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APRIL IS FOR FOOLING AROUND

And why not? March would have induced most with a serious case of cabin fever and it has been a relief to see the sun shine and feel the heat lessen as we move ever closer to the perfection of our tropical winter months.

While we still have officially one more month until the close of the 2022-2023 cyclone season (and late cyclones are always a distinct possibility) we just might be able to glimpse more and more blue skies.

The landscape is lush after an above average Wet Season – rainfall recorded at the Kuranda Railway Station to 26 March was 1640.9mm, compared to the average of 1269.2mm (1896-2023) with the massive overnight deluge of 307.2 mm on 6 March still fresh in many minds.

With Queensland school holidays happening over the first 16 days of April, it's a great time for families to get away from screens and schedules and enjoy our wonderful region, and support our local businesses and attractions, as well as walking tracks and creeks to explore.

Time to get out and enjoy all there is on offer. You would be a fool not to...

QUEENSLAND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 1–16 April

KOAH 'WACKY HAT' MARKET DAY – Saturday 1 April 8.30am–12pm (page 28)

GOOD FRIDAY @ KURANDA ORIGINAL RAINFOREST MARKETS – Friday 7 April 5-9pm

EASTER SUNDAY 'LOVE BOMB' @ AMPHITHEATRE – Sunday 9 April from 3pm (page 10)

KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE AGM – Monday 10 April 7pm (page 28)

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21 years of wildlife adventures...



Above: Mahogany glider mum Pip in her hollow log. Photo: Kuranda Koala Gardens

Left: Young visitor gets acquainted with a furry friend. Right: Cuddly koala. Photos: Phil Waring

This year, Kuranda Koala Gardens is celebrating its 21st birthday.

Koala Gardens opened its doors in May 2002, after converting the old bungy-jumping area at the Kuranda Heritage Markets into wildlife enclosures and a pond full of freshwater crocodiles.

The park has come from humble beginnings, originally housing only a handful of iconic Australian species such as koalas, wombats, and a few species of snakes. But, after a welcome renovation in 2016, Koala Gardens now boasts

some of the most rare and curious of Australia's wonderful wildlife, including the endangered bilby, Northern bettong, and Mahogany glider, local favourite the Boyd's forest dragon, and the ever-smiling quokka.

Koala Gardens is also proud to participate in several breeding programs to help native threatened and endangered species. In the past, we have welcomed Northern bettong joeys, and last year we were thrilled to welcome two sets of twin girls – one from our Mahogany gliders and the other from our bilbies.

There are plans in the works for a weekend-long celebration in May, and we hope the local community will come out and help us mark this very special occasion!

Kuranda Koala Gardens is located in the Kuranda Heritage Markets, and is open daily 10am-4pm.

Happy birthday!

DEADLINES

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We welcome your letters via email or post

KURANDA-SMITHFIELD SCHOOL BUS RUN

Thank you to Dugg Stratford for recommencing his Kuranda-Smithfield school bus run which will start from the first day of Term 2 – Monday 17 April 2023.

The bus will service students attending Newman Catholic College, Smithfield State High School, and Holy Cross School. The service will depart at the bus stop on Therwine Street (in front of Terra Nova Gallery) at 7.30am (students to be there by 7.25am).

Students must make their way to the bus immediately after final school bell. The bus won't be held for late students.

Order of afternoon pick ups:

- 2.45pm Smithfield State High School, Holy Cross School (Holy Cross students to make their way to the SSHC bus stop in front of the Admin block on O'Brien Road).
- 3.05pm Newman Catholic College
- 3.30pm drop off in Kuranda at the Therwine Street bus stop in front of Terra Nova Gallery.

The cost is \$6 each way and Dugg is offering 10 trip passes for \$58 payable to the driver.

For more information please contact Dugg 4093 7264 or email dstratford@bigpond.com

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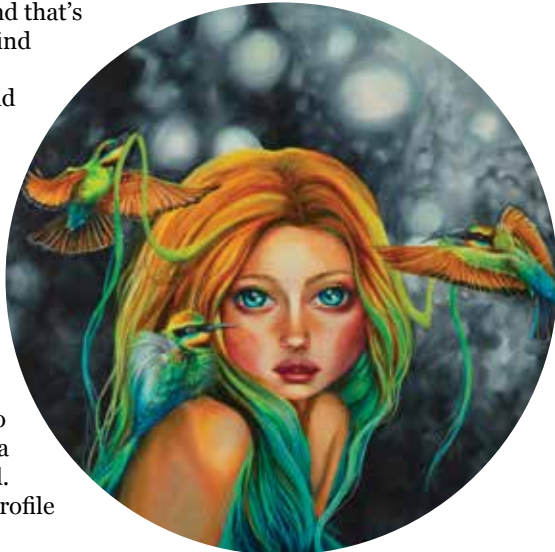
Nettie O'Connell, Kuranda

Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month features details from a stunning original painting *Ornatus Adornment* by Kirty Bell, incorporating into her signature portrait work beautiful Rainbow Bee-eaters (*Merops ornatus*).

“Kirty Bell is without a doubt one of Kuranda’s most original artists, she has a formidable talent in portraiture and her brushwork is seamless. Of late she’s turned her hand to incorporating wildlife into her compositions, they too are rendered with ease and precision. Kirty’s capacity as a fine artist is a rare talent honed from keen observation and total dedication to her path.”

Her Instagram handle is @kirtybellart and that’s where you can find her artwork for commissions and originals.



Prints of her artwork can also be purchased via www.imagekind.com (member profile kirtybellart).

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.

THANK YOU TO EMERGENCY SERVICES AND OTHERS – KURANDA RANGE ACCIDENT

To the ambos, fires and all who stopped to assist my husband and I when we were involved in an accident on the Kuranda Range on Friday 24 March, 3pm – we send our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Peggy and Neal Martin, Koah

SEEKING CHANGE AND CHANGE MAKERS

I would like to see a space in Kuranda that is inviting for change makers and believers of a new world. Almost like a propagation station, a 'seed camp', available for whoever feels the call to be part of this.

I would love to see more 'green bins' in town, more gardens in town, more butterflies in town (not just in the Butterfly Sanctuary), I want to see Kuranda changing into a healthier environment. And a starting point to make a sanctuary out of mother earth. I know this is a big dream, but I feel it could work if we represent a healthy town with healthy roots, as an example for whoever is passing through.

I find that many places in Australia are trying to hold this 'hippie vision' but in actual fact it's a bit plastic. And still very much created for people that can afford to live in a consuming world. A consuming world where we buy everything, instead of being creative and giving tools to become a responsible human being. And give back to an original way of being. I also find that there is not enough support for homeless people, and people that have gotten lost in this patriarchal system.

I would love to see more kindness from the people that do have a great business, I understand that we still have a lot to learn about sharing and caring. And if we haven't experienced this part of life ourselves yet that it could be a challenge to bring awareness and also change. I find it very hard to share my idea in words, because I learned that walking my talk moves more than trying to plant ideas into my surroundings.

There are also lots of homeless people just walking around and being bored, and doing stuff they shouldn't do, because no one is walking with them. I would like to spend some time and energy to work for funding to go into the community. I'd rather do that than having a normal job, and paying into a system I do not believe in. If there would be abundance, or leftovers from the cafes, or just a kind person to talk with, then we would know what has been happening for people, and where we can support one another, instead of filling in forms and only get help if we conform into a governmental system that obviously isn't really working with us. It's giving away our responsibility for a better community and being self reliant.

I feel if we look into our world nowadays, that Kuranda could be an amazing activation point of people WALKING this change. It just needs to come together, and having a grounding space for that could be an amazing opportunity. I would love to know how you feel about this, and if there is a way to start creating funding for our community! And I would want to be involved with that.

I can be contacted via email at Butterflydreaming999@outlook.com
Much love,

Didja, Kuranda

KMA Update

CONTENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

As always, a reminder that this is a community newspaper and we are 100% submission-based. This Paper is unique because our community makes it so we use no syndicated content.

So please send us your news, views, art, group info to

mail@kurandapaper.com

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TOLGA: The Humpty

ATHERTON: Atherton IGA (Silo Shopping Centre)

SMITHFIELD: Totem Clothing (Smithfield Shopping Centre), Smithfield Library

CAIRNS: Cairns Library

STREET TREES OF KURANDA



The smooth green trunk and branches of the Cadaghi tree often bear an uncanny resemblance to human limbs – possibly the Hulk's?

In the Kuranda district, Cadaghi trees are naturally found in wet sclerophyll forest, on rainforest margins and as an emergent in rainforest which is advancing into eucalypt forest. And increasingly in residents' gardens where the pink fuzzy leaved seedlings often appear as volunteers and are easy to cultivate. Here in their native north-east Queensland habitat, they also co-exist with our native Stingless bees who gain benefits, not just in pollen but also the resin produced by the tree after pollination. This resin is important for hive building. It is also thought the pungent resin has both anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties which contribute to hive health. The tree's benefit is to have seeds transported (sometimes over a kilometre) along with the sticky resin.

They certainly are a great favourite of many local gardeners. However, like the Hulk, cadaghis can also be unpredictable and can shed heavy limbs without warning. So while the shade and wide spreading branches are tempting it is probably wise to admire them from a distance and keep swings, sitting areas and sandpits at a distance.

Cadaghi (Corymbia torelliana) at the Kuranda Heritage Markets entrance, Rob Veivers Drive. Photo: Gayle Hannah



ANZAC DAY TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2023
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Notice is hereby given, under Section 69 of the Local Government Act 2009 that for the purpose of Anzac Day:

Chillagoe - Queen Street between Cathedral and Frew Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between 9.00am and 10.30am. An alternative route for through traffic is available via Cathedral and Queen Street and Frew Street and Queen Street.

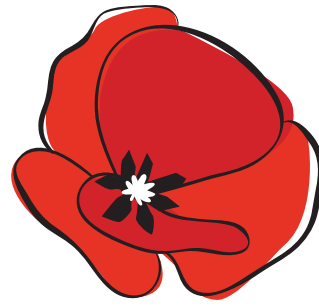
Dimbulah - Glynn Street between Raleigh and Brickley Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 4.00am and 12pm.

Kuranda - Thongon Street between Thooree and Coondoo Streets, Coondoo Street between Thongon and Therwine Streets and Therwine Street between Coondoo and Thooree Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Mareeba - Byrnes Street between Hort and Lloyd Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 4.00am and 1.00pm. An alternate route for through traffic is available via Walsh Street.

Mt Molloy - Mulligan Highway Mt Molloy between Clacherty and Crothers Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10.00am and 10.30am.

Peter Franks
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PO Box 154
MAREEBA QLD 4880



PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023 IN KURANDA

Everyone is welcome to join the Kuranda RSL Sub Branch for its Anzac Day commemorations.

DAWN SERVICE

We commence at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service. The Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available. This year we will be trialling the QR speakers along the platform to improve the ability of everyone to hear the service.

On completion of the Dawn Service, all are welcome to tea, coffee and scones which will be available on the railway platform. Once again, Gayle from Queensland Rail and her helpers, are providing their time and cooking expertise, for which we are eternally grateful.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

The Anzac Day March begins outside Cornetts IGA – gather at 10am for a 10.15am start.

The March is organised by Mick Forde. All groups and individuals are welcome to march, please see Mick on the day or contact him on 0412 126 204 for any enquiries.

The March goes to Centenary Park where the Anzac Day Main Service will begin at approximately 10.30am.

With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council, there will be marquees for sun and rain protection. The Kuranda SES will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. The Kuranda RSL Sub Branch thanks them for their valued contribution.

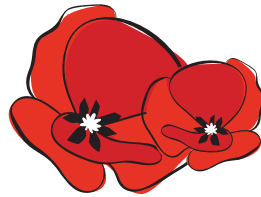
Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc, at any of the ceremonies.

Father Chris Wright will again officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities – everyone is welcome. Don't forget your umbrellas!

If anybody requires transport, seating or has any other needs, please leave a message for:

- Mick Forde 0412 126 204
- Craig Kerr 0421 588 714
- Adrian Joffray 0429 937 257



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EASTER IN KURANDA PROMOTION

Kuranda Traders Association

Easter in the Markets and at the Amphitheatre

Despite months of rain, Kuranda has continued to see good visitor numbers and with Easter and school holidays fast approaching, the village will be super busy.

We are very pleased to see that traders in the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets will be open late on Good Friday night (7 April) from 5–9pm, as well as providing some entertainment. The markets are gorgeous when lit up at night, plus there will be hourly Easter Egg hunts with Fairy Jenny. We encourage locals to go along, soak up the atmosphere and have a fun night.

The Kuranda Amphitheatre also has an event on Easter Sunday 9 April – LOVE BOMB. There will be an afternoon of entertainment and Easter Egg hunt as well as a membership drive. See page 10 of this edition for more information.

Promoting Kuranda

Now that tourist season is approaching, we are once again focussing on our social media presence for Kuranda village. We'd like to remind businesses and locals to please tag Kuranda Village in their posts so we can find them easily and repost on the Kuranda Village Instagram and Facebook platforms. More posts give Kuranda a better chance of being seen in the world of digital marketing.

Rebranding Kuranda

In 2022 with the help of grant funding, the KTA commissioned a 3-year Kuranda Strategic Marketing Plan following the impact of COVID-19 and loss of Tourism Kuranda. The plan was facilitated by Pinnacle Marketing and involved many hours of interviews with visitors, stakeholders, and traders. This plan now provides a strategic way forward for the village.

One of the recommendations of the plan was to rebrand Kuranda. For a long time Kuranda has been known as the "Village in the Rainforest", but feedback received through this Strategic Plan process was that it is outdated and no longer reflects the Kuranda of today, nor of how we want to see ourselves in the future.

Rebranding Kuranda requires a community effort and many ideas, and it is one of the first steps we need to take to move forward and start marketing Kuranda in a fresh, new way. We will be putting together a small dedicated group to progress this direction. **Is this something that interests you? Do you want to be involved in the future direction of Kuranda and its marketing?** Please send us your expression of interest to kta@kuranda.org.



Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC)

Operated by Kuranda Information & Support Centre Assoc. Inc.

6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda
PO Box 170, Kuranda Qld 4881
4093 8933

manager@kurandanc.org.au

What's on at the Neighbourhood Centre

Easter Breakfast BBQ – we are holding a BBQ breakfast and mini Easter Egg hunt for primary age children on Wednesday 5 April from 9.30–10.30am. Please feel free to join us and have a chat about services KNC has to offer.

Street Pantry – Community donations of non-perishable items always welcome.

Community Garden – Please come along and see Koa if you are interested in volunteering your time or contributing to the Community Garden.

Grandparents Cuppa and Yarn – Grandparents continue to meet in 'The Nest' every Tuesday from 9.30am–1pm.

Mahjong Group – The group meets weekly on a Wednesday from 12.30–4pm to play Mahjong. New members are welcome.

Furniture Exchange Program – Our furniture exchange program is a program run by the Centre and two of our amazing volunteers. The program aims to regift unwanted furniture to those who need it. If you have furniture you would like to donate to this program, please call Terri for Family Support. Please also keep in mind that we do not have capacity to store items, so if there isn't anyone requiring the furniture you are donating, we may not be able to accept it at the time of donation. If you need furniture items, please call Terri and she can add you to the list.



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Thanks to Meika Betts-Colefax for working with us for the past couple of months and all the best with your new job.

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BACK TO COUNTRY DAY

Djabugay people are proud of their cultural heritage and take every opportunity to promote their culture and to educate non-Djabugay people about caring for country. *The Djabugay Bulmba Bama Plan*, a blueprint for how Djabugay Cultural Heritage can be protected and managed into the future, identifies as a major priority the action of Community Engagement.

The aim of good community engagement is ultimately about teaching people to have a deeper understanding of the country in which we live and helping the whole of our community to become more aware of what is happening to our country from a range of impacts and more importantly how we may work to improve that.

One of the activities that the Djabugay Elders like best is taking people, particularly the young, back to country, telling stories and helping to unfold an understanding and appreciation of the old ways and the old knowledge.

A recent "Back to Country Day" saw five Kuranda District State College students—who are studying towards a Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management—and their teacher join with two Djabugay Elders and the Djabugay Bulmba Rangers to visit Mona Mona for a day immersed in country to experience both the old and the new.

The student's first stop was the Mona Mona Mission site where they explored some of the remaining buildings and other cultural fabric and heard firsthand stories of life in that institution. The profound experience of those people has provided layers of complexity and depth to the rich cultural heritage of the Djabugay people.

Back along the road the students then visited Mimu lagoon. This important wetland has featured in the visits of previous KDSC groups. Over the last two years these groups have observed the transformation of this lagoon as the Bulmba Rangers have spent much time installing fencing to keep out feral horses and achieving a more appropriate cultural burning program. These actions have resulted in both positive and negative changes which the students were able to explore. Removing the feral animals has seen an improvement in water quality and a regular monitoring program is keeping tabs on this. Unfortunately, it has also resulted in an increase in the presence of hymenachne, a weed of national significance, which now has to be manually removed. The students got their feet wet engaging with both of these activities.

These young people are taking an active interest in caring for country and in their efforts have won the strong support of their Elders. Respect both ways.

For community members interested in learning more about Djabugay Cultural Heritage a good place to start is Djabugay language classes held every Wednesday evening from 6pm at Nyuwarri Estate, 1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda. Contact our office on 4093 8116 for more details. See page 22 of this edition for this month's Djabugay language wordsearch puzzle.



KDSC students and staff with the Djabugay Bulmba Rangers and Djabugay/Kuranda Elders, Rita Gutchen and Flo Brim (front row). Photo: Djabugay Bulmba Rangers.



KDSC student undertaking water quality testing project at Mimu (Waterlily) Lagoon. Photo: Djabugay Bulmba Rangers.

Words of Peace

by Christopher Headmesser
(Hip Pocket Poetry Presents on Facebook)

Words of peace, in a sea of hidden meanings
Written on water and posted to the sky
From there they fall not seen by the naked eye
Words of peace written on water and left to mark the high tide
There they lye, left to dry.

Left for the stones to whisper on the edge of the sea
Whispers lost on the winds, again they fly free
they circle the planet
But again we choose to ignore what we do not want to see
Words of peace on the bottom of that sea,
left lying and crying in the sea of hidden meanings.

Cleaning Position for Kuranda Facility

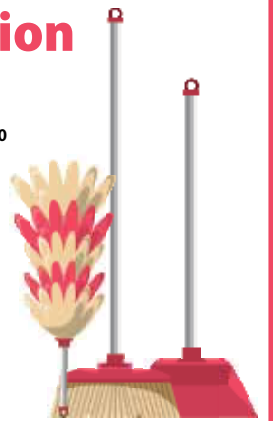
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The position is for 1 hour per day either 3-5 days per week.

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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR DANNY BIRD

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

Parks & Open Spaces Action Plan

Council is continuing to implement the Parks & Open Spaces Strategy and community consultation has commenced for the upcoming Bicentennial Lakes Revitalisation Project.

The project will include works in the southern section, from Rankin Street to Keeble Street and in the northern section from Keeble Street towards the Granite Creek. The project will see significant earthworks in the southern section to improve the overall water flow, as well as preparing the site for an exciting new active recreational precinct and playground.

I would like to invite all residents to the on-site information sessions scheduled for April. These sessions will take place at the Lakes, and Councillors and Council Officers will be available to answer any project related questions.

Council has also issued a survey to gather input from residents on the design of the active recreation space planned for the Lakes. With a limited budget, we may not be able to do it all, but Council will use your feedback, to prioritise the elements in the play area. Visit Council's website and search 'Bicentennial Lakes' for a link to the survey.

Another project I am looking forward to is the opening of the new Splash Park in Mareeba. The aquatic centre has been extended to accommodate the splash park with the installation of a new retaining wall and perimeter fence. The project will evolve relatively quickly now that the underground works have been completed, and Council anticipates that the facility will open mid-year.

Mareeba Shire Local Tourism Organisation Think Tank

Earlier this month I joined fellow Councillors and 65 tourism stakeholders at the Mareeba Shire Local Tourism Organisation (LTO) Think Tank, facilitated by Tourism Tropical North Queensland. The meeting was a great success and provided a well needed opportunity for all of us to work together within the broader tourism network to promote our diverse Shire.

If any tourism operators or stakeholders are interested in more information, I invite you to contact the LTO Chair, Councillor Lenore Wyatt on 0447 757 336 or by email, mareebaturism@mareebachamber.com.

In closing, I would like to remind residents that my fellow Councillors and I are always available to talk to you if there is ever a Council matter you would like to discuss. I welcome your contact.

Councillor Danny Bird • DannyB@msc.qld.gov.au

Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

From Monday 20 to Friday 31 March, 6am to 6pm TMR will be carrying out maintenance works on the pedestrian facility west of the Barron River Bridge on Kennedy Highway, Kuranda.

For up-to-date traffic and road condition information call 13 19 40 or visit www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or download the QldTraffic app.

As a reminder, pensioners, veterans and low-income earners in Queensland can access a \$372 rebate off their power bill. If you're eligible and haven't registered already, please do. I encourage all Kuranda locals, pensioner or not, to check out www.concessionsfinder.services.qld.gov.au to find out what discounts you may qualify for.

First Nations people have played a central and powerful role in looking after country for tens of thousands of years. We've recently opened applications for 46 new Indigenous Land and Sea ranger roles, to build on the critical job of caring for country that 154 rangers are already doing. This is keeping with our commitment to double the number of Indigenous rangers from 100 to 200.

Finally, a friendly shout out to Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre for all their hard work and support for the Kuranda community – you can reach them at 4093 8933.

To sign up to our newsletter, please visit craigcrawford.com.au.

You can also follow daily updates on Facebook.

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



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FREE DOMESTIC GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL DAY – KURANDA

Sat & Sun 1-2 April @ Kuranda Transfer Station



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY UPDATE

CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Join Mareeba Shire Council for a Light Your Bubble on Fire program presented by Bugzy Bumble Bee.

This program is targeted at twelve to eighteen-year-olds. Event attendees can look forward to a bubble workshop, hands-on bubble blowing, and a fire safety and mental health talk.

Visit Council's website for program details. Bookings are open now.



NEW SHOPPING CENTRE APPROVED

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15 March 2023, Mareeba Shire Council approved the development application for a new shopping centre and food and drink outlet on Byrnes Street in Mareeba.

The 3,655m2 centre will feature a new Woolworths Supermarket, approximately seven tenancies, amenities within the shopping centre, a drive through fast food outlet and 230 on site car parks.



COUNCIL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRAILS AND FOOTPATHS

The 2022/23 capital works program is progressing well, with many projects currently underway.

One project, to improve footpaths and trails across the Shire will commence soon after the adoption of the Walking Network Plan Priority Works Program for Mareeba and Kuranda, at the Ordinary Council Meeting in March.

The Walking Network Plans are intended to provide a future Master Plan of the area's 'Walking Network', and these documents allow Council to develop a works schedule and an asset management plan.

The Priority Works Program has been developed based on a combination of high-level criteria and assumptions, and Council will progress with the projects as budget allows.

For additional information on the Walking Network Plan and Priority Works Program, visit Council's website.

Mareeba Shire Council acknowledges funding received from the Queensland Government to complete the Walking Network Plans.



FREE DOMESTIC GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS

Council advises Mareeba Shire residents of the upcoming free domestic green waste disposal days at the Kuranda Transfer Station.

Saturday, 1 April 2023 and Sunday, 2 April 2023.

COUNCIL RENAMES BRIDGE IN HONOUR OF BOB MADDEN



Mareeba Shire Council renamed Groves Creek Bridge, Speewah to the Bob Madden Bridge on Monday, 20 March 2023.

"Bob was a long-term chairman of the Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA) and as chairman his contribution was immense," said Annie Austin, SDRA Chair.

"His legacy lives on in many areas of Kuranda and Speewah, and the naming of the bridge in his honour is a visible representation of his legacy," Mayor Angela Toppin said.

"It was a great privilege for Council to rename the bridge after Bob at this very special event."



Greetings to the Kuranda Community.

The Kuranda Police have been busy lately which has highlighted a few issues and topics that I would like to cover.

Property crime

The first relates to property crime and what we can do as a community to reduce crime from occurring. I recommend making sure your houses and cars are locked up. The majority of break and enters are done through unlocked doors or entry points offering minimal resistance. House break ins can occur even when the occupants are home.

The majority of stolen vehicles are done by using the vehicle's keys. Either the keys have been left in the vehicle or they are stolen from inside the house. It is recommended to secure your vehicle's keys and don't leave them hanging in obvious places.

I also recommend not carrying large amounts of cash around or left in your home or car.

I encourage the community to consider increasing their security by locking doors, installing CCTV and upgrading locks. Officers speak with so many victims of crime that only increase their security AFTER they have been a victim.

Driving to the conditions

There have been a significant number of crashes on the Kuranda Range lately, some of which were a result of drivers undertaking risky behaviours such as drink and drug driving, distraction and inattention, speeding, fatigue, and failure to wear a seat belt. These are known as the 'Fatal Five'.

The Range is used by a large number of vehicles every day. There are slow vehicle lanes that should be utilised by drivers wanting to drive slower or take extra care on the Range. It's important to show consideration to other vehicles if you are driving slowly, and pull over into these lanes when able.

There is little point speeding or driving aggressively on the Range. You will only end being stuck behind a bigger and slower vehicle or endanger yourself and other road users to save a minute off your trip.

If time is important to you, I would encourage you to simply leave one minute earlier!

Violence and substance abuse

Lastly, I want to touch on violence and substance abuse in the community. We are still seeing violence in the community which will not be tolerated.

The majority of these incidents involve the consumption of alcohol, often at dangerous and unnecessary levels.

I encourage everyone to drink responsibly and think about your actions including words spoken before you actually speak or act. If not for yourself, for the younger generation that are witness to these incidents and are at a high risk of imitating the behaviour as they grow older and have families of their own.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence please seek help and support through DV Connect Womensline 1800 811 811 or DV Connect Mensline 1800 600 636

Please remember to **call 000 for emergencies or call Policelink on 131 444 for routine or non-urgent matters.**

Lifeline is also available for those in need of support with substance abuse or any other non-urgent crisis – Lifeline 13 11 14.

Sergeant Matt Harling, Officer in Charge, Kuranda Police Station



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The Speewah District Residents Association

The Bob Madden Bridge and the Street Library at Speewah

On 20 March, the Mareeba Shire Council held a ceremony to rename the Groves Creek Bridge on Speewah Road the 'Bob Madden Bridge'. Mayor Angela Toppin and Bob Madden's long-term partner, Marie Boswarva, released the ribbon to reveal the new sign at the bridge. The ceremony was attended by councillors, members of the public (including many long-term friends of Bob), and members of the Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA).

This was the result of a submission by the SDRA to Council to rename the bridge in support of Marie Boswarva who wished to commemorate Bob Madden's enormous altruistic contribution to Speewah into perpetuity. There was whole-hearted support for this submission from councillors, many of whom expressed their great appreciation for his personable approach to activism and volunteerism, his talent for engaging with people, and for his many altruistic achievements for the community. Also, Dennis Hunter expressed support for the SDRA's submission on behalf of the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation because of Bob Madden's 'big role in his Speewah community'.

While Bob was active in many areas of volunteerism, it was his work towards finding better solutions for telecommunications at Speewah that will continue to affect residents of Speewah into the future and improve our lifestyle in our neighbourhood. For example, thanks to Bob's concerted efforts, we now have mobile coverage and internet reception at Speewah, connecting us in many ways with the outside world.

As part of this legacy, Bob Madden worked with local and federal governments to lobby for the two-laned bridge into Speewah to ensure that the community would not be isolated during a major wet event. Bob's work to improve his neighbourhood was largely 'behind the scenes', which is not uncommon for voluntary work.

This is certainly also the situation for those involved in creating a street library on Speewah Road in Roscommon Park. SDRA member Aneta Thomsen, Jan Thomsen, Jo Garbellini and Calvin Baker have been working to make this community facility for locals and visitors alike. It stems from Aneta's travels overseas to places where she used similar street libraries, as a friendly way of sharing books with strangers and residents. Our street library was made entirely from donated materials, expertise, and labour. It is built from marine ply to fit with our climate and is painted in colours to complement the landscape and the mural at Roscommon, resulting in a practical and very aesthetically pleasing adjunct to our public park and street appeal. Its position gives easy access for children playing at the playground or horse-riding, and for anyone walking, riding, or driving past to find a book to read or to drop some off to share for others. The SDRA would also like to thank the Mareeba Shire Council who worked with our secretary Jo Garbellini to incorporate it into our public infrastructure.

The next SDRA meeting will be the AGM to be held on 12 June at 6pm and we look forward to seeing many old and new faces there. This is a chance for Speewah residents to connect with each other and with Council, State and Federal government about issues affecting the neighbourhood. The annual cost of membership is \$5 per person. Please remember to email any issues that you may wish to add to the agenda to Jo at jgarbell15@gmail.com.

SDRA Management Committee – Annie, Charlotte and Jo.

Below: Mayor Angela Toppin with Speewah residents opening the renamed Bob Madden Bridge. Photo: MSC.

Right: The new Speewah street library.



Flooding in Speewah

Photos of flooding at the Speewah Tavern after 307mm of rain was recorded at Saddle Mountain on Monday 6 March 2023.

Flooding at the back of the Speewah Tavern. Photo: Michelle and Laurie Woods.





HOLI AND HARMONY

Holi Festival and Harmony Day

It was a riot of colours, a symphony of joy, and a celebration of diversity at the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School in March as students, teachers, and staff came together to mark the Holi Festival and Harmony Day.

Holi, the Hindu festival of colours, is celebrated every Spring in the Northern Hemisphere to mark the triumph of good over evil and the arrival of a new season. It's a time when people forget their differences and come together to play with colours, dance, and feast. Harmony Day, on the other hand, is an Australian celebration of cultural diversity, inclusiveness, and respect.

Staff at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School combined the two celebrations to create a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. The day started with a ceremonial bonfire and burning of wishes followed by a traditional Holi ceremony, where students and teachers threw coloured powder at each other, danced to Bollywood beats, and enjoyed Indian drinks and snacks. It was a delightful spectacle to watch as students of all backgrounds joined in the fun.

The celebrations continued the following week with a range of activities, including art and craft workshops, mandala making, music performances, and a multicultural food fair held at

the weekly Market Day. Students had the opportunity to learn about different cultures, try new foods, and make new friends. They also had the chance to reflect on the importance of cultural harmony and diversity.

Head of School, Ms Kelly Ferguson praised the students for their enthusiasm and participation. "Today we have celebrated the richness of our diversity and the strength of our unity. We have shown that no matter where we come from, what language we speak, or what background we have, we can all come together as one community."

The Holi and Harmony Day celebrations at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School are a true reflection of the school's values of inclusiveness, respect, and harmony. They are also a reminder that when we celebrate our differences, we create a better and more beautiful world.

Don't forget to put our Open Day in your calendar – Saturday 13 May from 10am. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. More info coming soon.

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A Grinter's Tale

I long for longevity, not for me personally, but my belongings. Minimalism is definitely looking attractive.

I long for any instructions in legible English, and big enough to read without a super powered magnifying glass, and no, that is not just an age thing.

I'm old enough to remember when toasters and keyboards worked for more than two weeks, I remember vegetables that weren't treated with 1-methylcyclopropene and vacuums that didn't require a mechanical engineering certification to reassemble after cleaning.

And all young girls had normal lips...

Unrelated to that last comment, although it does conjure thoughts of liposuction, I'm on my second cheap Piranha vacuum, that is, second in six weeks. This one has exactly the same problem as the previous one, the cord retraction button has given up the ghost. So realistically, in business time and fuel, my cheap vacuum is going to cost me, once again, \$200-\$300, maybe more if I have to queue forever in the customer service line at Big W (which stands for Big Wait, in case you didn't know).

Besoms, yes besom brooms, are looking far more attractive, and of course can come in handy to get from one place to another at night.

Why did I buy a cheap vacuum? Well it's a big sucker. Yes, it actually picks dirt up. Like most vacuums now though, you take it apart to empty the barrel and you can't get it back together again. I feel like a kid trying to push a square shape through a round hole in a plastic toy. I'm a very impatient person, and have to leave it in bits and walk away to calm down. I used to be like that with knitting when I was a child. No-one really knits anymore, but then I suppose historically we did progress from animal skins too.

I actually threw money at a good vacuum, a Samsung upright model with a good pedigree and a big price tag. In return for being such a sucker myself, the retailer threw another sucker into the arena. This was a kind of waste disposal unit, which is supposed to suck the dirt out of your vacuum barrel like an electric laxative. You just place the canister, closed, on the top of this contraption, turn it on and hey presto, it extracts the dust, dog hair and earrings from the barrel with a big whoosh, leaving it shiny clean. Or...

Mmm, in reality there's lots of whoosh, but no action. In reality, not only does removing the contents of the barrel involve a long skewer and lots of curse words, when you pull it off the whoosh to examine the remains, the lid sucked open, the contents spill all over your newly vacuumed floor instead.

Two toasters hit the dust last week. I usually buy \$15 toasters and just keep swapping them when they break down after three months and blow the circuit. Up till 20 years ago, everything lasted 20 years at least. I still own and use a food processor about 30 years ago. So this time, attracted to its happy Sunshine Yellow colour, I bought a twinset toaster and kettle from a Cairns business that used to be a great business when locally owned.

I had already exchanged the toaster after two weeks because it too threw my safety switch and died. That day I queued for half an hour while customer service officers wandered around the customer service area chatting to other staff, picking up bits of paper and putting them down and checking their nails were still intact from the action.

After 15 minutes, the very elderly lady in front of me looked like she needed a seat. I considered suggesting we put our two toasters together to make a seat. She confided it was her second time there that day, having been told primarily that she would have to go home



to retrieve her kettle as they would not accept a return without both items of the package present. Being in the same position, when it was finally my turn, I told the lady serving that I would chain myself to the 'Bargains' table if I had to return to Speewah for my kettle. That worked, even though it was obvious I didn't have a chain.

This time, they didn't have a Sunshine Yellow replacement...

Some years ago, I bought an expensive Dyson vacuum. It didn't take long to die, so I returned it to the same store as above, which involved a half day out of the office, fuel and a long queue because so many staff had left, disillusioned by the changes that occurred in the aftermath of the takeover by a conglomerate.

The vacuum disappeared for several weeks, and with no contact whatsoever, my patience followed. No-one answered the phones, ever, so I drove to Cairns to discover that it hadn't even left the store for repairs down south. I drove down no less than three times, my warranty repair costing me probably \$800 in business time and fuel and of course, I had to buy a cheap vacuum to see me through!

I wrote some time ago about banks and how we should be worried about online business. Suit yourself but I see "Account, what account?" looming on the horizon. There won't be any friendly bank tellers in the nearest branch who will reassure you they will find your account, because the branches are all closing and the staff losing their jobs. No point in hiding cash under the bed in a cashless society. It's just a fire hazard and the cockroaches will get it because they are developing super powers and will probably be able to eat through metal. Be scared, be really scared.

Telstra this week - Recording:

"It might be ten decades before we can answer your call, as we have only three outsourcers working today despite a \$900 million profit this year, so go pop the kettle on and download our app... dear".

"I've got the app, but it is not working for what I want! (Teeth grind audibly). That is why I am calling you."

"You can find the answers to most of your stupid questions on our web page" (did I hear the Bot snort?)

"Thank you, good bye." (This was them, not me. I was on the floor sobbing).

The trick? Go to their Facebook page and send a message. Magic!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/Telstra/>

The bank:

I pre-empted this time and went to the website. I was asked for a telecode. I haven't got a clue, I have a pin, a customer registration number, a password, what more could a girl need? I called the phone number.

"It might be never before we can answer your call, as our Indian outsourcer's dog is sick, and we only have the CEO working today despite a \$6.5 billion profit in 2022, so go take a Temazepam and visit our website."

The trick? Hit o, it often works after you have gone into code red. You get a human, a real human and unfortunately, nothing but a human, but it's progress... I think - 35 days before I know whether they can stop a payment.

But I take heart in the fact that the time is approaching when I can exchange myself for a new model with updated features.

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Happy Autumn Kuranda! The new Kuranda Amphitheatre Society (KAS) committee are excited to present 'LOVE BOMB' our upcoming membership drive on Easter Sunday 9 April. Expect a huge afternoon and evening of entertainment and activities.

KAS membership is all about building community. We encourage you to become a member, contribute your volunteer power, and help put the shine on this stunning community-built venue we share in the rainforest!

Members receive 10% discount at all 'KAS Presents' events, and that excellent feeling you get from united effort in a shared purpose. A large membership base helps to attract those big mainstage gigs, and contributes the raw energy we need to run them.

Remember, membership is annual and expires each AGM. So if you haven't joined since February, now is the time! Join now through our event page to receive free tickets to our first event of the year 'LOVE BOMB'. Or just join up online via our fabulous new website (thank you Sarah Arrowsmith), our Facebook page, in person at Honey House, or any 'KAS Presents' event.

Opportunity to Build Community – Volunteering at the Amphitheatre

Kuranda Amphitheatre, now in its 42nd year – is made possible by you, Kuranda, everyone in this amazing village we all share. A massive thank you to the original volunteers who dreamed, collaborated, built the venue and staged legendary events, and to generations of incredible Kuranda folk who have continued to build, run, and maintain this incredible community initiative.

Volunteering at the Kuranda Amphitheatre is fun and rewarding. Giving a few hours work on an event or project makes you part of something bigger than yourself, and rewards you with a wonderful payoff knowing you're an integral part of sustaining our community arts and culture hub. It's a great way to build community, find new friendships, and increase the energy and connection in our idyllic village.

We invite volunteering in every area including bar, box office, gate, event set-up and pack-down, grounds and maintenance, food, merch, and more. If you have particular skills or a trade to offer, please reach out!

Also welcome is Committee support in administration, coordination and grant writing areas. Many of our lead volunteers have recently retired after serving their community for many years, and we are looking for members who can fill some large shoes.

If you'd like to contribute, please reach out via our email address or website, or talk to one of our new KAS management committee.

Much love Kuranda community, and we look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday 9 April at LOVE BOMB.

Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

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 Kuranda Amphitheatre

LOVE BOMB Easter Sunday 9 April 2023

LOVE BOMB is a showcase of six Kuranda musical acts who have all recorded or released new music in the last year.

This is our first Kuranda Amphitheatre Society (KAS) member event of 2023, and your ticket price includes ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP to KAS!

Fairy Jenny with Bugzy Bumblebee will start the afternoon at 3pm with a FREE EASTER EGG HUNT on the terraces and EVERYONE is invited!

From 4.20pm there is a huge night of music in the Understage

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'all welcome'

KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome back two of our past members – Judy Davies and William Wakefield.

Judy Davies, lampworker and jewellery maker, is exhibiting her colourful handmade glass beads and her rainforest inspired jewellery incorporating precious stones, freshwater pearls and her own handmade beads.

William Wakefield has also returned to Kuranda and rejoined the Arts Co-op. William is mainly self-taught but spent a year in Florence at the Angle Art Academy. He paints in oils and watercolour.

Drop in and meet our artists on duty every day. They will be happy to chat with you about all the work on display.

All of Kuranda Arts Co-op exhibiting artists' profiles can be viewed on our website at www.kurandaartscoop.com

Gift Vouchers

The Arts Co-op also has gift vouchers which make great gifts. We can also package and freight work to most locations.

Artists of the North Exhibition

Some of our members will be exhibiting in the Annual Cairns Art Society's *Artists of the North* exhibition being held at the Tanks from 1 April to 7 May 2023.

Below: "Florence" by William Wakefield

Below right: Glass bead necklace by Judy Davies



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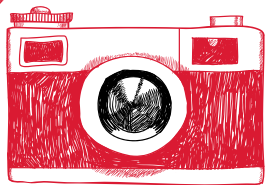
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FOCUS ON KURANDA

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



MARCH

"Green in green"
Sabine Nellen
(14 March 2023)

Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News



Opening of Djindigal Rehabilitation Service. Photo: Buluwai Digital Library

Welcome for opening of the Djindigal Rehabilitation Service (15 March 2023)

by Diane Brim

In opening this morning, I would like to first pay our respect to our ancestors who once walked this land in a time not so long ago. We also pay respect to Buluwai neighbouring tribes being Djabugay north, Idindji south, Irukandji east and Muluridji west.

For those who don't know me, I am the sister of Willie Brim, who would normally be here today but unfortunately, has to attend a Native Title meeting in Cairns. So please have patience with me today, since I'm pretty much a novice at this.

For myself and for many years, I have had the opportunity to work at DSS/Centrelink, Warringu Women's Shelter and Woompera-Muralug Social Housing in the Cairns. In all of these places, life has not been kind. You can see that people didn't want to be there, but who needed to be. I do believe though, it's within all of our nature, to stretch out our hand, help our fellow man to steady himself and with small steps, start to walk forward again.

Back in the Centrelink days and also with family members, you see the change in people after having specialised care. They kind of glow because their diet is healthier. They have a smile on their face because they've achieved a major milestone in their life and their future looks better. It makes you happy, because they are and that's the way it should be.

Today, Buluwai traditional owners see the opening of Djindigal Rehabilitation Service as being that unified out stretched hand ready to help people and environment-wise,

there is no better place to start than within nature itself and we have plenty of it. Nature after all, is harsh but doesn't judge.

So now without any further ado, and for the promise of future, I extend my hands and welcome you all to Buluwai country.

"Djindigal aims to create a safe 'healing space' for people to address the underlying issues of substance misuse."
Mission Australia

If you would like to find out more about the Corporation's activities, get a membership form, discuss Buluwai areas of responsibility with traditional owners or any other matter relating to the Buluwai tribe, Dianne Brim can be reached on 0459 062 784.

Meetings & Contacts

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2023 Dates: 8 April, 13 May, 10 June



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CASSOWARY ART TRAIL UPDATE

YAY! The Cassowary Art Trail is growing! We are proud to announce that another cassowary statue, painted by Melanie Hava, is finished.

Join us for the grand unveiling with the artist.

Easter Saturday
8 April at 11 am
Kuranda Village Centre
(corner Therwine/Coondoo St)

Come along and admire the painted story on the cassowary and have a chat with the artist. We look forward to meeting you there!

With this statue painted by Melanie, we now have four painted cassowaries in Kuranda and two more will be finished mid-year.

For more information visit www.cassowarytrail.com.au or email info@cassowarytrail.com.au. Follow us on Facebook/Instagram to get the latest updates.

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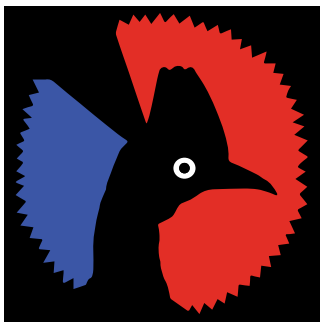
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SNAKES ARE STILL HEADLINE NEWS

From now on, the frequency of snake invasions should lessen as the weather cools.

BUT, for the next month they will be looking for a meal to last them through the winter months AND they'll be looking for a nice, warm place to curl up and take it easy. In your wardrobe? Under your bed? In that pile of storage boxes? If you absolutely can't abide a lovely little snake in your house, give us a call

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THE CASSOWARY ART TRAIL is growing steadily

The purpose of the Cassowary Art Trail is to draw attention to this amazing bird by presenting it across the Wet Tropics, its habitat, in a refreshing way. We are funding the project because that's our focus in all we do. Get it right for the cassowary and you get it right for all wildlife. The business community is also funding it because it draws visitors to Kuranda. Cairns ZOOM & Wildlife Dome and Rainforestation will be new additions to the project very soon. We aim to join the dots of the Cassowary Art Trail right across the Wet Tropics. Contact us or Jurg Jutzi on 0429 085 066 if you think it would bring people to your door.

IDENTIFYING CASSOWARIES - but they all look the same!

Yes, they are all blue, black and red with a great big casque in the middle of their head, as Paul Webster wrote in his song, but the casque can be a defining feature. You'll see how different the two casques are in these photos. Things to look for in the casque to identify a particular bird are:

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Two different cassowary casques. Photos: Dianne Daniels

- Size (tall and straight, wide and dumpy)
- Is it straight or bending over to one side?
- If it's damaged, does it have scratches or notches cut out of it?
- Is the surface texture smooth, wrinkled, dented or creased?
- Colouring - is it half black and half brown, light golden or a dark brown?

If you keep seeing the same features time and time again, then you'll be seeing the same bird. Give it a name.

CASSOWARY SIGHTINGS

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 call 4093 8834 or 0439 899 731. The Department of Environment's reporting number is 1300 130 372.



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Kuranda Early Burials

Before the Kuranda Cemetery was established in 1931, people were buried either on their properties or on public land. Kuranda resident, Lorraine Ryle has been researching where our early settlers were buried as part of the Kuranda Historical Society Early Grave Project.



Elizabeth and Thron Matthisen's grave marker

While there were several requests made to the Queensland Land Department from as early as 1909, for a cemetery reserve, rubbish and sanitary facilities in Kuranda, it wasn't until 1931 that an area was granted. Lorraine is still investigating whether the early burials were near the grave of J.W.H. Keating, which is over the road from the Honey House in Kuranda's Rotary Park. The road at this point (Therwine Street) was the original entry road into Kuranda after the Barron River crossing, before the Kuranda by-pass was constructed in the 1980s.

These are a few tantalising snippets from early newspapers that have led Lorraine to continue her research...

In November 1900, a reporter from a Sydney paper stated that there was no cemetery in Kuranda but noted there was a little grave beside the Smithfield Track where two little children were buried. (Source: The Sydney Stock and Station Journal 9.11.1900 page 3)

Fred Bendig, an early settler who was renowned for his gardens, died in 1900. A report on page 2 of *The Morning Post* on 1 August 1900, said he had been "buried in the burial ground used in Kuranda for the last twelve years".

"Old Charlie"

A *Cairns Post* article in 1931 reported that there was "no room in Kuranda to bury the horse 'Old Charlie', so he was buried in the "New Cemetery".

If you have any information about Kuranda's earlier graveyard or old graves of the area in general, please contact Lorraine Ryle 0429 727 929.

Call to Action - Working Bee 24 June for Jon William's Kuranda sign

Judging by the social media traffic a couple of months ago, when there was a suggestion that the "Kuranda Totem Poles" sign was to be removed because of its deteriorating condition, it became obvious our community holds it dear to its heart.

On the basis of that media traffic, the KHS approached Council to find out what was being planned, which as it turns out, was nothing – as reported in last month's paper. Since then, local resident Michael Bindley has had a good look at the totem poles and feels a working bee or two would quite



Jon Williams' sign

easily give this landmark a sufficiently longer lease of life.

For this to be achieved we will need a few able bodies (the committee is getting a bit historical themselves!) so if you would like to help us preserve this bit of Kuranda history please send us an email kurandahistory@gmail.com, message us via our Facebook page or call Wendy Bindley 0412 033 851.



King Charles III Coronation and a Right Royal History Quiz Night 6 May

Put 6 May into your diaries to come along to the Kuranda Historical Society's Annual Quiz night at the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

It's the day (in England) of the coronation of King Charles III, so this year's quiz questions are around royalty of all descriptions.

This is a fun night run by the volunteer KHS committee and allows the Society to continue to bring Kuranda's historical past together. The Quiz Queen will be HRH Dr Janice Starke – who will countenance no transgressions!

So don your crowns, summon your garters and lay down your cloaks for a night of raffles, general knowledge, prizes and friendly competition.

Tables of six are encouraged although we would be happy to join you in with other subjects. The ticket price includes dinner. Tickets can be bought from the Kuranda Information Centre or at <https://www.trybooking.com/CHCII>

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Top: A Green lacewing laying eggs on stalks.

Above: An adult Green lacewing with spectacular jewel-like eyes.

Left: Green lacewing.

Photos: Alan Henderson

a variety of moth eggs. They have long, sharp mandibles to impale their prey, which they consume in large numbers in order to grow quickly. Their entire lifecycle takes around a month to complete, and adult females can lay up to 600 eggs in this time.

These insects are certainly one which gardeners could consider a true ally. In fact, green lacewings are so effective as predators in the garden that they are sold commercially for use as bio-control agents. Several businesses breed and sell them online within Australia.

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Occasionally amongst the myriad of moths that turn up at the porch light you may see a small insect with delicate lace-like wings. Not surprisingly these insects are known as lacewings. There are many species which occur in our local region, but the most striking are the green lacewings which are intriguing little animals.

Green lacewings' wings are held in a tent-like fashion over the body, and other than the wing veins, are completely transparent. Their eyes are also very distinctive, and are ruby red in colour. They reflect brightly and look like jewels due to their compound lenses (many tiny lenses that make up the eye).

Adult green lacewings have a fluttering flight, and can be found in the garden feeding upon nectar. They tend to hide underneath leaves when they are resting and their colour provides excellent camouflage amongst green foliage. They also have the ability to release a strong smelling liquid when they are disturbed, and I have personally witnessed a spider attacking and then releasing a lacewing due to this chemical defence.

Green lacewings lay their eggs on plants, either attached to the stems or to the leaves. The remarkable thing about green lacewing eggs is that they lay them attached to individual stalks. This elevation protects them from predators roaming the plants looking for food, particularly animals such as ants. Many people mistake these eggs for tiny fungi.

As soon as they hatch, the larvae of green lacewings themselves become predators, and savage ones at that. In garden pest control, these insects are extremely valuable due to their choice diet of thrips, aphids, scale insects, mites and

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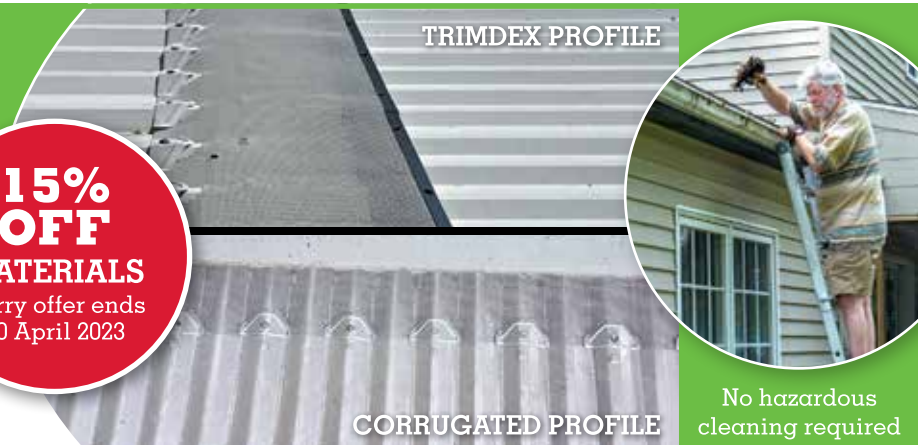
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Queensland partnership benefits veterans

A new partnership joining two leading veteran organisations will deliver significant benefit to Queenslanders who have served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

RSL Queensland has announced its partnership with Bravery Trust, a national charity that provides veteran-specific financial aid and financial counselling services across Australia.

The partnership will enable Bravery Trust's expertise in financial counselling to be delivered to those in need through the RSL Queensland services network.



Troy Watson and Garth Callender

Bravery Trust Chair Garth Callender said the partnership would capitalise on Bravery Trust's capability in the financial sector to provide the best possible support to veterans who have sacrificed so much in service of our nation.

"Our team has an in-depth understanding of the ADF and the unique challenges faced by veterans. We recognise that financial circumstances can be complex, especially for those who have limited earning capacity due to illness or injury or are facing financial hardship," Mr Callender said.

"Maintaining financial stability when relying on limited income or a pension can be stretching, particularly when faced with unexpected circumstances and expenses. Our financial counsellors work closely alongside veterans and their families to provide timely support and guidance.

"Our services span from sorting through and establishing strategies in relation to debt, as well as advocating on behalf of veterans to a variety of creditors including landlords, banks, financial agencies and essential service companies."

RSL Queensland Deputy CEO Veteran Services Troy Watson said RSL Queensland was proud to be partnering with Bravery Trust in order to support more veterans and their families across Queensland in setting themselves up for financial success.

"This partnership allows us to work longer-term with veterans and their families to identify the best pathway towards financial independence, with a strong emphasis on supporting those who are on the cusp or in the midst of profound hardship," Mr Watson said.

"Our primary goal is to empower those who are facing difficult crossroads – offering strategic financial counsel that

not only provides practical solutions – but also gives peace of mind during a time that can often be overwhelming for families.

"Through this partnership, we are able to extend the impact of our existing services aimed at supporting those in times of critical need; the partnership will, ensure that veterans and their families are not only given immediate aid, but also provided with the education and financial literacy tools to move towards financial independence in the long term."

ABOUT BRAVERY TRUST

Bravery Trust is a national charity, established in 2012 to support contemporary veterans in the midst of deployments across the Middle East.

The Trust provides urgent financial aid to veterans injured during service with a vision to ensure no one suffers financially as a result of their service. 70% of those supported by Bravery Trust are aged 50 years or younger.

Bravery Trust also provides a veteran specific Financial Counselling Service founded on an in-depth understanding of Defence Force support services. Financial counselling is a free, independent service available to all current and ex-serving members of the ADF.

Bravery Trust is led by a volunteer Board of Directors, including volunteer Chair Garth Callender, and relies on corporate and community donations to continue providing tailored support to those who serve. The Trust is an ACNC registered charity with DGR status, meaning all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

For more information visit www.braverytrust.org.au



At our Kindy we love to read and retell stories. Each fortnight we focus on a new book. This term we have read, *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *The Tortoise and the Hare* and we are currently reading *The Gingerbread Man*.

These stories are easy to remember and retell. This is important because after reading the story Ms Amanda turns it into a puppet show and then the Kuranda Kindy children will start to create their own puppet shows where they retell a story or create their own story.

Being able to retell a story is an important skill for children to learn. It is the start of reading comprehension skills. It gives children confidence to speak in front of an audience. Even the children in the audience are building their listening skills.

If you are interested in your child joining in the amazing Kuranda Kindy program, please contact us at kcka@westnet.com.au or call us on 4093 8087 for any enrolment enquiries.



Above: Enjoying the puppet show together.

Right: Looking at the book and reading from memory before creating the puppet show



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Yes, a group called mycorrhizal. These fungi are known to play a crucial role in the growth and health of rainforest trees. But how? The fungal filaments are in a cooperative relationship with the trees (symbiosis), significantly increasing the surface area available to the trees to absorb nutrients and water. These filaments are everywhere under the soil and sometimes called the 'worldwide fungi web'. In return, the tree provides the fungi with carbohydrates and other compounds which come from photosynthesis (the way trees use sunlight to fuel the tree's food processing, something which fungi can't do for themselves).

So what specifically does this relationship provide trees? First up, improved nutrient uptake where the fungi provide essential nutrients like phosphorous, nitrogen and other micronutrients which are limited in our local soils. The fungi break down organic matter and the way nutrients are bound into the soil and presents them to trees in a 'chemical' form the trees can take up. Improved water absorption due to the spread of the fungi hyphal 'network' which increases surface area for gathering water, making the trees more resilient to drought and other environmental stressors. Also mycorrhizal fungi can act as a physical barrier against stressors such as soil acidity, heavy metals and pathogens. Even at the seedling stage the fungi promote germination and establishment of seedlings by providing nutrients and water.

But not all mycorrhizal fungi are the same! Like with many relationships, some trees prefer certain species of fungi. In fact some seedling species appear to hold their growth until

sufficient numbers of the 'right' fungi are present to support further growth e.g. Black bean seedlings (*Castenosprenum australe*). Mycorrhizal fungi also promote plant diversity and ecosystem stability in the rainforest by assisting the coexistence of various tree species, which contributes to the overall stability and resilience of the ecosystem. For more in depth information on mycorrhizal fungi and relationship with plant diversity see this paper www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/02/220224112647.htm

Cairns Birdwing vine

This year the Cairns Birdwing procreation has been prolific and, if your vine was like mine, it was demolished by enormous silky brown caterpillars. I removed more than 25 to try to save the vine. Envirocare has a rescue set of vines along the fence line at the nursery, next to the potting shed. Just drive up the tracks and drop your over population crisis onto some juicy leaves there anytime, no need to call us. Need to plant more vines, we have plenty in stock.

• Date Claimers •

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

Saturday-Sunday 22-23 April – Water quality monitoring weekend. Join the monitoring team for a couple of hours through the weekend, learn the equipment and sample macro invertebrates, as we investigate our local creeks – starting with Jumrum Creek. Email info@envirocare.org.au

Plant of the month – Native Gardenia *Gardenia ovularis*

A plant that grows well in slightly shady positions with its large mid-green leaves and attractively scented white star like flower, held on single stalks above the leaves. Like many of our native Gardenias, it has a bushy form and provides attractive screening especially handsome on rainforest edges. Its found in our Far North Queensland forests from Cooktown to Innisfail.

Gardenia ovularis found on the Kuranda Range below the lookout



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

We are the invasive resist-ants



Participants enjoying some yellow crazy ant-ics!

Ant-ics Workshop

What a morning of ant-spiration! The Taskforce joined forces with Biosecurity Queensland National Electric Ant Eradication Program and Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program to deliver an information session all about ants.

Overall, the event was a wonderful opportunity to

gain insight into a publicly funded eradication program, learn about the wonders of an ant's life, recognise invasive ants and why public support and vigilance is one of the keys to a successful eradication of invasive ants from within and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Friends of the frogs are back

We are back in action with our first yellow crazy ant survey for 2023 in Kuranda Tree frog (KTF) habitat.

Yellow crazy ants and electric ants have been found in Kuranda Tree frog habitat. In early 2022 the Taskforce decided to check the lower reaches of creeks that are home to our critically endangered and endemic Kuranda tree frog. These monthly surveys will help to minimise the threats that yellow crazy ants pose to these and



Papurana Daemeli – Wood frog @ Cain Creek. Taskforce volunteer Jacinta and Biosecurity Queensland officer Liz at Cain Creek, enjoying their first yellow crazy ant survey.

many other species in and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

We spotted several Wood frogs *Papurana daemeli*, along the way enjoying the cool muddy banks of Owen Creek. No yellow crazy ants were detected, however, Biosecurity Queensland did take two suspect electric ant samples to be checked.

Thanks to Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program staff for training up the Taskforce volunteers and Biosecurity Queensland for your support with eradication program staff and expertise. Also, a shout-out to our wonderful Taskforce volunteers and the residents for your cooperation with permissions and ease of access for our team on the day. It was a successful and important collaboration working toward invasive ant eradication.

The next KTF survey will be in Cain Creek 22 April 2023 – only four positions available on our team of six, so get in quick. No experience necessary but a medium level of fitness is required.

Invasive ants and human assisted movement

Human assisted movement is the movement of ants, particularly invasive yellow crazy ants and electric ants by humans to other uninvaded areas. This is the leading cause of invasive ant spread and the quickest way for invasive ants to move large distances away from its original location.

How do they hitch a ride with humans? When humans visit a known or unknown infestation of yellow crazy ants or electric ants, they may pick up some ants with a queen

ant in a 'carrier'. A carrier is any object that attracts ants to want to hide or nest in or on a carrier. A carrier is often a raw material such as soil, mulch, potted plants, cuttings, timber, rocks and garden waste. Other carriers can be machinery, household items and any other movable man-made objects.

Yellow crazy ants are believed to have arrived in Cairns in 2001 at the port on a shipment of timber. The timber was moved to the Edmonton area and from there, the ants were spread. The yellow crazy ants in Russett Park were traced from the movement of soil and mulch from Edmonton to Russett Park. Fitting examples of human assisted movement.

When invasive ants are spread through human assisted movement, the humans moving them often don't know they are carrying them. If the public can recognise an invasive ant and are aware of known infestation areas, this awareness is a huge step toward preventing further spread.

Lastly, if you own a business working with raw materials or offer a lawn and garden care service in the Kuranda area, you can equip yourself with invasive ant knowledge by booking a free toolbox talk. Toolbox talks take 20-30 minutes to deliver and include live invasive ants for recognition.

WHAT'S HAPPENING




KTF Survey – Looking for invasive ants in Kuranda Tree frog habitat

WHERE: Cain Creek, Oak Forest Rd, Kuranda
WHEN: Saturday 22 April 2023 – 8am–12pm
Moderate level of fitness required. No experience necessary – all training provided on the day.

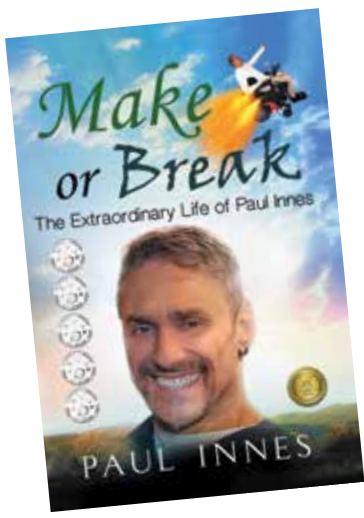
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WHEN: 24-26 May

Join the invasive resist-ants

 [Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce](https://www.facebook.com/yellowcrazyantcommunitytaskforce)
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An Extraordinary Life

From the gangs on the streets of Western Sydney, sustaining a life-changing injury, becoming a self-sufficient community founder and frog defender, to a rights advocate, sit-down comedian, ghost hunter and forming a band, Paul Innes' has been an extreme but inspiring rock-and-rollercoaster ride.

Thirty-four years after an accident that left him a quadriplegic, Paul is living his best life. What would have broken most people he says was the making of him. Instead of being weakened by his injury, it has empowered him in many diverse ways.

In his autobiography, *Make or Break: The Extraordinary Life of Paul Innes*, Paul reminds you that you can do anything you can imagine in this world. Drawing on his life experiences, replete with awe-inspiring highs and heart-shattering lows, Paul challenges and inspires you to enjoy the infinite strength of your own spirit and life, while being buoyed and empowered by his.

Now living in the tropical paradise of Cairns, Far North Queensland, Paul was born in Darlinghurst, Sydney. He began an acting career before sustaining a spinal injury, which resulted in quadriplegia, while swimming in the Kuranda Weir in 1988, aged 20. After founding a rights incorporation for people with disabilities, Paul also went on to become a founding committee member of a number of community organisations. Some 34 years later, Paul Innes is a holder of two Guinness Book of World Records and teaches astral travel. He spends time writing and filming as a sit-down comedian and recording with his band Sweet Island Time.

Having also successfully created a sanctuary that brought back from the abyss, four of Queensland's frogs that were thought to be missing, he now searches for the next property that he will turn into a self-sufficient resort-style sanctuary. And his prosperous business, Independence World disability care service, now runs independently of him while he records with his band and does hilarious skits for his sit-down comedy. Indeed, Paul has led a remarkable and widely influential, contributory life.

Paul shares some excerpts from his book:

"I ventured into the town of Kuranda. I had in mind that I would look for a job but expected no offers, wearing no underpants and the see-through sarong that was my usual look."

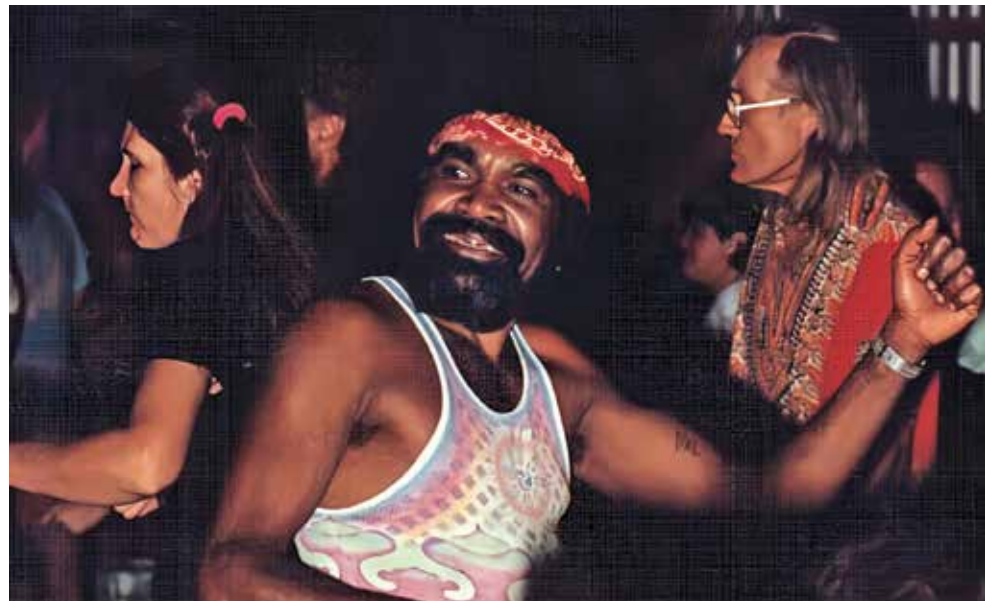
"The First Nations peoples of Kuranda were a friendly and happy lot. The beautiful rainforest that surrounded them would surely make anybody happy. Most people in Kuranda seemed to be stoners, and everybody said they were an artist. I took jobs from landscaping and beekeeping to warden of the hostel, rainforest tour guide and laboratory assistant. Having volunteered for a number of years at the community amphitheatre, I helped to build structures and take care of visiting bands."

"I took off my shirt and waded into the water up to my knees. I assumed the Weir was at its normal full capacity as it had been raining for the last few nights. I leaned forward and began to breaststroke, with my head just slightly under the surface of the water. I had only swum a few body lengths when my head hit a rock that wasn't usually there. It stunned me, and I felt a sharp pain across the top of my head. My natural instinct was to feel what had happened to the top of my head and to lift my face out of the water for a breath. I could not move my arms or my head and simply floated to the top of the water. I tried to squirm and roll over, but nothing happened. After a short time, I could not hold my breath any longer. I began to inhale water, as I watched the river turn red as I bled. My eyes began to close as I felt consciousness drifting away. I called out to God to let me live. In that moment, the freedom and vigour that I enjoyed as a happy young man with a healthy body was to be lost for the rest of my life."

"Spending a number of weeks in intensive care, my spirit prevailed. I was released to the general ward and began to regain some vitality. A benefit concert was organised for me in Kuranda, raising thousands of dollars to help me and my family through this traumatic time. Local bands performed and businesses donated goods to sell and auction. During the middle



Above: Paul Innes Benefit Concert poster.
Top right: The late June 'Joon' Graham performing at the Benefit Concert.
Right: Willie Brim and Mantaka
Below: Ralph Riley and friends enjoying the Benefit Concert



of the concert, I received a phone call at the hospital from the organisers, and they passed around the phone so that I could speak to people. Then they put me on a loudspeaker to speak to the crowd. I had just written a song, which they asked me to sing. The familiar and friendly voices in the phone call gave me strength and incentive to try to regain any sense of a normal life."

"Growing up in Kuranda was a wonderful experience and precious memory for me. I have written this autobiography to illuminate the power, true beauty and genuine freedom of our spirit, and to highlight the strength and fulfilment that comes from community support. Writing my autobiography and sharing a few of the stories makes me feel like I'm giving back in some way."

Make or Break: The Extraordinary Life of Paul Innes is available through Booktopia, Angus & Robertson, Amazon and all good bookstores. Paul will also be doing a market stall on Sunday 2 April at the Kuranda Heritage Markets for anyone interested in obtaining copy of his book or having their copy signed.



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TROUBLED ABOUT THE COST OF FOOD?

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"FOOD CO-OPERATIVES ARE GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GOT TOGETHER TO FORM A CO-OPERATIVE TO BUY FOOD. THIS GIVES THEM THE ABILITY TO BULK-BUY AT WHOLESALE PRICES, AND ALSO TO HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER THE FOOD THEY BUY. THE FOOD CO-OPERATIVES SHOULD AIM TO BUY FOOD THAT IS LOCALLY-PRODUCED, ORGANIC & FAIR-TRADE. ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF BULK-BUYING IS IT ALLOWS THE GROUP TO REDUCE PACKAGING, WITH MEMBERS USING THEIR OWN CONTAINERS TO TAKE AWAY THEIR FOOD."

Food Co-Ops save money and grow community

Take \$200 to the supermarket today and you will be lucky to get four bags of groceries for it.

Fresh produce wrapped in plastic is more expensive than loose produce – which makes absolutely no sense, even from a cost perspective. Coconuts come from Malaysia despite being available locally in abundance, as do many other items that could be sourced locally. Labels are confusing and misleading and don't give us any true picture of how the product was made, or by whom, and how fair that exchange was. Sometimes corporations just refuse to label at all—the organic fresh food section is never labelled in Woolworths—despite my regularly asking for it to be so. I find it strange in a country of over regulation, the things you want regulated like healthy air, land and food are not. But in a time of misinformation to outright lying, (some big corporations of the world have *disinformation centres* where they have writers creating disinformation to sow doubt and decision paralysis in people's minds about health foods, nutrition and anything else that hurts their profits), the weary consumer has no time or spirit to research buying the healthiest food at the best price. There are so many reasons to change how we shop and co-ops are a great solution to these food woes.

Food co-operatives are not new – the 1970s saw a boom in food co-ops due to the growing health foods movement and concerns about poor quality processed foods. Food co-ops are still a solution to a lot of these issues and work something like this:

- folk get together with a shared desire to have cheaper, good quality food
- a simple system of sourcing, distribution and payment is put in place
- members contact producers (hopefully local suppliers if possible), for fresh and dry produce and they order in bulk (wholesale)
- it's delivered to a central point – often someone who volunteers adequate space to store it
- the produce is bagged and sorted by members

- folk turn up at designated times to collect their goods

At its best, it's cheaper, healthier, the producer benefits, and there's far less packaging and food miles. If our money can be spent locally it stays in the community and brings about connections and resilience. We can have more power in asking for and supporting what's important to us like clean organic food that is nourishing, or no plastics, or local food that supports local farmers.

There is plenty of information available to help you find a local co-op group or start a food co-op of your own. It can be any scale—as few as four families can get together and buy bulk staples like flour, rice, lentils and tea—or it can involve the whole community. If your local Community Centre is supportive, they may provide space for your collection and distribution point as this can often be one of the hardest tasks to provide. Another must for food co-ops is ongoing energy and enthusiasm within its membership as it is based on a volunteer-run model.

Useful links:

- Check online in Kuranda and Koah for local food co-ops. If there are no active co-ops consider starting one.
- The Open Food Network www.about.openfoodnetwork.org.au/software-platform/

The Open Food Network software platform allows farmers to sell produce online, at a price that works for them. There are no upfront costs and affordable membership fees only apply to monthly revenue of \$500 or more which means you can start where you are and get set-up quickly. Food producers can create an online shop, collect payments, and sell through other shops on the platform. Wholesalers can integrate with existing systems, manage buying groups and supply your produce through national or regional networks of food hubs and shops. Communities can bring together producers in your area to create a virtual farmers' market,

building a resilient local food economy.

- www.sustainweb.org/foodcoopstoolkit/

"Food co-ops are often faced with many challenges such as rent, equipment, insurance, and product wastage. This is where the toolkit comes in handy, providing guidance, tips, and documents relating to developing a needs assessment, equipment needed, funding, sourcing produce, facilities, and permits." www.theecologist.org/2009/sep/10/how-set-your-own-local-food-co-op

- www.spiralgarden.com.au/blogs/news/how-to-start-a-community-food-co-op

An Australian example of How To Start a Community Food Co-op with Bruny Island Food Co-op in Tasmania. Isolated communities can benefit enormously from food co-ops, saving hugely in transport cost alone.



Lagos Spinach

Wow, what an amazing little tropical/pantropical treasure this plant is – and just one of the reasons that seedsavers is so fun, interesting, refreshing, nourishing and nutritious! How lucky that we can find, share and grow these plants in our gardens, feed ourselves, our families and friends, and our animals, with a growing array of fresh, organically-grown foods. How good does it feel to be able to collect seeds from these and bring them back to the seedbank?

The first time we saw Lagos spinach in our little local seedsavers group, was at the lovely garden of one of our meeting hosts, and growing in an ornamental garden, – for which this plant is also renowned for, as it is very pretty with its colour and flowers. The grower asked if anyone knew what it was—as she had thought it may be edible and wanted to check—and so check we did. Harvesting some seeds we discovered that yes it is very edible, very nutritious, and as mentioned, also quite beautiful in the garden.

Lagos spinach hales from around the region known as Nigeria in Africa, where it is a staple 'green' and used in many dishes. The leaves, the younger stems and the young flower buds are all cooked and prepared. Its common name is from the capitol of Nigeria, Lagos, and the Latin name is *Celosia argentea*. The plant is also known as soko yokoto ('makes husbands fat and happy' or 'makes husbands' cheeks rosy') velvet flower, cockscomb, quail-grass, efo soko and more. There are quite a few varieties, with various coloured and shaped leaves and flowers. There are other edible *Celosias* too (*spicata*, *cristata*, *plumosa*) and all part of the Amaranthaceae family (Amaranth).

Amaranth is renowned as a high iron source with vitamins A and C, protein and antioxidants, listed as second to moringa (miracle tree) in some sources, amongst other valuable nutritional needs. The Lagos spinach flowers can highlight a floral arrangement and still remain lovely in dried-flower sprays. Cutting the flowers also helps the plant put it's

energy in to growing more delicious leaves. If left to grow (in some areas) it can grow up to six feet tall, though usually up to around three feet. Also great to 'chop and drop' to build soil.

The annual plant can grow in many conditions including drought tolerance and poor soils, and can grow all through the year. It self-sows freely and is easy to share with friends and family. Leaves and flowers are sold at marketplaces in West Africa and beyond.

Use Lagos spinach in soups, stews, stir-fries, spinach pies, pizzas, dips, curries, pasta, pesto, and anywhere else you would use spinach. It is as easy to eat as it is to grow, though it is said, don't eat enormous amounts in one sitting, or just enjoy with probiotic, fermented and high-calcium foods to balance out the oxalates.

The seeds from the dried flowers are easy to harvest – they are so tiny you need a container to catch them as you roll the flowers between your hands. Collect the flowers from the plant before the seeds drop. The seeds are also edible, but as they are tiny, there may be other amaranth seed varieties that would be more suitable.

We have the lovely variety of *Celosia* (pictured) in our local seedbank.

There is a seedsavers event on **Sunday 9 April** at the lovely Billabong Kuranda. It will be a great day – join us for:

- A wonderful talk from Buluwai Elder, Aunty Dianne Brim **Our Seeds, Our Mayi**
- Ulla will inspire us to **Plant seeds in our hearts to grow love**
- Val will present her **My Friends Worm Composting** talk, and have worm-kits available to purchase at a special seedsavers price, for those inspired to start up their own worm farm.

We'll enjoy a shared lunch, and also go for a garden walk to see how the syntropic plans are going and how the garden and nursery are coming along.

Thanks for bringing any organically-grown, non-hybrid/non-gmo, open-pollinated heritage/heirloom seeds if you have any to spare for the seedbank. Or just bring you! All welcome! We start packing seeds in the seedbank from 10am.

Please contact seedsavers@kurandaregion.org for more information, or see ssfnq group on social media. Also check out videos on gardening, seedsavers, syntropics and other regenerative agriculture, permaculture and so much more on your local Kuranda tv online.

Happy gardening!

Top left: Lagos spinach

Right: Lagos spinach flower





Kuranda District State College Crazy Hair, Frogs and Bees!

Kuranda District State College student council has been very busy already in 2023. This term it has hosted two events raising funds for Cairns Ronald McDonald House and our own thriving Kookaburra Orchard.

The first event was our annual Crazy Hair Day. Students came with their wackiest and most creative hairstyles. For those who needed some creative inspiration, student council, teachers and parents were on hand with coloured spray, ribbons and hair ties to lend a helping hand.

The second event currently running is our Guess the Easter Egg Jar. Students are able to nominate their guess with the winner taking all on our last day of term. Good luck to everyone.

Each week the wonderful Ms Wendy hosts a Craft Club for students during the lunch break. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to express their creativity and learn some art skills and processes. This is the third year that Ms Wendy has been running Craft Club and the quality of the work is easy to see. Not only are the students learning artistic skills but they are being exposed to general knowledges from around the world. Check out some of their creations already produced this year.

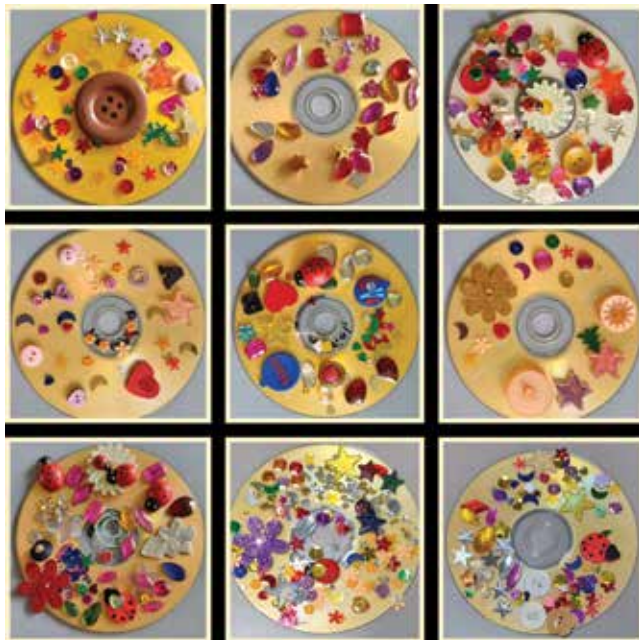
KDSC is nestled atop the beautiful Great Dividing Range on the edge of a world heritage listed rainforest. As such the environment is an important part of the education we provide at the College. On the primary campus this term all of our students have been learning about the biological sciences including, life cycles of frogs, the importance of bees and designing and building appropriate homes for native frogs and bees. Mr Will has been running an environmentally based Extension Group this year which has seen selected students researching the issue of native wildlife casualties on our roads and designing appropriate road crossing options. As this project nears its completion we are very excited to see our future environmental warriors design ideas. Watch this space for more in the next edition. In the meantime, check out the specially designed frog habitats currently residing in Kookaburra Orchard.



Left: Frog habitat built by students.

Top: Crazy Hair day.

Right: Craft Club artwork created by students during lunch breaks



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Astrology

THE STARS IN APRIL

by
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April begins with a bright positive fire trine between the Sun in Aries, and the Moon in Leo. A waxing moon, building up to a Libran full moon on 6 April. So, whatever you want to bring into balance, find harmony with or create aesthetically, pour the energy and intent into it during this first week of April and watch it fire up and bring a beautiful completion.

Pluto right now is set right into Aquarius, smashing illusionary blockages and working together is the only path possible. Technological breakthroughs will be outstanding and those who work for the highest good for all will gain maximum traction.

Venus slips into Gemini on 11 April, and for the first two days of 11 and 12 April, Venus forms an air trine with Pluto right on the Gemini-Aquarius zero points. Wow, what news may burst onto the scene now! What breakthroughs, what beautiful expressions of loving, creative communication. We truly dance with the creative forces at this time. Look to your own birthchart and see where this trine sits. That area of your life is truly energised and blessed now.

There is a Mercury-Venus conjunction at 15 degrees to 17 degrees Taurus on 21 April as Mercury goes retrograde and makes a sextile (60 degrees) alignment with Mars. Ideas and plans requiring sudden action are in your face, and responding to them can revolutionise your life. Look to 15 degrees to 17 degrees Taurus and Cancer in your birthchart and those houses are where the action can kick in...

The Sun aligns with Jupiter on 13 April, and being in Aries, this is a very bright, fiery, expansive, life-force-enhancing energy pattern. Our two brightest stars together across the heavens on that day. You just couldn't be too optimistic, expensive or enthusiastic. Excellent healing and life affirming possibilities, and, around the world, events are taking a really positive turn.

On the new moon of 20 April there is a solar eclipse at 29 degrees 50 minutes Aries. The next six months will see some quite spectacular endings – particularly of things with an aggressive, tough, competitive nature. New paths will open and the death rate through natural disasters and man-made causes will peak and subside, as turning to the new paths becomes inevitable. This applies to situations in our own lives, national and global.

But the month ends with a more gentle, earthy trine between the Taurus Sun and the waxing Virgo Moon – a quiet but powerful focus on healing, cleansing and respect for the sacred earth. A nice outro, and 10 degrees Virgo-Taurus is where you will find your own place...

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RANGERS report

TRACQS Sponsorship

Kuranda Rangers Football Club (KRFC) is gearing up for an exciting season thanks to TRACQS sponsorship.

KRFC is thrilled to announce that our teams are approaching their final grading games at Marlin Coast. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to TRACQS for their generous sponsorship of the Club. Their recent assistance in purchasing new strips for our players has been invaluable in preparing us for the season ahead.



A special mention goes to Evie Titmarsh, who has made the Peninsula representative team. Evie's outstanding performance and dedication have led her to be selected from over 70 other players to reach the final squad. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her continued success in her football journey.

TRACQS sponsorship on KRFC strips.

After the Easter break, all games will take place at Endeavour Park. Mark your calendars for the first matches on Saturday 22 April. Training will resume prior to that on Thursday 20 April starting at 4.30pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre.

In addition to our regular training, optional training sessions will be available throughout the holidays on Tuesdays and Thursdays, led by Adric and Rohan Rusch. These extra sessions will provide our young athletes with more opportunities to hone their skills and stay active during the break.

Here are four essential tips for our young athletes:

- **Train consistently:** Use your free time to sharpen your skills and work on your physical fitness.
- **Attend training regularly:** Make a vow to attend

every week. Consistent participation in training sessions is vital for individual and team development.

- **Practice makes perfect:** The more you practice, the more confident and skilled you'll become on the field.
- **Learn from the professionals:** Screen time is soccer match replay time; it helps pick up new skills and strategies.



Let's come together as a community to support our teams throughout the season. Their hard work, commitment and passion for the game are truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing you at training on 20 April and at Endeavour Park after the Easter break, cheering on our players! Once again, a big thank you to TRACQS for their unwavering support and commitment to our Club's success.

Enquiries: email play@kurandarangers.football

Club contacts:

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



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

KURANDA HORSE AND PONY CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to a new year! The Club's AGM was held on 6 February at the Pony Club Clubhouse on Oak Forest Road, Myola. The new committee for 2023 is: President – Deb Curry, Vice President – Jaunita May, Secretary – vacant, Treasurer – Trish Mukadi. Therefore, the Club is still seeking a new secretary for this year, so hopefully someone would like to step up and take the position.

The next rally will be on 23 April from 8am. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch or try it if you have your own horse.

There will be other events coming up including jump clinics with Evan Parker and afternoon lessons with Marcela Adkins. So keep an eye out for these dates on our Facebook page.

We have had a few enquires about joining the Pony Club or how it is run! Volunteers, including the instructors, run the Pony Club. It is not a riding school as such, where horses can be supplied to learn on, you must have your own horse (or a leased horse) and be a member of the Club. Once joined, each rally is free. However, if you attend a clinic or go to another pony club for a competition, there is a fee. A range of areas get taught from how to care for your horse, know your gear and is your horse comfortable in what gear is being used on him. Animal welfare is also a big thing, we teach everything from ground work, flat work, jumping, sporting, having fun with other likeminded kids and adults.

We encourage everyone to join or renew your 2023 memberships. Go to the Just Go website, find the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club and follow the information to join. If you have any trouble or enquiries send us a message via our Facebook page and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Already this year, the Club has a new wash bay area for horses which is wonderful. A new gate has also been installed with time and labour all donated by the May family – thank you so much from everyone at the Club!

The Club is looking into a couple of fundraising ideas and we do have our room for hire if anyone is interested.

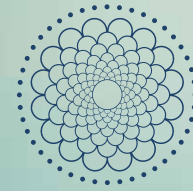
ROOM FOR HIRE

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

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

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

Building the Club's new wash bay.



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Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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WORD MEANINGS

BAMA: Person/people/man/woman. *Gulaay bama bulmba-barra.* These are people of the land.

BAMA WADIRRI: Initiated man. *Bama wadirri wambayina garru.* The initiated man will marry soon.

BANDJIL: Female/girl/woman. *Gudji bandjil wandi.* That woman is short.

BANYDJI: Sister/brother-in-law. *Ngayang banydji gulun.* My brother-in-law is here.

BARN DIL: Baby. *Barndil barri-barring.* The baby is crying and crying.

BARRINI: Sister. *Ngayang barrini bada dagil.* My sister is stubborn.

BAWI: Paternal grandmother. *Nyurran bawi gundii.* Your grandmother is there.

BIBUY: Child. *Djaa ngayang bibuy?* Where is my child?

BIBUNBAY: Children. *Bibunbay wuruu-la yungang.* The children are swimming in the river.

BIWUL: Mother-in-law. *Nyurran biwul garrana nguma.* Your mother-in-law is coming tomorrow.

BULBU: Old man (grey haired). *Gulu bulbu wurmba wunang.* This old man is sleeping.

BURRIBURRI: Old man who has had all initiation cuts (scars are fading). *Burriburri galing wayburra-la.* The old, initiated man is going to the place beyond stars.

DAYAL: Male/boy/man. *Gudji dayal dagil.* That man is strong.

DARRNGGI-DARRNGGI: Old woman. *Darrnggi-darrnggi wulnggu djanang.* The old woman is singing.

DJABUL: Promised one. *Ngawunggu ngayang djabul wambayina.* I will marry my promised one.

DJADJA: Child of about two to ten years. *Ngayang djadja wala bugany.* My child already ate.

DJURRAY: Younger sister. *Gulu djurray ngayang.* This is my younger sister.

DUNYU: Husband/boyfriend. *Ngayang dunyu wabarr-a-galiny.* My husband went hunting.

GALNGA: Uncle, mother's brother. *Ngayang galnga Gimuny dja galiny.* My uncle went to Cairns.

GAMI: Paternal grandfather or maternal grandmother.

Nyurran gami gundii nyinang. Your grandmother is sitting there.

GARGUN: Son. *Gulu ngayang gargun.* This is my son.

GULU: This one/he/she. *Gulu djanang gulun.* She is standing here.

GUDJI: That one/he/she. *Gudji djanang gundii.* He is standing there.

GURRAGURRA: Ancestors. *Ngawunggu ngundalna gurragurra garru.* I will see the ancestors soon.

MANGA: Cousin. *Ngayang man.ga bulmba galing-ala.* My cousin is going home now.

MAYI: Aunty, father's sister. *Mayi ngayanda bana waany.* Aunty gave me water.

NGADJI: Paternal grandfather and maternal grandfather. *Nyurran ngadji murranydji.* Your grandfather is sick.

NGAMA: Mother. *Ngayang ngama gurilanggan.* My mother is beautiful.

NGANYDJI: We. *Nganydji mangga-manggadang.* We are all laughing together.

NGAWU: I. *Ngawu gurii.* I am good.

NYURRA: You. *Nyurra djibanydji.* You are happy.

NYUBI: Father-in-law. *Ngawu minya wanirril nyubi-wu.* I am bringing meat for my father-in-law.

NYUMBU: Father. *Nyurran nyumbu gargal-a-galing.* Your father is fishing/casting a line.

WAGAL: Wife. *Ngayang wagal gurii.* My wife is good.

WANGARRI: Adolescent boy (ready for initiation). *Wangarri djunda-djunda-yumu.* The adolescent boy has gone walkabout.

WARRNGU: Adult female. *Warrngu djunggang.* The adult female is running.

WARRUWARRU: Teenage boys. *Warru-warru galing guul-nda.* The teenage boys are going to school.

YABA: Brother. *Ngayang yaba murranydji.* My brother is sulky.

YABURU: Adolescent girl. *Gudji yaburu bina gurii.* That teenage girl is a good listener.

YILAALA: Couple. *Gudji yilaala yulmayng.* That couple is kissing.

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. **dju**ngguu: (behind)

Consonants

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

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)
 /ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. **bungan** (sun)
 /n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the 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).

Language classes every Wednesday 6–8pm at Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm).

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9.30am Sung Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

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5pm Evening Prayer

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9.30am Easter Family Eucharist

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St Saviour's Thought for April

Our thought for April is taken from St Johns Gospel Chapter 20 verses 18 "Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with her news: I have seen the Lord!" she said, and gave them his message.

In the weeks after his resurrection there were many encounters between the disciples and Jesus. What is very important to notice is that in every such encounter Jesus points them to tasks they must do as a community. Even when the encounter is with an individual, as with Mary of Magdala near the garden tomb, she is discouraged from treasuring the moment for herself. The conversation turns very quickly from her joy. Instead she is pointed away from the encounter itself. She is to go and tell the community. The supreme irony of the story is the quality of the community she was sent to. It was abysmal!

As Mary moved away from the garden, beside herself with conflicting emotions, wanting both to stay with him but wanting also to tell the unbelievable news to others, we know only too well what the situation was elsewhere. Somewhere in the city, probably west of the temple area, and almost certainly within the vision of the Roman sentries patrolling the Antonine Tower, there was a group of traumatised men crowded into a single room, standing or sitting or lying in various stages of nervous exhaustion from restlessness to deep sleep. They had lived through a week-end of unbearable intensity culminating in a horror they had been warned repeatedly to expect but had found impossible to conceive until it took place. It was to this paralysed group that Mary was sent from the encounter in the Garden.

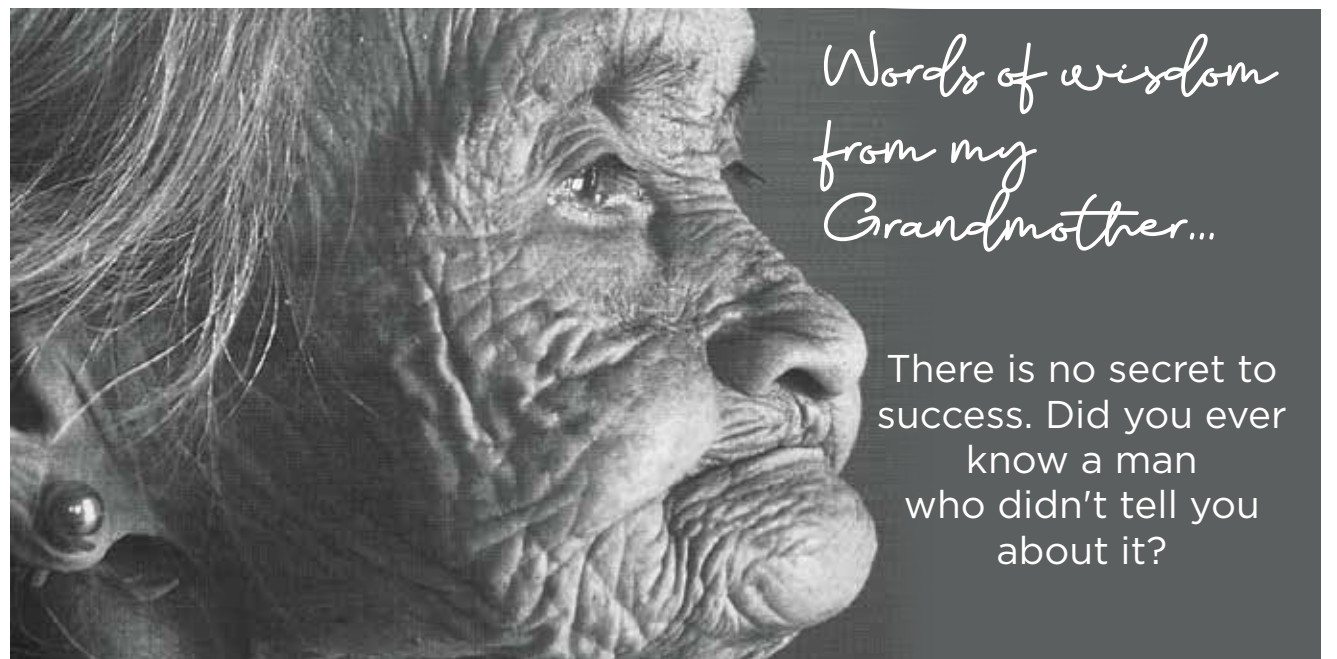
What paralyses our capacity to act? Usually we feel that the situation is too much for us. The task of recovery is too complex, too threatening, too demanding. There are Upper Rooms all over Western Christianity. The sounds of contemporary civilisation jar our senses and immobilise our powers. The old simple and comfortable institutional Christ has been taken by events and crucified on the cross of a cold, secularised, and harsh society. For many there is little to do

but gather dutifully and sing the ancient songs in a strange and hostile land.

Yet into the terrified silence of that long ago room comes the sound of running feet up the outside steps, the ecstatic knocking at the door, the gasping figure tumbling in among them, the strangled message. After a moment's paralysis one man leaps for the door, and a moment later another follows, and the door swings shut again, leaving Mary to collect her jangled nerves.

Where are the feet hurrying to the nervously closed doors of today's church? Where is Mary of today's Magdala? In the group of young people annoyingly asking for new songs? In the mistrusted couple who asked to begin a Bible class? In the person trying to share the experience of healing and laying on of hands? With what a frantic spectrum of reaction they are received, just as she was so long ago. Yet in every congregation there are some who will move toward the news which is pushing the locked door open, some who have unlocked the doors within and outside themselves, and who will seek the unlocked tomb of the Good News. Then once again Life himself will be abroad in the city!

It is important to see this passionate and courageous woman running, not just through ancient Jerusalem, but running in a thousand disguises through today's city, toward today's scattered Christian communities. All too often, when an individual today discovers that the reality of Christ demands serious and conscious allegiance, or discovers in a way totally beyond words and analysis and description that Christ is, for him or for her, truly alive, then that person may dismiss the Christian community as irrelevant, as unable to understand the new reality they have discovered. But if they come to the community in all its seeming ordinariness, they will discover two or three who will move with them to check out their discovery. Immediately then the community is affected. Something new begins. Christ has died; Christ is risen!



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"Material civilization has reached an advanced plane, but now there is need of spiritual civilisation. Material civilisation alone will not satisfy; it cannot meet the conditions and requirements of the present age; its benefits are limited to the world of matter. There is no limitation to the spirit of man, for spirit in itself is progressive, and if the divine civilisation be established, the spirit of man will advance. Every developed susceptibility will increase the effectiveness of man. Discoveries of the real will become more and more possible, and the influence of divine guidance will be increasingly recognised. All this is conducive to the divine form of civilisation. This is what is meant in the Bible by the descent of the New Jerusalem. The heavenly Jerusalem is none other than divine civilisation, and it is now ready. It is to be and shall be organised, and the oneness of humankind will be a visible fact. Humanity will then be brought together as one. The various religions will be united, and different

racess will be known as one kind. The Orient and Occident will be conjoined, and the banner of international peace will be unfurled. The world shall at last find peace, and the equalities and rights of men shall be established."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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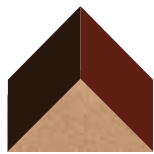
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Australian Men's Shed Association
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The Shed is Calling You

Up here in FNQ, a fabulous trend of Men's Sheds has swept over us. Malanda, Atherton, Mareeba, Kuranda—and a few in-between—have filled buildings with a myriad of tools, people, skills and good old-fashioned camaraderie. Even better, some of these Sheds now accept women into their ranks as She Sheds.

But what makes a 'Shed' so special?

Every person needs a Shed. I'm sure nearly everyone and their significant other agrees. A man's Shed may not look the same as a woman's Shed, but they serve exactly the same purpose.

Consider this:

1. The shed is the man or woman's refuge from the stresses of life. It's that private, separate little oasis away from everything – house, family, chores and responsibilities. And it's up to him or her to decide what or whom is allowed inside. It doesn't have to be a stereo-typical Shed – a private room inside, a lean-to outside, a little cubbyhouse or what I have – a workbench under cover but next to our actual Shed.
2. It's the place to be creative in, expressing oneself through woodwork, metalwork, painting, knitting or jigsaw puzzles if that's what tickles you. You can keep your work totally private, eliminating criticism and the pressure to make things to please others. It's simply for you and your own personal expression. You don't even have to do anything hands-on, maybe just sit pondering, listen to old tunes no one else likes, read a magazine or watch the grass grow.
3. And should you so choose, it can become a social centre. It's amazing what a group of blokes or sheilas can get up to with a pool table, a beer fridge, a pack of cards and an old ratty couch.

So, remembering that the whole is greater than the sum of all its parts, this makes the Shed a very powerful space for him or her. It truly can be a refuge.

So, what do you do when you don't have this essential space at home? Easy! You join a Men's or She Shed! We are incredibly blessed in Kuranda to have access to an amazing shed, kitted out with not only all the gear, but with the atmosphere to be a safe space to work and interact, to share ideas, hopes and dreams, as well as the pain and sorrow in our lives. We can use it to find support and strength in numbers, to help overcome our internal demons and battles.

My best advice to you is: come join the Shed! If you don't have any skills, we want you. If you have skills, we want to learn from you. If you don't have a project to work on, creativity will come. And you don't have to feel worried about judgement, criticism, spitefulness, gossiping or all the other negative behaviours humans love to engage in. The Shed is a safe space – physically (Shed Boss) – and mentally. If you need to talk, need support or just some good mates, then the Shed is calling YOU!



Julia pulled apart and reinvented her rocking horse making a mailbox for a friend with Geoff's help and using skills learnt at the Shed.

Men's Shed AGM

We welcome the new 2023 KMS management committee:

- President – Julia Ayliffe
- Vice President – John Todd
- Secretary – Jacky Milhench
- Treasurer – Kirsten Kolijn

The meeting was well attended and there was plenty of discussion concerning future activities moving forward at the Men's Shed 'shoulder to shoulder'.

Below: Secretary Jacky Milhench (second on left), President Julia Ayliffe (seventh on left) and Vice President John Todd (front of photo in middle).



Session Times

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

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Kuranda Men's Shed



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

FUNDRAISING EVENT 19 APRIL

CWA Social and QCWA Flood Relief Fundraising Event – 19 April

We are holding a special CWA Social and QCWA Flood Relief Fundraising Event on Wednesday 19 April from 9am to 12 noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. Lots of fun activities, live music, games, book stall, community promotions including the new Kuranda Historical Society Kuranda Cemetery group. Morning tea also available. Stall holders are welcome to enquire qcwakurandabranh2@gmail.com. All welcome.

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CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 12 April 9–11am.

Social – Wednesday 19 April 9am–12noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. See details above. All welcome.

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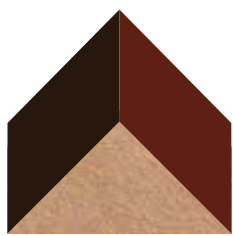


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Cairns to Atherton Tablelands

Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
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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	0428 820 631

Permits required for fires larger than 2 metres in any direction



FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Kuranda Station

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

If you are interested contact your local station:
Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station

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

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



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

EVERY THURSDAY

PARENT AND BUBS MEET -
10am-12noon. Tui 0472 987 859

SELF AWARENESS - MIND, BODY,
ENERGY. 3.45pm. 8+ years to adult.
Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

YOGA 5.30-6.30pm.

Eileen Short 0417 073 223

THURSDAY 6 & 20 APRIL

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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



Koah Sports and Social Club Committee 2023
Back L-R: Nicky McKillop, Sophie McGrath
Front L-R: Samantha Jurgens,
Maddie Worsfold, Simone Cislowski

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
f Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKET APRIL FOOLS DAY - "SILLY HAT MARKET"

**Saturday 1 April
8am till Midday**

*This is no joke! Wear your
most outrageous hat!*

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



KURANDA RECREATION CENTRE

**AGM
Monday 10 April 2023
7pm**

at the KRC
Fallon Road, Kuranda

Are you passionate about sport and active pursuits and looking for a way to get involved in your local community? Then the Kuranda Recreation Centre may be the perfect fit for you!

We are currently seeking new committee members for the 2023 year, requiring only four hours a month to fill various roles including:

- Events Manager
- Bookings Manager
- President
- Marketing Coordinator.

If you're looking for an opportunity to make a real difference and have a positive impact on your local community, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. So don't delay - get involved today!"

Proud to be the home of:



CONTACT US

f Kuranda Recreation Centre
✉ krc4881@gmail.com

JUMRUM BAR OPEN
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

WHAT'S ON

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

PILATES -
Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 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.

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES

Bookings are essential. Please contact Sophie 0409 333 404.

More info at www.dreamstatecircus.com on the Dream BIG! Circus School page.

MONDAY - **Circus LOVE 18+** - 9-11am and **Circus 1** - Age 5-9 years old after school.

TUESDAY - **Circus 2** - 3.45-5pm, Age 10+ and **Show Class** - 5-6.15pm - Age 8+

WEDNESDAY - **Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various Classes** 3.45-6.30 pm



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 24 for CWA listings for this month.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

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.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare. Contact 0419 624 940 or check Facebook or website www.envirocare.org.au

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