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CRITICAL CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDERWAY AT KURANDA WEIR FOLLOWING CYCLONE JASPER



BEFORE



AFTER



AFTER

Top: Aerial view of the Kuranda weir before Cyclone Jasper.
Above and top right: Flooding damage to the weir after the weather event.
Photos: CleanCo Queensland.

Barron Gorge Power Station owner and operator CleanCo Queensland has been working to reconstruct the Kuranda Weir following significant damage to infrastructure from ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

The Kuranda Weir is essential to the hydro power station's operations as it stores the water needed for power generation.

To date works have focussed on making the site safe and preparing for construction.

Construction is now set to begin on a temporary rock wall (coffer dam) in the Barron River, to allow safe access to rebuild the weir embankment and enable operations to resume at the power station.

CleanCo expects the Barron Gorge Power Station—essential to delivering reliable clean energy to Queensland—to be operational by the end of June 2024.

CleanCo Queensland CEO Tom Metcalfe says the impacts have been substantial but is

very thankful for the community's support during this time.

"We are recovering from the most significant tropical cyclone that has ever impacted our operation here."

"I'd like to thank our surrounding community. We know with the construction works that have been going on here that there has been an increase in traffic and noise, and we do appreciate their patience."

CleanCo has engaged local companies and contractors to support the project and is working alongside the Traditional Owners, the Djabugay People, who are monitoring groundworks and providing cultural heritage advice.

Following construction of the coffer dam, CleanCo will begin building the permanent concrete wall between June and November this year.

CleanCo wishes to advise the community

that during construction there is an increased risk that water levels in the Barron River, from the Kuranda Weir to the Barron River Bridge at Kamerunga, may change without notice. Those undertaking water activities in these locations during construction, do so at their own risk.

Further work to support long-term operations will be undertaken in the 2025 dry season.

While construction is underway, there is an increased risk that water levels in the Barron River from the Kuranda Weir down to the Barron River Bridge at Kamerunga may change without notice. Fast moving water is dangerous and can lead to injury or death. Undertake water activities at your own risk.

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MORE HEADACHES FOR DRIVERS

as the bridge over the Barron at Kuranda goes to single lane operation

Kuranda Range Road users have been given even more to worry about via an alert from Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advising that the bridge over the Barron River at Kuranda is now subject to single lane operation, with road crews in place.

TMR inspections on the Barron River bridge at Kuranda on 23 May identified an issue with a Macalloy bar on the bridge. The Macalloy post-tensioning bars were retrofitted to provide additional strength after the bridge opened to traffic in 1963.

As a precaution, a single-lane operation of the bridge will remain in place to ensure safety for the crew and road users. Inspections are continuing and TMR technical experts are assessing what the issue means for the bridge and how it can be managed. The bridge is already subject to a 42.5 tonne GVM limit and it is possible further weight restrictions may be put in place.

Variable message signs (VMS) are in place to inform motorists about changed traffic conditions.

TMR advises that motorists should expect minor delays and plan their journeys accordingly, as more more inspections and assessments are carried out. TMR will issue updates when more information becomes available.

TMR also advises that the planning study for a long-term solution for the Barron River bridge is progressing and expected to be completed in late 2024. Detailed design and construction of a long-term solution are currently unfunded.

For up-to-date information about the state-controlled road network, check the [QLDTraffic website](https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/?id=641869) or call **13 19 40**. Go direct to QLDTraffic bridge update <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/?id=641869>.

NOTE: Road users can also join the volunteer-run **Kuranda Range Updates** group on Facebook for up-to-date changes to road conditions. With almost 42,000 members there is always someone providing real time information on road conditions on the Kuranda Range Road and connecting roads from Smithfield to Mareeba.

Telstra Petition Update



Signing of the petition for upgrade of battery power and an automated emergency power plant at the Speewah tower has dropped off, as we have had a relatively uninterrupted power supply for a few weeks.

Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency. Even though the Ergon works are scheduled for completion in June, we have an extended wet season, and our next cyclone season is going to be challenging for various reasons, so please take the time to sign the paper petition or go online to <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN6205> and sign the e-petition.

The paper petition has been a great success, but at the moment only 21 signatures on the e-petition. **Please don't sign both though, as this may jeopardise the petition!!** You must be an Australian citizen or resident to sign. Both paper and e-petitions will close on 12 June. Paper petitions can be signed at Speewah Store/Tavern, Kuranda Medical Centre, Unapologetic (Kuranda Market arcade), Koah Hall/Market, Kuranda Koala Gardens (Heritage Markets), Honey House Kuranda, and the Speewah Book Library.

It's not just for residents of Speewah, it is for all the people who have relatives or friends in Speewah who they cannot contact or vice versa when the power is down. That impacts businesses, tradies working in the area and most particularly, those with chronic illness, or anyone injured or sick during a weather event.

Telstra's Regional Engagement Manager has indicated that Speewah will get a battery upgrade, but no indication of when. We also need an Emergency Power Pack (generator) to kick in automatically when power has depleted in the batteries.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Suzy Grinter, Speewah
(Principal Petitioner)



Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is a photo of the Kuranda Riverboat on the Barron River from 2020 by local Kuranda photographer, Steven Nowakowski.

Steven Nowakowski specialises in landscapes and nature photography. You can following him on Facebook @Steven Nowakowski Panoscapes, Instagram @panoscapes or at www.stevennowakowski.com.

Thank you to Kuranda Riverboat for permission to use this photo.

The Kuranda Riverboat business was severely affected by flooding following Cyclone Jasper, but hope to be back on the water once remediation works are completed at the weir.

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.

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CAIRNS: Cairns Library



STORIES OF JASPER



The highest I heard about was how close it got to the actual Kuranda bridge, it was almost at 15 metres at the Myola measuring station which was insane, unheard of.

Stories of Jasper - Connor McHugh



Mareeba Shire Council was able to supply a helicopter which was absolutely wonderful, and we were able to supply food at that time.

Stories of Jasper - Nagoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation



The resilience and strength that has been shown by these people is truly amazing. I mean Far North Queenslanders are renowned for their resilience, there is no other place that I would rather be.

Stories of Jasper - Norma Maloney

STORIES OF JASPER – DOCUMENTARY RELEASED

To shed light on the profound impact of Tropical Cyclone Jasper and the associated flooding on our community and individuals, Mareeba Shire Council is proud to announce the launch of a new video series titled **Stories of Jasper**, filmed and produced by Zoe Maree Media and the Mareeba Shire Council with assistance provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Council received over 900 calls, with 185 requests for emergency assistance, during the aftermath of the Cyclone Jasper and associated rainfall.

“Behind every flood statistic lies a human story and Council went out to our community to document these stories early this year,” Mayor Angela Toppin said.

“Through *Stories of Jasper* we aim to document the experiences, foster empathy and understanding, and create opportunities for meaningful conversations about resilience and community action. It is our hope that this series will help residents to prepare for the unexpected and to restore hope where it might be lost.”

“I would like to thank our residents who showed strength and resilience during the response and recovery of Cyclone Jasper. I am very proud of the organisations, volunteers and neighbours who helped their fellow community members through one of our most difficult natural disasters,” Mayor Toppin concluded.

The series premiered on Council’s website and social media channels on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

The series includes stories from residents of the Julatten, Mt Molloy, Biboohra, Mareeba and Kuranda areas. For more information about *Stories of Jasper*, including raw documentaries, visit www.msc.qld.gov.au.

How to view *Stories of Jasper*

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBjzqGL8jD4>



Full series, use QR code or visit <https://msc.qld.gov.au/community/stories-of-jasper/>

Support Services

If you or anyone you know requires wellbeing support, please reach out to the following agencies:

- Mareeba Community Centre (07 4092 1948) and Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (07 4093 8933) for local support
- Red Cross – for practical support, psychosocial and well-being needs
- Lifeline Virtual Hub – dedicated support for people suffering emotional stress following Cyclone Jasper
- Community Recovery Support Services FNQ
- Rural Health Connect – Psychology Services

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Following the hugely successful Electric Ant Kuranda Blitz conducted in October 2023, which detected three new electric ant infestations, The National Electric Ant Eradication Program has continued to proactively target the area in an effort to find and eradicate all remaining electric ant infestations, but it needs the community's help.

The Program is urging all residents and land owners to register for their free yard check.

Electric ants inflict a painful, venomous sting which can cause anaphylaxis or secondary infections. They can blind our pets, kill and displace native wildlife, and pose a serious threat to our environment, agriculture, industry and ecosystems.

Electric ants are predominantly spread by swapping pot plants and plant material, dumping green waste and moving outdoor items from infested areas.

At only 1-1.5mm they are very difficult to spot, so self-checking is not thorough. The Program's Field Officers are trained to lure, detect and collect electric ants, which are taken to the Diagnostic Laboratory in Cairns for accurate identification.

Yard checks that find no electric ants are just as important to the Program for determining proof of absence.

Since January 2024, two more new infestations have been found in Kuranda with a combined area of over 40 hectares, one in Koah covering nine hectares and one in Speewah covering 32 hectares.

Field teams have covered in excess of 364 hectares so far this year whilst conducting both proactive and scheduled surveillance, that includes footpath and nature strip areas.

To register for your FREE yard check call **13 25 23** or visit www.daf.qld.gov.au/anthunt or simply scan the QR code.



Reaction as a result of electric ant sting.



Electric ants are tiny, just 1-1.5mm and very hard to spot.

Photo: The National Tropical Weeds Eradication Program

INVASIVE MICONIA WEED PERSISTS IN KURANDA

Following training in weed identification delivered to all National Electric Ant Eradication Program (NEAEP) operational staff, field officer Alex, while working in Kuranda, spotted what he suspected to be *Miconia calvescens* – an invasive weed native to Central and South America.

Often referred to as the 'purple plague' due to its ability to outcompete native plants and its large leaves with purple undersides (measuring up to 70cm), *Miconia calvescens* has been actively controlled in the Kuranda region since 1996. It was targeted for national eradication in 2002.

We reported the suspected Miconia site to the National Tropical Weeds Eradication Program, who confirmed the species and successfully removed the plant, along with several smaller plants from the same property.

This important collaborative work between two national cost-shared programs is set to continue in the Kuranda region. As can be seen it is both vital and effective.

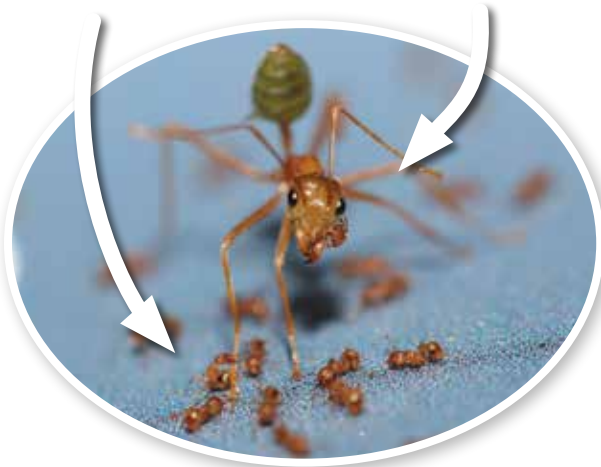
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Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR AMY BRAES

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

The new Mareeba Shire Council was officially sworn in on Tuesday 26 March 2024 and, since that time, there has been a whole lot happening! Between Council meetings, workshops and community events, the months are flying by.

At the first meeting of the Council, I took the chance to raise three matters for consideration. The first was a request for the monthly Council agenda to be released sooner. This has now been workshopped with Council, and the decision has been made to continue releasing the Agenda and Reports on the Monday prior to the General Meeting. This provides more time and transparency than what is required by the minimum standards in the Local Government Regulation 2012.

The second request was that the matter of 'live streaming' the General Meetings be investigated. This is still under consideration, and we will be sure to inform residents as soon as this has been resolved.

The third request was for Council to consider holding the monthly General Meeting in alternative locations across the Shire. This has also been workshopped, and the decision has been made to, instead, schedule 'after work' community meetings in locations across the Shire. It is hoped that this will maximise the number of people who can attend and provide a more meaningful opportunity for Councillors and community to connect. Keep an eye out for our plans to head to a location near you, after 5pm!

The first two months of this Council term have provided an opportunity to attend and support many community-run events, including the Koah Markets, Love Bomb at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, Anzac Day events across the Shire and the Julatten Fair Market to name a few. The inimitable Great Wheelbarrow Race also shone a light on the western areas of the Shire for its 21st year.

All of these events are made possible only through the contributions of volunteers who are strongly represented across the Mareeba Shire. While I knew this to be the case, it is a real privilege as a new Councillor to witness our volunteers' dedication and genuine love for their communities.

Councillor Amy Braes
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\$1,300 Power Bill Rebate

Ahead of the release of the upcoming State Budget, the Queensland Treasurer has released additional cost of living relief for every household. From 1 July 2024, every Queensland household will receive a \$1,300 credit on their power bill.

\$1,000 of this will be provided from Queensland's new Miles Government, with an additional \$300 being provided by the Federal Government. The new Miles Labor Government is delivering the biggest cost of living relief measure in Queensland's history. I personally met with the Premier and Treasurer ahead of the state budget and strongly advocated for additional cost of living relief for Far North Queensland families.

Because we've made multinational mining companies pay their fair share, and kept electricity assets in public hands, we can deliver this historic measure to reduce your household bills. Programs like Free Kindy, Free TAFE and freezing car rego are all made possible by our coal royalties and because we own our energy assets.

Rural Fire Brigade Funding

We know how important our Rural Fire Brigades are in supporting disaster responses, with equipment and personnel involved in response, recovery and search and rescue efforts.

Congratulations to the Kuranda, Myola, Speewah and Koah Rural Fire Brigades who have all secured funding for new equipment. As a former first responder, I'm so proud to have worked with tireless volunteers of Rural Fire Brigades.

Rural Fire Brigades always welcome new members, it's a great way to get active in your local community, learn new skills and get to know your neighbours – you never know who you might need to call on for help in an emergency. If you'd like to learn more about becoming involved, head to <https://www.rfbaq.org/joining-a-brigade>

Funding for Koah Hall

The Koah Hall is proudly run by the Koah Sports and Social Club Inc, who recently received \$7,500 through the Department of Tourism and Sports, Active Women and Girls fund. Congratulations to Nicky and the team, who will be able to deliver education and training for the local community, to provide more opportunities for active recreation in Koah.

As always, my office offers a range of support and resources for community and not for profit groups. Please get in touch via Barron.River@parliament.qld.gov.au



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Anzac Park, Kuranda



COMMUNITY UPDATE - Kuranda Anzac Park Upgrade

Enhancements to Begin at Kuranda's Anzac Park

Kuranda's Anzac Park, located on Therwine Street, is set to undergo significant improvements. Works will soon commence to revitalise the park's infrastructure, including upgrading footpaths, picnic areas, and seating to enhance the amenity and accessibility of the park. Additionally, efforts will be made to restore eroded areas with fresh soil and turf, rejuvenating the park's overall appearance.

The enhancement of Anzac Park was identified as a crucial element within the Kuranda Infrastructure Masterplan 2022-2031 and Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2022-2031. These strategies were formulated through extensive consultation encompassing a diverse group of stakeholders. This included feedback from residents, tourists and business proprietors, ensuring that the project aligns with the community's collective aspirations for the park's future.

In 2023, Council engaged with stakeholders in Kuranda to refine the project's direction, ensuring the preservation of the park's environmental integrity. To achieve this objective, plans for additional parking, which were initially proposed, have been excluded from the final design.

One of the features of the renovation is the transformation of the non-functional fountain. The existing boulders will be creatively repurposed to form an attractive rock garden, adding a new dimension to the park's aesthetic.

Please note that during the renovation period, Anzac Park will be temporarily closed to the public, with construction fencing in place. Temporary disruptions to this area include potential noise due to machinery, dust and traffic flow. We request the public observe and obey traffic controllers and signs advising the changes to normal traffic/pedestrian conditions and follow any directions.

Council thanks the community and visitors for your patience and cooperation during these important works. If you have any questions, please contact 1300 308 461 or email info@msc.qld.gov.au.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY NOTICE BARRON RIVER

CleanCo is undertaking critical infrastructure repairs at the Kuranda Weir.

Construction activities include building a temporary rock wall in the Barron River to allow safe access to rebuild the weir embankment and enable operations to resume at the Barron Gorge Power Station.

Weather permitting, construction will start in June and is expected to continue into late 2024. Please be aware there will be increased traffic near the Kuranda Weir during this time.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

While construction is underway, there is an increased risk that water levels in the Barron River from the Kuranda Weir down to the Barron River Bridge at Kamerunga may change without notice. Fast moving water is dangerous and can lead to injury or death. Undertake water activities at your own risk.

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Top: Barron River weir in flood December 2023. Photo: Robin Anscorb.

Above: Barron Gorge Power Station workers Phil and John preparing to be lifted in a crane over the Barron River to the weir infrastructure. Photo: CleanCo Queensland.

Above right: Temporary rock wall under construction. Photo: CleanCo Queensland.



3G network shutting down – will you be affected?

Half a million Australians may soon be unable to call triple zero (000).

Australia's 3G network is shutting down on **31 August 2024**, creating serious issues, for people with older devices that aren't compatible with 4G, including the ability to make 000 calls.

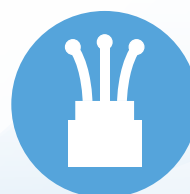
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What's Happening at the Amphitheatre

COMING UP –

General Meeting – Sunday 30 June

Our next General Meeting is on Sunday 30 June at 3pm at the Top Pavilion. The outcome report and resulting drawings of the future planning community consultation workshops will be presented here. Please come along and see the results, and take the opportunity to have more input into the Amphitheatre's infrastructure planning and maintenance for the next decade.

Street Gang – Friday 5 July, Amphitheatre Terraces

KAST presents a new work by local playwright Janice Starck on 5 July. *Street Gang* is a quirky, highly original comedy set in Kuranda, and is shaping up beautifully for a very entertaining night of theatre. Stay tuned for details. KAST meet every Thursday night in the Understage at 6pm, and welcome new players and crew.

Kuranda Roots Pre-party, Saturday 6 July

Coming up to the annual Kuranda Roots festival, the party starts a week early in the Understage! Come for a great big dance to excellent local and touring DJs. More details soon.

HAKKO - Saturday 20 July, Top Pavilion, 3pm start

Ikku foods are presenting a celebration of Japanese culture, performance, and fermented and healthy foods at the Top Pavilion of the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

Featuring virtuoso shamisen player Soubugen, touring from Hokkaido Japan, and a slew of local performers including the transcendent singer songwriter Toshi Sakamoto, storytelling from Michael Quinn, Cairns Soran Bushi dancers, and many more. Hakko will also provide a vast array of Japanese fermented foods and cultural activities showcasing the richness of Japanese culture.

Poster Design Competition – Spring Fair Flower Power 1–7 September

Calling all artists: You are invited to submit an A3 poster for the 2024 Kuranda Spring Fair with the theme **Flower**

Power, with a \$300 prize for the winning entry. Please include the dates 1–7 September and title in your design.

All mediums including digital, collage, drawing/painting, photography and more will be accepted.

Submit your work at the Amphitheatre office or Understage between 9am–4pm Monday to Friday, to the Honey House on Therwine Street, or email digital entries (at 150–300dpi) to smkkas23@gmail.com by COB Friday 12 July. Please include your name, email and/or mobile number.

Entry forms will be available on our website, at the Amphitheatre, or at Honey House.

Contact 0426 673 935 with any enquires.

LOOKING BACK –

Polymantra, Understage, 4 May

Polymantra and The Midnight Helix took us to a place where music, art and time travel mingled in a psychedelic maze of discovery and deep expression. Both bands were dished up tons of beauty and originality.

The musical prowess of Midnight Helix, and the surreal and sublime psychedelic journey of Polymantra was mind boggling, leaving punters feeling incredibly lucky to have witnessed this amazing gig.

We highly recommend catching either of these bands' future gigs in Cairns and the Tablelands should you get the chance!

Kuranda Amphitheatre Lease Renewal

KAS's lease with Mareeba Shire Council is in the process of being renewed for a further 10 years, securing the now beautiful site for another decade.

Major electrical repairs underway

At the time of writing, the top of the Amphitheatre site, including Top Pavilion, kitchen and gatehouse, is having power restored after the failure of a main electrical cable due to the deluge Kuranda experienced in the 2023-24 wet season (which may or may not end in June). We're looking

forward to the kitchen and Top Pavilion being in action once again.

Venue accessibility improvements

Thanks so much Toni Rogers for donating a new security light and installation at the Understage. Tim Gronwold has also built handrails for all stairs to the mainstage, so accessibility is slowly improving at the Amphitheatre thanks to wonderful volunteers. However, there's a lot more to do! This is a really important part of the Amphitheatre's development, and will be addressed at our next General Meeting on Sunday 30 June.

One Love Kuranda,

Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Theatre
— K.A.ST. —

KAST, the Kuranda Amphitheatre's theatre group is in full swing. Meeting every Thursday at 6pm at the Understage the group are having loads of fun. With games and exercises we are building a solid ensemble of players of all ages. Last week we started to explore the process of creating a movement piece for the Spring Fair, the theme of which is *Flower Power*.

Then everyone got down to the serious business of creating props, in this case dog poo – very realistic it was too!

Janice Starck's **Street Gang** is in full rehearsal and will be coming to a theatre very near you soon, so keep an eye out for that ... it is hilarious.

So if you want to get something different happening in your life come and join us – Thursday evenings at 6pm. See you there!

Kuranda Indigenous Tourism Hub

Come check out local Indigenous art and cultural items from the Kuranda region. Meet the artists and local Elders.

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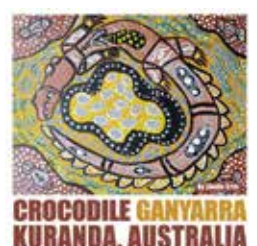
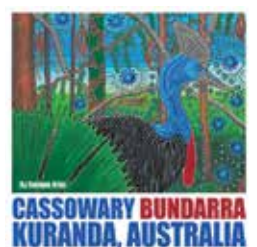
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SEARCH FOR INVASIVE ANTS TAKES TO THE STREETS



Newly appointed Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce Co-ordinator Rachel Reese inspects lures during the Street Survey. Photo courtesy YCACT

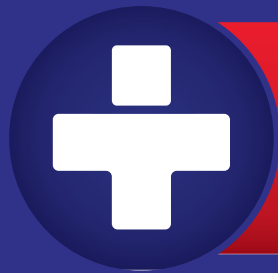
Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce (YCACT) volunteers undertook a street survey of Arara and Barang Streets, Kuranda on Saturday 25 May. The search for destructive invasive ants involves putting out harmless food lures (sausage) on flagged sticks, then checking them one hour later.

It is requested that if you see the flags, please don't disturb them. Also please restrain your dogs if you can as they also love the sausages used to attract ants. Feel free to say hi to the YCACT volunteers who are happy to answer any questions about invasive ants, they can also check your yard on-the-spot, just ask.

On this occasion a few suspect ant samples were sent for expert ID, but the good news is that the previous month's survey conducted around the library and old school site at the Kuranda Community Precinct showed no invasive ants.

The next community survey will be Saturday 29 June, see page 15 for more details.

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Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News



Buluwai Cultural Custodian and Elder Willie Brim at Penda Trees, Kuranda. Photo: Buluwai Digital Library/Steven Nowakowski.

Sharing Stories

As part of the Bama Country and Culture (BCC) project being undertaken by Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) a film crew has been deployed to meet with Aboriginal tribes throughout the Wet Tropics land and sea country to collect stories from Bama people about a range of topics such as: National Heritage Listing and values, understanding and respecting culture, engaging with Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples and Best Practice Principles for accessing Country. Buluwai Elders have been delighted to share stories for the

project at various locations around Kuranda (south of Barron River) and Davies Creek area.

"The Guides"

Another Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) project: Elder Willie Brim is participating in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Guides (WTWHG) which evolves the existing tour guide training program to support WTMA's ongoing commitment to share the heritage values and identifies a tour guide's role in helping safeguard the future of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WTWHA).

"The Guides" formalise various aspects of presentation of the WTWHA for visitors e.g. Acknowledgement of Country, Consistent information, Tour framework, First Nations culture, Conservation, Rainforest management, Interpretive skills, and National Heritage.

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

Meetings & Contacts

10am-12pm Saturdays @ Kuranda Amphitheatre
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The Speewah District Residents Association

National Volunteer Week – a reflection on the benefits of joining the Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA)

I am writing the June article for *The Kuranda Paper* on 20 May, at the beginning of National Volunteer Week, which celebrates the work done by volunteers and encourages new people to volunteer in various capacities. This also caused me to reflect on the personal and community benefits of volunteering, and how these may apply to members of the Speewah District Residents Association.

The SDRA has been operating at Speewah for more than 25 years as a successful forum for stakeholders to meet and discuss issues relevant to the Speewah neighbourhood in a respectful space. All members who join the SDRA are volunteers who are passionate about improving their community and our meetings are inclusive and respectful, therefore enabling a fruitful discussion between people with diverse viewpoints, ideas, and experiences. This is also in consultation with a team of councillors from the Mareeba Shire Council listening and helping where possible.

Amongst the tangible benefits of such interaction are improvements to the Speewah neighbourhood. However, the benefits from Sense of Community through volunteering are linked to personal wellbeing and stronger mental health.

If you would like to make a positive influence in the Speewah community, please join us at our AGM on 10 June at the Speewah Fire Brigade training room (thanks to the Fire Brigade for lending us this neutral space). Our meeting will start at 6pm, so feel free to arrive early to have a chat before the meeting.

We look forward to meeting members old and new at the AGM on 10 June and if you have any queries or something specific to discuss, please email our secretary, Jo Garbellini on jgarbell15@gmail.com and attend the meeting.

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A Grinter's Tale

I often wonder if there really were civilisations before us, where did all their rubbish end up? If they did exist, they obviously didn't have McDonalds or drink Red Bull, lucky things.

How far down into the earth's core would their landfill be? After all, archaeologists have scraped up heaps of Roman villas and Neanderthal remains, but no signs of junk food packaging, or empty cement bags as yet.

I think everyone agrees that homo sapiens popped up first in Africa. Don't correct me if I am wrong, I'm not to be taken too seriously.

Africa's a cool place to live though; I did so in the mid 70s, persuaded to live on the wild side by a geologist boyfriend who paid me for typing his Masters Thesis by taking me to Garmisch Partenkirchen in Bavaria. That kind of sealed an otherwise doubtful relationship, doubtful because I knew he would eventually be returning to work for Johannesburg Consolidated Investments in South West Africa (Namibia) and I would be a 20 year old left to ponder what could have been.

Arriving at our destination, I called my parents to check in, as all good kids did in those days. My dad, because we often holidayed in Switzerland and surrounding countries, had learnt German in night classes and was fluent, so I decided to boast about my learning of the German language. Excitedly, I told him on the phone that we were in Garmisch and I proudly pronounced that I had asked the hotel receptionist, "Haben sie ein Zimmer fur und nicht?" Dad immediately asked "One room?" Oh, big mistake, even though I was well beyond the age of consent.

By coincidence, I had been to Garmisch before, in one of the family's many European escapades. One of the local tourist destinations is the summit of a mountain called Wank, which is reached via the Wankbahn (cable car). Sorry folks but this is a geographical fact, and the mountain's parents obviously had no thought of the embarrassment this mountain would suffer all its life once foreign tourists discovered its name and its presence.

The day sticks in my memory because my father had the inspired vision of walking back down the mountain en famille, a bit like the Trapp family, singing motivational songs and attempting to yodel as we got totally lost on the mountainside. Come to think of it, forget the Trapp family, we were more like the Griswolds in the National Lampoon series.

Walking down the mountainside was not quite the walk in the park my father had envisaged. My mother was wearing Scholl's sandals, if you remember those unforgiving, unbending, therapeutic sandals. Not mountain climbing footwear at all. Deciding to opt to stick on the path instead of skirting a wet spot like the rest of us, she lost one sandal. It was sucked off her foot like Daud sinking in the quicksand in Lawrence of Arabia. Fortunately, her right foot and the rest of her body remained with us after much encouragement and hilarity. It wasn't so funny for my mother walking down a steep mountainside with one sandal. But as you have gleaned from previous stories, my mother has the perseverance of Bear Grylls.

A few kilometres from the base of the mountain, we were praying the Saint Bernard dogs would already be searching for us, our shins were history. We hobbled into Garmisch like a group of crippled beggars, and did not surface until lunchtime the next day, and that was only to the fridge in our accommodation for sustenance.

Back to Africa. How did I get so sidetracked for heaven's sake? Back to the story.

So, after a brief spell separated by oceans, I was persuaded to join said boyfriend in



Windhoek and see what came about. I had been poised to leave for Australia, but welcomed the invitation to join him as an unofficial field assistant, or as some put it, a geologist's moll. I prefer the former. It looks better on a resume.

What actually came about was the house boy pinching a kitchen knife on my first night in Africa, and disappearing into the Never Never. It was the day of the Mau Mau, and I spent the night wondering why I had dragged my sorry self to Africa instead of Australia. We survived the two days left before leaving on a geological trip, the houseboy obviously having gone off to join the Angolans or whoever, but obviously the target for vengeance was not us on this occasion.

Being a stupid white Pom, I had burnt to a crips sunbathing in the grounds of a perfectly white villa, and we left Windhoek villa with me covered in calamine lotion from head to toe. The adventures had begun. I can't quite compare with Meryl Streep in 'Out of Africa', but it certainly was a period to look back on with some valuable lessons learned.

I was the only woman in a team of five comprising four men and little me, the boys all hell bent on testing my courage, it seemed, though in truth they would have killed to protect me. We camped in the most obscure places, hyenas and all manner of wildlife omnipresent. I hated the hyenas. It's awful to say they were ugly, but they were. The boys, all geologists, would leave me in camp while they went hammering rocks in search of copper. Occasionally I went with them, but usually I stayed by myself sitting on a big rock reading for most of the day, the camp dog guarding me, and letting me know if wildlife was threatening, which fortunately it never did.

I never encountered anything except the sound of hyenas, and I reckon if I had started singing they would have left rapidly. They are more bold at night, and the men were back then. I was more likely to die from being bitten by the little adder the guys left in my tupperware cereal container just for fun. Not funny.

On the first night, having driven for hours and hours, through villages where no-one had ever seen a blonde woman, we crept down from the high veld to the low veld on a very dodgy track constructed of boulders. Our team of Africans comprised men from Swaziland and Mozambique who put up the army tents that housed us all, me being the only woman in a team of perhaps 20 or so men. My camp bed was at the far end of the first tent housing the geologists, who had become in toto, like brothers. Ha, wasn't it Toto who wrote that great song, Africa?

We were sleeping uncomfortably, on a slope, so the next day, the team of workers was instructed to level off the campsite and reinstall all the beds. This they did while the boys were out looking for copper. That night, after dinner around our fire, we all made our way to bed. I was crawling across the dozen or so camp beds lined up in our army style tent when Pete shouted 'Stop!'. Slithering onto my pillow from the depths of my sleeping bag on the wooden camp bed at the far end of the row, was a black mamba, said to be one of the deadliest snakes in the world. We were hours from the nearest village, never mind a hospital, and there was no way to get back up the track of boulders in the dark.

More next month. Obviously, it didn't get me, but I swore I would never live in a country that had snakes. What am I doing here?



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Robyn King

Our featured artist this month is Robyn King. Robyn specialises in hand painted homewares – cushion covers, tablecloths and tea towels – all in her original designs.

“Kuranda has been my home for over 35 years and the local scrub my muse from the first time I saw a bush turkey scratch the forest floor and wait-a-while scramble towards a patch of sunlight high in the canopy.

From fabric painting to watercolour, rainforest species and savannah landscapes appear in much of my work alongside the occasional painting of inanimate objects such as letterboxes and tea pots.

An avid drinker from the afore-mentioned receptacles, my taste for English Breakfast has evolved much like my art. As milky builder’s tea has given way to herbal tisanes, paint brushes and fabrics have replaced bees wax and batik dyes.

Like many, art is a part of my DNA, spiralling creatively towards health, happiness and the occasional commission.

You can view my public work in the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery and my private collection grows a life of its own in the damp studio shed where I spend much of my time.

Forever the student, and critic in residence, I am humbled by the opportunity to share my story with the Kuranda community through the local paper”



Robyn’s artworks embody her love of the tropical environment through her colourful renderings of flora and landscapes.




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WHEN: 10–11am
Saturday 15 June 2024

WHERE: Frogs Restaurant, Kuranda Heritage Markets, Kuranda

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Barron River Catchment Water Quality

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SCIENCE BITES

Kuranda Tree Frog
20 years of research on *Litoria myola* and frog monitoring

Join us for an informative session with Guest Speaker, Dr Conrad Hoskin – Associate Professor on the Kuranda Tree frog.

WHEN: 4–6.30pm
Saturday 29 June 2024

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The Sound of the Kuranda Tree Frog

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Kuranda Envirocare has been monitoring creeks in the Kuranda area for over 10 years, to better understand whether rainforest frog populations are increasing or declining, specifically the Kuranda Tree frog (*Litoria myola*), which is endemic to the Kuranda region and critically endangered. The Lacelid frog (*Litoria dayi*) and the Mist frog (*Litoria rhecola*) are two other endangered frogs also found here.

Through continued funding for a 'Healthy Waterways' Project, we have purchased four acoustic monitoring devices to go further afield and find whether the Kuranda Tree frog is present in locations so far unobserved. Recording frog sounds in seasonal and permanent creeks upstream, downstream and adjacent to the regular monitoring sites, gives the Kuranda community (and scientists) a better idea of the pathways the frogs have used to spread and this will help us all to better understand their distribution.

The Djabugay Bulmba Rangers are now monitoring eight of the 15 regular frog monitoring sites and are currently receiving data recording and acoustic monitoring training. The Rangers have a new site at Mona Mona and are also monitoring some of their Fire sites and other culturally significant areas. Knowledge sharing is such an important role in working together to conserve Kuranda Tree frog habitat.



Acoustic monitor

We are all responsible for caring for country and protecting our natural areas. Rainforest frogs are in danger, not only from invasive species and natural disasters, but from human threats, which have the biggest impact on our native wildlife. Humans destroy and threaten native frog habitats through land clearing for housing developments, erosion issues causing sediment to wipe out breeding sites, road kill and many forms of pollution. With a little more awareness we can all do our bit to protect frog habitat.

Do you know your rainforest frogs of the Wet Tropics calls? Our funding doesn't allow for any paid listeners, so we are seeking volunteers to listen to the sound files gathered from our acoustic monitors. If this is you, please get in touch with info@envirocare.org.au for further information.

Plant of the Month Powderpuff Lilly Pilly – *Syzygium wilsonii*

This is a small rainforest shrub, growing 1–2 metres high, with arching branches, brilliant pink new growth and spectacular large, fluffy, red flowers. It is best grown in semi-shade, well mulched with regular fertiliser. Flowers are borne on the ends of the branches, so heavy pruning will increase the number of flowers. The flowers, which attract honeyeaters, are followed by clusters of white fruit.



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Monthly Frog monitoring – is scheduled for the third week each month. Check Facebook for dates or text Sylvia 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.

9, 16, 23 & 30 June – Macroinvertebrate survey – Bookings are essential. Text or call Lance on 0422 974 826 or email Envirocare at info@envirocare.org.au. Meet at Kuranda Envirocare nursery at 1pm before departing for the survey site. Includes outdoor activities of 2–3 hours walking over rough ground and around water. Please be sun smart, wear appropriate footwear and check the weather the day before.

15, 22 & 29 June Science Bites Sessions – Free information sessions – see page 14 for all details.



Kuranda Village surveys

The Community Taskforce has continued with monthly 'Sidewalk Surveys' of residential streets around Kuranda village. We use harmless food lures to attract ants, and if we find any suspect ants these are sent for identification. Surveys were held on 27 April and 25 May with community volunteers helped by staff from the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) and Biosecurity Queensland. Why not join us on our next Sidewalk Survey on Saturday 29 June? Or book in your free yard check anytime!



Volunteers surveyed around the Kuranda Library on 27 April



Classroom session at Kuranda District State College on 24 April

Training the next generation

The Community Taskforce continues to partner with the Djabugay Bulmba rangers to deliver training on ant identification and survey techniques to students from Kuranda District State College who are studying a Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management. We helped to coordinate a classroom presentation for students on 24 April and a hands-on practical on 23 May.

Free toolbox talks

If your business or community group is involved in moving materials or plants, why not book in a free Toolbox Talk on invasive ants. We'll bring along samples of electric ants and yellow crazy ants to help you recognise them, talk about how they are spread, and help you understand your legal requirements.



A Toolbox Talk helps your crew recognise invasive ants

Russet Park & Green Forest surveys

A big 'thank you' to the residents of Russet Park and Green Forest! Crews have been surveying these properties throughout May as weather permits. If any invasive ants are found, we will discuss spot treatments with the property owners.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kuranda Sidewalk Survey

Volunteers wanted for our survey crew

WHERE: Kuranda streets

WHEN: Saturday 29 June

No experience necessary. Training provided on the day. Lunch and morning tea included.

To volunteer with the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce call 0474 560 700 or email coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or visit @ycacommunitytaskforce Facebook page.

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Hunter Thomson (centre) receiving Gold Medal for Patterns. Photos: Jeff Dieben.

Taekwon-Do students from Kuranda recently challenged their skills against some of Australia's best at the 2024 NQ Games AAITF National Taekwon-Do Championships.

Our students competed in events including Sparring, Patterns, Power, Special Technique, and Self Defense. The competition standard was extremely high, with several National champions being present.

Pre-selections for the Australian team to compete in Italy 2025 included two of our Kuranda members Jack Burnside, and Hunter Thomson making merit. Well done young men! Such a huge achievement.

Our Kuranda results are as follows:

- Hunter Thomson – Gold-Patterns; Silver-Sparring; Silver-Self Defense; Silver-Special Technique.
- Jasmynd Grundy – Bronze-Patterns.
- Ben Gilmore – Silver-Self Defense; Bronze-Team Sparring.
- Abby Mobarak – Bronze-Patterns.
- Aaliya Mobarak – Silver-Sparring; Silver-Special Technique; Silver-Self Defense; Silver-Power.
- Jamaal Mobarak – Gold-Self Defense.
- Jack Burnside – Bronze-Special Technique.
- Grace Czernek – Gold-Sparring; Bronze-Patterns; Bronze-Special Technique; Silver-Power.
- Lani Czernek – Silver-Sparring; Silver-Special Technique.
- Seth Craven – Silver-Sparring; Silver-Self Defense; Bronze-Power.
- Jowash Dissanayake – Gold-Power; Gold-Self Defense; Bronze-Sparring.
- Lief Weeraratne-Green – Silver-Patterns; Silver-Power.
- Nader Peard – Gold-Self Defense; Bronze-Patterns; Bronze-Sparring.
- Matt Tavan – Silver-Patterns; Bronze-Sparring.
- Caylem Tavan – Silver-Patterns; Bronze-Sparring; Silver-Self Defense.
- Noah Tavan – Silver-Self Defense; Bronze-Sparring.
- Luke Jansen – Bronze-Patterns.
- Lawrence Goodwin – Silver-Self Defense; Bronze-Patterns.

Congratulations to all the competitors for your participation. Huge thanks to the coaches, volunteers, officials, and supporters.

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The competition has certainly challenged our members. I am extremely proud of the commitment, dedication, and hard work by our Kuranda team to achieve their results.

It just shows, with the right attitude, and good mentoring, great things can happen.

Well done to you all.

Chief Instructor – Master Jeff Dieben
 ITF Taekwon-Do North Queensland.



Hunter Thomson in mid-air Sparring (Silver Medal)



Competitors at the 2024 NQ Games AAITF National Taekwon-Do Championships

SCUBA BEETLES



Beetles make up the largest group of insects in the world and they are found in almost every habitat on earth. One place you may not expect to find them is in water, but in fact there are many beetles that spend their entire lives in and around water. These aquatic insects are perfectly adapted to their way of life, just as their land-based cousins are.

Diving beetles (Dytiscidae) are one such group and one of the largest local species is the Green Diving Beetle (*Cybister* sp), with the adults growing to a length of 35 mm. Green Diving Beetles generally prefer still water, particularly temporary pools as they are less likely to be preyed upon by fish and other large aquatic predators. Both the larvae and adults of these beetles are predaceous, and they feed on a wide variety of small aquatic organisms, sometimes including tadpoles and small fish. The adults are also excellent scavengers and are very quick to find any dead animals within the water. They have powerful mandibles (jaws) that will lock onto their prey and can tear into larger dead animals like insect piranhas. The beetle larvae (also known as water tigers) don't have a mouth, but feed through long sickle-shaped jaws that suck fluids out of their prey.

The adults have a very distinctive body shape, with a hard, smooth oval body and the hind legs flattened with a fringe of hairs to act like a paddle. The beetles move through the water beating these hind legs simultaneously, like oars. Adult beetles are able to fly which they do at night, allowing them to populate remote bodies of water and increasing their habitat range throughout Australia. To breathe, beetles will swim to the surface and collect air by breaking the water surface with the tip of their abdomen. They then store the air in a chamber beneath their elytra (wing covers) to increase the amount of time they can stay submerged. They don't breathe through their mouths as we do, but through small holes in their abdomen called spiracles. The larvae have a siphon which acts as a snorkel to collect air with, and they stick this siphon out of the water to breathe.

Another group of aquatic beetles which are very often seen are the Whirligig Beetles. While these beetles can dive just like the Green Diving Beetles, the Whirligigs spend much of their time zipping around on the surface. They move rapidly and often in whirly loops hence their name. They are opportunistic predators and scavengers, often feeding on insects that have become trapped on the surface of the water. Whirligigs favour flowing water and often occupy small eddies in streams where food is most abundant. One of the most amazing adaptations that these beetles have to their aquatic habitat is their unique eyes. Whirligig beetles have divided eyes – each eye has an upper and lower section allowing them to see beneath the water and above them at the same time.

These and many other kinds of aquatic invertebrates are very important to the fresh water ecology. Their presence in bodies of water indicates a healthy ecosystem. Not only do they provide food for larger animals such as fish, frogs and waterbirds, but they also play an important part in

maintaining water quality. As well as the predatory beetles, there are grazers feeding on live plant and algae material and encouraging new growth, detritivores breaking down dead plant and animal matter, and filter feeders collecting tiny floating particles. Understanding the importance of these aquatic invertebrates is essential in the conservation of our wetland ecosystems.

Deanna Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: Whirligig beetles have divided eyes that allow them to see above and below the surface at the same time.

Middle: A Green Diving beetle resting on water weed.

Above: The foot of a Green Diving Beetle - the brushes of hairs enable the foot to act as a paddle.

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

MOROCCAN SOCIAL MORNING TEA

In May, we held a Moroccan themed Social Morning Tea for members, friends and community to align with this year's QCWA International focus of Morocco – sponsored by Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

Vicki Donovan accessed the QCWA Country Kitchen's recipes for our shared dishes. Vicki's delicious Carrot Dip, Colleen's more-ish 'Ghoriba' cookies (almond, gluten-free) and Krishna's Rice Pudding were popular. You can find the recipes at www.qcwacountrykitchens.com.au.

If you would like to contribute to the June Social Meeting, please contact Vicki Donovan 0400 791 345.

There is also a competition for CWA Members for Moroccan Mosaics. Contact Colleen Blunt 0448 434 186 for more information.



Sandra McCorry (above left) learning about Colleen Blunt's Moroccan tile mosaics. The style of artwork in the tiles involves painting them by hand before firing and has been passed down by generations of artisans. The hands, 'Hamsa', are a classic Moroccan style of tile making called Zellige. Photo: Krishna Buhler



Enjoying Moroccan tastings at KCWA Hall Monthly Social Event L-R: Colleen Blunt, Glenda McGowan, Krishna Buhler, Sonja Soenario, Sandra McCorry, Vicki Donovan, Carol Jeanes, Caroline Ryan. Photo: Heather Smart.

CWA monthly Members' meeting – will be held on Wednesday 12 June 8.30–10am.

Social Gathering – Wednesday 19 June at 9am at the CWA Hall. Come and join us for a cuppa and bit of seniors fun! All welcome.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

- Feldenkrais with Justine – 0408 735 309
- Taekwon-Do – Jeff 0437 438 196
- CWA Dance Group – Sandra 0447 737 415

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We currently have hire availability on Mondays, Tuesdays 1–5pm, Wednesdays (except on 2nd and 3rd week for CWA meetings 8am–12pm) otherwise day free to 5pm, Thursdays 8–10am and 1–5pm, Friday, most Saturdays all day and Sunday free. Please enquire as bookings can change.

Moroccan Carrot Dip recipe from QCWA Country Kitchens.

Step 1

- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1kg carrots (about 12 – peeled and sliced ¼ inch thick)
- Salt and pepper
- 2 garlic cloves (minced)
- ¾ tsp ground coriander
- ¾ tsp ground cumin
- ¾ tsp ground ginger
- ⅛ tsp chilli powder
- ⅛ tsp ground cinnamon
- ⅓ cup water
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp minced fresh coriander

Step 2

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the carrots and ½ teaspoon salt and cook until they begin to soften, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in the garlic, coriander, cumin, ginger, chilli powder and cinnamon and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the water and bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce the heat to low, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the carrots are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.



Moroccan tasty dips and rice pudding. Photo: Krishna Buhler

Step 3

Off the heat, mash the carrots with a potato masher. Stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons oil and vinegar. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate until the dip is chilled, about 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste and sprinkle with the coriander before serving. The dip can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to two days.

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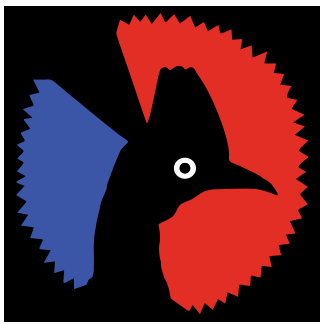
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THE GOOD AND BAD ABOUT SO MUCH RAIN (MOSTLY GOOD)

The plants in the nursery are thriving for the most part, but a few of the drier country species are wilting because of too much moisture and infection with mould. We are learning that we need some protected space to meet the needs of these species. The Syzygiums (Lilly Pilly) seem to take anything you throw at them. They're very hardy.

CASSOWARY ART TRAIL

The purpose of this project is to promote information about cassowaries and to bring tourists to the region.

Another cassowary statue is in the process of being painted by Shannon Shaw, a Yirrganydji artist, for Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. Photos next month.

CASSOWARY UPDATE

Lots of sightings and reports coming in of mating pairs, but fewer reports of lone juveniles/sub-adults. The sub-adults are

probably moving further afield to find a home range that is not already occupied. They need to keep away from the adults or they'll be sent away forcefully. However, in a couple of months we'll be seeing the new generation emerge. A risky time for tiny wee ones, but it's amazing how they come through to adulthood. Certainly, there have been less road deaths in the Kuranda region thanks to lower traffic speed limits and other innovations that warn us that a cassowary is near and heading towards the road to cross. Thanks to Department of Transport and Main Roads for its proactive approach to cassowary safety.

ECOFIESTA

On Sunday 2 June we're off to the Ecofiesta at the Munro Martin Park in Cairns for a full and active day for talking about cassowaries and selling our bin stickers - a favourite at this festival.

STUDENT VISITORS TO THE NURSERY

Apart from raising native trees for wildlife, tracking and conserving cassowaries,

controlling feral pigs and catching snakes, we also have visiting organisations and students at the nursery to learn about what we do and how we do it. Pictured is Anne Austin's group of her AMPE (Australian Migrant Employment Program) and SEE (Skills for Education and Employment) programs with Mareeba TAFE. This group is a league of nations, most of whom are learning English and skills needed for employment. It was a great pleasure to have this group at the nursery. As they left us after morning tea, they formed a circle and sang to us in English. Very moving and beautiful.



L-R: Sabine Beauvois, Vicki Devine, Manisha Tamang, teacher Anne Austin, Jakob Needham (behind), Nwe Lwin Oo, Jax Bergersen, Xiaobo Chen, and Ben Struthers (front). Photo: Anne Austin

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Kuranda District State College Under 8's Day – the biggest and best yet!

On Thursday 16 May Kuranda District State College hosted their annual Under 8's Day. 68 Prep to Year 2 students and 19 Kindy kids enjoyed exploring the fun on offer. This year's event was truly a community event with many organisations represented and hosting a variety of activities suited to little people.

Very special thanks go to:

- Kuranda OSHC and the P&C
- Mission Australia
- Bibiyungan
- Ngoonbi
- Bugzy Bumblebee
- Fairy Jenny
- AFL Cairns
- John Moriarty Foundation
- Deadly Choices
- Evette Armstrong
- Tableland to Tabletop

Kuranda Primary Student Council was a tremendous support, helping with setting up and then cleaning after the festivities. Special thanks to KDSC's early childhood teachers, especially Kiera Sheppard who was the driving force behind the organising committee.



At KDSC we will be safe, be respectful, be a learner



The Kuranda Kindy children and their families went on an Under 8's Day excursion to Kuranda District State College (KDSC). We went in style on the big yellow bus (thank you to Dugg for making sure it's a yellow one for the children!).

Catching the bus was such a highlight and the children enjoyed being able to thank our lovely bus driver, Shane for picking us up and dropping us off. Some children have never been on a bus before and this was a great learning opportunity and chance to build self-confidence. We were blessed to have a handful of parents join us this year. We love having parents come along and joining in. Parent involvement makes the experience even better.

At the school we were greeted by lots of smiling faces. It was wonderful to see all the past Kuranda Kindy children thriving at our local school. There was lots to do and everyone was confident to join in and give new experiences a go. Thanks to KDSC for inviting us to share the fun.

Next on the Kindy excursion agenda will be joining Ms Peta and Ms Meg at the Kuranda Library for National Simultaneous Storytime. How exciting! There is always something fun happening at our Kindy.

If you have Kindy age children (born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020) and are interested in your child joining in our Kindy program, please contact us on 07 4093 8087 or kcka@westnet.com.au for any enrolment enquiries.

Please remember we would like to support you in the enrolment process. We are more than happy to help you fill in the enrolment forms as we understand that you might have questions you would like answered. All enquiries or questions are welcome.



Catching the big yellow bus for Under 8's Day



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There's a lot happening at your local library...

Did you know the Kuranda Library presents and hosts regular community programs that are FREE to attend?

MONDAY

The Kuranda Writer's Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

If you ever wanted to try your hand at writing a book, improve your creative writing skills, or simply network with other local writers – why not give it a go?

Whether you're a complete beginner, or a writer with published work under your belt – all are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY

From 10:30am – 12:00pm every week, we host a Homeschool Group get together in the library.

There's lots for the kids to do – boardgames, hands on activities, and of course, reading!
It's also a great way to meet other families in the area who are homeschooling - both for yourselves as parents, and your kids might even make some lifelong friends too.

WEDNESDAY

Join us during school terms between 10.30am and 11.30am for Baby Rhyme Time – after all, it's never too early to talk, read, and share stories with your child!

At Rhyme Time, you can connect with your child as we sing songs and rhymes together, read a story, play, and have tons of fun.

Not only is it fun, but it's good for little brains too—research shows the most important time for a child's brain development is in their first five years.

THURSDAY

Struggling with technology? Every Thursday afternoon from 2:00pm, we offer basic tech support service in a one-on-one environment, across a variety of topics and devices.

These 30-minute Tech Savvy sessions will allow you to get started on your digital journey, or simply further your understanding.

Additionally, every second Thursday of the month, we host a Book Club from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

If you love reading - and talking about reading - a book club is the perfect way to meet like-minded book lovers in your community.



Kuranda Writers Group

The May meeting welcomed two new faces, academic and young mother Julia, and new Kuranda resident Ann from Victoria who has just bought a house in Kuranda. In round-table introductions, both shared engaging stories of their varied journeys towards becoming writers.

Since Ann had once been a marriage celebrant and later facilitated funeral gatherings, the conversation lingered awhile on what words are chosen to be spoken on these solemn occasions. Some of us admit to keeping diaries and journals from time to time, with the potential of a shock post-mortem tell-all reveal that brings to the fore stories that can uncover the hitherto unknown secret lives of our forebears. We heard one such story.

Over time, some of us had been called upon to write obituaries, with the conversation that followed setting the next 'homework' topic for the June meeting – to write an obituary. Not our own that could so easily descend into a puff-piece, no, but a fictional obituary of someone you conjure that you actively dislike/despise! Can you speak ill of the dead? This topic fits our wider discussions on whether as writers we can get into the skin of characters altogether unlike us, and still make them credible?

Then we each shared our May meeting homework – writing about our favourite toy as a child. What a delight to hear each other transported back into the naiveté of childhood.

Next meeting second Monday of the month at 10am on 11 June 2024 at Kuranda Library. All welcome.

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Research shows that when kids play, they are also learning. This has a positive impact on their literacy, numeracy, language development, and most importantly, social skills.

For further information on any of our programs, drop by the library and see us, call us on 4093 9185, or visit our website: <https://bit.ly/3TnKfn9>



Book Review

The Secrets of the Huon Wren
by Claire Van Ryn

Allura is writing a story for *FOLK* magazine when she meets Nora, a nursing home resident with dementia and a doll cradled lovingly in her arms. Gradually Nora reveals details about her younger life, living in Tasmania's heartland, of stitching linings for coffins and of her illicit romance with a Polish-German migrant.

Review

Have you ever seen a title of a book with an appealing cover design, and decided you must have this book, even before you read the blurb? If you love reading about different times and places with characters you can totally empathise with, this is a book for you.

Right at her first meeting with Nora, Allura had a unique sensation. It was "the feeling of knowing she had caught the tail end of a ripper yarn." That was when I knew I was hooked too!

As the story reveals, Nora's childhood was quite unique. She led an isolated life in rural Tasmania, made harsher by an unforgiving mother. The characters are very real and the setting is interesting for its historical details.

You may wonder how can you interview a person with dementia? It is generally accepted that past memories can still float to the surface for those with dementia, as is the case with Nora. It is a realistic representation of how the disease affects its victims.

The dementia is sad in and of itself, but pales in comparison to what happened to Nora in her past.

The author slides cleverly between the stories, as Allura also has her own tragic history to reveal. Her situation at *FOLK* magazine, with its conflicts and disappointments, also provides an interesting background as she becomes increasingly invested in helping Nora.

I love learning about different people's pasts, especially in such different historical periods.

Enjoy,
Helen B

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Zach, subliminalist



Ned was a horse-tailer who worked on a cattle station fifty miles west of Spearwood. His job was to 'tail' stock horses from the station to mustering camps and care for them on the open, fenceless landscape. Ned was renowned as a first-rate horse-tailer. He would talk and sing to the horses as they grazed along, arriving on time, quiet and in good condition. Some of the ringers admitted that they too felt calmer and gentler with Ned's soft voice calling 'hey, hey, git back over' or 'ee, ee, move on sleepy' mixed with little clicks and whistles. One said it was background music in quiet moments.

Ned had a grandson called Billy who'd been sent out by family from Darwin. They worried about him as during his tenth year the happy, cheeky little boy had started to turn sour. They said he'd graduated from mixing with bad company, to being bad company. Billy didn't take to Ned; the old man spoke little and when he did it was quiet, direct and to the point. At teatime Ned served up steak, beans and egg and said 'Eat.' Billy didn't like the old man's tone, being accustomed to his mother getting him McDonalds. He pushed the plate away and sneered, 'A dog wouldn't eat that crap'. The next day Billy was gone, shot through in the night, as Ned expected.

It was mid-afternoon before Ned saddled two horses, Tucker and Log. He wanted Billy to hurt a bit but didn't want him to do a complete perish. He found Billy about six miles from the station, sitting under a Mulga tree, holding his head. Ned regarded the boy sagely, impressed he had made such a distance. 'You need a hat' was all he said. After a big drink, a vomit, another drink, and the piece of steak from the night before, Billy clumsily mounted Log. With a headache that hurt even his teeth, he followed his grandfather, thankful for Log's easy motion and the sense of safety.

Log was not a sought-after horse on the stock camp. He was named by a ringer who said he was like sitting on a log going down a slow river. He was hard to get going, hard to turn, hard to stop, yet prone to propping at unseemly hazards. The word was that Log had been whipped by a brutal horse breaker and the head stockman, Whiplash O'Reilly, had given the breaker a flogging and sent him down the road. Log was like some people; he kept his head down and did the bare minimum. His virtues were that he never threw a rider, no matter how ham-fisted, and he calmed other horses. His presence settled even the most frightened or cranky animal.

The mustering season ended as the wet built up. The following week, Ned and Billy rode the fence line of the ten-thousand-acre horse paddock, one of two fenced paddocks on the six hundred square mile station. Billy rode Log as they checked for damage. Ned saw that Billy and Log got on well, the horse communicating with the yabbering boy far better than he could. It seemed the horse was gently wiping the sourness from the boy's spirit and letting the liveliness come through, like freshly oiled leather. He wondered how Log dealt with that stuff. Maybe he threw it away like the dregs from a billy-can, yet he sensed something humming inside Log, busy and furious, like a trapped horsefly.

A few days later the stock horses were brought in, checked over, and 'bushed' into the horse paddock. Most of the staff left after, including the manager and his family, to enjoy the wet season elsewhere. Ned and Billy remained with the skeleton staff where Billy learnt about the generator from the mechanic and how to cook from the cranky camp cook. He spent his free time with Log. That was fine with Ned, as he never knew what to say to the boy anyway. Nothing to say if nothing needs saying, he thought as he watched Billy's sharp wit and good-natured cheekiness emerge. Even the snakey old camp cook was heard to giggle over a pot of beef stew, a noise that no one had ever heard before.

The wet ended and after a couple of stock camps it was picnic race time. Five horses were gathered and loaded onto the station truck. There were three horses that some ringers thought they had a chance with in the campdraft and the manager had a powerful but flighty horse called Joker entered in the big race. Joker didn't travel well and would kick and rear, risking injury to himself and others but would travel quietly if Log was alongside him, so Log came along.

The Spearwood Picnic Races was the highlight of the year for the outback town with rodeo, horse sports and racing on the agenda. The town swelled to a couple of thousand as people from all over attended. Tourists from the city even came to experience the little town's unique personality and witness the spectacle of the locals.

The second day arrived with barrel racing on the agenda, where horse and rider attempt to run a pattern around three barrels set in a triangle about a hundred feet apart. The winner completes the course fastest, without knocking over barrels. Timing was recorded by the local police sergeant and circuit magistrate who each manned a barrel at the entrance, ensuring all recorded times were accurate, more or less.

The first entrant was a boy on a sturdy pony that trotted through the gap and completed the circuit neatly and steadily. The second contestant entered on a Shetland pony, which stopped after a short distance. The little rider kicked and kicked but the pony refused to budge. There were tears of humiliation as the magistrate lifted her off and walked her back to the fence. The burly police sergeant attempted to lead the pony, but it refused, locked to the ground like a statue cast in concrete. The crowd roared with laughter at the copper's efforts, urged on by the booming commentator. The policeman attempted to pick up the offending pony, an indignity too far for the Shetland who squirmed out of the policeman's arms, spun, and aimed a vicious kick towards his nether regions, saved only by lightning reflexes. The crowd laughed enthusiastically, urged on by the commentator's digs about potential charges, calls for backup and another set of handcuffs.

Ned sidled quietly up beside Whiplash who was enjoying the spectacle with friends. He shyly stepped from one foot to another in muted excitement until he had Whiplash's attention. He whispered a few words and was rewarded with a grin and a nod of agreement. Ned slipped away.

There were two entrants left. The first galloped confidently out towards the first barrel. Unfortunately, his horse saw a friend on the other side of the racecourse and kept going. The last entrant was a girl decked out in flash gear with a fancy saddle and big white hat. The horse looked well-bred and competent and didn't disappoint. She rounded the barrels with effortless confidence, leaving no doubt who would win.

There was a clunk and belch over the loudspeaker. The commentator announced there was a late entrant just as Billy exploded through the gap at full gallop on Log. Hooves roaring like thunder, the crowd was momentarily stunned. A bridle with no saddle and Billy wearing only a pair of shorts, the sight caused many jaws and a few beers to drop. They stormed past the first barrel overshooting badly, but Log turned sharply for the second barrel, again at full gallop with Billy lying along his neck. The final two barrels were taken at a spectacular angle leaving dirt and dust flying. Billy responded to the roar of the crowd and flicked the long reins over Log's rump in excitement. Those near Ned saw him frown and 'nay, nay,' quietly. Log tolerated this for a moment then dropped his head, propped, bucked and skewed to the left. Billy flew skyward and looked like he was doing a handstand, attached only by a handful of mane. Miraculously, Billy landed back on Log who continued to buck and snort in outrage.

The quick-thinking sergeant, seeing that Log would miss the gap, picked up his barrel and ran wide. Another huge buck and Billy went skyward for the final time as they passed inside the barrel, making it a legal run, more or less. Billy landed heavily face first and remained motionless. Ned jumped the fence and ran to Log, talking, stroking, and clicking as the horse calmed. Billy groaned as Whiplash rolled him over and helped him up. The crowd cheered as blood poured from Billy's broken nose over his wide grin. Log snorted and rubbed his cheek against Ned's shoulder then met his eye. 'Hey, old fella, ... I think you feel a bit better now,' said Ned.

This short story by Malcolm Frost of Speewah was a runner up in our 2024 'A Spirited Tale' Short Story Competition (Adult category). Malcolm is a very active member of the Kuranda Writers Group.

THE KURANDA MEDIA ASSOCIATION
SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2024
CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT
CATEGORIES

Tell us
A SPIRITED TALE / TAIL

This year we are running our Short Story competition in two parts – one for adults which closed on 15 March, and one for children and young adults which is open NOW.

In addition, we will be running a poetry competition in the second half of this year. Look for more information about this in our 33rd birthday edition in July.

For this next stage of our competition, we have kept our theme of *A Spirited Tale* from the adult category, but we have also added *A Spirited Tail* to the mix – hoping to tap into the wild imaginations of our younger writers and even unleash their spirit animal.

So be it a *Spirited Tale* or a *Spirited Tail*, all young writers who are current residents of postcode 4881 are eligible to submit their stories by midnight Friday 22 June 2024. Winning entries will be published in the August edition of *The Kuranda Paper*, which will be available in print and online on Thursday 1 August.

CATEGORIES

Child's Short Story: Open to all children aged 12 years and under who are current residents of postcode 4881. Your entry needs to be 800 words or less, all your own work and not previously published. The prize for the winning entry is \$100.

Young Adult's Short Story: Open to young writers aged 13 to 18 years, who are current residents of postcode 4881. Your entry needs to be 1500 words or less, all your own work and not previously published. The prize for the winning entry is \$250.

HOW TO ENTER:

Email your story in a Word doc to mail@kurandapaper.com. Also please send with it a signed cover sheet detailing your name, address, age and contact details (phone and email).

Deadline: midnight Friday 22 June 2024. **LATE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Open to all children and young adults under the age of 18, currently living in the Kuranda district (postcode 4881). Entries from writers outside of the Kuranda district are not eligible. All entries MUST BE original, the work of the person submitting and must not have been previously published. All entries must be 1500 words or less.

The winner will be notified in person. Winning entries will be published in *The Kuranda Paper* August 2024 edition. Members of the Kuranda Media Association Management Committee and their direct family are not permitted to enter.

*Astrology
Apology*
ROB HART
Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader
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Our resident astrologer Rob Hart has been under the weather this month and we are unable to share his astrological observations for June. We are sure our readers will want to wish Rob a speedy recovery. We look forward to bringing you his regular column next edition.



RANGERS report

As the sun sets on another exhilarating month of soccer, the Kuranda Rangers Football Club stands tall, a testament to the dedication and passion of its players, coaches, and supporters. With three games under our belts, we take a moment to celebrate the strides made thus far and look ahead to the journey yet to unfold.

Coach Kris Kingston, leading our under 12 team with unwavering commitment, reflects on the remarkable attitude displayed by our players, remarking, "I was very impressed by everyone's efforts today. I understand that not everyone likes playing in certain positions (keeper etc) but there was no complaining and everyone did the job that was required. It is this attitude from the players that makes a great team. All team members are taking what we are trying to accomplish in training and applying it to the game. This equals results. We have only had three games, so still along way to go, but the players and parents should be proud of their efforts so far. I look forward to seeing all team members at training on Tuesday." Such words encapsulate the ethos of Kuranda Rangers FC – teamwork, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

But our Club is not just about the games we play; it's about the community we build. We extend a warm welcome to volunteers from the community who are enthusiastic about soccer and would like to participate in our Club. Take Rolly Antilief, a young soccer player from Chile who now calls Kuranda home. Rolly's love for the sport shines through as he volunteers his time to assist coaching Kuranda Rangers members, contributing not only to the growth of our Club but to the community at large.

In the spirit of community, the Kuranda Rangers Football Club is thrilled to announce an upcoming fundraiser extravaganza. A "World Cup Tournament" event held at



Under 12 team with Kris Kingston (coach), James Wallace, Ruby Haynes, Ruby Kingston, Lief Weerarante Green, Max Lambert, Georgia Wallace, Curtis Cawley, Dylan Flanigan, Quinn Lyons, Marlow Hudson, Darcy Lambert

Kuranda Recreation Centre. With DJs spinning tunes, delectable food, live music, raffles, and much more, it promises to be an event not to be missed. We are immensely grateful for any and all support, as it is the lifeblood that sustains our Club and allows us to continue nurturing young talent and fostering a love for soccer in our community. Follow us on Facebook for more details of the event to come soon.

To parents who may be considering joining the Kuranda Rangers family, we extend an invitation to come and try. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, there's a place for you in our ranks. Together, let's continue to write the next chapter in the story of Kuranda Rangers FC.

Symone Van Der Zwaag on behalf of Kuranda Rangers Football Club Committee.

For more information follow our Facebook page or shoot us an email kurandarangersfootball@gmail.com

Club contacts:

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Sunset in Kuranda on 19 May 2024.
Photo: Richard Gilmore.

FAR NORTHERN LIGHTS

While we in the Far North were not lucky enough to receive the spectacular light shows caused by an 'extreme' geomagnetic solar storm in early May, many people shared images of FNQ spectacular sunsets—and to a lesser degree—sunrises, on social media.

Of course, the real weather phenomenon we are all missing are extended blue skies, following almost continuous wet days since December last year.

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Going looking for words



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- MILMUN
- MUNDU
- NGANYA
- NYAWIL
- YARRBI
- YUNGANG

WORD MEANINGS

- BALGU:** belly. *Balguu ngunanggarra-n.* In the belly of the whale.
- BANDJIL:** girl, woman, female. *Gudji bandjil ngunda djunggay.* Look at that girl running.
- BARNDIL:** baby. *Gudji barndil bina ngunda barri-barri-ya.* Listen to that baby crying.
- BINYI:** mouth. *Binyi ganyarra-n.* The crocodile's mouth.
- BUGAA:** night. *Bugaa-djala last night.* *Ngawu nyurrany ngundany bugaadjala bublicin-da djalmba wungaya.* I saw you last night in the pub drinking beer.
- BUGADJUNU:** morning. *Gurii bugadjunu.* Good morning.
- BUGALNDA:** in the dark, in the night, at night. *Ngawu nyurrany bina ngundal manggaya bugal-nda.* I hear you laughing in the dark, in the night.
- BUGAAMAYING:** getting dark. *Bulmba bugaamayng.* The world is getting dark.
- BUGAARRA:** yesterday. *Ngawu nyurrany ngundany bugaarra gudji bandjil yulmayiya.* I saw you yesterday, kissing that girl.
- DANGGAL:** wing(s)/fins.
- DINGAL:** an egg/eggs. *Dingal badjigal-ngun.* Turtle's eggs.
- DJADIRR:** a burrow. *Nyurra dagang djadirr-a*

- wurrmba wunaya.* You are hiding in a burrow sleeping.
- DJAMA:** a snake. *Gudji djama ngunda djamuu gurrungga-n.* Look at that snake in the kookaburra's beak.
- DJAMU:** beak. *Djamu wurrmbul-ngun.* The pelican's beak.
- DJARRUY:** bird(s). *Gudjaay djarruy bina ngunda nula-nulayi-ya.* Listen to those birds singing out.
- DJILI:** eye(s). *Djili ganyarra-n.* The crocodile's eye.
- DJULARRI:** cicada. *Djularrri bina ngunda barri-barriya bagarra-m.* Listen to the cicadas crying out from the forest.
- DULBIL:** wallaby. *Mangga dulbil-ngun.* Wallaby's pouch.
- GABAY:** ant bed, termite mound. *Ngawu nyinang gabanydja.* I'm sitting on the gabay.
- GADJA:** ghost of a man/white man.
- GALBU:** butcher bird. *Gudji galbu bina ngunda nula-nulayi-ya.* Listen to that Galbu calling out.
- GAWANDAY:** spirit, apparition of a deceased person.
- GAWANYDJA:** to the stars, in the stars. *Ngawu nyurrany ngundal gawanydja djilimuniya.* I see you in the stars twinkling.
- GAYAM:** stinging tree. *Gari dagan gayam-unda.* Don't hide in the stinging tree!
- GAYGAY:** whisper. *Bina ngunda guyurru gaygay*

- ngaaya djulbin-da.* Listen to the wind whispering in the trees.
- GINBA:** centipede. *Djinaa ginba-n.* Centipede's foot/feet.
- GULAL:** tail. *Gulal gurraa-n diman-diman-dji.* Dog's tail with fleas.
- GURRAA:** a dog. *Gudji gurraa ngunda diman-diman gibayiya.* Look at that dog scratching fleas.
- GUYALA:** wedge-tailed eagle/Storywater brother of Damarri. *Djili guyala-n.* Eagle's eye.
- GUYAN:** clever stone, quartz crystal/hail.
- GUYBALAM:** Burdekin plum. *Nganydja guybalam-unda.* The taste is in the plum.
- GUYNGGAY:** ghost of a woman/white woman.
- GUYURRU:** the wind. *Gudji guyurru ngunda djundaya duguu.* Look at the wind dancing in the leaves.
- MANGGA:** a nest, pubic hair, the pouch of a marsupial. *Gudji yidji bibuy ngunda manggaa nyinaya.* Look at the little pademelon sitting in the pouch.
- MILMUN:** spark. *Gudjaay milmun ngunda burra-burra-ya.* Look at those sparks flying.
- MUNDU:** inner-spirit, inner self. *Nyurra ngayang mundu gurii gundal.* You make my inner-spirit good.
- NGANYA:** me. *Nganya bina ngunda buwal bugaya.* Listen to me talking.
- NYAWIL:** tongue. *Nyawil-nda badja-badja-n.* On Blue tongue lizard's tongue.
- YARRBI:** basalt rock, iron-stone. *Yarrbi magarri bayngga-wu.* Pick up yarrbi for the earth-oven.
- YUNGANG:** swimming. *Ngawu yungang guyu-rr.* I'm swimming with the fish.

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 "sporran" e.g. **burra-y** (to fly)
- /r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. **biri** (fire)

- /ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. **nyurra** (you)
- /ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. **bungan** (sun)
- /n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the two sounds together e.g. **djin.gal** (sky)
- /ngg/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)
- /ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

- In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **bina** (ear).
- In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. **gan**yarra (crocodile). However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. **buda:**dji (carpet snake).
- In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. **gan**yarra – **ng**gu (crocodile).

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Junior is a soon to be three-time Olympian, current Team Manager of the Australian Boomers and former Utah Jazz Team Manager. Junior is Mareeba born and bred, and currently running successful programs in Cooktown and Mareeba. He is a top line coach, teaching young people not only basketball, but life skills.

The program runs from 2.45pm to 4.15pm Tuesday afternoons at the Kuranda District State College basketball courts at the High School campus – Myola Road. It will run for four weeks starting on 28 May.

We are targeting boys and girls aged 11-16 years with a passion for the game. These sessions are free and we will provide a drop-off after the program.

Please call or SMS Adrian on 0490 029 176 if your young people are interested in the program.

Pathways for the next generation



Community grant holders Seth, Cassidy and Emmitt.

John Moriarty Football (JMF) has been running school and after school programs in Kuranda and Mareeba for the past five years. From humble beginnings, they've etched out a number of professional and social skills, and mentoring programs that reach over 2,000 young Indigenous people every week. Providing skills coaching, games, mindfulness and nutrition programs that focus not only on the football, but the overall wellbeing of our young people, their grassroots approach has provided professional pathways for many of our young Mareeba Shire stars of the future – giving numerous scholarships and support to families that might not otherwise be able to find the opportunity.

JMF currently supports Kuranda District State College senior students in completing their Certificate 2 in Sport and Recreation, providing opportunities to conduct sport coaching sessions, to prepare, conduct, monitor and evaluate activity sessions. Kuranda students will also provide support for event days like managing the JMF Gala Day – which brings together schools from Yarrabah, Mossman, Cairns, Kuranda and Mareeba for an annual sports day and celebration in early June.

Young football talents from Mareeba, Robert Hostalek and Colin Walsh, who have earned full scholarships from JMF, are developing their craft in the highly esteemed Westfield Sports High School in Sydney, whilst young people like Seth, Cassidy and Emmitt (pictured) are benefiting from the Community Scholarship program. There are many other talented young FNQ people who are following in their footsteps as emerging leaders.

Head coach, Bruno Silva, says "Our main achievement is the growth of the program, delivering to many communities and now running Indigenous Football Week, Gala Days, Community Days and Scholarship Events. Where we are headed is to develop more Indigenous local coaches, being more connected in that sense, being stronger."

John Moriarty Football is actively seeking Indigenous Leaders to come on board and be a part of their Development Programs, providing on the job training and the opportunity to work for an organisation that is making a difference in our community.

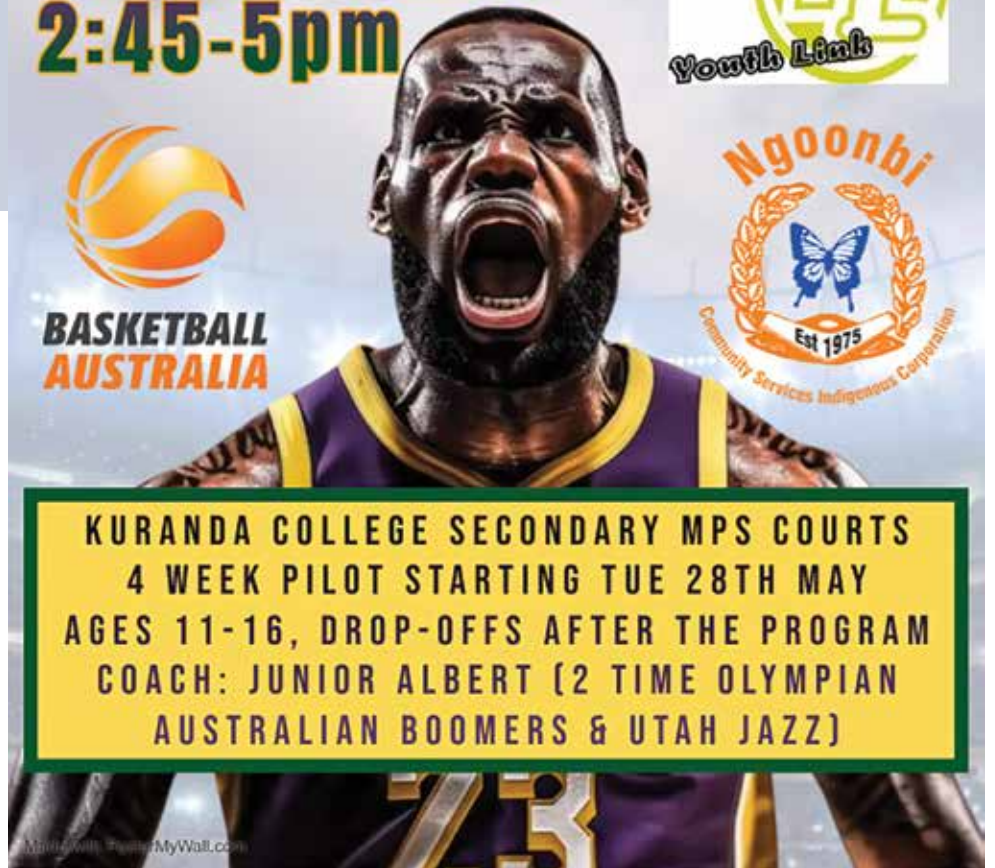
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**DJABUGAY NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
RNTBC ICN 4358**

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

All members of DJABUGAY NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC (ICN 4358) are invited to a meeting to update members on Djabugay activities. The meeting will take place as follows:

**Sunday 2 June 2024
10am**

**Nyuwarri Estate
1496 Kennedy Highway
Kuranda, 4881, Qld**

For further information call (07) 4093 8116 or email office@djabugay.org.au



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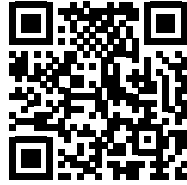
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The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is open from 9am–5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am–1pm Friday.

KNC Community Satisfaction Survey

Please complete our survey to give feedback on how KNC can improve services to our local community. This can be done by scanning this QR code or visiting kurandanc.org.au and clicking on the survey link or dropping into the Centre and completing a paper version. All responses are anonymous.



Playgroup at KNC

Mulungu Children and Family Centre Outreach Playgroup is back in Kuranda Wednesday 12 June from 10am -12pm.

Any parents with young children from 0-4 years are welcome to attend. Lots of activities and morning tea provided. Please contact Tahnee on 4086 9274 if you require further information.

Disaster Recovery Community Connect Worker

We are excited to announce that our contract for a community connect worker has been renewed for an additional three months. Jade will be at KNC on a Thursday from 9am–5pm and Fridays from 9am–1pm. Please contact the Centre to book an appointment with Jade or email her at communityconnectknc@outlook.com

The Disaster Recovery grants are still open so if you have not applied for these please contact Jade as she can assist you and advocate on your behalf.

Volunteers

KNC would like to thank our volunteers for their contribution to the Centre whether they are assisting on reception, the food or furniture exchange programs or members of our Management Board. Without their dedication we would not be able to operate. If you would like to volunteer please drop into the Centre and pick up a Volunteer Application Form as we are currently needing additional volunteers for reception shifts and other areas of the organisation.

Winter Warmers Welcome

Donations of blankets and warm clothing for all ages are welcome as the weather cools. Please ensure any donations are both clean and in wearable condition.

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A Rallying Call

With each year that passes Kuranda has more history. And yet it also has less...

From Traditional Owners, to settlers, timber cutters and railway workers, alternative lifers, artists, scientists and of course a century plus of travellers, there are so many stories to be heard. But still so much is unrecorded and more of us are moving on or passing on.

Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) has finally begun work on entering data and information into our selected records system. Known as The Collecting Bug, it will become the repository of Kuranda's history, as long as we can maintain interest and momentum to record the information.

Using The Collecting Bug system we are creating a community archive that identifies, preserves and digitises material culture and history relating to the Kuranda region, and we hope to inspire Kuranda folk and others to help identify and interpret the unique and important stories and collections from our region.

We've just started, and entering information is a slow process which involves checking the verification of information and seeking authentic versions of who, what, where and when. So far volunteers have managed to make about 40 entries, many of which are incomplete, but something is better than nothing. We aim to have 200 entries into the system before we 'go live'.

When that happens we will have a published website for the Kuranda Historical Society with images relating to 200 items – events, people, places. Two hundred entries is not much but it will be a start, and we all know we have so much to add into this system.

We need help!! We need your interest and your input. Jan Weaver and other KHS committee members will be at our new office every Monday from 1–3 pm, at the Kuranda Community Precinct on Arara Street (the old school site) and we are situated above the Library. We welcome anyone who would like to come along, see what we are trying to do, add your helpful advice, and see if we can work out how many hands might make light work.

Please come along and lend a hand. Let's try and get our history recorded.

The Kuranda Historical Society is a not-for-profit community group dedicated to collecting, recording, preserving, sharing and interpreting material culture from the Kuranda region with as wide an audience as possible.



The Kuranda Paper is a not-for-profit publication. Profits generated by advertising support local community groups and projects.

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St Saviour's Thought for June

This month we read from St John's Gospel chapter 15 verses 9 to 17.

Without the Gospel according to John there would be a great gap in Christian teaching. John gives us statements at the very heart of Christian faith which we might never have heard, statements such as "God so loved the world that he gave" and "Peace I leave with you" and many more. In this passage we are listening to Jesus speaking about his hopes for those who would follow after him. Jesus is also speaking to us. Jesus sees his ability to love his disciples as coming from his certainty that he himself is loved by the Father.

That says something to us about how we are able to love. We become loving human beings only if we ourselves have been loved. Parents, Grandparents, Great Grandparents, God-Parents come to realise that if we wish to make the best of all possible contributions to society, we try to send into it a human being, our child, who has learned that he or she is indeed loved, and who therefore can become in turn a loving human being.

"Abide in my love," says Jesus. The challenge for love is constancy. Our humanity is anything but constant. Love must face the challenges of relationships – particularly in parent-child relationships. Indeed to live in any relationship is to experience something constantly changing. Love takes effort.

In the 1960s, when I was a kid amid all the euphoric talk of love, there was a very wise button one saw from time to time. It said simply, "Love is damned hard work." How will we abide in Jesus' love, knowing that we receive it and can therefore share it? On this Jesus is clear and simple and very direct. We abide in love if we keep his commandments.

There is no sentimentality in Jesus' concept of loving. Love is absolutely linked to obedience. Love is a disciplined thing. Love does not happen by accident. It needs intention. Jesus speaks of a person laying down life itself for friends. It is too easy to think of that statement as applying only to Jesus and the terrible actuality of his sacrifice on the cross.

We can say there are many ways of laying down one's life. Offering energy for caring, spending time to listen, helping someone physically, giving oneself in any way to another is laying down some part of one's life. To do so, Jesus says, is to be even more than a servant of his – it is to become his friend. Loving, in Jesus' terms, is not merely a nice feeling. It is a way of life. It's also joy.



Enquiries to Chris Wright
Phone: 4093 8735
Email: wrightc@iig.com.au

Words of wisdom from my Grandmother...

Ignorance is the absence of knowledge. Stupidity is the rejection of knowledge.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The sixth principle of Bahá'u'lláh regards the equality of men and women. The male and female of the human kingdom are equal before God. God is no respecter of gender. Whosoever practices more faith, whosoever practices more humanitarianism is nearer to God; but between the male and female there is no innate difference because they share in common all the faculties. The world of humanity has two wings, one the male; the other the female. When both wings are reinforced with the same impulse the bird will be enabled to wing its flight heavenward to the summit of progress. Woman must be given the same opportunities as man for perfecting herself in the attainments of learning, science and arts. God has created the man and the woman equal, why should she be deprived of exercising the fullest opportunities afforded by life? Why should we ever raise the question of superiority and inferiority? In the animal kingdom the male

and female enjoy suffrage and in the vegetable kingdom the plants all enjoy equal suffrage. In the human kingdom, which claims to be the realm of brotherhood and solidarity, why should we raise this question?"

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Meditations/Reflections: all welcome to Soul Food Meditations on fourth Sunday of each month 2pm Kuranda beginning Sunday 23 June. Also discussion evenings – please call to attend.

Morning prayers: each Thursday at 8am, in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda followed by coffee – join us.

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Women's Sexual Assault Survivors Group Alternative fortnights at Atherton and Mareeba. Contact 4091 4036.



Heads Up!

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Kuranda Pharmacy cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts

Kuranda Medical Centre cnr Thongon and Barang Sts

Kuranda Ambulance Station, Fallon Road

Kuranda Swimming Pool, Myola Road

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Kuranda SES on board vehicle

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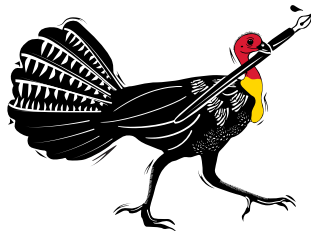
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Council EMERGENCY number for local roads 1300 308 461

Kuranda Range/Kennedy Highway Report an Incident 13 19 40 (24/7)



Upcycling Kuranda
www.facebook.com/groups/583458973949832/

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In a town where the council doesn't properly recycle, the locals are taking it upon themselves to re-use.

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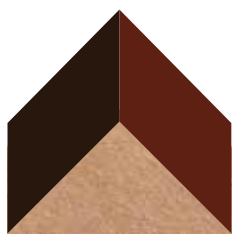
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- aluminium cans
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Help your local Men's Shed to keep operating.

****No milk bottles please****



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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 Bus and Coach have advised that due to an operational decision they will be making two changes to their 850 (Atherton–Cairns) and 851 (Cairns–Kuranda) routes. These changes will come into effect after Thursday 28 March. See full timetable for Route 850.

The changes are:

Route 850 (Atherton–Cairns): after 28 March, the service that leaves Kuranda at 7.15am (Monday to Friday) will no longer be doing drop-offs and pick-ups from Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE.

Route 851 (Cairns–Kuranda–Cairns): after 28 March this service is discontinued.

Any queries can be directed to the Trans North Operational Manager on (07) 3036 2070.

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

Current as at 29 March 2024 ****No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day****

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- Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre
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Sunday 10am–5.30pm
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29 June –
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MANKIND PROJECT MEN'S GROUP
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EVERY FRIDAY

DANCECRAFT –
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EVERY SUNDAY

SHIBARI SANGHA –
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*Jeanette Wormal Trio playing at the Koah Markets on Saturday 1 June.
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MONDAY – Circus 1 – 3.45–4.45pm. Age 5–9.

TUESDAY – Circus 2 – 3.45–5pm, Age 10+ and Show Class – 5–6.30pm – Age 8+ Adult General Circus, Acro and Aerials – 7–8.30 pm. All ages, abilities and genders welcome.

WEDNESDAY – Aerial Silks, Trapeze, and Lyra Various classes 3.45–6.30pm



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

Kuranda Writers Group 10am–12noon, Kuranda Library.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

Kuranda Choir 6–7.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage. Trish 0428 284 305

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

Mah Jong 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer
Keira 0437 778 849 for any queries.

K.A.S.T. (Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Theatre) 6pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

EVERY FRIDAY

Ashtanga Yoga 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group St Christopher's Catholic Church 9.30am 1300 222 222

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

Kuranda Amphitheatre Working Bee 9am–1pm. Email volunteers@kurandaamphitheatre.org