heritage Area, often devoting many years of their life to their passion.

Kuranda Envirocare is thrilled to have been awarded the 2016 Conservation and Rehabilitation—Thorsborne Award for community conservation.

We'd like to especially thank the hundreds of local volunteers who have put in hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours over the years, to increase wildlife habitat, monitor threatened species, reduce weeds and tramp-ant threats, educate the community through workshops on plants, birds and frogs and generally improve the environment in which we live.

Thanks also to the hundreds of national and international visitor volunteers who have joined with us in these endeavours around Kuranda.

We would also like to commend Mikhaila Jacoby, selected as a finalist in the Young Cassowary award, for her commitment in establishing the Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant community taskforce.

Photo: L to R: Volunteers Judy Lovett, Sylvia Conway (P/T coordinator), Kathryn Edwards, Jenny Cluney, Hans and Margaret Zehntner



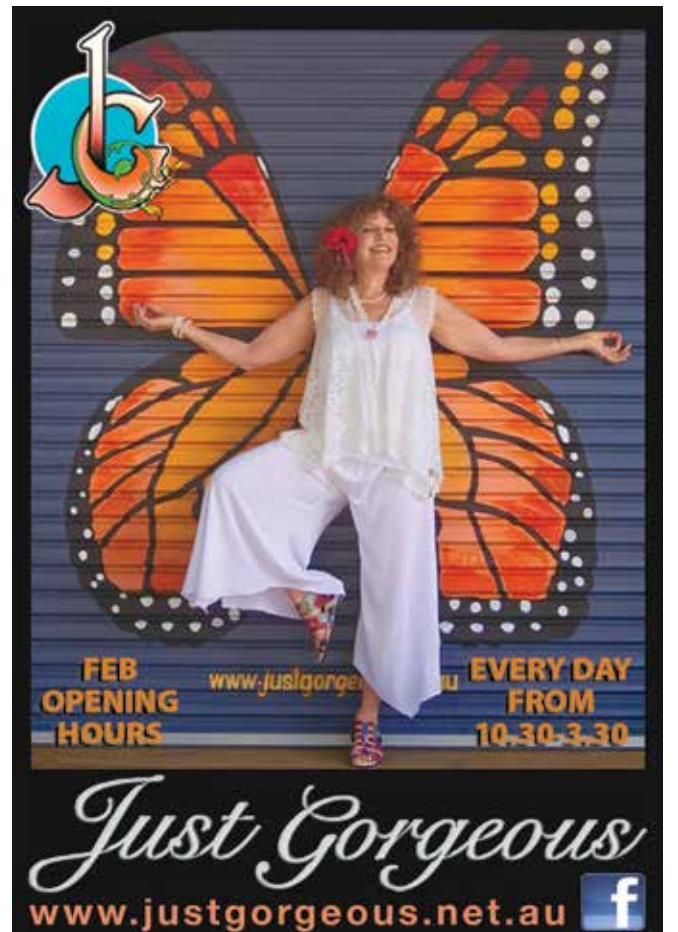

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We will have an extra service counter for the busy periods.

We are still waiting on Telstra to transfer our phone and fax lines (as at the date of publication), so we are unable to receive calls.

Please drop over and have a look.

– Colin West



# Skyrail Closing For a Month

SKYRAIL is preparing to temporarily shut down for an important upgrade. It is closing from **8th May to 5th June** for its longest period of scheduled maintenance since the rainforest cableway opened 22 years ago.

The time will be spent upgrading the cableway's original lift technology and changing their main communications pathway from old copper technology to fibre optics.

However, there has been some criticism from local tourism operators and local Kuranda businesses, with some saying there had been a lack of communication with the local tourism industry about the month-long closure, particularly operators who were still taking bookings during the period.

"I don't mind when it's off for two days, but when it comes a month of no Skyrail, that's different," he said. "How do the people in Kuranda operate with two trains, and that's it?" Cairns luxury Coaches owner Peter Hodgkinson was reported as saying in a recent *Cairns Post* article.

Such a long shutdown is a matter of concern for Kuranda businesses which rely so heavily on Skyrail and QRail to maximise visitors to the village.

For Kuranda and Far North Queensland residents who might have family or friends planning a visit from 8th May to 5th June, we print this to give you a heads up that you may have to alter holiday plans around this extended close down period.



Magnificent *Brachychiton acerifolius* (Illawarra Flame Tree) along Myola Road



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## Recent heavy rainfall once again triggered concerns about water quality in Owen and Warrill Creek.

Both creeks flow into the Barron River via the former Barnwell Estate (site of the proposed 'Kur-World' development) and are known habitat for the highly endangered Kuranda Tree Frog. The species was located in both creeks as recently as a year ago, although by then some gullies had already been degraded by site works undertaken by Barnwell's new owner, developer Ken Lee.

The Kuranda Tree Frog has only been found in a few creeks along the Myola Valley, including these two. **It is not found anywhere else in the world; this is truly OUR unique species** (and not the only one!) Turbid water threatens the frog's survival, so ensuring creeks run clear is an obvious priority if we wish to save this iconic local frog from extinction.

Kuranda resident and professional wildlife photographer Steven Nowakowski visited lower parts of both creeks in mid-January. His photos indicate that once again the water is very muddy.

The KRPG issued a press release publicising this, which was picked up by various local media including the Cairns Post. The developer's environmental consultant responded that according to his data, water flowing into the Barnwell Estate is actually cleaner than the water flowing out.

Local volunteers simply don't have the resources or access to get to the bottom of this apparent mystery, but the situation should not be allowed to drift. As the frog is a Federally-listed endangered species, we've written again to Environment Minister Frydenberg calling for immediate action. We've also asked the developer's environmental consultant to release his water quality data so we can all better understand what's happening. Whoever is polluting these crucial streams should stop immediately.

To secure a future for Myola's highly endangered endemic species, we need urgent, co-operative and well co-ordinated action. Ideally, a Species Recovery Program would detail actions needed to maintain healthy populations of the frog throughout its known range. Regular monitoring of water quality and population numbers is obviously required - and while locals can help with much of this, government has a responsibility to authorise and support the work.

The term 'Anthropocene' is increasingly used to describe the planet this generation has inherited. It's a world in which the survival of wildlife is increasingly a matter of human choice. If we care enough, we can conserve our environmental heritage. If we don't, much of it will perish on our watch.

We believe the Kuranda community, as a whole, does care - but there's little evidence that conservation of biodiversity is a genuine priority for local, State and Federal Governments.

**LOG YOUR CASSOWARY SIGHTING IN KURANDA REGION**

The Cassowary's future is about good planning. Supporting cassowary essential habitat in our local **Wildlife Corridors** is crucial for long term survival of the species.

**SIGHTINGS NEEDED!**

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All cassowary sightings in the last 5 years welcome!

**OUTGOING COMMUNICATIONS**

- **MEDIA RELEASE 12 JAN: KUR-World Saga: more evidence of damage to crucial wildlife habitat**
- **MEDIA RELEASE 19 JAN: WHO IS MUDDYING THE WATERS?**
- **LETTER: Mareeba Shire Council regarding turbidity in the creeks**
- **LETTER: Federal Environment Minister Frydenberg regarding Water Pollution and Kuranda Tree Frog creeks**
- **LETTER: Neil Boland, NRA Environmental Approval and Compliance Solutions, engaged by KUR-World, requesting clarification of Cairns Post article (15 Jan) citing water pollution source. We have requested data sharing to ensure best outcomes for endangered species.**

Owen Creek near the development site of KUR-World showing turbidity following heavy rainfall

KUR-World's muddy waters are clean, says environmental expert

Daniel Bateman, The Cairns Post  
January 15, 2017

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Rhonda, thanks for all your hard work, dedication, advice, listening to us whinging and fixing all of our problems. From all the team at Kuranda Discount Drug Store.

Rhonda now has her sights set on looking after her grandkids and travelling the world with her husband Steve.

“All the years you’ve been an inspiration to all of us, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. Time to work on the things you love”.

– *Staff and Management of the Kuranda Pharmacy*



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# Focus on Kuranda



**Focus on Kuranda Photography Group is a Facebook group** initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin. The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor. It's also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

The Moderator of the page will advise *The Kuranda Paper* of the photograph that has received the most 'likes' in the previous month, and it will be published in the paper.

As there was no edition published in December, there are two 'winners' this month: Matthew Fry, Cassowary in a Mason Road backyard, 16th December 2016, and Melissa Frances Clinton, Barron River reflections, 2nd January 2017.



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Saturday morning **Athletics** for kids also starts soon. We were successful in a Sport and Recreation Get Going Clubs grant, which provided funds for new equipment for athletics, tennis and soccer. We are looking forward to delivery of the new gear in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned to emails or Facebook for details of times and dates of Athletics and other multi-sports activities.

The **KRC AGM** is Sunday 5th March 3.00pm. All welcome. Keen to get involved? Please email us for nomination forms and details about positions.

**- NOTICE -**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 5 March**  
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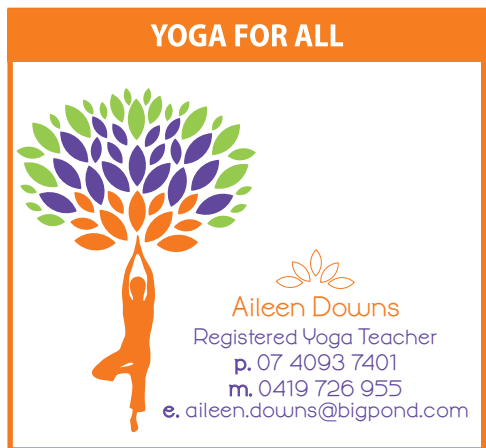
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# Gardening in Kuranda

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**FEBRUARY** and an uncertain start to the Wet. Although some good falls, rapid drying out takes place this time of the year and raised beds and potted and basket plants are vulnerable. It pays to keep an eye on watering.

Getting children interested in the garden provides the source of a lifetime joy and interest and an engagement with the cycles and wonders of nature. Remember that our children are the guardians of the future and our natural environment.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Petraeovitex bambusetorum***  
Syn: *P. bambusitrum*, *P. wolfei*. Common name **Nong Nooch Vine**. Family: Lamiaceae.

This stunning climber apparently from Kedah, Malaysia and was introduced into the Singapore Botanical gardens in 1938 and has only recently come into general cultivation and is still extremely rare in Australia. Although of tropical origin, it promises great potential as it is easily cultivated and takes readily to container growing.



Originally placed in the Verbenaceae family as in flower, leaf and growth it is very similar to some clerodendrums, DNA results posit its placement in Lamiaceae. *Petraeovitex* is extremely long flowering from early Spring through to late Autumn with its long to 1m+ inflorescences opening over many weeks, forming on the tips of the vining stems and carrying persistent yellow bracts and short lived white flowers. Once established in any good soil and taking full sun to dappled shade, while early growth appears somewhat slow, once away, training of its supple stems can result in a spectacular display.

Given apparent ease of cultivation and its relative short period of introduction, careful observation should be maintained as to seed set/distribution as a high proportion of introduced, rampant and declared weeds are climbing plants which pose significant threat to the rain forests.

**Q&A** *Dear Areka*, The stunning foliage you saw on the footpath planting was *Browneopsis ucayalina*, a compact tree native to rainforest areas of Ecuador, Colombia and Peru with its long drooping flushes of new growth in beet reds and golds turning to a sombre green on maturing. Somewhat slow in initial stages, requiring a sheltered position and average soil. Still difficult to source and somewhat expensive, it is stocked by Equatorial Exotics and seed is frequently available on the internet.



*Dear Kylie*, Welcome to the area. Moving from down South is a big change and gardening here in the tropics requires adjusting to the seasonal Wet and Dry with sometimes prolonged and heavy rains and then months without rain. As well there is adjustment to a range of garden visitors, some rather persistent and destructive of planted area. Also you should enjoy the scope of new and unfamiliar plants.

The old Latin adage *Festina lente* is a good one to adopt when planning and planting your new garden. Visiting local Markets for plant sources and joining the local Kuranda Garden Club will both save effort, time and money as well as making new friends.

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



## GOLDEN ACRES

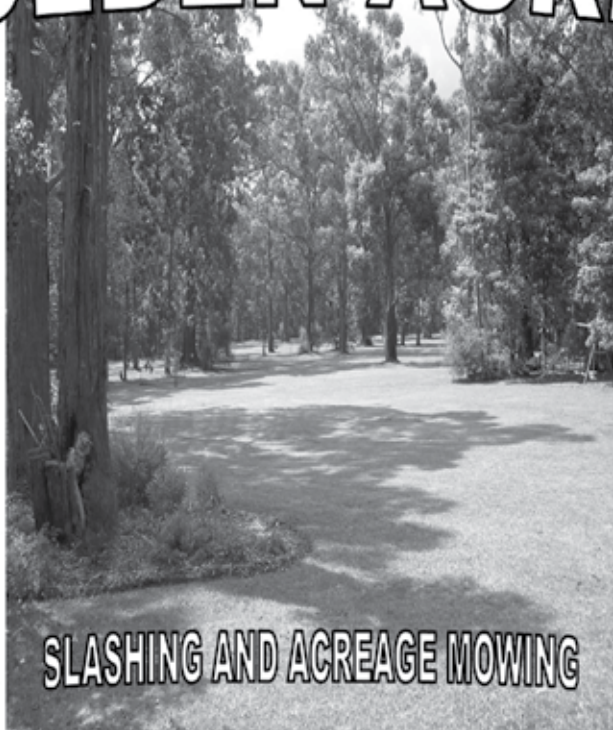
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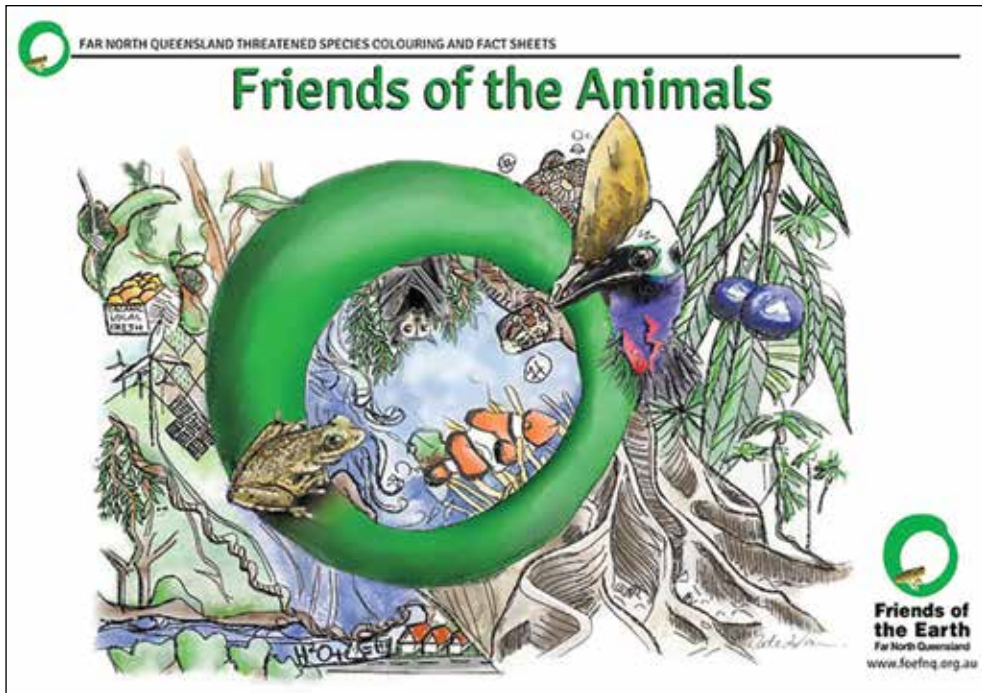


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**Plantation Burn-offs**

Apparently there were two separate burn-offs at Hancock Plantations recently. One was near McKenzie Pocket road (40 hectares) and one near the end of Black Mountain road near Quaid's road (13 hectares). Friends of the Earth FNQ is concerned about these apparently unannounced burnings. In 2010, Queensland Government sold 99 year leases of Forestry Plantations to Hancock's Timber Resources: 350,000 hectares in all. The plantation near Kuranda is situated right next to Wet Tropics World Heritage.

We are campaigning for the Kuranda plantations to be re-vegetated for crucial wildlife corridors and habitat. We are not against forestry but these plantation are in the wrong place. We aim to have a meaningful and cooperative dialogue with HQ plantations to get the best outcome for our area and for our wildlife.

**Update on Mareeba Bat Colony**

Following pressure from the community and environmental groups, the Mareeba dispersal has been postponed. The camp was set up last spring by Spectacled Flying-foxes, a Vulnerable species under State and Federal Law. The Spectacled Flying-foxes gave birth here and are currently nursing their young. The Little Red Flying-foxes arrived more recently and now number a fair proportion of the colony.

When all Spectacled Flying-fox pups are flying out at night, Mareeba Shire Council plans to re-assess the camp to see if dispersal is needed. Dispersals are costly and have a large failure rate.

The colony is opposite the Community Kindergarten on a Council reserve with a creek, which is their natural habitat. There is a road separating the flying-fox colony from the Kindergarten. We are concerned that any dispersal attempt might scatter the bats into surrounding gardens including the Kindergarten and there might be injured or scared bats left on the ground. There is also a school just a few hundred meters away. Usually the flying-foxes will leave by themselves when they have raised their young. The Little Red Flying-foxes are very nomadic and could leave any time when they find a good food source somewhere else.

In the meantime, the nightly fly-outs are spectacular and provide an ecotourism opportunity for any enterprising local businesses.

**Mobilising and Organising in Kuranda**

Friends of the Earth FNQ ran a workshop on how we might achieve what we want in our local campaigns to protect the environment. Turns out the answer is NUMBERS! We need lots of different people with active AND smart participation. Sometimes our organisations have people just turning out for stuff. Where people have written about this, it's called 'mobilising'. Sometimes we spend time looking after people and training them up to do new and ever more complicated things. This is 'organising'.

To build strong organisations we need to do both. That's because IF we are to achieve our vision for a just and ecological world we have to show we have POWER. And we have to be able to WIELD that power...Pull it out when we NEED to change things. If we already had power, we'd just be able to point out those things not going well. The 'decision makers' would then say..."Oh! that's a good idea" and thoughtfully implement. We wish!

So to win what we want, we have to wage campaigns and show we have 'power'. We all have to get involved with events, activities and actions! For example, 7000 people have signed a petition to control dangerous roaming dogs. Those people need to be given opportunities for new, more powerful participation. Activities and involvement can be transformative. What we do now hasn't quite been enough... Let us help you take the next step! Join Friends of the Earth at [https://fnq-foe.nationbuilder.com/supporting\\_membership](https://fnq-foe.nationbuilder.com/supporting_membership).



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# The Arts Page

## KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE A Unique Concert Theatre in the Rainforest Amphitheatre News

### Kuranda Amphitheatre News

February 2017

Welcome to new KAS members!

Members and Friends,  
It's Annual General Meeting time again, **Saturday 25 Feb, at 2pm**. Please attend as your input is greatly appreciated.

As well as positions available on the management committee we are seeking your assistance with the many different areas of the venue, in particular an Understage Crew (set up and pack down, bar, door). For upcoming concert bookings a manager and staff for the Tea and Coffee stall is required. If you can assist with anything please email the contact address below or message the Kuranda Amphitheatre official Facebook page.

Notice of K.A.S.  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Saturday 25th February, 2:00 pm

The next gig coming up at the Understage is another event by new local entertainment company **Pitmole Productions**. **HAT FITZ & CARA** will be performing on Sunday 26th February. This is a very popular act so come along and enjoy. Check out the *Music Page*, 14, for more information.



HAT FITZ & CARA

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Designated Smoking Area has been established for Understage events, ensuring that guests will not be affected. We ask all guests to be considerate of others and use the designated area.

**UPGRADES:** 2016 was a very busy year at the Amphitheatre with upgrades and refurbishments beautifying the venue, and preparations for upcoming concert bookings.

Have you been into the Amphitheatre lately? If not, have a look. It's amazing to see the improvements. There are more plans for the coming months too, so keep your eye on it!

All of these improvements would not have happened without the **RISE** crew who work tirelessly to benefit our community place. The Kuranda Amphitheatre is close to the heart of many locals and it's great to see our community continuing to give their time and energy to ensure our venue is there for generations to come.

Many thanks to **RISE** and the crew for having faith in this valuable project and ensuring the Kuranda community retains what is ours. For the people, by the people.

**WEBSITE:** The website is currently undergoing a reconstruction phase. The site has always had a page for Local Performers and we are looking to update this. We are offering the opportunity to local bands, artists and performers to send your bio, info and a high resolution image to the email address below. If you are already on the page you may wish to update your info or images. This could be helpful in gaining more gigs or perhaps a support act with touring bands.

**HIRE:** The Understage is now available for daily and evening hire, and the Kup Muri Pit, KAS Kitchen and Top Pavilion are also available for hire.

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability. Membership Forms available from:  
[www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) or "The Honey House", Therwine Street.  
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KAS ADMIN TEAM



## Visions of Aya

I am new to Kuranda and absolutely loving the vibrant welcoming community ~ Jordana, "Visions of Aya".

I bring to town a unique style of indigenous artwork importing traditional Shipibo embroidery representing Ayahuasca

medicine. The Shipibo tribe is an indigenous native Peruvian tribe of South America. The people are still very much in touch with nature and the Amazonian plant medicines. They capture their visions into colourful unique embroidered artwork.

**Ayahuasca** is their shamanic brew that allows them to see and understand illnesses and links them to the appropriate antidote cure, by using various medicinal plants still thriving in the Amazon Rainforest.

I have travelled to Peru and connected with the Shipibo families, and buy directly from them, supporting their local communities and further preservation of their ancient knowledge of the

plant medicines. I have experienced great healing and clarity from partaking in these plant medicine ceremonies.

I have a huge passion for medicinal plants and am a great source of knowledge in this area. I also guide everyday people to safe healing retreats in Peru. You will find me most days down at the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets at the **Visions of Aya** stall.

Feel free to drop by, - Jordana

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## Ayahuasca Art

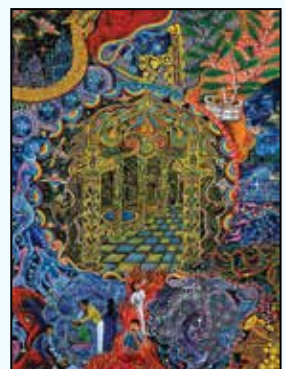
**WHAT IS AYAHUASCA?** "Ayahuasca is an Amazonian plant mixture that is capable of inducing altered states of consciousness, usually lasting between 4 to 8 hours after ingestion. Ranging from mildly stimulating to extremely visionary, ayahuasca is used primarily as a medicine and as a shamanic means of communication, typically in a ceremonial session under the guidance of an experienced drinker." - <http://www.ayahuasca-info.com/art>  
Here are some examples **Ayahuasca Art** created by the partakers of this amazing elixir. See more at the website.



Felix Pinchi Aguire "Andrie Verner"



Amanda Sage "Orphic Awakening"



Pablo Ameringo "Pagoda Dorada"



Pablo Ameringo



Mariposa Galctica "Humming Bird Earth Goddess Joshua Tree"



Alexander Ward "As Forcas"



Felix Pinchi Aguire "Ayahuasca Mama"

Ayahuasca Art from - <http://www.ayahuasca-info.com/art>

Spectacular art from the mind. Enjoy, and take a look at some of the other fantastic visionary creations out there,



seren

## ALL IS ART

Many art forms have been featured on these pages. Well ALL is ART, is it not? We have had rubber art, soap art, string art, bread art, jewellery, fine art, and now we bring you Visionary Art. The art that's found on the "inside". (check out also "Kurandarite" Adam Scott Miller's work <http://adamscottmiller.com>). Ever since "a neolith named Dave started painting in a cave" humans have endeavoured to express what they saw, felt, experienced, and imagined. The tradition lives on. It has been said by many a wise person that we will only find what lies beyond by looking within. The illustration (right) was found on the "Quora" website with the question "Is this art?". Well, yes, it is. It depicts an actual place in our cosmos seen through the Hubble telescope. It appears that what's outside does look a lot like what is inside after all. Each one of us is at centre of the universe. Enjoy the view. Sweet visions Art Lovers,



seren.





# NBN Comes to Kuranda & Surrounds!

Well, it has certainly taken its time, but finally for most of the surrounding areas NBN has finally arrived, with Kuranda village and surrounding streets due to come online in around mid February!

With that in mind *The Kuranda Paper* has taken up an offer from Kuranda local computer guru Thomas Verfuth to answer any questions readers might have regarding NBN including types, options, pluses and minuses and troubleshooting. Thomas will also address another other tech questions you might have.

### So what exactly is NBN?

NBN or otherwise referred to the National Broadband Network is rolling out fibre-optic, fixed wireless and satellite infrastructure to replace the existing broadband infrastructure with a much faster and more reliable broadband service. NBN has the capability of offering download speeds of up to 100 megabits per second (which is more than four times faster than the fastest theoretical available ADSL2+ broadband, but realistically when considering average consumer ADSL connection speeds NBN can be up to 15 times faster!) The rolling out of NBN is a game changer, offering a whole new world of what we can use the internet for!

Next month's edition of *The Kuranda Paper* will discuss the types of NBN and answers to your questions.

Send your NBN and other tech questions for Thomas to: [mail@kurandapaper.com](mailto:mail@kurandapaper.com) or post to Kuranda Paper PO Box 66 Kuranda Qld 4881.

Local Speewah resident Thomas Verfurth has 17 years of hands-on industry experience and is a Fully Qualified Computer Technician with Diploma in Information Technology (Technical Support & Network Support). Thomas (who operates local business Cairns Computer Support) is able to discuss NBN for your home or business with you. Cairns Computer Support is a reseller for several NBN services.

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# KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

### Vale Marc La Baysse

Members of the Art Co-op are saddened by the very recent passing of Marc La Baysse, aged 84, and extend their deepest sympathy to Didi and her family for their loss.

Marc La Baysse was a long time supporter of the Kuranda Arts Co-op and was highly regarded and respected in the Kuranda community.

### RADF Grants Funding Now Available

Mareeba Shire Council is now inviting individuals, groups, associations and arts and cultural companies to submit applications for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 2016-2017 Community Grants. Applicants may apply for RADF grants of less than \$10,000 (co-contribution required) for a range of arts, cultural and heritage activities. RADF 2016-17 Community Grant Guidelines, Application Forms and Outcome Reports are now available for download on the Mareeba Shire Council website or from Kuranda Library.

Applications must be submitted on or before the Tuesday 28th February, 2017.

### Sad News for the Arts World

Dusty (Bob) Prickett, well known sculptor and past member of the Co-op, passed away this month. Dusty Bob made 1100 Chilligoe marble sculptures from 1992-2014. What an achievement. He was a great supporter of the visual arts and will be sadly missed.

Kuranda Arts Co-op members extend condolences to his family and friends.

### Co-op Social Night

Members of the Co-op enjoyed a social night this month, welcoming new members and learning the processes of their individual art mediums. This was very worthwhile for existing members to meet and greet Steve Hutchins, Richard Harborne, Michael Bircks and Judit Sztraka. New artwork by these artists is now available in the Arts Co-op Gallery.

### Thanks to Lavena Bosworth

Members of the Co-op would like to thank visiting young artist Lavena Bosworth from Ingham, who spent time in the gallery taking photographs for our Facebook page and generally throughout the gallery. Lavena will be studying art this year in Year 12, specialising in photography. We wish her well with her studies.

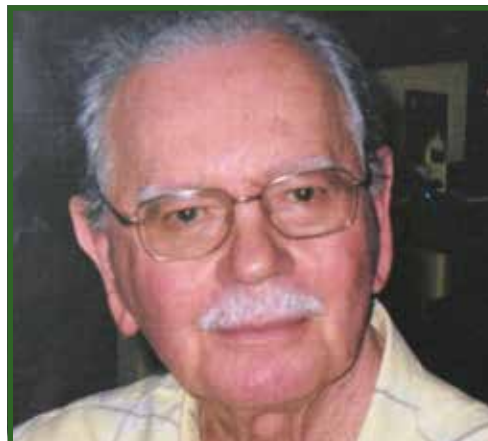
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February

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# MUSIC PAGES



## Billabong Beats 1st Sunday Session

The Billabong, Kuranda  
Sunday 5th February

This Billabong Beats Sunday Session is dedicated to all the bass lovers in name of DUB.

International producer **Radikal Guru** is touring Oz with his new album **Dub Mentalist**. And everyone out at The Billabong are feeling really lucky that Cairns has been included in the tour, hence the **1st Billabong Beats Sunday Session**.

**Radikal Guru** has pioneered a compelling and unique fusion of sounds that encompass dub, reggae and dubstep. Not only a talented producer, Poland born **Mateusz Miller** is also a fine selector and DJ, conveying his passion for music through DJ sets that pay homage to the sound and culture's rich history as much as they showcase the freshest cuts of sonic innovation from himself and his contemporaries. He has hit spots all around the world as far afield as Russia or South Africa to assault sound systems with bass-fuelled beats and positive vibes, including recent gigs in the US and Mexico. Come and listen to his sweet tunes on a real sound system, he won't be back in Far North Queensland for a while!

Supporting **Radikal Guru** for the **Sunday Session** with more fyah are **Baptiste** (Byron Bay), **The Taste** (Cairns), **YUV**, Kuranda's **Elementary HiFi**, **Dubcide**, **Digital Spin**, and **Black Mountain Collective**, with special guests on the day.

Tickets: \$25 includes free camping. Shuttle bus and glamping available with Cairns Travel Beats ph.0406 534 996. Bookings essential.

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## Hats Fitz & Cara The Understage Sunday 26th February

"Aussie bluesman and Irish Songstress get married, form a band and make great music together. This shabby hill country blues oozes cool". Guitar & Bass Magazine

**Hat Fitz** is a "veteran" wild man of the blues scene in Australia. He has a record 18 straight appearances at Byron's East Coast Blues and Roots Festival, a record that is not likely to ever be broken, and one which bears testimony to his amazing live performances and popularity with festival goers.

**Cara** draws on her soul background (she's toured Europe and the United States with singers such as *Jamiroquai* and the hugely popular *Corinne Bailey-Rae*), and although blessed with a sensational voice she was not content to be labelled as 'just a singer'. She has taken to drumming duties as well as washboards, flute and tin whistle, sometimes all at once.

'**Doing It Again**' is the first single from the dynamic duo's fourth album '**After The Rain**', and is a romping, stomping peek inside a relationship holding strong through all kinds of weather. **Cara** says "We wanted to keep the authenticity of the piece and so decided to



accompany the piece later on our vintage kit with original rawhide and 1920s marching snare. This seemed to compliment the percussive contour of Fitz's playing on the Australian made Greg Beeton's resonator mandolin."

'**Doing it Again**' was born from one of those 'heat of the moment' which couples find themselves in from time to time. When your musical partner is also your romantic partner, sometimes art can imitate life and sometimes, if you're lucky, you can get a ripper song out of a little frustration.

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Samuel J. Fell

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## THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEW

### Blue & Lonesome: Rolling Stones



And it's goodbye to... Kuranda's Rolling Stone, **Graeme Thorburn**.

**Graeme** loved the Stones, and John Lennon and Bob Dylan, outlaw country and had his own home-grown cynical humorous take on life and livin' in Kuranda.

**Graeme's** one gripe on passing was he was going to get to Rock'n'Roll heaven before **Mick** and **Keef**. Never mind bro – they, unbeknownst perhaps to them, have celebrated your life with their first and only pure blues album, released at the time of **Graeme's** passing and with **Mick** and **Keef** and **Charlie** and **Ronnie** and friends going right back to their roots and honouring the black American bluesmen who gave them their inspiration some 50 plus years ago: **Mick** moaning and howling to the blue songs of the wolf; *Little Walter, Willie Dixon, Magic Sam* and company. Playing a wicked harp deep into the blues. **Keith** and **Ronnie** sharing licks, riffs and just



The Rolling Stones - Photo courtesy of Rolling Stone Magazine

kicking out the jams. As **Ronnie** says "Keith and I communicated when we're playing by looking at one another. We didn't work out the parts prior to recording. We just seemed to pull it off." And do they ever! Eric Clapton was apparently working in the next studio; wandered in and played on the tracks. The album was a 'first taker', three days recording, no overdubs and as **Charlie** says "It's not technical, it's emotional – the hardest thing of all is to get that feeling across". And they do.

Here's a deep love for the blues by the masters of rock, digging right into the roots. If you like the **Stones** or the blues or both, this is one essential album.

And **Graeme Thorburn** would love it...

*The Boogies*





# Cassowaries on the Kuranda Range Road

...from page 1

## What might be done to prevent them accessing the roadway?

The ultimate remedy to the situation is to rebuild the road as planned years ago with tunnels and bridges to allow for free-flowing wildlife movement and a road dedicated to traffic. However, in the shorter term, to seriously address the issue of cassowaries accessing the KRR, permanent barriers, dedicated wildlife crossings, such as on-surface crossings (traffic would have to slow down considerably at these points), and overpasses (possum ladders, tree kangaroo overpasses) would have to be built. This would be expensive and some would see it as inconvenient that they would be required to slow down or stop from time to time.

But it does not necessarily require such dedicated measures – at least just now. Cassowaries on the KRR is a seasonal thing. There are several measures that we might take to deal with this issue, including inter alia:

- Temporary barriers that could be rolled out at the first seasonal sighting and kept in place for say three months would probably prove to be adequate. The barriers could be made from plastic bunting. In some places 100m of the material might be required to block off where we know the bird is gaining access. If the bird then moves on to find another access point, then we put up more bunting at that point. It's not difficult or expensive. It just requires putting a plan in place and being ready to activate it when needed.
- It's probably a Cairns City Council task to organise regular litter pick-up to reduce available food scraps. The verges of the KRR are a disgrace and an embarrassment. Cleaning them up should and could be a regular activity, unless we can come up with a plan to stop litter-buggers from making this task a necessity. Now there's a project that needs an innovative leader.
- At the same time cassowaries are seen on the KRR, several trees and vines are fruiting, including Faradaya, quandongs and figs. Should we consider removing those trees or, at least, removing limbs that overhang the road. For every tree removed, ten more can be replanted within the range of the affected birds, just not beside the road.
- Another solution to keeping the birds off the road may be to keep the fruit off the road. This would require us citizens to sweep fallen fruit off the road and rake it off the pull-over bays and over the embankment. This only needs to be done during the season. Sounds simple enough – and it is.

## What is the urgency of this issue – what's at stake?

Cassowaries are a threatened species. We are obliged to protect them. So is the TMR. It is the raison d'être of QPWS to do so.

- Cassowaries on the KRR are at risk of physical injury or death by vehicle hits.
- Cassowaries on the KRR, which are eating food scraps are at risk of injury or death, not only from poisoning from inappropriate food and pathogens, but also from ingesting sharp objects, even gravel, which can cause ruptured bowel injury. We have lost two cassowaries in the last two years due to their bowels rupturing, apparently from gravel.
- People are at risk when their attention is diverted by seeing a cassowary on the side of the road.
- People are at risk when they stop and try to direct traffic. It's not a matter of "call the police" or the authorities to deal with the incident; it's an urgent situation that the people there, at that time, feel they must deal with.
- People and cassowaries are at risk when a startled bird might dart onto the roadway, an event the consequences of which are enormously exacerbated in wet weather – just when the cassowaries are out on the KRR.

**The situation can be remedied – and must be. It is achievable and inexpensive. Let's put our minds to it.**

*Jax Bergersen*

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## LATEST NEWS FROM KUR-WORLD and BARNWELL FARM

### KUR-WORLD

#### Environmental Surveys

Fauna, flora and water quality surveys are currently underway. These will be complemented by an aquatic ecology survey once streams have flowed for enough time to allow seasonal aquatic communities to mature. Further, frog surveys will be conducted on and off site by Dr Conrad Hoskins of JCU. These studies will provide an indication of the relative health of the aquatic systems on site and the extent of historical impacts.

#### Social and Community

The EIS project team met with the newly formed Community Reference Group during December and briefed the Mareeba Shire Council on project updates. A site meeting was also held recently with the Wet Tropics Management Authority to discuss potential impacts and mitigation strategies.

A number of community events and studies are planned in the coming months including:

- Neighbours Day - Tuesday 7th February
- Public Open Day - Saturday 18th February
- Cultural Heritage Surveys (Indigenous and Non-Indigenous) will also commence in February.

### BARNWELL FARM

#### The First Flush

The first flush is the first event of the wet season when all streams on a site flow. Therefore, it is when any pollutants present are likely to be mobilised. This event occurred on the 9th January after several days of rain.

Up to 12 sites across the property and downstream were selected and the samples have been analysed for over 30 physical and chemical parameters relevant to assessing water quality against Queensland and Australian aquatic ecology guidelines.

A critical parameter for the protection of frogs and fish is total suspended solids (TSS) which measures the sediment load carried by a stream. On 9th January the TSS flowing into the site from Haren Creek was 29 milligrams per litre (mg/L), the TSS leaving the site in Owen Creek was 12 mg/L and the flooded Barron River ranged between 34-38 mg/L.

Further details of the monitoring program are available on the website.

#### Organic farm

Vegetables are growing well and biodynamic treatment of the soil is ongoing.

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- Fred and Adam were walking down the road and Fred said to Adam, "Look at that dog with one eye!" Adam covers one of his eyes and says, "Where?"
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Preference will be given to projects that respond to the locally identified priority of "cultural tourism". Applications must be submitted by **28th February 2017**.

Guidelines and application forms are available on Council's website [www.msc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-sponsorship/](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-sponsorship/) or from Customer Service Centres and Libraries. For more information please contact MSC RADF Officer Jane Hollins on 4086 4695 or [janeh@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:janeh@msc.qld.gov.au).

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# Meningococcal Disease

by Dr Dave Cuming, Kuranda Medical Centre

## What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a rare but potentially very serious illness that usually appears as meningitis or septicaemia. 'Meningitis' means an inflammation of the meninges – the layer of protective skin wrapped around the brain and spinal cord.

'Septicaemia' means blood poisoning, which is a more widespread infection throughout the body. Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria called 'meningococcus'; it is very nasty! There are a number of different groups of meningococcus: A B C W X & Y

## How serious is meningococcal disease?

Although meningococcal disease is uncommon, it is a very serious disease. The infection can develop very quickly and can be fatal in 5-10% of cases. Most people make a complete recovery if the infection is diagnosed early and antibiotic treatment commenced promptly. The early signs of the disease can look like other milder illnesses, so sometimes it is hard to diagnose early.

## Where do meningococci come from?

Meningococci are common bacteria and around 10-20% of people carry them at the back of the nose and throat without showing any illness or symptoms. Carriers are more often young adults and less often children and older people. Meningococci are only found in people and never in animals or the general environment.

## What is a meningococcal 'carrier'?

Almost all adults and children can carry these bacteria and most will not get sick with meningococcal disease. People become carriers without knowing they have caught the germ and will get rid of it naturally, without treatment, after a few weeks or months.

## Who catches meningococcal disease?

It's really random; only some people who catch the germ become sick. It is not usually clear why a particular person becomes sick instead of just becoming a carrier.

Meningococcal disease can occur at any age, but babies and children less than five years of age are most at risk. Teenagers and young adults aged 15-24 years are also at increased risk.

For the people who become sick the average time between being infected and becoming ill is about three to five days, but can be up to seven days. Rarely, small outbreaks may occur affecting more than one person, but usually each case is unrelated to any others.

## What are the symptoms?

Someone with meningococcal disease will become very ill, usually feeling sicker

than they have ever felt before. Signs and symptoms sometimes appear very quickly and people with meningococcal disease can get much worse within a few hours. The symptoms of meningococcal disease may include:

- *In infants and young children:* fever, disinterest in feeding or lack of appetite, leg pain, cold legs and hands, unusual skin colour, irritability/fretfulness, extreme tiredness or floppiness, dislike of being handled, vomiting and/or diarrhoea, turning away from light, drowsiness, convulsions, fits or twitching, rash of red-purple pinprick spots or larger bruises. Unfortunately young children will not be able to complain of symptoms, so fever, pale or blotchy complexion, vomiting, lethargy (blank staring, floppiness, inactivity, hard to wake, or poor feeding) or rash are important signs.
- *In older children and adults:* Headache, photophobia (dislike of bright lights), fever, leg pain, cold extremities, unusual skin colour, vomiting and / or diarrhoea,



neck stiffness or aching backache, joint pains, sore muscles, cold hands and leg pain, general malaise, off food, drowsiness, confusion, rash of red-purple pinprick spots or larger bruises. In meningococcal septicaemia a rash is a very important but late sign. The rash can appear anywhere on the body and may vary from just one or a few small spots, especially early on, to later covering large areas of the skin. Absence of the rash does not exclude meningococcal disease.

You know your family and best friends better than anybody else. If somebody close to you has some of these signs and appears to you to be much sicker than usual, seek medical help immediately. Children and young adults should not be left alone if they are sick. Early diagnosis and treatment is vital. If you are

sent home by the doctor or hospital, it is important to return promptly for further assessment if symptoms get worse or do not improve in the time suggested by the doctor.

## How is meningococcal disease treated?

If a case of meningococcal meningitis or septicaemia is suspected, an antibiotic is given immediately by injection and the patient is admitted to hospital.

## Can meningococcal disease be prevented?

Yes the vast majority can be prevented via immunisation. Six serogroups of meningococcal bacteria (A, B, C, W, X and Y) account for most cases of meningitis or meningococcal septicaemia. Vaccines are available in Australia for serogroups A, B, C, W and Y meningococcal disease..

- Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine (MenCCV): Available through the National Immunisation Program & is recommended for all children at 12 months of age.
- Meningococcal B vaccine (MenBV): Available on private script. Recommended for infants and young children, adolescents, young adults living in close quarters, some laboratory personnel and individuals with certain medical conditions.
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**If you need further information or advice please speak to your GP or one of the GPs or Practice Nurse at Kuranda Medical Centre.**

Fred came home from the office and found his wife sobbing convulsively. "I feel terrible," she told him. "I was pressing your suit and I burned a big hole in the seat of your trousers."

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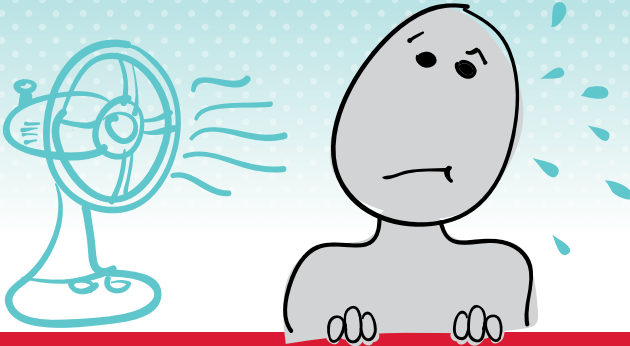
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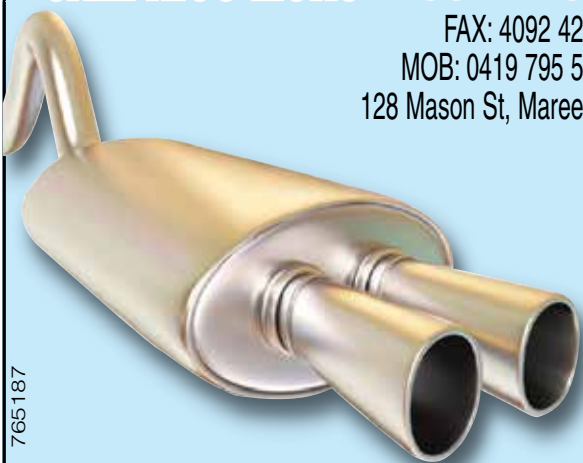
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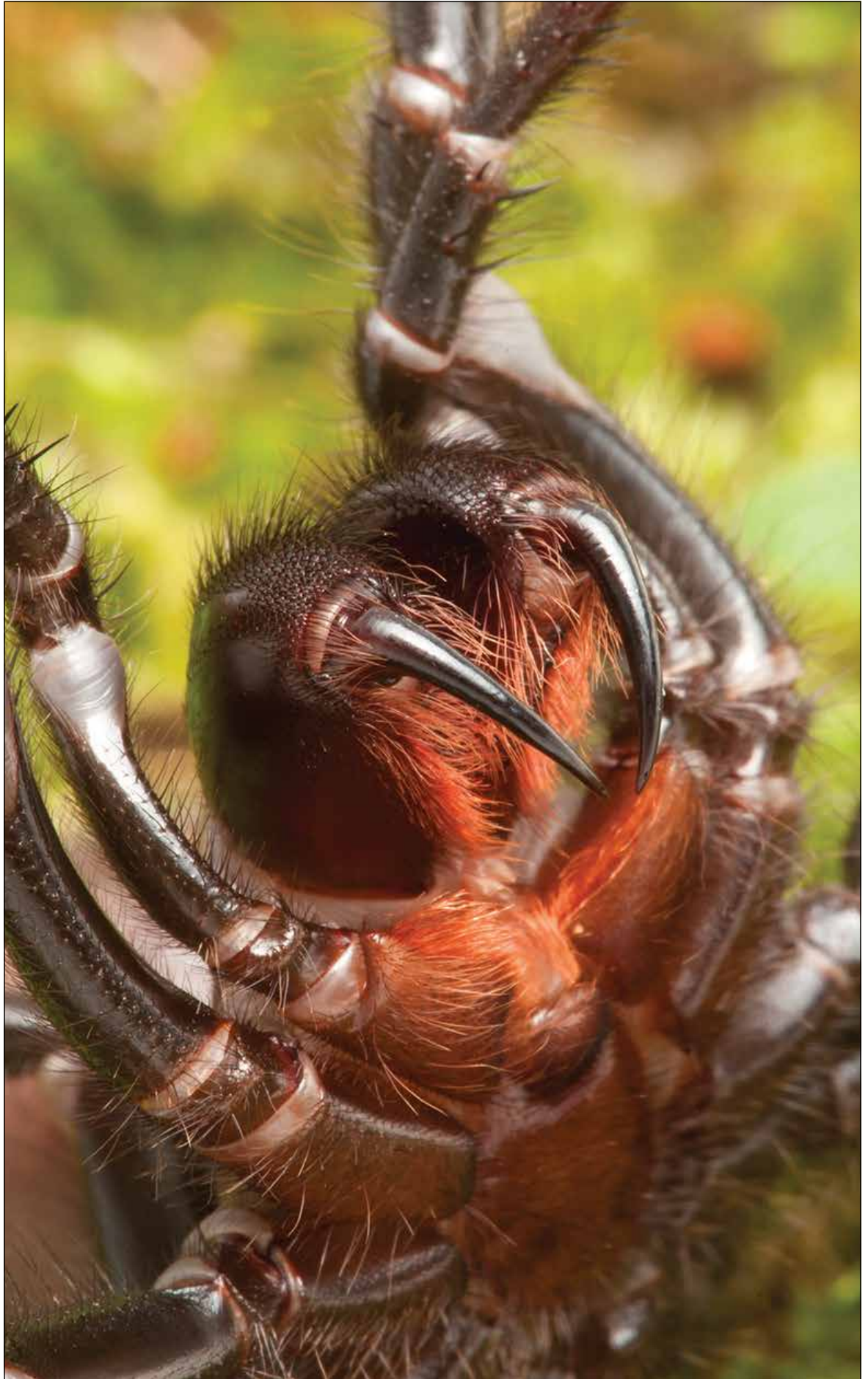
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# Funnel-w



*The fangs of a funnel-web spider are large and strike downwards like pick-axes.*

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# web Spiders

**Funnel-webs are the subject of fear, fascination and myth.** They are a group of Australian spiders belonging to the family Hexathelidae. They include some of the most venomous spiders on the planet and are generally shiny black spiders with a relatively sinister appearance.

Despite there being around 40 species, the most well know and notorious species is the Sydney Funnel-web (*Atrax robustus*). Prior to the development of the antivenom in 1980, 13 human deaths were attributed to the males of this species. Male Sydney Funnel-webs have a component in their venom which the females lack. This toxin known as Robustoxin (d-Atracotoxin-Ar1) is the chemical that makes these spiders so dangerous to humans. For some unknown reason, this chemical affects primates (humans and our relatives the monkeys and apes) severely, but has relatively little effect on other mammal species. The other unfortunate part of this equation is that Australia's most populated city was founded in the heart of this spiders' natural habitat. Despite the distribution of these spiders and toxic venom, since the development of the antivenom the real danger of these spiders has greatly diminished. There have been no deaths as a result of Sydney Funnel-web bites in 35 years, yet the fear of these spiders remains extraordinarily high within Australia. It is certainly a case where the perceived danger far outweighs the real risk, and some perspective is required. Few people fear motor vehicles which have caused almost 70,000 deaths in Australian within the same 35 year period.

Funnel-web spiders are ambush hunters and live within silken retreats either underground, or in the case of a few species, within hollows and crevices in trees. The majority of species are found in relatively moist habitats such as shaded gullies in forested areas. Species are spread from South Australia (Adelaide Hills) through areas of Victoria and up the east coast into Queensland. The most northerly known species was only discovered relatively recently and lives in the remote mountains west of Mossman.

Most ground dwellers will occupy naturally occurring spaces beneath rocks and logs, and line the interior with silk. Many species have multiple entrances which are tube-like openings of silk, usually with some distinct silk strands (trip lines) connected to them. These lines alert the spider to the presence of prey when they are hunting. Insects, spiders and small vertebrates such as lizards and frogs are taken by funnel-web spiders. The prey is simply ambushed and overpowered, bitten and dragged back inside the retreat to be consumed.

Regardless of their fearsome reputation, in nature these spiders don't have it all their own way. They have their share of predators, even some which will take them on within their lairs. Centipedes are expert funnel-web predators, and will readily enter the retreat, attack and consume the occupant. Outside their retreat, funnel webs are far more vulnerable and wandering spiders have a whole spectrum of hungry animals quite willing to deal with them. These include birds, small mammals and reptiles.

Funnel-web spiders are super-sensitive to vibrations in order to hunt in the manner they do. Approaching human footsteps are usually enough to send these spiders scurrying back inside their secure homes. They are certainly not looking to take on anything our size. Human encounters are usually as a result of people digging the spiders up accidentally, or with male spiders that are roaming looking for mates during the breeding season.

*Alan Henderson  
Minibeast Wildlife*



### **A Sydney Funnel-web.**

*Funnel-webs have a very distinctive appearance; they are glossy black and the front half of the body is relatively hairless. They have the same basic shape as Australian trapdoors and tarantulas, but unlike funnel-webs, these are usually brown and are quite hairy.*

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This month we look at one of the largest of our gliders, the **Squirrel Glider**. Quite often understandably mistaken for his smaller relative, the Sugar Glider, the Squirrel Glider is much larger: body length up to about 23cm, and weight 230g, compared to the Sugar Glider's 18cm and 140g and the Feathertail 8cm and 12g. The Yellow-bellied glider, also found on the Tableland, can weigh in up to 700g.

The Squirrel Glider's tail is much bushier and wider (almost the width of the body at its base) and is more prehensile than its Sugar cousin. The Squirrel also has a sharper face to the Sugar's comparatively snubbed face.

Given these differences between the two gliders, plenty of experts still confuse the two. Seeing them side by side highlights obvious variation.

They are not strictly a rainforest glider, preferring drier forest areas or wet forest bordering onto the rainforest. Generally they are found through south east Australia to northern Queensland.

As with most of his relatives, he dines nocturnally on insects, pollen, nectar, and also is partial to eucalypt sap which he extracts from drilling into the trunk with claws and teeth.

Observers have recorded glides up to 50m on flat terrain, and over 100m with sloping down hill assistance. The membranes running between back and front legs (Patagium) are also used to steer and can be independently adjusted, with the tail adding rudder assistance.

Again, as with most of his relatives, he builds a nest in a tree hollow which he will share with one, two or more females and any offspring up to about two years old. Nests have been found with 10 residents.

It is important for all landowners to appreciate the necessity of the 'old' forest trees with their essential hollows and nooks and crannies to house not only our unique gliders and possums, but nesting birds, insectivorous bats, reptiles and the numerous other creatures, great and small, that inhabit them.

The Squirrel Glider's status in some parts of Australia is "Threatened" or "Vulnerable", however in Queensland is classified as "Least Concern", indicating that he is not considered under immediate threat – although many wildlife observers dispute this status. As usual, with most of our wildlife, threats are mainly man-made, such as habitat clearing, barbed-wire fencing and introduction of predators.

One unusual killer of gliders and other small mammals is outdoor water containers, particularly stock water troughs and tanks. In search of water, especially in the hot months, small mammals can drop into such containers and be unable to escape. If your property has troughs, open-top tanks, or any water receptacle with smooth internal walls, please position a rope or stick into the container to allow critters a chance to save themselves from drowning.



## The Silent Wildlife Killer...

A common killer of not only gliders, but possums, birds, bats and flying-foxes are landowners fencing their land with fences topped with one or two strands of barbed wire.

It is a mystery why this practice is so common, especially on numerous properties where there is no stock to contain.

It certainly wouldn't deter even the laziest of trespassers, especially when you might notice that many of such barbed wire-fenced properties usually have a 'normal' (un-barbed wired) gate, or even a permanently open or non-existent gate.

To exacerbate the situation, many landowners then plant flowering natives such as bottle-brushes, grevilleas, flowering gums, along the fenceline to disguise its ugliness – thereby unintentionally luring unfortunate fauna to the deadly entrapment of the barbed wire to undergo an agonised death by starvation and thirst.

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# Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

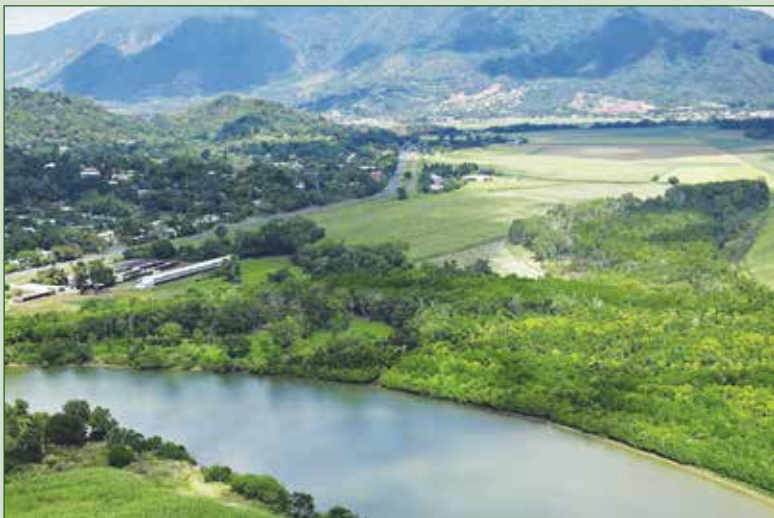
## Chapter 65

### Who discovered the Barron River

James Venture Mulligan discovered the Barron River in 1875. Mulligan was on expedition from Cooktown, seeking to find another payable goldfield, as the Palmer River Goldfield was reaching a stage where most of the easy pickings were nearing their ends.

Mulligan found the Barron River, high up the in river system and as the river was in close proximity to the already known Mitchell River system, presumed it to be the headwaters of the Mitchell River and didn't place a name on its waters.

The Barron River is therefore sometimes referred to as 'Mulligan's Mistake'. Mulligan also discovered the payable Palmer River Goldfield (1873), Hodgkinson River Goldfield (1876) and named nine rivers in the Mareeba and surrounding areas.



## Chapter 66

### What is Robb's Monument all about?

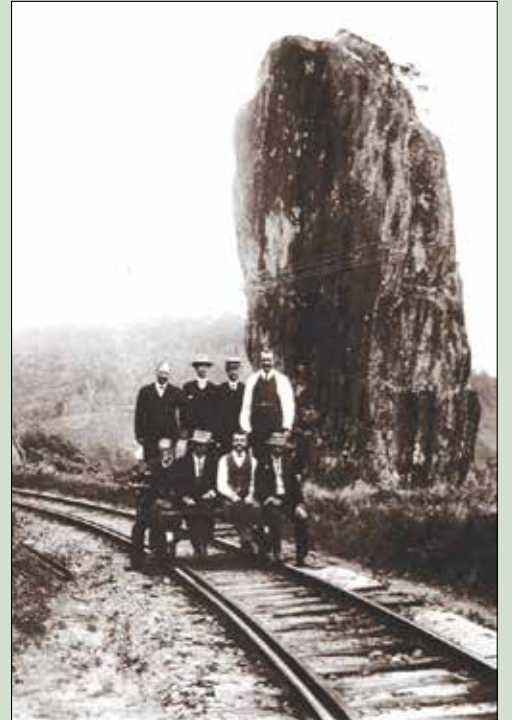
*Answer: Aboriginal* – Mayula = 'clever-men', 'medicine men', 'sorcerer' (Robb's Monument).

The storywater for this refers to a man and a woman breaching etiquette by having an illegal relationship.

They were both the Gurrabana (Wet Season) moiety. The Gurra-Gurra (ancestors) punished them by turning them to stone. The rock on the right was taller, but apparently was damaged during the construction of the Cairns-Kuranda Railway. The Gadja (Europeans) ignored Bana (rainforest Aboriginal people) heritage and named it in honour of John Robb, the railway contractor for the second section.

*Answer: European* – Robb's Monument

A natural monument dedicated to the builder of this magnificent railway John Robb (1834 – 1896). Railway construction was not new to Robb. Previously, he had built railways in Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia, but the Cairns Range Railway must surely be his greatest achievement.



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	<b>The Lucky Country? Reinventing Australia</b> by Ian Lowe Internationally respected environmentalist Ian Lowe shows that little has changed after generations of short-sighted leadership. In his frank and fearless way, Lowe assesses the state of Australia in four key areas: our environment, population and society, geographical position, and unrelenting pursuit of economic growth. A must-read, this book challenges us all to consider the kind of future we want for our country and communities.
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	<b>Pronoia is the Antidote for Paranoia, Revised and Expanded: How the Whole World is Conspiring to Shower You with Blessings</b> by Rob Brezny Brezny persuasively advises readers to go along with the universe's good intentions, but his rejection of cynicism and a bleak view of human nature isn't rooted in denial. On the contrary, he makes a case for a cagey optimism that requires a vigorous engagement with the dark forces. He asks us to rethink life as a sublime game created for our amusement and illumination.
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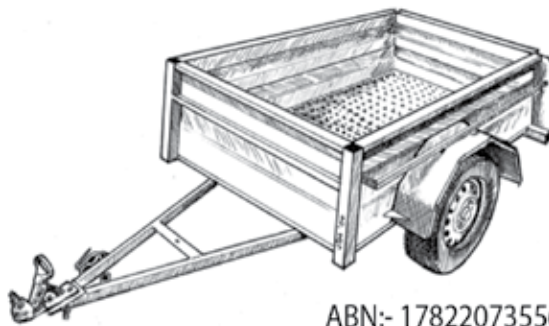
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Whilst the **Kuranda Eels** did not make the final, **Rhylee Herd** was named “Warrior of the Weekend” – which was pretty awesome when there were around 200 players.

Being able to participate in events like this is only made possible with some awesome sponsors including the Cairns Sexual Health Team, Barron Falls Hotel, Wotta bout fish and chips, Kuranda Koala Gardens, Kuranda Medical Centre and Ngoonbi.

A big thank you to the PCYC for covering the \$1800 registration fee through their small grants funding.



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## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Hello to all, we hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish all the very best for 2017. In early January, club instructors Di Curtis and Fionna Lane and trainee instructor Kristy Lane attended a 4-day seminar at the Southport Pony Club. Learning and attaining accreditation in areas of show jumping instruction and equitation to upskill current coaches, encourage learning for our younger riders and gain further knowledge to pass on to riders and the Club.

We were able to send these members down to Southport through a Sports and Recreation grant for which we are very grateful. We have been very lucky to also receive a grant to upgrade our mower for the upkeep of grounds. Such a great start to the year and thanks to all the parties that helped to obtain these grants.

We would like to welcome all our new members and everyone that attended our recent AGM and Presentation of 2016 Trophies, held in conjunction with the Sign On. Congratulations to all of our great riders who received an award. Well done.

- At the AGM the following positions for 2017 were filled:
- President, Fionna Lane
  - Vice president, Tricia Mukadi
  - Secretary, Di Curtis
  - Treasurer, Tanya Vickers
  - Chief Coach/instructor, Fionna Lane

A big thank you to the 2016 committee. Also to our many families and friends that have supported and helped our Club. And thank you to our caretakers Penny and Gordon for caring for the grounds and welcome to the Club new caretakers Yvonne and Allen.

We are looking forward to another year ahead achieving for our Club and riders. Lots of updates are on our Kuranda Horse and Pony Club Facebook page. The Zone calendar is on the Zone 18 website or updates can be found on the Zone 18 Facebook page for the entire year's Club and Zone events, clinic and rally days etc.

All members new, old and anyone interested in being a part of our Club are very welcome. Upcoming dates are :  
Zone 18 AGM meeting Sunday 26th February; Rally days 4th February, 25th February starting at 8.00am till 12.00 noon; Gymkhana and interschool Kuranda weekend 3rd and 4th June; Zone rally Sunday 10th September, Kuranda.

*Photo below: Most Improved Junior, Olivia Hewitt-Toms, Best presented Horse and Rider, Kristy Lane, Most Consistent, Lene Mukadi and Leksi Mukadi.*



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## Horse Power – v – Horse Power

**It's not a pretty sight** from any angle when a horse collides with a car. An average horse weighs around half a tonne, about the same as a grand piano. A large male kangaroo weighs around 90kg, and we've seen the damage they can do. Do the mathematics, and I think that tells you a horse, or a grand piano through your windscreen is no picnic.

Horses weight is high, and they won't go through your radiator, they'll go through the windscreen and onto your lap. Half a tonne in your lap, or your child's lap. It doesn't bear thinking about, but it seems that's the point, so many of our local drivers don't think about it.

If a young child was standing right next to the road, or even on the road, I guarantee most people would take a wide, wide berth, as young children are unpredictable. Let me tell you now, horses are equally, or more, unpredictable. They are flight animals. If something frightens them, even the most experienced rider can be taken unawares.

Everyone needs to know there are strict rules about traffic and horses.

We've chosen to live in a natural environment. There's controversy over cassowaries on the range and whether they warrant a mention as a road hazard. Well, for what it's worth, I can't see any difference posting that there's a cassowary on the range, than posting someone is walking or cycling down the range, or a car has broken down on the range – it's a road hazard.

Probably like so many others, I go up and down the range constantly. Time to think and chill, and there's a therapeutic rhythm to the bends, so much so that you can be hypnotised by the serenity, and if your mind's on your working day, it's easy to forget the possible presence of cassowaries, especially, if like me, you have never seen one on the range in almost forty years. So a little reminder doesn't go astray.

So back to horses. There's a huge difference between a horse and a bike. A bike is inanimate. As such, the rider has control. Despite this fact, fairly recent legislation tells us to give bikes a wide berth, one metre in fact, and yes, to cross double white lines if it means avoiding collision. Any person with a modicum of intelligence however, would perhaps hang back for just a moment or two, if it meant crossing the double lines coincided with the crest of a hill, or another situation in which visibility of oncoming vehicles was impaired.

We choose to live in a rural area, because supposedly, we enjoy and appreciate the rural environment and all that comes with it. Now, of course, you don't take your horse on the road if you know it is nervous in traffic, but the horse is an unpredictable animal, and where sixty cars might go by a normally bombproof horse without incident, the sixty-first might just have the qualities of a leaping predator.

It is totally foolhardy, dare I say stupid, to drive within a metre of a horse. It might not be you who causes the problem, it might be someone popping up by the hedgerow with a whipper snipper just as you go by, or, as happened to me, a trail bike starting with a bang in a driveway (fortunately that horse did not react – his blood was worth bottling as that would have caused the most placid horse to shy into traffic). It might be a flapping ute tonneau cover, or the rattle of a trailer wheels, or just the wind rush accompanying a larger vehicle.

Death is almost instant if the horse turns into the path of the vehicle, and that's for horse, rider and driver. Believe me, it happens a lot. Just Google the words horse and collide.

If you recognise someone on horseback, don't hoot or yell out of the window as you go by. That could just be the trigger that sets a horse off.



Give horses a wide berth, a wide, wide berth. While horse riders always ride on verges where possible, sometimes there are no verges, and there's no alternative but to ride on the road. We'd rather not, but more and more tracks are being closed to horse riders.

It's a sign of the times, and the lack of information available that the internationally recognised downward wave of the hand to request 'Slow Down Please' is met by a friendly wave as a car or motorbike sweeps past just centimetres from our horses' flanks. 'P' platers are completely ignorant of the danger, probably a sign of the times. Please parents,

educate your kids.

Please take the time to visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/other/animals/>, and these are the basics:

"Vehicle drivers must stop at the side of the road and turn off their motor if a horse rider signals that their horse is jumpy or agitated. The horse rider can signal to the driver by raising a hand and pointing to the horse. The driver must not move the vehicle until the noise of the motor, or the movement of the vehicle, won't aggravate the horse.

"If you need to take evasive action to avoid an animal on the road, assess the situation and take appropriate action that avoids or prevents risk to yourself and other road users. You must not unreasonably obstruct the path of other road users or cause a traffic hazard.

"You may safely stop or drive on the road shoulder to avoid hitting an animal, and if you have a clear view of approaching traffic you may safely:

- drive to the right of the centre of the road to avoid hitting an animal (if there is no centre line) or
- drive to the right of a dividing line, a dividing strip, over a single continuous line, over two parallel continuous lines or over a painted island to avoid hitting an animal.

Any evasive action you take must be considered necessary and reasonable."

*P.S. Thought for the New Year: How can Kuranda possibly contribute to peace on earth when half the time we can't even be civil to each other on Facebook community pages?*

**Suzy Grinter**

A bloke starts his new job at the zoo and is given three tasks. First is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. As he does this a huge fish jumps out and bites him. To show who is boss, he beats it to death with a spade. Realising his employer won't be best pleased he disposes of the fish by feeding it to the lions, as lions will eat anything. Moving on to the second job of cleaning out the Chimp house, he is attacked by the chimps who pelt him with coconuts. He swipes at two chimps with a spade killing them both. What can he do? Feed them to the lions, he says to himself, because lions eat anything. He hurls the corpses into the lion enclosure. He moves on to the last job which is to collect honey from the South American Bees. As soon as he starts he is attacked by the bees. He grabs the spade and smashes the bees to a pulp. By now he knows what to do and shovels them into the lions cage because lions eat anything. Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo.. He wanders up to another lion and says "What's the food like here?" The lions say: "Absolutely brilliant, today we had Fish and Chimps with Mushy Bees."

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Congratulations to our Short (Short) BUG Story competition winners.  
Thank you to all who entered.

**WINNERS:**

Adult Category: **Ann Harth**, Speewah *“Don’t Bug Me”* (\$250 prize)

Young Adult: **Jamie Hewitt Toms**, Speewah  
*“My Amazing Adventure South”* (\$150 prize)

Junior: Joint Winners (not an antenna’s thickness between them)

**Tianwynn Harris-Gallichan**, Myola *“The Bug Party”* (\$50 prize)

**Kayla Bryson**, Oak Forest *“Flutter The Butterfly’s Adventure”* (\$50 prize)

Thank you to our judges who to read, independent of each other, all the stories submitted. They then scored each story a mark out of a possible 10 (60% creativity/40% writing proficiency).

Each judge’s scores were then totalled for a score out of possible 30 for each story.

Thank you to our judges: Kuranda resident and local author Joyce Berendes, Kirsten and Andrew Brown, Kuranda residents and owners of Collins Booksellers, Smithfield and Theo Utzinger, literary advisor, Mareeba.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STORIES ARE PRINTED AS RECEIVED.

**Don’t Bug Me by Ann Harth**

I have been swatted, stomped, flicked, sprayed and shooed. People – those big, soft, nervous beasts – shiver and scream.

And so they should. I am magnificent. My eyes are bright, my hair shiny and my belly is round and full. Let them shudder and flee on their two pathetic legs. This makes me proud.

But three days ago, in front of my own little brood, I was called a name so vile and humiliating that I have been unable to shake it off. How can my children look to me for wisdom and guidance if I can be disgraced without retaliation? I must demand the respect I deserve.

It happened like this. I was dozing in my favourite corner of the hotel room, just over the bed. I’d slept later than usual as I’d had a big night. My 193 children had hatched and I’d spent the night shooing them to a safe spot. By the time I had them all scattered along the edge of the window, I was exhausted. I crept into my corner and fell asleep.

‘A bug!’

The shriek sent tremors through each of my legs and I was skittering across the wall toward my kids before fully awake.

Where?

I hoped it wasn’t one of those big crunchy things. They’re hard work. A mossie? Or, even better, a March Fly. Hell, I hadn’t eaten for weeks. An ant would do. I scanned the room. Nothing. What was the soft beast on about?

“A bug! A bug!” he screamed. His feet slithered backwards and he pointed at...me.

My blood boiled, my legs twitched and I glanced toward my children lined up against the window. Their eyes were wide as they swayed like a little choir.

The pasty person thudded away.

A bug. He called me a bug. In front of my children.

We stayed out of sight until ease returned to the beast’s movements.

But now I must gain the respect I lost that morning. He snuggles under a mound of covers and, after his cursory glance around the walls, switches off the light. I wait for his even breathing and creep closer. My children’s 1544 eyes are trained on me. I scale the mountains of blankets and place one foot onto the warm, damp skin of the beast’s neck. I shudder, feeling suddenly queasy, but a glance at the window gives me courage.

I take a deep breath. It’s time. My feet skitter over the greasy creases of the thick neck and up over the mound of chin. I skid in the drool that snakes from thin lips and race up one cheek. With one foot, I stroke a single eyelash. The lid lifts and I freeze. We gaze at one another for a single endless moment.

And then, I am flying through the air and land with a thud beside my children. I look over my shoulder and wait.

“SPIDER!” The beast windmills from the room.

Mission accomplished. My turn for a holiday.

**The Bug Party by Tianwynn Harris-Gallichan (7 years 1 Month)**

One summer day a bug was having a party with all his friends. But it was not his birthday. It was his friend’s birthday.

They were having a lovely time, but soon it was time for the party to end. So they all said goodbye and went home. Suddenly the Bug remembered that he had forgotten to give his present to the Birthday Bug and he ran after him and found him at his home. He gave the Birthday Bug his present. The Birthday Bug said “thank you, I thought you had forgotten me”.

“You’re welcome! I am sorry. I didn’t forget you. I forgot your present”

And the Bug went home very happy.

**My Amazing Adventure South by Jamie Hewitt Toms (13 years)**

“Neighhhh” the horses were ready to start the four-hour journey. My family were on the road to the 79th annual Tully and District show with three horses ready to compete in numerous events on the 24th to the 25th of July. We arrived at the Tully showgrounds at 4:00pm where the weather was muggy, with not a single cloud to be seen. The showground was surrounded by magnificent wooded hills and was green like you’ve never seen.

Afterwards, we unpacked and found our allocated position which was right next door to the gigantic amusement rides busily being erected by many employees. Once the horses were settled in their stables they were given hay bags full of hay and crystal clear water. It was late afternoon and millions of large and hungry mosquitoes commenced attacking us, making us itch like wild monkeys. It was like a war!

The next day, after the early morning patter of raindrops, we were up and out of bed feeding the horses, giving them fresh water and starting the job of cleaning the stables. At 8.00am I commenced getting ready for my first event at the Tully show, the junior 13 years and under show jumping competition in Ring 1. Later I competed in other events having countless wins, whilst others were experiencing difficulties controlling their unruly mounts.

Later that night, as the amusement lights flickered on for the first time, it was a kaleidoscope of colour on the Tully showgrounds ; suddenly a huge red and black bug landed on my arm, I started screaming and ran to my friend who was just a few yards away letting her horse have some grass. She flicked the bug off of me and tried to calm me down as I really wasn’t a bug person, Finally, after a drink of water I was back to my usual self and began to enjoy the exciting atmosphere of the show.

A huge crowd attended the spectacular night entertainment, Guy Creighton with his four performing Australian stockhorses showing us all his great connection to his animals. Dagwood dogs, pizza and hot chips were selling fast; we could all smell the variety of show food all around us. Everyone had Hungry Possum Mini Queensland pizzas that were bursting with flavour. The countdown to the pyrotechnics had the crowd on the edge of their seats as the dazzling lights lit up the night sky; before they had started we attended to our horses to make sure that they would be safe for the deafening noise about to disturb them. The fireworks were an amazing finale to the end of the Tully show and were applauded by all.

We stayed for one more night as the show finished late and began to pack in the morning for the long trip ahead back to our house. Once we had arrived we let the horses back into their yards to start re-cooping.

**Flutter The Butterfly’s Adventure by Kayla Bryson (9 years)**

Casey the caterpillar was nice and full of leaves so made a warm and comfortable chrysalis to sleep in. Four weeks passed and Casey was no longer a caterpillar and her name was no longer Casey it was Flutter the butterfly.

Flutter just sat there on a leaf. “I wonder if there are any more butterflies I can fly with?” thought Flutter. Just then another butterfly flew down. “Hi, what’s your name? My name is Rainbow.” she said. “Hi my name is Flutter.” said Flutter. “Do you want to fly with me?” asked Rainbow. Flutter stood up “But I don’t know how to fly.” said Flutter. “We can help with that.” said Rainbow. “We? I thought us two were the only butterflies here.” said Flutter.

Just then 1000 butterflies came flying down one by one. A near by lady bug watched in wonder. “Now take a deep breath and flap your wings. Then take a run up and push up into the air keep flapping and you are flying.” explained Rainbow. “Ok I’ll go for it!” said Flutter and away she flew with the other butterflies.







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**Ceri Hughes has left KNC:** Ceri Hughes has been in the position of Family Support Worker at KNC for the past eight and a half years. Ceri resigned on 9th January and has taken a position in Atherton closer to where she relocated to live 18 months ago. We are very sad to see Ceri go and want to thank her whole-heartedly for her commitment and contribution to supporting families in the Kuranda District for so long. The place won't be the same without her. We are currently recruiting the position with applications closing 3 February 2017 at 5.00pm. Mandy will remain in the position until the position is filled.

**Triple P Parenting Program:** If there is enough interest, three accredited facilitators who run the Triple P Parenting Program work at Tableland Counseling and Support Service (TCASS), can come to deliver the program in Kuranda. Please contact Mandy or Marg or contact Kate Jaffer at TCASS on 4092 6899.

**Grandparent support group:** There are several grandparents who are caring for grandchildren who have expressed an interest in a support group. If you are a grandparent (or know of one) and might be interested in a group meeting on a regular basis at KNC, please contact Marg.

**No Interest Loan Scheme:** Just a reminder that the Kuranda NILS program now does Queensland Motor Vehicle Registration through the NILS program. A current payment notice is required along with documentation including Centrelink Income Statements and Bank statements. The NILS is strictly no fee and no interest, up to \$1000 for essential items including fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers, bed furniture, lounges, dining, lawn mowers, whipper snippers etc. Please phone 4093 8933 or drop in and ask for more details.

**Street to Home Program:** A worker (Heidi) is coming to Kuranda two days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays from the Mareeba Community Housing Company to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent 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 Marg or Mandy for a referral or ring Heidi directly on 4092 6899.

**Confidential Counselling available:** There are several qualified, confidential counsellors (psychologists and mental health social workers) using spaces at the KNC. If you require a referral please see Marg or Mandy. Some options include a GP referred, bulk billing plan that have no out of pocket costs. All referrals are strictly confidential.

**Domestic Violence Service in Kuranda:** Mel from the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service is coming to Kuranda on alternate Tuesdays (the second and fourth Tuesday of the month). Please make inquiries to Mandy or Marg or directly to the Cairns Domestic Violence Service on 4033 6100. All referrals are strictly confidential.

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**Ngoonbi Youth at Risk** with funding assistance from the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation is working to keep culture strong in the Kuranda area with our youth.


Young traditional Owners from this area shared their knowledge with eight local boys when they participated in a "walking our country walk" at Bunda Dulbandji (Bare Hill) then walked up to the rainforest at Davies Creek for a swim.

The boys visited rock art, an initiation site and learnt about the local plants and what they were used for.

The same group is planning an overnight camp to learn more about their country and also learning how to make traditional artifacts.

A big thank you to Aiden and Astro Brim and Radayne Tanner for sharing their knowledge.





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# Papaya

So well known are papayas (pawpaws) to us that this month we will just share some recipes. Though little beats a fresh ripe papaya with a squeeze of lime, nature sometimes conspires to give us green fruit not ripe so here are two recipes for hot and cold green papaya fruit. Helpful if you don't beat the birds to harvest. There is also a cocktail and dessert – both delish.



Papaya plants grow in three sexes: male, female, hermaphrodite. The male produces only pollen, never fruit. The female will produce small, inedible fruits unless pollinated. The hermaphrodite can self-pollinate since its flowers contain both male stamens and female ovaries. Almost all commercial papaya orchards contain only hermaphrodites. For cultivation, however, only female plants are used, since they give off a single flower each time, and close to the base of the plant, while the male gives off multiple flowers in long stems, which result in poorer quality fruit.

Two kinds of papayas are commonly grown. One has sweet, red or orange flesh, and the other has yellow flesh. In Australia, these are called "red papaya" and "yellow papaw", respectively. Either kind, picked green, is called a "green papaya".

The unripe green fruit can be eaten cooked, usually in curries, salads, and stews. Green papaya is used in Southeast Asian cooking, both raw and cooked. In Indonesian cuisine, the unripe green fruits and young leaves are boiled for use as part of Lalab salad, while the flower buds are sautéed and stir-fried with chillies and green tomatoes as Minahasan. In some parts of Asia, the young leaves of the papaya are steamed and eaten like spinach.

## Vegan Green Papaya Salad via [mydarlinglemonthyme.com](http://mydarlinglemonthyme.com) (Single serve portion)

1/2-1 birds eye chilli, 1 small clove garlic, 1/4 cup roasted unsalted peanuts, 1-2 teaspoons finely grated palm sugar or raw sugar to taste, 1 cup finely shredded green papaya, 4 cherry tomatoes, 4 green beans, trimmed and chopped into 2-3cm lengths, 1-2 teaspoons gluten-free or light soy sauce or tamari to taste, the juice of 1-2 limes (or lemons) to taste, sea salt to taste.



In a mortar and pestle grind together the chilli, garlic, peanuts and sugar. Add green papaya, cherry tomatoes and green beans and bruise lightly with the pestle while using a spoon to scrape the sides of the mortar and mix everything. Add gluten-free soy sauce and lime/lemon juice to taste. You are looking for a beautiful combination of salty, sweet and sour, so add more palm sugar, lime/lemon juice, or sea salt, as needed. Scoop out into a bowl and serve immediately.

## Kaplanga Curry/Raw Papaya Curry Kerala style inspired by <http://www.nisahomey.com>

Raw papaya: About 750 gms, cubed, Organic turmeric powder, 1/4 tsp Coriander powder, 1/2 tsp salt: 1 tsp water, 1 1/2 cups coconut, 3/4 cup scraped green chilli, 1 tamarind (lemon sized ball), mix with 1/2 cup water to make tamarind water or use tamarind paste or you can use 3 or 4 tbsp of natural yoghurt instead of tamarind water (vegan use coconut yoghurt). SEASONING: A few tsp of coconut oil for frying, shallots, 3 or 4, sliced, chilli to taste, black mustard seeds, 1/2 tsp (1 sprig) curry leaves.

Peel the skin of the papaya and remove the seeds. Chop them into medium cubes, put the chopped papaya in a pressure cooker with turmeric powder, salt, coriander powder, and water. Or bring to boil in a pot and cook until a good texture for mashing, cover and turn off heat. Grind scraped coconut, green chilli, and turmeric powder to a fine paste (add a tbsp of water, if needed). Lightly mash the cooked papaya, add in the ground coconut paste. Bring heat back to medium, and mix the coconut paste. Once it starts to boil, add in the tamarind water and mix well.

Heat a small pan with coconut oil, add in mustard seeds, shallot, red chilli and curry leaves. Pour this over the papaya curry, close with a lid so that the flavour does not escape. Serve hot with rice.

## Sweet Sticky Rice Parcels with Red Papaya via [ABC TV The Cook and The Chef \(Ep 31\)](http://ABC TV The Cook and The Chef (Ep 31))


Serves 4

125g Thai white glutinous rice, 175ml coconut cream, 2 tablespoon palm sugar (light Thai style), pinch of salt, 2 red papayas, 1 Banana leaf for wrapping, lime (optional)

Soak sticky rice in 250 ml of water overnight. Cook in rice cooker for around 20-25 minutes adding another 250ml water (approx.). Combine 2 tablespoons palm sugar and the warmed coconut cream until sugar is dissolved. Follow with a good pinch of salt. Pour this mixture over the rice. (The mix should be creamy, sweet, salty and slightly wet.) Tear long "shoe lace" strips from the banana leaf to tie up the parcels. Toast banana leaf over flame using a portable kitchen "blow torch". Alternatively you can put the banana leaf into a pot of boiling water or wave it over the stovetop. And cut the Banana leaf into 20cm (8 inch) pieces allowing you to make a "parcel". Peel and cut papaya into chunks and place the banana leaf on your bench, add a small handful of papaya and smear with the rice. Fold edges of parcel up to seal in contents, invert parcel so papaya is topmost and steam. Or my favourite is to char grill at a medium temp for 10 mins until rice is perfumed, caramelised and the papaya is mushy. A squeeze of lime if desired.

## Papaya Sling Cocktail via [ifood.tv](http://ifood.tv)

Per serve: To a mixing glass loaded with ice cubes, add 4 dashes of bitters, 4 parts of lime juice, 2 parts papaya juice, and 5 parts gin. Blend well and strain into a chilled wine glass filled with ice. Top off with club soda and serve garnished with a cherry.



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## Library Lines



**THE NEW YEAR** kicked off with a **BANG! BOOM!** at the Kuranda Library with The Summer Reading Club, our school holiday program. The Summer Reading Club is a free, interactive holiday program produced by the State Library of Queensland and run online and with public libraries. This year's theme was *Heroes and Villains*, which presented many opportunities for both staff and customers to dress up as their favourite hero or villain. Over the month of January the Kuranda community had the opportunity to participate in many activities at the library including; Storywaters with Michael Quinn, Heroes Academy, Robotics and the regular holiday activity, Retro Board games. One hundred and sixty four people participated in the Summer Reading Club this year in Kuranda.

### Upcoming Events in February

**Library Lovers Day** – The Kuranda Library will be celebrating with a week of activities and competitions 13th–17th February. For more information contact the friendly staff at the library on Phone 4093 9185.

**Find It!** – OPAC tutorial and morning tea. If you have trouble understanding how the library online catalogue works or you want to learn about the SPYDUS app come along to Find It! with Kellie. This tutorial will be held on Wednesday 15 February at the Kuranda Library and bookings are essential for catering purposes, for more information contact the library staff on Phone 4093 9185.

### Council Business

Mareeba Shire Council is making recycling at Kuranda easier. There are more bins and new signage. Cardboard and paper is no longer accepted at the Arara Street Recycling Station, you can put this into your household wheelie bin. Contents of your household wheelie bin are composted at Cairns Advance Resource Facility and used by farmers. You can obtain a flyer and more information at the Kuranda Library and Customer Service Office in Arara Street.

The next rates run will be issued on 14th February 2017 with the discount due date of 17th March. Did you know you can switch to paperless billing! Have your rates sent to your email address. Application forms are available online at [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) under rates, fees and charges.

### The Friends of the Botanic Gardens Cairns

are once again offering a night walk around the Botanic Gardens led by Dr. David Rentz AM.

**Wednesday 8th February, 6.00pm**

Please bring along a torch and camera and be surprised at what comes out after dark at this time of the year.

We will have a light supper in the amenities area behind Friends House in the Botanic Gardens and leave from there.

\$10 for visitors including food. \$5 for members.

## Crawford's Corner

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Planning for a \$300,000 upgrade of the Henry Ross Lookout on Kuranda Range Road has begun with the Department of Transport and Main Roads consulting with key stakeholders before finalising the design.

The scope of work is yet to be finalised, but potential improvements include a new platform and weather shelter, extended walkway, upgraded fencing and installation of new information signs.

Works will also include the removal of long grass on the embankment in front of the lookout and the installation of weed matting and low maintenance ground cover plants. Work will be carried out by RoadTek and is expected to be completed by late June 2017, weather permitting.

A road safety review is being conducted on a 60-kilometre stretch of the Captain Cook Highway between Florence Street, Cairns and Port Douglas.

The investigation is part of the Queensland Government's Transport System Planning Program, and is a new approach to reviewing road safety and will enable TMR to develop a prioritised, strategic program of safety upgrades for implementation along the route, as funding becomes available.

Technical officers will look at a number of safety treatments, including: wide centre line treatment; guardrails; removal of roadside hazards; intersection improvements; motorcycle safety works; cyclist and pedestrian facility improvements; upgraded signage and line marking; and upgraded lighting.

A reminder that the Queensland Government intends to ban single-use plastic shopping bags in 2018 and is a critical step in a long term plastic pollution reduction plan.

A public discussion paper was launched late last year with the closing date for public submissions 27th February 2017.

To find out more go to [www.ehp.qld.gov.au/waste](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/waste).

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

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## IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN THE TROPICS

### CASSOWARIES, SNAKES AND PIGS

#### ON THE KURANDA RANGE ROAD

With the number of calls reporting cassowaries on the Kuranda Range Road, you'd be forgiven for thinking there'd been a population explosion. But, we could be seeing more than one. There's Karl with his chick close to where the "cassowary crossing" signs are (seen umpteen times) but there could be another male with two chicks towards the bottom on the road and yet another, possibly a female. Karl comes on to the edge of the road to pick at small red/black berries. The berries fall from a tall canopy tree and embed in the crevices of the bitumen. Not easy to sweep away. We're doing all we can to get Transport & Main Roads to take some responsibility, but it's slow and heavy going!

**IF YOU SEE A CASSOWARY ON THE RANGE ROAD, A QUICK CALL TO 4093 8834 HELPS US KEEP TRACK AND ADVISE THE AUTHORITIES.**

#### Kuranda is snake heaven.

Most of the calls we take are for pythons and night tigers (the orange/brown ones). The pythons go for the chickens, wallabies and cats; the night tigers seem more interested in insects. Neither has a dangerous bite. You can usually sweep them out of the house if they are small. The big pythons are a different matter. Usually quite docile, you often need two people – one at the head end and the other to unwrap the tail end from your body. Call Jax on 4093 8834 if you need a hand.

#### National Geographic is seeking

our assistance re the interaction between pigs and cassowaries. There has long been uncertainty as to whether pigs raid cassowary nests for eggs or attack chicks. We believe they do. It's probable that this nesting season, just passed, the nest of our Black Mountain Road bird was attacked. We believe he was sitting but was seen looking stressed and bruised one day and didn't return to the nest. There is a boar in the area and no chicks this year. 1+1=2? Pig shooter Kalle Oiderman will be the star. He is liaising with National Geographic.

### Cassowaries in and around Kuranda

The season has been late this year. Juveniles are usually sent away to find their own home ranges long before the end of the year, when the parent birds are ready to mate and sit on eggs.

There is a young bird, named Hercules, at the western end of Mason Road, seen by many residents in the Williamson Drive area.

Then there's been a similar looking juvenile seen on properties near the Fallon Road Recreation Centre. Same bird? It's hard to tell.

In March, we'll have a **CASSOWARY IDENTIFICATION** session at the nursery at 1 Pademelon Lane, and over morning tea we'll talk about plants and how to catch a snake. Hope you'll come.

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## Our happy raffle winner - Coral Stratford

In January we had a fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings and a raffle. We raised over \$1300 for our club which will go towards replacing damaged equipment. We are very pleased to announce that our raffle winner is Kuranda local — Coral Stratford!

**Sign On and Sausage Sizzle is on Saturday 4 February** at the KRC - all welcome. Teams need to be finalised by 24 February and submitted to the Zone.

Jack presenting Coral with her raffle prizes



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### Lacelid frog claims another site

Frog monitors this month reconfirmed the endangered lacelid frog (*Litoria dayii*) is present at Jeffreys Road bridge in Russett Park. The previous record of calling there was in 2000. Warril creek was discovered as a brand new location for the frog in April last year.

Regular monitoring ensures we understand what diversity and species numbers are present and guides us as to the level of protection we need to place upon the habitat in order to ensure the survival of our local threatened species.

All rainforest frogs need high quality water, low in sediment, and clean, clear riffles for breeding, with good quality wide rainforest corridors along the creeks to provide habitat for general living. If you know of any real estate like this, please let us know. We need to keep it that way to ensure their survival.



### Frog ID and Monitoring Workshop

25th February 4.00pm

Come and join us as monthly monitors to discover some of our endangered species in our own backyard. We'll teach you the frog calls for 20 species through a fun game and then go out to a creek to practise listening and recording. It's free and open to all. Kids especially, with their good hearing, learn the calls very quickly. Please see details below to book a place on the workshop.

### Cassowary Award Winners

Kuranda Envirocare are thrilled to have been awarded the 2016 Conservation and Rehabilitation—Thorsborne Award for community conservation. Please see article on page 3.



### Plant of the Month

#### *Dianella caerulea*:

commonly known as the **blue flax-lily**, **blueberry lily**, or **paroo lily**. Clumping plant of erect strap like leaves to about one metre. Can tolerate damp conditions (prefers dry), widespread native. Very hardy and long-lived once established. Grows in full sun and well drained soil up to a height of 1m and a width of 2.5m. Blue flowers in spring and summer are followed by indigo-coloured edible berries. We also have a few fruiting trees including cumquats and other food plants. Come and see. All \$2 for community members.

### Date Claimers

- Thursday 2nd February: Dr David Westcott – Seed dispersal in rainforest and climate change impacts – 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road.
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- Thursday 2nd March: AGM 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road

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# In Memory of Ramona Rusch

On behalf of her husband Wolfgang and her children Rosita, Rosmarie, Rozana, Ricardo, Rosalie, Rohan, Rainer, Rene and Ranjini let us remember Ramona's joyful, lively, feisty spirit, wicked sense of humour and her loving open heartedness.

Ramona first travelled from Sri Lanka to Australia in 1952 when she was just 18 years old. She lived in Adelaide working as a trainee nurse at the lung Sanitorium in Mt Lofty, and later at the home for incurables in Fullarton. It was during this time, she met Wolfgang.

Wolfgang and Ramona married in Cairns at St Monicas Cathedral on September 18th 1954. The wedding was reported in the Cairns Post on the 1st October (p.8) as follows:

*"The dainty dark haired bride entered the cathedral on the arm of her father who gave her away. She was attired in an exquisite frock of silver tinsel brocade and nylon net with bolero to match. Her billowing skirt was of fully flared nylon net in two tiers over a foundation of rich taffeta and she wore silver sandals. A double tiered, foamy veil of tulle fell gracefully from a tiara of orange blossoms, which framed her face. Long white mittens were worn by the bride and she carried on her arm a bouquet of white orchids, roses and gladioli".*

Ramona made her own bouquet and designed her own wedding dress. Later she put all that netting to good use making mosquito nets for her babies' cots. During the early years of their marriage, Ramona and Wolfgang lived all around Far North Queensland – Cairns, Innisfail, Atherton, and Mareeba. They built their first house in Mareeba in 1958. In 1962, they sold the house and travelled by ship to Germany with their five children. In 1965, now with seven children in tow, went to work in PNG. Another child born in Port Moresby and soon another baby on the way, Ramona and Wolfgang went on holiday to Sri Lanka and so it was there that their last child came to be born in Sri Lanka.

Ramona enjoyed living in small town Kerema PNG where Wolfgang was employed for the public works department as a heavy equipment fitter. She took a part time job with radio Kerema and became the town barber, baker and resident artist. She was commissioned to paint two large murals in the Kerema Catholic Church. This led to an invitation to paint the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral in Port Moresby. Ramona loved portrait painting; her painting of Sir John Guise, the first Governor General of PNG was purchased to hang in Parliament House. Whilst living in PNG as if she did not have enough kids of her own, Ramona also opened up a licensed baby care centre.

In 1972, the family returned from PNG to Cairns. Ramona and Wolfgang bought a fish and chip shop in Parramatta Park in 1976. Later Ramona bought a dress shop, named *Nakula's Asian Imports*, in Grafton Street, selling sarongs and many of her own designs.

In 1979 Ramona and Wolfgang moved from Cairns to live a self-sufficient life on a five-acre block on Greenhills Road Kuranda. Ramona named this place "Nirvana Reach".

Ramona was renowned for her cooking having established two Sri Lankan



restaurants, *The little Elephant* in Grafton Street Cairns and the *Kuranda Inn*, or *The Kuranda Curry House and Pizza Restaurant* (also once known as *Monkeys Restaurant*) which opened every evening as the place to grab a delicious feed.

Ramona had an adventurous spirit and liked to explore the world but she also longed to put down roots. She felt at home in Kuranda, surrounded by like-minded people who also had a love of the land and growing things. She was thrilled when Wolfgang found the land at Koah and together with their children purchased this property. Here is her description of her first day on the land:

*"So now we were on our block of land with no house. We looked around and chose this site close to the creek. I had a desire to look at water and also wanted to have water at hand to water my plants... So I stuck in a few cuttings and put all my pot plants under a tree... I started by raking a few pathways and Wolfgang was raking a spot for our future home. We slept in the car which got really cold and water dripped on us all night...I'll never forget how cold it was! Next day I set about getting our temporary kitchen ready. I collected firewood and three huge stones for the fireplace. I boiled water and we had our*

*first cup of coffee. I found a tree branch and hung the cups off it and put a basin for rinsing the cups on a hollowed out log. I loved it ... I started planting some of my trees and pot plants...* (Selection of Ramona's writing, c. Jan. 1996).

Wherever Ramona settled, she created lush edible and ornamental gardens and always had something creative on the go: if she was not painting portraits, she was making wax lilies or crepe paper roses, sewing clothing for her children, cooking delicious feasts. Whilst living in Koah, Ramona was commissioned to weave unique hats for feature films *The Island of Dr Moreau* and *Paradise Road*. Ramona also enjoyed being on set as a featured extra. Ramona found pleasure in writing children's stories, script writing and researching her family tree. She would often design costumes, sing and play piano to encourage her children and grand children to find pleasure in the art of performance.

Ramona thrived on the land along with all the plants she nurtured along the way. She would have happily lived there for the rest of her life, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, had she not suffered an aneurism that led to a stroke 16 years ago. Ramona and Wolfgang decided to move to a more convenient wheelchair friendly unit at Trinity Beach.

Each year Wolfgang would take Ramona for overseas holidays. He wheeled her all over the world, including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Borneo, Malaya, Thailand, Singapore, New Zealand, Germany, Austria, Italy, Croatia, Hungary, and Denmark. During the last year of Ramona's life when she needed extra care, she lived at Bupa in Mooroolbool. Wolfgang lived right next door. They were married for 63 years and had hardly lived a day apart. During the year that she was in Bupa, family visited Ramona each day and she happily escaped the home to visit Wolfgang daily.

Ramona will be sadly missed. It is fitting that Ramona's ashes have been brought back to the land at Koah where she was most content and happy, and where family and friends can visit.

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## A Thought for February

**THIS** month we read a short passage from St Matthews Gospel Chapter 4 verse 13-16.

One of the most wonderful things we can do for someone is to affirm them. We can help them to become aware that we think a great deal of them and therefore expect much from them. It is not enough just to feel this; we have to express it. This is where we often fail. Sometimes we fail most with those who are closest to us and whom we love the most.

Failing to affirm others can also cost a great deal in the workplace. In both family life and with our colleagues or employees we can for a long time assume that they are fully aware of our appreciation of their performance, so we fail to mention it. They do not feel they can ask us and keep wondering until the relationship is damaged.

Jesus was careful again and again to affirm people, making it clear that he thought they had a great deal to give if they only chose to do so. He was equally ready to question their motives and actions if He felt it necessary just as we must if relationships are to be honest and real.

In this Gospel passage Jesus is surrounded by a crowd on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. He turns to them and says something so affirming and generous that we use it to this day. Jesus says simply, "You are the salt of the earth". But immediately he emphasizes that being the salt of the earth, being gifted, being useful, being creative, brings with it responsibility. The question then is how we use and offer what we have been given [v 13].

Again Jesus affirms his listeners. He says: "You are the light of the world." Once more He immediately asks us to be accountable to God for the gifts and qualities that may entail [v 14]. We may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, but we will be so only if our gifts are directed out from ourselves towards others. If they are all directed into ourselves and our own interests, then that which makes us salt and light is useless to God. The whole value of salt is its effect beyond itself. The whole point of light is to reach out and to guide.

Jesus is quite direct and stern here. He affirms us but calls us to account for what He knows we can be and do. Affirming people does not mean that we ignore their shortcomings. But if we affirm one another when we should, we will enable each other to respond to the demands and the responsibilities placed upon us. Jesus then shows us that affirming one another makes it possible for us to be responsible to ourselves and to one another.



### News from St Saviour's Church

Christmas was a joyful time at St Saviour's with wonderful joyful services. The *Carols by Candlelight* for Children on Christmas Eve was very special and at our Service of Lessons and Carols we were privileged to have the *Kuranda Ukulele Singers* group with us. St Saviour's welcomes the establishment and naming of the space outside the Church as *Col Jeanes Place* after the Service of Lessons and Carols the congregation went out to spend a few minutes remembering Col; our thanks to Ken Wright for all his hard work in bringing the idea to reality.

*St Saviour's Children's* programme happens every Sunday at 9.30am with Edith Audley and her helpers. Children start in church then go down to the room under the church for about 30 minutes for the lesson, children then return for the last part of the service. *Possum Corner* has opened up again this year and there are plenty of treasures to be found at the OP shop open Monday to Saturday.



## Baha'i Thought for the Month

"Know thou that the soul of man is exalted above, and is independent of all infirmities of body or mind. That a sick person showeth signs of weakness is due to the hindrances that interpose themselves between his soul and his body, for the soul itself remaineth unaffected by any bodily ailments. Consider the light of the lamp. Though an external object may interfere with its radiance, the light itself continueth to shine with undiminished power. In like manner, every malady afflicting the body of man is an impediment that preventeth the soul from manifesting its inherent might and power. When it leaveth the body, however, it will evince such ascendancy, and reveal such influence as no force on earth can equal. Every pure, every refined and sanctified soul will be endowed with tremendous power, and shall rejoice with exceeding gladness."

— *Baha'u'llah*

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## The Stars in February

**Into the eclipse season again.** And the numbers are quite intriguing. At around 11.00am on 11 February there is an annular lunar eclipse at 22 degrees Leo, with the Sun at 22 degrees Aquarius. Neptune is at exactly 11 degrees Pisces; Jupiter is retrograding back to 22 degrees Libra. Chiron is at 22 degrees Pisces, and Uranus is 21 degrees 21 minutes Aries. In numerology, 11 and 22 are considered to be "master" numbers which transcend the physical dimensions and link to higher, or spiritual, dimensions.

So, with all this 11 and 22 action happening and the earth's shadow centring on the Moon to create the "halo" or silver ring effect (that's an annular eclipse) it would seem that 11th February is offering something very special.

For me, the Moon's nodes in my birth chart are at 22 degrees Leo and Aquarius respectively in the 3rd and 9th houses: communication; processing and accessing information, learning teaching and opening to perhaps higher dimensions of consciousness. For you? Well it will depend on where all these 11 and 22 degree points are located in your birth chart. I'm not going to blanket or generalize predictions, we'll leave that to the newspaper astrology columns. But for those seeking greater levels of information, wisdom and enlightenment, this is like a "parting of the Red Sea" moment in time. Globally, watch for the buzz in high tech; scientific, out-there and just plain weird information streams, and grab the chances. This is a gambler's moon!

With Jupiter sitting at 22 degrees Libra, and the Sun at 22 degrees Aquarius at the time of the Lunar Eclipse, Donald Trump has a transiting grand air trine forming with his Sun at 22 degrees Gemini, this gives him a high-flying six months with lots of spin; hot air, and perhaps not a lot of substance. Riding the air-waves pretty well is the Donald, for now.

Then on 27th February there's an Eclipse of the Sun at 8 degrees Pisces, signifying a gently closure of a 19-year eclipse cycle. What were you doing in February 1998? Well now that cycle is complete; peacefully, gently and with gratitude and forgiveness. Nice Piscean qualities. And it's also an annular eclipse; The Moon sitting centred on the Sun, with a golden ring of light haloing around the rim.

Silver ring, golden ring, seas parting and cycles completing. It would be really interesting to see how this sits on your own birth chart. Come and see me if you wish.

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**Yoga** 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact craft teacher 4093 7016

**Karate** at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

**Mah Jong** at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

**Yoga for kids.** Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

### Second Wednesday

**Financial and Gambling Counselling** by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

QCWA meeting 9.30 am at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 8215, Secretary 4093 8362

### Every Thursday

**Pilates** 9.00am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

**Pilates** 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

**Kids Trepize Class** at Koah Hall 4.00pm. Ph Sophie 0409 333 404

**Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

**Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196

**Capoeira Training and Roda.** 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963

**Kuranda Rangers Soccer:** training 4.30-5.30pm Linda 0437 255 229

**Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

### Second Thursday

**Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

### Every Friday

**Pre-Natal Yoga** at Koah Hall 9.30am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

**Mums & Bubs Yoga** at Koah Hall 11.00am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

**CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES**

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000**  
**SES Flood or Storm emergencies – please phone 132 500**

### RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS

<b>Davies Creek</b>	<b>4093 3181</b>	<b>Lloyd</b>
<b>Koah</b>	<b>4042 5468</b>	<b>Cairns RFO (temp.)</b>
<b>Kuranda</b>	<b>0408 077 746</b>	<b>Nick</b>
<b>Myola</b>	<b>4093 7190 / 0408 151 199</b>	<b>Duncan</b>
<b>Speewah</b>	<b>4093 0211</b>	<b>John</b>

## Permits required for ALL fires

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS "The Local Bus"

To:	Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol
<b>Speewah</b>				
<b>Koah</b>	*1530	*1530	1300	
	1750	1750	1750	1645
<b>Ex: Koah</b>	#0705	#0705	#0705	#0705
	#1315	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	*1550	
<b>Ex: Speewah</b>	#0710	#0710	#0710	#0710
	#1320	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	*1540	

\*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED  
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

### Departs Bus Stop: Orchid Plaza, Abbott Street, Cairns

Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol	
<b>Departs Kuranda</b>	#0720	#0720	#0720	0720
	1330	1330	1530	1530
	1530	1530		
*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY				
<b>Departs Cairns</b>	**0825	0825	0825	0825
	1645	**1615	1615	1615

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

\*\*Mareeba

# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City

NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

Ph. John 0418 772 953

## Trans North Bus & Coach

### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
<b>CAIRNS</b> Central Rail Station	6.45am	8.45am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
<b>CAIRNS</b> 79 Abbott Street	6.50am	8.50am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.05pm
<b>SMITHFIELD</b> Bus Shelter	7.05am	9.05am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
<b>KURANDA</b>	7.25am	9.25am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
<b>KURANDA</b>	*7.30am	9.30am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
<b>RAINFORESTATION</b>	7.35am	9.35am	12.35pm	2.20pm	4.15pm
<b>CAIRNS</b> Central Rail Station	8.30am	10.15am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm

\*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays

\*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
<b>ATHERTON</b>	6.00am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.00am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
<b>MAREEBA</b>	6.30am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.30am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
<b>SPEEWAH</b>	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
<b>KURANDA</b>	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
<b>CAIRNS</b> 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**
<b>CAIRNS</b> Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.30pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.30pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
<b>SMITHFIELD</b> Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
<b>KURANDA</b>	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
<b>SPEEWAH</b>	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
<b>MAREEBA</b>	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
<b>ATHERTON</b> 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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or by phoning 07) 4095 8644 during business hours.



Timetable effective as of 01.01.2016

## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*In my next life  
I am coming  
back with money  
and looks instead  
of this sparkling  
personality*



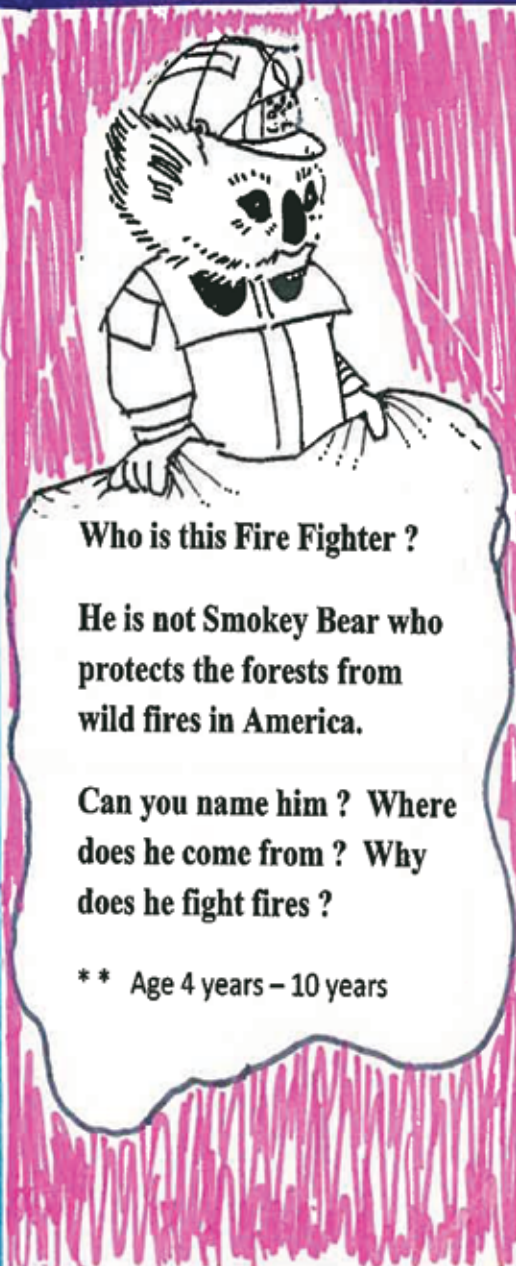




# Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland



Who is this Fire Fighter ?

He is not Smokey Bear who protects the forests from wild fires in America.

Can you name him ? Where does he come from ? Why does he fight fires ?

\*\* Age 4 years - 10 years



Find the words below in the puzzle. When you have finished there will be ten letters left. Unscramble them to find out how you can help the fire brigade.

f	l	a	m	e	a	l	a	r	m	h	p	v
e	n	e	i	g	n	i	t	e	h	o	s	e
b	u	r	n	s	m	o	k	e	o	t	r	f
i	t	e	x	t	i	n	g	u	i	s	h	i
n	s	m	o	t	h	e	r	w	a	t	e	r
f	u	e	l	f	l	a	m	m	a	b	l	e

flame  
ignite  
hose

hot  
fire

burn  
smoke  
extinguish

smother  
flammable

water  
alarm  
fire

The key to fire safety is \_\_\_\_\_

## QUIZ FOR FIRE

1. What is the emergency number ?
2. What do you do if your clothes catch fire ?
3. What do you do if there is lots of smoke in the house ?
4. Name 2 things you can do to keep a campfire safe.
5. What animals are hurt in a bushfire ?
6. Does your home have an emergency plan ?

Gifts for **EVERYONE** who answers these important questions.

\*\* Age 4 years - 10 years

\*\* All letters .. for the Quiz - Wordfind - Naming the Fire Fighter ... plus drawings and other items - to be dropped into a Special Boxes (see bottom of page) or posted to 'Murgatroyd' at the address below.

Giggle Cave ..... from Pixie Lewis

Q. What do you call a laughing motorcycle ? A. A Yamahahahah!!

Don't forget to write your name - age - school and month you were born - on everything you do.

KURANDA ..... Foodworks

MAREEBA ..... Mower and Camping Store

WALKAMIN ..... General Store

Mail Address ..... 'Murgatroyd' 20 Herberton Street, Mareeba. 4880



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