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YOUNG KURANDA ARTISTS WIN NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MUSIC AWARD



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The Djabuganydji community of Kuranda created two short films over 14 days in June 2019 – an outcome of a unique, collaborative creative process with Desert Pea Media (DPM).

DPM artists, local Indigenous young people, community members, Elders, local health services, school staff and other community members, as part of a major DPM initiative called 'Break It Down - Community Conversations Around Wellbeing' – funded by North Queensland Primary Health Network.

On Saturday 8 August, KDA Crew was awarded the 2020 National Indigenous Music Award for Community Clip Of The Year. Their inspiring and dynamic video *Djabuganydji Bama* was shared nationally during TV and online coverage of the annual awards. The video can be viewed online on the Desert Pea Media YouTube channel – look for the **KDA Crew – 'Djabuganydji Bama'** video.

The overall purpose of the project was to facilitate an important, inter-generational conversation about social and emotional wellbeing for Indigenous young people. Desert Pea Media projects involve a dialogue-based storytelling process that encourages participants to analyse 'the real', 'the ideal' and 'the bridge'. In simple terms this means critically thinking about how to create positive change for yourself, for each other and for our communities.

The DPM team was deeply honoured to share, create and build connection with these incredible, talented, resilient group of young people. *Djabuganydji Bama* was produced by Desert Pea Media's in-house Music Producer Josh Nicholas (aka Hazy). Special thanks to Melina Clarke and Kelli Craig for your hard work in making this project possible. Also to Kuranda District State College for hosting us and all of the Kuranda community for being proper deadly. *Desert Pea Media*

Djabuganydji Bama ©

Welcome to Kuranda, where the beat drops in the treetops
Where we rock with green tree frogs, and the gunyarra (crocodile), them big crocs
This is Hip Hop from Kuranda, where the Barron meets the sea
Where we smell curry and campfire get ready for a big mad feed.
Culture's in my veins, my history's in my bloodline
This knowledge is in my brain (yep) my story's within my songline
Keep our culture alive (brrrr) guri buga djunal (good morning) - one time
Young and bright in the street's light and sunshine
We them deadly Bama ngungi (mob) coming up from Djabugay country Ya,
Indigenous mob, yabbas (brothers), djidgas (sisters), bunjis (brother-in-law), murriss
Home of the budajjii (carpet snake) (AY) guyu (fish) (AY) bundarra (cassowary) (YAH)
Our creator Bullurru (creator spirit), dulbil (wallaby), gangla (kangaroo),
djama (snake), gunyarra (crocodile)
Bringin' this culture, back on the track, we Djabugay - BLACK, Reggae - RAP
KDA, him again? TG, can't get much better than that!
With my family at my side, strong love that you can't hide, see?
You can't deny that strength that I get with my ancestors behind me.
Bulmba bulurru (Home of the creator) Boonda bana wurru (Mountains and running water)
Budajjii bundarra (Carpet snake, cassowary)
Bama ngungi Tjunburru (Our people follow your path)
We got fighting on the streets, my people dropping like leaves
Better believe this grog and ganja come from trauma and grief
What's beneath? Where the relief?
We got too much pressure to measure
All the mob from 4 communities gotta come back together
Anxiety and depression - inside of me got me stressing
Sometimes and second guessing and fighting my self expression
Now listen to the definition, 'What ya missin' on this mission!
We can lessen the stress if we learn one simple lesson (and stick together forever)
Harmony in our community unity for you and me,
education is truly key if it is truth you seek
People stream on screens but we believe in dreaming by creeks and greenery
Don't be a scheming demon - we beamin' peace in this scenery
Opportunity, strong community, gotta go make that change
Because you can heal yourself, you can heal yourself from that pain
That shame, you can break that chain, you gotta lift your game
You gotta grab that mic, sing your song till everybody shout your name

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BEYOND DISAPPOINTED

The following is a copy of my letter sent to the MSC CEO and Councillors in response to their request for feedback on the recently publicised investigation into the future of the Kuranda Cemetery.

It is very disappointing to read Council's report into the future of the Kuranda Cemetery. Bluntly, this reflects an ongoing abrogation of responsibility on the part of Council and its Officers in planning and providing for the essential service of a suitable location to bury and memorialise our dead.

We need somewhere in Kuranda, not Koah, not Lamb Range. These suggestions are abhorrent and bizarre. It would be like closing the Mareeba Cemetery and relocating it to Mutchilba, or Mt. Molloy.

What is especially galling is that the cause of our problem is Council's greed and usurpation of Kuranda's assets over many years. I would like to explain this accusation.

About 30 years ago a local Councillor; Jay Grievson; believed that Kuranda should have a shire hall. Mareeba has three, Dimbulah has one, even Mt. Molloy had the council purchase the old RSL hall – but Kuranda has none. The Council determined at that time that it would raise funds to build the 'Kuranda Hall' by selling off considerable chunks of council owned land. However, the funds went into general revenue, and the resulting surplus was then lent to the Mareeba Leagues Club. Kuranda lost its council land and got no recompense.

Twenty years ago, The Mareeba Shire Council did actually close the Kuranda Cemetery. We had to bury a man who had given decades of service to this community as the Fire Chief and as the timber mill manager. He was to be buried in Mareeba. Understandably his family was distressed and I borrowed a level and surveyed the boundary and 'found' an area that Council had overlooked that gave us another 25 – 30 sites. Even then the incumbent CEO of the Council refused to re-open the cemetery. It was not until the threat that we would bury him anyway that the acting Mayor, Fred Cattarossi stepped in to help.

That gave us the couple of years necessary for me to make representations to Lesley Clark, Desley Boyle and Warren Pitt to get the Queensland Government to hand over the rest of the road reserve between the cemetery and the water treatment works. After 18 months it was granted (with no thanks to Council) and we had the land. Council then made up a report saying it would cost \$400,000 to build a culvert to the next hill. Total fabrication. It cost \$38,000.

That gave us the land to have a cemetery that would last 70 – 100 years. There were three hills and a total of about 4 acres. You can bury a lot of people on 4 acres. It was also planned that if the adjoining block of land ever became available for purchase – Council should take advantage of that opportunity.

The local Caravan Park had over the years illegally encroached onto the road reserve. After the land was gifted to Council for the future cemetery by the Queensland Government an approach was made to Council to sell the land to the Caravan Park. A small public meeting was held, and a strong community decision was made not to sell the land because it would be needed in 20 – 30 years. But Council sold the land leaving us nowhere to expand to bury our dead.

Recently, the adjoining block; Prettejohn's stud farm; was sold and did Council take the planned opportunity to purchase it for future use – Council did not.

Bluntly, the present difficulties with the Kuranda Cemetery are totally the result of Council's incompetence and irresponsibility. I am aware that the present Councillors have no blame – this all happened before they came onto the scene. But the Council's Officers are supposed to coordinate and continue strategic planning for the future. That has failed and badly.

It is also true that because of this Kuranda's community has lost their assets and gained nothing and soon we will not be able to inter our dead 'on country'. The Aboriginal community will be justifiably incensed;

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.

especially Djabugay descendants.

I would strongly suggest that Council look at purchasing some land in Kuranda soon to be our necessary asset of a cemetery. Perhaps the new owner of the adjoining block may be willing to sub-divide. Perhaps there is an alternative 5 or 10 acres available for a price in Kuranda – not Koah, Speewah or Oak Forest.

The road reserve continues after the water treatment / Men's Shed use and is accessible from Jarawee Road and Fairyland Road. I am sure that the Queensland Government would entertain an approach to use this land as Kuranda's cemetery. If you need assistance with this approach – please ask. The Mareeba Council has squandered this town's assets, and even sold the land gifted to it for the extension of the cemetery. Reprehensible past behaviour – and now you must fix it and Koah is not a suitable solution.

Mark Freeman, Kuranda

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (TMR)

Much discussion has taken place but little progress has been made, in fact, none. TMR remains intransigent regarding reducing the speed limit on the last few hundred metres of the Kuranda Range Road at the 80kph overtaking lanes. For all the letters written by the community to TMR, everyone has received the same rote response: "reducing the speed limit would be hazardous to impatient motorists (I kid you NOT!!); TMR is building a wildlife overpass near Tully, so that should help!!; all roads must be consistent, therefore reducing the speed limit at the end of the Kuranda Range Road from 80kph to 60kph to be consistent with the rest of the road would be inconsistent (see if you can work that one out!!).

You may accuse me of being facetious here, but these comments are a fairly accurate precis of the responses we are receiving. The problem is that having initially responded with a hasty, ill-conceived response, TMR has now closed ranks behind that stance even when it's clear to everyone else that reducing the speed limit (and ideally removing the overtaking lanes) is the answer to the problem.

How much better all round it would have been if TMR could have taken a look at the issue, talked to the community and come back with a "let's see what can be done about this" response. Instead the door has been slammed in our faces.

Elvis the cassowary is sitting on his next clutch of eggs as I write so we are running out of time to come up with a plan, and some action, to avoid him losing this next generation to speed on the overtaking lanes. Sensory warning lights that flash as a cassowary approaches the road is an option we are exploring with some vigour right now. Other options such as fencing are still being considered and could be erected quickly, but would have to go for hundreds of metres on private land. Can be done. Hopefully, Dept Environment & Science will step up and give us a hand.

Jax Bergersen, Kuranda Conservation

CEMETERY CONSULTATION A JOKE

If you are going to ask people to make an informed decision it helps to give them all the information required to do so

The Mareeba Shire Council consultation into the future of the Kuranda Cemetery is completely lacking in information about anything to do with the existing cemetery other than to make it blindingly obvious that Council can't wait to spend even less time and money on it than they already do.

It is stated that Council's favoured option is for a new cemetery to be developed at Koah with an initial expenditure of \$890,750 for an estimated 1100 lawn grave sites with options for Mausoleums and Columbarium Walls. However, Council has not made it clear that this is just Stage One for the Koah option. Further Stages with an estimated cost of almost \$3 million will add another (conservative in Council's words) 2827 grave sites plus options for mausoleum and wall sites. That's at least 4000 gravesites - enough for more than 400 years Council says.

The media release from Council said it was seeking community response as to where Kuranda and district residents will find their final resting place. What it should have said is 'should Council spend almost \$4 million at Koah for a regional cemetery'. I urge residents to write to Council and demand an extension to the response deadline of 31st August, and the release of a full and transparent business case for the Koah option (all stages included). And THEN ask us for an informed response.

Gayle Hannah, Kuranda

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WORLD CASSOWARY DAY SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

With the recent loss to traffic accidents of three of Kuranda's cassowary chicks, the local community, devastated and distraught, decided to take action by holding a COVID-19 compliant peaceful rally on Saturday 1 August on the Kennedy Highway near Black Mountain Road, not far from where the last of Elvis the cassowary's chicks was killed while crossing the road. The aim was to bring awareness of the plight of the endangered Kuranda cassowaries and further urge the Department of Main Roads (TMR) to instigate traffic calming measures to give these amazing giant birds a fighting chance.

Local resident Josette Braithwaite said "On the brink of extinction, these flightless birds known as the Southern Cassowary, *Casuarius casuarius johnsonii*, have fascinating personalities. Elvis and Priscilla and their chicks frequently cross the Kennedy Highway which has been their territory since Gondwana times. It just happens to have a fast highway through it now. Please slow down and be aware! We would like to thank all involved and the local Police for their good will and assistance on the day."

Motorists will have also noticed signs and giant cut out cassowary statues on the highway outside of Kuranda, erected by local Dawn Evans for whom the losses are personal.

"The birds are in my yard a lot, actually my yard is in their territory, and I have seen Elvis and Priscilla lose all four of their chicks in the past year. I have heaps of photos of them—all four, then three, then two, then one, then all gone. It breaks my heart that something that has survived so long, and then we come along, and they are really in danger of disappearing. I stand on the highway so many times trying to get them across safely, one day I will get run over myself – then maybe something will be done, but until then I feel we are bashing our heads against a brick wall. We need help, and action and we need it now" she said.

EVERY DAY IS CASSOWARY DAY IN KURANDA
(and we want it to stay that way)

Photos: Josette Braithwaite



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Cover masthead

Our masthead this month is kindly shared with us by the remarkable artist and wildlife carer, Rebecca Koller. Rebecca's art truly is art with a heart, supporting both her arts practice and wildlife caring. You can view more of Rebecca's art on her Facebook page. *Merlin's Chick* 2020 is a new work and available for purchase from Rebecca (0424 810 840 or message through Facebook). Rebecca's public art can be enjoyed through her Kuranda roller door paintings and painted electricity boxes on the streets of Kuranda. She is also working on a number of native wildlife 'bin' stickers that will raise awareness of endangered and threatened wildlife, and funds for wildlife organisations caring for them. Cassowary bin stickers are currently available through Kuranda Conservation (see advertisement on page 17).



Cassowaries are unpredictable on the roads. So slow down in their territory, and stay safe. Don't stop your vehicle. Don't approach them or their chicks; they will get defensive. And don't feed them; it's illegal, dangerous and in the past has caused cassowary deaths.

Keep safe around cassowaries.





RESTORING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS AND CAIN CREEK

Wildlife corridors are vital. They provide habitats with food resources and connections between remnant forest, allow animals to pass safely undercover across the landscape, our cassowaries and critically endangered frogs amongst them. Some, such as cassowaries, do not need the cover but prefer it, and certainly need a variety of food trees fruiting throughout the year. Other smaller mammals such as musky rat kangaroos, antechinus and frogs seek it and cannot move across the landscape successfully to other patches of forest without these connecting corridors. And, of course, the smaller birds love it for nesting and foraging for fruit and insects.

In particular, the Kuranda tree frog needs a good depth of forest away from the creek for the female and newly metamorphosed young frogs to forage for insects in the canopy. Older males need good canopy with understory tree perches near the creek line, from which they call to attract a mate, almost anytime of the year, especially near the shallow breeding riffles. The water quality needs to be top notch, vitally improved by tree shading and lowering of upstream sediment and contaminants.

We're starting a project to restore degraded Cain Creek, located between Barnwell Road and Monaro Close. Our plan is to re-establish a viable wildlife corridor connecting the upper and lower reaches of the creek with the Barron River and, along with Owen and Warril Creeks on either side of Cain, we will create a strong area of linkage, not just for frogs but for other wildlife, including Southern Cassowaries.

When the planting is completed, Cain Creek will provide a riparian corridor (a creek or river zone of trees tolerant to seasonal flooding). This will stretch from its source within the EnviroLink corridor, which crosses the Kur-Cow property on Barnwell Road, all the way to the Barron River, some 2km as the creek winds.

The small population of Kuranda tree frogs which exists on Cain Creek on the Kur-Cow property has good regenerating rainforest tree cover and width from the creek's spring source for its first 500 metres or so. The remainder of the vegetation on the 1.5km stretch of creek to the Barron River was cleared when land adjoining the creek line was used for farming in the last century. For the past 40 years this creek line has slowly been populated with areas of regenerating forest with the usual wattle and milky pine in evidence. The creek line has also become weed infested, the flow impeded by sediments and the creek banks are not well defined.

But this is a plucky little creek with narrow width but very good and consistent flow. It has a close neighbour, Owen Creek, whose success story we believe can be emulated. Some 40 years ago, landholders on Owen Creek were confronted with a creek line similarly cleared, like Cain. Twenty to 30 years ago some landholders bordering Owen Creek commenced tree planting on their creek line. Now, 20 years on, small populations of Kuranda tree frogs are using this habitat, calling from tree perches along reaches that, when previously free of trees, could not have supported any rainforest dwelling, stream breeding frogs.

So, we are inviting you to join us in this exciting project, to re-establish the Kuranda tree frog all along Cain Creek. They have such a restricted range and with a good width of habitat from the creek, they will most certainly use it, won't you give them a chance.

Join us at our next Cain Creek planting Saturday 26 September 3-5pm with planting, a talk and BBQ.

See Kuranda Envirocare Facebook page or email info@envirocare.org.au to join our volunteers list to hear about activities.

Cathy Retter



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Protecting regenerating rainforest

Firstly, congratulations to those properties in the process of receiving Nature Refuge status with the help of the Kuranda Region Voluntary Conservation Agreements Program (KRVCAP). It is a great contribution and commitment to preserving habitat for wildlife on private property.

For those of us who don't have the necessary sized block or with forest that is not yet outstanding enough value (but will be one day) to warrant a nature refuge declaration by the State government, it's possible to have a lesser but still very valuable protection on the regenerating habitat via a Voluntary Declaration (VDec) under the Qld State Vegetation Management Act (VMA).

Much of the Kuranda forests are still regenerating, given it takes about 500 years to fully re-establish from clearing. A VDec on your block will preserve it now, register it on your title and pass that protection into the hands of future owners of your block. Along with the Voluntary Declaration application is a management plan in which you outline, on a map, the area to be protected, list the values of your block, such as the existing flora and fauna, provide a purpose for protection and how threats such as weeds and feral animals should be dealt with.

Kuranda Envirocare is assisting six private landholders to submit their voluntary declarations applications using a small grant provided by Terrain NRM, to obtain a simple flora study. If you need it, our volunteers can also help with animal and bird studies to produce a more complete picture of the values of your block as wildlife habitat. This is part of the KRVCAP program mentioned above. If you'd like to speak further about the opportunities to protect your block you can contact: Cathy 0419 624 940 or Margaret 0478 676 122.

Plant of the month – Red Bell (*Mischocarpus*)

We're featuring the Red Bell *Mischocarpus* (*Mischocarpus exangulatus*), a member of the Sapindaceae family, which is endemic to tropical far north Queensland from Cooktown to Paluma. It's an understory tree in well developed rainforest and looks great on the edge of regenerating rainforest. The flowers and fruit buds attract the Orange bush-brown butterfly. When fully ripe, the pods split open to reveal black seed enclosed in yellow arils which are eaten by Victoria's Riflebirds and cassowaries.

They're a great addition to rainforest plantings. We have some available in the nursery for plant out.



Red Bell *Mischocarpus exangulatus* at Kuranda Traffic lights

Plant from last month Pink Fruited Lime Berry

For those of you who missed out due to sell out of this attractive bush tucker shrub, we have more potted up. Email to info@envirocare.org.au to reserve and we'll let you know when they're ready to plant out.

Speaker – Cassowary Credits system 7pm Thursday 3 September at the Kuranda Recreation Centre

Chelsy Maloney, Terrain project coordinator will speak on the project aiming to establish a 'Cassowary Credits' system to catalyse participation in carbon farming projects.

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3 September – Thursday 7pm Cassowary Credits program by Chelsy Maloney, Terrain. Kuranda Rec Centre 7-9pm. All welcome. Contact Denise on 0457 583 311

12 September – Saturday 8am, Edge planting and watering. Meet at nursery, 284 Myola Road at 8am. Call Cathy on 0419 624 940

26 September – 3 to 5pm Community planting, BBQ and speaker, 67 Monaro Close. Holes already dug and fertilized. Bring hat and closed in shoes. Bring the kids to join in. RSVP Cathy on 0419 624 940

29 September – Saturday Field trip to Ravenshoe – orchid flowering.

Be informed by facts, not influenced by opinions!

There are many reasons for the current buyer demand. The most significant of these reasons relate to finance. With interest rates at an all time low and banks being supportive of purchasers, we are seeing many buyers wanting to take advantage of these factors.

In any market environment, there remains a significant number of owners who are looking at buying and selling within the same market. When you consider this, market conditions **NOW** are healthy!



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4 Hope Close, Kuranda



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40 Williamson Drive, Kuranda



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120 Ganyan Drive, Speewah

Supply and Demand is very much out of balance, so if you have been thinking of making the move forward, the time is **NOW!**



If you are **curious** and would like to discuss **real time** insights into **your market** or would like an **obligation free** current market assessment of your property please feel free to call Sonia on **0407 028 388**.



QUEENSLAND STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

Queensland's State general election will be held on Saturday 31 October, and early voting will start on 19 October. Voting is compulsory

COVID-19 has become a factor in elections during 2020. The ECQ has developed a Statement of Intent (outlining the principles being applied to ensuring voting in October's state general election occurs in a safe and fair manner. These principles centre on three factors:

- health advice from the Chief Health Officer
- successful provisions implemented during March's local government elections
- ensuring electors are enfranchised

The ECQ is planning to deliver a 'mixed model' election which features expanded in-person and postal voting options, with telephone voting (for eligible electors only). All measures will be implemented based on advice from Queensland's Chief Health Officer.

ECQ's planning aligns with legislation passed by the Queensland Parliament to facilitate the safe conduct of the election. All election specific information will be available on ECQ's website in coming months.

www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/2020-state-general-election

What can voters do?

- Make sure you're correctly enrolled now – visit www.aec.gov.au to find out how to enrol or update your enrolment details.
- Plan your vote in advance and, where possible, vote outside peak periods during extended voting hours in the two-week early voting period from 19-30 October.
- If you are postal voting, complete your postal vote and mail it back immediately.
- Vote safely and follow all health advice – stay 1.5 metres apart, use hand sanitiser, bring your own pen or pencil, and stay home if sick.
- Remember to number all the boxes on your ballot paper in order of preference starting with 1 to make sure your vote counts. Remember, voting is compulsory.

Statement of Principles governing the conduct of the COVID-19 Queensland General Election:

- It is important that all eligible Queenslanders get the opportunity to safely participate in the Queensland General Election scheduled on 31 October 2020.
- To ensure this occurs, the Palaszczuk Government has developed a set of Principles to support the Electoral Commission of Queensland in the important work it must undertake to prepare for the election during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- These Principles build on the successful delivery by the Electoral Commission of Queensland of the 2020 Local Government election and State By-Elections.
- The COVID-19 Queensland General Election Principles will support the Electoral Commission of Queensland to deliver a safe election during COVID-19.

Guiding Principles:

1. It is imperative that Queenslanders have continuity of Government to ensure a comprehensive response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Voting should occur in the safest, fairest manner possible.
3. Any measures adopted to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic should not unfairly disenfranchise Queenslanders' access to a vote, nor unreasonably limit Queenslanders' ability to vote according to the method of their choice.
4. The Electoral Commission of Queensland will be provided all resources necessary to facilitate a safe and fair election.
5. The Electoral Commission of Queensland should be provided maximum flexibility to respond to emergent public health risks to ensure the safety of voters. This includes being able to make regionally specific decisions, addressing local public health concerns.
6. The Electoral Commission of Queensland should be enabled to seek advice concerning public health risks from the Chief Health Officer, and the Chief Health Officer should be enabled to provide such advice to the Electoral Commission of Queensland upon request or at the Chief Health Officer's own initiative.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Kuranda Paper will endeavour to profile all registered candidates in a future edition, prior to the election, subject to the ECQ's timetable and our publication dates. Registered or prospective candidates should contact us by email mail@kurandapaper.com*

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LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

Nick's Pool Service

As part of our series profiling our on local advertisers, *The Kuranda Paper* asked Nick McConnell at Nick's Pool Service how his local business began and how he's found the past few months.



How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

For around 10 years. We moved here in 2009 and started the business shortly after.

How did you come to be in Kuranda? How did you come to name your business and what was your vision?

We moved up from the Northern Beaches when we bought a house in Kuranda.

We wanted a very simple name for the business that emphasised a small local family business rather than your generic franchise type set up. I would rather deal with a small family business so I would think that would be most people's preference as well.

We wanted to be more flexible than the Cairns pool shops in that we'd be happy to travel locally in Kuranda and also to those further away Tablelands properties. Lots of Cairns based pool services would prefer not to travel the Range!

What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business?

It has given us the ability to be flexible while bringing up our young family. The kids have all gone to the local kindy and KDSC, so working close by and in the community has worked really well with that. We've also been able to meet so many people in the community.

What community endeavours are you involved in?

We've always been involved in the kids' activities, having been involved in the kindy when the kids were small and with sporting clubs now.

How have you found the challenge of COVID-19 and what are you doing differently?

COVID-19 has not had a huge impact on the business so far. We have had to ensure social distancing and hand hygiene of course, and respect this on people's properties, but we have been able to adapt easily with minimal changes.

Photo: Susan Walker



KTA Committee.
Photo: Jill Melody

KURANDA TRADERS ASSOCIATION

The second General Meeting for the newly founded Kuranda Traders Association held on 12 September was a great success, with over 40 Kuranda business owners attending and over half of that number having already signed up for their first year of membership.

There was a fantastic show of hands during the committee selection process with a full executive committee and Kuranda precinct representatives now in place to get the ball rolling on some exciting initiatives to support the Kuranda destination brand.

The new committee is as follows:

- President:** Dei Gould (Sprout Cafe)
- Treasurer:** Melissa Pancirov (Heritage Markets)
- Secretary:** Jake Hall (Cafe Mandala)
- Media Consultant:** Liz Tonkin (Tonketti Trading)
- Public Relations:** Angela Freeman (Koala Gardens/Birdworld)

Design/Branding/Website: Nettie O'Connell (Nettie O Design)

Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets Reps: Eirian McArthur and Sarah Dobbs

Therwine St and Village Centre Rep: Sandy Stacey

Upper Coondoo St Rep: Jill Melody

Heritage Markets Rep: Grace O'Neill

Tours and Accommodation Rep: Melissa Clinton

Lower Coondoo St Rep: Norman Guy

Support Secretary & Middle Coondoo St: Renae Sommerville

For Membership and enquiries please email kurandatradersassociation@mail.com or you can approach your area representative for a chat.

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BIN IT

The young people at Youth Link Kuranda designed and created a mural significant to Kuranda. The mural was designed to educate people about the importance of putting our rubbish in the bin, one side of the mural indicates a healthy environment and the other side shows what happens to the environment and the animals when the rubbish is not put in the bin. The young people were very proud of the mural and now it hangs on the outside of the Youth Link drop in Centre.



GOOD NEWS FOR JOB SEEKERS FROM TRACQS AND Q.I.T.E



TRACQS and Q.I.T.E. are committed to connecting job seekers to local employers through Harvest Trail Services. TRACQS recently visited the team at Q.I.T.E. in Mareeba to discuss and work towards providing further seasonal job opportunities for their job seekers through Harvest Trail Services across the Western Tablelands.

Q.I.T.E. (Quality Innovation Training & Employment) are a leading provider of Harvest Trail Services, an Australian Government initiative linking workers with seasonal harvest jobs in rural and remote locations across Australia, locations which normally do not have adequate local labour supply to meet seasonal peaks in employer demand.

Key to the success of Harvest Trail Services and this collaboration between TRACQS and Q.I.T.E. includes working proactively with local providers, employers and training organisations, as well as connecting job seekers to essential pre-employment training services for working on the land, across our community. A great example of their current community collaboration for this initiative includes their link to local quality training services, where job seekers can gain essential skills in farming and chemical certification.

This recent collaboration with TRACQS and Q.I.T.E. also focused on a range of key discussion points, including the analysis of crops and harvest trends as well as expected seasonal requirements for a variety of jobs ranging from farmhands, pickers packers, labourers, horticultural workers and drivers.

TRACQS operate in numerous communities delivering services for the Community Development Program (CDP) across the Western Tablelands in Far North Queensland including Dimbulah, which is a designated Harvest Trail Town and provides numerous harvesting opportunities from the following periods: January – December: Paw Paws, Citrus, Banana. February – March: Longans. February – June: Avocados. April – August: Vegetables. November – January: Lychees, Mangoes.

TRACQS is bringing local experience and knowledge to deliver the Community Development Program (CDP) proudly supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)

Both TRACQS and Q.I.T.E. are committed to continued collaboration for better solutions through Harvest Trail Services and to provide local work opportunities for the best possible outcomes for job seekers and employers.

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What makes this small creature so special to Kuranda?

In the year 2000, evolutionary ecologist Dr. Conrad Hoskin began field research work on the small streams flowing into the Barron river around Kuranda. He was studying *Litoria serrata*, the Green Eyed tree frog. On a routine survey, recording frog calls, he was puzzled by a call unlike any he had heard before. In the life of any research scientist this is a Eureka moment: the adrenaline kicks in as the chase begins. Little did he know what would then unfold.

When he tracked down the source of the call he found a tree frog, visually difficult to distinguish from *Litoria serrata*. The long research journey began and genetic samples confirmed it was indeed a separate species. Now why and how had the new speciation occurred?

Frogs evolved between 200 to 300 million years ago, they are older than the dinosaurs, and *Litoria serrata* has a lineage going back two to four million years. Genetic data of this new frog placed its origin as only 7,000 to 10,000 years ago; what event was the catalyst for this brand new species?

Conrad reasoned that the last ice age was around 18,000 years before now. At this time the rainforests covering much of Australia contracted and for some reason we shall probably never know, Kuranda became a marooned habitat, stranded between the northern and southern tropical areas. His research showed the Kuranda group of *Litoria serrata* was then in an isolated refugial area, separated from its relatives to the north and south. It began to evolve independently, complete with a variation of its original call, different enough that it could tell who was who. Eventually after many generations it became unable to breed with any of its southern or northern cousins it might come across and became what Conrad named *Litoria myola*, the Kuranda tree frog.

Conrad was concerned that the tree frog's habitat was being significantly degraded. He could be looking at the loss of this newly identified species. He had seen the rehabilitation work carried out along the Barron by Kuranda Envirocare and was impressed by the revegetation which resulted. However, he saw that on the lower reaches of the streams flowing into the Barron, urgent remedial work was also needed to strengthen the frog's living and breeding habitats, especially connection between creeks. Contact was established and a good working relationship developed between Dr. Hoskin and Envirocare.

Fast forward to 2006. The research work and description was published in the prestigious science journal Nature. It was acclaimed as an example of speciation occurring nearly as we watch and there was much interest world-wide. With an estimate of less than 1000 individuals and being limited geographically the Kuranda tree frog was listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List as "endangered", similarly under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 and the Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992. It is restricted to a small area from Oak Forest to Kuranda township and of course found nowhere else on the planet. More recent, more accurate assessment shows less than 700 individuals exist, unfortunately raising its status to "critically endangered", but good news from the citizen science frog population monitoring at six sites show the small populations present have been stable or slightly increased over the past six years.

The Kuranda tree frog is evolution in our time! We are living in a biodiversity "hotspot". Not only do we have our very own frog but also the unique Myola palm, *Archontophoenix myolensis*, which is believed to have speciated around the same time and for the same reasons as the frog. This means the Kuranda area is recognised internationally as "globally significant" by IUCN.

Kuranda Envirocare asked Dr. Hoskin to be part of a community team developing a Community Action Plan for the Conservation of the Kuranda Tree Frog. He agreed and through a series of workshops this plan has been published and actioned. Habitat recovery work, community awareness raising and further research has begun.



There is an exciting video presentation of Dr. Hoskin's work available online. Go to www.envirocare.org.au and search Conrad Hoskin.

Photo: Steven Nowakowski

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School Rethinking education to solve the challenges of the future

It's no secret that we are living in uncertain times. Change is currently so rapid in today's world that it is impossible to predict the jobs and skills that will be needed in 20 years' time. In the face of this, how then do we educate our children to take their place in the society of the future?

"In order to address this challenge, we must first ask ourselves, what is the purpose of education?" says Ms Shelley Bowen, Education Director at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School (CHSS). "Traditionally it has been information and skills based – mainly for economic and vocational purposes but with ongoing globalisation, rapid technological change, our socio-economic climate and the sustainability of our natural environments, our education system must be able to support students who are geared to tackle these broad challenges. At CHSS, we've been doing just that since 2002, with many success stories."

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School is an independent school nestled on 40 acres of rainforest in Kuranda and offers early childhood right through to primary and high school. It follows the curriculum developed by Dr Rudolf Steiner more than 100 years ago during another period of great uncertainty – the end of World War I. "Steiner's view of education was one that supports and fosters the innate human capacities of young people in such a way that they become balanced, responsible, innovative and self-aware citizens", said Ms Bowen.

Steiner education is a broad and integrated curriculum that fosters a passion for learning, critical thinking, creativity, connectedness and positivity. It is progressive and holistic, accounting for the needs of the whole child – academic, physical, emotional and spiritual, also known as the head, heart and hands – which meets each child at their developmental phase to optimise learning. At Cairns Hinterland Steiner School, we are interested not only in their learning but also their wellbeing.

Our students experience:

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- Where parents and carers are welcomed and are an active part of the community

Experience our school – Join us at our Spring Fair, Saturday 12 September

Our annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020 from 10am–2pm.

The day will include musical performances from our students, featuring our string soloists and ensembles and choral performances, delicious food stalls, and games and activities for the children.

At the Spring Fair, the school showcases our students' schoolwork from throughout the year. Displays from early childhood, primary and high school will demonstrate how the Steiner principles of 'head, heart and hands' manifests in students' academic and holistic development. The creative, artistic and aesthetic approach to all school work will become immediately apparent as you enter our School Hall and see the displays from across the class years.

The Spring Fair is a wonderful time to visit Cairns Hinterland Steiner School and see the school community that you and your family can be a part of.

Keep up to date about this event and visit our Facebook page **Cairns Hinterland Steiner School** or www.chss.qld.edu.au. Contact Laura on 4093 8809 or email reception@chss.qld.edu.au. 46 Boyles Rd, Kuranda, QLD 4881.



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- Tuesday 13th October 9:00am – 11:00am
- Wednesday 28th October 9:00am – 11:00am
- Thursday 4th November 9:00am – 11:00am



Community Enrolment Visits

KDSC staff will be visiting these communities to assist families with the enrolment process on the following dates. We hope to see you there.

- Kowrova Community Hall: Wednesday 18th November 9:30am – 10:30am
- Mantaka Pony Club: Wednesday 18th November 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Koah Hall: Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm – 2.30pm



Prep Information Session

Everything parents need to know about starting Prep at Kuranda District State College. Our information sessions will include displays about the P&C and the services they offer along with our Out of School Hours Care service. Light refreshments will be available.

- Monday 12th October 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Prep room



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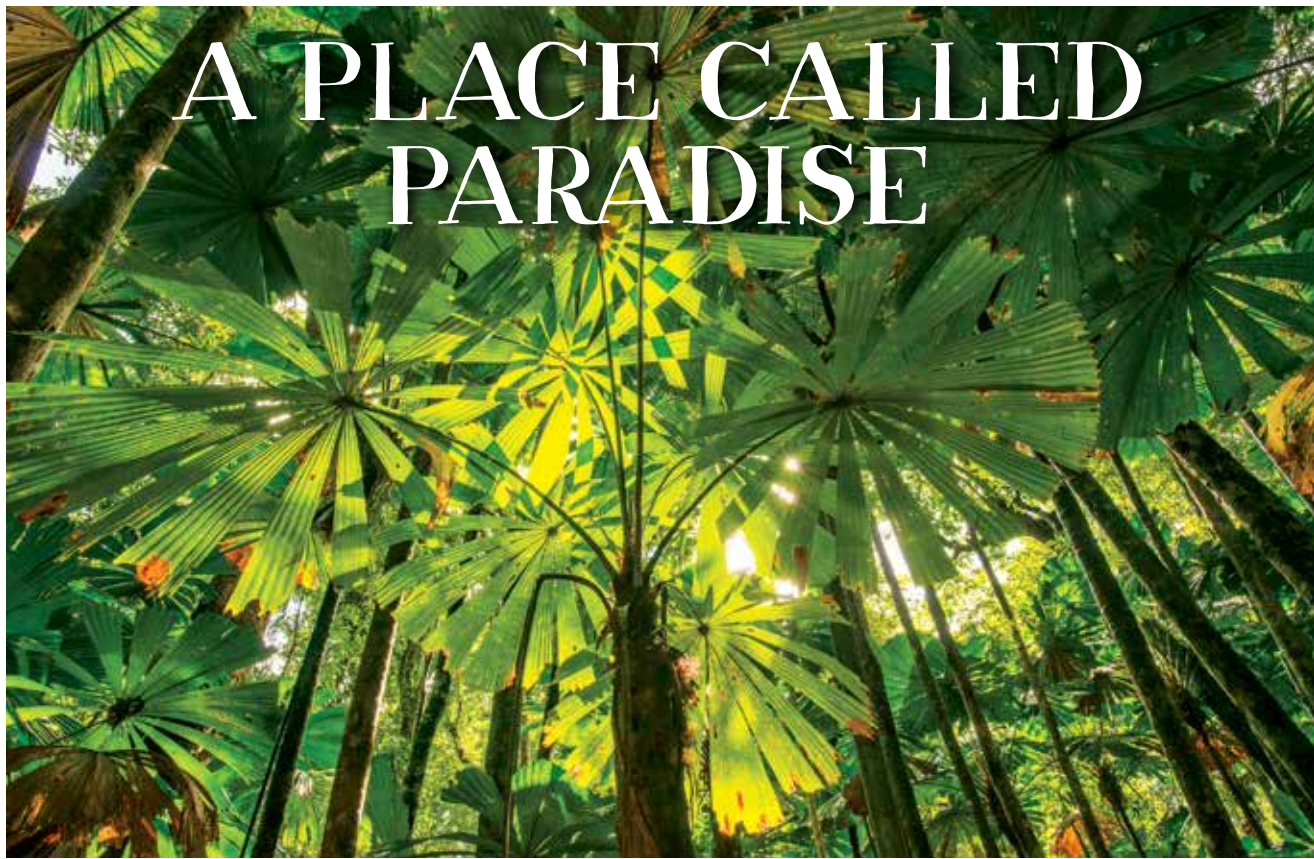
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A PLACE CALLED PARADISE

by Steven Nowakowski

The history of tourism in Kuranda is rich and long. In fact, Kuranda was one of the first towns in North Queensland to tap into the fledgling nature-based tourism phenomena. It was the foresight of Dan Duggan who first made the connection between outstanding natural beauty and the desire for people to experience it back in 1920.

I sat down with Dugg Stratford, third generation local, to learn more about his family's strong links to the formation of the tourism industry in Kuranda.

Dugg explained, "My grandfather Dan Duggan, with his wife Amelia, moved to Kuranda in 1920 after Duggan fell in love with the area—having visited it a few times working as a Singer sewing machine salesman. He was a butcher by trade and always had an interest in cattle. Initially, Amelia was aghast at moving to the wilderness, but the landscape quickly grew on her and she too fell in love with the place. The only access to their property was by boat across the Barron River from the train station or a low bridge that was more often under water than not."

"Building the family home was an adventure with all supplies and materials having to be brought in by bullock team," Dugg explained. "Initially Duggan cleared around 25 acres of land for dairy and went about clearing some more when he stumbled across a big stand of Fan palms (*Licuala ramsayi*). He was very excited and ran back to his wife Amelia and explained it was the 'most beautiful place, and we can't clear this'. He took Amelia to see for herself and she agreed it was such a beautiful place! After this discovery he decided to branch out into tourism."

Dugg proudly claims, "He (Dan) was one of the first pioneers to start tourism in North Queensland. The property started off as the 'The Maze' because of the maze of tracks and it was amazing," but Dan wisely changed the name to 'Paradise'. Dugg fondly says, "it is still 'Paradise' to us today."

"Dan Duggan was an Irishman and a go-getter and not backwards in going forwards" says Dugg. "He was the

original founder and president of the Kuranda Chamber of Commerce. To publicise the place he rode his horse into the Bottom Hotel to stir everyone up and that caused a ruckus. He was an adventurous type of bloke and he could see the need and the opportunity for tourism in Kuranda. There were already two hotels in Kuranda and he thought in conjunction with them he could start something up."

Dugg says, "My grandfather started rowing tourists over the river and doing just the short walk (about two miles) through the palms and my grandmother would just about give them a three-course meal for the original price of one and sixpence admission fee! Over time Dan could see golf becoming 'a thing' so he opened a 9-hole golf course which became very successful and some big tournaments were played there."

"Tourism was buzzing along until about 1940 when war was raging and all the troops were being brought up for jungle training in Kuranda and the Tablelands. At this time the Government decided to put a road through to the Tablelands and they built the road right through the middle of the property and cut the block into two—so that was the end of the golf course! However, tourism actually increased with American troops based in the district before being sent to New Guinea. I remember my grandparents receiving very big tips from the troops." A reminder of this period is still evident in the initials carved by the troops into the trunks of old Fan palms.

"The tourism venture continued strongly through to 1951 when my grandfather had a stroke. My grandmother took over by herself and she received help from a few employees. Around 1959 the coastal steamships waned and tourism changed to aircrafts and roads."

Dugg explained, "I worked at the Barron River Hydro for 30 odd years and my mum was always at me to re-open 'Paradise'. Upon leaving the Hydro I re-opened 'Paradise' and cleaned it all up. Put up a shelter shed and kitchen and



bought a little train to run through. That was about 1988 and we officially re-opened in 1990. My father was very keen for me to re-open and the day we opened he died from a heart-attack. I think we opened it for the day and then postponed the opening. Coral, my wife, and I then ran it with the little train for quite a few years and then Skyrail came into Kuranda. Skyrail was good for Kuranda but wasn't very good for us small operators. All the bus operators were tied up. However, we struggled on for quite a few years and then we catered to four-wheel-drive markets which was big with Japanese tourists. I then had a mate who convinced me to do an Adventure Park with animated animals jumping out (dinosaurs and elephants) and this went well for quite a few years."

Dugg also mentions, "In between we had many functions here including weddings, corporate events and company Christmas parties. It was truly beautiful with the Fan palm forest lit up at night and the sound of laughter and joyous occasions in such a beautiful natural setting."

In conclusion Dugg laments, "Tourism eventually died down and I shut the place. Now I'd like to re-open, it's a beautiful place and deserves to be enjoyed whilst also being protected."



Clockwise: 'Paradise' Fan palms, WWII soldier initials etched into Fan palm trunks (Photos: Steven Nowakowski), black and white postcard of 'Paradise' c. 1920-30s, tourist postcard of Dugg Stratford and his 'train' (Murray Views Collection), "Resting in the Maze" (Photo published by WJ Horseman c. 1930s), "The Garden of Allah, Paradise" c. 1930s



Rainforest to Runway UPDATE

Just keep smiling!

Here is the latest update after a most frustrating five months, as it has been for many I'm sure.

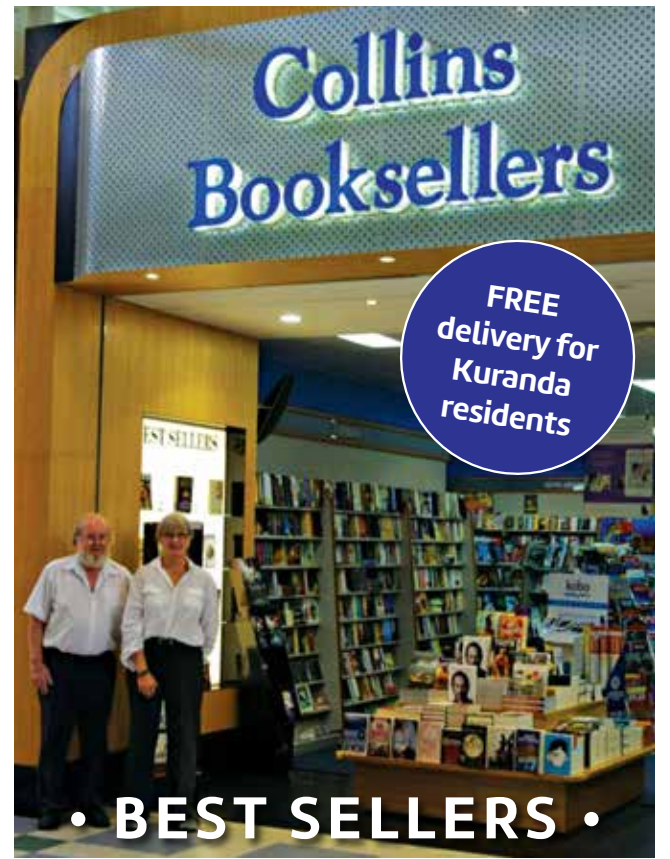
My showcase for Paris Fashion Week 2020 has officially been postponed to February 2021 with a revision being made in October. Most of the big labels are going ahead as their collection is ready for market. All individual designers, are struggling, like myself, to obtain the fabrics which make our designs unique. It was somewhat comforting to know that other individual designers throughout the world are facing the same frustration!

My collection is already registered and paid for as a result of all you beautiful supporters, the Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance and Arts Queensland. THANK YOU.

Following the support through the Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance (through the provision of hemp/silk), allowing me to showcase one of my designs in Fremantle at the National Industrial Hemp Conference, an awakening has emerged on the Industrial Hemp front. YAY! Finally!

Soooo, I'll keep drawing, keep designing, keep creating, keep smiling and you stay tuned.

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- 6 **Bin Chicken** by Kate and Jol Temple
- 7 **Breath: The Lost Art and Science** by James Nestor
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While we don't know when we can travel again, we can be connected through works of art.

Queensland Regional Art Awards

Flying Arts Queensland have received 156 eligible entries from locations across Australia. Co-op members Buck Richardson and Toni Rogers are to be congratulated as their submissions have been accepted. This provides a platform to profile their artworks and the opportunity for the artworks to be part of a touring 2020/2021 exhibition through regional Queensland.

Check out the artworks by Buck and Toni alongside other fantastic regional Queensland artists at www.flyingarts.org.au/events/peoples-choice-voting-queensland-regional-art-awards-2020

Buck and Toni are also asking readers to go to the Flying Arts Website or use the link below and cast your vote to determine the winners for the People's Choice Award. Only one vote is permitted.



"From the Glen" Toni Rogers



"TWO UP Come in Spinner" Buck Richardson

North Queensland Ceramics Awards

At the North Queensland Ceramic Awards, currently on display at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, Mollie Bosworth won one of the ancillary awards. "Not Dark Yet" is a two-part piece featuring soluble salts and decals, her specialty techniques.

Also a selected artist in this exhibition, Co-op ceramics artist Sandy Hablethwaite was chosen for her figurative pieces. The biennial North Queensland Ceramic Awards has long aimed to increase public exposure to a high standard of pottery from around the nation. A showcase for both well-known and emerging artists, this competition displays the diversity of ceramic art currently being produced in Australia. The exhibition is on show until 20 September.



"Not Dark Yet"
Mollie Bosworth

Inkmasters Workshops

Inkmasters workshop programme is starting again within COVID regulations.

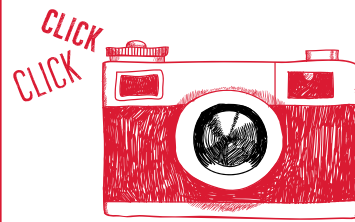
First is Fundamentals of Drawing Course 6 September–14 October, Wednesdays 6-8pm at Inkmasters Print Workshop, followed by Gyotaku (fish printing), Paper Casting, Cyanotype (Mollie Bosworth), Intro to Printmaking, and Monotype.

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AUGUST "The moon tonight Top of the Range" by Belinda Young (26 July 2020)



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ANNUAL BIG WALK WITH A BIG HEART RAISES THOUSANDS FOR COMMUNITY



The "2020 Speewah to the Hat Charity Walk for a Cause" is run and done for another year! We had 107 walkers tackle the event this year and managed to raise an awesome \$4470 for three very deserving recipients. Thanks to everyone who sent us submissions nominating worthy recipients for the money raised and they are as follows:

- I say this with a very heavy heart and much love, but our first recipient is a very loving mother who lost her twelve-year-old daughter (names withheld out of respect) to complications from a severe asthma attack. \$2000 was donated to assist in this extremely tragic time for this family. Our heartfelt condolences and sympathies are extended.
- Our second recipient is Charlotte, a young thirteen-year-old girl who was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (a rare bone cancer) last year. Charlotte and her mother Kushla have selflessly started their own foundation "Stay in the Fight" to provide care packs to other young girls with care packs who find themselves in the same position. We were

able to donate \$1500 to this awesome family which in turn will help ten more young girls who were diagnosed. Well done guys.

- Lastly, but certainly not least, we were able to give \$970 to B.A.C.A (Bikers Against Child Abuse) Tablelands Chapter who assist and protect young children in abusive situations. 'Bat' and 'Mouse' are two Speewah locals who donate a hell of a lot of their time and resources to protect the children. Well done to you men and everyone involved in your Chapter.

Thanks to all of our sponsors for getting on board and also to Rose and the Crew for their outstanding efforts and donations from the Red Beret Hotel. Thanks also to Theresa and everyone else who assisted on the day including John from John's Kuranda Bus. We had nearly \$2000 worth of prizes donated to raffle on the day. We hope everyone had a great day and we will do it all again next year.

Cheers Mick, Speewah Farmall.

Welcome to Speewah

SPEEWAH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTICEBOARD NEARS COMPLETION

Our noticeboard is nearing completion—we're just waiting now for the beautiful map (pictured) to be preserved forever on aluminium, and installed. The map was created by our very own Kuranda businesswoman, Nettie O'Connell of Nettie O Design and I think I can safely say the community is pretty delighted.

We came to a bit of halt, running out of funds with which to pay for the map to be put on aluminium, but huge thanks to John and Kathy Bourchier who, through their business Wiperman, donated the remaining \$350 needed to complete our project.

Hopefully, by next month's issue, the project will be complete but in the meantime, once again, Speewah District Residents Association is indebted to Cr Lenore Wyatt of Mareeba Shire Council for assisting with the significant grant towards shifting and renovating the original, somewhat dilapidated sign. Also, VELD Building & Maintenance (Andrew and Hannah Rietveld), Summit Solar & Electrical, Steve Hatton, Mick Dubb, Speewah Tavern and the Members of the Residents Association whose membership fees have contributed to the venture. I do hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Kuranda residents and business are more than welcome to post on our new noticeboard, of course.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPEEWAH

At our recent AGM, we welcomed Cr. Danny Bird as our new Council representative for Speewah, and sincere thanks were expressed to Cr Lenore Wyatt for the support provided over recent years. As Lenore was unable to be present, a framed Certificate of Appreciation was forwarded after the meeting.



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A Grinter's Tale

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, another day begins at Word Factory, and yes, I know, the name has some interesting connotations.

Today, because as usual, it should have been yesterday that this article was home and hosed, I'm lost for words, which isn't good when your business name indicates a propensity for churning them out. So I've decided to give Word Factory a little airing. Why? Because I can.

Most people think Word Factory is all about résumés and employment applications and so forth, but that's not the case.

In 1984 I was studying law while working for a solicitor at Trinity Beach as an articled clerk. We had this brainy idea to start a secretarial service next door. Those were the days of word processors and early fax machines and the number of wires spread across the desk grew. We were a couple of steps on from using abacus, but people didn't have home computers; that was yet to come. I used to attend settlements at banks of million dollar purchases of holiday apartment blocks on the northern beaches, and come home from work to be sent out in the garden with a glass of wine and a hose and told to water the greenery until I was human again. If my teeth were still clenched after half an hour, I would be locked out until my partner needed dinner and had to let me in.

So I, and my then boss (and good friend) opened Marlin Coast Secretarial Service, and employed someone to run the business in the office next door. I did a résumé for a pilot one day while our employee Aileen was out to lunch, and ended up marrying him. I can't remember if he paid me.

Not long afterwards I began to realise I didn't want to be a solicitor after all, as I wanted my clients to like me.

It was three years since I'd started working in the legal field, and by this time the law business had grown by one solicitor and three admin staff, and I decided to buy my business partner out and run the secretarial service. After six months I was headhunted for a position with a local aviation operation and leased out my business. To cut a long story short, I ended up selling the business after getting married, and we took off to Perth to work for the infamous Alan Bond. That warrants another story.

From there, off to Abu Dhabi at the beginning of the Gulf War. Two years later, I finally plucked up courage to go it alone, and was lucky enough to get sponsorship in the enviable job of right hand to the Vice President of BP. This was no mean feat as a single, blonde, non sponsored sole parent in Abu Dhabi in the early 90s with an ex husband bent on murder via third party or at best, my imprisonment (which can easily happen in a country governed by Sharia Law). There, as part of my very exciting role, I interviewed many enthusiastic hopefuls (after all BP were great employers and salary was tax free). Coached by BP, I learned a great deal about interviewing and recruiting for multinational corporations, and gained valuable insight into what worked in a résumé and application.

I kept my journalistic skills up (after a lifetime of writing in a major brewery, politics, industry and media) by writing copiously for UAE national newspapers and the weekly colour supplements.

Back to Oz in 1997, with rocks in my head and sand in my shoes, I bought my business back from the Koah resident who had purchased from me, and rebranded it Word Factory, being far more representative of the many services I would now offer.

So yesterday I finished a client tender for Cairns Regional Council, I typed and edited a chapter of a book, created a résumé for an apprentice and completed an upper level management government application. My work is very varied, and fun, and no two jobs are the same. Everyone's résumé is unique, and a lot of thought goes into each one. Generic is a dirty word in this office.



Now, people ask me if it is ethically correct to write someone's application.

I asked the same question of a new client in 1999 when he requested I help him answer selection criteria. There was no such thing when I left Australia, and I felt it was wrong to do so. "But," he said. "English is my second language and I am a nuclear scientist, not a wordsmith." Good point. So I helped him. He got the job and I pondered attempting a new career harvesting energy from atomic nuclei. After thirty seconds of intense consideration, I opted to stick to writing, as I failed chemistry at school, much to the chagrin of my pharmacy owning father. It was probably lucky I never got past the most basic test tube experiments.

Already having earned a name for myself as a résumé writer back in the 80s (there weren't too many of us doing that in those days, so that was easy, and online templates were not trending), the word now got out that I could turn stainless steel into silver, or perhaps split the atom.

In those days, selection criteria answers sometimes ran to 8-10 pages. Government departments were taking months to call short listed candidates to interviews as panel members had to fit in the reading of these tomes alongside their own responsibilities. Now, most applications comprise a one to two page statement and turn around is pretty quick. My theory is that less is not always best. You can't say much to demonstrate competency in reply to criteria in the space of one page. If I was interviewing, I would tend to think that someone who

has given as much information as they can to convince the panel of suitability, is someone who will pay attention to detail and put their best foot forward in their work.

In revamping résumé and cover letters, I have seen some classics in my time. We used to put 'Interests' on résumé, and I've seen it all from 'nightclubbing' to 'painting garbage bins', from 'making people laugh' to "UFOs". I have had to advise someone that going for a position as a social worker, it's not sensible to include obtaining their gun licence in 'Achievements'.

Letters also contain some classics, including:

"I really want this job. My dog is sick and I can't afford to pay the vet bill unless you give me a chance."

"I've been in jail, it wasn't my fault, and I need this job to stop me breaking and entering again."

"I don't really think that I'm suited to this kind of work, but my mother is convinced it would be good for me, and she's usually right about things like that."

Then you get the clients who put their relatives on as referees, that is, close relatives; fathers, mothers, uncles. Now whose parent is going to tell the potential employee that their kid is a no hoper, doesn't know the meaning of work, has no work ethic and is never punctual? Actually, I can name several, come to think of it.

It's shame written references are things of the past, all because some dude sued his employer after a potential employer read between the lines of his reference. Isn't that what references were all about?

The best reference I ever received was written in the 1980s by the late husband of a local resident and friend. He was such a joy to work for and we had a belly laugh every day. It read:

"Suzy Grinter worked for our company as a secretary and general dogsbody who could do anything and frequently did. Suzy is a very competent lady and works like three drovers dogs. She is also funny as a circus and supplies a lot of laughs. We all think she is a great tart and miss her very much. As she has walked into your place looking for a job, you should think yourself bloody lucky and give her the job, and don't be lousy with the cash, you won't regret it." I will value that to the end of my days.

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Crawford's Corner

Din Din (Barron Gorge) National Park: I have spent some time in Kuranda in the last month including meetings with Djabugay Traditional Owners about progressing business opportunities related to the National Park and visitation and it's great to see that there are some promising options on the table.

Soon even less Plastics: I wanted also to remind everyone about the progress in limiting plastics, after the successful introduction of the banning of single use plastic bags, there has been a welcome reduction in plastic waste, but Queenslanders want more. Ninety-four per cent of people consulted with want to see more single use plastics banned. The outcome is that new laws will start on 1 July 2021, which will see a ban on plastic straws, cutlery, plates and stirrers.

Cassowary Protection: A number of residents have contacted me about cassowary deaths on the Kuranda Range. I have engaged with Main Roads about this problem and conversations are ongoing, we need to reach a solution, I am committed to making sure that we are doing everything we can to protect this potentially vulnerable bird that is iconic to Far North Queensland.

Barron River Hydro: The Queensland ALP created CleanC, which now owns the Barron River Hydro Station. The station starts at Kuranda where the water is directed underground to the 66 MW Barron Gorge Hydro. The Barron Gorge Hydro does not emit any greenhouse gases and is an accredited green generator. I was showcasing the Barron River Hydro in August to the Minister for Nature Resources Mines and Energy, Dr. Stephen Lynham.

Business plans and successful grants: I want to congratulate those businesses who received grants under the small business COVID-19 adaptation program. It's great to see that these businesses have received some financial support in these difficult economic times as the tourism sector has been hit hard by COVID-19.

Kuranda Day

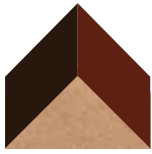
I will be in Kuranda on Wednesday 23 September and I am available for appointments. If you would like to meet with me please contact my office on 4229 0100.



Craig Crawford at the Barron River Hydro.
Photo: Barron River Electorate Office

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TALES FROM THE CRYPT ~~Shed~~



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

As I write, the Shed is going from strength to strength. Our security cameras have been installed by Summit Solar with the generous assistance of the RSL Kuranda Sub Branch, Minister Craig Crawford and the Commonwealth's National Sheds Development Programme. We are now on the hunt for a bandsaw, some bench vices and a couple of nail guns to compliment our already productive achievements.

Richard is busy with the landscaping of the northern lawn area and Bob has started building our personal equipment pigeon holes in earnest. Don has tested out our old welder and from all reports it works fine, but needs a heavier gauge plug (and a bit of TLC). Malcolm has started building 'wishing wells' for us to sell. Can't wait to see what they look like, the plan looks great.

The Australian Men's Shed Association can rightly and proudly acknowledge Men's Sheds as a 1990s grassroots invention and, during the most recent decade, a valuable and precious gift to the world.

The First 'Shed' in the world was opened in Goolwa, South Australia on 24 February 1993. The first 'Men's Shed' to be known by that name was opened on 26 July 1998 in Tongala, Victoria. It's only 12 years since the first Men's Sheds opened outside Australia in New Zealand in 2008 and 11 years since opening in England and Ireland. Things have moved so fast that now there are Sheds in Canada and the USA as well, and despite there being over 1,100 Sheds registered in Australia, Ireland actually has more Sheds per head of population than Australia. In all these countries, their national associations have looked to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) for leadership and guidance.

If you would like to be a part of this international brotherhood, make some new friends (or catch up with old ones), fix something broken or invent a better mouse trap, come on down to the Shed, have a look around and join us for a cuppa on Wednesdays and Saturdays. And soon the ladies will be able to join in on their own days.

For those people interested in the Men's Shed organisation you can find lots of information and news at www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380 or visit www.mensshed.org/theshedonline. *Sheddy Eddy*



L-R: Richard Clews (President), Daryl Douglass (Secretary), Brad Lewis, and Eddy Myles.

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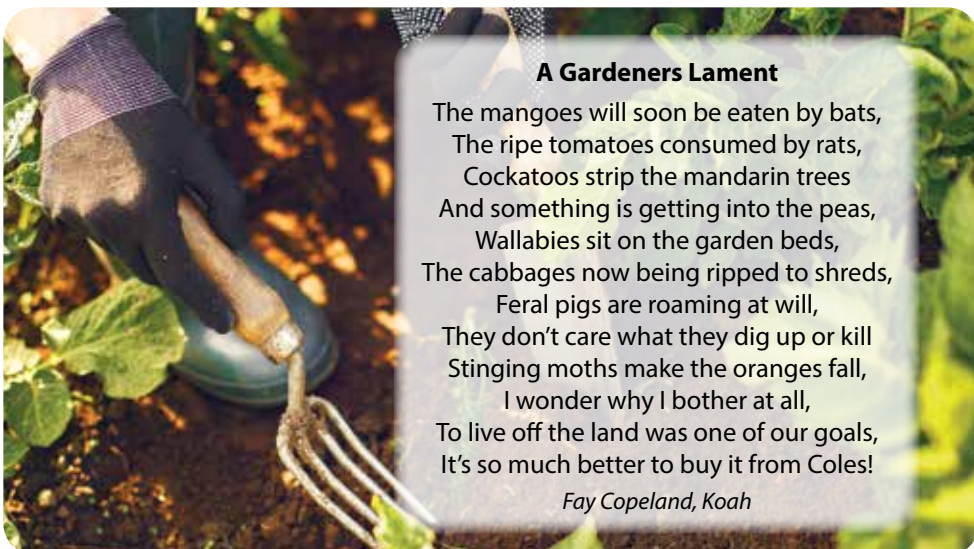
Kuranda Men's Shed

She-Shedders Encouraged

Are you a woman interested in the idea of being a part of women's sessions at the Kuranda Men's Shed?

If so please email Cathy Retter (cathy.retter.kuranda@gmail.com) or phone Daryl Douglass on 07 4093 9421.

If sufficient interest, we will hold a social meeting to discuss what the aspirations for a women's session might be. Several Men's Shed members have already offered any help with training that women may need.

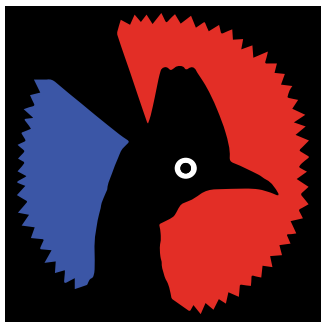


A Gardener's Lament

The mangoes will soon be eaten by bats,
The ripe tomatoes consumed by rats,
Cockatoos strip the mandarin trees
And something is getting into the peas,
Wallabies sit on the garden beds,
The cabbages now being ripped to shreds,
Feral pigs are roaming at will,
They don't care what they dig up or kill
Stinging moths make the oranges fall,
I wonder why I bother at all,
To live off the land was one of our goals,
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Fay Copeland, Koah





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WORLD CASSOWARY DAY - 26th SEPTEMBER

It's fascinating to think that World Cassowary Day was hatched at Kuranda Conservation's coffee table years ago and is now an accepted household event. You can thank Paul Webster for that - it was his idea (KCons coffee!).

In the past decade community awareness of cassowaries has grown enormously. Cassowary deaths were most often caused by packs of dogs, let out to roam the forests while their irresponsible owners sat back and let it happen. Thanks to Local Governments across the region tightening up dog laws, it is now rare, not never, for cassowaries to meet their fate by dog attacks.

Cassowaries are more likely to be killed on our roads today. Speed is the most common cause, along with some inappropriate road design in sensitive areas. Such is the situation for Kuranda's cassowaries, with three youngsters from one family being killed on the same spot on the overtaking lanes at the Kuranda end of the Kuranda Range Road. At this location, the speed limit increases from 60kph to 80kph. The department of Transport and Main Roads refuses to acknowledge that speed is the problem. It's unlikely TMR will take appropriate action to mitigate wildlife deaths on this road in the foreseeable future.

Elvis is now sitting on his next clutch of eggs and we can expect more deaths in the coming months.

AN UPDATE ON THE KURANDA RANGE ROAD CASSOWARY KILLING ZONE

We're not making much headway with convincing TMR to reduce the speed limit on the 80kph overtaking lanes at Kuranda's entry/exit to the Kuranda Range Road. We are exploring every other mechanism we can to circumvent this blockage. The quickest and simplest solution may be flashing lights that warn motorists that a cassowary is approaching the road. The technology is there, we just have to access it and put it to use. Erecting a long, long fence on the private properties through which the cassowaries move to access the road, is also an option. Why not just do it? The willingness of the property owners to have such a fence is an issue and just exactly where to place it is another. We need to be careful not to trap an animal on the wrong side of the fence.

FEEDING WILDLIFE

It is such a temptation to feed a cassowary or any other wildlife for that matter when they visit you. But there's a thing or two you need to know about the food you're handing out. One is knowing what a wild animal might feed on naturally. For cassowaries, that's native fruit which becomes available seasonally. Please **DON'T FEED** them anything man-made. No bread, no left-overs, no pizzas. No fruit or vegetables if they are not native fruit. You can kill them or make them very sick. Another thing you **MUST NOT** do is

show them you are feeding them. Do not throw food to them. Do not feed them from your car - definitely NOT.

It is illegal to feed wildlife. If you're going to break the law, then be smart and informed. Don't you be the reason our cassowaries are getting sick or malnourished.

KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH OUR LOCAL CASSOWARIES

If you see a young bird (about 1m tall, brown feathers, just beginning to colour up), please let us know. We enter the sighting on a national database to assist with counting the overall population AND it helps us keep track of our local population. If you name the cassowaries you see regularly that becomes a code. The name can tell us if it is male or female and helps us track it through its life. We're expecting to be joined by a university student in 2021 who will pull cassowary ID into a whole new perspective. Exciting times!

WE ALSO DO PIGS, SNAKES, WILDLIFE CARING AND BIN STICKERS - AND THE COMMUNITY NURSERY

On a daily basis we receive calls about feral pigs raiding gardens and doing a great deal of damage. Snake calls are increasing as the weather warms. Chickens are snake magnets. Di Daniels is our in-house wildlife carer. She is on call to pick up and care for abandoned wallabies and birds.

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL Draft Biosecurity Plan

Mareeba Shire Council has released a draft plan to unite community efforts to manage biosecurity within Mareeba Shire. The plan can be accessed, viewed or downloaded as a PDF, on the Mareeba Shire Council website www.msc.qld.gov.au/draft-biosecurity-plan

On 20 August, Council adopted the Draft Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan (2020-2025) for community consultation. Submissions are open for community feedback on the comprehensive document until Friday 18 September 2020.

The plan focuses on protecting the region's assets and values including inland waters waterways, land areas for farm production, historical and cultural values for tourism and protecting parklands and residential spaces.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Angela Toppin said the strategy complements existing projects

and programs delivered with community involvement. "These partnerships seek to promote biosecurity awareness in terms of removal and eradication of pest plants and animals," Cr Toppin said.

The plan identifies areas of pest management responsibilities for individuals, agencies and organisations while providing landholders with strategic direction and mechanisms to assist in setting priorities for pest plant and animal management.

"We all have a responsibility when it comes to biosecurity," Cr Toppin said.

"Council will continue to work closely with landowners and community organisations to manage biosecurity effectively."

This plan will replace the existing Mareeba Shire Local Area Pest Management Plan, which expires in November 2020 and reflects significant legislative changes regarding the management of invasive plants and animals, which have occurred.

Submissions need to be made in writing preferably via email (info@msq.qld.gov.au) or by post to PO Box 154 Mareeba 4880 by Friday 18 September 2020.

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Rob and the crazies of Kuranda

Rob Richardson was robbed of a peaceful life when he reported yellow crazy ants on his property at Russett Park Kuranda in late 2013. From that point on, he played an active role in the local community's response to the infestation. A recent survey this year detected no yellow crazy ants at Russett Park for the first time in seven years*. Rob, an accomplished photographer and videographer, was interviewed by Ciara Bridgland from the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce. The Wet Tropics Management Authority supports the Taskforce Coordinator to undertake community engagement in the Kuranda area.

What did you notice at home?

I started to observe ants carrying all kinds of insects, worms, cicadas along the rock wall. They were there every morning day and night. I started paying attention to them more and more. I thought they were green ants, until I identified them carrying green ants. That was when I thought it was time to talk and find out who to talk to. I needed to mention this someone because I didn't think it was normal.

What made you do something about it?

Green ants are the king of the forest and they were being eaten by these ants. I realised something was wrong here and I wanted to find out what it was. I spoke to my neighbour Mikhaila (Jacoby), who was interning with Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority) at the time. A staff member from the Authority came and took samples and it went from there. (The sample was confirmed by Biosecurity Queensland as positive for yellow crazy ants.)

What did you do after you found out they were yellow crazy ants?

After they were confirmed as yellow crazy ants I took it upon myself to understand and monitor their behaviour. I wanted to know what, where, why and how. I never spent so much time walking around staring at the ground looking at 4mm ants and filming them. The filming I did was useful for the Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program.

I was noticing that they were absolutely everywhere: super colonies a metre apart in my backyard. The further I went into the forest, at the back of my yard, they were just everywhere. I watched them on termite mounds. I noticed they were farming the termites and taking them back to their nests. On the ground you'd see trails of ants carrying insects across every square inch of the property, every insect going back to a nest somewhere.

Were you involved with the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce?

I couldn't spend a lot of time because of my commitments with work. I did monitor the ants on my property, and I used my experience to talk to other landowners on my street to link us together. If someone had any concerns, I'd talk to them and tell them if we're not part of the solution, our biggest concern will be these ants taking over everything.

I continually gave monitoring feedback to James Cook University who were researching yellow crazy ants. I'd put tuna and jam next to each other and I'd see which one they were into, whether it would be this week they were into tuna or that week they were into jam. I kept an eye on it when I could.

It's been seven years since you reported the ants on your property. What can you see now?

I can't see a yellow crazy ant. I can't even point one out to show you what it looks like.

How did the Taskforce make a difference?

It was the familiar faces in the community that gently worked with the landowners to allow the government agencies on their property. They provided the ease of access onto properties within the infestation. That was a key thing being that community voice. For some of the old dears in the neighbourhood who needed the extra

support. The Taskforce visits and has a cup of tea and talks it through. The Taskforce opened the door and got everyone on side because everyone had to be on board because it just takes one nest to go undetected and the problem comes back.

Why did you and other Taskforce members become involved?

Because I saw with my own eyes what they were doing to the environment. I live here for a reason. The problem wasn't far off affecting nesting birds. These ants are known to be in the nest eating the chicks before they can open their eyes. I hadn't seen it myself but I did see a dead bird on the ground and the ants tore it apart bit by bit. I have seen every form of insect, big yellow centipedes swarmed by yellow crazy ants, carting them all back to their nests.

How do you see your role now?

I keep an eye on it. I check my own block. I still look. Just recently I was ripping out Singapore daisy in my front yard and these ants came out, they looked a bit bull head-ish but they were the same colour, I wasn't too sure. I rang the Authority straight away, they came and took samples and it turned out to be a native ant. Just being aware and keeping an eye out because we don't want to go back to that out of control situation. Not after so many years of moving forward.

What message do you have for the community?

Continue to be aware because these ants can pop up anywhere. Be careful when moving garden soil, plants and things like that. Make sure you're not moving ants and transporting them around. We all love swapping plants but you don't want to be bringing in or sending out a problem for yourself or anyone else. Spread the message to your neighbours, keep an eye out and have an open mind because it could be you that has the problem.

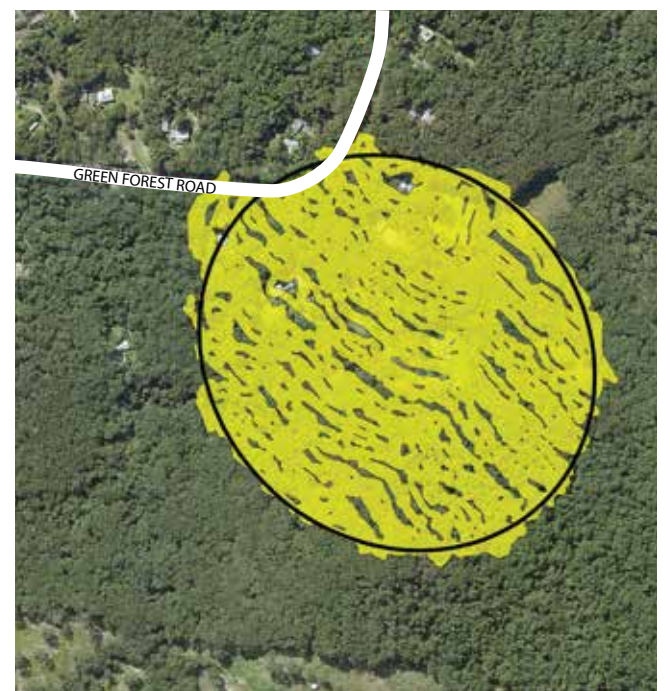
**Note: Further surveys at Russett Park must continue to demonstrate the area is free of yellow crazy ants before the site can be declared eradicated. The Authority will need to complete four surveys, at a minimum of six months apart, over two years without treatment without any yellow crazy ants being detected before eradication can be declared.*

Green Forest treatment

Yellow crazy ants were treated at the Green Forest infestation by the Authority's field officers for the third time this year on 14 and 15 July. The whole infestation area was treated except for a horse paddock at the request of the landholder. The horse paddock was surveyed for yellow crazy ants and no ants were detected.

Treatment involves the pesticide AntOff (with the active ingredient fipronil at 0.1g/kg) in a fishmeal matrix dispersed by hand under strict permit conditions. The treatment poses no threat to humans or pets. The treatment went well and the bait was thoroughly distributed within the infestation area.

The next treatment will be around November/December this year. **Ciara**



The yellow section shows the hand treatment of yellow crazy ants at the Green Forest infestation area in August 2020. The black circle shows the YCA boundary.

Join the invasive resist-ants

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A Harvestman displaying the long sensory legs that serve as ears, nose, tongue, and perhaps even as supplementary "eyes."

Photo: Caitlin Henderson



It's all about the LEGS

Lurking in the undergrowth of our rainforests, parks and even our own backyards, are a group of animals rarely seen, and when they are seen, are often mistaken for spiders. These are the Opiliones, or Harvestmen. While some parts of their body structure are similar to spiders, they are not classified as spiders, but are close relatives.

Harvestmen are arachnids, as are spiders, however Harvestmen differ from spiders in many ways. Spiders exist in a range of sizes, from giant Golden Orb-weaving spiders to tiny jumping spiders no more than a few millimetres long. Spiders have two distinct body parts, and 4 pairs of legs that extend from the front part of the spider's body – their cephalothorax. Spiders also have eight eyes in most cases, and spiders can produce silk. Spiders are predators; they rely on catching their own prey to survive, and most have venom to do so.

Harvestmen on the other hand are always quite small. They are usually no more than a centimetre in body length. They have two body parts, but there is no distinct waist, so it looks as though there is only one body part. They have eight legs, and these legs are often very long, usually many times longer than the body length of the Harvestman. They only have two eyes and rely on other senses instead of eyesight. They do not have silk glands and can't produce silk, and research suggests that that some harvestmen produce sticky glue-like secretions from their pedipalps (feelers), that help them to hold on to prey while they are consumed. But not all Harvestmen are predators. Most are omnivorous, feeding on both living and dead plants and animal material including aphids, caterpillars, beetles, flies, mites, small slugs, snails, earthworms, spiders, other harvestmen, decaying plant and animal matter, bird droppings and fungi. Harvestmen are not venomous and pose no risk to humans.

Most Harvestmen prefer moist, humid environments, although a few have adapted to arid environments. They are mostly nocturnal animals. Harvestmen are found on every continent except Antarctica. There are around 6,500 known species of Harvestmen around the world and are found most often in leaf litter and under rocks and logs. They are often encountered while gardening. The name Harvestmen

actually comes from the time of year they are most often encountered, during autumn, or the harvesting season.

Harvestmen have a few different defensive strategies. When disturbed, a Harvestman will release a pungent odour from scent glands located at the base of the first pair of legs. This foul smell will deter predators from attacking and is also a warning that the Harvestman will most likely taste terrible.

One particularly interesting quirk of Harvestmen is their legs. Their second pair (which are the longest), serve as ears, nose, tongue, and perhaps even as supplementary "eyes." The legs are loaded with nerves and thousands of tiny sense organs that lie inside microscopic slits in the legs. Another defensive strategy when threatened is to actually drop one of its legs, much in the way a skink will drop its tail. The detached leg will twitch of its own accord, confusing predators and allowing the Harvestman to make its escape.

Deanna Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife



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Below: A close-up of one of our local Harvestman displaying some wicked weaponry it uses to both defend itself and help capture prey. Photo: Alan Henderson



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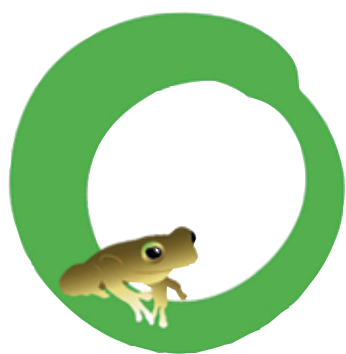
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Local and Global actions to defend Nature

The Australian National University's 2019 environment report (wenfo.org/aer) provides a grim account of the changing condition of our ecosystems. Last year witnessed the worst environmental conditions in decades, confirming the devastating impact of the failure to address global warming.

Every year, seven indicators—high temperatures, river flows, wetlands, soil health, vegetation condition, growth conditions and tree cover—are used to calculate a national and regional environmental condition score. **Australia's environmental score is in the red** – nationally, Australia's score fell to a very low **0.8 out of ten**.

The authors stress that the extent of forest fires last year was unprecedented and early-2020 fires caused the most hazardous air quality in living memory, impacting human health and drinking water supplies. The ecological damage was profound – fires raged through ecosystems poorly adapted to fire, from rainforests in tropical Queensland to alpine vegetation in Tasmania. Even before the fires, 40 plant and animal species were added to the 2019 threatened species list, bringing the total to 1,890 – following the fires more species are likely to be added.

Meanwhile under the cover of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal government proposes to rush altering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* before a review of the legislation has been concluded. Conservationists fear the changes will help fast-track development proposals, allowing little time for proper environmental impact studies to be conducted.

ABC News reported (31 January 2020) that the Federal government paid \$2 billion to expand Coal Seam Gas for gas-fired electricity production across Australia. The water-hungry Narrabri gas project is central to the deal, drilling gas wells and laying pipes across unique Indigenous country and valued farm land, threatening the Great Artesian Basin and the mighty Pilliga Forest.

Of course, we are more fortunate than many globally. In the Amazon, Indigenous forest guardians are being murdered. In March 2020 prominent indigenous leader Zezico Rodrigues became the fifth indigenous Guajajara to be murdered in four months by illegal logging mafias (*Amazon Watch*, 31 March 2020). According to *ABC Four Corners* (26 March 2020), over the past decade more than 300 Brazilians who tried to protect the rainforest have been killed, yet they continue to fight to defend the land so deeply connected to their lives, culture and identity.

It's easy to feel despair at local and global damage being done to ecosystems in the name of progress and profit – but it's important to stay informed and take action to effect



North Queensland rainforest. Photo: Wikimedia

change. Write to governments here and abroad, lobby politicians, donate time or money to an environmental group, plant a tree and start conversations about the need for change. Locally, Friends of the Earth invite you to join our 'Guardians of the Wet Tropics' team to help protect and enhance the edges of the Wet Tropics.

This article is abridged from articles published in the May edition of Friends of the Earth magazine Chain Reaction. To stay abreast of local and global environmental issues - subscribe to Chain Reaction (www.foe.org.au/chain_reaction).

NEXT Meeting: Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 7pm via Zoom – all welcome!

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Neighbourhood Centre News September 2020

Disaster Recovery and Community Resilience: This project is made possible by the FNQ & NQ Monsoon Trough Category C Grants from QLD and Federal Governments. The project will run for 12 months till June 2021 and is being facilitated by Jessica Dalton. An initial community consultation meeting was held in Centenary Park on 16 July under Queen Maggie Donahue's tree. Jess will be touching base with stakeholders and community members over the next weeks to make connections and develop the plan for community ownership and input. Please contact her at the Neighbourhood Centre if you would like to know more or to get involved. This project will also be looking at preparing for future impacts of the COVID-19 illness that may still develop in FNQ.

Kuranda Community Essentials Project: The Kuranda Community Essentials project continues to be available for those in the District who have been affected by the coronavirus in any way. Contact the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 4093 8933 Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-1pm or email coordinator@kurandanc.org.au or familysupport@kurandanc.org.au to discuss your needs. There are still community donations available to access which may be necessary as the coronavirus supplement is reduced in the next months. This is confidential and private.

Service Continuity and Opening Hours: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre has returned to pre-COVID-19 opening hours Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-1pm. Please be patient with our volunteers and staff with the COVID-19 protocols and there may be times the Centre is closed due to reduced volunteers. This means we have fewer computers available and the kitchen will remain closed. If the Centre is closed, please call on 4093 8933 or email coordinator@kurandanc.org.au or familysupport@kurandanc.org.au for assistance or in an emergency please call 000 or Lifeline on 131 114. We are still working flexibly through this transition to provide as many services as we can. Please do not attend the Centre if you have any symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or have come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have returned from an interstate hotspot or overseas within the past 14 days.

Group Activities: Groups are yet to restart properly, and we are hoping that further easing will allow groups to begin including Mahjong, Grandparents Cuppa and EPIC (Empowered Parenting in Community). We are still very conscious of the current restrictions, which have eased somewhat, but still recommend that people in risk groups including First Nations people over 50 try to stay home as much as possible.

Kuranda Family Support Program: Heidi Avolio is the Family Support worker for KNC. The program is funded by the QLD Department of Child Safety Youth and Women as a Secondary Family Support program. If you want to know more about how the program works, for a referral to more specific program/services/supports or to assess your situation, please call or drop by.

NILS: The No Interest Loan Scheme is operating with phone and face to face interviews available on Wednesdays. For information, assistance or to book an interview please call 4093 8933. Documents can be emailed to admin@kurandanc.org.au.

Printing/Computer/Copying etc: These services have incurred small charges in the past to cover the costs to the Centre. During the coronavirus pandemic, KNC has not been receiving cash, due to hygiene protocols. Therefore, these services have been free. The use of the computer/internet will remain free; however you may be asked to adhere to some timeframes to provide fair access to others. Printing/copying etc will remain free up to 5 pages black and white for the time being. Each case will be negotiated individually, however for regular or larger printing needs/costs we ask that a transfer into the KNC bank account be made to help cover costs of paper, ink and maintenance.

Wifi Hotspot: The KNC Hotspot for Wifi remains available for people to access on and around the veranda while maintaining social distancing. There is no voucher or password required.

The Neighbourhood Centre Team



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PERSONAL FACE MASKS

Yes there are still plenty of opportunities to book the CWA Hall – just enquire! Rates are \$20/hr for weekdays/evenings and weekends for up to 40 persons at this stage. COVID-19 considerations are explained. BYO food and dishes.



Congratulations to Tristan Henderson on winning our Raffle and thanks to all who contributed.

A creative fun time was had by all at our monthly craft morning on the third Wednesday each month 9am-12noon. All welcome. Contact Christine 0427 535 916. Christine is offering FREE sewing lessons!

COVID-19 personal face masks!

Are you interested in joining a group who are looking at the possibility of making 'non-medical', 'community' face masks? These would be made at the CWA Hall with materials provided and distributed via Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre and other Kuranda client service providers as needs are identified.

- Fabric masks should not be handled or removed while out and about.
- Fabric masks should be removed only by the ear loops or ties and laundered after every use.
- When wearing a community mask, it is essential to maintain social distancing, continue frequent hand-washing before and after using facemask, and observe other public health measures.

Mask making for personal use @ CWA Crafts on Wednesday 16 September.

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**NOTICE OF WORKS:
ROB VEIVERS DRIVE KURANDA**

Mareeba Shire Council will be commencing works on the upgrade of the water main on Rob Veivers Drive in Kuranda in late September. The project will start from the Therwine Street roundabout and works will be carried out in stages back towards the highway, allowing Council to safely upgrade the section of water main and keep disruption to a minimum. Traffic management will be in place while the works are carried out. The project is scheduled to take approximately three months to complete. Council thanks the community in advance for its patience and cooperation while the critical upgrade is carried out.

RATES

The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 31 December 2020 have been issued. The discount period closes on Friday 18 September 2020. If you have not received your Rate Notice, please contact the Rates Department.

How can I pay my rates?

You can pay your Rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, Australia Post Billpay, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash and cheque. To receive the discount, you need to ensure that any transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date.

Pay in person

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***To help ease the financial burden, Council has a payment arrangement scheme available provided the total amount outstanding is paid by 31 December 2020. This allows you to pay a nominated weekly, fortnightly or monthly amount towards the rates and other charges. NOTE: you will only receive the 10 per cent discount if the full amount of Rates and Charges is paid by 18 September 2020.



**GREAT CAUSE LOOKING FOR
LOCAL SUPPORT**

Moyamoya Australia is a newly founded charitable organisation established by Ravenshoe resident, Nicola Baker, mother of Moyamoya warrior, Jed, who had his first stroke at 11 months old. Moyamoya Disease is a progressive disease of the brain. Jed, now 17, has undergone multiple brain surgeries and a renal artery bypass. With no further intervention available to Jed in the event that the Moyamoya Disease continues to impact his brain, he is palliative. His family believe in miracles, though.

The Smokey Blue Rally, supported by the Stroke Foundation will be held on the long weekend of 3-5 October. It is hoped to have 100 vehicles travelling through Tablelands towns searching for 'treasure' and culminating at an evening concert and events at Undara Experience. Each vehicle must stop and spend time in at least five of the nine identified Tablelands towns to find treasure, earning points along the way by winning tokens.

This is an opportunity to promote Kuranda and local businesses as well as supporting a great cause.

What we really need is a focal person or business in Kuranda who can coordinate the town event. Can you help? Thank you for any support you can offer. Please call Nicola Baker on 0417 929 382 or email nicola@migrationpathways.com.au for more information.

**Petbarn Cairns 2020
Seeing Eye Dogs
fundraising appeal**

Local customers helped Petbarn Cairns raise over \$840 towards the annual appeal that will help cover the costs of breeding, training and caring for Petbarn Foundation Seeing Eye Dogs. Thanks to the local community, 15 Seeing Eye Dogs puppies will be able to commence their two-year training process and enable Australians who are blind or have low vision to have greater independence, with the best of companions by their side. Petbarn Foundation raised an incredible \$775,000 in July, and since 2014 have now been able to train 85 Seeing Eye Dogs and change 85 Australian lives for the better.

Petbarn Cairns Store Manager, and Kuranda resident, Taylor Skinner, says, "We're extremely grateful to everybody that donated what they could to this great cause. We know 2020 has been a challenging year for so many people, yet our customers continue to amaze us with their generosity."

\$700,000 worth of services, pet food and supplies has been pledged to help people and pets in the community that have been affected by COVID19. For more information visit www.petbarn.com.au/foundation



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Flying-fox Watch Program

WHERE ARE OUR BATS?

Bats and Trees Society of Cairns (BatSoc) Inc has launched its Save Our Spectacled Flying-fox Watch program. www.surveymonkey.com/r/2C7BMN8

President of BatSoc, Maree Treadwell Kerr, said that the watch program is an opportunity for community members of Far North Queensland to help us find out where our Spectacled flying-foxes are feeding and roosting so we can better manage and conserve the species.

"The flying-fox watch program is the first part of the Save our Spectacled flying-fox project. The project is funded by a CSA grant from the Qld Department of Environment and Science."

"The Spectacled flying-fox is an endangered keystone species, performing vital ecosystem services of long-distance pollination and short and long-distance seed dispersal for the World Heritage Wet Tropics rainforests."

"In November 2018, nearly a third of the population died in a heatwave, increasing the population decline since November 2004 to an alarming 80 to 85%."

"We aim to use the data from the public, researchers, field ecologists and community and conservation groups to identify critical roosting habitat in low conflict areas and to restore

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and enhance this habitat to reduce the impact of future heat waves on this endangered flying-fox species," Ms Treadwell Kerr said.

"We found in the November 2018 Heat Stress event, that flying-foxes fared better in camps with well-established mid-storey vegetation," she said.

"The data collected will also help us find winter camps. We know most of the maternity camps, where they congregate each spring to give birth and rear pups, but we don't know where many of them go in winter. In winter, flying-foxes break up into smaller groups and form camps close to flowering or fruiting resources. But the quarterly counts by CSIRO only find a few of these winter camps."

"Winter foraging may be the most critical factor in the decline of the Spectacled flying-fox. Queensland has had one of the highest native vegetation clearing rates in the world; retaining and planting winter flowering and fruiting species may be the single most useful action that anyone can contribute in saving this species from extinction."

The reporting forms can be found here www.surveymonkey.com/r/2C7BMN8. It asks a few questions about where and when people saw the flying-foxes. People are encouraged to upload a photograph as this can give us more accurate location information and help us identify trees the flying-foxes are feeding on or roosting in. People can report sightings of flying-foxes as many times as they like.

"This information will help fill the gaps in our knowledge and will also assist the newly established Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team in identifying the most urgent conservation actions to save this endangered species".

For more information, contact Maree Treadwell Kerr on president.batsoc@gmail.com or Sera Steves at secretary.batsoc@gmail.com

Maree Treadwell Kerr,
 President, Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc.

About Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc

Bats and Trees Society of Cairns Inc. is a not-for-profit incorporated group (NGO) dedicated to the care and protection of flying mammals in the Cairns region. We engage the community and educate people in FNQ about the vital roles bats play in maintaining the health of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Our aim is to enable people to live peacefully with bats.



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Can Traditional fire management future proof the Wet Tropics?



How cultural burning, traditional knowledge and science can work together to manage the Wet Tropics will be discussed next month over breakfast at Frogs Restaurant in Kuranda.

Aboriginal land management specialist Barry Hunter, and cultural fire ecologist Dr Peta-Marie Standley will discuss the science behind Indigenous fire practices and explain cultural indicators for caring for Country.

“Cultural burning is becoming more recognised as one of the strings in the bow that play an important role in implementing good, sound fire management outcomes,” Mr Hunter said.

“The reason we use cultural burning is to get those landscapes back to where they should be from that cultural sense, by developing the cultural indicators.

“We currently have a situation where we have the wrong trees in the wrong area, monocultures developing where one type of tree is taking over due to incorrect fire regime,” Mr Hunter said.

Dr Standley said, “In the Wet Tropics bioregion, all of our modelling is pointing to a drying rainforest, so it’s incredibly important that cultural burning is implemented around the rainforest in the ecosystems that adjoin or are adjacent to rainforest.”

“What I have observed across Cape York and Australia over the last 20 years is that often the types of burns we’re implementing, whether they are hazard reduction burns or conservation burns, can be too hot which changes the structure of the vegetation.

“Even one hot burn can influence what species recover after the fire and it can often generate fire-prone vegetation as a result, such as acacias or milky pine in the case of rainforest. These species can really change how a system burns.”

Dr Standley said that these hotter fires can result in the canopies of forests burning.

“In far north Queensland and northern Australia generally, there is so much knowledge that is held within Indigenous peoples’ practice, which they are really only getting the opportunity now to demonstrate this knowledge.

“So it’s really important we open up this space so Indigenous people can share this knowledge around cultural burning,” Dr Standley said.

This event will be the first of a series of breakfast presentations, called Science and Smashed Avocados hosted by the Wet Tropics Management Authority aimed at offering the community a chance to hear experts in various fields.

Barry Hunter is a descendant of the Djabugay-speaking people of the Cairns Hinterland.



He has more than 30 years’ experience in Aboriginal affairs, particularly in areas of land, natural and cultural resource management. Mr Hunter has a Bachelor of Applied Science from Charles Sturt University and has a keen interest in the work community rangers do in looking after land, fire management and cultural heritage.

Dr Peta-Marie Standley is a Senior Researcher and Program Manager with Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation and a cultural fire ecologist. For more than 20 years, Dr Standley has worked alongside Indigenous people in the Wet Tropics and Cape York regions, supporting them in the documentation, transfer, monitoring and communication of their cultural fire knowledge.

The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session with additional guest speakers.


The venue is open from 8.30am for breakfast, featuring local smashed avocados. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available.

DATE: Thursday 10 September

VENUE: Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda

TIME: 8.30am–10.30am (presentations begin 9am). NOTE: will also be live-streamed on Wet Tropics Facebook page.

BOOKINGS: Seating is strictly limited, COVID-19 distancing and hygiene rules will be strictly applied, so bookings are essential.



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FROM PANDAS TO PANDEMIC

by Garth Owen

In early January, my wife Cathy and I were on an Intrepid tour of China. From Shanghai, Xi'an and Beijing we travelled overnight up to Harbin, which was to be the highlight. It was the Ice Festival and the streets and frozen river of this old town, with its heavy Russian influence, were decorated with fantastic ice sculptures. The temperature was minus 16° Celsius, much less than the minus 25 we had been told to expect, but still a tad cooler than Kuranda.

By this time most of our party had developed coughs. It was, after all, midwinter in China, the home and origin of most of the respiratory viruses which plague mankind and we had not thought to take any precautions against infections. Some of the party took to their beds. My wife, who usually conducts everything at 100 k per hour and is usually way out in front, dragged her feet around the giant snow sculptures in the theme park and had to be urged to keep up.

Chengdu and the pandas was our next stop, but in the afternoon we felt so rough we prevailed upon our guide to take us to a doctor. He diagnosed pneumonia of unknown origin (he called it walking pneumonia) and gave us some antibiotics. We kept going but the next day Cathy was feeling terrible and fell asleep over lunch. I convinced our new guide that we needed to go to a hospital and he took us to Guilin People's Hospital. The admitting doctor, who thankfully spoke a little English, listened to Cathy's chest and said "Lady, you must be admitted here." We said "How long for?" thinking a couple of days at the most. She said "Ten to twelve days" and that's when our world collapsed.

We had to tell our travel insurers that we were in hospital (I moved into the same room as Cathy instead of staying in the hotel) and had cancelled the remainder of the trip. I found no one home at the supposed 24 hour number I called but I left a message for them to call me. Next day I was contacted by someone from a call centre based in the Philippines and had to explain in great detail what had led up to our incarceration. This was to be the pattern from now on; I never spoke to the same person and I never was replied to in an email by the same person. The call centres varied between the Philippines and South Africa but no-one was being helpful. The insurance company never accepted responsibility for our predicament until the day before our release when I threatened them with the Insurance ombudsman and Choice magazine.

The other agency, which was as good as two men short, was the Australian embassy. When I told them our visas were running out and we would appreciate some help in getting them renewed, I was told we were on our own and would need to find the nearest Special Police bureau (non English speaking) and each make an application in person. Cathy was flat on her back with cannulas in both arms and was clearly not going anywhere soon and when I mentioned the Special Police unit to the hospital staff who could speak English there was a sharp in-drawing of breath and much sucking of teeth. I gathered the S.P were not a friendly bunch and unlikely to be of much help.

Chinese hospitals, at least in the big cities, are well equipped, with CT scanners and all mod cons. Patients need to provide all their own food though, and all sanitary and washing materials such as towels and soap. The local noodle shop got to know me very well, as did the small local supermarket selling toilet rolls and fruit. We both hope we never see another takeaway bowl of pork with rice noodles. News from Wuhan was all over the world press by this time and Cathy was constantly having her temperature taken and asked about the cities we had visited. Everyone in the hospital was paranoid about the new virus from Wuhan.

Luckily Cathy made a swift recovery and after nine days treatment, with two days left on our visas we convinced the doctor to discharge us. First though we needed to pay the bill and they wanted cash or Alibaba pay. I rang our never helpful insurer and was told we would need to pay the bill ourselves, which amounted to over six thousand Australian dollars, and the company would look at our case when we got back to Oz—if we got back to Oz. Thank God for banking apps and mobile phones. I was able to transfer money from home to a Travelcard and then to convince the hospital registrar that this was as good as cash. We managed to escape at last. Cathy was happy to be outside even though it was raining and about six degrees.

Our Chinese travel agent had bought us tickets from Guilin to Hong Kong and I had managed to book us a flight from Hong Kong to Sydney and we had hopes that our luck had changed. We were the only people in our carriage on the high speed train. Everyone we saw was wearing a face mask. In Hong Kong we found all masks had been sold out and none were available to buy. We stood out but were past caring. We found out our flight was full and overbooked and there was not any real hope of us getting on but we decided to stay just in case. We also learnt our visas still applied even though we were in Hong Kong and we only had one day left. We started looking for places to stay within cooee of the airport and to think of excuses for overstaying.

Unbelievably, there were multiple cancellations on our Qantas flight and with forty minutes to takeoff we were put on the last two seats on the aircraft. We have never been so happy to get on an aeroplane. We decanted in Sydney and waited several hours for our flight to Cairns. We felt like death but when we finally arrived in Cairns it was to clear skies and warm temperature. There certainly is No Place Like Home.



Garth and Cathy on the Great Wall of China at zero degrees.

In December 2019, long-serving President of the Kuranda Media Association, and member of the Kuranda Paper production team, Garth Owen escaped both onerous responsibilities with a view to tackling a long put off bucket list of travel adventures. First up was China in early January 2020, what could go wrong? We are immensely grateful that Garth and Cathy made it back home and Cathy made a full recovery. The Kuranda Paper

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MUAY THAI MILESTONE

Kuranda local, Blaine Richards, achieved a milestone this month by competing in his first Muay Thai fight. Blaine's chosen sport since a young boy has always been rugby league, however, along came COVID-19, which saw this year's football season cancelled.

Disappointment and frustration started creeping in, but rather than set aside his passion for sport, he decided to take action and speak with Dan, at Black Dog Muay Thai. Blaine decided to give Muay Thai a go and trained hard to get himself ready for a new and exciting challenge "to step over the rope and become a fighter".

With this achievement, Blaine has proved an inspiration to everyone during this process—particularly in a year when so many of us are feeling helpless and lost. Blaine's journey proves that if you put your head down and set yourself a goal you will achieve it.

Thanks to Dan Grant at Black Dog Muay Thai and Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation for their ongoing support.

Kids Muay Thai classes are on 4.15–5.15pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All ages classes are on 5.30–7pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are held at the Kuranda Community Precinct (old school site) Arara Street.



Above: Blaine Richards competing at Nukzu Muay Thai Gym in Manunda.

Back row: Cindy Quarry, Dan Grant, Elaina Richards, Roman Richards, Kode Lea'uaanae. Front row: Blaine Richards and Tandia Singleton.



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JOHN MORIARTY FOOTBALL



John Moriarty Football (JMF) recently celebrated our one year anniversary in Kuranda with a community day at the end of the recent July school holidays. Our football for well-being program has been running in Kuranda and Mareeba since July 2019, within school programs beginning in September 2019. We have introduced new members Dylan, Andre and Steven to our coaching team who are working alongside the wonderful Harriet.

The JMF Program was established in 2012 with our pilot program starting in Borrooloola and Robinson River, NT. The JMF Program has since expanded to Dubbo, Tennant Creek, and Kuranda in 2019, with the view of being delivered to 14 additional satellite communities. JMF is continuing to expand our team with new members joining soon to help with our delivery to schools in Gordonvale and Atherton as well as the communities of Yarrabah and Mossman. Our core pillars of the JMF Program focus on education, active



lifestyles through football, mindfulness and nutrition.

The JMF coaches are running fun-filled afternoon sessions at Bartley Park on Tuesdays (6-11 year olds) and Thursdays (12-16 year old) from 3-4.30pm during each school term. Fresh fruit is provided to those who attend along with a hot nutritious meal at the end of the session. Our coaches will then drop the children home in the JMF bus.

Our JMF program is aiming to develop a core group of young footballers so we are able to organise and play games with local teams and academies. Speak with any of the JMF team to see how you can be a part of this core group.

Look out for our September/October holiday program that will be running in Kuranda at Bartley Park on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Borzi Park in Mareeba plays host to our clinics on Thursdays and Fridays.



RANGERS r e p o r t

This soccer season is really starting to heat up (literally!) as our Rangers continue to give their best every Saturday on the pitch. MiniRoos is a participatory program and as such is non-competitive, however, our kids dig deep and play like they're playing for Australia ... and all while having fun. Their enjoyment of the game is priceless.

The skills of our players continues to improve, particularly those who put in the extra effort and attend our weekly Skills Clinic with Adric and Rohan.

One of our strongest teams this year is the U9 team who are showing a lot of promise, skill and determination, and are winning most of their games against stiff competition.

Shaun McGinness playing for U11. Photo: Steven Nowakowski



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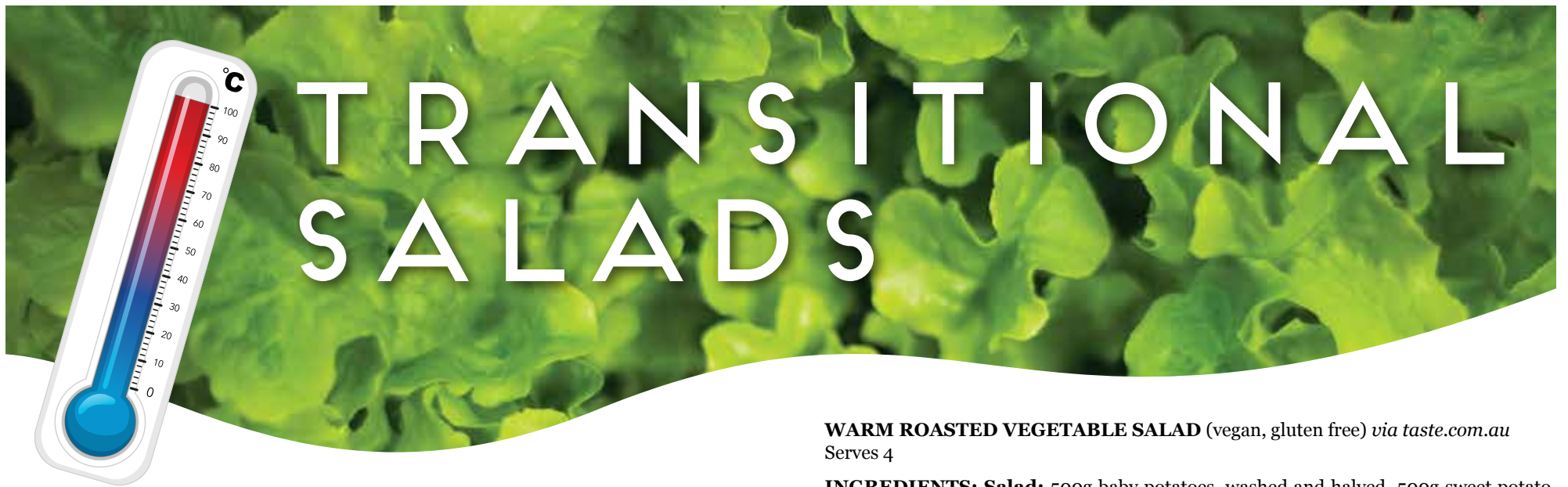
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TRANSITIONAL SALADS

With spring just a rip of the calendar away, the weather is hovering deliciously between chilly mornings and nights and sunny days with a hint of the heat to come.

It is also peak time for the best of local produce – there's just not enough meals in the day to savour the wide range of seasonally harvested fruit and vegetables at the moment.

At the risk of pushing a metaphor up a steep hill, adding heated elements to a salad can be just as delicious as popping on a warm cardy while enjoying a brisk walk. Mixing hot with cool can also add a whole other level of taste to your spring salads because numerous studies have shown that temperature alone can affect how food tastes.

Very cold ice cream has little flavour, for example, and warming it increases the perceived sweetness. The molecular processes in the taste buds of the tongue that play a key role in the perception of sweet, bitter and umami tastes also regulate sensitivity to temperature. Increasing the temperature of food to between 15°C and 35°C enhances the neural response to sweetness. In about 50 per cent of the population, heating or cooling the tongue is by itself enough to cause taste sensations – warming the tongue causes a sweet sensation, and lowering the temperature induces a sour or salty taste.

We are all familiar with the effect of temperature on taste – think about starting to eat or drink something while it is warm and finishing when it has cooled, or vice versa. The same food or beverage can taste different depending on its temperature. In addition, in 20-30 per cent of the population, heating or cooling small areas of the tongue draws out a taste sensation without the presence of food or drink. These individuals are known as 'thermal' tasters.

A study by Dr. Gary Pickering and colleagues from Brock University in Canada in 2012 demonstrated that changes in the temperature of foods and drinks have an effect on the intensity of sour, bitter and astringent tastes but not sweetness. Their work is published online in Springer's Chemosensory Perception journal.

Over three sessions, 74 participants tasted sweet, sour, bitter and astringent solutions at both 5°C and 35°C. For all three types of tasters, temperature influenced the maximum perceived intensity from astringent, bitter and sour solutions, but not from the sweet solutions:

- astringency was more intense when the solution was warm, and the intensity of the flavour lasted longer with the warm solution than with the cold one
- bitterness was more intense with the cold solution and the flavour intensity declined faster with the cold solution than with the warm one
- sourness was more intense with the warm solution and the flavour intensity lasted longer with the warm solution than with the cold one
- surprisingly, there was no difference in perceived sweetness between the cold and warm sugar solutions, but it took longer for the cold solution to reach its maximum flavour intensity.

The authors conclude: "For some individuals, temperature alone can elicit taste sensations. These individuals seem to be more sensitive to tastes in general. What our work shows is that, in addition to these sensitive individuals, the temperature of a specific taste can affect how intense it tastes."

In addition to temperature enhancing certain flavours, heat can help gently wilt and soften green vegetables, allow for a wider range of ingredients and push a salad satisfyingly from side dish to main. Enjoy! *Queenobans*

WARM ROASTED VEGETABLE SALAD (vegan, gluten free) *via taste.com.au*
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS: Salad: 500g baby potatoes, washed and halved, 500g sweet potato, peeled and cut into 4cm pieces, 4 garlic cloves peeled, 2 tbsps extra virgin olive oil, 1 large (185g) red capsicum thickly sliced, 1 large (180g) red onion, cut into thick wedges, 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts, 80g baby rocket leaves. **Dressing:** 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, 2 teaspoons wholegrain mustard, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano leaves.

METHOD: Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Place potato, sweet potato, garlic and oil in a bowl. Toss well to combine. Place mixture, in a single layer, onto a large oven tray. Season with salt and pepper. Roast for 20 minutes. Turn potato and sweet potato. Add capsicum and red onion to the tray. Roast for 15 minutes then add pine nuts to vegetables to roast for a further 5 minutes or until vegetables are browned and tender. Set aside to cool slightly. Meanwhile make dressing. Place lemon juice, oil, mustard and oregano in a screw-top jar. Secure lid and shake well. Place rocket, pine nuts and vegetables in a large bowl. Pour over dressing. Toss gently. Serve.

WARM ASIAN NOODLE SALAD (vegan, gluten free) *inspired by popsugar.com*
Serves 4-6

INGREDIENTS: Dressing: 1/4 cup toasted sesame oil, zest and juice of 2 large limes, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 teaspoon red chilli flakes, salt to taste. **Noodle salad:** 1 pack rice noodles, 1 large carrot, julienned, 15 gms each of coriander, Thai basil and mint leaves, 1 head butter lettuce, washed and leaves removed from stem. **Garnish:** red chilli flakes and toasted sesame seeds to taste, 1 bunch chives, thinly sliced. **METHOD: Dressing:** combine the sesame oil, lime zest and juice, sugar, soy sauce, and red chilli flakes, and stir until the sugar dissolves. Salt to taste. Cook the rice noodles according to the manufacturer's instructions. Drain the noodles, and immediately toss the noodles, carrots and dressing in a large bowl. **To serve:** Toss the herb leaves into noodles. On each plate or bowl, place a few leaves of butter lettuce, followed by about 1/2 cup of noodle salad. Garnish with the red chilli flakes, sesame seeds, and chives.

WARM AVOCADO BLACK BEAN CORN SALAD (vegan, gluten free) *inspired by veganhuggs.com*
Serves 6

INGREDIENTS: 200g black turtle beans (fresh or canned) drained and rinsed, 2 avocados seeded and cubed, 2 cups corn fresh or frozen (thawed), 2 cups cherry tomatoes halved 1/2 cup red onion diced, 1/3 cup coriander rough chopped. **Dressing:** 1/3 cup fresh lime juice or more if desired, 3 tablespoons olive oil extra virgin, 1 teaspoon agave (or any sweetener), 2 tablespoons fresh coriander finely chopped, 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic (or fresh minced), 1/2 teaspoon chilli powder, sea salt to taste. Fresh ground pepper to taste.

METHOD: Cook corn and drain. Meanwhile, in a small bowl whisk the lime juice, olive oil, agave, coriander, chilli powder, granulated garlic, ground pepper, and salt. Place all the veggies in a large bowl (except the avocado and corn) and pour the dressing over them. Toss gently to combine well. Add the avocado on top and toss gently. Add drained hot corn and gently stir through. Taste for seasoning and add more if needed. Serve immediately with fresh pita bread, tortilla chips or a side of rice.



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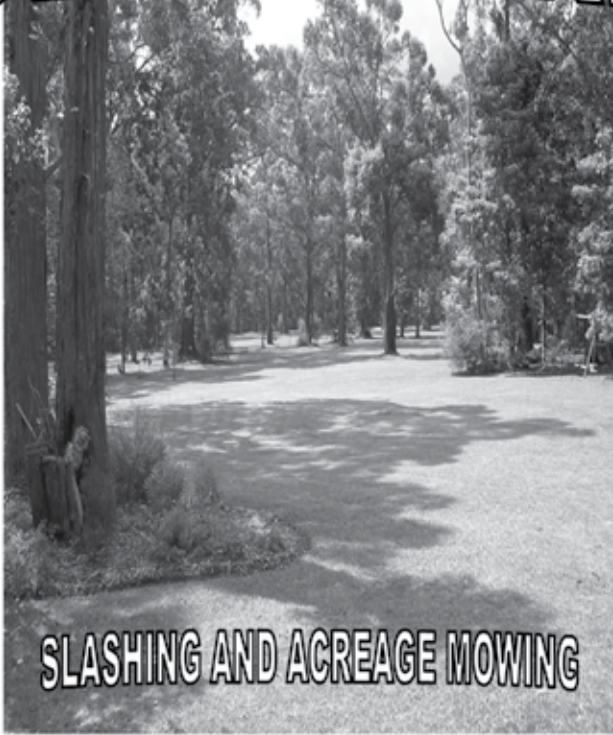
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Koah Farmer's Market

There are some things we have COVID to thank for – The weekly Koah Farmer's Market is one such thing, where Koah locals began to trade and swap excess production due to the first viral wobble.

Once restrictions lifted, the local crew traded and swapped in this manner so much that it was collectively decided to continue on each Saturday morning, and now we can offer our locally grown and produced abundance to the wider community.

A local Farmer's Market – An idea whose time has finally come!

We see farmers' markets popping up all over the country – it is the way for people to connect to the farmers who nurture and grow the food that sustains you. For me, back in 2008, as a young single mum in NNSW – the weekly Lismore Farmer's Market was my saving grace in those early years: a local connection point to the community and somewhere I knew that the food I brought was giving life through its nutritional density to both me and my baby boy.

During these times of isolation and fear for many, the usual points of community connection have either ceased or at best become less frequent. We are social creatures. I really think the term social distancing should be re coined as spatial distancing. Be social, yet at a distance. Sounds better don't you think?

We can do this at the weekly Koah Farmer's Market. Be

social at a distance. The Koah Hall has COVID guidelines in place, the market is in the open air, and community connection is one of the many benefits of buying your weekly fruits and veg here.

It is my hope that more locals will shift to shopping regularly at this market. If 50 more people decided to commit weekly to this market, and spend \$20 – that puts \$1000 back into the pockets of our local families. Its not much, but that is where it is at. Grow it, or lose it – we need your support!

Did you know that Australia only has three days supply of food. That means 80,000 trucks transport our food and supplies up and down the coast. So much food grown here on the Tablelands goes to Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne markets. Then back up the coast to the major food outlets. Crazy huh? Even worse, some local shops take the freight margin off the price offered to local farmers, making it the same profit margin to sell locally or into these far away markets. Eliminating incentives for larger farmers with bulk produce market locally.

Imagine if our fuel supply was disrupted for some reason. Our fuel supply is manufactured mostly off shore these days. At any time we are only 72 hours away from an apocalypse. I realise this may sound extreme to some readers, however, my point is, building local food security begins locally by spending your money on produce that has low food miles. Building a connection with your local farmers and market

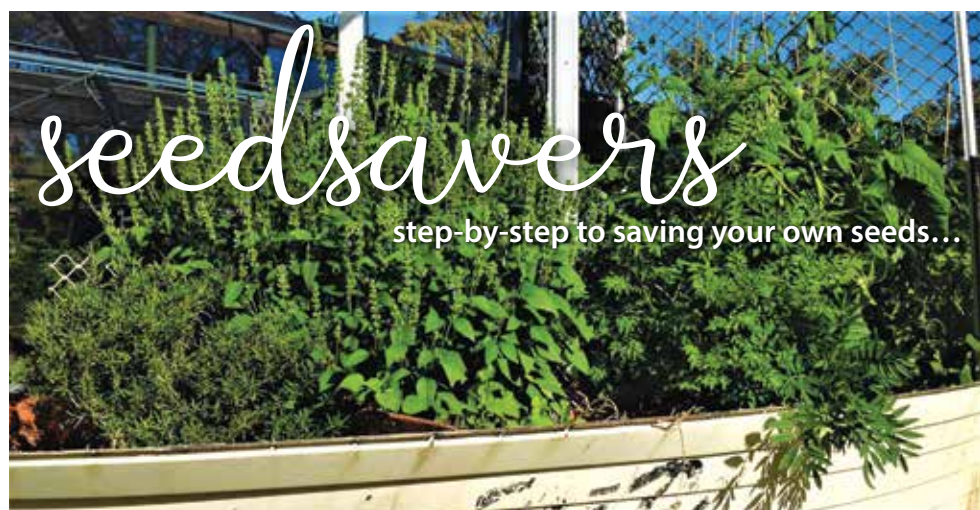
gardeners has never been more important.

Now for some really great news. The bio nutrient meter – a food spectrometer, is nearly ready. I have one of the 300 first models currently on order. A project hatched in the USA and driven by Dan Kittredge – this technology will allow consumers the ability to scan produce at point of purchase for its nutrient density. This is totally WOW stuff. Imagine working out that the tomato you are about to buy is as nutrient dense as the cardboard box it is in. This knowledge will drive consumers to demand nutrient dense food, as "food is thy medicine" and the connection between healthy, carbon rich soil and healthy food is critical. Truly a food revolution on how our food is produced is on the doorstep.

I can personally guarantee that the food you buy at the Koah Farmer's Market is nutrient dense. Your taste buds don't lie. And once we have the bio nutrient meter, you can test it out yourself at the market!

Come meet your local farmers, and join the movement at the Koah Farmers Market. Every weekend on Saturdays from 9am to 11ish – our Koah hour of power! Support us and we will support your bodies, minds and souls with nutrient dense food, fruit trees and veggie seedlings, delicious hot tea, coffee and tumeric lattes, sometimes breakfast and always community connection. See you at the Koah Hall – a place for all y'all.

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Growing, using and saving the seeds of Chia

How lucky are we that we can easily grow the wonderful super-food, chia, in our local area. Chia is another ancient food from the Incas, seeds handed down through thousands of seasons and hands and generations.

Chia seeds are in the Seed-banks around FNQ, though you can also use organic seeds from bulk organic places like Community Foods in Cairns or Essence of Organics Wholefoods in Mareeba, for example. Any organically-grown, non-hybrid/non-gmo, non-irradiated seeds

Left: Chia and rosemary in a boat garden

will work for you, and it is a great time to plant them now for the coming warmer months.

The great news is that on the way to your chia crop, (small or large, whatever size you choose) you can enjoy the sprouts in so many ways when you are thinning them out for your planting. There are many nutritious uses for the seeds themselves, and many people, young and old, enjoy them in smoothies and puddings and mousses daily as a part of their healthy diet.

Once the seeds are sprouting, you can use the leaves in your salads, or in nourishing chia tea. Plant them out in your garden, or as a beautiful and functional understory plant in your food-forest or farm, chia's glorious blue flowers will attract many pollinators to assist your plants and trees to flourish.

When the seed-heads are dry, cut them off carefully to maintain as much seed as possible. Ensure your seeds are totally dry, and if you are not sure, hang them up undercover until you are sure, making sure also to use a method such as recycled bags to catch and contain all your many tiny chia seeds.

At your seed sorting table, roll the seed-heads between your palms and watch the hundreds and thousands of tiny seeds fall out...winnow them so that the seed you save is clear and clean. Winnowing can be done with a fine-mesh sieve, carefully moving the seeds around and gently blowing to remove any excess, don't blow too hard or your chia will be flying out too!

Once the seeds are clean, put some aside for your next planting, and some to give to your local seed-savers group, and friends and family, and then bottle the rest up for use in your kitchen.

Photo: Chia growing in Helen and Jack's garden where we had our recent seedsavers gathering, in one of Jack's many interesting recycled garden ideas. They have chia growing in a few places, this patch interplanted in an old tinny-boat.

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Kuranda Amphitheatre

We are excited to announce the Amphitheatre has been successful in gaining funding assistance via Play Local to host a community event in early October! Play Local is a part of the Queensland Arts and Cultural Recovery Package, supporting live music and performing arts venues to program Queensland artists, organisations and arts workers.

The event, Kuranda Spring Recovery Day, will be an afternoon on the terraces, Queensland COVID restrictions in place, with entertainment provided by an amazing line up of local performers, stalls, merchandise, displays etc.

The Amphitheatre sincerely thanks Buluwai Indigenous Corporation, Honey House Kuranda, the Hon. Craig Crawford and Hon. Leanne Enoch for their support and encouragement of this project, which is proudly supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

There's not much time to prepare the venue which has basically been closed for some months, and with only the bare necessities taken care of, many thanks to Scotty Sam, Tim Gronwold, Adric Rusch, Ian Tranby, Oliver Joubert and TRACQS for everything you do!

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Volunteering is a connection to community and makes it a better place.

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The Amphitheatre at this stage remains under Queensland COVID restrictions and is therefore only open by appointment or prior arrangement.

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September was traditionally Spring Fair time in Kuranda, and the Amphitheatre was the birth place of the Spring Fair, some forty years ago. Pictured is master woodcarver Jon Williams (circa 1984). Jon's iconic wooden carved totem poles have stood the test of time, and termites, at the entrance to Kuranda. Jon recently celebrated his 89th birthday.

Astrology

THE STARS IN SEPTEMBER

by
ROB HART

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Mars in Aries dominates again. Two steps forward three steps back – kind of reviewing the troops on parade. Feeling militant? If Mars is strong in your birth chart you certainly will be, I know.

As the month begins, we have a full moon in Pisces on 2 September in a travelling alignment with Piscean Neptune and a lovely little gathering of harmonious earth aspects between Sun, Moon, Uranus and Neptune with Virgo, Taurus and Pisces providing the background. Health issues predominate (well of course they do!) and there is the sense of settling down, dissolving the hysteria and quietly healing. Subtle but positive.

Jupiter goes stationary and begins forward motion again on 12-13 September in an exact alignment to the Moon as it moves through the waning last quarter. A sense of subsiding with optimism and good fortune.

Mercury and Venus have got their own thing going. Who doesn't love the messenger when he brings good news? They "come together" in a sextile aspect during the 6-7 September – lovely harmonies here for all to share and Mercury in Libra gradually picks up speed, as he does, and moves forward with Venus in Leo tripping along behind, enjoying her times as "The Morning Star" with her beauty there for all to see – teasing those militant Mars types to loosen up and share the love. And on the last days of the month, they do, the "lion and the lamb" thing can actually happen now, if you believe.

The Libran Equinox, where the Sun sits exactly over the equator, and day and night are of equal length in both the northern and southern hemispheres, is exact at 11.32pm on 22 September, E.S.T, with a rising Sagittarius moon and a gnarly aspect between the 'good guys' Venus and Jupiter. So if this is the time when everything hangs in the balance and we tip the scales with every little thought and action, how do we approach this year's Libran Equinox? Retro – Saturn is grinding to a halt in Capricorn, about to stop and go forward again, so that's a clue; the Sagittarian Moon picks up Venus and Mars and together they form a "Grand Fire Trine".

And Mercury is again in the picture so the stage is set or, to crunch metaphors, we are cleared for takeoff. Momentous decisions await and the choices made now will carry life-changing consequences. No ordinary old Equinox this one...

What needs changing will be set in motion as the earth and the people lock-step into the "Aquarian Age" and the healing begins. Aim high; fly high!

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High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before his friends. His face began to shine as the sun; his garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples. Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was - immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But God's 'tabernacling', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on the presence of Jesus,

instead. And so a cloud covered them, and a voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our listening to Jesus.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Why Moses and Elijah? Well, these two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they are handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfillment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Why on top of a mountain? In Exodus we read that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the sacred covenant from Yahweh in the form of the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus goes up and is told about the 'sealing' of the New Covenant of God with man, which will be accomplished by his coming death in Jerusalem.

That day made a lifelong impact on the disciples. Peter mentions it in his second letter, 2 Peter 1: 16 - 19 - invariably one of the readings for the Transfiguration in Church.

The new COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends and save the lives of other Australians. The more Australians connect to the COVIDSafe app, the quicker we can find the virus.

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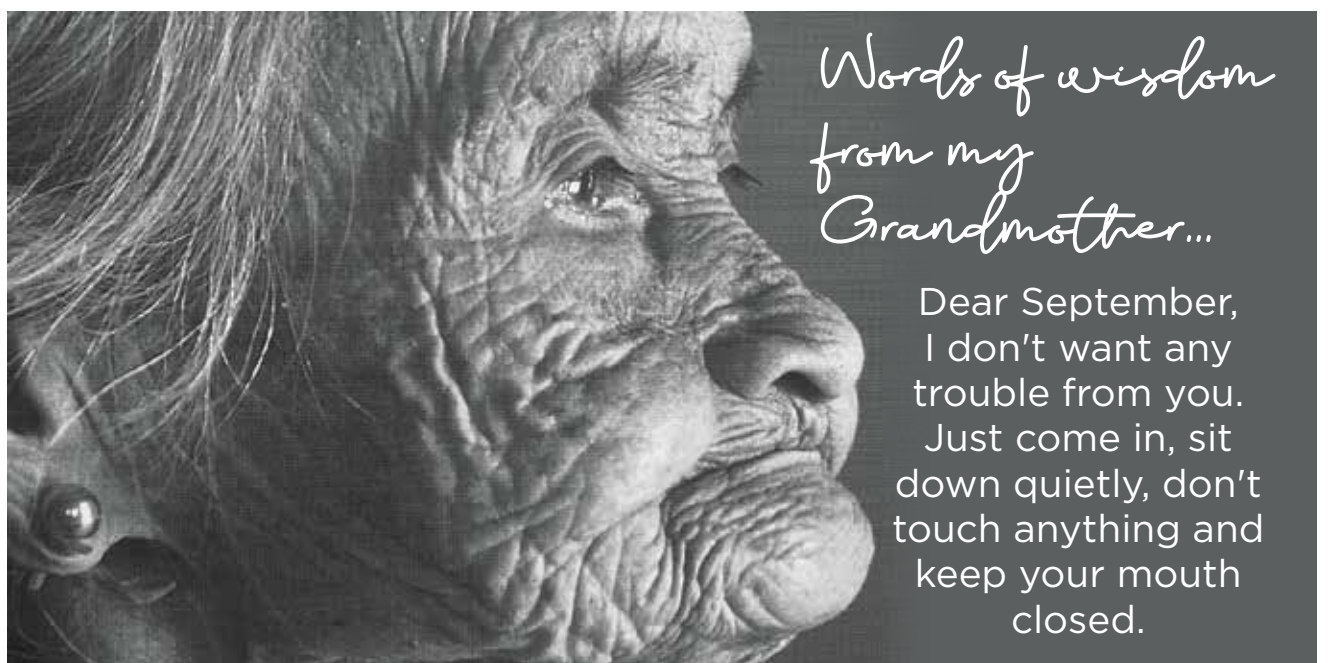


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Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...

Dear September,
I don't want any
trouble from you.
Just come in, sit
down quietly, don't
touch anything and
keep your mouth
closed.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

First Baha'is in Australia

Passing of first Baha'i in Australia: centenary of the Dunns' arrival this year

"With feelings of overwhelming sorrow I learned of the loss of that great-hearted, that high-minded, that exemplary disciple of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Hyde Dunn, but I rejoice at his elevation to so exalted a seat among the immortals in the Abhá Kingdom & his reunion with a Master whom he served so lovingly &

valiantly, so effectively & so long. He, the spiritual conqueror of the continent of Australasia, will, by his spirit, his example & accomplishments, continue to inspire the rising generation in that far-off continent & indeed throughout the Bahá'í World. The memory of his deeds will shed imperishable lustre on the annals of the first century of the Bahá'í era."

(Shoghi Effendi)

Meditations/Reflections, Morning Prayers and Study Circles and other face to face Baha'i meetings are gradually being reinstated in accordance with the Queensland meeting restrictions.

Our weekly prayers 8am every Thursday morning in lower Therwine Street Kuranda have begun again as well as other functions, to which all are welcome.

Study circles are now available in Kuranda including Book 1, open to all interested, no cost. Functions in Mareeba have recommenced as well as elsewhere on the Tablelands.

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WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

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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GULA THE BODY

BADA	DUGUL
BALA	DUMU
BALGU	DURU
BINA	GANYDJARR
BINDA	GULMBU
BINYII	GUU
BIRRM BIRR	MANDI
BUNGGU	MANU
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DJULU	WULNGGUWULNGGU

WORD MEANINGS

BADA: head. *Ngayang bada, nyurran bada.* My head, your head.

BALA: calf, shin. *Barndil bala-m.* The baby from the calf (Origin story).

BALGU: belly. *Ngayang balgu gagal.* My belly is empty.

BINA: ear, ears. *Bina banggal.* Big ears.

BINDA: shoulder, waterfall. *Ngayang binda warrangaying.* My shoulder is aching.

BINYII: mouth. *Nyurra binyii mumayin!* Shut your mouth!

BIRRM BIRR: nasal mucus, snot. *Nyurran guu birrmbirr-i.* Your nose is snotty.

BUNGGU: knee, the bend in the boomerang.

BUNU: bottom. *Bunu banggal.* Big bottom.

BURRNYA: heart. *Ngayang burrnya badji-badjil nyurran.gu.* My heart is beating for you.

DABA: lower arm.

DADAGAL: bone. *Galbal, nyandji, dadagal.* Blood, flesh and bone.

DIDI: eyebrows. *Didi ngayang. Didi nyurran.* My eyebrows. Your eyebrows.

DIRRA: tooth, teeth. *Dirra maynggal.* Toothless.

DJARRA: thigh. *Djarra djili-djada.* Thighs and eyes.

DJILI: eye/eyes. *Nyurran djili banggal!* Your eyes are big!

DJINAA: foot, feet. *Ngayang djinaa djirrandji.* My feet are tired.

DJINGAY: nostrils. *Ngawu djingay djarraying.* I'm sneezing.

DJIRRI: upper arm.

DJULU: cheek. *Ngayang djulu yulma!* Kiss my cheek!

DUGUL: nape of the neck. *Gudjangun dugul munban!* Warm his/her neck!

DUMU: chest. *Banggal dumu.* Big chest.

DURU: tears. *Duru barrng djili-m.* Tears flowing from the eyes.

GANYDJARR: armpit. *Nyurran ganydjarr gurray-gurranydji.* Your hairy armpits.

GULMBU: hair. *Gulmbu ngayang guni mugu!* Cut my hair please!

GUU: nose/the hook on a spearthrower.

MANDI: wrist. *Ngayang mandi gurii-maying.* My wrist is getting better.

MANU: neck. *Ngayang manu warrangaying.* My neck is aching.

MARA: hand, hands. *Ngayang mara nambi!* Hold my hand!

MULABUNY: brain. *Ngawu nyurran mulabuny bugana!* I shall eat your brains!

MUNGUL: elbow. *Ngayang mun.gul warrangaying.* My aching elbow.

NGAMUN: breast, nipple. *Ngamu ngamun-djada.* Thumb and breast.

NGULU: face, forehead. *Nyurran ngulu guriilanggan!* Your face is beautiful.

NYAWIL: tongue. *Ngabi nyawil buwal bugang.* Many tongues talking.

NYUMBA: spit, saliva. *Gari nyumba daban!* Don't spit!

NYUNGGU: moustache, beard. *Nyunngga maynggal.* Beardless.

WALU: side of river, edge of land, the temple of the head.

WANGGIRR: ribs. *Dawul wanggirr mirriny.* Three broken ribs.

WUDJAL: eyelashes. *Wudjal didi-djada.* Eyelashes and eyebrows.

WULNGGUWULNGGU: throat. *Ngayang wulnggu-wulnggu gada-gada.* My throat is dry.



KDA Crew. Photo: Desert Pea Media

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. **djungguu:** (behind)

Consonants

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

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

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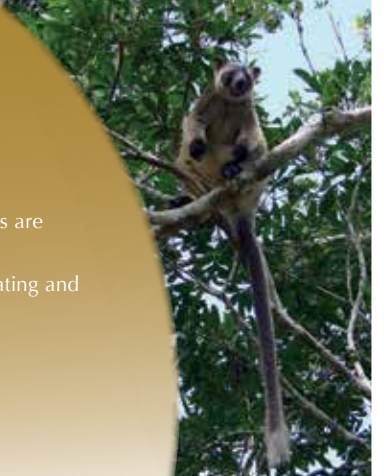
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 Unfortunately an increasing number of Lumbholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.
 Please donate to us and the money will go directly towards treating and caring for these beautiful animals.
 If you find an injured tree kangaroo please ring us on 0427 790 694



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

www.treeroorecue.org.au

Visit us on



RECYCLE

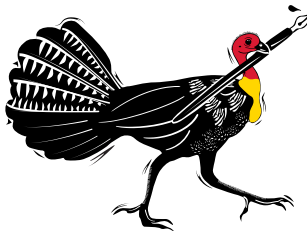
Kuranda Transfer Station 2186 Kennedy Hwy, Koah
MSC Recycle Station – Arara Street

RECYCLE Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).
 Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.



ROAD REPORTS

Council EMERGENCY number for local roads 1300 308 461
Kuranda Range/Kennedy Highway Report an Incident 13 19 40 (24/7)



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

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robin Anscorb – 0409 046 932
Karen McLaren – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment

Join your local SES

Training every fortnight
 Tuesdays 7.30pm
 Contact John for more details
0427 037 054



HELPFUL FACEBOOK GROUPS

KURANDA RANGE UPDATES (21,000 + members)
 On the spot traffic reports, in real time, for the Kuranda Range Road.
KURANDA NOTICE BOARD GROUP (6,000 + members)
 Information sharing, discussion, advertising. Open group.
ALL THINGS KURANDA (1,000 + members)
 Discussion group for Kuranda district residents only. Some restrictions on sale of items.
SPEEWAH AND SURROUNDS RESIDENTS GROUP (1,000 + members)
 Information sharing and support. Helpful for real time info on weather, power outages, community events etc. Some restrictions on listing items for sale (check group rules)
SPEEWAH RESIDENTS (500 + members)
 As above but no restrictions on listing items for sale.
KOAH COMMUNITY (1,000 + members)
 A group for Koah Community to advise, ask questions, barter, lost/found animals, hazards etc in Koah area.

HELP GROUPS



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

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



Need help with a drinking problem?

1300 222 222

www.aa.org.au

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

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

Al-Anon can help you!

Meetings in Kuranda, Smithfield and Cairns.
 Contact **Kate 4093 9668** or **1300 ALANON**

RAINFALL

August 2020 (to 25 August)
 17mm

Annual total to 25 August:
 1366.5mm

Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

Community Services

SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm

Saturday: not open

(No Council business on Saturday or after 4.30pm weekdays)

Kuranda Community Precinct

18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda

4093 9185

kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays: 8am–5pm

2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah

0418 282 542

msc.qld.gov.au/water-and-waste

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba

PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880

1300 308 461 • info@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au

Trans North Bus & Coach

Atherton Tablelands to Cairns					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Atherton	6.00am	9.15am	1.00pm	8.00am	1.30pm
Departs Mareeba	6.30am	9.45am	1.30pm	8.30am	2.00pm
Departs Speewah	6.50am	10.05am	1.50pm	8.50am	2.20pm
Departs Kuranda	*7.15am	10.25am	2.10pm	9.10am	2.40pm
Departs rainforest	-	10.30am	2.15pm	-	2.45pm
Arrives Cairns	8.50am	11.15am	3.00pm	10.00am	3.30pm

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	7.00am	9.25am	3.30pm	10.30am	4.00pm
Departs Smithfield	7.20am	9.45am	3.50pm	10.50am	4.20pm
Departs Kuranda	7.40am	10.05am	4.10pm	11.10am	4.40pm
Departs Speewah	8.00am	10.25am	4.30pm	11.20am	5.00pm
Departs Mareeba	8.20am	10.45am	4.50pm	11.40am	5.20pm
Arrives Atherton	8.50am	11.15am	5.20pm	12.10am	5.50pm

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

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

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

Bus stops are located at:

Cairns – Platform 1, Cairns Central Railway Station, Cairns

Cairns T.A.F.E – Newton Street (7.15am & 3.00pm Services from and to Kuranda)

Smithfield – Bus shelter near the traffic lights on Kennedy Highway at bottom of the Kuranda Range

Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre

Speewah – Speewah Road bus shelter in front of tavern

Mareeba – Arnold Park, 171-179 Walsh Street (next door to Police Station)

Atherton – 54 Main Street

Ticket Sales:

Purchase tickets from the driver as you board the bus or from Piagnos News at

142 Byrnes Street Mareeba. Phone 3036 2070 (office hours)

Email: atherton@transnorthbus.com.au www.transnorthbus.com.au

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	Duncan Blakey 0408 151 199
Warden Speewah	John Thomson 0488 988 481
Davies Creek	4093 3181
Koah	4232 5468
Myola	4093 7190
Speewah	0488 988 481

Permits required for ALL fires



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	Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm	9.00am	11.15am
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm	9.20am	11.35am
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm	9.40am	11.55am
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm	10.00am	12.15am
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm	10.05am	12.20am
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm	10.45am	1.00pm

*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only
Current as at 3 August 2020

TRANSPORT

Kuranda Taxi 4093 7119
Rideshare 1300 743 374

John's Kuranda Bus 0418 772 953
Trans North 3036 2070

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS *The local bus!*

Please note due to COVID-19 this service is currently not operating.

For more information or other routes contact
John 0418 772 953



Kuranda 8 Ball WIN!

On Saturday 15th August Kuranda 8 Ball Intercity representatives competed at the Kuranda Recreation Centre against

Innisfail. Kuranda players were victorious scoring 74 against 54. Brad Hudson (pictured) only lost two games the whole day with all Kuranda reps playing exceptionally well to gain the win.

WHAT'S ON

EIGHT BALL – Tuesday Team Comp
kuranda8ball@gmail.com

KURANDA RANGERS – Training
Thursday 4.30-5.30pm (Mar-Oct)
Adric 0408 096 694

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm Les 4093 8276

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

YOGA IN THE RAINFOREST –
Wednesday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.30am. Aileen 0419 726 955

Check Facebook for more details.

JOIN US

Contact us for a Membership Form.
Complete form, make payment online and return it in person or by email.

Venue for Hire

Licensed venue and commercial kitchen available for functions, seminars and activities. Janet 0405 092 957

Proud to be the home of:



What's On at Koah Hall

EVERY MONDAY
PILATES with Jaide 6-7pm
0488 229 700.

EVERY THURSDAY
YOGA evening classes with Tanya 5.30-7pm

THURSDAY 17 September
Mankind Project MEN'S GROUP 7pm.
Open to all men.
Contact Simon 0459 755 553

EVERY FRIDAY
IRISH DANCING from beginners to advanced. Contact Emma 0400 977 177
SALTY CAPTAINS Fish and Chips 5-8pm

EVERY SATURDAY
KOAH FARMERS MARKET –
Every week local produce 9-10.30am
Contact Sal 0421 710 474

SATURDAY 5 September
CIRCUS FLOW JUGGLE JAM
1-5pm after markets.

SATURDAY 19 September
DANCING FREEDOM with Davini 6-9pm
0414 994 123

SUNDAY 20 September
CIRCUS SHOW AND ROLA DISCO
4pm Doors Open, Circus Show Sunset, and then Rola Disco till 9pm
Tickets for sale online only (see website)

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

www.koahhall.com

 koah.hall@gmail.com

 Koah Hall

SEPTEMBER KOAH MARKETS 1st Saturday of the month

**8am till noon
Saturday 5 September**

Come along and help make it a cracker!

- Live Music by Toshi Sakamoto
- Delicious Koah Hall fundraiser Breakkie BBQ

••• Stall spaces available •••

Contact Nicky 0488 961 660 or via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Little Cyclone Circus
24 September 3-4pm Taster Class**

DREAM STATE CIRCUS CLASSES

Dream BIG! and Circus Love! Various classes, workshops and trainers, weekdays during the school term. Bookings essential. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404. Info on www.dreamstatecircus.com workshops page.

Mondays – Adult Circus LOVE! 10.30am–12.30pm
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 6 years.

Tuesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45–5pm Age 7 to 9 Show Class 5–6.30pm by invite only. Prepare to turn your skills into a show ready piece.

Wednesdays – Dream BIG! Circus 3.45–5pm All ages. Junior Aerial Trapeze and Silks 5–6.30pm Age 8 and up.

Thursdays – Aerial Trapeze and Silks 3.45–5.15pm Age 12 and up.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.

EVERY MONDAY

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

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm **All Ages** 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

Yoga in the Rainforest with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 4093 7401

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

Financial Counselling (from UCC) Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY TUESDAY

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6–6.45pm Bartley Park.
Kirstin 0497 479 606

SECOND TUESDAY

Kuranda SES Training 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.
John Baskerville 4093 7246/0427 037 054

Emergency Relief Help from Mareeba Community Support Centre at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm **All Ages** 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Friendly group – just come and play or call Gidi 0448 480 200

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am. Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

KMVactive/Bootcamp 6–6.45am Bartley Park.
Kirstin 0497 479 606

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Craft and Social Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall.
Carol 4093 7187 or Sandra 0447 737 415

EVERY THURSDAY

Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30–8pm Kuranda QCWA

Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

Group Fitness Class 5.30–6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer training 4.30–5.30pm.
Adric 0408 096 694

EVERY FRIDAY

Kids Muay Thai 4.15–5.15pm **All Ages** 5.30–7pm
Kuranda Community Precinct.

KMVactive/Metafit 6–6.30pm Bartley Park.
Kirstin 0497 479 606

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Men's Shed Kuranda 2–5pm. Call Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Friendly group – just come and play or call Gidi 0448 480 200

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

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