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AMPHITHEATRE MILESTONE A TIME TO CELEBRATE

The Kuranda Amphitheatre Society is celebrating 40 years of incorporation with an old style Spring Festival community event on Sunday 3 October. It's a party and everyone is invited. The culmination of months of hard work by the Amphitheatre volunteers, it's an opportunity to celebrate this fantastic milestone. The past two years have hit our iconic venue hard, as they have most of the arts industry, so your presence would be an incredible morale booster for the people who have been lovingly caring for our Amph – despite the challenges of meeting daily bills, without the ability to have held a major event since 2019.

The Amphitheatre has seen hard times before and overcome them, as it will these current ones, but no without more help and involvement by the community. So let's show our support in any way we can so that we can keep our Amph alive. Join up, join in.

Congratulations

Councillor Angela Toppin, Mayor Mareeba Shire Council

On behalf of Councillors, I would like to congratulate the Kuranda Amphitheatre on reaching 40 years of service. This is a significant milestone for Kuranda, and testament to the commitment of members of this community. Congratulations!

Hon. Craig Crawford, State Member for Barron River

Congratulations to Kuranda Amphitheatre on their 40th anniversary. Well done to all the hard-working volunteers involved to keep this community venture running. A truly unique venue, I have enjoyed many events over the years whether it be local, national or international artists with the stand-out for me being Midnight Oil! I know it's been a tough time throughout the pandemic but you 100% have my support and I hope to see you around for the next 40 years.

Hon. Warren Entsch, Federal Member for Leichhardt

The Kuranda Amphitheatre is such a unique and wonderful community asset for residents of Kuranda and the wider region.

One thing I love about the Kuranda Amphitheatre is the fact it was created, built and now operated by the Kuranda community.

I have very fond memories of attending a number of events at the Kuranda Amphitheatre over the past four decades.

I sincerely wish the Kuranda Amphitheatre many prosperous, vibrant and successful years ahead.



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3.30 pm – Box Car Rally

7pm – Venue Close



Mantaka Spring Recovery Day 2020.
Photo: Ranjini Rusch



The last major concert held at the Kuranda Amphitheatre, pre-COVID, was Xavier Rudd in 2019.
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Late afternoon light on the Barron River bridge 22 September 2021. Photo: Robyn Hughes

Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month features artwork, designed and painted by Radayne Tanna and Zachary Richardson in 2017. It graces the front of the Kuranda Amphitheatre stage. Photo: Nettie O'Connell



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The Kuranda Media Association is pleased to publish a souvenir lift-out for the 40th Anniversary of the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society (KAS). Thanks to our volunteers Nettie O'Connell, graphic design and layout, and Gayle Hannah, scanning and research, for all their donated time and resources. Thank you to the KAS Committee, to Greg Hillman for photographing historic posters, and our wonderful advertisers who have made this, and many other community projects, possible.

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 Kuranda Amphitheatre

It is a big month for the Kuranda Amphitheatre celebrating 40 years of Incorporation with our Spring Festival Day Sunday 3 October 2021. It will be a great locals' day, relaxing on the terraces, being entertained by local youth performers and musicians.

Look out for performers playing on the day on the Kuranda Amphitheatre Facebook page.

We would like to thank all local bands, performers, stage managers, sound and lighting technicians, stage riggers, MCs and more, for volunteering your skills and expertise on the day. Yes you heard it right, volunteering! All to save our precious venue!!

It has been an enormous feat for *The Kuranda Paper* and the Kuranda Amphitheatre to produce our history spread in this month's paper. It is impossible to fit 40 years into these pages, but we all hope you enjoy and then come to look and browse our more extended history display on Spring Festival Day. There are some great memories.

If you can volunteer beforehand to help set up, on the day, or to help clean up on Monday 4 October please contact us!

A big shout out to those who have donated financially to our cause 'Save the Amphitheatre.' It is appreciated beyond words and we hope a few more may follow your example. It all helps!

- Kuranda Media Association (*The Kuranda Paper*)
- Barry Hodson
- Heidi Ott
- Les Anwyl
- Greg Hillman
- Speewah Tavern (Box Car Rally)
- And to all those generous people who have given their loose change and more at our fundraising stall outside FoodWorks over the past couple of months

and dropped into the Honey House to donate. Thank You Kuranda!

There will be donation tins set up on 3 October and more wonderful raffles.

Working Bees and Set Up could use a lot more people turning up to help, so please come and give a few hours. We need you – the community.

Thank you to Phillip Riley who keeps turning up to help, Mick who did heaps of painting to get ready for our 40 year history exhibition, Lunar for starting the massive job of pressure cleaning.

Mandy from Annabels Bakery, Kuranda who kindly donated a voucher for a pie and drink to those who turned up. Thank you Mandy for supporting the Amphitheatre!

Of course, we cannot go without saying a huge thank you to Adric Rusch and his team from TRACQS who are helping the Amphitheatre. We would not be able to achieve what we do without your skills, knowledge and hard work. We are grateful. The Amphitheatre is in a constant state of repair and maintenance and this team is invaluable to our community group, even more so than ever. We do hope it continues. It is also wonderful to see people learning new skills and be proud of their achievements (us included). And of course, the venue always looks so stunning after a regular mow and whipper snip.

Adric, Simon, Kara and Orlahn, thank you for your time, and to those volunteers who have helped this team on site as well!

As *The Kuranda Paper* goes to print, we thank those in advance who will be contributing, volunteering and supporting the Amphitheatre.

KAS Management Committee and Support



Limited editions A2 Amphitheatre music posters and car bumper stickers will be available for sale at the Amphitheatre on Sunday 3 October. Don't miss out!
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Councillor Column

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



MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR KEVIN DAVIES

Firstly, I'd like to commend the businesses and traders in Kuranda who have continued to offer their services during these challenging times.

The economic recovery in the Shire is underway, with Kuranda recording a significant increase in consumer spending over the last 12 months. Data from Spendmapp.com.au shows resident and visitor consumer spending of \$1.096M in June 2020 has increased to \$3.384M in June 2021 and we are hearing reports of improvements from many traders. This spending is markedly higher than that from June 2019 which saw \$1.886M in consumer spending by residents and visitors.

This is heartening to see and evidence that the COVID recovery is underway, albeit slowly.

There are, however, many changes to be faced by businesses in the Shire, including regulatory ones required by the State and Federal governments.

40 Year Celebration - Kuranda Amphitheatre

On behalf of Mareeba Shire Council, I acknowledge the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society as they celebrate their 40th year. This is a significant milestone and I would like to commend the current and previous Committees, volunteers and supporters who have made this possible.

Single Use Plastic Items Ban

On 1 September 2021, the State government's single-use plastics ban was implemented, and Councillors are aware that businesses across the Shire are making the changes necessary to comply.

This is a major change for many, and the Queensland Government has made a point of providing information and support to those affected. This is available online at www.qld.gov.au, search 'single use plastic items ban' or by phoning the National Retail Association on 1800 844 946.

I encourage all businesses impacted to connect with the support available.

Waste Tyre Export Ban

Also, on 1 December 2021, the Commonwealth will implement a waste export ban on used tyres. Mareeba Shire Council will continue to monitor for illegal dumping, storage or collection of passenger tyres.

Each year, Australia generates 450,000 tonnes of end-of-life tyres, of which 75% is from passenger cars, buses and trucks. We encourage all tyre retailers, recyclers and collectors to become familiar with the requirements for end-of-life tyres well ahead of the waste tyre export ban.

Tyre Stewardship Australia may be able to assist with information, assistance and potentially support with end markets for tyres. Further information is available online at www.tyrestewardship.org.au.

Mareeba Shire Council will continue to investigate and take compliance action, including issuing fines, to those who illegally dump tyres and we encourage the community to report any illegal dumping activity.

Project Update

Council continues to work towards the completion of water, waste and sewerage projects across the Shire, with a budget of \$28.7M for new projects in the 21/22 financial year.

The Hilltop Close booster station and pipeline project is one such example. The \$675,000 Council-funded project will include the supply and installation of a new pipeline, alterations to the existing water network and additions to the booster pump station which services the Warril Drive area of Kuranda.

Another project in the Warril Drive area is underway to replace the water main and ensure ongoing water supply to properties.



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Extent of works

Kuranda Barang Street Water Main Reticulation Upgrade Works

Mareeba Shire Council would like to inform residents that upgrade works to the Kuranda Barang Street Water Main Reticulation Network are planned to start in mid-October. Works are expected to continue until March 2022.

Mareeba Shire Council will have a contractor working on the new water main in between Rob Veivers Drive and Arara Street.

The 2021-2022 capital works program includes an allocation to replace the failed existing water main on Barang Street to maintain ongoing water supply for properties.

This section of water main was identified for replacement following numerous main breaks occurring in the past few years. The work involves the installation of a new water main and service connections, valving and hydrants. The area of disturbance will be kept to a minimum by locating the new pipe underneath road surfaces and by boring underground.

Please be advised that there will be changed traffic conditions to Barang Street during these works.

Council asks that all road users drive to conditions, heed traffic management directions and value the safety of our workers. Mareeba Shire Council appreciates your patience while the water main is upgraded.

For further information, please phone Council on 1300 308 461.

Weed Management

Weed management is a critical issue for Council, and our practices are continually reviewed.

Recently, the Kuranda CBD was the location of a steam weeding trial to compare the effectiveness and costs of steam weeding to an organic species-specific non-glyphosate herbicide treatment.

The results of steam weeding were inconsistent, and the cost was almost seven times greater than that of using a species-specific non-glyphosate herbicide treatment. In this case, the time and cost associated with steam weeding, along with the lack of consistent results means that Council will not continue with the use of the steam weeder in Kuranda.

Council implements many weed management strategies including cultivation, mechanical, biological, steam, fire and chemical controls. The preference is to use selective sprays that affect the target species with glyphosate being used only when it has been identified as the most appropriate control measure.

Electric ants are active in the Kuranda region

Electric ants are one of the world's worst invasive species. If left undetected and allowed to spread, they have the potential to severely damage our environment and impact our outdoor way of life.

The National Electric Ant Eradication Program is encouraging all local residents to be on the alert for this tiny ant.

Nearly 30 infestations of electric ants have been found in the Kuranda, Koah and Speewah area over recent years. The vast majority of these infestations have been treated and cleared but the frequency of infestations means that the Kuranda region continues to be a 'hotspot' for electric ant activity.

Electric ants may be tiny, but they pack a venomous, painful sting which they use to attack and displace our native ant species, other insects and native wildlife, as well as inflicting painful stings on humans and pets.

Native to Central and South America, electric ants have spread to many countries around the world causing significant environmental problems. They are a major threat to the tortoise populations in the Galapagos Archipelago, where electric ants eat the hatchlings and attack the eyes and cloacae of adult tortoises and are also thought to have reduced reptile populations in New Caledonia.

Don't take the risk with electric ants – book your free yard check!

Because electric ants are so hard to spot, at just 1–1.5 mm in size, they may be in your backyard without you knowing.

Free yard checks are available from the friendly team at the National Electric Ant Eradication Program run by Biosecurity Queensland. The check only takes an hour, it is



completely free and will give you peace of mind in knowing whether or not you have electric ants around.

If electric ants are detected, all the subsequent treatment is free as well.

Act now to protect your family, your community and your environment

Don't wait until you have been stung by something or think you may have seen them before getting a check for electric ants. The team would much prefer to check and confirm that you don't have electric ants than find an established infestation due to putting off the call. The sooner they are found, the quicker they can be eradicated!

Book your free yard check today by calling 13 25 23 or visiting daf.qld.gov.au/anthunt

Help from the community in searching for this dangerous pest will give the best possible chance of successfully eradicating electric ants from Far North Queensland.

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Community Spirit

The children had some VIP visitors this term when they invited their dads, grandads and uncles to Kindy to celebrate Father's Day. For the VIPs, it was a nice opportunity to look at what their child has been doing at Kindy and spend a little quality time with them.

The science corner has been a popular spot for the children and parents this term, where there are bones, large shells, snake skins and all sorts of wonders from the natural world to explore. It certainly is a good place for children to spark and follow their curiosity.



Science Corner

We had a fun visit from David Millward, Queensland Rail Education Officer, who spoke to the children about rail safety. This was a nice complement to Wheelie Wednesdays where the children learned about road safety during the term.

We wore white to Kindy (a risky endeavour!) in support of child protection on White Balloon Day in September. Thank you to all the staff and families who were able to donate, show support and help raise awareness for the cause.

The children walked the plank when we ended Term 3 with pirate parties. They had fun dressing up as pirates for the day, playing pirate tug-of-war, doing sack races and importantly following the map to find and dig for Captain Blackbeard's treasure in the sandpit.

Zarina and Jenna from Kuranda District State College (KDSC) spent a week helping out at Kindy for their Year 10 work experience. Both girls are past students of the kindy so it was extra special to have them join us for the week and the staff appreciated the extra helping hands, especially with all the pirates running around!



Jenna, Zarina and children taking a break on Wheelie Wednesday

We wish all our families a well-deserved break in the holidays before we head in to another busy, last term of the year. There will be a working bee, visits to the Prep classroom at KDSC, excursions in the community, water play in the garden and Graduation, on top of all the regular play-based learning that happens on a daily basis at kindy.

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for 2022 for three and four-year-olds. We offer two groups: Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays or alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, both from 8.20am–2.30pm.

We also have limited vacancies remaining for Term 4, which we are able to offer to children who turned four by 30 June 2021. These places are offered at a heavily reduced rate (\$80 for the term), with thanks to one-off funding by The Department of Education.

Enquire now! Drop in or get in touch on 4093 8087 or kcka@westnet.com.au.



Children playing in creek bed

Expressions of Interest

Planning is getting underway for a special Kindy Christmas Carols event in December.

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Kuranda District State College

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Prep Experience Days and Parent Information Sessions

KDSC invites you and your child to attend the Prep classroom to have fun while exploring age-appropriate pedagogy learning activities. Join us for a snack break afterwards. Day Care and Kindy service providers welcome. All children will be required to bring a hat.

- Djama Group: Tuesday 26th October 2021 9:00am – 11:00am
- Bundarra Group: Thursday 11th November 2021 9:00am – 11:00am



Community Enrolment Visits

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

- Mantaka Pony Club: Wednesday 27th October 11:30am – 12:30pm



Kindy Enrolment Days

Keep your eyes open for information about in-house enrolment opportunities at Kindy with KDSC staff.



Please contact the school office for further details or to collect an enrolment pack.

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Shelley Bowen, Education Director at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School explains “Steiner education carries a deep understanding of the different phases of a child’s development and as a result, learning meets the child in a natural way rather than it being put upon them.”

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The teachers strive to create a supportive learning environment through a broad, integrated curriculum with a diverse range of experiences. This allows students to build upon and explore their inner strengths, talents, and passions whilst also developing the areas that challenge them. This rich learning experience supports students to become balanced, responsible, empathetic and self-aware citizens who can face and resolve problems and envision innovative ideas; the building blocks for successfully transitioning into adulthood.

“Steiner education places great emphasis on working with the imagination, which is such a powerful cognitive force in young people.” says Shelley Bowen, “this fostering of imagination in young people leads to the possibility of seeing alternative solutions in adult life, as well as developing their social and emotional resilience.”



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Kuranda Traders Association

Seeking Event Coordinator

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for an Event Coordinator (paid position) to assist in the planning and execution of Community Engagement Events in Kuranda Village. With Christmas fast approaching, and continuing on from the success of our Twilight Trading Event in December 2020, we wish to once again plan a locally based Christmas Celebration for 2021. Please contact the Kuranda Traders Association on kta@kuranda.org for further information.

Seeking Local Photographer

The Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) is seeking expressions of interests from Kuranda photographers to provide 250 high resolution photos of Kuranda (including nature shots, vistas, Kuranda walks, attractions, characters, art, businesses etc) for the KTA to use on the Kuranda Village Instagram and Facebook platforms and the kuranda.org website. These photos would be to promote Kuranda as a destination for visitors. We are seeking interesting images that reflect our Village.

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Congratulations Kuranda Amphitheatre

The KTA would like to congratulate the Kuranda Amphitheatre on 40 years of providing Kuranda with one of the most stunning venues in Far North Queensland. The dedication and perseverance of this hard working committee throughout the trying times of 2020 and 2021, will hopefully result in a renewed community interest in protecting this asset for future generations. We are committed to supporting this and other entertainment and trading entities in Kuranda to create exciting ventures and foster community spirit for all Kuranda residents.

Would you like to join the KTA?

If you would like to become a Supporter or Financial member of the Kuranda Traders Association our application form can be found on our Facebook page, or email us at kta@kuranda.org

*This Eastern Great Egret is a frequent visitor to the Village and always a delight to encounter.
Photo: Rosalie Rusch – 5 September 2021*

LAST SERVES FOR CLIFF THE ICE CREAM MAN



Cliff Timmins in his ice cream van. Photo: Graham Nicholson

Well-known Kuranda identity, Cliff Timmins, is giving up his ice cream van in Therwine Street after 29 years' service. His delicious many flavoured treats will be missed along with his ready smile.

Cliff is an old sailor, having spent 10 years in the Australian Navy. He served in Konfrontasi on the island of Borneo and the Malay Peninsula, in the Vietnam War and was on four warships. After that, he worked for 22 years with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and worked on a variety of maritime safety installations.

Then he came to Kuranda, and became the friendly face offering delicious homemade ice cream at the iconic red van outside the markets on Therwine Street, so well known to locals and visitors. After such a long time, he wants to retire and the van will close permanently.

We wish him the very best.

By Graham Nicholson



TRACQS SHOP GRAND OPENING

The official shop opening for TRACQS Creative Communities, held in Kuranda on 22 September, was a spectacular and enjoyable day for all those who attended.

A big thank you to Barry Hunter for the Welcome to Country and cutting of the ribbon to officially open the shop, with TRACQS General Manager Simon Rodgers, and also the young Mayi Wumba dancers for treating the crowd with their Warrima. Thanks to all the staff members who came out to help and of course to all the locals who supported the opening!

Special acknowledgement to NIAA (National Indigenous Australian Agency) supporting Community Development initiatives, developing the entrepreneurial aspirations of our participants within activities. Contact TRACQS to find out more or visit our gallery at 40 Coondoo Street. Monday to Thursdays from 9am–2pm. Hope to see you there.

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LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

SPROUT JUICE & COFFEE BAR

As part of an ongoing series profiling our local advertisers, *The Kuranda Paper* asked Dei Gould how her local business began and how she's found the past 18 months.



Dei Gould of Sprout Juice & Coffee Bar.. Photo: Supplied

How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

Five years from 1 September 2016.

How did you come to be in Kuranda?

Originally from New Zealand, I have lived in FNQ since 1999 after travelling around Europe and Asia throughout my 20s. I lived at the beach at Yorkeys Knob, which was a great place to bring up my two children with my partner, and then was incredibly lucky to find a beautiful property in Koah in 2005, moving in permanently in 2010.

How did you come to start your business and what was your vision?

I was on a sabbatical from the aviation industry and was helping out the original owners of the café for a few weeks whilst they were waiting for their new cook to arrive. They soon realised that they did not have the skill set to continue to run the business, so I put in an offer to purchase it from them.

My vision was to create a local hub that was a welcoming stop for great coffee and fresh tasty food at a reasonable price. I had plenty of experience in hospitality from years of travelling and picking up cooking jobs in different countries. The business side of things was the biggest learning curve, but I love a good challenge so just got on with it with lots of support and advice from some really kind and generous people, in particular my live-in handyman Mac.

What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business?

Has to be getting to know the extremely eclectic local community, and my wonderful staff—and of course the coffee!

What community endeavours/causes are you involved in or have a passion for?

Having my children has seen me volunteer for all sorts of crazy stuff – Playgroup Coordinator, school trips, sporting activities, managing footy teams, dancing make up (not my finest moment), P&Cs and lots and lots of first aid to many children over the years. It was the best way to meet some cool people over the years, and I have still remained friends with so many of them.

The Kuranda Traders Association has morphed into something much more than was first

envisioned from such a small beginning and continues to keep me quite busy on top of running the café. There is a great bunch of people involved from all areas of Kuranda and I feel we have, and will, achieve some great outcomes for the Kuranda Village.

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

Just rolling with the punches like everyone else and trying to keep the business viable and my staff employed. I am also trying to not do anything too different to ensure the relaxed atmosphere is retained for my customers, whilst still maintaining a safe environment for all customers, staff and suppliers.

TRAIN SCHEDULE CHANGES

Kuranda Scenic Railway has changed its maintenance days in October from a Thursday and Friday, to a Monday and Tuesday, to limit the trading impact on the Kuranda traders, as markets and a proportion of businesses are currently closed on these days.



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SPEEWAH TO THE "HAT" CHARITY WALK 2021



"Speewah to The Hat – Walk for a Cause 2021" has been run and done with huge success. We raised \$5345 after costs for three very deserving recipients.

Our major recipient this year was Mary Von K from Speewah, who is in desperate need of a new hip and is forced to pay for it through the private sector as she simply can't wait. Mary has been a very generous soul to everyone else before her, so this is her turn to get a hand up from the rest of us. Mary received just a whisker under \$3600 towards her surgery.

The Speewah District Residents Association was our second recipient this year in order to purchase a commemorative plaque for the late Bob Madden who was a massive contributor to our community over many decades! \$250 had already been raised, and another \$750 needed to get the job done, so that is exactly what we all raised for the association. Looking forward to seeing the new plaque in place.

Last, but not least, we were able to provide \$1000 to a family in Redlynch (Chris and Rick) who have taken on their late friend Sara's young children after she suffered a stroke on her morning run a few weeks ago and unfortunately did not make it. Sara was a single mother and a dedicated teacher at Freshwater State School. Our donation will hopefully ease the burden just a little.

A massive shout out to everyone who helped me make it happen again this year, as it takes a bit of effort to execute an event of this type.

THANK YOU to all the businesses and locals who got behind us again this year to make it our most successful walk yet. A special mention to Rose, Tom and the crew at The Red Beret Hotel for everything they have done for us over the last eight years we have run this event. They are exceptional every time. And, of course, we can't do it without all the walkers so a big thanks to all of you legends too.

Thanks to everyone involved.

Mick Dowling, Speewah Farmall



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SPEEWAH TO REDLYNCH done and dusted



The Speewah District Residents Association

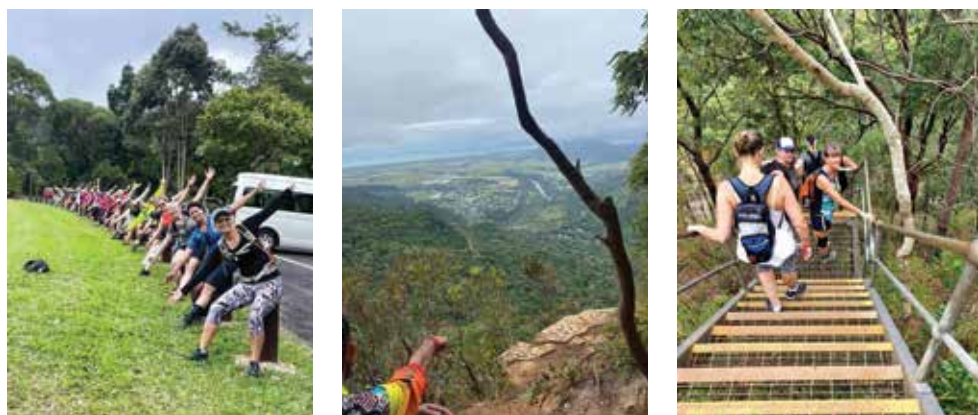
Community Spirit a Common Thread for Speewah


The annual 'Track to the Hat' fundraising for charity walk organised by Mick Dowling from Farmall, is yet another manifestation of community spirit that makes Speewah such a special place where people contribute their time, expertise, and energy for the neighbourhood and beyond.

Each year Mick works tirelessly to raise money for people in need, and this year raised \$3,600 towards a hip operation for a local lady, \$1,000 for assistance for some children at Redlynch who tragically lost their mother, and \$750 towards the plaque for the late, great Bob Madden, veteran chairman of the Speewah District Residents Association (SDRA). The SDRA has been raising money towards this plaque for the wall of the training room of the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade to honour and commemorate Bob's enormous contribution to the Speewah neighbourhood and this generous donation will make it happen!

Many of you who knew Bob Madden knew someone who listened to you, who not only worked for the Speewah neighbourhood but also for the greater Kuranda district. Bob's attitude towards the world reflected the ethos of 'think globally, act locally' as a true visionary. He was the 'TV man' who worked with Council for a TV tower at Speewah and was constantly helping individuals with their television reception in the neighbourhood. He used his profound knowledge of telecommunications and tenacious 'behind the scenes' negotiating skills to work with Federal Member for Leichhardt, the Honourable Warren Entsch to get mobile reception for the Speewah area. His widow, Maree said that Bob "liked people and he liked helping people."

Such altruism and community spirit are the glue for social cohesion at Speewah and evident from the actions of many people (many of them quiet achievers) and groups such as the SRFB (of which Bob was a long-term member) and is mirrored in Mick Dowling's Track to the Hat walk. The SDRA is wholeheartedly grateful to Mick and all who contributed to make this event successful.





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A Grinter's Tale

If you want to give your teenager something of great value, buy them a Five Year Diary. They will probably groan, but they only have to write three or four very short lines a night, and in 20, 30 and 40 years, they will have a ripping yarn.

I don't know who gave me my first such diary, but I just found it the other day — 1970-1975! I told a young guy at work today, and he looked at me as if I was a time traveller.

The diary has surfaced over the years and travelled with me on holiday all over Europe as a teen. Its descendants have lived variously in the UK, Africa, Australia and the UAE, seven suburbs of Sydney, Cairns city, Clifton Beach and Speewah. Like my Rolling Stones *Made in the Shade* LP and my first teddy, they have stuck with me through thick and thin.

It's hard to describe the value of the entertainment that comes from reading about how stupid you were in your teens, and in my case, there's no improvement there, but you just can't have any regrets. It's too late to be embarrassed, you just have to laugh at yourself and consider all the valuable lessons you have learned from the many experiences you've clocked up over decades.

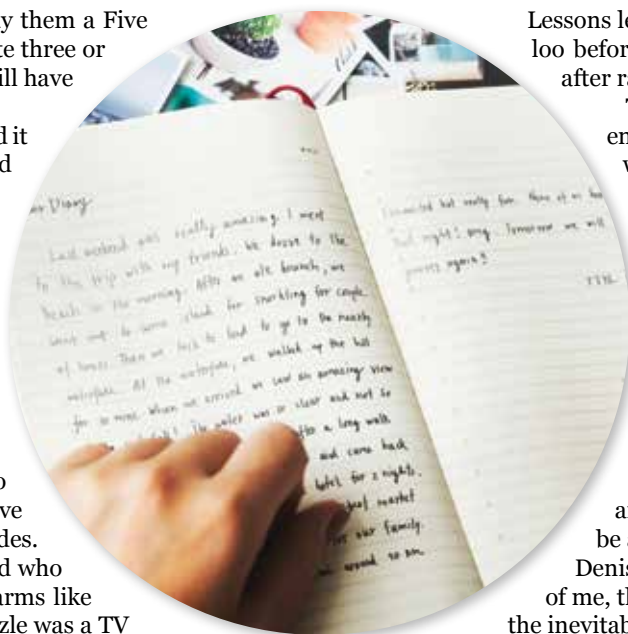
Take for instance my first boyfriend, well, the first boyfriend who actually owned a car. Peter was extremely tall, with legs and arms like Twizzle. For the uninformed, of which there will be many, Twizzle was a TV star boy doll who could extend his legs and arms at the drop of a hat, and often did. I must point out he was a cartoon, maybe I should say an ancient avatar. I think we might still have been on black and white TV and I also think he was modelled on Peter. I can say that with impunity as it highly unlikely that Peter Bell from deepest Essex will be reading *The Kuranda Paper*, although its reputation for fine journalism has spread far and wide. Perhaps not as far as rural Essex though.

Now Peter had a car, but incongruously, it was a Morris Mini. I think we had to use a mallet to get him in, and an industrial vacuum to get him out. Being too maxi for a mini proved to be his downfall, as Peter drove us off a corner on a dark winter's night in the depths of the Essex countryside. We flew over a ditch only to be lanced on the other side by a gigantic tree bough crashing through the windscreens like a jousting lance. The sides of the window and some of the car were peeled away by its branches at speed, the arterial limb miraculously spearing the car lengthwise straight between us. All I had was a big scratch on my nose. All Peter had was a flattened ego and a flattened car, but fortunately no flattened limbs. I never told my parents as they thought he was the bee's knees.

So, I learned not to date tall boys with small cars, even if it was a Ferrari. That went by the wayside when my husband bought a Porsche 911, but it was too late to apply what I had learned by then. In any case, that was short lived as myself and daughter Jess were banned from the black devil after three-year-old Jess vomited on its floor. From memory there wasn't enough room in the back for a sick bag never mind a three-year-old and in any event, it didn't impress me much. Just before his US\$80,000 purchase of the 911, he bought me my first four wheel drive, a Lada Niva, cheapest car in the universe, vaguely related to a lawn mower.

Back to the diary, and it's 1972 and I'm reading about the first of two youth hostelling holidays in Devon and Cornwall. This one was with schoolfriend Gill. She was a real girly girl, and half the time I had to lug her backpack, so we always arrived at hostels with her looking gorgeous and composed, not a hair out of place, while I was sweaty, red faced and no fun.

Against my better judgement, we hired a rowing boat on the River Dart at Dartmouth. It was fine actually, well, for at least three minutes, then just as we got a bit of a rhythm going with the rowing, Gill dropped her oar. We started near the banks of the river, but anyone who knows Dartmouth would know that huge ships make their way into Dart Harbour and we were heading out midstream in the path of said vessels. Talking of midstream, while I frantically tried to steer the boat with one oar, Gill started giggling and then told me she needed a pee. This did not bode well. Firstly, she obviously had no idea of the gravity of our plight, and secondly she was renowned for giggling so much she would wet herself. The rest is history.



Lessons learned – choose your travel companions wisely, always go to the loo before embarking on adventures (including driving down the range after rain), and paddle your own canoe.

The next youth hostelling adventure in 1974 was even more entertaining. My travelling companion this time was Denise. We were older and wiser and Denise was not prone to wetting herself at inappropriate moments. Denise was far more intelligent than me, a real swot and high achiever. I wouldn't go as far as to say she could save us from a wolf attack, but she would most likely outsmart them. She also carried her own backpack, probably because we were in fact driving around the West Country in her father's beloved Triumph Herald. Now, I'm not a control freak (well, maybe a little bit of one) but I so very badly wanted to take over the driving. Denise drove through the narrow country lanes as if she was at Sandown Raceway. If you have ever driven down the country lanes of England, you will know that many of them are bordered by thick high hedges and only wide enough for one car. Denise proved this last fact to be a fallacy. My jaw was so tightly clenched, my head ached. Asking Denise to slow down was like putting salted caramel ice cream in front of me, then saying "Don't touch it!". I whimpered audibly and waited for the inevitable.

We rounded a blind corner and there, on the next straight section was a car coming towards us. I pushed my foot so hard to the floor I swear I dented the metal under the car mat. Denise headed straight for the gap that wasn't there. Did she think she was Moses? I still don't know how she managed it, but in writing off her father's pride and joy, she managed to destroy the seemingly impenetrable hedge to the extent that we were jammed into the narrow lane side by side with, you guessed it, a brand new Audi. The driver, a man, was sitting adjacent to her facing in the opposite direction and staring ahead, speechless. But the wife, oh the wife! She was half way across his lap, puce in the face, beating at the window with her fists, yelling obscenities at us good convent school girls to whom this was a foreign language. But the irony was that the wife could not tear Denise's throat out, as none of us could open a door. We were all jammed in like the contents of a Big Mac. The rest of the story is a story in itself, involving cars being pulled out in opposite directions by tow vehicles, while Denise and I planned our getaway and said our Hail Marys.

Lesson learned. If you must crash into another car, don't pick an Audi, and don't do it in your father's car.

It's an absolute ripper yarn, a five year diary. You only get four lines for each day so it only takes a moment to recap the day just before you go to sleep, and oh what a joy reliving those years of youth. Many, many years on, I'm seeing names that I have tried for years to remember, I'm remembering the séance we held at a schoolfriend's house, when her mother's crystal liqueur glass shot off the table and broke in mid air before it reached the deep pile carpet. Her cat screeched, we screeched and we all fled the house, not coming home until her mother returned from work. I'm remembering school outings to Aylesford Friary, with four church services a day and carols in the coach, while our friends did the seaside excursion and sang Beatles' songs en route.

From those two events, I learned that cats are highly sensitive to weirdness and it doesn't pay to mess with Ouija and that singing, no matter what it is, makes you feel good.

The beauty of these recollections is that the scene comes alive. I can see Gill giggling, standing up in the boat causing it to rock precariously. I remember the Christmas lights twinkling in the window of the farmhouse that Peter and I stumbled towards after our accident in the wilds of Essex. I recall the exact expression on Denise's face when I asked her to slow down. I remember the leathery smell of her dad's beloved Triumph Herald before it died on a country lane.

I highly recommend you take up the habit and encourage your children to record their life and thoughts each day. I regret the years when I lapsed. They were probably my most exciting.

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CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR PUTS HEALTH FIRST IN FULL DIGITAL PIVOT

Australia’s premier Art Fair and Queensland’s quintessential celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is putting the health and safety of community first, announcing it will present a high-quality digital experience in November 2021.

In considering current border closures and the continuing COVID-19 crisis in Australia, the CIAF Board have decided this year’s event, postponed last month to November, will be exclusively presented online. CIAF Chair, Tom Mosby said current outbreaks of COVID-19 and state border closures pose several challenges.

“While lockdowns and interstate travel restrictions prevent visitors and art buyers from attending the actual event, we have a responsibility to our artists and communities to protect their health and safety, at the same time, trying to overcome the economic implications.

“We are fortunate, that as an organisation, we are creative and resourceful. We also know what to expect in presenting our event online and have the benefit of experience in doing just that in 2020, and with great success.

“We always intended that 2021 would signal the return of our physical program, albeit in tandem with a strong digital presence. We are therefore disappointed but ready and able to redirect all our resources to digital technology – ensuring the program is colourful, engaging and reflects the joyful spirit of the CIAF we all know and love,” Mr Mosby said.

Notably, CIAF 2020’s evolution to deliver an online program, incorporating a combination of pre-recorded and live streamed performances, presentations, webinars and workshops, hit the mark and was accessed by more than 2.5 million devices in 85 countries.

Starting on Wednesday 10 November 2021, the digital program will launch with the presentation of this year’s *Sacred* themed Art Fair, then, for the next four days, online audiences will be treated to an engaging selection of recorded and live streamed arts and cultural content mirroring the physical program and modelled on 2020’s successful digital iteration.

“Between Wednesday 10 November and Friday 19 November 2021, artist talks, community spotlights, music and dance performances and the highly anticipated fashion presentation filmed on Country, will be delivered to the world to enjoy,” he said.

In advance of November’s digital presentation, CIAF has launched its e-commerce platform this week, inviting collectors and buyers to browse and purchase Queensland’s best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art online.

Following CIAF’s 2021 exhibition *Where’s Your Permit?* held at Tanks Arts Centre last month, the CIAF Shop is now live, featuring all 60 artworks to view and purchase at leisure and from the convenience of a personal device. Art works from November’s *Sacred* themed Art Fair exhibition will also be added on Wednesday 10 November in line with the online program launch.

Details of CIAF’s digital programming will be released online and via CIAF socials in the coming months. For more, visit www.ciaf.com.au

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Klaus Brucksch is known for his many leadlighting commissions and restorations in Australia, specialising in ecclesiastical designs. Klaus' leadlighting expertise can be



Klaus Brucksch's pendant, crystal opal, Nowyah nut, and pendant

seen in St Saviour's Church, Kuranda. A colourful window undertaken for the church's centenary. He spent many years in Tasmania before moving to Kuranda in 2005 where new inspirations were found in Queensland's precious boulder opal. Inspired by these opals, and following on from his lead lighting career, he developed a new form of glass fusing to create intricate and unique glass pendants and ornaments with brilliant colours and fused gold. The gold is real gold. It is dissolved in a chemical solution that is brushed onto the glass. It is then fired in a kiln at around 800 degrees in a fusing process. The solution burns off while the gold bonds with the glass and keeps its colour forever. The results are stunning. Klaus also cuts and polishes opals.

Great village feedback

One of our members received this note from a happy customer who bought Henri Hunsinger's famous cow print.

"I am consciously aware of his singular whimsical style and power of colour and Teval's print lifts my spirit every time I walk into the room.

I have lovely memories of my visit to Kuranda and all the tropical colours. I really appreciated the friendliness of the shop keepers in Kuranda and the healthy food available that met my specific needs."

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"Kookacow" by Henri Hunsinger

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"There is such a connection between stopping militarism and stopping climate disaster.

Here are three important connections:

- 1. It's the threat of guns and bombs and terror from the military that keeps everybody doing what they are told: consenting and obeying this crazy system.*
- 2. The people with the military equipment and training enforce the extraction of fossil fuels for the companies. So if First Nations people say "No! No, you can't deforest my land. You can't rob my soils and steal the coal or gold or copper!" then those people are terrorised by the military or the militarised police.*
- 3. This already happened in this country to First Nations peoples – that's why people are scared to stand up.*

These are the most IMPORTANT connections between climate and militarism, I think. But there are more OBVIOUS connections .

- 1. The US military are the biggest users of fossil fuels.*
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Do you live on a property on the edge of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area? Would you like support caring for the wildlife and biodiversity there? Perhaps recording the animals with which you share the land? If so, do get in touch.

a whole country's emissions. If they were a country, they would be the 49th biggest carbon emitter. (Ref: www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/06/190620100005.htm)

- 3. The US military are massive poisoners and killers of ecosystems; agricultural land, rivers and destroyers of urban environments. (Ref: www.ecowatch.com/military-largest-polluter-2408760609.html)*

I work on a campaign with West Papuan friends. West Papuan people know what they want on their land and have a huge nonviolence movement. Their land is being deforested and Indonesian Police and military are killing people – terrorising people so they can continue to take control of their land for the corporations. Like Aboriginal people they are perfectly capable of organising their rich resources in the way they want. They are trying to stop the corporations stealing their resources and deforesting their lands. It makes sense that they control what they can. We are working to support West Papuans who have asked Australians to stop supplying Indonesia with weapons."

ACTION: Follow #PapuanLivesMatter. Make West Papua Safe is our campaign. Find us on Facebook and join up at www.wagepeaceau.org

Stop the Nuclear Submarines.

Shocked that Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines as part of the new triad AUKUS?

ACTION: Sign the FoE Australia petition at www.foe.org.au/nonuclearsubs and get involved.

NEXT FoE FNQ MEETING:

Wednesday 13 October 6.30pm via Zoom. with a focus on the Guardians of the Wet Tropics Project. Find out how you can help – and how we can support you. Everyone welcome. To join us, contact Margaret beforehand on 0403 214 422 email pestorium@gmail.com

Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News

Buluwai Stories

The Buluwai Stories history series are short stories about Buluwanydji people, artefacts, dreamtime stories and other interesting facts. These are now published on the website at www.buluwai.org/buluwai-stories. Norman Tindale (1900–1993) spent 50 years travelling around Australia recording Aboriginal tribes ("Tindale Tribes"): their boundaries, languages, genealogies, artefacts, photographs, videos, hair samples and much more. He created an astounding catalogue of Aboriginal Tribes of Australia, a detailed snapshot that remains accessible today at the South Australia Museum. Tindale demonstrated every square kilometre of the vast Australian landscape was managed by sophisticated tribal societies, with intricate connections to their own country, and their neighbouring tribes through kinship marriage lore.

Buluwai Digital Library

As part of the Looking After Country Grant 2020 we asked local Kuranda landscape photographer Steven Nowakowski to explore Buluwai Country! The result is a magnificent set of photographs and video that are available for regional government, media and marketers to use as stock images. The library is on the website at www.buluwai.org/digital-library.

If you would like to find out more about the corporation's activities, get a membership form, Cairns Regional Claim (CRC) Buluwai areas of responsibility or any other matter relating to the Buluwai tribe, Dianne Brim can be reached on 0459 062 784.

Meetings

**10am–12pm, Saturdays @ Kuranda Amphitheatre
2021 Dates: 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec.**



*Elders Maggie Donahue (Djabugay) and Cecil Brim (Buluwai) photographed at Kuranda's first NAIDOC March in 1983, and organisers young Willie Brim and Uncle Lyn Hobbler.
Photo: Buluwai Digital Library*



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Chrissy Grant and Leslie Shirreffs

FIRST INDIGENOUS CHAIR APPOINTED TO WET TROPICS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

The Wet Tropics Management Authority is celebrating the appointment of two Rainforest Aboriginal women to its Board.

An Eastern Kuku Yalanji woman has been appointed as the new incoming Chair, while Ms Ailsa Lively, a Gunggandji woman, has been appointed as a Director of the Wet Tropics Management Authority Board.

Ms Chrissy Grant, who has more than 35 years' experience working with national and international issues of World Heritage, Indigenous Peoples, natural and cultural management and biological diversity, is the Authority's first ever Indigenous Chair of the Board of Directors as of 24 September 2021.

Ms Lively is a Gunggandji woman with strong cultural connections to both the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas.

In welcoming the appointment, Ms Shirreffs said "Ms Lively has extensive board and committee experience and has been involved in significant community development and leadership work with the Yarrabah community.

"She has broad experience across Indigenous organisations and local government, including as former Deputy CEO of Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council," she said.

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority

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Ecosanctuaries and Predator free NZ 2050 – Experience and vision (submitted by Grounded Kiwi)

This edition celebrates the Amphitheatre and the great vision of people who made it happen. It reminded me how in New Zealand (NZ) a country-wide vision has repaired the environment.

New Zealand now has more than 80 ecosanctuaries. They have one important thing in common, the opportunity to see native birds thriving in their natural habitat. This was not the case when I was growing up in the 1960s.

I could count on my fingers the number of native bird species I heard while hiking. I knew the calls well, courtesy of the radio, but had never heard a bellbird, stichbird, keruru, kokako, kakariki or kakapo in the wild. The radio was it for most of us, with little habitat left from land clearing and no safe habitat for the majority of ground hugging native birds, evolving without mammalian predators when NZ broke off from Gondwanaland. Introduced pest animals like rats, stoats, ferrets, weasels and the Australian brush tailed possum, decimated these birds.

The very first rat eradication operation in 1960 was on the tiny 2ha Ruapuke islet in the Hauraki Gulf. In 2001, all rats were removed from 11,300ha sub-antarctic Campbell Island, and now more than 110 of NZ islands are free from pests. Lessons learned on the islands are now applied to the mainland, through wildlife sanctuaries – both fenced, (like Wellington's Zealandia) and unfenced (like Te Urewera 'mainland island'). Pest control techniques are constantly refined and more effective. Possums are now so well controlled that NZ farms are close to being free from Bovine

Tuberculosis.

Some visionaries realised that not control but eradication was needed. The imagination of some influential NZers was fired and 'New Zealand's moonshot', The Predator Free NZ Trust was born. Volunteers stepped up pest and weed control in Abel Tasman National Park and reintroduced long disappeared threatened species, such as whio (blue duck)



and the parrots kākā and kākāriki.

Recognising growing public appetite for more action to protect native biodiversity, the NZ Prime Minister, in 2015, announced the creation of Predator Free 2050 Ltd, a charity to direct Crown investment to rid forests of five predatorspecies by 2050. I've been overjoyed in the past 10 years on bush walks to hear and see some of those 'disappeared' birds. Maybe I'll be around to hear again what Captain Cook described as the "deafening" dawn chorus.

Happy birthday Amphitheatre!



Saddleback. Photo: Rob Lynch, NZ Birds online 2013

Speaker meeting – Barry Muir on Fundamental Fungi

Thursday 7 October
at
Kuranda
Recreation Centre,
Fallon Road



Barry's talk will discuss the two types of mycorrhizae and what each does, the mechanism by which the plants and fungi communicate, and how we can turn that to our advantage to improve crops and gardens.

About Barry Muir: he is a widely travelled and published ecologist and university lecturer, now retired. His interest is in environmental education and the role of fungi in the environment.

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Saturday working bees. Working bees resume as the wet season approaches.

3 October. Kuranda Envirocare Stall at the 40th Kuranda Amphitheatre celebration.

20–27 October Frog monitoring. Monitoring starts after 7pm. Check our Facebook page for dates and sites or call 0419 624 940.

We are the invasive resist-ants



Welcome Luna and Pretzel

Fury, the Wet Tropics Management Authority's first odour detection dog has new canine friends to join her in the field. Meet Luna and Pretzel, the newest recruits and the canine frontline for the Authority's yellow crazy ant eradication program. Luna and Pretzel arrived in early September 2021 from Brisbane, where they received yellow crazy ant odour detection training from Credible Canines Pty Ltd. Both Luna and Pretzel are female black Labrador Retrievers. Luna is two and Pretzel is three years old.



Lunar and Pretzel

Dog handler, Stuart Biggs will take on Pretzel as his second working dog, alongside Fury. Israel Hajbi, the second dog handler who joined the Authority earlier this year, will be the handler for new teammate, Luna (pictured) and both are already forming a strong bond.

The dogs and handlers were sent to Townsville for training which involved transitioning the dogs from detecting yellow crazy ant odour on dollies and botanicals to detecting live yellow crazy ants in the field. The Authority's program has reduced yellow crazy ant numbers in the Cairns region to the point where there are insufficient sites that can reliably provide ants for this transition training. When the dogs can successfully transition to detecting live ants in the field, they will then go through a validation process.

Validation is a series of tests to ensure the dogs are detecting yellow crazy ants in different settings and environments. If Luna and Pretzel can pass validation, they will be approved to work in the field.

Odour detection dogs improve the detection rate when normal survey methods can't detect low numbers of remaining yellow crazy ants.

Minister David Littleproud pays a visit

The Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, the Honourable David Littleproud, got up close and personal with yellow crazy ants early in September, to learn first-hand about the efforts to eradicate them from the Wet Tropics Area and environs. While in Cairns, he met with the Authority's yellow crazy ant eradication team and representatives of the sugar industry. The Minister learned about how the Authority works with the community to eradicate yellow crazy ants and reduce the risk of moving them during farming operations.

Sugar cane accounts for 33% of the total area treated for yellow crazy ants and farmers are the first line of defence for the World Heritage Area. Minister Littleproud also took the opportunity to join local sugar cane harvesting contractor David Veronese, in his harvester, to hear first-hand how yellow crazy ants impact on local agriculture, and the long-standing partnership between the sugar industry and the Authority.

Kuranda Amphitheatre celebrates 40 years

Kuranda Amphitheatre is celebrating 40 years and the Taskforce will be there with a yellow crazy ant stall.

WHERE: Kuranda Amphitheatre

WHEN: Sunday 3 October 2021 from 12 noon–6pm.

If you would like to get involved or volunteer please contact coordinator@communitytaskforce.com



Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce stall Steiner Spring Fair 2021

Cairns and Hinterland Steiner School Spring Fair

The Taskforce joined with Mike Greasley from Biosecurity Queensland's National Electric Ant Eradication Program, to attend the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School Spring Fair. Almost 40 people visited our stall and we received requests for five back yard checks from residents in Kuranda and North Cairns. Kuranda has both yellow crazy ants and electric ant infestations, which is why it's so important for our community to be aware of these invasive ants and report them. A huge thanks to our two volunteers, Tim and Bernd, for representing the Community Taskforce at the Spring Fair.

FUN FACT:

Did you know? The male yellow crazy ant has wings, is rarely seen because he does not contribute to colony foraging or maintenance? His sole purpose is to mate!

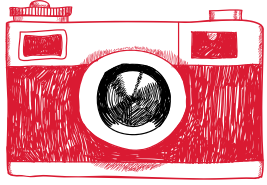
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Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce
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FOCUS ON KURANDA

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



Sleeping Blue-banded Bees
Alan Henderson (21 September)



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Thank you, Mel Nikolich
Manager, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, Kuranda



Left & right:
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Common
Eggfly female
and male.



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In our local area, there are all sorts of animals that live in all sorts of places. Some live deep under the ground, burrowing into the dirt and rarely seeing sunlight. Some live under rocks and logs, and still others spend most of their lives soaring around in the skies, appearing to us as far-off specks. And then, there are the ones that live somewhere in between – climbing up trees and rocks and other vertical surfaces to find their food or shelter. This poses a remarkable question – just how do they do it?

Apart from a few obscure exceptions, the recipe for being able to climb up a vertical surface involves having very specialised feet. Unfortunately for humans, this is something that our own flat feet, perfect for walking on, cannot do. For possums and beetles though, it is all good news – and their clawed toes make scaling up their homes in the trees quite a bit easier. Animals such as stick insects also have claws, which again, are perfect for their tree habitat. When it comes to gripping onto rough surfaces such as bark and leaves, claws are the perfect adaptation. However, for smooth surfaces, they are virtually useless.

This brings us to the second kind of specialised feet. Some frogs have an incredibly innovative way of gripping onto smooth trees and rocks. Unlike their ground-dwelling counterparts, tree frogs like the Green Tree frog found locally have round pads on the ends of each of their eighteen toes. Since these toe-pads are always moist, they are able to stick to dry surfaces like rocks and trees in the same way a wet piece of paper sticks to a window. However, this wet adhesion only works if the surface on which the animal is clinging to is dry, and there have been scarce little reports of frogs falling out of trees when it begins to rain. It is therefore reasonable to assume that there are other mechanisms at work here.

As, indeed, there are. The third kind of adhesion involves very, very small particles sticking to other very, very small particles, etcetera etcetera. For the eye, though, this mechanism is far too tiny to see, and the important part is the effect we can observe. Animals like geckos and spiders have minuscule hairs on their feet, which are themselves covered in even smaller hairs. At a molecular level, structures of this size induce a force called van der Waals force. Although the force on each individual hair is quite weak, combined they give geckos and spiders such as huntsman excellent grip. For frogs, the same principle applies, but instead their feet are covered in bumps not unlike grip on a car tyre. When the tree or rock they are holding onto gets wet, little channels between these bumps suck away the moisture from their feet and the bumps are able to contact the surface just like hairs. The grip is less effective than the abilities of geckos, which are reported to be able to hang from a ceiling by a single toe, but it caters for the moist habitats in which they live.

From the complexity of the moisture-sucking channels of the tree frogs to the simplicity of the claws of beetles, they all serve the same purpose: To climb and cling to the habitat in which the animal lives, and to do it in the best way possible. One can only marvel at the perfection of these systems in the tiniest places, where most people never think to look, and wonder – what else is out there?

Caitlin Henderson,
Minibeast Wildlife

Right: Get a stunning insight into the world of minibeasts to reveal the critical role they play in our survival with Alan Henderson's latest book "Minibeasts". Available online.

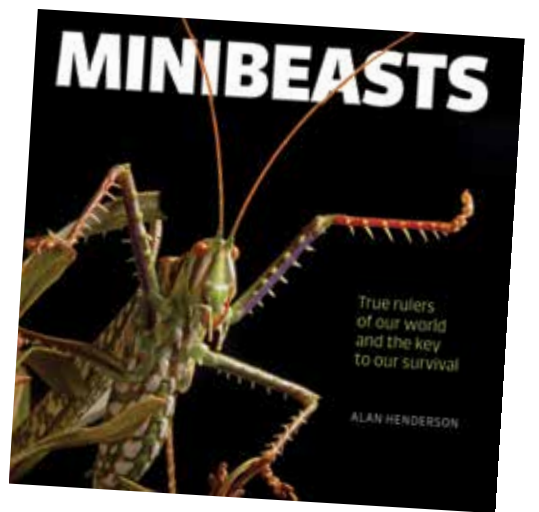


Top: A close up of the toe pad of a local Green tree frog. (Photo: Alan Henderson)

Above: A gecko and a huntsman spider cling to opposite sides of a pane of glass. (Photo: Caitlin Henderson)



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Night closures

This month there will be night closures on the Kuranda and Gillies Range Roads to allow line marking to be carried out and to collect rubbish while there is no traffic on the road.

- **Kuranda Range Road:** 10-16 October, 10pm-12.30am and 1am-3.30am (bottom of the range to Saddle Mountain Road)
- **Gillies Range Road:** 5-9 October, 10pm-4am (Mountain View Hotel to Powley Rd)

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) on Kuranda Range

Installation of additional ITS on Kuranda Range is underway. Various ITS stations will be installed between Smithfield and Rainforestation Nature Park. This technology will make it quicker and easier to manage incidents and reduce the risk of crashes on the Range. The stations will have electronic road signs that will display variable speed limits; for example, when the roads are wet or if there has been an incident up ahead. Due for completion mid 2022 (weather permitting).

COVID-19 Mass Vaccination clinic

The mass vaccination clinic is open at Cairns Convention Centre Tuesday to Sunday 7am-3pm. Walk ins welcome to receive their Pfizer vaccine for anyone above 12 years and up (it has recently been made available to people over 60 as well). You can also register here via www.vaccinebookings.health.qld.gov.au. There is free parking under the Convention Centre.

If you have any questions or want to get in touch, please do not hesitate to contact my local office.



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Your Local SES is Recruiting!

Your local SES helps the community in many ways and we are looking for people who want to become a part of our team.

It's that time of year again when we are preparing ourselves for the coming storm season. To keep us fully capable and operational, we are recruiting new members now.

By joining us, you become part of a professional, friendly and fun team. We undertake two hours of training each week on different subjects and skills and we are available to assist our community whenever they need us – on the understanding that our member's family and work lives come first.

As a team we value the support given by a variety of members and are always looking for volunteers to fill non-operation roles in administration, welfare and logistics functions. We are also in need of flood boat operators or members willing to undertake the training.

On top of our normal storm damage call outs, we were also involved in a few land searches for missing persons, along with providing support to the police, ambulance and fire services. We are often given the opportunity to volunteer to help provide relief in other regions who may be experiencing large scale storm events.

All equipment is provided and each member undertakes the same basic training, with the option to then specialise in a wide range of areas – most of which come with industry recognised qualifications. What training you undertake is fully at your discretion with each of our members given the opportunity to choose which path they wish to follow.

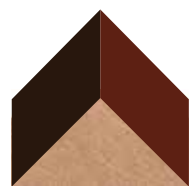
The basic training includes:

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- Emergency Lighting
- Radio Communications

Optional, more specialised skills include:

- Operating Chainsaws
- Working Safely at Heights
- Floodboat
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Kuranda Men's Shed



NEW LIGHT ATTACK APPLIANCE FOR KURANDA/MYLOA FIRE BRIGADE

Trustees of the Queensland Volunteer Rural Fire Donation Fund have built seven light attack appliances based on the Ford Ranger platform. These appliances were fully funded by generous donations from across Australia following the devastating 2018 and 2019 bushfires. The Trust asked Rural Fire Brigades across Queensland to put in a request for an appliance, they received 56 applications and we are delighted to announce that Kuranda Myloa RFB was one of the successful applicants. The Trustees hope to present the vehicle to the brigade shortly.

Kuranda Myloa RFB, established in 1956, currently has 25 members (of which 10 are active firefighters) and covers 44km². Additionally, it responds to 63km² of Flaggy Creek Fire Warden District, which has no active brigade and includes Mona Mona.

There are several structures in these areas unable to be adequately protected by the brigade's current medium attack due to restricted access. The brigade is proactive and collaborates closely with the community, Indigenous Ranger Groups, QPWS, HQ Plantations, and now conducts mitigation burns over 7,000ha of country. Much of this work will be ideally suited to the adjunct of a light attack appliance with a sound ability to traverse difficult landscapes.

The brigade welcomes anyone to become a member and help protect the community. Visit qfes.qld.gov.au and follow the Rural Fire Service links to apply.



group and to their community. Our members range from 17 to 70 years with a wide range of experience.

For more information about joining, we are holding a couple of events over the next few weeks:

- **FoodWorks** – Come and meet us outside the FoodWorks in Kuranda on Saturday 9 October from 8am. Here you'll be able to meet members and find out more about what we do.
- **Fallon Road** – On Tuesday 12 October, we are holding an Open Night where you are invited along to see how the group trains and what equipment we have available to us. The night starts at 7pm and usually runs for two hours. We are located next to the ambulance station on Fallon Road.

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Family Health Corner

by Jaunita May

Don't forget Dad

This article is a tribute to all hardworking Dads who sacrifice so much to provide for their families. Whilst mothers also play a pivotal role in family life, statistics show women are more likely than men to attend to their needs for their health and wellbeing.

In 2018, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) released an interesting article on Men's Health including the barriers for health-seeking in males. The article revealed they are more reluctant to seek help from a general practitioner or health professional, additionally with little support and social connections when they experience health problems. The Victorian government explored theories why Australian men have poorer health outcomes, such as: men are more likely to be employed full-time and have less time for medical appointments, men with mental health problems are more likely to self-medicate, attempting to manage their symptoms through alcohol and other drugs.

Men also struggle with maintaining their health and wellbeing due to difficulties in finding the time to do regular exercise, keeping up socially with friends and family, making healthy lifestyle choices, and not seeking support when burdened with stress or mental illness. In 2019 the Australian Government released a report on the health of Australia's males. When it came to dietary needs being met, statistics revealed fewer than one in 30 men compared to one in 15 women consumed enough fruit and vegetables. However, they ranked higher than women when it came to consumption of sugary and sweetened drinks doubling the statistics compared to women! Cigarettes and alcohol use were also higher (almost double) in males than females.

For Australian fathers, times are changing – in recent decades now both parents are more actively involved in participating in child-rearing. Research has shown fathers who participate in the care of their children can benefit the wellbeing of both father and child. Post-natal depression (PND) does not discriminate either, with one in 10 new fathers (that we know reported) suffering from PND. With statistics rising in single parent families in Australia, this includes more fathers taking on the role of single parenting. Barriers for health seeking in males, make good reasons for more accessible health services that are directed to Mens Health, to ensure Dads are not forgotten.

What can Dads do for their health and wellbeing?

- Eat more fruit and vegetables – up to 8 cups combined daily, increased fibre and antioxidants
- Ensure you are well-hydrated 1L per kg body weight – optimising your cellular health
- Reduce caffeine and alcohol consumption – try Green Tea for morning pick-me up or Chamomile to chill out in the afternoon/evenings
- Schedule more time with your loved ones – are you spending enough time with your partner/children? Communication = connection = happier family
- Make that appointment – got a niggling health complaint? Don't put it off – it may get worse!
- Get physical – strength training, cardiovascular activity – look after your heart and bone health
- Talk more – something bothering you? Reach out to your partner, friends or family, a problem shared is a problem halved.

What can partners do for Dad?

- If you're the designated cook, include more fruit/salad in lunches and veggies at dinner
- Organise some child-free time for both – go out for dinner/lunch/picnic or a fun outdoor adventure – hiking, kayaking, day at the beach. Or a sneaky weekend away. Remember... communication = connection = happier family
- Encourage them to seek medical help or help from a health professional if you can see they are suffering.
- Are you okay? Ask this if you notice him more stressed than usual, change in mood, then encourage him to seek professional help if you're concerned.
- Exercise together – suggest a brisk morning walk afternoons or weekends, or join the gym together, or take up weekend hiking or mountain biking!
- Get some good quality B vitamins, magnesium and zinc for him to take with breakfast, these are the most common deficiencies in men and vital for mental and physical health.

What can kids do for their Dad?

- Cuddle him and tell him you love him and how much you appreciate him. Cuddles help release cortisol a stress hormone.
- Grab a piece of fruit and ask if he needs a good healthy snack! A lot of Dads don't eat enough fruit!
- Do some gardening duties without him asking. Often on Dad's day off he may have to do the gardening. Why don't you take a load off and do some weeding, watering, or if allowed mow the lawn?
- Ask to go for a bush walk, mountain bike, fishing, kayaking or a day at the beach. Get Dad out of the house and active! Remind him how fun it is to be a kid again.
- If you get worried about your Dad for any reason, speak up to your Mum or an adult family member or friend, and let them know your worries.

Useful links and phone numbers to support Dad and family:

- Mensline – online counselling for men's mental health 1300 789 978
- Relationships Australia – 1300 364 277
- Beyond Blue – mental wellbeing support 1300 224 636
- blackdoginstitute.org.au – free online self help program for depression, anxiety, stress
- MoodGYM.com.au – free interactive online training to learn skills to prevent/manage symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Australian Men's Shed Association – your local group 4093 9421 or 4093 0457
- Lifeline – crisis support and suicide prevention 13 11 14
- Kids helpline – phone counselling services 1800 551 800

For all those Dads new at fatherhood—and those more seasoned—wishing you all the love, time and connection you deserve to have with your precious family.

Take care of you and each other,
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Communication = Connection = Happier Family



Food Forests in the Tropics

For the past year, I have been experimenting with food forests in my orchard. There have been successes and failures and it is an ever-evolving journey. A journey that started when I read that citrus particularly dislike grass grown around their roots. Well our whole orchard has grass growing under the trees. And ironically, it's the only place that has grass on the whole property. I was also totally over mowing, so despite it being a sanctuary for wallabies I'm slowly putting the ground over to a forest of food.

So what exactly is a food forest? Well a food forest is a multi-levelled affair that mimics a real forest, but is comprised of predominately food plants. Diversity is the key here; many plants, insects and even animals working together in symbiotic relationships within your food forest under your trees. A food forest will consist of tree guilds that usually comprise of a canopy tree, under-story plants and shrubs, ground covers, vines and even underground contributors like fungi and dynamic accumulators. The idea is to mimic a real forest and fast track adding a rich layer of shade and soil to the ground. Additionally each tree guild will have plants that fulfill vital functions, which commonly consist of:

- the tree at the centre—either fruit or nut—providing shade and shelter,

- groundcovers that protect your soil,
- vines that hide your fruit yields from hungry birds,
- insect attractors to attract beneficial insects, both predators and especially pollinators,
- nutrient accumulators to bring up vital nutrients from underground,
- nitrogen fixers that have bacterial symbiotes on their roots that help fix airborne nitrogen into a form that plants can use – these include acacias, casuarinas, and legumes like tagaste, peas and beans,
- and lastly a few mulch makers to keep up a close by, and steady supply, of mulch which helps with water retention and builds up the humus in the soil by returning carbon in their dropped leaves – pigeon pea, comfrey, hostas and tagaste would all make good mulch makers.

I've experimented with fenced and unfenced food forests in my orchard and found that plants with spines or strong oils in their leaves like basil, chillies, most herbs, pigeon pea, and aloe vera are left alone by the hungry wildlife. Also many plants, like moringa, katuk, aibika and cassava just need protecting when young so it might be worth fencing your tree guild initially until you get some height and therefore protection from grazers. Other plants I've had success with are peanut butter shrubs, elderberry, fingerlime, rosemary, mugwort, pineapples, Brazilian cherries, curry



leaf, lemongrass, and all basil and mints. Also most flowers should fare okay. However, each guild will be different so just experiment with what works best for your area and situation and stick to that. I have included an infographic, which includes more plant species for tropical plant guilds on the Your Garden Harvest page on Facebook. Also, if you have any tropical food forest questions or queries please contact me via www.facebook.com/YourGardenHarvestAustralia.

So if you've ever thought of trying a food forest then please do it. It saves mowing, it creates amazing biodiversity, it provides lots of shade and conserves water, it adds to soil fertility and fixes nitrogen, it attracts pollinators to your garden and creates habitat, and best of all it provides you with lots of yummy diverse food.

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Reducing organic waste

The Queensland Government has developed the draft Queensland Organics Strategy 2022–2032 to propose how we can reduce the amount of organic waste that goes to landfill and look at other ways to avoid, reuse and recycle.

Organic waste includes garden, food, food processing, bio-solids and agricultural wastes. It makes up around half of what Queenslanders throw away each week in their wheelie bin and is one of the main types of waste sent to landfill. Although organic waste is often seen as 'natural', when it breaks down, it releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is at least 28 times

more potent than carbon dioxide. Some of the organic waste produced by Queensland homes and businesses is already being converted into new products including soil, potting mix and mulch.

Government, industry, businesses and community members all have a role to play in managing organic waste. That is why we want you to have your say on the draft Strategy.

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 1 November 2021. The survey can be completed online, or viewed online at www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/reduction/organic-waste

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Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), is a member of the grass family, and a major cereal grain grown in temperate climates globally. One of the first cultivated grains, particularly in Eurasia as early as 10,000 years ago, barley has been used as animal fodder, a source of fermentable material for beer and certain distilled beverages, and a component of various health foods. It is used in soups and stews, and breads. Barley grains are commonly made into malt. In 2017, barley was ranked fourth among grains in quantity produced (149 million tonnes) behind maize, rice and wheat.

Barley grains swell when cooked to around three times their grain size and can help add bulk and texture to hot and cold dishes, as well as delicious, satisfying 'mouth-feel'. Soups is probably the first place most people encounter barley grains, most commonly in pea and ham soup. But there are many more ways to use this grain, from porridge to puddings, baked treats and salads.

Gluten alert: If you are gluten intolerant, then barley, along with wheat and rye grains, are probably something best to avoid.

Health benefits: Barley is also a rich source of B vitamins, including niacin, thiamin, and pyridoxine (vitamin B-6). Barley's potassium, folate, iron, and vitamin B-6 content, together with its lack of cholesterol, all support cardiovascular functions, and phosphorus, calcium, copper, magnesium, and zinc in barley all contribute to improved bone

structure and strength. It also is high in fibre and has been shown to reduce cholesterol. Enjoy! *Queenbeans*

Adzuki Bean, Brown Rice and Barley Salad (vegan, contains gluten) *via yummmly.com*
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup azuki beans canned or cooked from dried, 1 cup cooked brown rice (leftover or cook ½ a cup raw rice), ¼ cup cooked pearl barley, 1½ tbsp toasted sesame oil, 1½ tbsp rice wine vinegar, 1½ tbsp Braggs liquid aminos (or 1 tsp or more to taste tamari or soy), juice of a lime, 1 tsp fresh ginger (minced or grated, about a 1-inch piece, or ½ tsp dried ground ginger), 1 garlic clove (minced or grated), ½ tsp sugar, ¼ tsp coriander powder, 1 tbsp flax seed oil (optional), 2 green onions, sliced (green & white parts), 1 carrot, grated, 1 tbsp sesame seeds (plus more for garnish), ¼ cup fresh coriander chopped (optional or substitute parsley).

METHOD: Make dressing: mix toasted sesame oil, vinegar, Braggs/soy, lime juice, ginger, garlic, sugar, coriander and flax oil. Set that aside. In your salad serving bowl add the carrot, green onions, sesame seeds and coriander. Mix the beans, rice and barley and dressing to the veg in your bowl, mix well and garnish with some extra sesame seeds.

Bean and Barley Vegetable Soup (vegan, contains gluten) *via thespruceeats.com*
Serves 6 to 8

INGREDIENTS: ½ large onion diced, 3 cloves garlic minced, 2 tbsp oil, or Nuttalex (vegan margarine), 2 ribs celery (diced), 2 medium carrots (diced), other vegetables as desired, about ½ cup each (optional), 8 cups water, or vegetable broth, 1 cup pearl barley, uncooked, 1 cup pinto beans, or white beans, cooked or canned, ¼ cup tomato paste, or crushed tomatoes, ¼ tsp salt, ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper, ¼ tsp celery salt (optional), ½ tsp basil, ½ tsp oregano, or Italian spice mix, ½ tsp thyme. Optional: 1 tsp onion powder, 2 large bay leaves, seasalt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

METHOD: In a large soup or stock pot, sauté the onions and garlic in the oil or Nuttalex, for a minute or two. Add the celery, carrots, and any other vegetables you are using for about 3 to 5 minutes. Add vegetable broth or water and remaining ingredients and bring the mixture to a simmer. Once your soup is simmering, reduce the heat to medium-low and cover your pot. Allow your soup to simmer on the stove for at least 30 minutes and up to one hour, stirring occasionally, until the barley is soft and somewhat fluffy. Taste, and then add in more spices or a bit of optional salt and pepper to taste. Recipe variation: add any type of vegetables you favour, green beans, peas, and corn are some great additions.

Sweet Barley Scones (vegan, contains gluten) *via thefirstmess.com*
Serves 6 to 8

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup barley flour, 1 cup all purpose flour, 1 tbsp baking powder, ½ tsp fine sea salt, ½ tsp ground cinnamon, ½ tsp ground ginger, ⅓ cup agave nectar or half and half agave and maple syrup, ⅓ cup melted (liquid form) coconut oil, 1 tbsp vanilla extract, ¼ cup hot water.

METHOD: Preheat the oven to 180°C and line a baking tray with baking paper. Whisk together the flours, baking powder, salt and spices. Add the agave nectar, coconut oil and vanilla. Stir until a dry batter forms. Add the hot water and stir just until all of the flour is absorbed. Place ⅓ cup measurements of batter onto the parchment, rounding the edges slightly with dampened fingers. Brush the tops with coconut oil if you like. Bake for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let the scones cool on the tray for 15 minutes before eating.

Beetroot and Barley Burger (vegan, contains gluten) *via ecosalon.com*
Makes 6

INGREDIENTS: ¼ cup almonds, ¼ cup sunflower seeds, ¼ cup pumpkin seeds, ¼ cup flaxseeds, 2 cups grated fresh beetroot, 1½ cups cooked barley, 1 onion, chopped, ¼ cup olive oil, 1 tsp sweet paprika, 1 tsp ground cumin, ½ tsp black pepper, 1 tsp sea salt.

METHOD: Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grate the beetroot and place it into a nut milk bag or some kind of sieve to squeeze out the excess liquid. Beware: your nut milk bag may get stained! In a skillet over medium-high heat, add the onion and two tablespoons of olive oil. Stir and cook until the onion turns translucent. Add the paprika, cumin, and pepper. Stir and cook for another two to three minutes. Put the almonds, sunflower, pumpkin seeds, and flaxseeds into a food processor and pulse a few times. Transfer the mixture to a small bowl and set aside. Into the food processor, add the cooked barley, half of the grated beetroot, and salt. Blend until the mixture resembles a thick purée. Transfer to a large bowl and stir in the seed and nut mixture as well as the remaining beetroot. Fold the mixture together until evenly combined. Form six patties and place them on a greased baking sheet. Pop the sheet into the oven and cook for 20–25 minutes, or until the patties are cooked throughout and lightly browned. Serve each patty in between a bun and garnish with your favourite burger ingredients and sauce.



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Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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 NYUBANYUBA
 WAGARRA
 WANDI
 WARRAY
 WARRNGGINYDJI
 WIGI
 WIGIL
 WIRIWIRI
 WULNGGURR
 WULANY
 YALMBA

WORD MEANINGS

BADJU: blunt

BALGURR: full up, belly full

BINDJU: tasteless

BIRRGANYDJI: pregnant

BURRDJIL: bitter

DALIRR: hungry

DJAMBA: narrow

DJAGARRA: rough

DJIGADJIGAYING: worrying, concerned about

DJIMIMUNDA: a known thief

DJIRRANYDJI: tired

DJUMBUN: greedy/lightning

DJURI: sharp

DJURRADJURRA: wrong

GADAGADA: dry

GAGALGAGAL: light not heavy

GARRDJANYDJI: with a cold

GIRIGIRI: fast, quick

GIRRANYDJI: ashamed. *Nyurra bada girranydji.*
You are ashamed.

GURII: good

GURRI: raw

MAMBA: sour

MUBU: heavy

MUNGGUN: a sore

MUNUMUNU: crooked/Flaggy Creek

MURIMURI: quiet, serene

MURRGUL: cooked

NGALMULI: mistaken, ignorant

NGANDJUNGANDJU: clever

NGUWANYDJI: jealous

NYUBANYUBA: alive

WAGARRA: wide

WANDI: short

WARRAY: bad, no good

WARRNGGINYDJI: crazy. *Nyurra bada warrngginydji.*
You are crazy (in the head).

WIGI: thin, skinny

WIGIL: sweet

WIRIWIRI: winding. *Gulu djumburru wiriwiri.*
This track is winding.

WULNGGURR: thirsty

WULANY: dead, died

YALMBA: flat

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Consonants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/ngg/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. **nyinggarra** (eel)

/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. **Djabugay**

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

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

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

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

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



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KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) held its Annual General Meeting at the CWA Hall in Kuranda on Sunday 12 September.

The 2021-2 KHS Management Committee, elected on the day is:

- President:** Anne Clarke
- Vice President:** Kylie Moore
- Secretary:** Krishna Buhler
- Treasurer:** Gayle Hannah
- Fundraising:** Garth Owen
- Venue Manager:** Wendy Tann

Members present expressed their appreciation for outgoing President Dugg Stratford, who had been president since the Society's inception in 2018.

Coinciding with the AGM, the Society's recently completed Strategic Plan and Project Report was officially launched and distributed to attending members. The report, authored by Dr Jo Wills, Queensland Museum Development Officer for Far North Queensland, is the result of two planning workshops for KHS members held late last year.

Now in its third year, the Society has to this point been largely focused on the challenges of establishing itself as an incorporated organisation and securing a home base. We are grateful to the Mareeba Shire Council for giving us the use of the old visitors information centre in Centenary Park. We are also grateful to Council and Queensland Arts Council who jointly funded, through the Regional Arts Development Fund, Dr Will's professional fees. Thank you to Dr Jo for patiently guiding us through the workshops and review process. Thank you to FoodWorks for catering donations, the Kuranda branch of QCWA for a great local venue, and thank you to Hon. Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River, for printing our Plan.

JOIN US!

Now that we have the Strategic Plan to help guide us through the next three to five years (you can't run before you walk) we are really, really keen to get many more people who are interested in the history of the Kuranda region onboard, and involved in creative projects arising from the Strategic Plan. We will be establishing a KHS Strategic Plan working group very soon, so please contact us to register your interest, and request a membership form email kurandahistory@gmail.com

Membership fees are \$20 Family, \$15 Single, \$10 Concession (new and renewing members will receive a copy of the KHS Strategic Plan).



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CRAFTS - this month saw Christine and Carol sharing their creative designs for Christmas cards and gifts, while Tristan put into practise her artistic skills. Crafts are held at the CWA Hall every third Wednesday of the month. The next craft morning will be 9am on 20 October. ALL WELCOME to drop in and participate. You don't have to be a member, nor is there a fee. Have a cuppa and browse the fundraising Trade Table.

"Bouncing Back to Wellness" promotion can be found on the QCWA website www.qcwa.org.au. Health Awareness—"Bouncing Back to Wellness" can be accessed by anyone - you don't need to be a member. You are encouraged to reach out for services when struggling, including Lifeline. Look up lifeline.org.au for the 'Service Finder' as well as information to help yourself and others. There is a text and chat service, the 131 114 Crisis Support phone number. Call 000 if an emergency.

NEXT MEETING - Next meeting is 9am on Wednesday 13 October.



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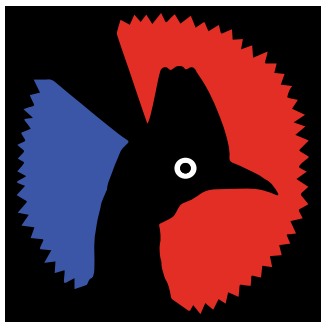
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Striped possums. Photo: Dianne Daniels.

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Dianne Daniels is a wildlife carer in Kuranda. She raises wallabies, pademelons, possums, including these two precious little Striped Possums (pictured). She even has a wild cassowary on her property which pops by quite often. Dianne finds time to be President of Kuranda Conservation as well.

MORE BIN STICKERS COMING!

The bin stickers are selling fast and furiously. By next month we will have another three pictures—a striped possum, a bat, and an owl—to add to the collection.

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The sightings you report to us are entered onto the Wildnet database which informs the national tally of many rare, threatened and endangered flora and fauna. It is a register that tells us if the cassowary population is rising or falling. This helps us make decisions about where we need to enrich an area with food trees and identify where they travel, through their corridors and where the corridors are broken. The sightings you report are helping with cassowary conservation.



Nevenka and her sister Zorka

The Salinovic project, along with two other weed removal and tree-planting grant projects supported by Terrain NRM and Kuranda Conservation, is helping to restore the Black Mountain cassowary corridor. This corridor is one of the Cassowary Recovery Team's top priorities.

Terrain NRM's Tony O'Malley said grants have ranged from \$1000 to \$25,000. More will be available later this year.

"We contacted 250 landholders from across the Wet Tropics region whose properties border World Heritage areas," he said. "These properties also meet criteria ranging from being within the region's top-six cassowary corridors to being a potential littoral rainforest refugia from sea level rise and storm surges.

"We also give project grants to members of the region's cassowary, Mabi forest and littoral rainforest recovery groups. The overall goal is support landholders with the most

important habitat for endangered species and ecosystems, in order to maintain that habitat."

This project is supported by Terrain NRM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. For more information, visit www.terrain.org.au/rainforest

About the Rebuilding Rainforest Resilience Project:

This project is helping to reduce threats to rainforest species and ecological communities by improving priority areas through revegetation, weed management and habitat protection, and by finding solutions to cassowary deaths and injuries on roads. Terrain is working with community groups, traditional owners and government organisations on the project. This project is supported by Terrain NRM, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Kuranda landholders help to connect, buffer forests

Kuranda landholders are helping endangered cassowaries by joining a strategic action to connect and expand forests from the Daintree to Ingham.

Nevenka Salinovic says tree-planting and weed management work on her family's 130-hectare property has opened her eyes to the possibilities – and to cassowaries crossing the land.

The Salinovics are among 250 property owners in important cassowary, Mabi forest and littoral rainforest areas who, along with members of threatened species recovery teams, were contacted by Terrain NRM last year and invited to apply for grants. Projects have ranged from revegetation and weed removal work to nature refuge applications.

"Our property backs onto World Heritage areas on all sides, and includes pockets of remnant rainforest," Ms Salinovic said. "Getting help with weed management and what trees to plant on the edges of the rainforest and sloping creek banks has been invaluable."

The family has also been working on the project, which has involved slashing and spot-spraying large areas of weeds including guinea grass, prickly raspberry and lantana, and selecting cassowary food trees for future plantings.

"It has been rewarding. We've found native trees in under and amongst the weeds, so we won't have to plant completely from scratch. We knew a bit about cassowaries beforehand, but not what they liked to eat and how to plant for their feeding needs throughout the year. Now we are seeing where they come and go – they seem to use our place as a path through to other rainforest."

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RANGERS report

The 2021 soccer season has come to an end...

The Kuranda Rangers Football Club U12s put in an extraordinary effort all season and made the finals of the NQ Junior Competative Competition. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this year and the Rangers were defeated 5-1. The players and coaches can definitely hold their heads high for a season a well-played.

To end the season, the KRFC held their annual presentation day. It was a fantastic way for the Club members to socialise and acknowledge all of the efforts of the players, parents, volunteer coaches, managers and committee that make our club great. It was such a privilege to be a part of the Club this year and to watch skills develop, challenges be overcome, teams strengthen and friendships made.

The following players were awarded Best and Fairest awards for their age group:

- Under 6s – Zahleriah Newbury-Morseu
- Under 7s – Tallan Joubert
- Under 9s – Quinn Lyons
- Under 10s – Ayman Abdalla
- Under 11s – Noah McDonald
- Under 12s – Mayra Ayres

The Most Improved awards went to:

- Under 6s – Max Walkerden
- Under 7s – Jack Lepore
- Under 9s – Ruby Kingston
- Under 10s – Jaida Cash
- Under 11s – Isaac Fenner
- Under 12s – Tahn Krisanski

The 2021 encouragement "Spirit of the Club" prize was awarded to Asher Hudson.

This year we bid farewell to one of our long-term coaches, Olly Joubert. Olly played with KRFC as a child and has been a committed coach whose skills, commitment and great demeanour with the young players will be sorely missed. The U7s team, coached by Olly, had a spectacular season and conceded only two matches all season. KRFC wish Olly, Bec, Ozias, Tallan and Atreyu all the best for their next adventure.

And that brings season 2021 to an end. I hope to see all of you and more at the sign-on day for 2022 season early next year. Keep posted for times and dates.

Some of our players and parents just can't get enough soccer! 6 teams, made up of KRFC players, are about to



Above: U12s runners-up in Division 1 Grand Final with coach Adric Rusch.



Right: Olly Joubert with his U7s team.

Photos: Simone Titmarsh

begin the off-season 5-a-side JGFA soccer competition at Holloways Beach. Good luck to all and especially to our first women's team in the comp! GO RANGERS!

Simone Titmarsh



Elvis with his two new chicks 24 September. Photo: Warren Clinton, Kuranda Riverboat.

KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

The special feature this month was the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club at the front of the Cairns Festival Parade, which was held on Saturday 28 August.

The theme was recycle, so we had bicycles made into horses from all sorts of materials and all the riders dressed in all forms of riding gear – from jockeys, show jumping, dressage, and western. The highlight and main attraction was Mr Nelson pulling a cart. He took it all in his stride and behaved so well – he certainly is a great Pony Club mascot.

It was a great opportunity to show the community a glimpse of what Pony Club is about. I am pleased to say that all of the two-wheeled ponies behaved themselves!

A big thank you to all the members that were able to come along and to Suzanne Cove for getting the idea out there and sorting out the nomination.

Check out the Club's Facebook page for some great photos and videos of the parade.



The club's next rally will be held on 17 October.

If you have your own horse and would like to join the Pony Club, contact us for more information by email at kurandahpc@gmail.com or leave a message on our Facebook page.

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



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A VIEW FROM THE UNDERSTOREY

by Paul Devine
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So here is the rub. The very way that we live has become the thing that threatens to destroy us. To understand and believe the science is to accept that over the last 70 years particularly we have lived well beyond our biological means, and consequently our only support system is faltering.

Human centrality looms over this train wreck. We have promoted ourselves as being central to everything. We perceive that we are in control. We have a problem. Give us a crisis and we'll solve it. There is no problem that we cannot solve. It appears, however, that there are problems that we do not want to solve.

What if increased levels of carbon in the atmosphere was not the biggest problem? What if climate change is a way of pointing to the real problem? What if the real challenge for human beings to understand through this crisis is that we are not central to this ever-expansive world and universe? What if the thing we need to learn is to truly understand how to love the earth and each other? Our control paradigm is such that it won't allow us to take our hands away from the wheel and give control back to where it belongs.

But in the meantime if we collectively choose that we want to make our grandchildren's existence bearable, then change will be required. What has COVID taught us about change? Initially during the early lock-downs, many people welcomed the slowing down of big industrial life. Working from home with less commuting. Less hectic lives, time to reconnect with nature and kids. Many spoke about the big slow-down as being an opportunity to re-calibrate, to re-discover a more human scale of living. Others, however, demanded that measures be taken immediately to get things back to normal. Back to how things were.

Is this because change is somehow always viewed as a loss? Losing what was. Losing the things we had. It is interesting to consider that material life has changed dramatically since the Second World War. Apart from a mildly recurring nostalgia for the music, films, movies and fashions of the past, people have mostly accepted this change. We have been nudged from simplicity, connectivity, collaboration, frugality, low-cost making-do to complexity, individuality, competitive, over-consumption, expensive, must have the lot. Change was presented as sexy, progressive, fun and essential. This type of change was made palatable by the trade-ups: security, personal freedom, increasing wealth and access to shiny things beyond our wildest dreams. Unfortunately we also traded away most of the things that made life human scaled.

So where can I look to find the encouragement and leadership that I need to help me adapt to profound change? My first lesson is about obligation.

First Nations people see their relationship with each



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other and with the earth, 'Country' as being central to their existence. They do not see themselves as dominant to the earth or to other species, but as living in a relational way. Being relational means living in relation to other people, species and the earth in recognition of an interconnectedness with all. It means, in interactions, being engaged, centered, grounded, clear, generous, humble and kind. One important way that these relationships are honoured is through a sense of obligation to perform duties.

Opportunity and flexibility are the next lessons on my personal journey to change and they come from refugees. The UNHCR calculates that 82 million people are presently displaced. As climate change impacts this number will increase many fold. In the face of dramatic change their life is reduced to the raw, immediate present moment. In the absence of stability, flexibility is the key in finding opportunity in whatever guise it presents.

So what would I like to see change by 2061 when Kuranda celebrates the 80th Anniversary of the Amphitheatre? My idea for change gleaned from the richness of the Djabugay people and the diversity brought by the waves of refugees who have come to our land would see a Kuranda that truly honoured it's locality.

Locals, who continued to honour the wonderful biodiversity in which they live, and who practice earth centred governance and promote a rich thriving local circular economy. They respect the elders and welcome newcomers with a positive forthrightness that inspires them to collaborate in this new and transformative experience. More about 'local' next time.

"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself."

Rumi



Seagrasses

Learn about seagrasses, fascinating underwater plants, in a talk *Seagrass Meadows of Queensland* to be given by Rob Coles to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 13 October.

The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area contains 15 of about 70 seagrass species found globally. Rob, a researcher with TropWATER, will explain how they form an important part of the coastal ecosystem, stabilising sediments, sequestering carbon, providing nursery grounds for juvenile prawns and fish and food for dugongs and turtles.

The event, to be held in the Gardens Visitor Centre, starts at 6pm with a sausage sizzle.

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Astrology

THE STARS IN OCTOBER

by
ROB HART

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How are the conspiracy theories doing at the moment? There's a very rich brew of conflicting, confronting and mixed ingredients at the beginning of October. We have Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto all in aspect to each other. Some positive and some negative aspects, an alchemical witches-brew bubbling away and, as Bob Dylan once observed: "The truth is obscure, too profound and too pure; to live it you have to explode". The alchemists' worst nightmare... But if the truth is the outcome then, whatever we go through now will be worth it. Pure gold. An exact square of Venus to Jupiter, exact to the minute, in the fix signs Scorpio and Aquarius, promises that the deeper you go into exploring the things that you love and find beautiful, the more expressive and expensive your experiences of truth, wisdom and non-judgmental perspective become. Yeah.

With the Sun and Mars conjunct at 15° Libra, 8-10 October, just after the New Moon, there's a pushing to balance-point all things that demand decisions, winners and setting projects in motion with just the right mix of air and fire, pure creative energy. And with Venus moving into Sagittarius at the same time, whooee! Don't you just love it?

You might look at where 15° Libra sits in your birth chart, there's your takeoff point. And as they say, have a good one.

With a rising Aquarian moon in trine to the Libran Sun, 15-16 October, and then coming into line with an Aquarian Jupiter just about to turn direct and a Mars Jupiter trine and also in Libra-Aquarius you wouldn't want to hold back now, once again with the Bob Dylan proviso: "You have to be honest to live outside the law". There's a fine line there but the connoisseurs of edge-work will appreciate walking the high wire. Or you can be a spectator. What a time to be in the mix!

Riding shotgun out there on the edge is Pluto in Capricorn. Not much gets past him without going through a complete transformation. Pluto exactly square Mars on 22 October, with Sun about to enter Scorpio, signals what could be one of the most destructive, explosive and regenerative days of the year. Toss in the hand grenade and follow through immediately. The Full Moon on 21 October in Aries certainly set this one up. The tension, excitement and ka-boom of this Moon is really going to build up during the month. Right on my natal Sun, 27°, so I hope I'm around to pick up the pieces next month! You too

The end of the month carries its own particular intensity, on 31 October Venus and Pluto form a semi-sextile aspect at 24° Sagittarius and Capricorn: a little window of opportunity to indulge in the intensely passionate, just as Mars enters Scorpio. Are you up for it? That's wild, a great end to a very eventful month. The search for the truth just intensified into an almost obsessive level. Good...

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St Saviour's Thought for October

This month we read from St Mark's Gospel Chapter 7. verses 31-37

If ever there was evidence that Christians are called to a very inclusive stance in relationship to others, it is in these few verses. The disciples are alarmed. Someone is acting in the name and the spirit of Jesus, but he is not part of the organisation! Obviously, something has to be done about this. It simply cannot be allowed to happen! This is the attitude with which they go to Jesus.

Jesus' response shows his thinking to be totally different. This person is healing people. That is the point. To examine first the legalities of what he is doing is to fall into the very trap that caught the Pharisees. Jesus heals someone, and they point first to the calendar and announce indignantly that it is the Sabbath. The healing becomes irrelevant; the principle rules everything. Jesus' approach is to start with the person, not the principle.

"He that is not against us is for us." To say this is to take an inclusive stance toward the work of others, or the possibility of working with others in a project. Some Christians feel compelled to accept only those whose views correspond exactly with their own. Any deviations and the other is outside the circle. In contrast, Jesus' first consideration is to accept the other and cooperate until working together proves undesirable or impossible.

Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that real sin lies in a very different direction. To deliberately weaken or destroy someone else's faith is deeply sinful. It can be done, sometimes on purpose and sometimes by accident, unintentionally. If we hold a high place in someone's esteem, our cynicism or superior dismissal of their faith can be deeply damaging. Our behaviour, if it obviously betrays the trust or admiration of the other person, can be extremely hurtful.

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Jesus is very serious about what he is saying here. To get it across he uses image after image – first the hand, then the foot, then the eye. He is emphasising the absolute necessity of dealing with certain issues in our lives, even if that means cost to ourselves. We cannot have life both ways. Choices must be made. Certain things must be dealt with, if only because not

dealing with them is more costly than the sacrifice involved in dealing with them. Jesus can give us the grace to do this.

Jesus teaches us that his grace is present in some surprising places and people. He also teaches us that certain issues in our lives must be dealt with, even if there is a cost to us.

News from St Saviour's

St Saviour's is gearing up for the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday 3 October.

To celebrate the birthday of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi, a special Blessing of the Pets service will be held this Sunday, October 3 at St Saviour's Church.

In the 1206 Francis, the wealthy son of a cloth merchant, decided to forsake all his worldly possessions and founded the order of Franciscan monks. He claimed he found his affinity with God through animals, and would often call birds, animals and even flowers his brothers and sisters.

Blessing of the Pets coordinator, Chris Wright, said people can bring pets of all shapes, sizes and species - as long as they are on a leash or in a box or cage. "You don't have to belong to any church to come and join in the fun. Events like this connect people in the community who don't normally see each other or have things in common, and that's fantastic. The event gives the community an opportunity to meet together, share their common love of animals and make new friendships. It's really about shared humanity."

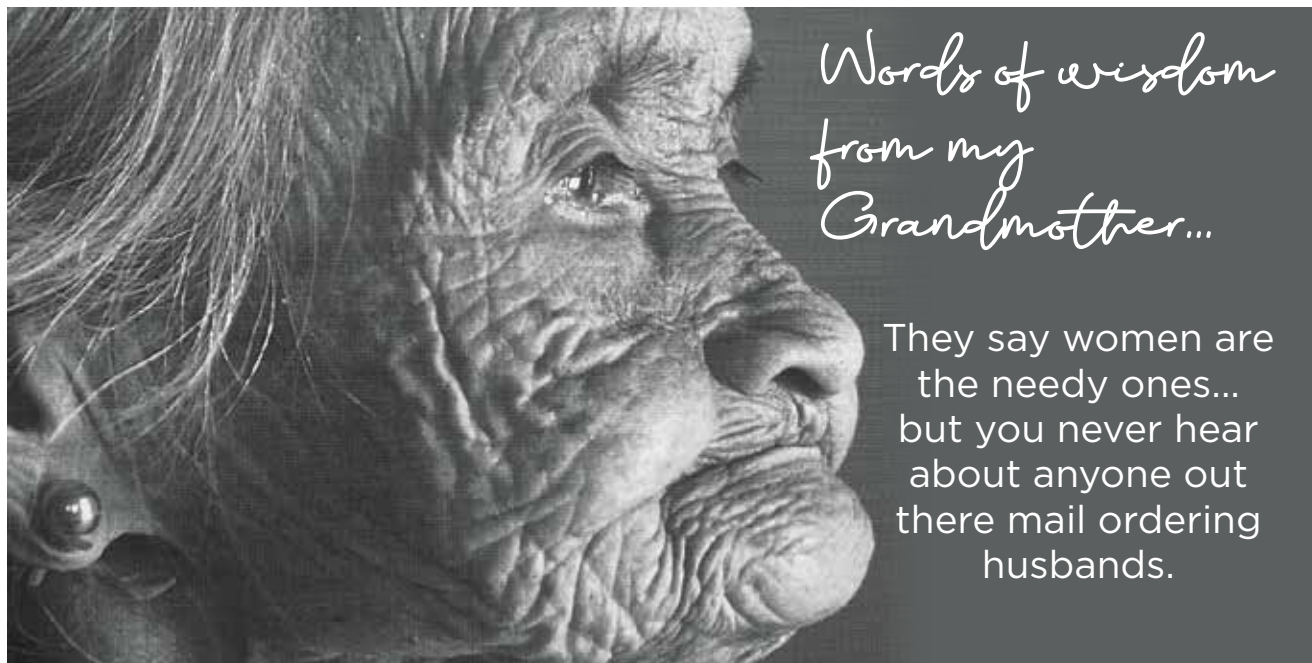
The Blessing of the Pets service starts at 9.30am in the area at the back of the Church.

St Saviour's is also gearing up for its Harvest Festival on Sunday 17th October with special services

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

2021 – Commemorating 100th anniversary of
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"With the passing of Abdu'l-Bahá the first century of the Bahá'í era, whose inception had synchronized with His birth, had run more than three quarters of its course. Seventy-seven years previously the light of the Faith proclaimed by the Báb had risen above the horizon of Shiraz and flashed across the firmament of Persia, dispelling the age-long gloom which had enveloped its people. ... Bahá'u'lláh had at the darkest hour in the fortunes of that Faith been summoned, while Himself a prisoner in Tihiran, to reinvigorate its life, and been commissioned to fulfil its ultimate purpose...., Abdu'l-Bahá, His eldest Son and Center of His Covenant, had erected the standard of His Father's Faith in the North American continent, and established an impregnable basis for its institutions in Western Europe, in the Far East and in Australia... Through His visits to several cities in Europe

and the North American continent He had broadcast Bahá'u'lláh's Message to the peoples of the West, and heightened the prestige of the Cause of God to a degree it had never previously experienced." (Shoghi Effendi)

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The Bahá'í Community of Mareeba/Kuranda



SAVING THE SEEDS OF CHILLIES AND CAPSICUMS

Chillies and capsicums are in the Solanaceae Family, and *Capsicum annuum* comes from the Greek kapto, 'to bite', alluding to the pungent qualities of the fruit...annuum is Latin for 'annual'.

With chillies, *C. frutescens*, *C. pubescens*, *C. baccatum*, and *C. annuum*, ~ *fructa* is 'fruit-bearing', *pubescens* is 'hairy' and *baccatum* means 'with berries' in Latin.

The origin and even the botanical classification of capsicums and chillies is not entirely clear, with some experts believing various species came from Mexico, and general acceptance that the ancestors of chillies came from an area in Bolivia, and spread through the northern and southern lands in early history.

Columbus, seeking a route to the spice-growing East Indies was presented with chillies on arrival in the West Indies and, locationally confused, named 'Indians' and 'peppers', both words surviving to this day.

The Portuguese brought chillies to the Philippines in the 1500s, with the 'foreign peppers' finding their way to Hunan and Szechuan, the centre for spicy food in China, soon after.

The *C. annuum* varieties have white flowers with only one fruit emerging from each growing point, and tend to grow well in temperate regions. *C. frutescens* is the most common variety of chillies, including the feisty bird's-eye which puts the bite into many a fine chilli sauce. If you are not growing or making your own, check out the excellent local products including SpiceZ and Abundance-Zone's 'BushFire' and others.

There is also the pretty and flavoursome Lantern Chilli, or Scotch Bonnet, or Rocotillo in Jamaica, (formally *C. chinense*), and the *C. pubescens* which has lightly-furred leaves, purple flowers and black wrinkly seeds, and *C. baccatum* has large flowers and leaves, and extremely hot fruits. The purple-flowering Monzano, prized by the Incas, flourishes well in Australia and can grow for 10 years, is the most cold-tolerant variety and will not cross-pollinate (hybridise)

with other species.

Successful seed germination requires at least 15 degrees celcius, and seeds can be sprouted indoors in winter and planted out in spring, after any frost possibility. Staking is good in windy conditions.

Both capsicums and chillies behave as perennials in the tropics and sub-tropics, some chilli collectors grow over 150 varieties, celebrating the diversity of all manner of shapes, sizes, colours, textures, tastes and heat. Italians, Asians and East Europeans, particularly Hungarians and Romanians are renowned for their full-flavoured varieties. The fruit of *C. baccatum* contains unique flavours and aromas which may be quite overpowering for the uninitiated...including the Central American Escabeche, and the Andean Aji, which has been in cultivation for over 4,000 years. Chilli is probably the most popular tropical vegetable, and hundreds of millions of the world's poorest people live on rice and/or cassava, chillies and greens. They have a high nutritional protein content (around three per cent) and are high in vitamins C and K. Research has shown that the active ingredient capsaicin helps metabolism and prevents obesity.

The flowers of capsicums and chillies are perfect, though they can also be cross-pollinated by insects, so surprisingly hot capsicums can evolve in the next generation if planted too close to chillies... Separate your plants in different rows with tall plants between to divert the pollinating insects' flight-path, or cover your primo seed-collecting plants with breathable bags or shade-cloth, or make use of tunnels to keep the plants apart, otherwise, isolation of 200 metres from other varieties is required to ensure pure true seed.

To save the seeds, for the following season and/or for your local community seedbank, select the strongest, best-formed fruits from disease-free plants after they have achieved their final colour for that variety. Cut the fruits open, scrape out the seeds and dry on paper in the shade out of the wind. For larger amounts put the fruits with water in a blender on slowest speed, the pulp will rise to the top and seeds will settle to the bottom. Make sure the room is well ventilated and wear gloves, ensure all tools are thoroughly washed afterwards.

Seeds are white, cream, yellow or black, flattened and mostly round-shaped. If they are kept in cool dry storage they can retain their viability for five years. The FNQ Seedsavers community have quite a few varieties in their seedbanks and gardens.

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Rock and Retainer Walls, Bush/Sports Tracks, Horse Arena & More

KOAH MONTHLY MARKETS 1st Saturday of the month

8am till noon

- Live Music
- Koah Hall fundraiser Breakkie BBQ

••• Stall spaces available •••

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

COMMUNITY MARKETS



Speewah Markets EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us every third Sunday of the month

7am – 12noon
Speewah Tavern Carpark

ALL WELCOME

For more information contact
Suzy 4093 0449

GRATIS CLASSIFIEDS*

Art Classes. Drawing and painting classes with David Stacey in Kuranda. Classes three hours one night a week for six weeks. Contact David on 0428 595 516 or email Davidstacey@outlook.com

Bowen Therapy & Homeopathy Sarah at Simply Healing 0402 804 591, www.simplyhealing.net.au Phone for an appointment
Clothing alterations & dressmaking in Speewah. Karen is professional and reasonably priced 0459 184 223.

Expressions of Interest for an Event Coordinator (paid position) to assist in the planning and execution of Community Engagement Events in Kuranda Village. Email Kuranda Traders Association kta@kuranda.org

Expressions of Interest from Kuranda photographers to provide 250 high resolution photos of Kuranda for use on Kuranda Village social media and website.

Email Kuranda Traders Association kta@kuranda.org

Feet Problems? Try on a pair of Dawgs at Just Gorgeous. Guaranteed to make your feet happy! 16 Coondoo St. Open daily 10am–3pm

Food for Health consult or free 15-minute health chat with Sarah Isaacs, online naturopath. Find out what food is best for you. Call 4085 0054 or book online naturalhealthfocus.com.au

Glass workshops. Interesting and fun, all materials and tools provided. Beginners welcome. For further details phone Kate on 0400 517 949

Honey House Kuranda is seeking new suppliers of quality, local, raw honey for our artisan range. For further information, please contact honeyhouse@bigpond.com or pop into the shop for a chat.

Massage, relaxation and therapeutic using essential oils, with Ortho-Bionomy for gentle pain-release and body re-alignment. Contact Sheree Scott 0421 102 722. Just 4km from village centre.

Mother of the Bride or wedding guest outfits are our specialty! Come and have some fun choosing something special at Just Gorgeous open every day.

Painter available. 20 years experience. All types of painting including enamel work, interior and exterior. Complete paint outs or touch

ups. Clean reliable and honest. Call Alan 0452 669 447

Picture Framing Free custom framing quotes at Terra Nova Gallery, 15 Therwine Street. Call 0412 387 557

Pristine Reef Fish delivered to your door, Kuranda-Cairns-Mareeba. Whole or fresh filleted. Licence 4546. Call Richard 0407 908 375

Reiki Healing with Ruth. Reiki Master. I offer Reiki healing, crystal healing and chakra balancing. Clear energy blockages to allow life to flow and fulfillment to follow. 0422 631 337.

Resumés. In Speewah, Cairns longest-running resume writing business — over thirty years' experience. Resumés, Employment Applications, web text, all forms of copy writing, editing and proofreading.

Word Factory (Suzy Grinter) Phone 4093 0449

Yarn bargains— hundreds to choose from \$1. Also raw and hand dyed fleeces, hand spun yarn, crochet tools, all at least half price. Thu–Mon next to Honey House until sold out.

Yoga at Top Of The Range, Wed 7.30am, 13 Bangalow Place, please call Melissa 0404 862 533 to book.

* 30 WORDS MAXIMUM

For sale, lost/found and outdated entries will be deleted after one month. Repeat advertisements will be deleted at the discretion of the paper. Existing Kuranda Paper advertisers and community groups will be prioritised for repeats depending on available space. Submit classifieds via email mail@kurandapaper.com

YOUR COMMUNITY PAGES



WILDLIFE

Wildlife Rescue 4053 4467 (24 hours) – recommended first to contact.
Batreach 4093 8858
Cassowary sightings Jax Bergersen 4093 8834
Kuranda Vets 4093 7283
SNAKE REMOVAL
 Jax Bergersen (non-venomous only) 4093 8834
 Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872

DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.
Kuranda Men's Shed end of Kuranda Heights Road
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
Steiner School, Boyles Road
Kuranda SES on board vehicle
Envirocare Nursery 284 Myola Road

WATER AND SEPTIC

Water Delivery:
Grego's Raw Materials 0419 705 005
Kuranda Fish Farm 4093 0147
Septic Tank Emptying:
Paul Jennings 0417 632 688
LAUNDROMAT
BP Service Station complex
 Open 24/7

FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.

(Established 1994)



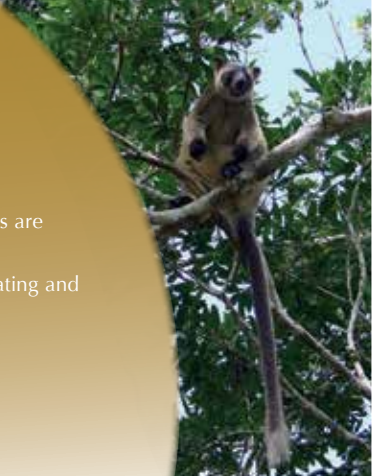
Caring for the region's native wildlife.
Wildlife carers are all volunteers.
Tax deductible donations appreciated.
New members welcome.

Tel: 07 4053 4467 (24 hrs) **Email: fnqwr@bigpond.com**



Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

We are a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates, orphaned, injured or displaced tree kangaroos.
 Unfortunately an increasing number of Lumbholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.
 Please donate to us and the money will go directly towards treating and caring for these beautiful animals.
 If you find an injured tree kangaroo please ring us on 0427 790 694



Donate now and help us care for tree roos today

www.treeroorecue.org.au

Visit us on



RECYCLE

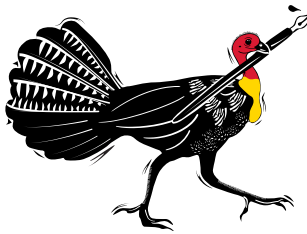
Kuranda Transfer Station 2186 Kennedy Hwy, Koah
MSC Recycle Station – Arara Street

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



ROAD REPORTS

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



HELPFUL FACEBOOK GROUPS

KURANDA RANGE UPDATES (26,000 + members)
 On the spot traffic reports, in real time, for the Kuranda Range Road.
KURANDA NOTICE BOARD GROUP (8,900 + members)
 Information sharing, discussion, advertising. Open group.
ALL THINGS KURANDA (1,800 + members)
 Discussion group for Kuranda district residents only. Some restrictions on sale of items.
SPEEWAH AND SURROUNDS RESIDENTS GROUP (2,000 + members)
 Information sharing and support. Helpful for real time info on weather, power outages, community events etc. Some restrictions on listing items for sale (check group rules)
KOAH COMMUNITY (1,600 + members)
 A group for Koah Community to advise, ask questions, barter, lost/found animals, hazards etc in Koah area.
KURANDA BUSINESS COOPERATION (393 + members)
 Business marketing for Kuranda businesses.

HELP GROUPS



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

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



Need help with a drinking problem?

1300 222 222

www.aa.org.au

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

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

Al-Anon can help you!

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

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

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Robin Anscomb – 0409 046 932 (Operates 24/7)
Karen McLaren – 4093 8780 Please phone for an appointment

Join your local SES

Training every week
 Tuesdays 7.30pm
 Contact John for more details
0407 144 213



RAINFALL

September 2021
 19.6mm (to 13 September 2021)
 Annual total to
 13 September: 1889.2mm

Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station



Community Services

SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY

KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm

Saturday: not open

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

Kuranda Community Precinct

18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda

4093 9185

kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au/libraries

KURANDA TRANSFER STATION

OPERATING HOURS

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

2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah

0418 282 542

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

65 Rankin Street, Mareeba

PO Box 154, Mareeba Qld 4880

1300 308 461 • info@msc.qld.gov.au

msc.qld.gov.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

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

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

Trans North Bus & Coach

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

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

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

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

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

Bus stops are located at:

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

Ticket Sales:

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

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

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

Emergency Contacts



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

RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



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

Permits required for ALL fires

FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Kuranda Station

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

If you are interested contact your local station:

Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station

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

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

Trans North Bus & Coach

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

*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only
 Current as at 6 November 2020

TRANSPORT

Rideshare 1300 743 374
 John's Kuranda Bus 0418 772 953
 Trans North 3036 2070

JOHN'S KURANDA BUS *The local bus!*

Please note this service is currently not operating.

**For more information or other routes contact
 John 0418 772 953**

IN BLOOM YOUTH SHOWCASE CONCERT

**16 October 6.30pm
Koah Hall Saturday**

In Bloom is a Spring concert showcasing our local up-and-coming Tablelands' youth. This event has been created by participants in the youth music mentorship program hosted by the Talent Mentorship Project.

Sunny Ray, the creator of the Talent Mentorship Project, is thrilled by the outcomes of her eight week online youth program which empowers local talent and grows local music culture. Throughout the program the girls have learnt industry skills that have prepared them for creating this event.

The show will feature young artists Tenni, Jinjer June, Summah, and Etta Rose with a special performance by their mentor, Sunny Ray. It will be a special opportunity to witness the very beginning of their musical journey. So spread the word, get online, grab a ticket, and show your support on the night!

For more information please see the *In Bloom* event page on Facebook.



**What's On
at Koah Hall**

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

EVERY TUESDAY
Bubs and Mums Play Day 11am-1pm
Tui Newman 0472 987 859

EVERY TUESDAY
SOULATINA - Latin Dance Classes -
6.30pm Salsa, 7.30pm Bachata.
Contact Andreza 0423 556 129
Book at www.trybooking.com/BSAOZ

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Feldenkrais Classes 9.30-10.30am with
Justine Schlicht 0408 735 309

EVERY THURSDAY
YOGA evening classes with Tanya
6.30-7.45pm

FRIDAY 1 October
El Cantina Cartel, Mexican food 6.30pm

SATURDAY 2 October
Films for Freedom screening "V is for
Vendetta" 6-10pm.
Lara Joffe 0406 783 039

THURSDAY 14 October
Mankind Project MEN'S GROUP 7pm.
Open to all men. Simon 0459 755 553

SATURDAY 16 October
In Bloom Youth Showcase Concert
6.30pm. See event page on Facebook.
Tickets online or at the door.

DREAM BIG! CIRCUS CLASSES

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

Mondays - Adult Circus LOVE! 10.30am-1pm
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm Age 6 months to 5 years.
Circus STARS: 4.45-5.45pm Age 8 to 18 years.

Tuesdays - Circus 2: 3.45-5pm Age 7 to 10.

Wednesdays - Aerial Class Beginners 3.45-5pm, Advance Beginners 5-6.30pm Age 7 to adult.

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

www.koahhall.com
✉ koah.hall@gmail.com
f Koah Hall

KOAH MONTHLY MARKETS OCTOBER

**8am till Midday
Saturday 2 October**

Community Market bringing you all the goods - produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!

• Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.

• Playing LIVE - Toshii Sakamoto

• New stall holders and market musicians welcome to apply.

SMS/Voicemail Nicky
0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

SUNDAY 24 October
Salty Captains Roast Night - bookings call Tonia 0417 606 241

SATURDAY 30 October
HALLOWEEN AT THE HALL, Circus Show, kids party followed by adult party! Bar, food, prizes for best dress and more! Fundraiser for Hall. It's going to be fun!



Rainbow Lorikeet feasting on grass tree flowers, Koah.
Photo: Ranjini Rusch



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.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

Yoga with Katelyn CWA Hall 5:30-6:30pm 0428 865 636

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Mah Jong 1pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

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

KMVactive Bootcamp 5.30-6.15pm Recreation Centre. Kirstin 0497 479 606

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

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

Domestic Violence Help Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

Kuranda Rangers soccer training 4.30-5.30pm. Simone 0402 003 164

EVERY FRIDAY

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

KMVactive Bootcamp (Metafit) 5.30-6pm Recreation Centre. Kirstin 0497 479 606

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

She-Shed Kuranda 2-5pm. Cathy 0419 624 940 or Peta 0405 944 515

THIRD SUNDAY

Speewah Markets 7am-12noon. Speewah Tavern carpark. Suzy 4093 0449