



## PLANS FOR NEW KURANDA CEMETERY PROGRESS

The draft development plan for the new Kuranda Cemetery was received by the Mareeba Shire Council at their meeting on Wednesday 16 March, and Council will now progress with a development application for the reconfiguration.

“The existing Kuranda Cemetery is sited on a 5.3-acre parcel of land and has provided a place for the laying to rest of residents, since the early 1900s, with the earliest inscription dated 1910,” Mayor Angela Toppin said. Although its easily accessible location has provided a high level of service to the community, environmental and topographical constraints provide limitations for expansion that have resulted in the need to find an alternative location in the very near term.

With the Kuranda Cemetery soon to reach capacity, the Mareeba Shire endorsed the acquisition of a property at 70 Kuranda Heights Road, Kuranda, which is located adjacent to the existing Kuranda Cemetery.

“We are very fortunate that the land became available for purchase in November 2020. The property provides a significant quantity of previously cleared land of generally suitable topography and no further significant clearings of established vegetation are required,” Mayor Toppin explained.

Council has engaged the services of a qualified consultant to assist with development of a Masterplan for the site and guidance for its long-term management. Stage 1 of the development is intended to provide surety of service for the next 25 years with space for 100 monumental memorials and 250 lawn-level memorials.

“The provision of quality services and infrastructure for our growing community is of the utmost importance to this Council and the development of the new Kuranda Cemetery will ensure that the Kuranda community is provided for well into the future,” Mayor Toppin concluded.

The securing of a long-term site in Kuranda, to support the existing cemetery site and ensure that Kuranda residents can plan to rest where they have lived, comes after almost 25 years of determined community effort to convince Council to do so.

The first record of a community push for a Kuranda cemetery appears in *The Cairns Post*, 9 December 1909: “MEETING AT KURANDA. A meeting of the residents of Kuranda is called by the Progress Association to be held at the Barron Falls Hotel on Saturday next, at 8 o'clock in the evening to arrange for procuring a site for a cemetery and to improve the town common.” *Source: Trove*

Possibly the most 'famous' grave in the existing Kuranda Cemetery is that of Frederick Parkhurst Dodd (1861–1937), the magnificently named “Butterfly Man of Kuranda” known internationally as both an entomologist and a great Kuranda character. His grave is still the subject of occasional pilgrimages by admiring entomologists.

In the hundreds of graves, be they famous, humble or even unknown, are people whose lives shaped Kuranda and the district, and each deserves lasting respect and thanks from we who have inherited their legacy.

*Aerial view showing the existing Kuranda Cemetery on the Kennedy Highway (foreground), and the new site on Kuranda Heights Road behind it. Photo: Baz Child, Sunday 27 March 2022.*





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### WHAT THE CAIRNS TO NORTHERN TABLELANDS ACCESS STRATEGY DIDN'T TELL YOU

**THE STUDY TOLD YOU** – To inform detailed analysis and modelling of Kuranda Range Road, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data was collected over a number of months. Analysis of this information provided hourly traffic volumes and average travel times on the Kuranda Range between the ANPR sites (approximately Rainforestation and Canopy's Edge Boulevard).

This statement would lead one to think that the data was collected from all the vehicles travelling over the Kuranda Range Road during the 58-day period of the study. This is what should have happened as these times and figures produced the Level of Service (LoS) value that is the critical factor for determining if the road should be replaced or upgraded. One of the main intentions of the study was to "Identify the range (distribution) of journey speeds/times in current conditions".

**THE STUDY DID NOT TELL YOU** – Data from **93.6%** of all the heavy vehicles and **77%** of all the light vehicles traveling uphill **was not collected and has not been included in the reported figures of the report.** A further 59% of the heavy vehicle numbers travelling downhill or eastward was also not included in the report. The analysis states "Systems errors meant that not every vehicle registration plate was captured correctly or sometimes plates were recognised twice, with the westbound capture sample rate being significantly lower than the eastbound sample rate for unknown reasons." The uphill count in the report was based on only **23% of all light vehicles and only 6.4% of all heavy vehicles that travelled westward.** On some days the report states "The westbound heavy vehicle sample rate is very low with less than 10 matched registrations on some days."

**THE STUDY ALSO DID NOT TELL YOU** – Of the small samples of data that were collected, further "cleaning of count data and travel time data to remove anomalies to achieve a realistic representation of average weekday traffic characteristics under normal traffic conditions was performed". Basically translated, it means that any vehicle's data that was outside the normal travel parameters for the journey were removed. That successfully removed data from another 13,000 odd vehicles from the reports analysis.

### Why was all of the above not mentioned in the Cairns to Northern Tablelands Access Strategy?

The report is based on a small set of incomplete data figures and those figures were then further "cleaned, removed and smoothed over" to

give to the commissioners of the report the outcome they desired – a postponement of any need to replace the road before 2050. If one reads through the 36 pages on how the report was correlated, they will realise, the initial report should have never been printed, let alone released to the public. This may explain why it was difficult to get a copy of the 36-page technical note/analysis of the figures out of Main Roads. Based on the figures the report used, my opinion is that it appears to be nothing but a big \$1.6-million-dollar fraud on the public, and Transport Minister Bailey should hang his head in shame.

If we can't trust Main Roads now, to even tell us the correct number of vehicles travelling on the Kuranda Range Road and the times taken now for them to do so, then how can we dare trust them to tell us what will be happening on the road in 2050?

**Peter Cohen, Kuranda**

### THE KIRIBATI CONNECTION

In the March 2022 edition of *The Kuranda Paper*, the devastating situation of the atoll nations: Kiribati, The Marshall Islands and Tuvalu, disappearing beneath rising sea-levels, was highlighted in both the *Friends of Earth FNQ* article and the *View From the Understory* column, thanks to Wendy Flannery and Paul Devine.

The atoll folk are becoming "the world's first climate-change refugees". I visited Kiribati in my diving days in the 1990s on a special mission – the working divers collecting beche-de-mer were dying. These were incredible seamen and readers of the oceans and weather, but deep underwater work is complex, technical and dangerous. Timing, depth, pressure and ascent rates all require precise monitoring and mistakes can be fatal.

So, I got to know the divers and their work in the clear, deep waters down the sides of underwater mountains as tall as Everest... very seductive, but go too deep and ascend too quickly and you die or become crippled for life.

Language barrier notwithstanding, I developed a rapport with the happy-go-lucky divers, and put a program in place with the company and there were no more deaths.

The Kiribati people were lovely – friendly, capable, traditional and real survivors. The irony of Kiribati dying underwater is very poignant, as their mountain-top islands and atolls go under. We approach tipping-point. Surely we can help with the resettlement of the Pacific atoll people in our lush, abundant FNQ. Can't we?

Hopefully,

**Rob Hart, Speewah**



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### Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is a detail, celebrating the Barron River, from Kuranda artist Imogen O'Neil's *Kuranda Story* mural completed in 2019. Progress photos of the entire mural can be seen on her Facebook page – Art of ION, and read more about her motivation for the mural on her website [www.artofion.com.au](http://www.artofion.com.au).

"The Barron River, lifeline of the land, has wound back around and an old warrior man hunts Black Bream and Turtles, a Wompoo Pidgeon above him. Looking over the river we cross the infinity of time to the present, where women and children fish with a handline. The mighty Sea Eagle flies up river and the White Cockatoos keep a lookout over all," Imogen O'Neil.

The original mural, over 20m long and 60cm deep, can be seen in situ at the Kuranda Heritage Markets. This incredible work of art, and heart, has been the wellspring for Imogen's cards, prints, apparel and homewares, which are available to purchase from her shop Art of ION located at 4/13 Therwine Street. Cards are also available at the Kuranda Post Office, and Jonsson's Farm Market at Stratford.

Find her on Facebook, or visit her beautiful, newly updated website where a local pickup option is available. Keep up to date with Imogen's art on Instagram @art\_of\_ion.

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# 40th Anniversary of the Kuranda Riverboat

Kuranda Rainforest Tours & Kuranda Riverboat was established in 1982 by Brian & Jan Clarke, just prior to the Cairns region entering the arena of world tourism with the development of the Cairns International Airport in 1984. In tropical North Queensland at that time, there were no other businesses operating rainforest tours or cruises of this nature.

Back then the foreshore along the Barron River, directly below the Kuranda Railway Station, was an inaccessible wasteland of uneven terrain covered with exotic weeds and debris. It was, however, the perfect site for a riverboat operation because of its proximity to the Kuranda Railway Station. The Barron River had been dammed in the 1960s to act as a headwater to the hydroelectric power station, now operated by CleanCo. As a result, a smooth, navigable stretch of water was created. The river is edged with lush tropical rainforest, a portion of which was included into the boundaries of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Listing in 1988.

The original timber Kuranda Riverboat, named the *Kuranda Queen*, was constructed in Kuranda by two local shipwrights, R. Quinn and P. Thompson in 1982. Today's Kuranda Riverboat named simply, *Kuranda*, was built in 1994 from aluminium.

In 1986, the business was granted a permit to operate rainforest walks in an extremely biodiverse and secluded rainforest clearing, directly opposite the passenger jetty.

Warren and Melissa Clinton bought the business in September 2015 from Brian Clarke. It has got to be one of the best jobs in the world! There are so many repeat visitors who just love a cruise on the Riverboat. In fact, a couple from Vienna, Austria came on a cruise on 7 March 2022 because they had loved it so much when they first discovered this tour in 1984!

As well as the five daily 45-minute cruises available to book, there are also guided rainforest walks and sunset cruises to enjoy.

There is nowhere else in tropical North Queensland where you might see cassowaries and freshwater crocodiles during a tour, except on the Kuranda Riverboat!

The Kuranda Riverboat is the oldest continually operating tour operation in Kuranda village!

Please visit our website for more information on the tours we offer – [www.kurandariverboat.com](http://www.kurandariverboat.com)



Here are a couple of things we are doing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Kuranda Riverboat:

- Each day from 31 March 2022 to 31 December 2022, one adult will be chosen at random by the Captain and given a free cruise! So even if someone has paid online, the lucky recipient will be given their \$25 back in cash.
- Discount vouchers from other Kuranda businesses will also be offered to passengers.



## Warren & Melissa

Left: "Kuranda Queen" vintage postcard c. 1984 by Peer Productions.

Right: Elvis with his chick, River, 3 December 2021. Photo: Warren Clinton



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I hope everyone is looking forward to the Easter break quickly approaching and gets a chance to take a break and enjoy time with their family.

I caught up with the team at the Neighbourhood Centre this month and was pleased to hear that all but two families from the Kuranda Resort have found housing – our office donated \$5,000 to assist families with their relocations during this difficult time. I also caught up with Dei, the owner of Sprout café, and who is also on the management committee of the Kuranda Traders Association, for a local business update and to discuss their vision moving forward.

Good news, Transport and Main Roads has completed testing on the Barron River bridge in Kuranda. The testing confirmed the bridge is safe with the current 50.5 tonne load limit and 60km/h in place. Crews have inspected about 1,000 locations with an under-bridge inspection unit to see if the bridge was performing as expected under two lanes of traffic.

The majority of the inspected locations did not show fatigue cracks in the steel elements; however, some small cracks were found at a few locations. These cracks have been repaired and will be re-welded from Tuesday 26 April until Saturday 30 April 2022, when a specialised crew is available to do these works, weather permitting.

Thank you for your patience and please note that TMR has started investigating long-term solutions for the Barron River bridge. This \$2.1 million planning project will confirm the preferred alignment and scope of a replacement bridge over the Barron River, including a viable delivery strategy that also considers the ongoing management and rehabilitation of the existing bridge.

For regular daily updates please follow me on Facebook or contact my office for any further information by calling 4229 0100 or via email at barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au



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## EASTER TRADE LOOKING GOOD



The Kuranda Trading community is gearing up for an anticipated busy period as we approach the Easter school holidays. This year, school holidays across the country are not aligned, so we can expect a solid three week holiday period of visitors from 2–25 April.

Visitor numbers are looking better than ever since the opening of state and international borders and the end of lockdowns. These school holidays are a great opportunity to revisit your local attractions in the region with most of them offering special deals and discounts for locals. If you have visitors, take them sightseeing — wander around the Village, dine in one of our many cafes, view the variety of art and crafts on display, visit our eclectic variety of market stalls, check out our local attractions, and shop in many of our clothing and gift stores. Show your visitors our special piece of paradise...sometimes we forget what wonderful places we have on our doorstep.

Shopping local has been a mantra across the world over the last two years, and for good reason. These are your neighbours, your friends, your family! Help them get back on their feet and buy your birthday, anniversary, or a wedding gifts locally – the options are incredible and the prices are competitive...and without the fuel costs! The best way to support your local businesses is to use them!

Following feedback from traders/community there will be no Easter event in Kuranda 2022.

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## of cats and crocs - A new study on bites in the tropics

When it comes to seeking medical care after an animal bite, experts say 'make it snappy' to avoid an infection that's worse than the bite. Snake, dog and cat bites were responsible for the majority of hospitalisations for animal bites in tropical Queensland, according to a new study conducted by Cairns Hospital and the Kirby Institute at UNSW Sydney.

The study, one of the largest studies of its kind, examined more than 1,700 patients admitted to Cairns Hospital after an animal bite, sting or other related injury. The researchers wanted to increase our understanding of animal bites in tropical Australia, and to understand whether Australia's current guidelines for antimicrobial care of wounds are suitable for tropical settings.

They found that a wide variety of animals were responsible for the hospitalisations, including snakes, sharks, crocodiles, bats, dingoes and even wallabies. Bites from domesticated animals like dogs and cats were also common.

But whether you're bitten by a snake, crocodile, shark, wallaby, cat or a dog, simple, old fashioned wound care and early medical review are the most important components of patient management.

"About half of all Australians will be bitten by an animal during their lifetime and animal bites often become infected," says Dr John Vardanega, an Infectious Diseases Registrar at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the study's first author.

Current Australian guidelines recommend antibiotics to prevent infection developing – but in locations like Far North Queensland, infections may be caused by unusual tropical pathogens, which may not be treated by first line antibiotics.

"An added complication is that in tropical Australia, many bites occur hundreds of kilometres from medical care. If we don't get onto infections early, patients might lose a limb, or worse," says Dr Vardanega.

Young men were over-represented in the cohort, which could be "explained by occupational exposure and a tendency for riskier behaviour," Dr Vardanega noted. All the crocodile bites occurred in men, while women were over three times more likely to be bitten by cats.

Dr Josh Hanson, a Senior Research Associate at the Kirby Institute, and an infectious disease physician at Cairns Hospital, said there were two broad categories of patients.

"The first group were people who had been bitten by a potentially venomous animal—such as a snake—or whose encounter had resulted in significant trauma. Over 96% of these patients came to hospital within eight hours of the encounter. Most of these people didn't need antibiotics, and very few developed a wound infection," he said.

"The second group were people who presented over 24 hours after their encounter. Over 85% of these people already had or subsequently developed a wound infection. These patients also had a higher chance of death, ICU admission, amputation and other complications, as the tissue damage complicating the bite was now irreversible."

Dr Hanson says that perhaps surprisingly, cat bites were the most likely to become infected. "Victims often saw the

wounds as trivial – even though cat bites can penetrate deep into the tissues – and almost 75% of cat bites presented more than 24 hours after the injury, by which time infection was often established."

Clinicians only identified 12 cases in which antibiotics recommended in national guidelines did not kill the isolated bacteria, and in none of these 12 cases was there a serious complication. All three deaths in the study resulted from snake envenomation, while most other serious complications were linked to major tissue trauma.

"Our data suggests that antibiotics probably only have a limited role in preventing serious complications from animal bites. The key to good outcomes is for patients to present early for medical review," says Dr Vardanega.

The best way to avoid infection is to not get bitten.

Fellow researcher and Cairns Hospital infectious disease physician, Dr Simon Smith, said the hospital's clinicians were highly skilled at treating patients who had a bad encounter with the Far North's dangerous creatures, but there were simple steps people could take to reduce their chances of ending up in a hospital bed.

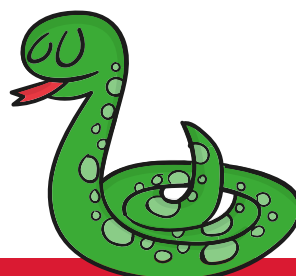
"If you encounter a snake in the wild or in your backyard, give it a wide berth, and let it go its own way. If you are concerned that it's not moving on, please contact a local snake catcher or the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service."

"If you are going for a dip at the beach, please follow the advice of Surf Life Savers and swim inside a marine stinger enclosure, or wear a full body lycra stinger suit. That will greatly reduce your chances of being stung by a box jellyfish or Irukandji jellyfish. And be aware that no waterway in northern Queensland can ever be considered crocodile-free, so always be crocwise in croc territory. And if you do get bitten, get medical care immediately. Make it snappy, not 'in a while, crocodile!'"

Animal related injury presentations at Cairns hospital 2013 to 2020

1. Snake 734
2. Dog 508
3. Cat 153
4. Jellyfish 129
5. Fish 35
6. Other terrestrial (bird, bat, rat, leech, monkey, dingo, goanna, guinea pig, wallaby, chicken, goat, kangaroo, monitor lizard, possum, parrot) 34
7. Other aquatic (crayfish, starfish, sea urchin, crab, prawn, sea snake, turtle, eel) 34
8. Stonefish 22
9. Cattle 20
10. Horse 19
11. Stingray 17
12. Pig 17
13. Shark 13
14. Crocodile 10

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### Neighbourhood Centre News

**COVID Care Pack:** A very kind and generous community member has made a donation to enable us to put together a few COVID Care Packs for those who are isolating due to COVID infection or household contact.

If you have any items we can include in these packs e.g. canned soup, honey, lemons, kids indoor activities, toilet paper, tissues etc, please drop off at the Centre.

**Street Pantry:** The KNC Street Pantry is open and available for people to drop items off or to access items 24/7. KNC thanks everyone who has generously donated items to the pantry.

**Mahjong:** The Mahjong group is back at KNC every Wednesday afternoon between 1-4pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Bookshop Closed:** KNC has closed the secondhand bookshop due to limited space and a steep decline in customers for the books. Therefore we can no longer accept donations of books.

**NILS:** The Kuranda No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS – for low income earners) has a total loan amount to \$1500 and includes essential household items as well as car registration, car tyres, school supplies (e.g. laptops), generators etc. NILS cannot pay for general car repairs, bills or rent. Please phone the Centre for any enquiries or to make an appointment.

**Drop In/Information and Referral:** KNC is a community hub providing a range of diverse services including information, referral, case management and outreach. If you aren't sure about something or want to know what is available, please come in or call and ask one of our friendly staff or volunteers. We will do our best to provide or find the most relevant information and make referrals for specialist services where they exist. We also welcome information you have found out yourself about different services or processes, so please let us know how you navigated a difficult situation.

*The Neighbourhood Centre Team*

## KENNEDY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION ROADWORKS

Works by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) aimed at improving safety will be carried out on the intersection of the Kennedy Highway and Rob Veivers Drive/ Myola Road, Kuranda, for approximately six weeks, weather conditions permitting, from late March.

The project will be carried out as day and night works from Monday to Saturday. For day works, crews will be onsite from 7am to 5pm. For night works, crews will be onsite from 7pm to 7am.

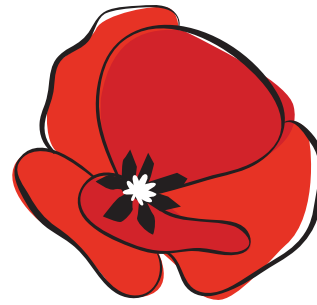
This project is part of a \$9.5 million program of road safety upgrades being carried out across Cairns at various intersections. This program aims to improve safety on the state-controlled road network with locations selected based on a history of crashes and/or key safety concerns.

As part of the safety treatments and options, TMR will conduct the following works:

- Pavement widening to improve drainage
- Ancillary drainage works at Myola Rd
- Modification of concrete islands and kerbs works
- Installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing at Myola Road for pedestrian protection
- Shared path and pram ramp improvements
- Pavement marking and road furniture works

Nearby residents may experience temporary impacts during work hours, including noise associated with the works, such as the sound of trucks, heavy machinery and vibrations while the work is carried out.

For the safety of road users and maintenance crews, changed traffic conditions will be in place including temporary speed limit reductions, and single lane operation under coordination of traffic controllers while the works are carried out.



## PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022 IN KURANDA

Everyone is welcome to join the Kuranda RSL Sub Branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service on Monday 25 April 2022. The Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

On completion of the Dawn Service, all are welcome to a gunfire breakfast available on the railway platform, with Gayle from Queensland Rail, who will once again be providing her time and cooking expertise, for which we are eternally grateful.

The Anzac Day March begins at the old Kuranda Post Office (where Abra Kadabra is now located 5/19 Coondoo Street, next to Kuranda Real Estate) – gather at 10am for a 10.15am start.

The March is organised on the day by Mick Forde. All groups and individuals are welcome to march – see Mick on the day or contact him on 4093 9005 or 0412 126 204.

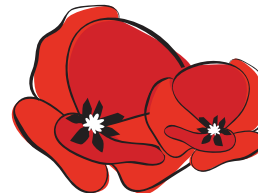
The March goes to Centenary Park, where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council, we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection. With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

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

Again this year, Father Chris Wright will officiate at both services.

Please come to all or any of our Anzac Day activities, everyone is welcome.

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde 0412 126 204 or Adrian Joffray 0429 937 257.



*Anzac Day 2019 in Centenary Park. Photo: Greg Hillman, TRACQS Kuranda Photography.*



### ANZAC DAY MONDAY 25 APRIL, 2022 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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

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

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

**Kuranda** – Thongon Street between Thoree and Coondoo Streets, Coondoo Street between Thongon and Therwine Streets and Therwine Street between Coondoo and Thoree Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10.00am and 11.00am.

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

**Mt Molloy** – Mulligan Highway Mt Molloy between Clacherty and Crowther Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic between 10.00am and 10.30am.

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**JUNE "JOON" GRAHAM**  
5 JUNE 1933 – 23 MARCH 2022

She leaves behind a legacy of 'getting up with any encouragement to sing an Irish jig', 'a political folk song, hopefully connected to some radical movement', or an 'end of the night (after the bottom pub closed in Kuranda) last minute blues jam on the back of our verandah' with all the local faces at Meeroo Street. Later, she was a Frogs legend. She loved you all – all of you Kuranda locals.

Three sons and a daughter who loved her – many who will mourn her. She died peacefully and bequeathed her body to science – just as she requested.

Please join us for the wake on 23 April at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

Mercy Graham

**A life as big as her heart ...**

June's mum, Dorothea Patricia O'Hara (Dinny), was hard working, and once worked in a dress shop in Leura, where she made clothes for the well-to-do. June said she didn't know much about these next few years and the meeting of Keith (June's dad) in East Lakes, Victoria, in a café which had a piano. At six, June had memories of travelling with her mum and older sister Patricia Rose, to meet up with her father Keith, who was working as an exploration engineer in Borneo. They lived there before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour in 1941. He managed to get hold of a Navy uniform and lied to the owner of a yacht to get the family safely back home to Australia. Soon into the trip, they were rescued by the Navy and joined other families on board.

June's grandfather lost a flour mill in the Depression then bought a property in Monavale where her 'Dearest' (her grandmother) lived. So June had wonderful memories as a 13-year-old, being surprised on her birthday with a horse called Tommy that she fell in love with. They would hook up the sulky and take homemade cakes to soldiers down on the docks at Monavale. They were close friends of the Neville family (Richard Neville of *Oz Magazine* fame) for years.

June's love of music started at 16, when June worked at the Victoria Arcade Music Parlour in Sydney. The owner, Mrs Fish, gave credence to her young musical ears, her generation, and started taking advice on what to buy for the shop, "letting her book discs", which she took pride in. Business really started to thrive – June said she couldn't believe a teenage girl was given a key and responsibility, and with it, access to all the music.

She was good mates with Judy McGuiness, Lillian Roxon (later quoted as 'Mother of Rock' by Rolling Stone – a memory that made her laugh), and Maggie Fink, whose books she had to read in school.

In the late hours, June would inconspicuously bring friends to the parlour, and they would sit extremely quietly, listening to the greats, Bach and Beethoven. June told her older sister Patricia, who relayed what she was doing to the rest of the family back home. She was written a letter by her grandmother reprimanding her, saying she shouldn't be letting random people into the business, that she would lose her job. The letter sat in her bag upstairs, and one day at work, the owner came down, saying June could no longer stay working there if she was letting people in. June said Mrs Fish had obviously read the letter, as she'd been fine with June before she went up the stairs!

June mentioned Germaine Greer many times over the years, because they were in a end of year play for the Sydney Uni, and in the same scene. She never really knew her, but noticed Germaine in another segment waiting in the wings.

One of The Push hangouts, the Lincoln Coffee Lounge & Cafe on Rowe Street, Sydney, was where June eventually waitressed in her late teens. Full of poets, writers, artists and musicians, The Push celebrated the unusual and pushed all familiar boundaries. She had fond memories of one of the young men having cerebral palsy, a nice guy, who dribbled and had a hard time controlling any movement, but was loads of fun and really liked her. He said "Don't listen to anyone else ... you are perfect just the way you are."

June's son, Patrick, was born to Lyle in Tasmania when June was 19. They later married, but it only lasted a year.

She met Bob Elliott at 22 – a young artist and ex-boxer, a few years older than her. They got together and he took her to Hong Kong where he worked as an art director in advertising and June learned to cook.

Then it was off to London. Over nine years, they had two sons, Robin and Mathieu, then they parted ways. From 1966–68, June managed a laundromat in Portobello Road (Notting Hill) which was a magnet for poets, musicians and artists. Here June met Davy Graham, a celebrated folk musician. She became pregnant with her daughter Mercy, and retold memories of this eight-month-old baby shooting across the laundromat floor.

While there, Lillian Roxon came to visit, she was on her way to New York, where she would later be connected to Andy Warhol and that whole scene. June mentioned that apart from being a very beautiful young woman, extremely smart and quick, she was searching for fame in a way that



June Graham playing at Frogs. Photo: Kez, Easter 2011

just didn't interest her.

A few years later, with a full house and all the children present, June's youngest sister, Linda, would come to visit from Australia to stay permanently in the UK as a successful commercial artist. June eventually moved back to Australia to the Blue Mountains. At age 42 and homesick, she wanted to see and take care of her mother.

For a while, she managed 'The Settlement' a massive 13 bedroom house in Katoomba – a bush retreat for kids living in inner-city Redfern. Funded by state government, they were chaperoned for three weeks, which could make for interesting, yet culturally volatile, times. Later, there were moves to Leura and Wentworth Falls, where regular bush dances and music events happened in the community, and June practiced guitar.

In 1979, she had a phone call from her sister Pat, from the lush jungle of the tropics in a faraway place where all these hippies lived – a place called Kuranda in Far North Queensland. She was having a great time living at this Englishman's hand-built house, where she could stay till she got a place of her own, his name was Dave Harris.

And thus it was that Kuranda was gifted June Graham.

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Wow, April already. The year is flying by and always so much to do. It is always a busy period after our AGM process each February with adjustments and changeovers, new memberships, wet season growth, and an overall planning for the upcoming year – all in voluntary time.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Our 2022 Membership forms are currently being updated with new fees and terms. Hard copies will be available very soon from:

- Honey House, Therwine Street, Kuranda, or
- Request via email [support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com](mailto:support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com) or via the membership link on our website [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)

**Membership Fees:**

- **SINGLE** – ONE YEAR \$30 / FIVE YEARS \$100
- **FAMILY** – ONE YEAR \$50 / FIVE YEARS \$200
- **CONCESSION/PENSIONER** – SINGLE – ONE YEAR \$20

We acknowledge the fee increase and do hope the community continues to support through membership, as it is crucial for our eligibility for diverse funding opportunities and of course the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. as an entity.

**NEXT WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 10 APRIL 10AM–3PM**

Volunteering at our Working Bees, whether you are a member or not, helps keep the venue alive for our community. Helping with repairs, maintenance and gardens etc. are priorities.

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED! Stay for an hour OR stay for three!

**FOR HIRE** – The Understage & Mainstage are available to hire for community classes, groups, workshops, seminars, photography, recording etc. on a day/regular weekly spots or regular monthly hire (community or business bookings). No Event/Party Hires at present. All enquiries through our support desk: [support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com](mailto:support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com)

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – Keep an eye out for our first Membership Drive over the next month or so ... Dinner on the Terraces.

All KAS events in 2022 will be much needed fundraisers for the venue. We look forward to seeing you at the Amphitheatre!

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# A Grinter's Tale

I just got back from Zanzibar in the early hours, and it was so hard to get out of bed at 7am this morning.

Walking the dogs was somehow mundane as I recalled the last cocktail sipped while savouring the view of sparkling teal waters lapping the pearly white sands below Ras Nungwi Hotel. It had been so hard saying goodbye to Bradley Cooper, but I had reluctantly accepted it was a holiday romance.

It's always a bummer when you wake up during a good dream, especially when you know you're going to spend the next two hours trying to go back to sleep.

The sound of the waves crashing on the beach was actually the slightly scrapy breathing of the old border collie, and the gentle breeze was the overhead fan on full bore.

It's a long, long time since I've been anywhere. For someone who travelled so extensively and lived in various countries, it seems bizarre that the furthest I've been in four years is Mission Beach and that was only an overnighter.

That's entirely my own fault of course, but I flick through friends' social media posts of holidays in various parts of Australia, trips to the States and even to the UK, and gaze out at the zoo that keeps me from venturing past Port Douglas or Atherton, and ponder how a trip to Gordonvale feels like a holiday without the jet lag but with a huge fuel bill.

To make myself feel better, I started thinking about how stressful getting ready is, which, when you have the menagerie I have, means buying in enough food to last two or three weeks, packing it into manageable portions, catering for ticks and worms, favourite toys, allergies, flies on horses, and labelling what belongs to who, and who likes what, what their faults are, and... then there is my own To Do list.

Planning for two climates if you do a stopover on the way back from UK, paying all the bills, writing instructions, doing itineraries for the poor victim housesitting, cleaning the house. It's no fun.

Then, I recalled all the things that have gone wrong, in an attempt to convince myself why I have become so boring.

As a child in the UK, we spent a lot of time in Europe. My dad had learned German and despite our school French and my mother's linguaphone French, Dad always seemed to win on the destination front, so Germany and Switzerland, and of course Austria were for some time, the preferred destinations. After all, all four of us could happily say "Grüß Gott" to everyone we met, like a little flock of parrots. We were the veritable English Griswolds of National Lampoon fame.

In between our ventures or adventures into the depths of Europe, Mum would get her way and we would all troop off for a week or so to Northern Ireland, but she stepped out of her comfort zone one year and suggested Italy. Oh yay, gelato!

In Lido de Jesolo, a tropical storm hit our beachside hotel. Five minutes after we left the restaurant to venture up to our rooms, the entire plate glass window next to our table was blown in, all over the tables at which diners had devoured pasta in its many forms just minutes before. My mother fingered her rosary nervously that evening while Dad plotted our next trip to Bavaria.

Some time later, I was invited to go away with my closest school mate and her family on a short holiday to Ibiza. It was the first time I had been away with anyone but my own family.



Sally and I had our own room, which was a big step towards independence. That night, I leant against the sink in the bathroom while cleaning my teeth and talking to my friend who sat out on her bed in our room. The sink suddenly capsized, disintegrated in fact, taking me and the P trap and all the plumbing with it.

I was, to say the least, terrified of her parents' ire, and wondered if I would get jailed in Ibiza and never see my family again. That didn't happen, but two days later I got stuck in the hotel lift, and there began my life of claustrophobia. Penance for my sins.

Back to Germany and the UK Griswolds were enjoying a serene cable car ride up Wank. Yes, sorry, that's the name of the mountain, I can't do anything to disguise it. Wank is in Garmisch Partenkirchen in Bavaria, a pretty place, beautiful views and right up my Dad's alley, or perhaps valley. So beautiful indeed, that Bear Grylls-Griswold decided the family would walk down the mountain rather than the sensible cable car option. So, dutifully, we followed Papa Bear down a wide track as we gazed at the tiny pin pricks of colour that were the roofs of GP below. My mother, poor woman, was in Scholl's sandals. If you recall, walking in Scholls was like walking with two small hardwood planks tied to your feet, unless you were lucky enough to have the later model, with little rubber bumps that stimulated your reflexology points while you undertook your daily housework tasks. It's kind of different walking down a mountain though...

So, we encountered a muddy patch in the wide path, the latter which was, somewhat disturbingly, rapidly shrinking to a goat trail. Papa Bear and two young teens skirted around the offending puddle. Mother, being a tough Irish lass, decided to stay on the well worn track, God knows why. The mud was like a quicksand, and Mother floundered, and finally pulled her left foot out of the bog with a resounding sluuurrpppppp, minus sandal. The rest of the walk was a nightmare for her, and we finally reached the base and could hardly walk, our shins in agony at every step. There's a term, Bog Irish, but it had a different meaning on this day.

One of my last holidays with my parents was in mid 1970s, to Venice again. My brother went missing. He was an annoying little (well, tall actually, but that doesn't sound right) toad in those days, so had it not been Venice, I probably would have been elated. However, it was only a few weeks since I had watched the disturbing movie *Don't Look Now* with Donald Sutherland and Charlotte Rampling, a masterpiece of intrigue where the couple's young, dead daughter keeps reappearing to them in the foggy, spooky depths of the old city, amongst the damp and crumbling grey walls, deserted pathways and rat infested, dirty waters of the city's canals.

He turned up though. Mr Adventure was still back in St Mark's Square covered in a small percentage of the over 100,000 pigeons that added fertiliser to the lichen covered damp walls of the ancient city's buildings lining the canals.

He would have been fined these days, I think the Venetians have given the pigeons their marching orders. The funny thing was, he never fed the birds in the garden at home, and he had managed to make two pieces of breakfast bread last half an hour – the five loaves and fishes miracle revisited in the bosom of the Cathedral.

I was, I admit, happy to see him.

I reminisce on all these events, and many others, and realise how much I love my little acreage in the heart of Speewah.

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## BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK GREAT WHEELBARROW RACE 2022

The Mareeba to Chillagoe race format is back for the 2022 event.

The race kicks off on Friday, 20 May 2022 in Mareeba and will conclude on Sunday, 22 May 2022 in Chillagoe.

Mareeba Shire Council and the Great Wheelbarrow Race Advisory Committee are encouraging potential teams to get behind this iconic event in 2022.

Councillor Locky Bensted is encouraging teams to nominate. "With the previous two events cancelled due to COVID, we are doing everything we can to bring the race back in 2022," Cr Bensted explained. "The Nudgee School Boys Team is planning a return, so we are encouraging our young people to give them a run for their money. If you've ever thought about nominating, now is the time to give it a go!"

To register, please visit  
[www.greatwheelbarrowrace.com](http://www.greatwheelbarrowrace.com).

REGISTER NOW



## PARK ENTRANCE SIGN RENEWAL



Council has implemented an annual program to renew old and faded entrance signs at various Council-controlled parks within Mareeba Shire.

This year's project has been funded under Phase 2 of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LICRP2). Twelve signs have been installed and another six are set to be upgraded this financial year.

## FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL



Council advises Mareeba Shire residents of the upcoming free domestic green waste disposal days.

### Mutchilba:

Wednesday, 30 March and Saturday, 2 April 2022

### Mt Carbine:

Thursday, 31 March and Sunday, 3 April 2022

### Dimbulah, Julatten, Kuranda and Mareeba:

Saturday, 2 and Sunday, 3 April 2022

### Almaden, Irvinebank and Mt Molloy:

Saturday, 2 April and Tuesday, 5 April 2022

### Chillagoe:

Saturday, 2 April and Monday, 4 April 2022

For more info, please visit:  
[www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) and search "Free Domestic Green Waste".

## ONLINE ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORM INTRODUCED



Mareeba Shire Council has introduced an online animal registration form providing residents a quick and effortless way to register their dogs.

"Our online animal registration form is just one of the many ways Council aims to build platforms to make it easier for residents to do business with us," Mayor Toppin explained.

Council officers will contact animal owners for payment once the form is submitted and registration notices and tags will be sent in the mail. Furthermore, the form can also be used by animal owners to order replacement tags for their animals and to update details of their registered animals.

Families who would like to welcome a new dog to their home are encouraged to visit the council's website for more information about owning a pet in the Shire.

The registration form can also be obtained at the Council Customer Service Centres.

To view the form, please visit:  
[www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) and search "Dog Registration Form".



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## Councillor Column

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



### MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCILLOR LENORE WYATT

I would like to start this month's Councillor Update by thanking all the residents of our Shire who continue to make a significant contribution to waste management and circular economy opportunities. We continue to see an increase in people across the Shire taking recyclable waste to the Transfer Stations.

#### Reef Guardian Council

Mareeba Shire Council is part of the Reef Guardian Council Program, and I am honoured to represent Council in this capacity. The program recognises, to effectively manage and protect the Reef a coordinated effort is required from industries, communities, and all levels of government. Residents can get involved by joining a community organisation or signing up for their newsletter. Visit [www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/reef-guardian-councils](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/reef-guardian-councils) for more information.

#### Responsible Waste Management

Waste reduction is near to my heart, and it is wonderful to see all the community events, partnership programs and workshops taking place in the Shire.

When Council is making decisions on waste management, we consider not only the dumping of self-haul waste at landfills, but waste reduction and circular economy opportunities. You can save money at the gate by implementing ways to not only recycle your waste but to reduce your waste. Milk bottles collected at our transfer stations are sent to Cairns and, once recycled, come back as plastic bollards. Next time you visit Rotary Park in Mareeba, have a look at the bollards, made by a supplier who recycled milk bottles from our communities.

#### Buy Back Shop

The construction of the Buy Back Shop has commenced. Located at the Mareeba Resource Recovery Centre, which is part of the Mareeba Waste Facility on Vaughan Street in Mareeba, the Buy Back Shop represents another major step towards embedding the circular economy in Mareeba. This will enable goods to be recovered and made available for purchase which will reduce valuable materials being sent to landfill.

#### Recycle Right

We all have the responsibility of minimising the amount of waste deposited to landfill. Before throwing out an item, think about reusing, retasking or giving the item to someone who can use it. I encourage residents to visit [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) and search for "recycling" for more information on how to recycle, where to recycle and what can be recycled.

Cr Lenore Wyatt

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## NEW RESEARCH REVEALS HOW QUEENSLAND HOUSEHOLDS USE THEIR WATER

Queenslanders run their taps for the shortest amount of time per day compared with residents in every other Australian state, according to a new report released on World Water Day (22 March).

The Billions of Water Using Minutes report commissioned by not-for-profit The Water Conservancy was unique as it used a measurement of water minutes.

The research found Queenslanders run taps for 1 hour and 13 minutes a day, 15 minutes less than the average Australian, and 38 minutes less than those in Western Australia.

The Water Conservancy CEO Chris Philpot said 93 per cent of Queenslanders thought it was important to monitor how water was used at home. Only 17 per cent of Queenslanders, though, say they are more aware of their water usage than energy usage in and around their homes.

Mr Philpot said The Water Conservancy uses its research to develop education and awareness programs for the water industry, local governments, households, classrooms, and businesses to improve understanding about where water comes from and how to conserve more and waste less.

"We introduced the Smart Approved WaterMark nearly 20 years ago to certify water saving products and services to help people be more water efficient," he said. "Since then, we've expanded and today on World Water Day, we're announcing our rebrand as The Water Conservancy."

"We are committed to changing people's behaviours and raising awareness about their water use. To do that, we continue to certify water efficient products and services, and provide advice about saving water at home, at work and in the garden. We enable businesses to identify water savings with water audits and recommendations, deliver performances and workshops in schools and run the annual water awareness initiative - 'Water Night' during National Water Week in October."

Mr Philpot said there were some key areas where Australians could improve on water usage. "Our research showed two in every three of us will turn on the washing machine or dishwasher before it's full and almost three-quarters of us don't worry about positioning sprinklers away from paved and concreted areas. Only one in five Australians uses rainwater or recycled water in the garden," Mr Philpot said.

Mr Philpot encouraged all Australians to consider how often they turn on their taps. "We believe if Australians were more conscious of when and how they reached for their taps, they would be more mindful about turning them on in the first place and ultimately waste less."

The full report can be viewed at [www.thewaterconservancy.org/research/a-billion-water-using-minutes](http://www.thewaterconservancy.org/research/a-billion-water-using-minutes) and more advice on how to save water can be found on the website.

Source: The Water Conservancy



New housing subdivisions, smaller yards and a dependence on air conditioning have resulted in a 30 per cent decline in Australian residential trees in the past decade, leading to hotter neighbourhoods and increased energy costs. The dramatic loss of suburban trees has led to UniSA environmental researchers calling for new national planning policies to mandate the inclusion of trees in any development or housing design.

Qualified architect and UniSA PhD candidate Mina Rouhollahi says a recent study of 90 Australian residential suburbs shows tree-inclusive gardens and yards provide up to a 30-metre buffer around each land unit during summer heatwaves.

"Local government focuses on public parks and urban forests but it's the residential trees that make a significant difference to home energy costs. Also, private land tree planting provides a better environment for children, improving urban aesthetics and increasing home values."

Rouhollahi and her UniSA colleagues, including supervisor Professor John Boland, have designed an optimal tree strategy for different housing configurations, nominating specific tree types, tree volumes, and correct placement to achieve maximum benefits. Their strategy is outlined in a new paper published in *Energy and Buildings*. It incorporates all seasons and microclimates, allowing planners, developers and designers to adopt the tree options that suit specific environments.

The researchers' proposal aligns with the latest IPCC report, recommending increased space between houses to allow for more trees, as well as utilising reflective building materials. The report says taking these steps could significantly decrease urban heat, reduce the reliance on electricity, and thereby cut blackout risks.

"Redesigning our homes with trees in mind will better serve residents, cities, and the environment. Trees have numerous benefits: they shield us from the sun, provide wind protection, reduce stormwater runoff, passive cooling and natural ventilation. The net result is a more energy efficient home, lower energy costs, reduced air conditioning, CO2 emissions and less polluted air."

Current residential development policies rely on public and communal open spaces to compensate for the lack of trees in private yards. Yet, this does not provide energy savings, the researchers say. The researchers hope their recommendations, outlining different optimal tree options, will be adopted by local councils and embedded in their planning policies.

"Potential residential tree arrangement to optimise dwelling energy efficiency" is published in *Energy & Buildings*. For a copy of the paper, email [candy.gibson@unisa.edu.au](mailto:candy.gibson@unisa.edu.au).


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## Far North Queensland

### No planning for renewable energy projects on the Atherton Tablelands

Climate change is delivering unprecedented climate patterns across Australia. The use of fossil fuels is now directly proven to be a key driver in climate change and has resulted in a 1.5°C temperature rise since the industrial revolution. To keep temperatures below 2°C is a herculean task.

The transition to zero emission renewable energy is now finally occurring. This comes with its own challenges. Industrial scale renewable projects are sometimes in the wrong locations. There is a pipeline of over \$6 billion worth of industrial scaled projects—most earmarked for the southern Atherton Tablelands with six projects imminent. It is calculated that 13,100 hectares of remnant, and 12,900 hectares of non-remnant vegetation will be cleared across Queensland, with the majority in North Queensland.

Proponents of these large-scale wind and solar farms are cherry-picking the easiest locations to place these developments along existing transmission lines. It is highly unfortunate that the main transmission line to Cairns hugs the western boundary of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Here conflict arises between conservation of high bio-diverse habitat and the proposed industrial scaled wind farms.

Two projects proposed, Chalumbin and Upper Burdekin, would clear over 2,500 hectares of remnant vegetation and vital habitat for many endangered species. Fragmentation of the forests would also lead to weed incursions, altered fire regimes and forest edge effects altering forests for up to 100m beyond the road edge. Chalumbin, for example, requires 146km of new internal haulage roads at up to 70m wide in places.

These projects generally go through local council as Code Assessable under local planning schemes and are fast tracked through the Integrated Planning Act. At state level, there is a planning guideline called “State Code 23 for wind farms” which is a deficient, outdated and flawed instrument. It is at federal level that these projects usually become known to the wider public. By this stage, it can be too late, particularly if the only legislation to be used is the flawed Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act.

The solution to this madness is an overarching planning policy for the roll out of renewables.

A moratorium is needed on any industrial scaled projects adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage until a proper planning scheme is developed.

Can you imagine 239 turbines (Chalumbin and Upper Burdekin combined) abutting the Tasmanian World Heritage Area, or Kakadu World Heritage Area, or Blue Mountains World Heritage Area? The Wet Tropics World Heritage deserves better!

A master plan for Queensland can be developed that highlights high bio-diverse areas, state-wide wildlife corridors, and places of high cultural significance, overlaid with high wind resource and solar opportunities. The land outside of these areas could be open/suitable for the roll out of renewables. If this is not done, land use conflict with nature protection will persist with greater intensity in the coming years.

By Steven Nowakowski – Nature Photographer and Publisher.



Land clearing at the Kaban wind farm project. Photos: Steven Nowakowski

#### NEXT FoE FNQ MEETING:

Including talk by Steven about this important issue –  
13 April 7pm via Zoom. All welcome. For details on how to join, see [www.foefnq.org.au](http://www.foefnq.org.au) or contact Margaret on 0403 214 422 or email [pestorium@gmail.com](mailto:pestorium@gmail.com)

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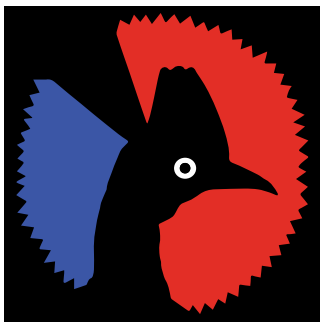
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## THE 2021 YEAR AND THE WAY FORWARD

Annual report by re-elected president, Dianne Daniels:

Another busy year with changes in many areas - structural changes, operational changes and human resource changes and as they say, a change is as good as a rest so we should be full of energy for the coming year.

## NURSERY EXPANSION AND RENEWAL

The nursery itself has been and continues to be revamped with the removal of the old shade house for seedlings and the construction of a larger shaded area complete with shelving which provides space for many more seedling trays. The potting bench has also been removed and replaced with a sturdy, more practical stainless steel bench. These changes should make for a more efficient and smoother working conditions in the nursery. It should be noted that all this was achieved without any outside funding, thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with the heavy lifting, demolition and construction.

## GROWING DIVERSITY

On the plant side of things, new species are regularly being introduced to our stock, thanks to the fruit and seeds brought in by the community. We're also driven to find seed of species asked for by customers.

We've had some large orders from revegetation

contractors for roadsides and subdivisions.

## PROJECTS

- Our involvement with the Cassowary Art Trail instigated by Jurg Jutzi of Terra Nova. As a grant partnership, we have applied for RADF funding and we eagerly await a favourable outcome.
- We continued fundraising through the bin stickers which have been very popular especially over Christmas. Profits from Rebecca Koller's artworks have been shared with local wildlife carer organisations.
- We have worked in partnership with Jo Martin who through her excellent mapping skills has produced detailed maps of local cassowary corridors. She has also produced a Cassowary Log Book which has been distributed to regular reporters of cassowary sightings.
- With an increase in notifications of cassowary sightings, we are currently working on a more accurate Cassowary ID system through the comparison of photos of known birds.
- We continue to monitor our cassowary fence along the Kennedy Highway. A working bee will be organised in the near future to continue protecting the cassowaries from wandering onto the road.

As far as human resources go, a big 'THANK YOU' goes out to everyone who regularly turns up every week to work in the nursery. We could not operate

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without you and we really appreciate the time and effort you put into making this a successful nursery.



*Erik the young cassowary of Mason Road/Barron Falls Road/Weir Road. Photo: Buck Richardson, Kuranda*

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## NEXT ROUND OF REEF ASSIST FUNDING ANNOUNCED

A \$65.6m funding commitment by the Queensland Government to improve the environment of the Great Barrier Reef catchment area has been welcomed by the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA).

Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs, the Hon. Meaghan Scanlon, made the announcement while visiting an Indigenous Ranger Program in Yarrabah, which was established under the Queensland Government's Reef Assist program in 2020.

The funding includes an additional \$9 million for Reef Assist. Through the Reef Assist program, there have already been 180 full-time, part-time and casual jobs created that involved working on projects to improve water quality flowing from the Great Barrier Reef catchment.

The Authority's Chair, Chrissy Grant, said: "This round of funding is welcome news and is a step in the right direction to continue to build resilience in both our environment and our regional economies."

The Authority facilitated two projects with \$3.245 million under the first two rounds of Reef Assist funding, which Ms Grant said proves funding environmental management and restoration directly stimulates regional economies.

The Authority's two projects have resulted in:

- A significant reduction in marine debris entering the Great Barrier Reef through regular clean-up activities and supporting the Reef Clean Project being delivered by Tangaroa Blue.
- Approximately 25 hectares of invasive weeds removed and treated in the Barron, Mulgrave, and Johnstone catchments.
- Five hectares of riparian zones revegetated with native tree species in non-productive farming land, improving bank stabilisation and key wildlife corridors for iconic threatened species of the Wet Tropics region.
- Threatened species and terrestrial vertebrate refugia monitoring in higher altitudes combining western scientific practices with Traditional Knowledge systems to better understand the health and climatic

impacts on the Wet Tropics forest systems.

- Cultural heritage survey and mapping activities and ongoing land management activities with key project partners, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Management and protection of eucalypt woodlands through culturally appropriate fire management.
- A variety of conservation and land management training units and certifications including Work Health and Safety, chainsaw use, water testing, plant identification, and fire management.

"This work is vital to protect the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, considered one of the planet's most significant biodiverse places, which is part of the catchment of the Great Barrier Reef." Ms Grant said.

Source: WTMA

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The next meet up of the Kuranda Writers Group will be **THE CREATIVITY UNLEASHED WORKSHOP** held on **Thursday 14th April 10-12 noon** including 1 hour workshop At the Kuranda Library. **Free** but spaces limited. **All welcome!**

we meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month 10-12 noon



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### Feature artist – Louise Mabbutt

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"My artwork is inspired by childhood memories of growing up in Sabah, Borneo. Although I was born in the UK, my family moved to East Malaysia when I was two years old. In later years, I worked on the Great Barrier Reef from Cairns, in tourism, as a Reef Naturalist. Teaching snorkelling and introducing people from all over the world to the reef ecosystem was my passion and that passion is now expressed in my artwork. I have no formal training in art, but years of dabbling!

I spent two years in Darwin 2017–2019 and found on the local beaches a vast array of different corals, shells, seaweeds and sponges. This is due to the north-westerly monsoonal winds and the location of reefs not far off the coastline. A collector's paradise! No permit was required to collect from the beaches."

Come and see Louise's work at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery, open seven days a week and run by local artist members.



Top: "Coral Reef Cay" by Louise Mabbutt  
 Above: "Window to the Reef" by Louise Mabbutt

### Upcoming Birthday Celebrations

The Kuranda Arts Co-op has a birthday in July. We have been successfully operating for 25 years and we plan to celebrate this 'quarter century' occasion with our fellow artists, past and present, and the community with an art exhibition. We have set a date for our celebration event, 29 July, when we will be opening our exhibition. We call on our past members to please email the Co-op at [artskuranda@gmail.com](mailto:artskuranda@gmail.com) so that we have your current contact details. We will be contacting past members with further details.

Mollie Bosworth (President)

### Pottery

The Far North is a paradise for potters, with rich clay and mineral resources, many rocks such as granite and an abundance of wood, coal and gas for firing kilns. However, electricity has been the main source of energy used by potters for their firings, but as costs soar many have turned to other heat sources.

Potters have found that beautiful and unusual glaze effects can be achieved without the kiln, and they are turning from functional to more decorative aspects of their craft, and raku and smoke firings are increasing in popularity. Potters are making a significant contribution to our cultural life. Artistic sensitivities are producing work of the high order. Those born with the gift of creativity are becoming more free to extract the vital essence to produce new life in their pieces.

Sandy Hablethwaite's colourful and sometimes comical artworks, large and small, are displayed in the Co-op gallery. A newcomer to this craft and student of Sandy, Toni Rogers, combines functional pottery pieces with fibre and grasses. Award winner Mollie Bosworth features her fine porcelain artworks in the gallery.

### North Queensland Ceramic Awards 2022 – Townsville

Expressions of interest are now open for this award exhibition and close on 15 April 2022. Potters are invited to apply now.

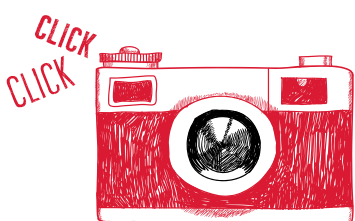
The biennial *North Queensland Ceramic Awards* has long aimed to increase public exposure to a high standard of pottery from around the nation. A showcase for both well-known and emerging artists, this competition displays the diversity of ceramic art currently being produced in Australia. The *City of Townsville Art Collection Award* of \$10,000 continues to provide both opportunities for artists to become a part of one of the nation's most significant ceramic collections, as well as ensuring the continued growth of this important subsection of the City of Townsville Art Collection. Selected works will be on display at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery from 22 July to 25 September 2022 and will be eligible in various categories beyond the major *City of Townsville Art Collection Award*.



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**UPDATE FROM KURANDA MEDICAL CENTRE**

Dear Kuranda Paper readers,

I thought I would write and give you a view from the Kuranda Medical Centre as to how I perceive medical life in Kuranda at present. Without sounding too clichéd, it has been a difficult couple of years with both the local community and the Medical Centre trying to process and deal with all the issues surrounding COVID infections and COVID immunisations.

Kuranda is a complex community. At the Medical Centre we try very hard to respect the diversity of opinions that many of our patients hold. This can be challenging at times and I would like to extend my great appreciation to the nursing & reception staff at the Medical Centre who have worked extremely hard over the last couple of years to support our doctors in Kuranda.

Over the past few months we have been joined by two new doctors Dr Frank Kwikiriza and Dr Charlie Williams who are on advanced training programs. Both of these doctors come with a wealth of experience and it has been a great help for me and the other older doctors in Kuranda to receive their support. Dr Frank and Dr Charlie are only here on short term contracts as part of their training and will both leave later in 2022. I hope both will be able to re-join us again in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the patients who support Kuranda Medical Centre in what in all honesty can be a battle at times to provide timely and effective medical services.

Kind regards,  
 Dr. David Cuming  
 Kuranda Medical Centre



**CHHS RESPONSE TO MAREEBA HOSPITAL RUMOURS**

We have been strongly concerned by rumours circulating on the Tablelands that Mareeba Hospital's maternity unit has closed. These rumours are untrue, and they have no basis in reality.

Mareeba Hospital's maternity unit is definitely not closing, nor are there any plans to close this vital service. Although there is a nationwide shortage of midwives, this has not affected maternity services at Mareeba Hospital.

Rather, these unfounded rumours have the opposite effect: impacting negatively on the Hospital's reputation and our ability to attract more staff to work there.


There was a period over Christmas and New Year where a doctor took leave unexpectedly, and COVID-19 impacts on the health workforce nationwide, impacted our ability to recruit a doctor with obstetric qualifications on short notice. During this period a small number women were impacted due to their birthing risk factors and birthed at Cairns Hospital. The Mareeba team continued to offer low risk birthing as well as ante and post-natal care for the women birthing at Cairns.

This situation has been resolved, medical staff recruited, and birthing services continue as normal at Mareeba Hospital. We closely monitor staffing levels across our hospitals, and make decisions to allocate resources where they are needed.

We ask the community to quash these untruths and continue to support the wonderful and hard-working team at Mareeba Hospital.

If you have a genuine interest in the future of Mareeba Hospital, please have your say through our Local Area Needs Assessment consultation which is currently open at [www.cairns-hinterland.health.qld.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say-on-local-health-services](http://www.cairns-hinterland.health.qld.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say-on-local-health-services)

Tracey Morgan, Executive Director Rural and Remote Services  
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# April

### History of the Diamond as the April Birthstone

Natural diamonds are a rare and unique ultimate gift for a loved one. Thought to be one of the hardest substances on the globe, natural diamonds date back billions of years.

Adopted from the Greek word *Adamas*, meaning invincible, diamonds come in a wide range of colours such as black, blue, green, pink, red, purple, orange and yellow. The colour is dependent upon the type of impurities that are present in the stone. For instance, yellow diamonds have minuscule traces of nitrogen, while blue ones contain boron.

The diamond is the traditional birthstone for April and holds significant meaning for those born in that month, thought to provide the wearer with better relationships and an increase in inner strength.

Wearing diamonds is purported to bring other benefits such as balance, clarity and abundance. It's also symbolic of eternal love, and those fortunate to call April the month of their birth, will enjoy the following history behind this rare gem.

### The History and Beliefs Surrounding the Diamond

As told through the *Encarta*, Sanskrit texts dating back 400 B.C. found that people associated significant value and wonderment with crystals. There is also significant research dating back to 1330 showing diamond cutting in Venice. The diamond trading business flourished towards the 15th century with the opening of Eastern trade routes.

Ancient theories touting the magical powers of diamonds were prevalent – some thought lightning bolts formed diamonds, while other theories asserted that diamonds were the tears of god.

### The Healing Powers of Diamonds

During the Middle Ages, diamonds were thought to hold healing powers and to cure ailments stemming from the pituitary gland and brain. By heating the crystal and taking it to bed, it was thought to draw out the harmful toxins that were crippling the body.

It was also believed that diamonds could have an effect on the individual's balance and clarity and could boost their energy when combined with other crystals like amethyst.

The diamond has garnered the hearts of many and is deemed as the "King of all Birthstones". Diamonds make the ideal choice for any April birthday gift.

### The Origin of Birthstones

It's uncertain how the specific months become connected with the various stones. However, some speculate that the origins of birthstones date back to biblical times when the



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breastplate belonging to a priest was decorated with 12 assorted coloured gems. As time wore on, the 12 gems became associated with the zodiac and the months connected to it.

This started the tradition of wearing a coloured stone each month as a sort of good luck charm. Initially people wore all 12 stones, rotating according to the month of the year to derive the greatest benefit of each stone.

Believing that the various gems held magical powers for the individual born within a given month, people started to wear the stone associated with their birth month for the entire year.

In 1912, the American National Association of Jewellers designed a list dedicating different gems to various months. What was once thought to be controversial based on its commercialism, is now accepted as the official birthstone list.

Contributed by Emu Ridge Fossil and Gemstone Museum and Gallery, Therwine Street, Kuranda. Free admission.

## ABORIGINAL CARBON FOUNDATION MAKES TOP 100 LIST



Elder Charlie Lee Cheu observing a cultural burn part of the Western Yalanji project, Wulburjubar, North Queensland.  
Photo: Johnny Murrison.

The Aboriginal Carbon Foundation (AbCF) making a top 100 list of Australia's Green Power Players exemplifies the organisation's commitment to Traditional Owners, industry best practice and is a win for regional Australia, CEO Rowan Foley said.

"Making the top 100 is testament to the hard work we have been doing, not only in developing a first-class Indigenous company, but also our collaborative relationships with likeminded organisations, local people and big business. Our products and services are actually all about people."

"Tried and tested verification using a peer to peer strengths-based approach that identifies environmental, social and cultural core benefits help organisations meet their reconciliation action plans, corporate social responsibilities as well as carbon neutrality. This approach generates local jobs which in turn stimulate local economies."

Recognised by the Australian Human Rights Commission as being best practice in the climate change space for their strengths-based verification approach, the AbCF made the Australian Newspaper's inaugural Top 100 Green Power Players last week which rated the areas of renewable energy, climate action, net-zero ambition, carbon markets and the broader environment. The list showcases the top 100 innovators, developers, financiers, policymakers and activists

who are bringing about positive environmental change and paving a path to a carbon-neutral future in Australia.

Mr Foley said: "We are rubbing shoulders with some heavy hitters in this space and I feel incredibly proud the AbCF is on the list with tech billionaire Mike Cannon-Brookes."

Other names identified by Alan Finkel AC (chair of the selection committee) included Bob Brown and Ricky Archer CEO of the North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Alliance (NAISMA).

The AbCF, a leader in the Australian carbon voluntary market for nature-based solutions, and the peer to peer strengths-based approach, does not rely upon the government or major corporations but is well supported by these entities.

"We are working with landowners to produce Community and Farmer Credits that have verifiable environmental, social and cultural core benefits, which is what corporations want to support to keep investors and shareholders happy," Mr Foley said.

Australian Carbon Credit Units with verified environmental, social and cultural core benefits is the premium product domestically and internationally in the voluntary carbon market.

Source: Aboriginal Carbon Foundation





## The Velvet Assassin

There is a kind of local animal that looks much like a caterpillar with a dozen or so extra legs. However, this animal will not pupate into a butterfly or moth, and it is not the harmless leaf-eating larva that we are so familiar with. This is a stone-cold killer – if you're an arthropod. A deadly hunter, the animal in question is a key species in the evolution of the arthropod (but itself is not one). It appeared on Earth around half a billion years ago, which is no mean feat, making it one of the first invertebrate animal species to evolve. It is known as the Velvet worm (phylum Onychophora), and though described in 1826 as a slug, it is neither worm, slug nor caterpillar.

In Australia, the adult Velvet worm is between 20 and 40mm in length (depending on species). The local Kuranda species is at the upper end of this size scale. Pigmentation can vary depending on species, but is generally a brown or grey base colour with intricate patterning over the top. It appears to have up to 14-16 caterpillar-like legs, but these contain no actual joints or muscles. They achieve motion by the body's water pressure (hydrostatic) pressing against them and keeping them extended, and then by the contraction of inner-body muscles. The head can be identified by the presence of two stumpy precursors to antennae.

Unlike today's arthropods, the Velvet worm has no hardened exoskeleton. Its skin is composed of a membrane of dead cells covered in tiny hairs, which are in themselves covered in tiny scales that give it the appearance and feeling of velvet. These hairs function in a sensory capacity and respond to touch. This covering is also water-repellent, which makes it perfect for living in a very moist environment – seconded by its inability to regulate water loss. It is therefore very easy for a Velvet worm to succumb to desiccation, and as such, it is only found in Australia's tropical and temperate rainforests.

The Velvet worm is interesting to science not only for its evolutionary status, but also for a sticky, glue-like secretion it

produces. This 'glue' is made up almost entirely of water, but also contains a few key proteins. Originally, these proteins are kept from chemically interacting by the water acting as a shield. However, this 'sticky' property is present for a reason, and the Velvet worm's prey of small arthropods get to find out first hand. After locating prey, the Velvet worm shoots this sticky liquid from tubes near its face. It lands on the prey quite harmlessly, but after a few moments, the arthropod's water-repellent exoskeleton causes the water in the secretion to evaporate and the proteins interact, stopping the victim in its tracks with an impossibly sticky web.

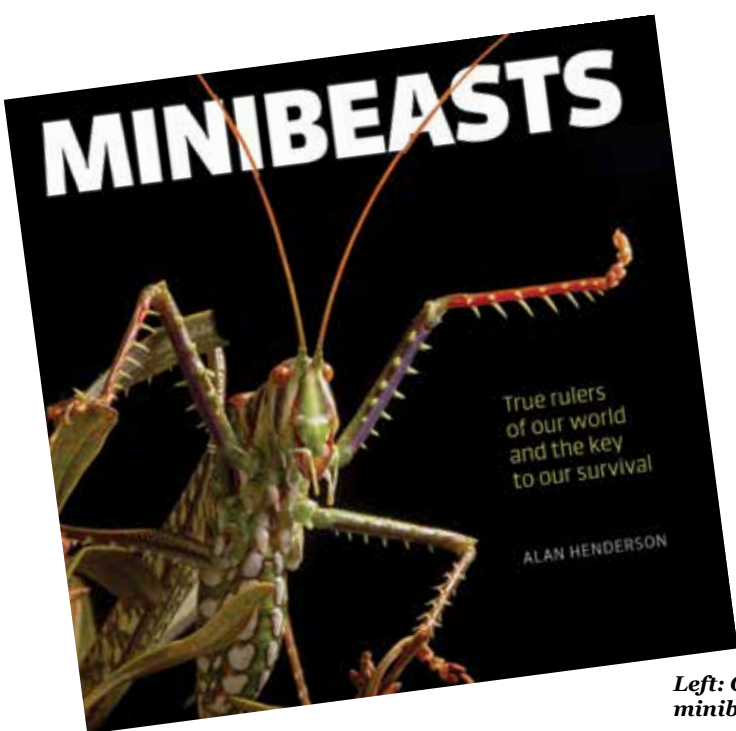
The Velvet worm's mouth is located on the underside of its body and is composed of outer lips with internal teeth. As the worm begins to feed on its immobilised prey, it covers the food with saliva which contains enzymes that cause the prey to break down outside the body, before it has even been chewed. As a result, the worm ingests a semi-liquid concoction that is easier for the simple digestive system to cope with.

Mating in Velvet worms is largely unstudied, but can be supposed to consist of, in most species, depositing of the spermatophore by the male to the female for fertilisation. Curiously, the males of studied species carry the spermatophore on their faces in a set of ever-present dimples. It has been likened by researchers to a kind of crown, or trophy.

After mating, eggs are often laid, but some species keep the eggs internally and give birth to live young, like a mammal. The babies are miniature versions of the adults, and they will continue to shed their skin every 14 or so days into adulthood.

### Caitlin Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Above: The Velvet worm could easily be mistaken for an odd-looking caterpillar – but don't be fooled!  
Photos: Alan Henderson



Left: 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.



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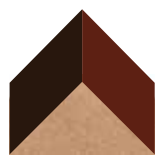
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# KURANDA MEN'S SHED

incorporating  
**KURANDA SHE SHED**



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Following our AGM, Geoff Smith is our Shed Manager, Kris Johns is our Secretary, and Peta Jan Moloney is the She Shed Coordinator.

Please check our session times below. We've changed the Men's Shed group a little bit, and the She Shed has changed a lot to allow for high participation.

Facebook followers might have seen our various ads for some tools we're replacing with more modern cordless tools. Please support our little group if you're in need of perfectly good corded tools. These have been donated by the community, electrically checked annually and are all in good working condition.

Malcolm is putting in a great effort, gets in earlier than everyone else, cleans the place up and organises the shed for the session. We get a lot of great ideas from Malcolm and with help from Richard, Eddie, and Dougie, the shed has been rearranged to give us more benches and heaps more space. I was dodging all the hard work mowing and brush-cutting in the garden instead. The ladies were greatly pleased when they came in for their session the next day, except we now can't find anything!

A big thank you to the communities in our area for supporting our Arara Street recycling fundraiser, we could not do it without you, so keep up the good work.

What's on at the shed this month? Plenty if you want to make stuff or repair stuff in our woodwork and metalwork shops, come on down to one of our sessions and have a look, join us for a cuppa.

Does anyone in the community know about a machine called a Shaper? AKA spindle molder. We have one and lots of very expensive looking tools to use on it, however, we need help with some advice on how to fit the tools to the machine.

This month I want to talk about how tough life can get sometimes. We don't like to dwell on it, but often 'stuff' just gets overwhelming and can make us unhappy and dissatisfied with our lot.

The Buddhists call this sort of dissatisfaction or un-satisfactoriness 'dukkha'. Without going into all the different types of dukkha, Buddha identified the cause of our suffering to be craving; what he called 'attachment'. We work hard all our lives and get the right car, the right home, exciting experiences like overseas travel. It's all temporary. Relationships break down. Cars and houses need maintenance. Let's face it! We spend our lives chasing money and possessions, but as we grow older, it starts to dawn on us that our dissatisfaction is still there and no amount of the collection of possessions or experiences seem to quench our thirst. What's the solution? End the seeking and just be satisfied with what you have! It's human to continually improve our lot in life, and nobody is saying you can't improve things from what they are now. Just be aware of what your goals are and ask yourself: Is this the same old pattern of my behaviour? Will the achievement of this goal bring me something permanent and lasting?

Another source of dissatisfaction in our lives are the stories we identify (attach) to. We often call it 'baggage' and the baggage can get heavy over many years of carrying it. The advice is often, "Just let go" but this isn't helpful because it seems too simple. The stories are

complex and often subtle; they might even be subconscious. It's like the devil on one shoulder and the angel on the other. The devil whispers in your ear, "You're not good enough", "You'll look foolish" etc. The angel says "It's not as hard as it seems."

Please get involved in your community. Men's Shed is a good start. Making something, having a laugh. Helping your friends. Shoulder to Shoulder.

Just sayin' Geoff

## SHE SHED

It is with great pleasure that I write this short update on the Kuranda She Shed (the same as the Men's Shed, but different).

The She Shed is a welcoming and warm place for women to learn woodcraft and machinery skills, while sharing conversations over cuppas, learning from others and experiencing new ways of doing things.

I am fortunate enough to have been attending the shed for about a year now, exploring my love of timber and joinery. Dragging along whatever I may find – large pieces of driftwood, salvaged furniture in need of repair, reclaimed timber palings, etc.

Most of us have our own projects that we are working on, at our own pace. It is a group, yet we work as individuals, so it is very self-driven, therefore you get out of it as much as you are willing to put in. The shed is full of fascinating tools and timber. When I go there, I am often inspired to create something new...

Usually, our friend Geoff (honorary manwoman) is there to give us advice on 'how to' and/or assists us with the tricky tricks of the trade. We appreciate him giving us his time and sharing his knowledge. Sometimes, he is overrun with a lot of women asking him questions at the same time, and so we are all learning patience.

While we learn how to use the tools – chainsaw, jigsaw, table saw, or determining the size of the drill bit for the screw, how to make a bird-feeder, a herringboned breakfast tray, or a timber toy chest for a toddler.

Regards, from the She Shed. Julia



## Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am  
She Shed • Tue 1–5pm, Friday 8am–1pm, Sun 1–5pm

116 Kuranda Heights Road

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### Creating forest corridors

With the Kuranda Historical Society trivia night on Saturday 2 April at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, we thought we would give a very brief history of Kuranda Envirocare, which started in 1995 as Kuranda Landcare and was then incorporated as Kuranda Envirocare in 1998.

Our aim was, and still is, repairing and extending the forest, enhancing forest diversity, and creating forest corridors for wildlife, including the Southern Cassowary.

Cassowary numbers have stabilised over the past 25 years and estimates between 1,500 and 4,000 show they are really only limited by their forest 'fruit store trees' available. Who doesn't love to have a cassowary visit their yard, and by not feeding them, cassowaries can continue their role as forest gardeners, picking up fruit here and dropping them with added fertiliser there.

For increased cassowary numbers, we need to protect and increase the forest cover with high percentages of hardy cassowary food trees. Envirocare continues to replace weeds with food tree species and we encourage land owners to protect the forests on their blocks.

For now and future generations of newcomers, placing voluntary covenants or nature refuges (if you can get one) attached to your land title, signifying to future purchasers that your block is one where people and wildlife can share our planet.

### Community planting and BBQ Sunday 3 April 3–5 pm

Park on Barnwell Road and follow signs. Hat, closed in shoes and water bottle. Holes and plants are prepped – just needs you to plant them.



### Plants of the month – Cassowary cuisine

From our Naturally Native collections of native trees with hardy cassowary cuisine trees as a focus (and a variety of garden sized plants as well). In stock now.

For future generations.  
Photo: Kuranda Envirocare

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Acmena hemilampyra</i>	Blush Satinash
<i>Alpinia caerulea</i>	Native Ginger
<i>Barringtonia calypttrata</i>	Cassowary Pine
<i>Cananga odorata</i>	Macassa Oil tree/ylang ylang
<i>Cerbera floribunda</i>	Cassowary Plum
<i>Chionanthus ramiflora</i>	Native Olive
<i>Davidsonia pruriens</i>	Davidson's Plum
<i>Diploglottis diphylostegia</i>	Northern Tamarind
<i>Elaeocarpus bancroftii</i>	Kuranda Quandong
<i>Endiandra impressicosta</i>	Steelbutt
<i>Eugenia reinwardtiana</i>	Cedar Bay Cherry
<i>Ficus congesta, copiosa, destruens, hispida, fraseri, and variegata</i>	Various Figs
<i>Pandanus monticola</i>	Urchin-Fruited Pandan
<i>Phaleria clerodendron</i>	Scented Daphne

<i>Pittosporum rubiginosum</i>	Hairy Red Pittosporum
<i>Pleiogynium timorense</i>	Burdekin Plum
<i>Podocarpus grayi</i>	Weeping Brown Pine
<i>Pouteria chartaceae</i>	Thin-Leaved Coondoo
<i>Rhodamnia sessiliflora</i>	Iron Malletwood
<i>Rhysotoechia robertsonii</i>	Robertson's Tuckeroo
<i>Syzygium alliginum, cormiflorum, kuranda, leumanii, tierneyanum, wesa</i>	Various Lillypillies
<i>Trema orientalis</i>	Rough Trema
<i>Xanthophyllum octandrum</i>	Yellow Boxwood

### SPEAKER MEETING – Steven Nowakowski on Wind Farms around the Wet Tropics

Thursday 7 April 7–8pm  
Kuranda Recreation Centre

Steven is a renowned photographer and will show, using maps and his amazing photography, just where these wind farms will be placed and the ecological values they threaten.

### • Date Claimers •

**Saturdays throughout April** – Planting at Cain Creek 8am. Meet at Envirocare nursery and carpool to site. Bring closed in shoes, hat, water bottle. Call Andrew on 0407 161 175.

**Water Quality and Acoustic Monitoring Introduction** – contact Ed via email at kuranda.envirocare.science@gmail.com.

**18–24 April Frog monitoring.** Monitoring fun starts after 7pm. Check FB or email for details.



### Who are the Taskforce volunteers?

#### Tim Brown

Age: 60 – Cairns

#### Why do you volunteer?

I feel I can make a difference in the world and some causes need help. I am passionate about the outdoors and the natural world. Some things such as yellow crazy ants, are just not meant to be here.

#### How did you first get involved?

I met the taskforce coordinator at a local coffee shop and was asked if I wanted to get involved as volunteer in the Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce.

#### How long have you been volunteering with the Taskforce?

Going on 3 years now.

#### What do you love about volunteering?

Being around like-minded people who are working toward the same goal. I enjoy helping to train new volunteers, seeing young people getting involved and the delicious morning tea or lunch that is provided. I really love doing the surveys in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. It's fun helping at events, and I like sharing my knowledge with the wider community about yellow crazy ants.



#### Bernd Seidl

Age: 70 – Yorkeys Knob

#### Why do you volunteer?

I am a nature warrior and I like meeting nice people.

#### How did you first get involved?

I was invited by a friend of mine who was the taskforce coordinator.

#### How long have you been volunteering with the Taskforce?

4–5 years

#### What do you love about volunteering?

The taskforce is a good bunch of people, like minded and open. I like it.

#### Nader Peard

Age: 13 – Kuranda

#### Why do you volunteer?

It is fun and I learn new skills in the things I am interested in, like ants. I know it is good for my community. It helps the wildlife.

#### How did you first get involved?

I saw an advertisement for the Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce and knew it was important to get rid of them because they do so much damage to the wildlife.

#### How long have you been volunteering with the Taskforce?

I think it maybe about 4 years.

#### What do you love about volunteering?

I love knowing that I am making a difference. I love the things I learn and making new friends who feel the same about protecting wildlife. I love that I learn how to use equipment and do field work that is important. It's so much fun and interesting. I even learnt how to use a GPS.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Protect your Patch Launch – Grow something great**  
"How to quarantine a pot plant" – Video launch coming soon! Available on the website in April.  
www.communitytaskforce.org.au/

#### Yellow Crazy Ant Conversations

Kuranda Envirocare community tree planting event will be followed by a BBQ and yellow crazy ant program update by our Kuranda Community Taskforce Coordinator.

**WHERE:** Corner of Barnwell Rd & Oak Forest Rd, Kuranda at 3pm (signs for parking will be out)

**WHEN:** Sunday 3 April 3–5 pm

#### Surveys in Kuranda Tree Frog habitat

Invasive ants have been found in critical frog habitat and are under threat from yellow crazy ants. Checking for invasive ants will ensure protection of this endemic and critically endangered species. We need your help so get in touch if you can make either or both events. A medium level of fitness will be required due to some steep terrain.

**WHERE:** Jum Rum Creek, end of Arara St, Kuranda

**WHEN:** Saturday 30 April 8 am to put traps out and Friday 6 May 8 am to collect traps.

#### Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce

The Community Taskforce is a community-run organisation which assists the Wet Tropics Management Authority in managing the yellow crazy ant infestations in Kuranda. Volunteers are involved in all aspects of the program, including undertaking regular monitoring activities, completing surveys of known infestation areas, and assisting in hand baiting.

Volunteer with the Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce by calling (07) 4093 8989 or by joining the Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce Facebook page.

Sylvia

### Join the invasive resist-ants

Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce  
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coordinator@communitytaskforce.com





# SCAMS AND SWINDLES

by Peter Ryle – Local Historian

Anyone who has a mobile phone or a computer is very likely to receive several scam texts or emails each day, or maybe you might receive a phone call trying to separate you from your money. Unfortunately, many of these scammers are successful. The authorities tell us that many millions of dollars are scammed from Australians each year.

However, if you think scamming is a product of the internet and other new technology you are wrong. The new technologies certainly make it easier for scammers, but the 'trade' of scamming has a long history, even in Australia.

In the late 1890s, there was a spate of scam letters reported in the eastern colonies of New South Wales and Queensland. These scams were attempted through the post, the only means of general communication at that time. The attempted scams were called The Spanish Swindle because the letters emanated from Spain. However, the authorities thought it was more likely that the scammers were actually English. The scam letters used several different "hooks" to

attempt to separate the intended victims from their money. Some letters claimed that the recipient's relative had died in Spain and had left an orphan child. The 'Good Samaritan' who wrote the letter had taken in the orphan and requested money to pay for the child's upkeep and relocate it to its relations in Australia.

One recipient in New South Wales was taken in and sent two hundred pounds to Spain. Two hundred pounds then was the annual salary of a Police Inspector in Queensland. Luckily the victim had second thoughts and contacted the police. The police were able to contact the Spanish authorities and the cheque was intercepted in the mail. The victim got almost all his money back. Unfortunately present day scammers use instantaneous electronic transfer, and the funds are seldom recovered. The following scam letter was received by a man living on the Darling Downs, and was reported in the newspapers to warn others:

## Darling Downs Gazette

Monday 13 June 1898 [page 3]

### THE SPANISH SWINDLE. LETTER TO A DOWNS RESIDENT.

What is known as the Spanish swindle is becoming thoroughly known now throughout Australia, and quite recently has been brought to our own doors. The following letter addressed S. Bradford Esq., Dalby, Queensland, was handed to the Dalby police, and by them to Sub-Inspector Durham, who has kindly permitted us to make a copy.

Madrid, March 31st, '98.

My Dear Sir,

Some information about your person collected during my stay at your town, and the dreadful situation I am in, causes me to confide a secret to you, which I never did think I should be obliged to confide to anyone whomsoever, concerning as it does a matter which cannot but place me in an awkward light. But the thought of my beloved daughter, a child yet in her teens, and the only member that is left to me out of my unfortunate family, are the reasons that oblige me to address you with the question whether you be willing to assist me in rescuing a sum of 650,000 francs, which I was forced to hide in the neighbourhood of your town about six months ago.

My motives for acting thus were the following:

I was a Captain Treasurer of a horse regiment here, when I received orders from the Chairman of the Republican Committee, which faction I belong to, to desert and take away with me the 400,000 francs the cash box of my regiment contained. The Committee augmented this money to the amount of 700,000 francs, and sent me abroad to buy arms and other implements of war for it, as they intended promoting a revolution in order to get the Republic proclaimed here in Spain.

With this view I left for Marseilles, where I was to expect further particulars about how to carry out this mission, but arriving there I was informed of our plot having been discovered through a wretch of a traitor, that part of my associates had been arrested and the rest forced to emigrate, and that I too had to put myself in safety, because the Government had solicited my extradition and even dispatched a couple of detectives to detain me.

To escape their persecution I resolved to leave Europe, but had scarcely been a month in your country when still worse tidings reached me concerning my daughter, who I was told had fallen gravely ill in her boarding school in Toledo.

What was I to do? Could I keep away from my child while in peril of her life? But how was I to return to Spain without exposing my money? Was I to deposit in a bank? And if the Spanish Government were informed of my having made so considerable a deposition what then? The mere suspicion of it would suffice them to make investigations and then the Bank in question were soon discovered and the money lost to me. My agony was horrible until the following thought struck me which I at once adopted as the most prudent and expedient out of my dilemma. According to it I sought out in the adjoining neighbourhood of your place a safe and solitary spot, whither nobody could suspect that I had penetrated, and digging a hole in the earth I there concealed in an iron box the sum of 650,000 francs in French Bank notes which fortune I now was the sole proprietor of. I then made a topographic plan of the spot with the aid of a metric tape measure and annotated on separate sheet of paper all the particulars I considered necessary for the rescuing of the box.

These documents I hid in a secret partition of my trunk, made on purpose, and in such a way as to prevent any one from finding it by mere chance, and having done so, sped my journey to Spain with the intention of taking my daughter abroad with me as soon as her health would permit it.

In spite of all my precautions, however, I was recognised and detained in the very moment of sallying out from the boarding school in Toledo, and taken hither, where the court martial condemned me to fifteen years of imprisonment, which are to be accomplished at the Isle of Cuba. And now before leaving here I must try and get the future of my poor daughter secured, and if you help me in so doing, I am willing to cede you one third of the whole sum on following terms:

1. Keep a strict silence about all that I have revealed.
2. To become a faithful guardian for my child until I regain my freedom and to advance the money necessary for her voyage and that of my confidant from Toledo to you, for I wish my daughter to be present at the act of discovery. You see I am quite sure of success, for else I should not insist upon my daughter's making so long and trying a journey. And, furthermore, you must pay the debt of my daughter to the school. That we may be able to retire the trunk from where it is now: for on reaching Toledo I left it with her, and now the directress, on hearing how long an imprisonment I have been sentenced to, has seized it along with the luggage of my daughter and refuses to deliver it up before getting her bill paid.

You may easily imagine that I cannot dispose of a single penny here in the prison, and as I am quite alone in the world and all my friends are either detained like myself or emigrated. God knows where. There remains no other hope for me than that of your advancing the money. To be sure I were fain to make your expenses as small as possible, but the trunk is indispensable because the documents that are needed in releasing the money lie hidden in it, and without these the discovery would be very difficult not to say impossible, and you would be obliged to make considerable diggings, which might attract the attention of people and undo the whole affair. Such a way of proceeding, you see, I cannot permit on any account whatever. The more so as with the plan and annotations in your hands, there will not turn up the least difficulty in re-entering into possession of the box. And over and above, all that you now advance will be conscientiously restored. Now, my dear Sir, you know the whole of my case, and if you feel inclined to help me on the terms above mentioned please to inform of it by cable, and I'll send you in my answer all necessary particulars about how to proceed, and proofs to convince you of my veracity. Till then I include only a scrap of a newspaper which spoke of my case. As I am not able to receive anything directly, without having it perused by my guardians, the cable must be sent to the following address:

L. Ruggeri,  
Lista, Telegraphos,  
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He who receives it is an old servant of mine, perfectly trustworthy. He too has leave to visit me now and then and is therefore able to send my letter and bring me your answer without awakening suspects. You must answer by cable, because there is no time left to spare, and by way of precaution please to sign it with your initials only. Hoping the importance of the matter will be my best excuse for troubling you with it.

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# KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

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## “Hysterical Historical Trivia” Night

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### A BRIEF MOMENT IN TIME

#### The Tenants in Common movement in Kuranda.

During the mid to late 1960s, a number of people who had been living communally on Holloways Beach, were told by Council they could no longer do so. Sick of the midges and mosquitoes on the coast, they 'discovered' Kuranda.

Soon this trickle of alternative lifestylers, which included artists and musicians, became a mini flood. The locals were welcoming, and it was a laid-back lifestyle.

Land in Kuranda was undervalued due to limited work opportunities, so it was inevitable that some of these newcomers would buy houses in the village. So-called 'communes' evolved around Barron Falls Road and Weir Road, which were still unsealed. With names like *The Lighthouse* and *The Titanic*, the communes were unsurprisingly transitory.

Other newcomers, after the shared commune experience and with only a small amount of disposable income, looked to buy bigger blocks shared amongst a number of people. The only form of group title available was called Tenants in Common (TIC), and it was superficially attractive.

A TIC portion gave each shareholder or tenant a legal stake in the land, which could be sold. The downside was that everyone had a share in the property as a whole, except for a small curtilage area around the house, and no-one could stop any other shareholder doing what they wished on other parts of the block. Unsurprisingly banks did not lend on TICs, unless holding the mortgage for the whole block.

These blocks, which came under TIC ownership, were scattered around Kuranda – some big, some small. However, after the reality dawned that roads, houses and fences were required, and needed to be paid for, some shareholders who were short of money, were daunted and wanted to get out.

Nowadays other forms of community title exist, giving more security to the shareholders and more certainty for lending institutions.

Interestingly, although out of favour in Kuranda, TIC title is regularly created by groups of people in the cities, sharing to purchase expensive houses. It is popular as a way to obtain capital gains which enable those shareholders to then purchase their own home.



'Friendship Tree' – Lotus Lane, Kuranda  
Hoop pine planted by Kim Wilmet in 1979. Kim was an original shareholder on a 300 acre TIC block and planted the pine to commemorate the beginning of their TIC community. Now nearly 90 metres high on the top of a ridge it towers above the surrounding forest.

Photo: Kylie Moore



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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CWA?

Kuranda CWA (KCWA) Recent Planning Meeting outcome:

To communicate in a more strategic manner with regard to the integral services KCWA provides to the diverse Kuranda community.

KCWA is a volunteer group of local women who come together to: Manage and maintain a conveniently placed community hall. Stalls and fundraisers finance this endeavour. KCWA hosts social events to enhance friendships and offer support. QCWA includes promotion of DV Connect, with local members contributing to goods for women and their children in need.

Hall hire includes; a large space with plenty of large tables, chairs, aircon, safe and secure environment, toilets, competitive rates, and an equipped kitchen.

What we aim to promote through the coming year is various guest speakers on the Crafts/Social morning tea date. There is always a trading table – you are welcome to contribute. Health and personal development are proposed topics. Just for 1 hour – any offers please contact the Secretary.

Keep a lookout for the QCWA 100 year anniversary in August. Celebration planning is underway to incorporate a Kuranda/CWA historical display.

**Membership** – Membership information available by contacting our Secretary, Colleen Blunt. By joining QCWA in April, you receive three month's free membership! Apply online or contact us direct. Membership gives access to discounted accommodation (includes Cairns).

**Next Meeting** – Our Branch meeting is on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 9am.

**Crafts – Easter Social Fun** – Our monthly Craft mornings are on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next morning will be on Wednesday 20 April 9.30–11.30am. Door prize. Hot Cross buns! Guess WHO? – photos of teenage YOU! Gold coin donation. All welcome.



Happy Easter! Easter egg mosaic by Colleen Blunt.  
Photo: Krishna Buhler

#### WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

KCWA meetings/special events – Colleen 0448 434 186

Craft and Social Morning tea – Christine 0427 535 916

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

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# Dragon Fruit

In season right now are delicious dragon fruit. The name dragon fruit is used to refer to several types of cacti that produce edible fruits. Also known as pitaya or pitahaya, they are the fruit of several different cactus species indigenous to the Americas.

Pitaya usually refers to fruit of the genus *Stenocereus*, while pitahaya or dragon fruit refers to fruit of the genus *Selenicereus* (formerly *Hylocereus*), both in the family *Cactaceae*. Dragon fruit is cultivated in Mexico, Southeast Asia, East Asia, India, the United States, the Caribbean, Australia, Mesoamerica and throughout tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Their red and green colouring and unusual shape have inspired the dragon name, a sense of exoticism and mystery.

In Australia the mostly grown species are:

- *Hylocereus undatus* – white fleshed fruit
- *Hylocereus costaricensis* – red fleshed fruit. Also known as *H. polyrhizus*.
- *Hylocereus megalanthus* – yellow skin and white flesh

The red dragon fruits are probably the most popular and are slightly sweeter with a smoother texture than the yellow or white versions, though all types are delicious additions to smoothies, fruit salads and chilled desserts. They can also be mashed and used in the baking of cakes and breads. Dried red dragon fruit are an intriguing taste sensation – like a chewy blend of cherry and sesame seeds.



Photo: Unsplash

Fortunately for us here in far North Queensland, dragon fruit are not only abundantly available to buy, but easy to grow – all you need is a cutting and a support, tips on growing are easy to find online. Enjoy *Queenobean*s.

**Dragon Fruit Smoothie**  
(vegan, gluten-free) via [cookingwithcurls.com](http://cookingwithcurls.com)  
One serve

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 large dragon fruit (peeled or scooped out of skin), 1 cup frozen berries, 1 banana, 1 tbsp honey, ¼ cup unsweetened milk substitute e.g. cashew, almond or coconut.

**METHOD:** Place all ingredients in a blender and pulse until smooth.

**NOTE:** Smoothies are a great way to use any type of dragon fruit and variations are endless. Mango and red dragon fruit would be one of my favourites as they complement each other perfectly.

**Dragon Fruit Salsa** (vegan, gluten-free) via [fearlessdining.com](http://fearlessdining.com)  
Serves 4

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 large dragon fruit (cut into small cubes), 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice, 1 jalapeno (diced), 2 tbsp diced chives, dash of salt.

**METHOD:** Add all ingredients into a medium bowl and toss together. Allow to sit for one hour so flavours blend together. Serve with gluten free corn tortilla chips.

**Dragon Fruit Popsicles** (vegan, gluten-free) via [rainbowdelicious.com](http://rainbowdelicious.com)  
Makes 12

**INGREDIENTS:** 3 cups dragon fruit (frozen or fresh), 1 cup raspberries (frozen or fresh), 2 oranges (juiced), 1 lime (juiced), ½ cup coconut water, ½ cup sugar or sugar syrup (optional).

**METHOD:** Combine all ingredients in blender until fully blended. Add extra coconut water if needed to get desired consistency. Optionally, add up to ½ cup sugar for desired sweetness level. Pour dragon fruit mixture into popsicle mold and add wooden popsicle sticks. Freeze for 4–6 hours, or until fully frozen.

**Dragon Fruit Smoothie Bowl** (vegan, gluten-free) via [jaroflemons.com](http://jaroflemons.com)  
Serves 2

**INGREDIENTS:** 2 cups frozen dragon fruit cubes, ⅓ cup plant-based yogurt e.g. coconut, 1 banana.

**METHOD:** In a blender, liquefy the ingredients. Serve into two bowls (or freeze half for later). Add toppings of choice and enjoy! Some toppings to consider: granola, nuts, more fruit, fresh or dried.



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## A syntropic transformation of a suburban backyard

There is no lawn at Matt and Liliana's. Just a carpet of pinto peanut. And dotted through the yard are oases of syntropic plantings. Bananas, passionfruit, mulberries, pigeon pea, jackfruit, grumichama, perennial greens, sweet leaf, cassava, chokos, papaws, yacon, and comfrey. The abundance is astounding. There's a pond with brahmi, kangkong and vietnamese mint. Liliana has two raised kitchen garden beds of greens growing. It's cool and quiet, and has wildlife visiting regularly as well as being a delightful place to wander and pick food as you go. And it's all so healthy!

For a garden that is only two years old I'm very impressed. True, they have those beautiful rich red Atherton soils, but as gardeners know, that is not the only element for a productive garden, merely a foundation. Matt, who has a long involvement in Community Gardens, did a weekend workshop Petals in Syntrophy: Introduction to Syntropics with a past Petals In The Park event and was hooked. He then introduced syntropic principles to his 1,000m<sup>2</sup> suburban



block with evident success. He says syntropics for him is little work and lots of fun.

### So what is syntropics?

According to the team at Porvenir Design:

*Syntropic farming is an intensive form of agroforestry that imitates market gardening and slash and mulch agroforestry, in order to provide yields at all stages of succession, generate its own fertility, and with the end goal of creating a productive forest that imitates the structure and function of the native forests. The primary goal of syntropic farming is to reforest the planet. It is a form of agriculture designed to incentivize the planting of trees with the overwhelming end goal of creating productive forests.*

Syntropics involves the following guiding principles:

- Keep the soil covered (with groundcovers and prunings),
- Maximise photosynthesis (by laying out trees rows from north to south),
- Stratification (planting a plant in its optimal habitat),
- Synchronisation (removing plant biomass, through harvesting and pruning),
- Natural succession (planting for different purposes), and
- Management which means only that it is a creatively managed system.

Matt follows many of these precepts in his little patch, but is quick to say he also strays from strict principles as needed.

So how did he transform his bare grass to forest abundance? Well, he first brought in a lot of woodchip – 100m<sup>3</sup> over 600m<sup>2</sup> of garden. This suppressed the grass allowing the pinto peanut 'lawn' to flourish and additionally it fed the soil with abundant micro-organisms and fungi. The added benefit – no mowing! Make sure the woodchip is from an organic source, otherwise you are putting toxins into your soil. Then plant your food forest – select species to fill all of

the ecological niches in the system. Plant a heart tree (i.e. one close to your heart like a rollinia and go from there). There are many good suggestions for tropical food forest plantings on the web.

Plant everything at once if possible. You can save money with your planting if you take cuttings from friends or join groups like Seedsavers to access free or affordable seeds. Plant lots of chop and drop plants so you will have a continuous source of biomass to add to the soil. Do not fear weeds for this reason, just pull them up and add them under your trees. It's called pruning in Syntropics, not weeding! Let go of neatness. A productive forest is not neat. Once it's all up and running it's mainly a matter of management. Matt spends maybe six hours a week in the garden—pruning mainly—and harvesting all that lovely produce. A basket a day of greens, once he picked 80 pumpkins, and this year they had 70 dragonfruit in a mega haul. He and Liliana share their abundance and knowledge with neighbours, and this goes a long way to engendering good feeling in their suburb.

Matt stresses the importance of spending time with your plants, watching what happens in your garden system and asking "what is it telling me?" He makes sure very little green waste leaves the property – everything is recycled and composted to feed the soil. He and Liliana even have a Bokashi compost system for meat scraps that ends up as compost. And lastly, they ensure gardening work is fun. And you get sunflowers! And avocados! And...

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# Mistletoe Myths

I've been thinking I should cut the mistletoe out of my bottlebrush tree for awhile now, but thought maybe I should research it before I do. I'm glad I did, as it's changed my mind on getting rid of it. Here's three mistletoe myths:

- 1. Mistletoes do not kill the host plant** – Mistletoes, of which there are 91 species in Australia, are hemiparasitic, meaning they do not kill the host plant. If your tree is suffering then it maybe be a host of other factors causing its demise, such as insect attack, drought, isolation etc. Healthy host plants and healthy mistletoe live in harmony.
- 2. Mistletoes, with their highly modified roots, are not total parasites** – They get water and nutrients from the host plant, but produce their own food – carbohydrate sugars. They do not take any carbon from the host plant so cause very little damage. Although there are many species of mistletoe, strangely there is only one mistletoe bird that spreads the seed around. The male is iridescent blue black with a bright scarlet breast, the female dowdier, being all grey with pink under-wing feathers.
- 3. Mistletoes are not useless bludgers** – Mistletoe berries, being full of sugars, are eagerly sought after by insects, bees, butterflies, moths, fruit bats, possums etc...you get the picture. Lots of native animals depend on mistletoes for food. Honeyeaters, native pigeons and orioles also eat the fruit. During drought, mistletoes can help support bowerbirds, cockatoos, cassowaries, shrike-thrushes, swallows and even emus. Having mistletoes in your garden encourages birds which can keep problem insects under control. All this has important flow-on effects in our ecosystems.

So feel free to cut out large infestations of mistletoe if you like, but know that this important rainforest plant is doing a lot of good and very little harm. *Rachael Kelly*

*Astrology*  
THE STARS IN APRIL  
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April is contained by two new moons: an Aries new moon on 1 April and a Taurus new moon on 30 April, complete with a solar eclipse. That speaks very much of beginnings that involve a complete new direction that will play out over the following six months. Hands-on and down-to-earth.

With Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Neptune all moving through Pisces, the focus is on service; compassionate action and the willing giving of help where it's needed. For those dedicated to the spiritual journey, wisdom and insight flow in abundance. For those in the serving, caring and healing professions the river flows deep and strong.

And for those that need help and support, it's on its way. When the Moon also passes through Pisces 25–27 April spotlighting the other five Piscean planets as it crosses them, emotions run very high and compassionate action kicks into gear.

There is still a very tight compression of all the planets from Pluto at the end of Capricorn to Uranus at mid-Taurus and many feel at breaking point – waiting for the doors to open again and a feeling of freedom and expansion to return.

The Taurean new moon eclipse at 10 degrees Taurus brings the promise of fruitful growth emerging. Slowly and in simple earthy, practical ways and coinciding as it does with a Venus – Jupiter conjunction at 27 degrees Pisces, and the Piscean Mars positively aspecting the eclipse from 10 degrees Pisces, there's something of a push here to get things moving...

If any of those degree points are active on your own birthchart, then you are very involved in the process, and the house position in your chart will tell you in which area of life.

Mercury, the Messenger, crosses the 10 degrees Taurus eclipse point on 16 April, so the bells are starting to ring... "people get ready". Look for the messages today and prepare.

Even Saturn, the handbrake, is moving forward in Aquarius in a cosmic alignment to the Aries Sun through mid-April – 23 degrees Aries and Aquarius are the power points here, and the handbrake for once is fully released. There are no retrograde planets (unusual) and Pluto is holding the rudder – steering us towards the great waterfall. It's maybe another year before we surge over the falls and what an exciting time that will be!

Meanwhile, check your birth chart for transits to the present power-points and stay in the flow.

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## BOTANIC GARDENS PLANT SALE

A date for keen gardeners to note: Sunday 10 April 2022.

It's the Friends of the Botanic Gardens pre-Easter plant sale, starting at 8am on the teak lawn just inside the main gate and finishing at midday. On offer will be a wide variety of trees, shrubs, aroids, indoor and understorey plants, creepers and climbers. The later include *Aristolochia acuminata*, the food plant of the Cairns Birdwing butterfly. Also available will be hanging baskets, plus gingers and heliconias as rhizomes and potted plants. Prices for everything start at \$8.

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# RANGERS r e p o r t

## Kuranda Rangers 2022 season underway

Although rain delayed the start of the 2022 soccer season, it has now officially begun! All seven Kuranda Rangers teams have now played their first match of the season.

For some of our youngest players, it was their first match ever, and they showed great courage and determination on the pitch. In our older teams, the Rangers spirit was certainly on display. Despite player shortages due to illness, we saw numerous players step up to play a second (and at times a third!) game in order to fill the gaps and help other teams. This is in part what playing community sport is all about – supporting each other, building a sense of belonging, and showing commitment to their team and their Club.

**Current players:** Please make your best effort to turn up to age group training each Thursday. Being a part of a team requires commitment, and we need as many players as possible to turn up to training so that players not only develop individually, but they also develop as a team.

**Don't forget:** Kuranda Rangers train each Thursday afternoon from 4.30–5.30pm. The Rangers are still looking for additional players. Spread the word – there is still time to get involved. Come along to Hunter Park on Thursday afternoon and give it a go.

**Important dates:** Thursday training sessions will break for the Easter school holidays. Training will resume on 21 April and the season will be in full swing from Saturday 23 April at Endeavour Park. Make sure to check the KRFC Facebook page for further information and updates, or contact your team manager.

**Skills Training:** Tuesday 4pm Skill training will continue throughout the school holidays. \$5 per skills session will be collected and will go towards purchasing club equipment and end of year awards.

*Simone Titmarsh*

### Club contacts:

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



Top L&R: Miniroos Team A and Team B (mixed Under 6 & 7s). Photos Niamh Murray and Keira Nash  
Above L: Under 10s started their season with a 1–1 draw. Photo: Symone Van Der Zwaag  
Above R: Under 12s. Photo: Simone Titmarsh



## KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

Kuranda Horse and Pony Club has started the year on a high. On 20 March over 20 riders came out and either gave jumping a go, or did a flat work lesson with our guest instructors Evan Parker and Marcela Adkins.

The Club's Instructor, Di, gave 15 of the riders a taste of what Pony Club has to offer. We were lucky enough to have three new riding members join in the action, and from the feedback, it looks like everyone had lots of fun. It was great catching up with friends after the break.

We are going to try and keep up with a bit of variation of activities throughout the year, and it is great to see the Club alive and well.

Next rally day will be held on 24 April with an 8am set up for a 9am start.

Keep up-to-date with what is happening at the Club on our Facebook page.

If you have your own horse and would like to join Pony Club in 2022, contact us for more information via email [kurandahpc@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahpc@gmail.com) or leave a message on our Facebook page.

Till next time, Happy Riding  
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## Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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DUGAL	WULNGGU
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### WORD MEANINGS

**BADA:** head. *Ngayang bada baya-bayal.* My head is aching/biting.

**BABUN:** blindness. *Nyurra bina gari djili babun-djada!* You are deaf and blind!

**BALGAL:** to build or erect something. *Nyurramba mulumbany bayu balgal.* You two are building a bayu, a shelter.

**BALGALDJANANG:** sitting on ones haunches, squatting.

**BANYDJA:** a worry. *Ngawu nyurran.gu bina banydja nyinang.* I worry for you. Worry sits in my ears.

**BAYAL:** to bite. *Gari nganya baya!* Don't bite me! *Gurra-nggu nganya bayal.* The dog is biting me.

**BIDJARRI:** a dream. *Bugadjala ngawu bidjarri bayany.* Last night I dreamt/a dream bit me.

**BINA:** ear/ears. *Gari nganya bina wulayin!* Don't forget me! Literally don't let me die in your ears.

**BUMBU:** a joke, a trick, fun. *Ngawu bumbu dugany nyurrany.* I caught you. I tricked you.

**DABAY:** to throw. *Gari nganya bumbu daban!* Don't throw tricks at me.

**DJAA:** where. *Djaa nyurra galing?* Where are you going?

**DJABARAL:** to ask. *Gari nganya djabara!* Don't ask me!

**DJANAY:** to stand. *Gaway djanang djin.gal-nda.* Stars are standing in the sky.

**DJARRAL:** to erect something, stand something up, to hold an event. *Nganydji warrma djarral.* We are putting on a warrma dance.

**DJILI:** eye, eyes. *Gari nganya djili djarra!* Don't stare at me! *Gari nganya djili daban!* Don't cast your eyes at me!

**DJINGAY:** nostrils. *Nyurra djingay djarraying.* You are sneezing.

**DJUJ:** who. *Djuu gudji Bama garrang?* Who is that person coming?

**DJUUN:** whose. *Djuun gambi gundii bulnganda wunang?* Whose clothes are there lying on the ground?

**DUGAL:** to get, to catch, to grab. *Galin djuwaa minya-wu dugalum burrin-djada!* Go to the store to get meat and bread!

**DUGAYING:** comprehending, catching on. *Ngawu dugayiny!* I understand. I get it.

**GAWAL:** a call, a yell. *Gari gawal djanan!* Don't yell out! *Ngawu gari bina gari.* I'm not deaf.

**GUYBAL:** a whistle. *Gari guybal daban!* Don't whistle!

**GUYGUY:** that's it, that's all

**MAA:** non-flesh foods, including honey. *Ngawu gudja-wu maa-wu mundu gari djanang.* I don't feel like that food.

**MUNDU:** inner spirit. *Ngayang mundu gurii djanang.* My spirits are standing well.

**MUNDUU:** on the mind. *Nyii nyurranda munduu djanang?* What's standing in your mind?

**MURRGA:** sulk. *Gari murruga djanan!* Don't sulk!

**NGAAY:** an exclamation like Oh!

**NGIGI:** a cough. *Nyurra ngigi djanang gudaagudaa.* *Galin Doctor-wu!* You are coughing all the time. Go to the doctor!

**NGUNDAL:** to see, to perceive. *Bina ngundal.* To hear, to listen, to learn.

**NYII:** what. *Nyii gudji guyu? Wulam?* What's that fish? Black brim?

**NYIRRAAWU:** what for, why. *Nyirraa-wu nyurra bublican-da galing?* What are you going to the pub for?

**NYINAY:** to sit, to stay. *Ngawu Ngunbanydja nyinang.* I stay in Ngunbay.

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

**WANGAL:** boomerang. *Wangal daban!* Throw the boomerang!

**WAAY:** to give. *Ngayanda bana waan!* Give me water!

**WAYWAY:** breath. *Gudji djama gari wulany.* *Gudji wayway dabang.* That snake isn't dead. It's breathing.

**WULNGGU:** a song. *Nyurra milba wulnggu djanang.* You are good at singing.

**YAARR:** response when hearing dirty talk.

### 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. **djunggu:** (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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## SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
9.30am Sunday School  
5pm Evening Prayer

## TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

## SPECIAL SERVICES EASTER

**Thursday 14 April (Maundy Thursday)**  
6.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper

## GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday 15 April (Good Friday)**  
9.30am Service for all the Family  
5pm Evening Prayer

## EASTER SERVICES

**Sunday 17 April (Easter Sunday)**  
8am Holy Communion  
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# St Saviour's Thought for April

This month we read from the Gospel of St John Chapter 20 verse 1 to 18 paying special attention to verse 17. Jesus said to Mary Magdalene, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" John 20:17

In 1994 a young British actress went to Israel to make a video, in which she performed the part of Mary Magdalene telling her life story. The camera crew were all secular Jews, and on the first couple of days filming they remarked what a good actress she was.

But on the final day's shooting, she told the story of meeting the risen Christ in the garden. At that point she stopped looking towards the camera and speaking to the viewers and started speaking to Jesus and telling him how she'd tried to do what he'd told her to. The camera crew said afterwards, "At that point she wasn't acting."

We couldn't see Jesus, but we knew he was there listening to her, because she really believed it herself.

Many people watch Christians, to see whether our actions really show that we believe what we say and do in church, or whether we betray our insincerity. In fact Christians are all witnesses, whether they like it or not.

Jesus told Mary Magdalene to "Go and tell". She had proved to herself that Jesus was alive. But this good news was too precious to keep to herself. She had to tell others.

By the conviction with which she spoke, they'd know that what she said was true. Women were not allowed to give evidence in the law courts of Jesus' day, because their testimony wasn't regarded as reliable.

But Jesus chose women to be the first witnesses of his resurrection, so that they could 'go and tell' what they knew from their own experience. What is your experience? Could you be a witness to the resurrection? Maybe you think not, because you've never seen Jesus.

But you've often spoken to him. Maybe it was only the unthinking recitation of a prayer like a formula. Maybe sometimes you were not very clear in your own mind whether there was anybody listening, or whether you were just

speaking into a void.

But just occasionally you've felt that there really was somebody there on the other end of the line, listening to your prayers. And just occasionally they were answered.

You got what you were asking for. Or you didn't get it, but you received a spiritual strength which enabled you to cope with your disappointment and feel that all was for the best.

You couldn't have had any of those experiences, if the Jesus you prayed to had died 2000 years ago and never come to life again. Your experience proves to your sceptical mind that Jesus rose again and is alive today, listening to your prayers. So, amazingly, you too are a witness to the resurrection, out of your own experience.

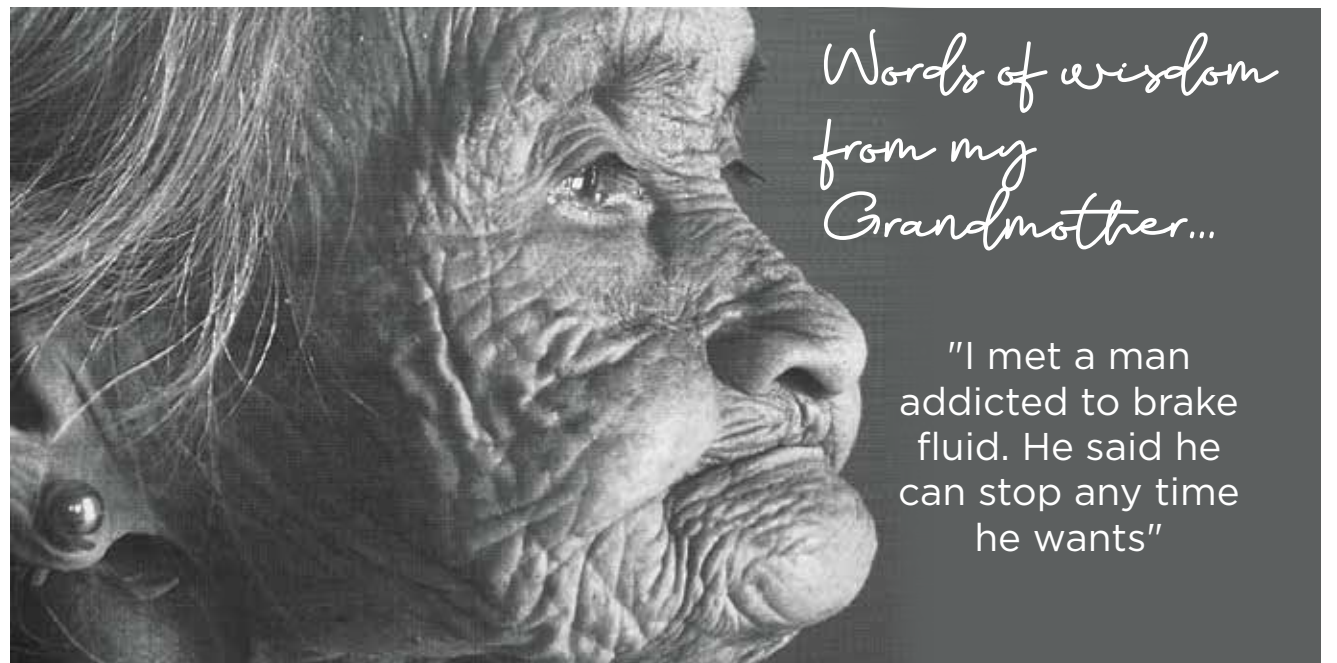
Many churches have a renewal of baptism promises on Easter as St Saviour's did.

At our baptism we promised, or our godparents promised for us and we took the promises for ourselves at confirmation, to reject evil, repent of our sins and turn to Christ. Then we were baptized into the death of Jesus 'so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too, might walk in newness of life'.

Sometimes baptism and confirmation are spoken of as 'the ordination of the laity', when we're each given our ministry to perform in the Church. As well as achieving our own salvation, we all promise to serve others in the Church. Some are called to preach, others to give a word of warm welcome before the service and to lend a sympathetic ear afterwards.

And we're all being watched, to see whether we're sincere witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, by our words or by our deeds. All Christians, without exception, are ordained to this ministry. Pray to God for the power that raised Jesus from the dead to be revealed in your life, in the love shown by your actions and the way you recount your own experience of answered prayer. Like Mary Magdalene, once we've received the gift of God's love, we have to 'go and tell'.

Happy Easter from St Saviour's



*Words of wisdom  
from my  
Grandmother...*

"I met a man  
addicted to brake  
fluid. He said he  
can stop any time  
he wants"

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The Word of God may be likened unto a sapling, whose roots have been implanted in the hearts of men. It is incumbent upon you to foster its growth through the living waters of wisdom, of sanctified and holy words, so that its root may become firmly fixed and its branches may spread out as high as the heavens and beyond."

*(Baha'u'llah, from Ruhi study circle Book 2, please enquire)*

"Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship." Whatsoever hath led the children of men to shun one another, and hath caused dissensions and divisions amongst them, hath, through the revelation of these words, been nullified and abolished. From the heaven of God's Will, and for

the purpose of ennobling the world of being and of elevating the minds and souls of men, hath been sent down that which is the most effective instrument for the education of the whole human race.

*(Baha'u'llah)*

**Meditations/Reflections, Morning Prayers and Study Circles** and other face to face Baha'i meetings.

Our weekly prayers are at 8am every Thursday morning in lower Therwine Street, Kuranda followed by coffee.

Study circles are now happening in Kuranda, open to all interested, no cost.

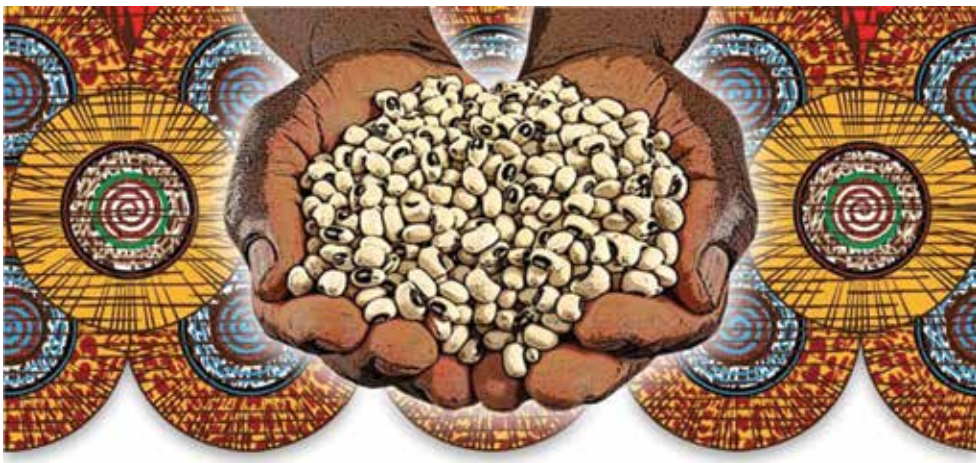
Other functions are occurring in Kuranda. Functions in Mareeba, as well as elsewhere on the Tablelands, are open for all those interested.

All enquiries welcome.

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The Baha'i Community of Mareeba/Kuranda





# seedsavers

Protecting our inter-generational food-plant seeds

## Cowpea

What, you may well ask, is a cowpea? Cowpea is actually a bean that has many varieties, including the black-eyed pea. They come in many shapes, sizes and colours, though we do not seem to have too many varieties here in Australia. Mostly used here as a cover-crop and a fodder-crop (perhaps it got its English name from cow fodder?), cowpea beans are also a popular nutritious people-food in many countries—grown prolifically as a major food-source in Africa, Asia, and the tropical Americas—they are known by many names in local languages, including Chawali, Rongi, Boo, Ongoli, Nindu Pea, Nkale, Cowgram and Lobia. It is estimated that around 200 million African children, women, and men live from this protein-rich tasty food source, eating it daily when in season. With its beginnings in the Sahel and savannah regions, the cowpea is naturally adapted to harsh dry conditions, and is a reliable drought tolerant crop, interplanted traditionally with cereal crops (including sorghum, millet and maize), eggplant, tomatoes, okra, cucumbers and peppers. The women usually plant a second crop of cowpea into the growing first crop to cover the soil well, retaining moisture, and extending the food-bearing season, both for their families and their animals.

This is another atmospheric nitrogen-fixing plant, with deep roots exuding nodules and improving the soil as it grows, and also being an excellent mulch plant once the season ends. The plant is renowned for flourishing it's flowers straight after the rain-season in their traditional areas, providing food from within weeks of the rains. Grown in a syntropic system in Koah, the harvest is long and abundant, feeding people and ducks and chickens for months, and also providing seeds, dried on the vine, in to the local seedbank for others to grow. The soil where they grew is noticeably nourishing more plant life in the following seasons.

As a food source, cowpeas provide, as mentioned, high protein and other nutrients and minerals including soluble fibre, fibre, complex carbohydrates, folate, lysene, and iron. Cowpea beans are eaten steamed, stir-fried, boiled, roasted (like peanuts), or as a dried bean, soaked and sprouted or cooked – they are known for their texture and capacity to absorb flavours. Flour is made from the dried beans as well, and used in many traditional patties and fritters etc. The beans do not require long soaking as are quite soft and cook easily and simply. Leaves and tips can be eaten as a nourishing vegetable. The beans are renowned for multiple medicinal qualities. Please take the time to look them up.

Because the cowpea has been such an important food-plant for thousands of years, with farmers passing down the seeds for many hundreds of generations, most traditional growers are horrified that there are multi-national corporations coming in to genetically modify this (and other) staple food crop/s. A coalition of farmers, families, social justice advocates, non-government organisations and researchers are demanding the plans for the genetically modified cowpea (and others) be halted and reversed, with concerns being the contamination of their own crops via cross-pollination, and health issues stemming from the contaminant added in the genetic modification (designed to be toxic to insects that may eat the crop) being

shown by scientists to be toxic to human and animal liver cells. It is also an exploitation of their traditional food, and their indigenous knowledge and culture, accumulated over many thousands of years. When a plant is genetically modified and patented it is designed to go in to a monoculture system, also devastating traditional farming practices on the land and the soils. Because, like Australia, Africa's genetically modified seeds and foods do not have to be labelled, people are outraged that they are not given a choice to avoid the altered products.

There has never been scientific consensus that genetic modification of seeds and therefore food and fodder is safe for humans, animals, soils, water and microbiology etc. The corporations that genetically modify the seeds are tied financially with the chemical corporations which are used in conjunction with the GMO seeds, a combination causing intergenerational harm. Many of these practices and products are banned in many countries, though unfortunately continuing in Australia due to lack of education and interest – see e.g. [www.geneethics.org](http://www.geneethics.org), [www.gmo-evidence.com](http://www.gmo-evidence.com), or [www.stephanieseneff.net](http://www.stephanieseneff.net)

This plant can be grown for green manure/biomass to build soil health, and can grow in sandy soils, either in full or part sun. A valuable plant in your garden, permaculture or syntropic system or farm.

Local seedbanks have these locally, organically-grown, non-hybrid/non-GMO seeds available so please be in touch if you'd like some, email [seedsavers@kurandaregion.org](mailto:seedsavers@kurandaregion.org) to access the seedbank and to receive the meeting dates in the fnq seedsavers mailout. Check in to Kuranda.TV online for gardening, syntropic agriculture, seedsavers videos and much more.

There is a recent interview with local documentary film-maker Shay Ryan Douglas and global seed, food and farmer sovereignty advocate Dr Vandana Shiva – watch on [www.earthheroestv.com/programs/vandana-shiva-live](http://www.earthheroestv.com/programs/vandana-shiva-live). The Seeds of Vandana Shiva documentary recently screened at Koah Hall to an appreciative inspired audience, and can be seen on the film's website.

The next Kuranda-Sprouts seedsavers meeting is at the new community garden behind the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre on 24 April from 10am to 3pm.

Would you like to be involved in helping on other people's gardens? There are people who need help, and we get together for a few hours, a shared meal and some music afterwards. A few extra hands and hearts can make the world of difference!

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**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](http://www.treeroorecue.org.au)

Visit us on



## RECYCLE

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

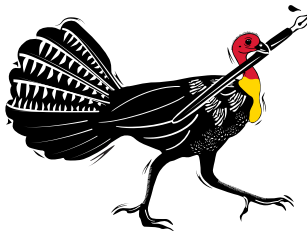
**RECYCLE** Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).  
Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.



## ROAD REPORTS

**Council EMERGENCY number for local roads** 1300 308 461

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



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

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

**Robin 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**



## 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](http://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](http://www.aa.org.au)

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

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

**Al-Anon can help you!**

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

## RAINFALL

March 2022  
**358.1mm**  
(to 27 March 2022)

**Annual Total**  
(to 27 March 2022)  
**979.7mm**

Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station



## Community Services

### 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

SERVICES NOT OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### 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](http://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](http://www.transnorthbus.com.au)

### Emergency Contacts



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

### 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 11 February 2022

\*\*No services operate Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day\*\*

### 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 contact John 0418 772 953**





## What's On at Koah Hall

### MONDAY 25 APRIL

PILATES with Jaide 6-7pm  
0488 229 700

### TUESDAY 4 APRIL (for 5 weeks)

WILDLY ALIVE – sensual embodiment dance classes for women. Register @ [laurenreeneintimacy.com/wildly-alive](http://laurenreeneintimacy.com/wildly-alive)

### EVERY TUESDAY

SOULATINA – Latin Dance Classes – 6.30pm Salsa, 7.30pm Bachata. Contact Andreza soulandreza@gmail.com Book at [www.trybooking.com/BWIWD](http://www.trybooking.com/BWIWD)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### EVERY THURSDAY

PARENT AND BUBS MEET – 10am-12noon. Contact Tui 0472 987 859  
YOGA evening classes with Tanya 6-7.15pm

### THURSDAY 7 & 21 APRIL

Mankind Project MEN'S GROUP 7pm. Open to all men. Solomon 0484 761 505

### SUNDAYS – time varies (usually 3.45-5.45pm)

Brazilian Ju jitsu for beginners (limited spaces)  
Contact Jack 0459 356 966

### 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](http://www.koahhall.com)

[koah.hall@gmail.com](mailto:koah.hall@gmail.com)

[Koah Hall](https://www.facebook.com/KoahHall)

### KOAH MONTHLY MARKETS APRIL

8am till Midday  
Saturday 2 April

- Live Music – Jeanette Wormald Trio
  - Community Market bringing you all the goods – produce, honey, plants craft, treats, treasures and more!
  - Fresh coffee and delish Koah Hall Fundraiser BBQ.
- SMS/Voicemail Nicky 0488 961 660 or direct message via Koah Monthly Markets Facebook page.

### SATURDAY 24 APRIL

\*WORKING BEE\* see page 28  
Koah's Ark Nature Playground – All hands on deck please.  
Contact Priscilla 0439 080 874

### 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](http://www.dreamstatecircus.com) workshops page. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

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

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

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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Contributors please advise of any changes via email [mail@kurandapaper.com](mailto:mail@kurandapaper.com)

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above. See page 21 for CWA listings for this month.

### EVERY MONDAY

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

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

Yoga with Katelyn QCWA Hall 5.30-6.30pm  
0428 865 636

### Adult Children of Alcoholics and other Dysfunctional Families. 6-7pm

QCWA Hall, Wilkes St, Mareeba

### 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

She Shed Kuranda 1-5pm.  
[kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com)

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am-11.30am.  
[mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)

Mahjong 1-4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

### THIRD WEDNESDAY

Craft and Social Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall. Christine 0427 535 916

### 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



## THE BEST 8 BALL CENTRE IN THE NORTH!

Come on down to the best 8 Ball centre in North Queensland. Right on our doorstep we have great 8 Ball facilities and tables.

New players are always welcome. Come along and enjoy the great atmosphere and friendly games.

Play is every Tuesday night 6.30pm until late and the bar is open!

### AGM 2PM SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022

Don't forget our AGM on Sunday 3 April at 2pm at the KRC.

We're looking for new committee members and welcome you to come along to support the Centre.

Please consider volunteering some time to assist in the management of this great community asset — and the good news is that it's only a small commitment



[Kuranda Recreation Centre](https://www.facebook.com/KurandaRecreationCentre)  
[krc4881@gmail.com](mailto:krc4881@gmail.com)

JUMRUM BAR OPEN  
TUESDAY 6.30 PM

## WHAT'S ON

KURANDA RANGERS – Training  
Thursday 4.30-5.30pm (Mar-Oct)  
Simone 0402 003 164

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

TAI CHI – Monday 6pm Les 4093 8276

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

YOGA IN THE RAINFOREST –  
Sunday 10.30am. Aileen 0419 726 955

YOGA WITH TINA –  
Wednesday 6-7.15pm  
Tina – [tinastuetz@hotmail.com](mailto:tinastuetz@hotmail.com)

YOGA & QIGONG –  
Friday 5.30-6.30pm  
Liza 0413 178 489

METAFIT BOOT CAMP –  
Tuesday 5.30-6pm  
Kirsten 0497 479 606

## Venue for Hire

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

Left: Liza Soenario who offers Yoga and Qigong on Fridays at the KRC.

Proud to be the home of:



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

### EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH

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

### EVERY FRIDAY

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

She Shed Kuranda 8am-1pm.  
[kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com)

### EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

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

### EVERY SATURDAY

Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare 0419 624 940 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)

Men's Shed Kuranda 8.30am-11.30am.  
[mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)

### THIRD SATURDAY

Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

AA Group Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

She Shed Kuranda 1-5pm.  
[kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com)