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ART NEEDS A PLACE TO SHINE IN KURANDA

For decades, Kuranda has rightly been known as a centre of creativity. Two recent exhibitions have proven that yet again. But Kuranda, and indeed the Mareeba Shire, is without a proper public art gallery – an exhibition space dedicated to the arts. Instead, the arts in the shire must find temporary shelter where they can – in halls, private venues, clubs etc. Not only do artists have to create art, they have to find creative ways to display, share and sell their work. This situation does not recognise the importance and value of art – socially, creatively and most importantly economically.

The Mareeba Shire must be one of very few local government areas in the state, and country, that does not have a regional gallery befitting its size, cultural diversity and regional significance.

In July, the Kuranda Artists Co-operative celebrated 25 years with a long overdue milestone, met for the first time, Co-op members were able to exhibit in their own hometown. This was an incredibly impressive and successful exhibition, achieved through the hard work of members to create an expanded gallery space within the Co-op walls.

Last month, the inaugural Kuranda Art Prize competition, initiated, funded and organised by Melissa and Warren Clinton (Kuranda Riverboat), attracted 22 entries from across the region, with 18 finalists accepted to exhibit. The exhibition (which continues until 13 November) was made possible thanks to the support of Café Mandala which offered to host it free of charge.

The push for the establishment of a public art gallery in Kuranda has involved, and exhausted, generations of artists and art lovers. Among them is Kuranda fibre artist, Toni Rogers of Cantata Studio, who on behalf of the Kuranda Arts Co-op, started lobbying every Member for Barron River for assistance to establish an exhibition space in Kuranda starting with Dr Lesley Clark in the 1990s. Most recently, in 2020, the present Member for Barron River Craig Crawford (then Emergency Services Minister) offered the possibility that should the fire brigade be relocated to Fallon Road to join other emergency services, the existing station may be available for conversion to an exhibition space. However,

Craig Crawford MP has advised *The Kuranda Paper*, "As the local MP, I've had representations a few times over the years from the Kuranda community and Council about relocating the fire station. I've put those requests to the QFES. Ultimately, it is an infrastructure decision and a matter for the department."

COVID has thrown everything up in the air. Never have there been more pieces in play and more opportunities to rethink, reinvent and re-imagine the 'village in the rainforest', to support the creatives in our community who represent a significant part of our local economy, but could be so much more. Kuranda is the logical cultural tourism place for the Mareeba Shire to establish a long overdue public gallery to showcase the Shire's talent. Some may say the population of Kuranda is less than Atherton which has three publicly funded galleries, but not when you factor in the daily turnover of tourists seeking something authentic and locally-made which will directly benefit its creative residents economically to make more.

Kuranda resident and long time arts advocate Eve Stafford OAM, who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2007 for her services to the community, regional arts and cultural development, points out "According to research by the Australia Council, from 2013–2017, Australian cultural tourism grew by 47 per cent, faster than overall tourism worldwide, with visiting galleries the top activity listed. Factor in an economic study by Arts Nexus that found that for 2 per cent of FNQ's population, Kuranda had 16 per cent of the region's creatives residing here. It's time to feature them more prominently as our destination's drawcard."

"Through our participation in arts and culture we become—collectively—bigger, more open, less fearful. We also become more mentally healthy, more connected to one another and more willing to spend in our local and regional businesses."

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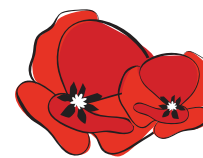
REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Kuranda RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a Wreath Laying Ceremony this **Remembrance Day on Friday 11 November 2022 starting at 10.45am at Centenary Park, Kuranda.**

All are invited to attend.

For more information contact Mick Forde 0412 126 204.

****RSL badges will be sold on Coondoo Street Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November, and in Centenary Park on 11 November.****



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Bilby Babies at Kuranda Koala Gardens

Kuranda Koala Gardens is delighted with the recent arrival of Bilby twin joeys, Freya and Rose – named in honour of assistant manager Bridie's baby girl, Freya Rose, who was born on the same day these other 'girls' came out of the pouch.

The twins' parents, Catherine and Nic, are only 18 months old themselves! It is estimated that the joeys were actually born in mid-July, making them approximately 13 weeks old. They are nearly weaned, and are now venturing out of the den and eating solids.

These adorable youngsters are just another great reason to visit Kuranda Koala Gardens – imagine, Bilbies in our own 'backyard'!

Lucky Kuranda Koala Gardens wildlife carers Rickie Lloyd (left) and Lisa McArdle have their hands full. Photo: Sharon McGrigor.



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A RAIL ABOUT RAILS

Just tried out the recently constructed Barron Falls Walking Trail for the first time from the Weir Road entrance. Well done. A huge undertaking with great foot bridges, elevated glimpses through the forest of the railway track and the mighty Barron, and stairs, stairs, lots of uneven stairs. There is no wheelchair access.

What's missing is signage with a map at each entrance to forewarn us to expect so many stairs, going up, down and up and up, and on and on. A very good cardio-workout for sure, having to do all the stairs for a second time on the way back. To be safe from falls (and possible litigation), each of the many flights of stairs need a simple rail on one side for steadiness. That would make the walking trail accessible and safer for many more people.

Let's hope the signage and rails can complete the project soon.

Eve Stafford, Kuranda



KINDNESSES APPRECIATED

I will always remember with gratitude the kindness of my neighbours, friends and community during the last three years of my partner, Paul Cordell's declining health. His death, however, was sudden and unexpected and he will be sadly missed.

I appreciate all the kind phone calls to check that I was OK, also the food and lovely cakes that neighbours dropped in, as well as the beautiful flowers, cards of condolence and especially the hugs.

My family and I are very grateful for all the support given to me during this challenging time.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sarah Macpherson, Kuranda

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

GOOD IDEAS

I have had a couple of 'good ideas' and thought to gain some interest and make them happen, but as Robbie Burns—Scottish poet spoke in prose *To a Mouse*—"the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley."

A couple of years ago, I thought of the older people (myself included) in my community and surrounds, who wished to know more about IT (computers and information technology). I received many names of interested like-minded and set about looking for funding and a facilitator. The grants were available, but someone with the time to travel (up the Range or to a remote training room at Speewah Fire Shed WIFI on hand and free rent) and to instruct, was not to be found. There were occasional sessions at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, and the Mareeba and Kuranda libraries, but unless these interested people were mobile, they could not avail themselves of these sessions. Hence the grant required to include transport of attendees.

More recently, after travelling Queensland, Atherton Tablelands and south-west outback, and seeing electric BBQs in many parks, I thought of having an electric BBQ for our Roscommon (Speewah Park), well, COVID wiped that idea, because cleaning by someone after each group had used it was not in anyone's budget! Forget the BBQ, let's have a try for a larger shelter attached to the existing amenities block, that houses one table and bench seating?

After placing 'my idea' in *The Kuranda Paper* (August 2022) I waited for some response – there was none. A couple of my busy friends said they would help if other interested groups came forward (I think they felt sorry for me). They were older people and because they lived closely would most likely not use the facility. I have seen large groups, and visiting tourists, using the park, playground, tennis court, basketball court, and horse-riding manège. I have also seen how they, most times, overflow the small shelter next to the toilet amenities.

One day I am hopeful that our community will have the facilities that will accommodate the growing population, and that will happen, I am sure.

Yvonne Thomson, Speewah

RETRACTION AND APOLOGY

The Kuranda Media Association publishes the following retraction in respect to an article published in the October 2022 edition of *The Kuranda Paper*.

The article, which was submitted for publication by Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland, stated that Djabugay were a clan forming part of the Sovereign Yidinji Government. This is incorrect.

After consultation with the Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (the registered native title body corporate for Djabugay native title holding people), we acknowledge our error in publishing this article and wish to correct the record as follows:

1. Djabugay/Djabuganydji are not a clan, they are a tribal entity with its own overarching normative cultural system;
2. Djabugay are the Traditional Owners of lands taking in Kuranda, Mona Mona, Cairns and surrounds; and
3. Djabugay are not a part of the Sovereign Yidinji Government and make no comment in respect of recognition of that group as a sovereign entity.

Djabugay and DNTAC have been long-term stalwarts of the Kuranda and Cairns indigenous communities and friends of *The Kuranda Paper*.

We, at *The Kuranda Paper*, are saddened to think that we have, inadvertently, created any distress or concern. This goes against our core purpose and principles, and we work very hard to advance positivity and community cohesion. We are also disappointed to think that this may undermine the positive and respectful relationships we have built over many years with our Djabugay contributors and readers – which we value deeply. We apologise for any offence or harm caused as a result of the article's publication.

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For the past four years, a very small but dedicated team, have planted, watered, weeded, hoed, mulched, and maintained every aspect of Koah's Ark, and for that, we are humbled and full of gratitude. So much so, that we are keen to raise funds with an event once a year. Our goal is to employ a local to maintain the play space and give our AMAZING

volunteers a well-deserved break!

Arrr! We announce Koah Hall's premiere playground fundraiser for 2022! Happening on 5 November, this year's theme is **KOAH'S ARRRK PIRATE PARTY!**

Daytime Shenanigans:

Combined with the Koah Markets (8am till midday) is our free community event with Dream BIG! Circus School performances, Bugzy Bumblebee Bubbles, storytelling, prizes for Best Pirate Costume, stalls, live music by Chris and Lawry, food, bar, and general pirate mayhem! Donations and pirate gold will be gleefully extracted.

Arrrfternoon and Evening: More swashbuckling antics from 5pm till midnight!

- Live music by local talent *Tenni*.
- Dream State Entertainment's never seen before NEW Family Show! 6.30pm showtime.
- Followed by *Secret Tuesdays*, whose music will knock the barnacles off ye!
- *DJ Kaliia* rocking the decks and cannoning up the FIRE!
- The Bar will be open with high spirits and RUM!

Pre-booking MEALS and TICKETS online is recommended as numbers are limited www.trybooking.com/CDKPO

If ye have gold to share but cannot be there, you can donate here www.trybooking.com/au/donate/koahark

Raising the treasure for our wee pirates' pleasure!
Koah Hall Committee

Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month features a detail from *Women's Business*, a painting by Natasha Davui, celebrating International Women's Day 2022. Natasha is a descendant of the Gunggari people of the Maranoa River region in South West Queensland, and the Djabugay people with traditional homelands that stretch across the mountains, gorges and forests of the Barron River region in Far North Queensland. She presents intricate designs associated with her Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage that have influenced her values, behaviour and attitudes.

You can view more of Natasha's art via:

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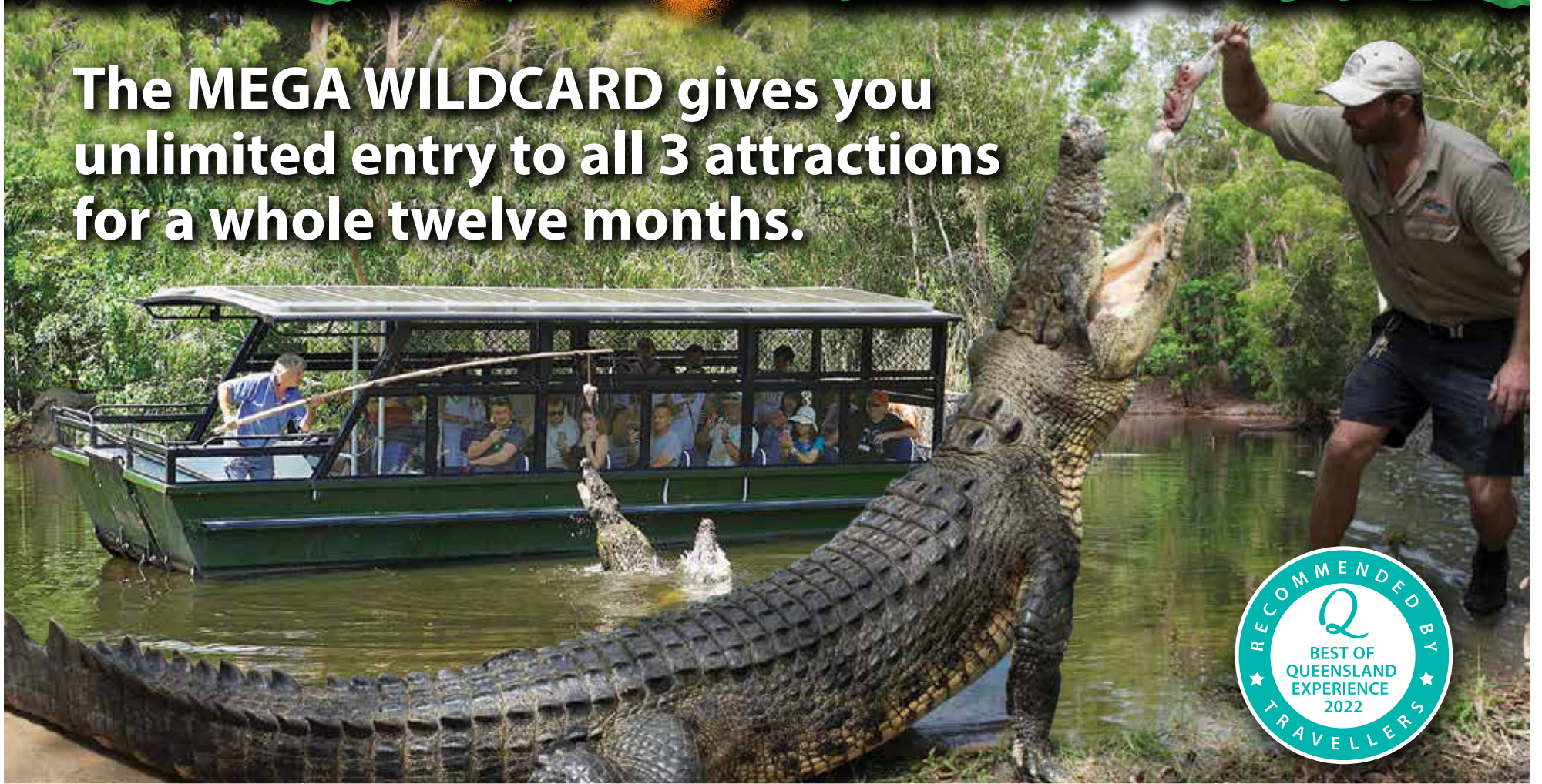


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Official launch of the Cassowary Art Trail (L-R): Jurg Jutzi (founder Cassowary Art Trail), George Riley (artist), Dianne Daniels (President Kuranda Conservation), Mareeba Shire Council Mayor Angela Toppin, Jax Bergersen (Secretary Kuranda Conservation), Rebecca Koller (artist), Connie Rovina (artist), Hon. Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River.
Photo: Steven Nowakowski



www.cassowarytrail.com.au

THE CASSOWARY ART TRAIL

The Cassowary Art Trail project is now a reality! Three magnificent hand-painted, life-sized cassowaries were unveiled in Kuranda Village as part of the Kuranda Colour Fest on Saturday 8 October. Visitors will now be able to discover and admire these beautiful works as they explore Kuranda Village.

The story behind each artwork and details of their creators can be found at www.cassowarytrail.com.au. The three painted cassowary art statues are now in situ at these locations (as pictured in photo on left from L-R):

- *Ma-Jilli* by George Riley) at Terra Nova Gallery
- *Kuraptor* by Rebecca Koller at Kuranda Heritage Markets
- *Bundarra* by Connie Rovina at Skyrail in Kuranda

Plans are already underway to find funding for another two cassowary statues for Kuranda to be painted by Kuranda artists. If you would like to support the expansion of this exciting project, or learn more about it and the three cassowary statues, visit www.cassowarytrail.com.au

Tourists taking selfies with the cassowaries.
Photo: Steven Nowakowski



A COMMON THREAD EXHIBITION

A COMMON THREAD



An Exhibition by
Toni Rogers, Marcelle Dieben & Shiree Burnside

Tuesday 15 November 2022 – Saturday 21 January 2023
Tablelands Regional Gallery
16 Robert Street Atherton

You are invited to the Exhibition Opening on
Saturday 19 November 2022 from 1 – 3pm.
Artist talk on Thursday 24 November at 10.30am

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



Three Kuranda artists, Toni Rogers, Marcelle Dieben and Shiree Burnside, have been working for 12 months creating individual artworks for their collaborative exhibition A Common Thread, which will be on display at the Tablelands Regional Gallery in Atherton, from Tuesday 15 November 2022 to Saturday 21 January 2023.

"An invisible thread connects those who are destined to meet, regardless of time, place and circumstance."

This exhibition demonstrates an unbroken thread of cultures and traditions and ties their artwork, from the early teachings of their Grandmothers, to the present and the future.

The diversity of their artwork serves as a testament to the importance of recycled materials as an artistic genre. Artworks include paper, fabrics, threads, fibre, stone and our environment's 'flotsam and jetsam'.

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Councillor Column

Welcome to the Councillor Column, an opportunity for Councillors to share updates and information relevant to Kuranda and surrounds.



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR LENORE WYATT

Thank You

I would like to start this month's Councillor Update by thanking all the staff at Mareeba Shire Council. Councillors engage with community members and make decisions on the future of our Shire, but it is the staff who bring these plans to life.

Mareeba Shire Council is one of the largest employers in the shire with 215 staff members, and this year Council celebrated 12 staff members who have been part of the team for more than 20 years. They share a combined total of 295 years of service to Council and it is impressive that some staff have served our community for over 40 years. I am proud of our Council staff, and it is wonderful to receive positive feedback about the work that they do from community members.

One such example, that I am very appreciative of, is the Water and Waste team's recycling education initiative that aims to increase understanding of responsible waste management. Council launched the 'Recycle Right' campaign under this initiative, and I am honoured to lead the campaign.

Recycle Right

The campaign encourages residents to brush up on their recycling knowledge, discover new tricks to cut down on waste and to reuse items as much as possible. The campaign will also promote National Recycling Week that is coming up on 7-13 November 2022. This year PlanetArk reminds Australians that 'Waste isn't Waste until it's Wasted'. Founded in 1996, Recycling Week is a great opportunity to improve your recycling knowledge and to build better recycling habits. Visit www.msc.qld.gov.au and search "recycling" for factsheets, videos and more.

Buy Back Shop

I would also like to encourage residents to consider bringing items of good quality, that they no longer use, to the Buy Back Shop. We all have a responsibility to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill, and your item might be just what someone else is looking for.

The Shop is open to the public at the Mareeba Waste Transfer Station, every Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Pop in to see what secondhand treasures are on offer or visit Council's website for more information.

Councillor Lenore Wyatt
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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2023

NOMINATE NOW

Nominations are now open for Mareeba Shire Council's 2023 Australia Day Awards

The awards are open to residents and community groups of Mareeba Shire who have made an outstanding achievement or contribution within the community.

Residents are encouraged to submit Nominations online on Council's website.

Nomination forms are also available from Council's Customer Service Centres in Mareeba and Kuranda.

All nominations must be received by Tuesday, 6 December 2022.





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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW!

Nominations are now open for Mareeba Shire Council's 2023 Australia Day Awards, and all community members are invited to nominate a local individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

2022 Citizen of the Year, Norma Moloney (pictured below) encourages residents to nominate their local hero. "I am so proud to have received the award for Citizen of the Year in 2022," Ms Moloney said. "Volunteers don't do it for the kudos, but it was a wonderful honour to be recognised."

Nominations can be submitted online, returned to Council's Customer Service Centres or posted to PO Box 154, Mareeba QLD 4880.

Nominations must be received, or post marked no later than 3pm on Tuesday, 6 December 2022.



Norma Moloney
Citizen of the Year 2022



Kara Trimble and Nicole Theakston
Young Citizen of the Year 2022

A TIME FOR GIVING



The 2022 Mayor's Christmas Appeal has been launched. Each year, generous community members and organisations make donations which Council then distributes to local families in need with the help of Community Centres across the Shire.

Council would like to encourage residents to get behind the annual cause and donate to the appeal to assist those in need. If you have never donated before, consider making a small donation to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal for the first time in 2022.

Your donations will be gratefully accepted at Mareeba Shire Council Customer Service Centre's in Mareeba and Kuranda.

Donations can also be made by cheque and mailed to PO Box 154, Mareeba QLD 4880. Please make the cheque payable to 'Mayor's Appeal Gift Fund'. Visit Council's website and search 'Mayor's Christmas Appeal' for more information.

KEEP INFORMED

For all the latest news and updates, join Council's eNews mailing list, or follow us on Facebook.

Council regularly shares information and updates from across the Shire about important projects and initiatives. We also share information from other sources that may be relevant to the community.

Visit www.msc.qld.gov.au to subscribe to the eNewsletter or visit Facebook and search 'Mareeba Shire Council'.

LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



COUNCIL'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Do you have an event, festival, celebration or important date that you would like the Mareeba Shire community to know about? Make use of our online events calendar. Visit Council's website to submit your event for review.

Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Kuranda Colour Fest. It was a pleasure to attend, as well as launch the fantastic new Cassowary Art Trail. If you are not across this great project, local artists have painted unique cassowary sculptures which will be placed around Kuranda on a marked trail in an effort to raise awareness of the need to protect this native bird. The first three cassowaries created by artists Connie Rovina, George Riley and Rebecca Koller are truly impressive, and I encourage you to follow the trail and see them for yourself.

Like me, I know many Kuranda residents care about renewable energy, so I am pleased to share that the Queensland Government is powering our community groups with \$3 million for cheaper, cleaner energy. Community Sustainability Action grants are now open for eligible community groups and individuals for innovative projects which seek to address climate change, conserve Queensland's natural and built environment and protect our unique wildlife. This funding will help local community groups with the installation of renewable and energy efficient systems! Applications close 7 December at 4pm. For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/funding/community-sustainability

As always, if you need anything from me, please contact my local office via email barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 4229 0100. And please follow me on Facebook for daily updates @craigcrawfordMP



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APPLYING FOR MSC GRANTS FUNDING

Is your organisation planning to apply for grant funding? Do you require a letter of support or a reference from Council?

Support for our community to apply for funding from grants is extremely important to us. Council receives letter of support and reference requests on a regular basis from individuals, community groups, businesses, sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations.

To assist Council with the prompt processing of your request, Council has implemented an online request form and we ask that groups utilise this form for all requests. See Grants, Sponsorship & Letters of Support – Mareeba Shire Council (msc.qld.gov.au)

Please keep in mind, we require a minimum of 10 business days' notice for regular letters of support and up to eight weeks for proposed projects on Council land or upgrades to Council facilities.

Please direct any queries to communitywellbeing@msc.qld.gov.au or call 4086 4639.

KURANDA POLICE UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2022

MEET KURANDA'S NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE, SERGEANT MATT HARLING



Sergeant Matt Harling

Kuranda Police Station welcomes our new Officer in Charge, Sergeant Matt Harling, to the team. Matt started his career with the police in Rockhampton and has served in many rural locations including Biloela, Texas, Gin Gin, Mount Morgan and now Kuranda.

Matt said he had a passion for working in small towns and enjoyed the many challenges and benefits that come from working with a small team in close-knit communities.

"I am enjoying Kuranda and can see the local community is very passionate about local issues," Matt said. "I'm looking forward to serving in Kuranda and hope together we can move forward and continue to be a great community."

Kuranda Police would like to remind the community that they provide a 24-hour policing response. Local police understand that having your property damaged, entered or stolen is stressful and costly, so our frontline officers are working hard to investigate all reported police matters.

When you report your matter via Policelink, we receive notification via our communications officers and if we are not in the station, we can still respond promptly. If you are unsure if you require Police, call Policelink and they can contact Kuranda Police to advise.

For the most part, members of the community report offences to Policelink by phone on 131 444, however, you also have the option of reporting online if you don't need police to attend immediately, for some types of crimes.

Please keep in mind, incidents such as barking dogs, fence line disputes or other issues are not police matters and are best managed by another government agency specialising in that field.

If you cannot find a relevant form online, and it is a police matter, please contact Policelink. If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24 hours per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting. Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at www.crimestoppersqld.com.au.

Tammy Novak, Senior Constable, Kuranda Police Station

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Kuranda Colour Fest Success

Thank you Kuranda for an awesome inaugural Kuranda Colour Fest and Colour Run!

What a fantastic day in Kuranda on 8 October with cassowaries, bubbles, stalls, face painting, music, and vibrant Colour Run! Happy smiley faces everywhere.

As always, there's lots of work behind the scenes to bring these days to the community. The Kuranda Traders Association would like to thank ALL involved for their time and effort, and sponsorship to support this event. We had so much fun with this one, and we are looking at making this a yearly event for the village – so keep those white t-shirts at the ready!

Staffing Issues Continue

It has been a somewhat crazy few months in Kuranda with the reopening of all borders, over four weeks of school holidays, plus the mass influx of domestic travellers to Far North Queensland. Although we are excited to see the return of normal (ish) trade, we have also had many different challenges to deal with over all sectors.

Staff shortages all over the region and the rest of Australia, has seen many Kuranda businesses struggle to commit to their usual trading hours/days. Supply chains—although improving—mean that goods and services have been hard to come by for many small businesses. Until staffing levels return to pre-COVID levels with the return of backpackers, international students and migrant workers, things may still be challenging to deliver the 'experience' of Kuranda to its fullest. However, from what we have seen and heard from our members, they are giving it a bloody good go and should be applauded for sticking with it and seeing the pandemic through against so many hardships.

For locals who do not own a business in the area and who may not understand the challenges we are all facing daily, please be supportive of businesses who are working under trying conditions. Negative comments, Facebook attacks and complaints about eateries not being open when you want them to be, is not in any way helpful for the village and its traders. Supporting local businesses when they are open and letting them know you appreciate them and what they are achieving under pressure would really be appreciated by staff and business owners.

SAVE THE DATE

Kuranda Twilight Trading will be on again this year on Thursday 8 December 2022 with shopping till late! We are hoping that Kuranda traders and the community will once again

support this twilight shopping night.

Remember to shop local for your Christmas gifts this year and support our small businesses.

Website Advertising on kuranda.org

Final days to get your kuranda.org website sponsorship sorted for 2022-23! If you are an existing advertiser on kuranda.org and are yet to renew your advertising for 2022-23, your listing will be removed over the coming weeks.

But it's not too late! Drop us a line at website@kuranda.org if you want to re-advertise or if you are a new advertiser.

Thank you to all businesses who have renewed and a big shout out to our new advertisers! Your support in helping to keep Kuranda Village on the map and in the minds of visitors is much appreciated.

Advertising sponsorship packages start from \$350. For a website sponsorship information sheet and rates, please email website@kuranda.org. **kuranda.org** is managed by the Kuranda Traders Association, a not-for-profit organisation supporting local Kuranda businesses.



Kuranda Colour Fest fun in the park.
Top left: Patrick Dauwe in his cassowary suit.
Above and left: Children entranced by the giant cassowary created by Memetica Theatre Company.
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KURANDA COLOUR Fest COLOUR RUN



Above: Fairy Jenny leads the way to the Colour Run at the river.

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The Colour Run was a massive hit with around 100 children, adults and dogs participating. Huge thanks to our Rural Fire Service who assisted in the clean up.

Photos: Steven Nowakowski, Ashley De la Plaza, and Savannah Chibnall.

See Kuranda Traders Association Facebook, and Kuranda Village Facebook and Instagram for more Colour Run and Colour Fest photos.

Below: Wayne Harris



Above: Savannah Chibnall



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TMR road signs phone number has been corrected for cassowary rescue

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) has developed a best practice protocol to reduce the risks and to enact a speedy rescue for distressed, sick, injured or orphaned cassowaries. They have been working with the public and regional community groups on an intensive education campaign, encouraging the community to have the **DES CASSOWARY HOTLINE 1300 130 372** on hand for cassowary emergencies.

DES has a highly trained team who are authorised and equipped to handle cassowaries. They work with the police and vet, and have a purpose-built and equipped vehicle with correct medications on hand. They are on call 24/7.

So remember to call the DES Cassowary Hotline to trigger the A-Team (experts) when reporting all cassowary issues especially road strikes — where a rapid response is required to get birds safely to the care of a vet, and to minimise trauma for the bird, as well as reduce any risk to the public. They will also rescue any lost chicks.

As an active member of the Cassowary Recovery Team, Cassowary Keystone Conservation President, Ingrid Marker, has been championing for billboards to be put up across the region by TMR with the correct number for the DES Cassowary Hotline. If you currently have the '1300 ANIMAL' phone number saved in your phone, please change the number to DES Cassowary Hotline number **1300 130 372**. Note that the '1300 ANIMAL' call out Centre is not equipped to handle cassowaries.

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The Speewah District Residents Association

The Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA) welcome those of you who have known the late Bob Madden, or contributed to his plaque, to come to its unveiling at 6pm on Friday 28 October at the training room of the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade at Roscommon Park.

The plaque honours Bob's altruistic contribution to improved telecommunications for Speewah and how this has enriched the social and economic environment there. This also extends to every area of our lives, from education to health and the natural environment, such as the ability of the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade (of which Bob Madden was a member) to communicate and respond to fire events when timely coordination is paramount. The Bob Madden plaque was made through financial contributions from the community, including a generous donation from the *Speewah to the Hat - Walk for a Cause* fundraising event organised by Speewah resident, Mick Dowling.

As the SDRA will be providing light refreshments for this occasion, we ask that those of you who would like to join us to RSVP to Jo Garbellini at jgarbell15@gmail.com.

The next SDRA meeting will be 6pm on 5 December at the Training Room at Roscommon.

SDRA Management Committee -

Annie Austin, Charlotte de Doger Speville, and Jo Garbellini.



Kuranda District State College THANK YOU KURANDA COMMUNITY!

As the end of our school life grows near, we wanted to take the opportunity to share some of our achievements as School Captains and thank those who have assisted us as students. The year began with the reinvigoration of KDSC's Student Council, the forming of a team of individuals who were, and continue to be, committed to improving our school, not only for themselves, but for all students. Our focus then turned to building a strong student voice, with the goal of ensuring that the opinions and ideas of the entire college were heard. We began by talking with admin and determining the best course of action for implementing the ideas that we had. We then took those ideas to the Student Council, who helped us begin the decision-making process.

We have tackled a range of subjects and ideas throughout the year in collaboration with students, school management and the College P&C. All parties have supported us in these endeavours, and we hope that the Student Council will continue to empower our students in the coming years because, as we have witnessed throughout the year, there are many brilliant ideas out there — sometimes they just need a platform from which to be heard.

Thank you to all staff who have encouraged us, to our Principal and Deputy Principals who were willing to listen, and to all the students who have brought forward their visions for our school. It has been a privilege to be your captains.

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A Grinter's Tale

Where and whence I came from somewhere back in prehistoric times, this was famously "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

It's a bit like that in my office at the moment, a gentle mist of the horses' citronella fly spray wafts under my nose with enough squashed March flies on the floor around me to create a compost heap.

Cowardly little varmints, they always attack under the desk. I was told by someone far wiser than me (that could have been just about anyone really) that if you kill one, all its mates will take revenge on you, and revenge is swift. Apparently that's true with all flies.

Spring has well sprung, and in fact it finishes on the last day of November. At present, my Spring cleaning mainly comprises cleaning up March fly bodies, as I should have listened to my March fly mentor.

The other day, twenty-five of the varmints died well before their due by date as a result of revenging their fallen friend. There must be a lesson there. Without wishing to be disrespectful, crossing the threshold of my open window is like a March fly Gallipoli, or the beaches of Dunkirk. There's huge courage involved, as there is no going back.

Did you know that insects' skeletons are worn on the outside, a bit like our local children trick and treating in fancy dress for Halloween the other day? The skeleton is like a skin that keeps bacteria out. They don't seem to mind injecting bacteria into us though.

When you partially squash them, they die of blood (haemolymph in the case of an insect) loss, or infection it seems, if the haemolymph doesn't clot and the wound seal up, so to avoid guilt, I annihilate March flies. No gentle thwack of a fly swat or flick of the wrist, just total decimation.

The Buddhist in me does not stretch to March flies. I revert swiftly to what the Bible taught me at convent school, and what was frequently practiced on the hockey field, viz "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth".

If you think I'm cruel, read what Australian Geographic has to say about March flies...

"March flies spend most of their lives as legless predatory maggots hiding underground. Covered in warty armour and fleshy tubercles, these maggots are voracious predators of soil fauna. To subdue their prey, they have long fangs with venom canals."

This puts me in mind of some world leaders, but we won't go there.

Anyway, to the dozen nature conservationists who were plotting a letter to the editor, put that in your pipe and smoke it, as they say. I'm with you on everything



else, but not freedom for March flies, no sirreeeee.

But, the guilt did linger on the day of the 25 March fly massacre, so I Googled 'insect pain', and was relieved to discover that "They don't feel 'pain', but may feel irritation and probably can sense if they are damaged".

I have to admit I snorted at that one, as I glanced down at the sea of squished bodies around my feet, and wondered how irritated they were or if they could sense they were damaged, but I admit, I was puzzled to read that they don't have emotions. So why do all their mates search me out in revenge? Isn't that grief, or anger?

Did you know it is only the female March fly that bites, and that they need our blood to reproduce? So to all you do gooders that won't hurt a fly, it's your fault that March flies are endemic in the past two years.

I should probably get fly screens, something I have never had. I like open windows, the air flow and a view of the garden unhindered by dusty screens.

I bought a little thing called a *Shoo Away* recently. It's like a little windmill that imitates me thrashing the air around my head while walking the dogs in the morning, to rid myself of that one noisy critter that without fail each day, attacks me like a Kamikaze pilot.

Collecting them with an open hand at speed does nothing though, although the impact would surely be akin to a drone being sideswiped by a jumbo jet? They're back two seconds later, like Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Terminator*.

I made a mental note this morning to attach said *Shoo Away* to the top of my cap somehow, with full realisation that I would look like a complete dork, but needs must, I suppose.

However, I decided I should firstly try it out in the kitchen this morning while cooking the dogs' mince. If you can picture a single engine plane with soft propellers, standing on its tail (of course you can), the flies are settling on its boss cap, its nose. Maybe they are daring each other to jump through the blades, like one of those boring TV obstacle challenge shows.

So, having read that hanging a trap in the breeze comprising "black, shiny, sticky balls" will attract March flies, I have decided to coat ping pong balls in molasses and hang them well away from my window. I'm sure the horses will love it! Watch this space for more useful tips and ways to express your inner dork.

In case you wondered, the above drivel was written as a result of me asking a friend what on earth I could write about this month. She said "March flies". I gave her a withering look that said "Are you kidding?"

I always liked a challenge.

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KURANDA WRITERS GROUP UPDATE

The October meeting brought two more new aspiring, and inspiring, writers – including a poet! Yes, we embrace all forms of literary expression. The theme for the month was *Passport/Ticket to Ride* and we heard four very diverse and interesting takes on that, as well as some poetry, humorous and thoughtful.

Our next meeting will be held as usual on the second Thursday of the month – Thursday 10 November, 10am to 12pm at the Kuranda Library.

The theme for October's meeting is simply *Kuranda*, whatever that might mean for you, as we seek to gather together some local original writing to submit to *The Kuranda Paper* for summer reading in the December-January edition. A short story (around 500 words) or poem or other form, on the theme to share would be great, but your piece on any topic is also welcome. As are you.

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We miss hosting a monthly Book Club at the Kuranda Library. The library can provide Book Club Sets containing 10 copies of a chosen book. Come in and have a chat with us about organising a regular group, or put your name down to register and let us organise the group for you. Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, socialise, and experience a sense of community and camaraderie with other readers. It adds another layer of enjoyment and experience when you can analyse and debate about your favourite authors. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided!

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7. It improves your writing skills.

Speaking of writing, did you know that the Kuranda Library hosts a Writers Group who get together from 10-12 noon on the second Thursday of each month? The group discusses projects, share their ideas, offer support, and encourage local authors in their writing projects. Contact Rachael on 0435 001 156 or join the Kuranda Writers Group on Facebook for more information.

The wet season is fast approaching and we would like to remind you to look after your Library books and other items, during rainy and humid weather. If items are returned damaged, whether by water or some other means, we do have an item charge fee which varies from item to item.

Helpful tips to keep our books safe:

- Bring all books inside the house to prevent damage from the elements.
- Bring an umbrella and plastic bag with you when visiting the library.
- When returning items through the return chute, please don't include any wet plastic bags as this will damage any items already in the box. Once a book has developed mildew it is withdrawn from our collection, as the spores can spread and present a health hazard.

In preparation for the wet season, Council Libraries have free copies of the *SES Get Ready Guide*, and you are invited to call into your local library and collect one. It's a great little guide with lots of handy information and tips about how to safely prepare for an emergency.

For those who don't know, Kuranda Library is also a Customer Service Centre and Council Office, offering such services as rates payments, animal registrations, animal renewals, infringements, busking licences, food licences and many others. Save yourself a drive to Mareeba and come and see us for your Council enquiries here in Kuranda.

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Above: "Torch Ginger" by Candida Raymond

Welcome to Candida (Candy) Raymond

We are delighted to welcome our new exhibiting artist Candida Raymond and her colourful paintings.

After arriving in Kuranda many years ago, Candida fell in love with the rainforest and the abundance of colourful exotic trees and flowers. She loved the tropical flowers so much that she took up painting them on t-shirts and sold them at the Kuranda markets. This proved to be very successful, which led her to opening a store in Kuranda called "Cuscus" with fellow local artist, Anne Fitzpatrick. Here she painted wearable art as well as homewares in the back of the shop seven days a week!

Candida is now retired and enjoying her beautiful garden in the rainforest which is a constant inspiration for her hobbies – painting, photography and ceramics.

First Prize glory

Pam Schultz received First Prize for the ArtsCape Wynyard's 'Undercurrent' Award in Tasmania for her painting *Damaged: Tin Mine*. Congratulations Pam!

Christmas is coming!

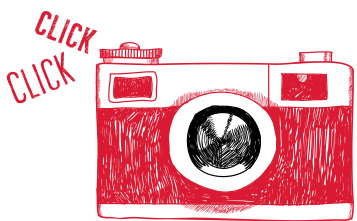
Christmas is not that far away. Now is the time to buy your loved ones (or yourself) a gift. We also have gift vouchers which make a great present as there is always new work in the Gallery to choose from. We can also package and send artwork.

Membership and Gallery space

With our fresh new space, we also welcome new artists to join the Co-op. Drop in and pick up an application/membership form which will give more information about becoming an exhibiting artist.



Pam Schultz in front of her award winning painting "Damaged: Tin Mine"



FOCUS ON KURANDA

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

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"A beautiful Birdwing female has hatched."
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Thank you Kuranda, you made the Kuranda Amphitheatre's Kuranda Spring Festival a wonderful success.

With around 400 through the gate, typical North Queensland afternoon weather shining down, international-class local musical talent, families spread out across the terraces, and a crazy Box Car Rally with all the thrills of a Formula 1 race – there is no doubt the Kuranda Amphitheatre did what it does best.

A big thanks to the Kuranda Traders Association Committee and members for their support of the Kuranda Amphitheatre. Congratulations on a successful Colour Fest event in downtown Kuranda. A great collaboration bringing Kuranda community together for some fun times like no other community. It's what we do.

Thanks to all the volunteers and performers for delivering a great event with about 50 people involved, plus many weeks of hard work by our volunteer support team leading up to Spring Festival to make Kuranda Amphitheatre look her best.

Now we're getting ready for the big one. Reggaetown, with *Katchafire* on Sunday 20 November – our first major event since restrictions lifted! Over nine hours of musical entertainment set to mesmerise a great audience turn out.

And again, it's all possible because of our committed and generous volunteers. We are the last voluntary-run performance venue in Australia. Why not join in the fun and engagement of being part of a professional volunteer team producing world class entertainment right here in Kuranda? It's easy, just become a member. Get a membership form from the Honey House Kuranda, or contact us via our Facebook page. Experience live performance teamwork like only our Kuranda Amphitheatre can provide.

See y'all there. President Pete

Kuranda Spring Festival Thanks

Thank you once again for the ongoing dedication of our long-standing support members – Mandy Dewey and Tim Gronwold. They work extremely hard leading up to an event to ensure the venue is operating as safely and efficiently as possible.

With numerous regulations to follow, the Amphitheatre relies on member's/volunteer's support and willingness to learn all aspects of operating the venue. All of this is thanks to over 40 years of developing fine-tuned policies and systems, unique to the Amphitheatre.

Many thanks to Ian Tranby for all the grounds work, Adric Rusch, Simon Bujeja, and Matty Levers for set up, and Mic Schukking for all your handyman work on the new counters and everything else! Thanks also to a number of other loyal KAS heroes...you know who you are!

Speaking of heroes...SES came first in the 2022 Box Car Rally. They will be added to the Box Car Trophy and handed on for the year, to be returned the day of the 2023 Rally. The SES are another essential service at our major events, assisting with public car parking.

Thank you to the Hynes Bubble men, Grant and Sean, for teaching both young and old how to cast a magic bubble! Bubbles on the terraces is such a nostalgic activity and everyone loved the opportunity to have some fun. Our volunteer bubble makers are one of a kind, and so very patient.

WORKING BEES

Sunday 6 & 13 November 10am–2pm

Grounds prep and other tasks to set up the venue for Reggaetown!

Come and volunteer, and participate in your local venue!




Our Website

Please note that our website www.kurandaamphitheatre.org is being reconstructed. The site will drop out at some point before the new, fabulous site goes up. A massive thank you to another KAS Management Committee Support member, Sarah Arrowsmith, for dedicating so much of her time to this project.



*Box Car Rally at the Kuranda Spring Festival
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Kicking off our Frog Frenzy survey

It was great to see so many people celebrating World Cassowary Day and the launch of the Cassowary Art Trail earlier this month. While keystone species like cassowary and flying-foxes disperse rainforest seeds and flying-foxes pollinate many tree species in this area, the health of our environment and especially the Great Barrier Reef depends on healthy waterways.

So our citizen science "across Kuranda area survey" (that's Kuranda, Myola, Speewah and Koah areas) is kicking off on 28 October and recording frog species present. This will be a snapshot of our Kuranda district frog numbers to compare with elsewhere in Australia.

If you'd like to join us by surveying the area around your own residence and forest including any creek or waterbody, then contact us at Kuranda.envirocare.science@gmail.com or info@envirocare.org.au and discuss how you'd like to be involved. Thanks to those who have already registered. Dr Conrad Hoskin will be here during the two-week survey and has promised a talk for National Frog Week 9-19 November. So keep a look out on Facebook and check your emails for more details. We'll also be out on country with the Bulmba Djabugay Rangers who have been frog monitoring alongside us, over the last few months.

Science Bites

7pm Thursday 27 October

A special online Science Bites talk by Dr Jodi Rowley about the FrogID program and how it's helping to conserve frogs! Join us from 6.45pm at the Kuranda nursery if you would like to see it on a big screen or if you don't have internet.



Students from St Catherine's school getting their hands in the dirt.

Out of town experiences

We were fortunate to host 150 teenagers over the past two months. These students from inner city Melbourne and Adelaide have been enjoying far north tourist attractions, but combining this with volunteering their energy to help community organisations. With some students never having handled a mattock or tree before, they had fun learning how to plant a couple of trees well, and a lucky few received a prize

for a tree most perfectly planted. Hopefully they'll go on to plant more and at least understand how to give a tree the best start on its journey to becoming rainforest. There was time for a walk and talk to our Twin Figs site, a sort of "here's one that was prepared earlier" type experience of what our small plantings will eventually become. The morning tea was a great hit too. Thanks to Small World Journeys for making these connections.



Another tree planted for climate adaptation.

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- 29-30 October** – Creek water quality baseline checks. If interested email Kuranda.envirocare.science@gmail.com
- 29 October–5 November** – Nursery drop in session for an "I do, we do, you do" session on use of the Frog ID app, plus seed identification and potting up.
- 5 November 6.30pm** – Moth night spotting with our local entomologist Dr David Rentz. Learn about moths and other night insects. Central Kuranda location. Contact Kuranda.envirocare.science@gmail.com
- 20–27 November** – Monthly Frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.30pm. Check Facebook or text Cathy 0419 624 940



The endemic Myola palm dominates Warril Creek riparian section

Kuranda Tree Frog Creek Survey

A team of Taskforce volunteers, with the support of Wet Tropics Management Authority staff, surveyed a section of Warril Creek on 24 September. This is our fifth survey showing no presence of yellow crazy ants or electric ants in the lower reaches of Kuranda creeks. Great news as yellow crazy ants have been previously found in this creek and threaten frog populations.

Kuranda Envirocare have a long-term frog monitoring site at Warril Creek and it is home to the iconic Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria myola*). Not only is the Kuranda Tree

frog critically endangered and endemic to Kuranda, there is also an endemic palm called the Myola Palm (*Archontophoenix myolensis*) that is under threat from habitat loss. The Myola Palm is closely related to the Alexander Palm (*Archontophoenix alexandrae*) as is the Kuranda Tree frog to the Green-eyed Tree frog (*Litoria serrata*). These species are examples of the biodiversity hot spot which was a refugia in the last ice age. The Wet Tropics split into north and south and before the forest joined back together some 10,000 years later, new species evolved.

Our next monthly survey will be in Warril Creek on 29 October 2022. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch. Community support is so important in eradicating yellow crazy ants from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Protect your plants when protecting your patch

When exchanging, purchasing or gifting plants, it's good to know which plant families can tolerate bare roots and which plant families can't.

To avoid spreading invasive ants, you can use water bathing or bare rooting treatments for your plants. Do you know which treatments your plants can tolerate?

In order to protect your plants while protecting your yard, we sought advice from plant enthusiast Mike Trenerry.

For the plants that don't like air touching their root system, Mike recommends to not bare-root decorative plants in ceramic pots, fragile, sensitive, or delicate plants such as the herbaceous types, young vegetables, or small potted trees. These plants prefer the water bathing method.

For the more robust plant types that can handle bare roots, Mike suggests, bulbs, tubers, and rhizomes, such as root vegetables, ginger, or flowers, are best offered when bare-rooted and cleaned thoroughly.

Other types like cacti, dragon fruit, and a variety of ornamentals including many succulents, anthuriums, and philodendrons may be shared as cuttings whether rooted or not.

Tropical plants like bromeliads including pineapples, orchids, elephant ears, and assorted other aroids are

routinely swapped and shared as bare-rooted plants. It can also be done with many flowers such as roses.

It is important to note that bromeliads structure enables small ants to colonise inside and are a very common plant involved in electric ant movement. In saying that, water bathing this species after it has been bare-rooted would be highly beneficial to minimise invasive ant spread.

An assortment of young plants such as vegetables, herbs, and even papaya, can be bare-rooted, on a ready to plant immediately basis. Otherwise, water bath.

To keep your bare-rooted plants alive and thriving it is always best to attend to them quickly and have the plant ready for translocation into your garden.

To find out more about the bare-rooting and water bathing methods, check out the website www.communitytaskforce.org.au/protect-your-patch-grow-something-great/

By protecting your patch from invasive ants, you can stop them from spreading and invading your yard, while protecting your home and native wildlife.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Surveys in Kuranda Tree frog habitat

Invasive ants have been found in critical frog habitat and the Kuranda Tree frog is under threat from the yellow crazy ant. Checking for invasive ants will ensure protection of this endemic and critically endangered species.

We need your help so please get in touch if you would like to assist with the survey. Lunch provided.

WHERE: Lower reaches of Kuranda creeks.

WHEN: Monthly survey 8am–12.30pm

Saturday 29 October, Warril Creek.

Saturday 26 November, Owen Creek.

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BIRTHSTONE OF THE MONTH

November

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Those with November birthdays have two beautiful birthstones to choose from – topaz and citrine.

Topaz comes in a rainbow of colours; citrine is prized for its charming yellow and orange hues. Both November birthstones are known to have calming energies while bringing fortune and warmth to the wearer. Most topaz and citrine birthstones are affordably priced, as good-quality gems are not as rare as for many of their counterparts. This means that those born in November have many options to choose from.

In 1912, the Jewellers of America wanted to standardise the birthstones. Modern birthstones are based on what is easiest to sell in large quantities.

This is why November has two birthstones. Topaz was the original birthstone, but citrine was later added as a more affordable option.

The variety of topaz hues includes colourless, light blue, yellow, orange, pink, violet, brown and, very rarely, red. The vast majority of blue topaz seen today is the permanent result of treating colourless topaz with irradiation and heating.

Some believe the word 'topaz' comes from the Sanskrit word tapas, which means 'fire'. Others trace it back to the Greek 'topazos'.

This November birthstone was long thought to have many benefits. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz gave them strength. From the 1300s to the 1600s, Europeans thought it could thwart magic spells and dispel anger. For centuries, many people in India have believed that topaz worn above the heart assures long life, beauty and intelligence.

The distinctly pinkish orange Imperial topaz has aristocratic cachet. It is commonly believed that the name originated with the Russian royal family's insistence on keeping the finest colours of this gem, which was mined in Russia's Ural Mountains, exclusively for their use. An alternative explanation, especially popular in Brazil, is that it dates from an 1881 visit by Brazilian Emperor Pedro II to Ouro Preto—the town closest to Brazil's most productive topaz mines—and the gift of a reddish topaz to him.

After feldspar, quartz is the second most abundant mineral that exists in the earth's continental crust. It manifests in a number of different colour spectrums, but

the ones coloured like citrus fruits are the ones that fall into the 'citrine' category. In recent years, as earth tones became more popular in fashion, so did citrine. The word 'citrine' means 'lemon' in several different languages, and it perfectly suits this citrus-coloured gem.

Once favoured amongst Hollywood stars like Greta Garbo and Joan Crawford, citrine has long been a popular choice, and it's still sought after to this day.

Natural citrine can be found in the Ural Mountains of Russia and in Madagascar.

Most natural citrine is light yellow in colour, but with a relatively low temperature change, treated stones can yield golden yellows. However, most citrine found on the gemstone market is produced by treating stones like amethyst and smokey quartz with heat.

Amethyst and citrine colours can occur together in the same crystal in some gems in Bolivia. These unique stones are called Ametrine.

Citrine is associated with positivity and optimism, which is not surprising given its cheerful colour. It's often used to assist in manifesting financial abundance and opportunity. It can also be used to awaken the solar plexus chakra, helping to cultivate confidence and personal power.

Contributed by Chris Maaten, Emu Ridge Gallery, Fossil and Gemstone Museum, Gift Shop.



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Kuranda Art Prize entrants.
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INAUGURAL KURANDA ART PRIZE DELIVERS STUNNING ARTWORKS



Warren and I created and funded the inaugural Kuranda Art Prize to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Kuranda Riverboat and we are delighted that it has been a great success!

The competition was open to beginner and emerging artists of Far North Queensland and we were delighted to receive so many wonderful entries. Of the 22 artworks entered into the competition, 18 were chosen as finalists by the judges, Angela Meyer, Toni Rogers and Kai Hagberg.

The Kuranda Art Prize Exhibition Official Opening and Award Night was held on 14 October 2022 at Cafe Mandala with over 60 guests in attendance. Speeches were given by Mayor Angela Toppin, Angela Meyer and Toni Rogers.

Helena Burcher from Speewah won the major prize of \$1,000 for her artwork, *Dance of the Epiphytes*, which is a stunning mosaic.

Carly Madderom from Ravenshoe won the People's Choice Award of \$250 for her painting *Rainforest Magic*. This prize was donated by Cantata Studio, Kuranda.

Highly Commended certificates were awarded to Kic Wiseman from Mareeba for her painting, *Ancient Anchorage*, Rose Watts from Atherton for her painting, *Pandanus*, and Fred Ball from Kuranda for his painting, *Rainforest 1*.

Our thanks go to:

- Ruth Beasley for allowing us to create the Kuranda Art Prize logo from her late husband's sculpture, *Smoke in the Palms*, which is on display in Kuranda. Thanks to Nettie O Design for designing the logo.
- All the artists who entered the Kuranda Art Prize.
- The Kuranda Traders Association for their financial support in providing a Kuranda Art Prize page on the kuranda.org website, and contributing to the opening of the exhibition.
- The judges, Angela Meyer, Toni Rogers and Kai Hagberg for their support and participation.
- Cantata Studio in Kuranda for donating the \$250 prize for the People's Choice Award.
- Jake Hall, owner of Cafe Mandala, who very kindly allowed us to hold the exhibition in his cafe for free – as there is no dedicated exhibition space in Kuranda.
- *The Kuranda Paper* for their support in helping to promote the Kuranda Art Prize.

It is our intention to hold the Kuranda Art Prize annually and extend its scope and prize money, as it grows. All funds generated through partnerships, competition entry fees and commissions on sales of artworks, will be used to run the competition.

The exhibition runs until 13 November 2022 and all the artworks are for sale.

Melissa and Warren Clinton, Kuranda Riverboat

Left: Winner, Helena Burcher. Photo: Dei Gould



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To celebrate Seniors Week on Wednesday 16 November from 9am–12noon, why not bring a friend along to socialise in a friendly safe place and enjoy morning tea? There is a trading table, books to choose from, and the opportunity to create handmade Christmas cards.

Walk for Cancer – Jennifer Rooks has finally raised more than the \$10,000 she set out to achieve – well done! Jennifer would like to thank the many Kuranda locals who donated. The 1000km walk from the Grand St Bernard Pass in the Swiss Alps on 29 September, finished in Rome on 16 October. If you wish to donate to the Walk for Cancer fund go to www.doitforcancer.com.au/fundraisers/jenniferrooks/walking-to-rome

CWA monthly Members meeting – will be held on Wednesday 9 November 9–11am.

Social and Craft – Held on the third Wednesday of the month. Wednesday 16 November, 9am–12noon. Hobby stall opportunities. All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

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Hall Hire Available – We currently have hire availability on Mondays 11.30am–5pm, Tuesdays 11am–5pm, alternate Wednesdays until 5pm, Thursdays until 5pm, all day Fridays, most Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons.

QCWA 100 Year Birthday Celebration – Do you have any old CWA photos? If you have old photos and memories that we can copy/scan and collate, please contact Krishna Buhler on 4093 8730.

Save the Date – Kuranda Branch Community Christmas Event – Mark Saturday 3 December in your diary. Lots of stall, raffles, trading table, and Kuranda CWA Historical Display to celebrate the QCWA 100 year Birthday. Saturday 3 December at CWA Hall, 20 Thongon Street. BOOK a STALL! Contact Sandra McCorry on 0447 374 415 or email sandra.mccorry@hotmail.com

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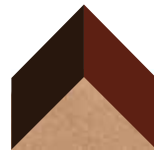
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For the Men's Shed and She Shed, October meant volunteers working with the Mareeba Men's Shed to collect recyclables at the *Savannah in the Round*. The next weekend was the Kuranda Colour Fest where the She Shed team had a stall thanks to a marvellous cooperative effort led by Loris. Creations made for the event were sold, plus some secondhand tools, as a fundraiser for the Shed. But the main aim was to promote our Shed activities for those who attended the Kuranda Colour Fest.

The Men's Shed has been very busy with different projects. Don is improving the gantry in the metal workshop. John has been making lots of planters and step ladders. Frank has been working on the timber store project. Russ completed his planter and is making a stool. Malcolm has done a beautiful house sign for his new home near Tolga. Kris has been making artistic framed timber landscapes. Laure wants to fix up a very old fold out table. Jenny has finished her grandfather's hall stand and has set out to build a bookcase. Geoff has been busy at the Shed.

Loris has outdone everyone by project managing the Colour Fest, and has been the driving force and teacher of woodwork for all the different projects for the festival stall.



Kuranda Men's and She Shed at the Kuranda Colour Fest in Centenary Park 8 October 2022.

SHED OPEN DAY

Sunday 20 November from 10am

We invite interested people from the community to a **Shed Open Day** on Sunday 20 November, starting at 10am. This is your opportunity to see Kuranda Men's Shed, some of the things we make and our workshop areas — something to spark your interest. We want to hear your ideas on how we can make improvements to the Shed to better suit the needs of more people.

We have a couple of Kuranda members who need assistance at sessions. **Would anyone be interested in volunteering three hours per week to transport and generally assist these elderly members at the Shed?** We promise that it will be a very satisfying way to help folks who need to get out of the house and to keep their hands and minds busy. This is also an opportunity for you to make some new friends.

Christmas is fast approaching so there are parties to arrange and others to attend. Please drink and consume responsibly, and remember to love the ones who love you, your family.

Session Times

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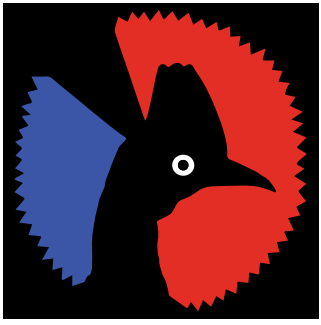
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St Andrew's Catholic College:

Under 8 years – Margaret, Over 8 years – Cooper, Highly Commended – Daisy.

Kuranda District State College:

Under 8 years – Poppy, 8-13 years – Saige, Over 13 years – Sherral-Lee, Highly Commended – Lorelei (10 years) and Ashton Rece (10 years).

Note: Some excellent work and many worthy of commendation and prizes. The judges' choices took account of detail and additions to the centrepiece, such as trees, eggs or comments.

Winners of the School Art Competition received family pass vouchers donated by Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, Rainforestation, Kuranda Koala Gardens, Birdworld Kuranda, and Hartley's Creek Crocodile Adventures. Highly commended entries received delicious prizes from Kuranda's The Not Just Chocolate Shop.



Some of the winning artworks (L-R): Cooper, Saige, Sherral-Lee

THANK YOU

Our thanks go to the many generous businesses of Kuranda who, as well as donating prizes, also made sizeable donations which made the whole project possible.

The Regional Arts Development Fund, administered by Mareeba Shire Council, gave the project the initial impetus needed to launch it. There was critical assistance also provided by the Kuranda Traders Association who generously included the project as a leading event in its Kuranda Colour Fest celebrations.

The event was given a professional glow with the excellent photography of Steven Nowakowski, and the design of all our brochures and banners by Nettie O Design. *The Kuranda Paper* takes credit for getting the word out there, for which we are most grateful.

There would be no Cassowary Trail without the fabulous artists, Connie Rovina, George Riley and Rebecca Koller.

The highest accolade of all goes to Jurg Jutzi of Terra Nova Gallery, who dreamed up the concept, but who then had the necessary foresight, energy and patience to develop it to its very successful outcome. Not conclusion, because this is only step one. He harbours a much wider geographical vision. Follow the project at www.cassowarytrail.com.au.

SNAKES

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CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS NOTIFICATIONS

Cassowary sightings notifications are pouring in, with new fathers bringing out their newly-hatched clutches. We've had sightings of dads with four, three and two chicks. Last year's chicks are now advanced juveniles and sub-adults and are seeking out their own home ranges in an ever decreasing habitat. This takes them across roads. With dads and new chicks as well as young adults exploring new territory, this is a very busy time for road crossings. Please take extra care. The speed limit from Kuranda to Smithfield on the Kuranda Range Road is 60kph – ALL THE WAY for good reason. Please be patient.

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

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WINNER OF THE NAMING COMPETITION

"Kuraptor" is the winning name of Rebecca Koller's dinosaur-themed bird. Lexi from Mareeba came up with the winning name and received a family pass from Birdworld Kuranda, Kuranda Koala Gardens and Hartley's Crocodile Adventures.

Note: There were many great ideas and most appropriate, but only one could be chosen. When we investigated the meaning of some of the names submitted, they meant different things depending on place, so we didn't use them.



Right: "Kuraptor" painted by Rebecca Koller.
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Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



BADABAGAY
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BULYAL
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WALNGGAL
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WANIRRIL
WIDAL
WILGARR
WUNYAN

WORD MEANINGS

BADABAGAY: full. *Ngayang gaba badabagay.* My cup is full.

BAYU: humpy made with lawyer cane. *Nganydji bayu balgal.* We are building a bayu.

BULMBA: camp, homeland, the world, time.

BULYAL: bark cloth.

BUNDJURR: seaweed.

DJIMURRU: big wet season shelter.

DUGURR: shelter made from branches and leaves.

GALBU: butcherbird. *Galbu burrdjal-a-garrang gudaagudaa.* Galbu comes visiting all the time.

GANYA: humpy, camp.

GULUN: here. *Nyinan gulun.* Sit here.

GUNDI: there. *Nyinan gundi.* Sit there.

GUNYU: yonder. *Bunda gunyu.* Yonder mountain.

MAGARRIL: to pick up. *Nyurran gambi magarri!* Pick up your clothes!

MAGAGAYIY: to rise, to climb. *Nulgayin! Magayin!* Wake up! Rise up!

MALIYARR: grassfire. *Guyurru-nggu maliyarr buyburril.* Wind is blowing the grassfire.

MANGGAY: to laugh. *Gurrungga manggang-ala.* Kookaburra laughing now.

MANGGARRIL: to laugh at someone. *Gari nganya manggarri!* Don't laugh at me!

MARRIY: to cross. *Nganydji wuruu-la marring.* We're crossing the river.

MILA: young leaf. *Yidji-nggu mila bugang.* Pademelon eating young leaves.

MULANYDJI: hollow, with holes. *Gulu djulbin mulanydji.* This tree is hollow.

MULAY: a hole. *Gari djanan gundii!* Don't stand there! *Mulay banggal!* Big hole!

MULGA: bark string.

MURIMURI: quiet, serene. *Bulmba murimuri.* The place is quiet.

MURANGGAL: heavy fighting spear.

MURRGU: mound of brush turkey or scrub hen/burial ground.

NARRA: string, vine.

NGABI: many, much, lots. *Ngabi minya.* Lots of meat.

NGABIRR: full of. *Yimbi ngabirr maa.* Basket full of non-meat foods like fruit or nuts or honey.

NGADJI: grandfather.

NGAMA: mother and her sisters.

WADIRR: initiation marks.

WALBURRI: sugar glider, flying possum.

WALNGGAL: to float. *Dugu walnggal banaa.* Leaf floats in the water.

WANGGIRR: ribs.

WANIRRIL: to bring. *Ngayanda gaba di wanirri!* Bring me a cup of tea!

WIDAL: a knife from a fish bone.

WILGARR: green tree snake.

WUNYAN: campsite. *Bama maynggal wunyan-da.* No people at the campsite.

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

/a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words "some, "come" e.g. **bama** (person)

/a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in "father" but longer e.g. **buda:dji** (carpet snake)

/i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word "bin" e.g. **bina** (ear)

/i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in "heat", "beat", "feet" e.g. **biri:** (again)

/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English

word "book" e.g. **mu**du (back)

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

Consonants

/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **djulbin** (tree)

/g/ is pronounced as in the word "gun" e.g. **gindan** (moon)

/rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word "sporrán" e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)

/r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)

/ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. **bungan** (sun)

/n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run

the

two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)

/ngg/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger"

e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)

/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye"

e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).

In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **gan**yarra (crocodile).

However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. **buda:**dji (carpet snake).

In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. **gan**yarra – **nggu** (crocodile).



Djabugay

Tribal Aboriginal Corporation

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DJABUGAY NGIRRMA MAMINGAL

Caring for the Djabugay language

Bada Djaygul, Djaanda and Bina are teachers of the Djabugay language and hold Ngirrma lessons every Wednesday evening at the Nyuwarri Estate, Kuranda. All welcome.

Bada Djaygul (Dennis Hunter): “Ngirrma is so important to me because when I speak Djabugay it’s like I’m carrying on the old people’s words so their language is not forgotten.”

Djaanda (Tahalani Hunter): “After living in the Northern Territory I was inspired by the local mob there who were speaking their own language before English. I saw just how integral language is to our identity. Now I hope to encourage other Bama to study the language left to us by the Gurragurra, the Ancestors and use it to its full extent. We must keep it alive to connect us to our Gurragurra and our mundu, our inner-selves.

I would like to invite everyone, not just Bama, but all living in the Kuranda area to come to our evening classes and see how Ngirrma studies create a greater understanding of the history, the animals and plants, the people and spirit of this place we call home.”

Bina (Michael Quinn): Our evening classes welcome all to celebrate the Ngirrma Bulmba-barra, the language of this place through song, drama, storytelling, role plays and a variety of games. Enter the world of our First Peoples whose storylore stretches back to the time before the rising of the sea-level at the end of the last ice age. Find out about the foods, medicines, hunting and fishing techniques that aided their survival. Dip into the ancient Storywaters and learn about the two brothers who shaped the world of the Djabuganydji and other Bama of this area.”

Jillian Williams has been attending classes over the last two years: “I can’t really express the deep nourishment and joy that my spirit feels during and after each class ...when I look at the bunda and bagarra and go for walks through the bulmba, knowing the first words that the minya and maa were known

by. Woven throughout each class is not just the ngirrma, but also the culture and history of the Djabugay people which should be essential learning for everyone who lives here. The teachers create a really supportive, fun and engaging learning environment where it feels okay to stumble our way through each lesson, making mistakes, but always building on what we learned before. I hope these classes continue for as long as possible. Thank you!”



Top right: Dennis Hunter. Photo: supplied.

Above: Tahalani Hunter. Photo: Greg Hillman – TRACQS Kuranda Photography.

Left: Michael Quinn. Photo: Michelle Murray-Beckman



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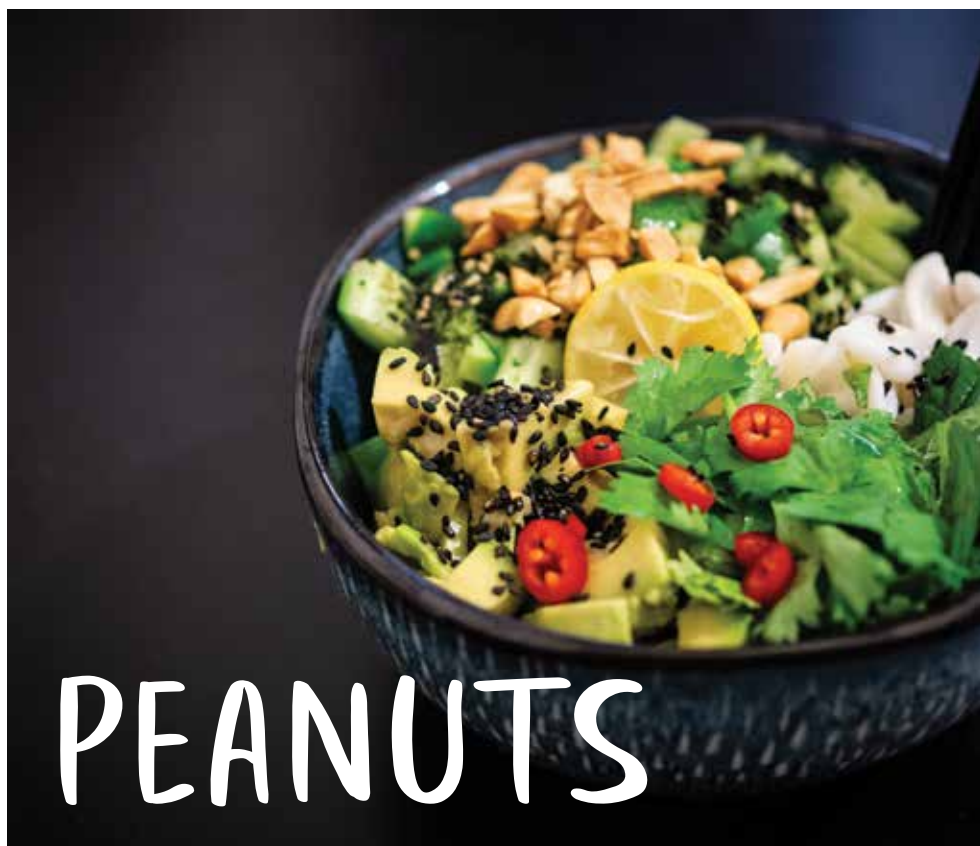
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PEANUTS

With a nod to the wonderful work of Seedsavers (my fellow correspondent across the page in this edition), I am re-serving these tried and true recipes featuring peanuts which were first published in the May 2017 edition of *The Kuranda Paper*. Enjoy *Queenobears*.

Note: some people are allergic to peanuts so if making to share with guests best to check!

Gado Gado Salad (vegan, gluten-free) via ilovevegan.com
Serves 4-6

Typically, gado-gado (translates to mix-mix) is a hearty Indonesian salad with cooked and fresh, fried tempeh or tofu, hard-boiled eggs, plenty of rich peanut sauce, and toppings like ground peanuts, fried onion, and prawn crackers. This vegan version is heavy on the fresh veggies. Yield 4 bowls.

INGREDIENTS:

Gado Gado Salad: 1 cup shaved purple cabbage, 1/2 thinly sliced cucumber, 6 thinly sliced radishes, 1 carrot (julienned), 3 stalks green onion (sliced), 1/2 cup green beans, 1 1/3 cups cubed tempeh, vegetable oil (for frying), handful coriander, 2/3 cup dry roasted salted peanuts, crushed, fresh lime juice (to taste), salted rice crackers, salt (to taste).

Peanut Sauce: 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp natural peanut butter, 2 cloves garlic, 3 tbsp coconut sugar, 1/2 tsp red curry paste, 1 1/2 tbsp sambal, 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp coconut milk, 2 tbsp fresh lime juice, 2 1/2 tbsp soy sauce, 2 tbsp water, pinch salt, 1/4 cup dry roasted salted peanuts.

METHOD: Prep all vegetables. Blanch green beans, strain and rinse under cold water to chill. In a frying pan, heat vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Add the cubed tempeh, season with pinch or two of salt, and cook until tempeh is golden brown and crisp on all sides. Assemble bowls: Divide tempeh evenly between bowls. Add desired veggies. Sprinkle with salt. Top with warm peanut sauce, green onion, coriander, crushed peanuts, rice crackers, and lime juice. In a food processor, combine peanut butter, garlic, coconut sugar, red curry paste, and sambal. Process well. Add coconut milk, fresh lime juice, soy sauce, water, and salt. Process until smooth. Add the peanuts and process just enough to break them up but not purée them. Warm gently (in microwave or double boiler) before serving.

Vietnamese Cabbage Salad (vegan, gluten-free) via *Jump Up And Kiss Me Cookbook* by Jennifer Trainer Thomas.

INGREDIENTS:

Salad: 1 small green cabbage, finely sliced or shredded, 1 carrot (julienned), leaves of 1 small bunch coriander, 1 tsp minced fresh ginger, 1 cup bean sprouts, 1 bunch spring onions (thinly slice), 1/3 cup roasted peanuts (finely chopped). Note: Moderate the heat by adding less chilli-garlic paste.

Red Chilli-Garlic Dressing: 2-3 tbsp red chilli-garlic paste, 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar, 2 tbsp soy sauce, 1 tsp minced fresh ginger root, 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil.

METHOD: Combine all dressing ingredients except sesame oil in a large bowl. Mix well then add oil. Add all salad ingredients except the peanuts. Toss salad with the dressing and chill/marinate at least half hour. Just before serving top with peanuts.

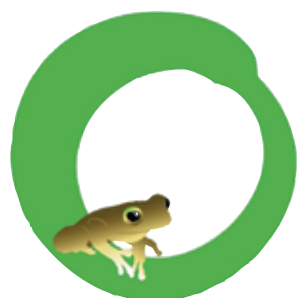
West African Peanut Soup (vegan) via *The Guardian Online*

Serves 4

Be sure to use unsweetened peanut butter that has no additives, or alternatively grind your own roasted peanuts and add a good pinch of salt.

INGREDIENTS: 2 tbsp vegetable oil such as sunflower or peanut, 1 onion (roughly diced), 2 garlic cloves (chopped), 2.5cm piece of fresh ginger (finely diced), large pinch of chilli flakes or 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper, 1 tsp ground cumin, large pinch of ground cinnamon, 2 orange-fleshed sweet potatoes (roughly chopped), 400g can of chopped tomatoes, 300ml vegetable stock, 3 tbsp smooth peanut butter, juice of 1/2 lime, a few leaves of fresh coriander (to garnish), salt and black pepper to season.

METHOD: Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onion until soft. Add the garlic, ginger, chilli, cumin and cinnamon, then stir until you can smell the fabulous aromas. Add sweet potatoes and stir to coat in the spices, taking care not to let the garlic burn. Add tomatoes and stock, and simmer about 10 minutes, until sweet potato is soft. Spoon the peanut butter into a small bowl, stir in enough of the soup broth to make a smooth cream and then add to the soup. Using a hand-held blender or potato masher, puree some of the potato. You can leave some lumps in the soup, or you may prefer to blitz the lot in a blender. Season with salt, black pepper and lime juice, sprinkle with some coriander and serve.



Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland

Protecting Our Wildlife Locally

In the last few decades, development has torn through our area, causing deforestation, destroying and fragmenting wildlife habitats.

Several years ago, Mareeba Shire Council commissioned an independent consultant to review the environmental significance overlay. In 2018 the final report was submitted. This recommended changes to our local planning scheme to provide better protection for our wildlife. FoE FNQ, together with other environmental organisations, asked Mareeba Shire Council to put these proposed changes to the community for review as soon as possible.

We were then pleased by Mareeba Shire Council's prompt response and to receive a copy of the consultant's report. However, we are very disappointed to discover that, more than four years after the report was submitted, there is still no date set for public consultation about these important changes. Our unique wildlife deserves better.

A Safe Transition that prevents destruction of biodiversity

At the April FoE FNQ meeting, guest speaker Steven Nowakowski gave a very powerful and confronting talk about the threat that some industrial scale renewables pose to biodiversity in North Queensland. Steven emphasised the need for urgent action to stop burning fossil fuels and to mitigate climate change. However, he added "Should we be clearing forests to decarbonise?"

Therefore, we welcome Queensland Government's review of the current planning laws for renewables. This is a great opportunity to push for better protection for our wildlife and forests.

ACTION: Sign CAFNEC's petition calling for protection of biodiversity during the much needed transition to renewables at

www.cafnec.nationbuilder.com/public_review_of_planning_laws

You might like to point out that the State Planning Code 23 for Wind Farms needs to be amended as it:

- allows projects to be assessed without community consultation
- avoids assessment under the Nature Conservation Act
- can only mitigate or offset potential harm.
- refers to a 'sensitive site' whereby a wind farm cannot be constructed closer than 1.5km. A 'sensitive site' is defined as a retirement village or school etc. A protected area or even a World Heritage Site is not defined as a 'sensitive site'.

Increasing Australia's Climate Target

At the UN-sponsored COP27 climate talks to be held this month (November 2022), countries will be asked to declare their updated plans to cut emissions by 2030.



Kaban Wind Farm.
Photos: Steven Nowakowski



ACTION: Call upon the Australian Government to show that it is acting on the climate crisis with the seriousness that the latest science demands. Adequate targets need to be set with planning for a transition to renewables together with a reduction overall in our nation's consumption. See www.foe.org.au/climateambitions

A Just Transition

Many workers are fearful about their jobs with this change in energy policy. The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) has issued a call for an independent and properly resourced national Energy Transition Authority to manage an orderly and fair transition process for affected workers – such as redeployment, skills and training plus secure job opportunities.

ACTION: Sign the Foe Australia letter supporting this call at www.foe.org.au/demand_for_national_energy_transition_authority

NEXT FoE FNQ MEETING: Tuesday 8 November 7pm via Zoom. For details, contact Margaret 0403 214 422, email pestorium@gmail.com or sign up at www.foefnq.org.au. New members welcome.



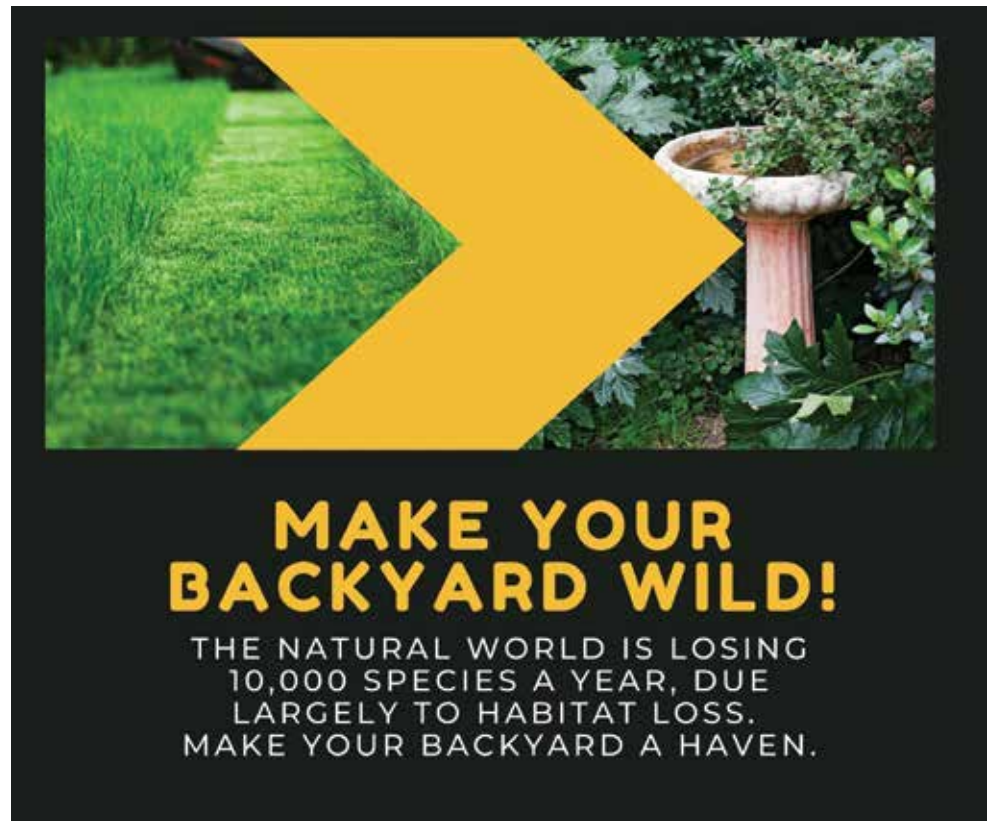
Wild Back Yard Gardening for the Planet

In the coming decades, humanity faces some terrifying challenges and the collapse of biodiversity due to pollution, poisons, habitat destruction, and deforestation is one of the most concerning. Humans greatly underestimate the importance of biodiversity for their own survival, forgetting that we are not separate from life and that polluting and extracting from a planet without replenishing it means that eventually (quite soon) the well will run dry. Headlines like, “Why are small birds on the decline?” and “Steep drops in insect numbers have scientists worried” are all too common red flags for impending disaster. It is easy to feel helpless and wonder how you can make any difference.

But one answer lies just outside your door in your garden. What you do in your backyard matters.

Gardening is important and vital in addressing, among many things, biodiversity. Even if your garden is small, collectively, gardens on a national level can add up to a huge area. If you are blessed with a large yard or property, then putting most of it over to a native, biodiverse haven for wildlife is boosting your impact big-time. And the best thing – biodiverse backyards eventually mean less effort on your part – all you laidback gardeners out there rejoice! So what can you do for biodiversity in your yard?

- Get rid of your lawn! This is the first and best tip to attract wildlife to your garden. Lawn provides no food, shelter or habitat for wildlife ... and it costs you time and money. Plant native grasses instead like Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) and Wallaby Grass (*Austrodanthonia caespitosa*).
- Have mostly locally native plants, with a variety in layers and ages. Consult your local council or environment groups and nurseries for what to plant.
- Make sure you have a well-planted, complex under-storey in your garden. It provides food, safe foraging from predators, nest-building material, breeding sites, shelter and life-cycle completion for many native animals, birds and insects.
- Keep it messy – have fallen logs, sticks, leaf litter, rocks and even fallen trees on your property for animals and insects to live, breed and hide in. No need to mulch that tree!
- Have predator-free water sources available – which means training your pets not to attack wildlife or otherwise keeping them contained. Water sources can be a pond, birdbath or as simple as a pot of water left out. Keep it in the shade and have plant cover nearby for best success. Also have a stick or rock in the water source in case a friend falls in or wants a rest!
- Have nesting sites and opportunities/hollows for birds, bats and animals within trees or on the ground or provide one. Talk to your local Men's or She Shed about making nest boxes or insect hotels!



- Learn about all the wildlife in your area – for example which birds are nectar, seed or insect feeders? This may determine what you plant. Or just plant multi-purpose native plants like Acacia, Banksia, Eucalyptus, Grevillea, Hakea, Leptospermum, Melaleuca and Bottle Brush.
- If you are not near native bushland then think about making neighbourhood pollinator links between houses in your street. Your backyard wildlife haven should not be an island, but should link to bushland or other gardens.

Done the right way, gardens become a haven teeming with animal, bird and insect life, places of food and refuge for wildlife, capturing carbon in trees and soils, absorbing rains and run-off to prevent erosion and even provide good, clean, local food for you. Done the wrong way, gardens harm – think pesticides, herbicides, mono-culture lawns, clearing, planting non-native plants, all things that reduce biodiversity. Your choice makes the difference.

For Adults: The Atlas of Living Australia is Australia's national biodiversity database. It provides free, online access to information about Australia's amazing biodiversity. www.csiro.au/en/research/natural-environment/biodiversity/ALA

For Kids: Questagame is a mobile app game for photographing and identifying fauna, flora, and fungi. Sightings are verified by experts and gain points for players. www.questagame.com

Rachael Kelly – *YourGardenHarvest*
www.facebook.com/YourGardenHarvestAustralia



Growing Peanuts

Who remembers all the peanuts growing around the Atherton Tablelands? It looks like the trend is back 'on the up' with more farmers putting in hundreds of acres. For the small-scale grower, peanuts are an easy, nitrogen-fixing and pretty plant, producing a high protein nutritious food (note: approx 1% percent of the population can have allergic reactions, so of course, take care). Australia grows about 2% of the world's peanuts, mostly in Queensland.

The humble peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*), family Fabaceae, or Leguminosae is not a nut, but a bean, a legume which unlike many in its family, produces nuts under the ground, hence its other names, eg ground-nuts, earth-nuts and goobers! Hypogaea means 'underground' in Greek.

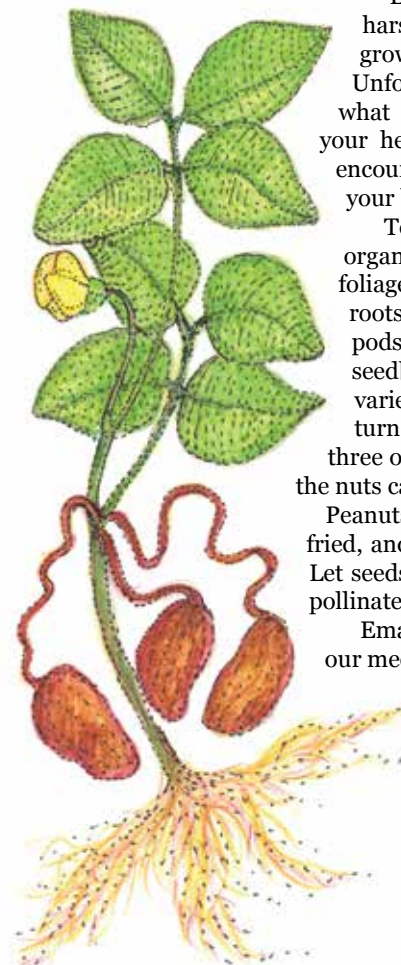
There are two types of peanuts, one from Peru and one from Brazil. The Peruvian peanut, our peanut butter provider, is a low bush, bearing underground pods with two or three 'nuts' in a light-tan-coloured shell. The Brazilian peanut has a more rounded form, usually two nuts per darker red shell, though with more taste.

The peanut is an annual, drought-hardy, frost-sensitive small bush, with small yellow pea-like flowers growing in the axil leaves towards the base of the shoots. The fertilised flower-stalks elongate and form a root-like growth, penetrating the soil and growing into the yummy 'nuts'.

Peanuts thrive in the tropics, planted in their shells at the beginning of the hot season, and harvested when the weather cools. The rich red soils of the Tablelands provide an excellent growing medium, with four or five months to grow to harvest twenty to fifty pods per bush when mature. There is a small harvest window before shells can become soft, though often some remain in the soil for next years crop. The 'nuts' are dried for four or five days, from a fifty percent moisture content to around ten percent, to avoid any fungal growth that

can create health problems for some. The original organically grown hand-harvested, wild Ecuadorian jungle peanuts do not produce this fungal growth. Perhaps this nutritious and medicinal heirloom variety would be worth tracking down and growing locally...it is also an understory-grower, and thrives in rainforest shade, very different to mono-culture crops, and so would be interesting to see it grown in a syntropic system.

Peanuts do well with some 'hilling' to encourage more growth, building up the soil around the stem. Peanuts grow well in guilds with many other crops...lettuce, radish, potatoes, snow-peas, spinach, beets, carrots, celery, strawberries, herbs, flowers, including nasturtiums, marigold and tansy which naturally deter pests, but avoid planting close to the alliums (onion family).



"Peanut" watercolour and pen. Gayle Hannah

Large-scale monoculture peanut farmers, use harsh and toxic chemicals to deter 'pests' and fungal growth which thrives in the monoculture environment. Unfortunately the peanut has a porous shell and absorbs what is around it, so seek out the organic growers for your healthy peanut harvest. Choosing local and organic encourages others to grow this way too, so you are doing your bit to create change by choice.

To save the seeds for your local seedbank, start with organic open-pollinated seeds, and harvest when the foliage of the plant turns yellow, shake the dirt from the roots, using mesh trays for larger crops, choose the larger pods with more 'nuts' to save for next planting and for the seedbank. Fifteen metres isolation is required between varieties to avoid cross-pollination. Pull up the plants and turn upside down to dry, or hang up in a dry place for three or four days. If the weather is dry and the air is crisp, the nuts can be stored in a hessian bag with no further drying.

Peanuts can be eaten raw, boiled, steamed, roasted, stir-fried, and of course made into delicious fresh peanut butter. Let seedsavers know if you have any good varieties of open-pollinated seeds available.

Email seedsavers@kurandaregion.org for information on our meetings (next is 30 October at 342 Leilas Way, Myola), or please see kuranda.tv for videos relating to seedsaving and localising our food system.

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In my last article I reflected on some of the colonial drivers behind the “Australian Nation-building” story. I suggested that the outcome of the story from the very beginning was no accident, and that those who made up the small circle of influencers used firstly the colonial might of Britain, and then the emerging legislative powers of State Governments, and finally the federated Commonwealth Government to retain their wealth and power. In many instances they are those who still wield that power today.

They of course are shrill in their enthusiastic support for the system of governance that keeps them and their ideas ruling our roost. One of the foundations of their system of governance and of our Nation-building story is the political party. Most, if not all, of these upholders of democracy reside within the three major political parties, the Liberal Party, the Australian Labor Party, and the Nationals. They good naturedly admit that it may not be a perfect system, but it is the best that we have until something better comes along. But of course, they will make sure that it pretty much never does.

It is curious indeed that the Australian Constitution does not mention or refer to political parties at all. But how to comprehend this statement on the Parliament of Australia website, *Infosheet 22 – Political parties*, “Australia’s system of government is based on the existence of political parties. While the Members of the House of Representatives are individually elected to represent constituents within each electoral division, in most cases Members belong to and support a political party”.

The few of us who live in rural areas have the rare opportunity to vote once every four years, in a local government election, for one of our neighbors who won’t be a member of any political party, who we probably know and who will fund their own campaign

However, over 80 per cent of Australians now live in cities, so the reality is that over a 10-year cycle they are likely to go to the ballot box every 24 months or so to vote for either a local, state or federal representative. In most cases they will vote for a representative of one of the three large political parties mentioned previously. To get onto the ballot card, those candidates would have found it necessary to please the very narrow requirements of their party’s pre-selection committee, most of whom are now controlled from ‘Head Office’.

So, if we look at this rationally, we get to vote every now and then for a party-filtered candidate who will certainly toe the party line (whichever one they happen to belong to, but whom all behave pretty much the same) because this is democracy, and there is nothing better.

For some reason we also believe that we have to have three levels of government, because, well just because. Supporters of this system argue that we need checks and balances. Local,

a sub-set of state, who in turn keep their eye on the feds. As an aside, if you are interested, do some research as to how Queensland has ended up as Australia’s only unicameral parliament and discover how we re-invented the wonderful democratic tool of the gerrymander, used by both sides of politics to keep themselves ensconced.

It is my assertion that the three-tier governance system has supported and suits political operators and their vested interests very well, but has let down citizens and the communities in which they live. So do you have a better idea I hear you ask? Well, I do actually. But first why would we want to change. I am arguing that we need to develop a new Nation-building story that is earth centered. That is one that understands that our only real asset is the earth upon which we live with its myriad of resources. One that places importance on community over corporations and strives to give those communities and their members the tools and mechanisms needed to make their own decisions at scale.

I would argue that our needs would be served better by doing away completely with the State Government level. They are completely colonial in design; their straight-line boundaries are human constructs which seem to have no sense and create differences rather than encourage collaboration. Similarly small local councils are now hindrances to solving landscape scaled problems and are so under-resourced as to be almost useless.

The Australian landscape is divided into 89 large geographically distinct bioregions. Each of those bioregions exhibits a common climate, geology, landform, vegetation communities and supports similar animal species. We live in the Wet Tropics Bioregion and to our north is the Cape York Bioregion. The boundaries between bioregions are real and significant, and influence land-use, styles of living and all other interactions between humans, other species and their environment.

Individual bioregions may choose to forge their own path, but others seeing the sense in collaborating may forge temporary or permanent arrangements to address challenges or to leverage opportunity. Bioregions would promote a number of their citizens to a Commonwealth level. A breath of an idea to start a new system.

And you guessed it, political parties would fade away. Their style of democracy would not be required.

Infosheet 22 – Political parties
www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/House_of_Representatives/Powers_practice_and_procedure/oo_-_Infosheets/Infosheet_22_-_Political_parties

Map of Bioregions of Australia
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Astrology

THE STARS IN NOVEMBER

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A month containing a unique event: the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 2022 or to numerologically reduce the numbers: 2+2+2+2+2 (or 10) which = 1. A Bran’ Nu Day: 11:11: 2022 wrapping up a bunch of 11s and 2s into one.

That’s enough numbers, so what does it mean for us? Well, there are some pretty tight planetary aspects happening around the 11th – the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Saturn and Uranus are all in aspect to each other around the 17 to 18 degrees mark of the particular signs that they are travelling in, mainly Scorpio, Gemini, Taurus and Aquarius. Ceres in Virgo is also at 18 degrees, in the mix.

So if at birth you had any planets or angles at 17 to 19 degrees of those particular signs, then there’s a lot of messages coming your way about now. That’s way too complex to generalise, but a look at your birthchart would soon show the areas of life being influenced and the kind of outcomes likely to occur. That’s real, living astrology folks, and it works.

I happen to have Jupiter at 17 degrees Cancer at birth so I’m looking at trines to the Scorpio, Sun and Mercury, sextiles to the Taurian Uranus and Virgoan Ceres – all positive free-flowing aspects promising, with Jupiter, good fortune but an inconjunct to the Aquarian Saturn and a semi-sextile to the Gemini Moon, throwing in some radical, wild-card, unexpected changes and ideas. Further study needed.

So you can see that, in a general sense, that Bran’ Nu Day has some exciting twists and turns for us all. Venus and Neptune are also in a Virgo-Pisces opposition transit pattern so we enter into a deep realm of dreamtime, fantasy and idealism. The indigenous theme running here has not gone unnoticed.

Still it’s only one day right? Well, try this – on 8 November there will have been a total eclipse of the Moon at 16 degrees Taurus, we will see it at around 1am, exactly on transiting Uranus, the planet of sudden change, revolution and breaking down of old structures and unique individualism, on a midnight full moon eclipse. Time is being called on many soon-to-be obsolete structures and beliefs and we begin the journey back to reclaiming our individuality and ripping out the deadwood. Exciting times ahead.

Then we fly. Sun, Moon, Mercury and Venus all up and away into Sagittarius, Jupiter going direct in the last week of November with a Mars trine to Saturn in the air signs Gemini and Aquarius and we have lift off. Progress and freedom are the resonant frequencies and again, your own birthchart will show you how you can benefit from the moving currents and what the harvest may be. Ceres (the Harvest Goddess) still in her ruling sign of Virgo, finishes the month heading into an earth trine with Pluto (God of the Underworld). What do you think might happen?

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RANGERS report



Kuranda Rangers Needs Community Support

Our local grassroots soccer club, Kuranda Rangers Football Club (KRFC), needs community support. We are looking for expressions of interest to join the 2023 KRFC committee to ensure our wonderful Club continues to operate and grow into the future.

The KRFC provides one of the only opportunities for local children to join a club/team sport in Kuranda. Children aged from 5-13 years have the opportunity to join a team, train together every Thursday afternoon during the season, and then to proudly wear their Kuranda Rangers uniform to compete against other clubs from around Cairns.

It goes without saying that in this time of growing dependence on, and access to, technology, it is even more important to maintain the opportunity to join a local team sport. Soccer gets our kids outside to stretch their legs, as well as interacting with old and new friends in the local area. Being a part of KRFC gives players the opportunity to experience not only the joy, but also the challenges that come with playing a sport.

In 2022, KRFC had a wonderful group of over 60 players, and a committed group of parents helping each age group come together to learn wonderful lessons of team work, commitment, fairness and fun. The Club experienced success, across all age groups, particularly considering our small size.

In the older age group, we have achieved great success in making finals in 2021, and in 2022 we won both the Premiership and the Grand Final! At the Grand Final match, KRFC had a largest and most vocal group of supporters and locals on the sidelines chanting for the Kuranda Rangers as they played with determination and heart. Some of the players in that team had been playing for the Rangers since they were just 5 or 6 years old. A proud moment, not just for the win, but to see the community of Kuranda supporters come together.

The younger age groups play in the MiniRoos format which is non-competitive i.e. they are not placed on a competitive ladder or have finals. Their success, however, can be measured in other ways. They develop skills and eagerness to play a sport, a commitment to train and improve. They experience joy when they (or a team member) kicks a goal or achieves some success on the pitch. They also learn to lose with their head held high and display sportsmanship while representing their Club and community. The players develop a commitment and determination to continue to train and to try again the next week. All important life skills – just on a smaller scale.

But there is work that needs to be done to help the Club continue to function. We all know many hands make light work. We are a Club that runs completely on volunteer help. In 2023 there are positions open on the committee to assist in a range of roles including coordination of the Club, coaching roles, team management roles, small community fundraising events, and administrative roles. If you are available to assist in any way, please contact the KRFC to express your interest. Your time and your efforts

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FEMALE EMANCIPATION

Today, we are able to take the vantage point of our contemporary Western perspective on the changed position of women in our own society, including as in North Queensland. This has been as a result of many years of development and effort, and is still continuing. Given that Australians are a people from many parts of the world, we are therefore very interested in progress towards female emancipation in other parts of the world.

One example is that of Iran, where gender discrimination is still commonplace, a situation that has been a significant contributing factor in the exodus of many Iranians, including to North Queensland, and including members of the Baha'i Faith. While Baha'is are strictly non-political, we are today witnessing the boldness and courage of many women of Iran in confronting a male dominated clerical ruling class in Iran who are concerned with the maintenance of power and subjugation of women in that country.

But perhaps many do not know that the relevant history in that latter country has roots going back two centuries. It is a very interesting history.

Two hundred years ago, virtually everywhere in the world, women lived in subjugation to men. It was a world so different to our own that it is difficult for us to imagine. It was a world in which women had little role in public life – little opportunity for education, little opportunity to work – other than in the home. In many countries women did not have the right to own property. It was a world where women were often subject to the legal control of male relatives and the law in the west, as much as the east, defended the right of husbands to beat and control their wives.

The one who came to be known as Tahirih was born into this world in Persia (Iran) in the early 19th century. She became one of the world's heralds for the emancipation of women. In such a backward environment, the appearance of a highly educated, revolutionary and courageous woman with unparalleled wisdom and knowledge was a unique and wondrous occurrence. This noble and distinguished woman was like a brilliant star, illuminating Persia with her poetic words and brave deeds. She has become a celebrated world figure, still revered by many today.

Tahirih is considered one of the foremost women of the Babi religion, the forerunner of the Baha'i Faith, and an important figure in its development. As a charismatic individual, she was able to transcend the restrictions normally placed on women in traditional society where she lived, and thus attracted attention to that Cause. She wrote copiously on spiritual matters, and of that volume about a dozen significant works and a dozen personal letters have survived. Around 50 poems are attributed to her, and are regarded highly in Persian culture.

She is known particularly well among Baha'is for the first public removal of her veil in the presence of adult males including the Prophet Baha'u'llah. During a pivotal conference in Badasht, Tahirih played an historic role that signified the separation of the Babi Faith from previous religious dispensations and a rejection of the various mandated forms of female subjugation in that largely Islamic country. Her actions illustrated the absolute independence of the Bab's revelation, and also elevated the rank and station of women throughout the Middle East. At the conference, Tahirih removed the veil from her face in public—an absolutely shocking symbolic act for that time and place—and advised all women to arise and claim their God-given human rights, encouraging them to strive in the arena of education and social service. She openly and radically advocated the emancipation of women.

Two years after the conference, she was arrested, brought to Tehran, imprisoned again and in 1852 she was murdered by order of the royal court. Like thousands of Babis during that time, she gave her life for her beliefs. History has recognised the great contribution of Tahirih towards social reform, and placed her among those women whose names will forever illuminate the story of humanity. Professor Edward G. Browne, a prominent British Orientalist scholar, wrote:

“The appearance of such a woman as Qurratu'l-Ayn (Tahirih) is in any country and any age a rare phenomenon, but in such a country as Persia it is a prodigy – nay, almost a miracle. Alike in virtue of her marvelous beauty, her rare intellectual gifts, her fervid eloquence, her fearless devotion and her glorious martyrdom, she stands forth incomparable and immortal amidst her country-women. Had the Babi religion no other claim to greatness, this were sufficient—that it produced a heroine like Qurratu'l-Ayn.”

In addition to being well known among Bahá'ís, who consider her one of the leading women figures of their religion, Tahirih's influence has extended beyond the Bahá'í community as her life has come to inspire later generations of feminists. Her influence has been noted by a wide range of scholars, authors, reformists and intellectuals both in Iran and elsewhere in the West and the East. Poems, plays and films have been written and produced about her. She deserves to be even better known.

The Bahai Community of Kuranda/Mareeba

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS KURANDA

On Tuesday 8 October, the spiritual leader of the worldwide Anglican Church, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, accompanied by Mrs Caroline Welby, visited Kuranda.

Arriving via Skyrail, the Archbishop visited Kuranda Koala Gardens and walked through the Jumrum Creek Conservation area. Later in the afternoon, Archbishop Welby was informed of the effects of climate change on the rainforest and the local environment by Cathy Retter from Kuranda Envirocare.

In the evening, the Archbishop and Mrs Welby attended a service of Evening Prayer in a packed St Saviour's Church followed by dinner at Cafe Mandala to meet local parishioners.

This was the final day of the Archbishop's Australian tour which started in Perth and included most of the state capitals along with a visits to the Torres Strait and Yarrabah.



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Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is funded by the Qld Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy and Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs

AGM NOTICE

The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre Board and staff would like to invite you to attend our

2022 Annual General Meeting
6pm Wednesday 23 November
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Refreshments will be provided

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St Saviour's Thought for November

This month we open our Bible to St Luke's Gospel Chapter 16 and read verses 19-31. In the passage we read about the rich man and the poor man Lazarus. In the passage Jesus asks us some questions

How do we deal with our physical and tangible possessions?

How do we deal with our spiritual gifts? And guess what Jesus requires an answer.

All through this chapter of Luke's Gospel Jesus is talking about us and our possessions. He says again and again that this is one of the most important relationships in our lives, and that we will be judged largely on the way we have dealt with it. He has also been saying that possessions can be both outer and inner. Our relationship to our outer possessions, from which we take so much pleasure, is only an outward sign of our relationship with our inner possessions, our spiritual riches. We can be very rich outwardly and very poor inwardly. We can be poor outwardly and rich inwardly. We can sometimes be rich both outwardly and inwardly, but only if we are prepared to be good stewards of our riches before God. The chapter ends with Jesus telling the story of the rich man and Lazarus. On the surface it is a simple and straightforward story, and we can take a moral lesson from it about the uses of riches. But it has other levels of meaning, most certainly to the men and women of Jesus' time and nation.

To them he was presenting the rich man as an image of themselves, rich and comfortable, but irresponsible and without compassion for others. On another level Jesus was questioning his countrymen's use of their spiritual riches.

They claimed a special relationship with God, but how was this spirituality seen in their actions? "Between you and us there is a great chasm." It is not that Lazarus would not go to help, he cannot go. The division is too great, and it is too late. Again Jesus is emphasising the way judgment takes place in human life.

We judge ourselves by making our own choices and living the consequences. When, in the story, the rich man beseeches Lazarus at least to go to his still-living brothers, the answer he gets is a terrible one. They have placed themselves beyond reach, and cannot be made to hear. The terrible truth is that we can, by our own patterns and choices, place ourselves out of the reach of God. That will certainly not be God's wish for us, but it will nevertheless take place. We are free beings, free to make moral decisions. There is, of course, throughout our lives Jesus continually offers us grace to help us to choose his kingship rather than that of the tyrant in each one of us, which we know as the Self.

So when Jesus asks us

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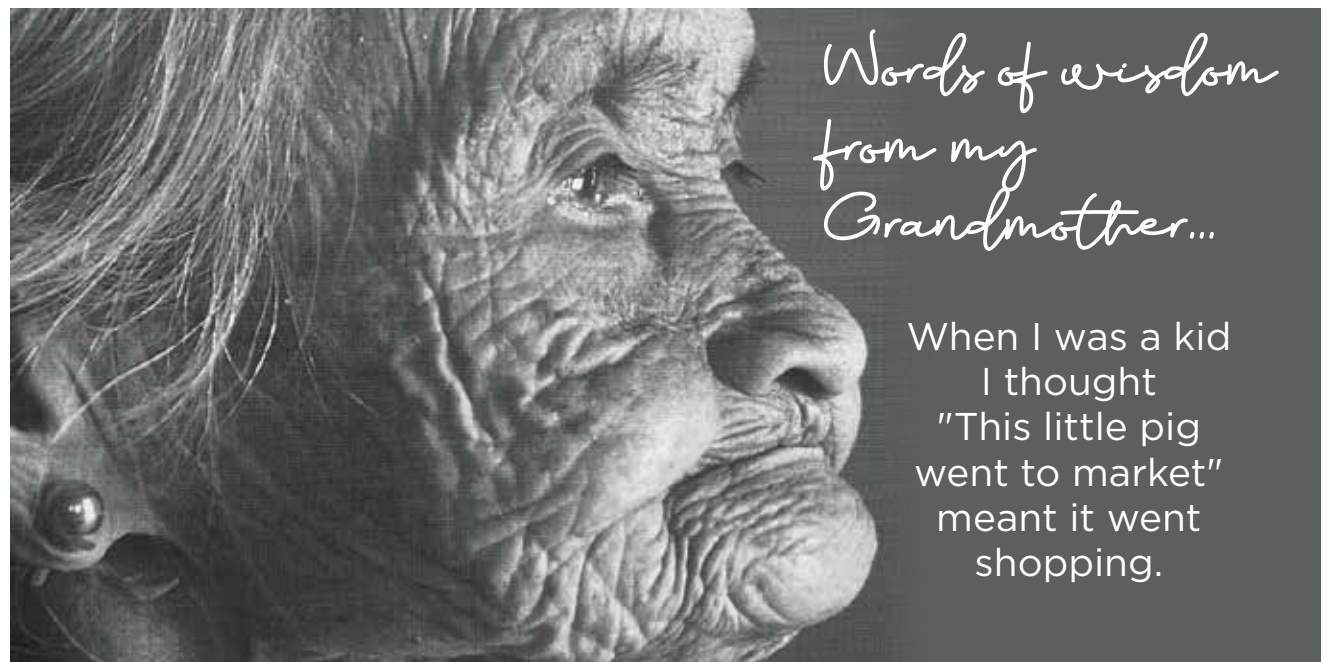
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O friends! Be not careless of the virtues with which ye have been endowed, neither be neglectful of your high destiny. Suffer not your labors to be wasted through the vain imaginations which certain hearts have devised. Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft-flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men, the letters inscribed upon

His sacred scroll. With the utmost unity, and in a spirit of perfect fellowship, exert yourselves, that ye may be enabled to achieve that which beseemeth this Day of God. Verily I say, strife and dissension, and whatsoever the mind of man abhorreth are entirely unworthy of his station."

(Baha'u'llah)

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- Can express feelings and needs
- Speaks clearly so an adult can understand them
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- Can hold a pencil properly
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- Can dress themselves
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Above: Exploring space. An astronaut who has built a spaceship.

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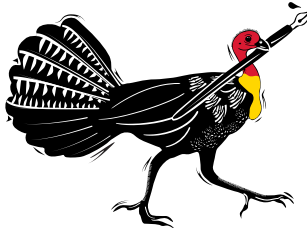
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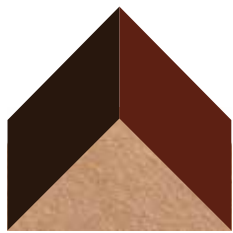


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Departs Smithfield	7.20am	9.45am	3.50pm	10.50am	4.20pm
Departs Kuranda	7.40am	10.05am	4.10pm	11.10am	4.40pm
Departs Speewah	8.00am	10.25am	4.30pm	11.20am	5.00pm
Departs Mareeba	8.20am	10.45am	4.50pm	11.40am	5.20pm
Arrives Atherton	8.50am	11.15am	5.20pm	12.10am	5.50pm

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

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

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

Bus stops are located at:

Cairns – Platform 1, Cairns Central Railway Station, Cairns
Cairns T.A.F.E – Newton Street (7.15am & 3.00pm Services from and to Kuranda)
Smithfield – Bus shelter near the traffic lights on Kennedy Highway at bottom of the Kuranda Range
Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre
Speewah – Speewah Road bus shelter in front of tavern
Mareeba – Arnold Park, 171-179 Walsh Street (next door to Police Station)
Atherton – 54 Main Street

Ticket Sales:

Purchase tickets from the driver as you board the bus or from Piagnos News at 142 Byrnes Street Mareeba. Phone 3036 2070 (office hours)
Email: atherton@transnorthbus.com.au www.transnorthbus.com.au

Emergency Contacts



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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



First Officer Kuranda	Baz Child 0437 746 601
First Officer Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
Warden Kuranda/Myola	Duncan Blakey 0408 151 199
Warden Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
Davies Creek	4093 3181
Koah	4093 7738
Speewah	0488 988 481

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction



FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED
Kuranda Station
Your local Queensland Emergency Services Fire station is looking for Auxiliary Firefighters
If you are interested contact your local station:
Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station
Please visit: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/jobs/auxiliary-firefighter.html>
Are you driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?



Trans North Bus & Coach

Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

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

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

No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374
Trans North 3036 2070



Bookings 1300 743 374



What's On at Koah Hall

EVERY MONDAY

PILATES with Jaide 6-7pm
0488 229 700

MONDAY 14 & 28 NOVEMBER
TEACHING OF CONSTITUTION AND
COMMON LAW with Bernard, 7-9pm

EVERY TUESDAY

SOULATINA – Latin Dance Classes –
6.30pm Salsa, 7.30pm Bachata.
Contact Andreza
soulatinadance@gmail.com
Book at www.trybooking.com/BWIWD

EVERY THURSDAY

PARENT AND BUBS MEET – 10am-
12noon. Contact Tui 0472 987 859
QUINTESSENCE YOGA AND SOUND
HEALING evening classes 5.30-6.45pm
with Katelyn 0428 865 636
www.quintessencewellness.com.au

THURSDAY 3 & 17 NOVEMBER

MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP
7pm. Open to all men.
Solomon 0484 761 505

EVERY FRIDAY

DANCE CRAFT WORKSHOP – Flow
Dance Staff and Poi. 4pm onwards.
Kaliia 0411 841 159

FRIDAY 11 & 25 NOVEMBER

SPICE ON WHEELS CURRY
Contact Ruben 0419 788 993

HIRE FEES

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

www.koahhall.com

koah.hall@gmail.com

Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKETS NOVEMBER

8am till Midday
Saturday 5 November

- Live Music – Chris and Lawry
 - Pirate Party Day, Dream BIG! Circus School Shows, Buzzy Bubbles, story time, fancy dress prizes and more!
 - Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.
- SMS/Voicemail Nicky
0488 961 660 or direct message via
Koah Monthly Markets
Facebook page.

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

BEING NEIGHBOURLY COMMUNITY
BBQ 6pm. Gulf Savannah NRM –
Vicky 0439 443 906

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

DANCE FREEDOM Davini 0414 994 123

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER – Pirate Party.

Circus Shows, Secret Tuesdays, bubbles, games, fancy dress and more to be announced. SEE PAGE 3 for details.

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES

Dream BIG! Little Cyclone Circus and Circus Love! Various classes and trainers. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404. Info on www.dreamstatecircus.com workshops page. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

Mondays – Adult Circus LOVE! 9.30am-12pm
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45-4.45pm Age 6 months to 5 years.
Family Circus: 4.45-5.45pm Age 6 to 18 years.

Tuesdays – Circus 2: 3.45-5pm Age 8 to 12.
Show Class: 5-6.15pm Create group and individual show ready performances.

Wednesdays – Aerial Beginners 3.45-5pm, Aerial Intermediate 5-6.30pm.



Want to teach a weekly class?

Our inbox is busy! Daily we are receiving many enquiries from members of the community about classes or activities at the KRC. Do you do weekly morning yoga classes? Have you got any dance classes on at the moment?

Since the relaxing of COVID restrictions, people are keen to get out, socialise, and try new things again. Why not try holding a class in your special interest area? We have booking space on the calendar and hire costs are only \$20 per hour for the Centre! Get in touch if you have something to offer the locals of Kuranda.



8 Ball and Beer

Tuesday nights are a well kept secret down at the Jum Rum Bar! Join us for some 8 Ball fun from 7pm. Try your skills playing against some local enthusiasts. Our tables are competition quality, drinks are cold, and when Mick gets the music going, it's smiles all round.

There is also the opportunity to join a team and play competitively – there's something for every skill level...and it's fun!



CONTACT US

Kuranda Recreation Centre

krc4881@gmail.com

JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

WHAT'S ON

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

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm
Les 4093 8276

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

Venue for Hire

Are you having a party or celebration? The KRC has multiple areas available for hire for functions, seminars and activities. Features include – onsite parking, toilet facilities, licenced bar and commercial kitchen. Please contact Symone 0467 391 152.

Proud to be the home of:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 18 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

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

Yoga in the Rainforest with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 0419 726 955

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1-4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

She Shed Kuranda 8am-1pm.
kurandashed@gmail.com

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

She Shed Kuranda 1-5pm.
kurandashed@gmail.com