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Hello to Autumn in the Tropics

FAREWELL to muggy, buggy February and hello to the beginning of cooler months, with the odd hot bump in between now and the “paradise” of winter in the tropics.

While the torrential rain which had Din Din (Barron Falls) thundering in the first week of last month is now but a damp memory it can be expected there is more to come. Cyclone season does not end until May, and any rain will be welcomed as a blessed relief (minus any damaging winds).

The wet season, however, certainly makes the forests sparkle and throb with colour. Most evident at the moment are the statuesque Umbrella Trees (*Schefflera actinophylla*) whose tiny pink flowers have almost all fallen, to be replaced by hard dark red raspberry shaped fruits clustered along the distinctive flower spikes (10-15) which form a shape which inspires another common name – Octopus tree. Both flowers and fruits are borne on large whorls of racemes on top of the tree.

Umbrella trees produce up to 1,000 flowers, generating large amounts of nectar, attracting honey-eating birds which pollinate them. The fruits are eaten by many birds and animals including Musky Rat-kangaroos, Red-legged Pademelons and Spectacled Flying-foxes and the leaves are a favourite food of the Bennett’s Tree-kangaroo.

In flower, the trees attract pandemoniums of Rainbow Lorikeets (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*) which have been known to become drunk after feasting on the fermented nectar.

Umbrella Trees are hemi-epiphytic, meaning that they often start their life as an epiphyte before turning into a tree. Either deposited in a fern high in the canopy or given a lucky start on the forest floor, most seeds are usually deposited by birds, so it is in the plant’s interest to provide such tempting fare to passing wildlife.



*Galbir-galbir (Rainbow Lorikeet) feasting on Garugar (Umbrella tree) fruit – photo by Helen Douglas.
Thank you to Michael Quinn for supplying Djabugay names for these Kuranda favourites.
Banner watercolour “Garugar leaves” by Gayle Hannah.*

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Community Watch Group Call

Our local community is in shock and anger at the proposed development for Myola and like most of us has limited means of voicing their horror and concern. Hence the "STOP! Kur-World" signs that have sprung up across our community. However due to individuals, vandals and Council (raising doubts of the representation we are receiving from our Councillors as we already know our Mayor is more than happy to sell us out – amazing what you can buy with a few dirty pieces of silver) stealing these signs, many have now gone missing.

This community has both limited resources in funding and methods of getting out our concerns (contrary to the limitless funds and methods of the developer) and is calling on you all to report back to the Facebook page Kur-Alert giving day, time and rego details plus a photo (would be a bonus), of anyone seen tampering with these signs so they can be identified and

publically shamed for their actions. No doubt these people have vested interests being tradies, local businesses (probably Cairns) and our local Judases.

We/us/you all will decide what happens in our community and not that of an outsider here to stuff their carpet bags and fly off in their chopper leaving this community to suffer accordingly.

So please everyone, look after these signs, besides there are more available for those properties strategically located to site on their land.

Cheryl Tonkin, Myola



Flying-foxes in Mareeba

There are several hundred young Spectacled Flying-foxes currently in the camp in Mareeba. Any dispersal at this time would leave many of them orphaned. Until early February most were unable to fly. Now most are able to fly, but in the same way that any one-year old child is able to walk. They can only fly short distances and are still learning about what to eat and where to find it. They are dependent on their mothers for milk, and if you have a look in the camp during the day you will see large numbers of mothers with their young attached.

Any attempt to disperse the Spectacled Flying-foxes now would create an animal welfare as well as a conservation issue. This species of flying-fox is a pollinator and seed disperser for a wide range of ecosystems, from the dry forests around Mareeba to rainforests, wetlands and mangroves.

Spectacled Flying-foxes have declined 60% in the last 10 years according to CSIRO data. They are currently listed as Vulnerable to Extinction but submissions are being considered now for them to be listed federally as Endangered. Mothers are pregnant for six months and breast-feed for six months, having one baby a year for an average of four years. It will take a long time for numbers to build up now they are so low.

There is a second species of flying-fox in Mareeba at the moment. They have their young in April/May and Council will have an opportunity to disperse this mixed camp of flying-foxes before any of these young are born.

Yes some people find them noisy and smelly but the media exaggerates the health risks associated with flying-foxes. The only disease people can get from infected Australian flying-foxes is Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV). It is extremely rare in flying-foxes and completely preventable in humans. You must get the saliva of a sick bat into your nervous system through a bite or scratch. If this happens, wash the wound and go to the doctor for the vaccination. You are more likely to be struck by lightning.

Please, when you see a large number of flying-foxes understand they are only here because of a food supply in the local area, and orchard fruit is less than 9% of what they are eating. Mostly it is nectar and without them many of our forests would suffer.

*Jenny Maclean
Director Tolga Bat Hospital*

Would the Proposed Kur-World Development Create Jobs for Kuranda Locals?

Reever and Ocean Pty Ltd, the developer behind the Kur-World project, touts job growth as the biggest benefit for locals. If the project is fully delivered with 373 residential blocks, 500 student villas, golf course and resort one would assume many short-term construction jobs will flow. The scale of the project would indicate that many of these construction jobs will fall into the laps of large construction companies through a tendering process.

Contention over the subdividing of 373 new residential blocks is one major concern. The proposed residential estate will negate any long-term job growth and in fact most likely lead to further unemployment in the region. For example, if each new household had two working adults then another 746 new jobs must be created from thin air, or they travel to Cairns or Mareeba each day adding to further pressure on the Kuranda Range and Kennedy Highway.

A leaked comment from a consultant working on the EIS has stated that the proposed 500 student villas could be earmarked for Chinese students who will come to learn English whilst also working at the proposed resort on working 457 Visas.

As seen in other similar Integrated Resort projects constructed recently, employment figures are grossly exaggerated. Port Hinchinbrook, touted at the time of construction of delivering 500 long-term full time jobs has fallen short by 490 jobs. Other similar examples such as False Cape and Paradise Palms show a broken history of fabricated expectations.

Let's consider, if Stage 3, the resort component is never built, but the 373 urban blocks are carved up for residential housing in Stage 1 & 2 as planned, then this could be considered as the real motivation behind the Kur-World project. This is the most logical explanation why Ken Lee is pushing ahead with a mega-project that overwhelms local government and triggers a project of state significance status to side track local planning laws. Is this just another urban subdivision by stealth? If so, long-term meaningful jobs will amount to zero.

Also, consider this in context with all local and regional plans to date that legislate that the Myola valley is not considered necessary for urban development!

Should we accept short term construction jobs at the expense of Kuranda losing its 'Spirit of Place'. Is this the legacy we should accept or even tolerate? Kuranda is unique in the world and it already attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors per year. Urbanising and sterilising it with small 600 square metre blocks, golf courses and another shopping centre could be considered as not the best way forward for our 'Village in the Rainforest'.

Whichever way one looks at this project, Kuranda will be stranded with urban blight on her doorstep with an insignificant number of meaningful long-term job opportunities for locals.

Steven Nowakowski

Don't Remain Silent

With reference to Kur-World and the probable impacts it will have on our community if it goes ahead, it is vitally important that we are well-informed about the matter and that we make our feelings known to those in a position to influence the outcome. The KRPG website has a lot of information, as does that of Kur World; there is a petition circulating and there is a rally coming up soon.

To paraphrase Tom Gleeson and Charlie Pickering in a recent episode of *The Weekly*, "If the silent majority remains silent, how does anyone know it's a majority?"

Cathy Retter



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ERNEST S.W. MAY

The Kuranda Paper is seeking to make contacts with any family members of the late **Ernest S.W. May**.

Mr May, at the (now it seems unbelievably young) age of 16, was given the job by his father to be the bulldozer operator in the construction of the Kuranda Range Road in the late 1930s as war threatened Australia and a road to the Tablelands became an urgency.

His 1991 book *The Kuranda Range Road, The Story of the Construction* we believe is possibly out of print and has not been digitalised. This wonderful story we feel needs to be recorded and made available for new and future generations of readers. *The Kuranda Paper* would like to offer the family of Mr May to respectfully digitalise his book and with their permission serialise the story in *The Kuranda Paper* so that everyone who reads it can wonder at and admire his incredible effort as they travel what is now one of North Queensland's most important roads.

We have sought without success to make a family connection. Hopefully someone reading this message may be able to help. *The Kuranda Paper* contact details are:

Email: mail@kurandapaper.com

Post: PO Box 66 Kuranda Qld 4881

Phone: 07 4093 8942 (please leave a message if office is unattended.)



Barron River Tranquil Waters Under Threat?

It has come to the attention of *The Kuranda Paper* that an intention to lodge an application to set up a slalom waterskiing course on the Barron River in Kuranda has been raised with Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) by the Barron River Water Ski Club. This issue was last addressed in 1996 when waterskiing was banned on the Barron at Kuranda for environmental and social reasons.

Until contacted, Mareeba Shire Council were unaware of any proposal, and *The Kuranda Paper* has been advised by Council that they would probably only have input as to granting or withholding access to the river should such a proposal be approved by MSQ.

The Kuranda Paper contacted MSQ to request more information regarding this proposal and received the following from MSQ Media Unit :

(Please attribute to a Transport and Main Roads spokesperson)

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) has been approached by a local water-ski club who has expressed interest in establishing a slalom ski course on a section of the Barron River at Kuranda.

We have not yet received a complete formal application to establish the course and as such no decision has been made.

When an application is received, we will conduct consultation with local stakeholders as part of the decision making process.

As we go to press we have not had a response to our follow up questions to MSQ which are:

“Could you please advise who would be considered local stakeholders ?

Would the general Kuranda community who use the river for recreation have any input for instance? Or the Djabugay people ? “

Our concern is that “local stakeholders” under an official definition might be very limited indeed. Given the importance of the river here in Kuranda to locals, visitors and wildlife, it would seem that only a full community consultation process would suffice, given the numerous impacts such a proposal would have on both the lifestyle and environment. Noise springs to mind. Then the dangers posed to both animals and humans who frequent the river. Erosion of the riverbanks caused by the wakes from boats will cause mud to build up, creating traps for thirsty wildlife. The wildlife that both locals and visitors delight in, such as freshwater turtles, freshwater crocodiles, fish, and birds will no longer be visible due to being scared away by the noise of ski boats. The quiet tranquility of the river, which everyone loves, will be destroyed.

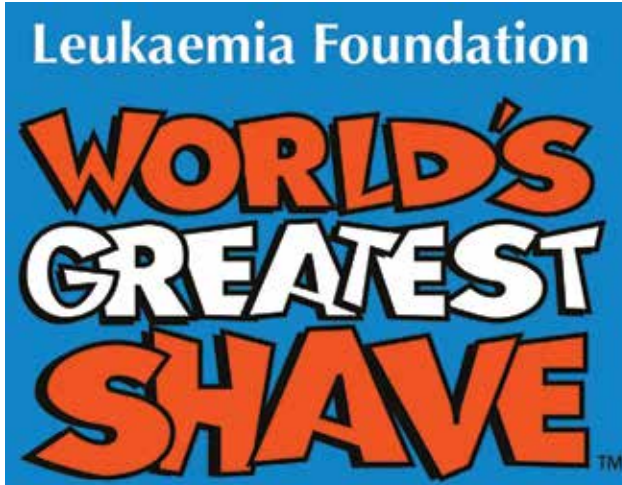
It is also understood the ski club proposes to access the river from the Kennedy Highway and the access they want to use to the river is on an 80 kph corner where large numbers of trucks and buses travel on the highway daily. This would appear to only add to an already dangerous situation.

What to do? In the first instance if you have concerns or otherwise please send your responses to this application to rhmcairns@msq.qld.gov.au and mark it for the attention of Mr Don Cowie.

In addition it is recommended to copy your response to the Member for Barron River, Craig Crawford email: Barron.River@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Calling all Hairies...

COME ON DOWN & SUPPORT THE LEUKEMIA FUND



Sprout Café, on Coondoo Street, will be holding a World Greatest Shave community morning on **Saturday 18th March** (10.00am to 1.00pm) with 100% of coffee specials (\$3.00 small, \$4 large) going to support the Leukemia Fund.

Make a difference by giving families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need.

You will also fund vital research that will help more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma, while improving their quality of life.

Anyone, local or otherwise, involved in the World's Greatest Shave (or just feeling a bit too hairy) is more than welcome to come on and join in with locals Maggie (15) and Robin (timeless). The clippers are provided along with a great event and fabulous location.

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126 Years of the Kuranda Post Office

(the changing faces and places of mail in Kuranda)

According to online sources, the first Kuranda Post Office opened on 25th June 1891 (although a Middle Crossing receiving office had been open from 1888).

There have been a number of moves since then, three since 1970. With the most recent move, we at *The Kuranda Paper* thought it might be a good time to commemorate memories of Kuranda post offices past. We are looking for stories, poems, photos, reminiscences, funny stories, horror stories, weird and wonderful stories to be collated for the JUNE edition of *The Kuranda Paper*.

We would really encourage those who have older family members to see if they can share memories too, the older the better.

Please send your contributions to:

Email: mail@kurandapaper.com

Mail: *The Kuranda Paper*

PO Box 624

Kuranda Qld 4881



The latest reincarnation of the Kuranda postal service, a new start for the 126th year of "it's in the mail".



Farewell... Thank You... Welcome...

to *Ceri Hughes*

to *Mandy Teis*

to *Tricia Lee*

FRIDAY 10 MARCH AT 2.00pm

AT THE KURANDA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

KNC is inviting anyone who would like to come to an afternoon tea at the centre to farewell *Ceri Hughes* (top right) who has worked as the Family Support Worker for eight and a half years.

We are also thanking *Mandy Teis* (bottom right) who has spent the last 10 months at KNC as a student then as Family Support Worker since October 2016 on a temporary contract.

After recruiting the position we have appointed *Tricia Lee* (below) who will be the new permanent Family Support Worker going forward.

Everyone is welcome including clients, families, volunteers, service providers, outreach agencies and community members. No need to RSVP.

The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is located next to the Kuranda Butterfly Sanctuary at 6 Rob Veivers Drive, Kuranda. Phone 4093 8933.



Hi my name is **Tricia Lee** and I'm very excited to be working amongst the community members of Kuranda as the new Family Support Worker at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

I finished my social work degree last year at JCU after working in a range of different community based jobs in the NT for a long time and now in Cairns, which has been my home for ten years now.

I love being on or in the water where most people will find me on weekends. I also like to cook and hope to learn how to play the ukulele this year. Please drop by for a cuppa and a yarn anytime



www.kurandaregion.org
info@kurandaregion.org
 FB: kuranda region planning group
 March 2007

Rally 26th March @ 10:30am against Kur-World

The Kur-Alert team have been holding regular information stalls in front of Foodworks every Wednesday afternoon.

Many members of the community are frustrated and want to demonstrate opposition to the proposed Kur-World development. This is our opportunity to stand up and be counted!

Starting at the bottom end of Coondoo Street, we will march up Coondoo Street and finish at Centenary Park where guest speakers will say a few words followed by a performance by our very own Willie Brim and friends.

Kuranda is a special and unique place. We live in the heart of a World Heritage Area. We attract hundreds of thousands of tourists per year. Will another shopping centre or a golf course enhance the visitor experience or detract? Will urban sprawl of Myola Valley be beneficial? If in doubt come and unite, embrace and celebrate what makes Kuranda great!



LOG YOUR CASSOWARY SIGHTING IN KURANDA REGION

The Cassowary's future is about good planning. Supporting cassowary essential habitat in our local **Wildlife Corridors** is crucial for long term survival of the species.

SIGHTINGS NEEDED!

Kuranda Conservation @ cassowary@kurandaregion.org
 4093 8834 www.kurandaregion.org

All cassowary sightings in the last 5 years please!

COMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION

- RADIO: KUR-WORLD "OPEN DAY" - ABC RADIO FAR NORTH KIER SHOREY talks with CATHY RETTER KURANDA ENVIROCARE - 20 FEB 2017
- TOPIC: Would the proposed KUR-World development create jobs for Kuranda locals?
- LETTER: to Coordinator General, Concerns about Community Reference Group for KUR-World 'Eco' Resort 20 FEB 2017
- TOPIC: Roaming uncontrolled dogs and dog size, is an increasing problem in Wet Tropics World Heritage Rainforest by Ingrid Marker, Cassowary Keystone Conservation
- TOPIC: Amendment to Animal Management Act – in relation to protection of endangered cassowary populations by Ingrid Marker Cassowary Keystone Conservation

WE NEED YOU ON THE DAY TO CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES KURANDA GREAT!
 (without shopping centres, golf courses and urban sprawl)

MEET: bottom of Coondoo Street, near Skyrail car park
TIME: 10:30am
DATE: Sunday 26th March

We demand proper planning for Kuranda Region. Find out more. Get involved. Your concerns matter.

Community Meetings FRIDAYS 2-4PM
10 MAR, 24 MAR, 7 APR, 21 APR, 5 MAY, 19 MAY 76 High Chapparral Rd

WE the PEOPLE

SIGN OUR PETITION

***NEW OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN PETITION**

KUR-WORLD: KURANDA REGION RESIDENT PETITION

This petition of residents of the State of Queensland draws to the attention of the House our grave concerns about the negative environmental, cultural, economic and social negative impacts of the proposed KUR-World development, which entails building a new satellite suburb within the Kuranda region on land with very significance environmental values.

The development is particularly objectionable as it is contrary to the current planning framework for this region (FNQ 2031) and this shire (Mareeba Shire Plan 2016).

Your petitioners therefore request the House to do everything in your power to stop the proposed KUR-World development.

PETITION AVAILABLE FOR SIGNING AT KUR-WORLD INFO TABLE @ FOODWORKS EVERY WEDNESDAY 3-5PM
 We need locals to door-knock and community people who access groups for resident petition signing. Please email info@kurandaregion.org if you can help.

KUR-WORLD RESIDENT SURVEY SNAPSHOT
 Data excerpt to January 2017
 Residents surveyed so far - approx 400

Overwhelming *negative* in responses so far. * More respondents required.

1. Do you think KUR-World is an appropriate development for the Kuranda Region?

Strongly Agree	17
Somewhat Agree	8
Neutral	10
Somewhat Disagree	48
Strongly Disagree	356

2. What do you think would be the benefits of the KUR-World project for the Kuranda Region?

Jobs

3. What do you think would be the negative impacts of the KUR-World project for the Kuranda Region?

Environment / Community / Range Road / Infrastructure

4. Rate your sentiment on the following proposed KUR-World facilities:

MOST LIKED	Rainforest Education Centre
	University Campus
LEAST LIKED	373 high-density Residential
	Hollipad

About KUR-World Resident Survey
 Data collection started September 2016. Submissions via paper form or website form.
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Commencement of Work
Kuranda Suburban Water Security Project:
Construction of Reservoirs at Mason Road
and Warril Drive

The Kuranda Suburban Water Security Project will see the construction of two additional drinking water reservoirs to improve water security.

The project is funded through a \$650,000 grant* from the Queensland Government's Building our Regions Program with the remainder funded by Mareeba Shire Council.

This project is to improve the water security to the communities serviced by the reservoirs on Mason Road and Warril Drive. This is a critical project that will ensure the minimum industry standard water capacity is held in the Warril Drive and Mason Road reservoirs to provide a secure water supply to businesses and residents and fire-fighting capacity in emergency situations.

Council wishes to advise residents of upcoming works in their area over the next six (6) to eight (8) months. Construction may affect residents in communities serviced by the existing reservoirs at Platypus Close (located off Mason Road) and Hilltop Close (located off Warril Drive). Warril Drive Reservoir and Booster Pump Station: The existing reservoir at Hilltop Close will be demolished, and a new 500kL reservoir will be constructed in its place. To maintain service to the local area during the decommissioning and construction, the local network will be supplied water by an inline booster pump station. The existing booster pump station will be replaced with a new pump station capable of servicing the network while the reservoir is offline and to provide tank filling during normal operation of the reservoir.

Mason Road Reservoir: The existing 636kL reservoir located at the top of Platypus Close is in good condition and will be retained. An additional 500kL reservoir will be constructed adjacent the existing reservoir. Should you have inquiries on these projects contact Council on 1300 308 461.

*[The Department of State Development, announcing the grant noted above, said in part: "... Council will also have the capacity to sell treated water to the proposed Kur-World resort development...". <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/index.php/regional-development/regional-economic-development/building-our-regions/regional-capitals-fund/regional-capitals-fund/1202-kuranda-suburban-water-security-project>]

Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee: Update

Precinct Opportunities

The Kuranda Community Precinct has reached a stage where we are able to provide opportunities for groups within our community to engage with and make use of the facilities provided at the Precinct.

Late in 2016 the Strategic Plan developed by the Committee was approved by Mareeba Shire Council. The vision that was developed is:

"The Precinct is a well-used and flexible community space which is available for the long-term enjoyment of all Kuranda residents for recreational, sporting, cultural and educational experiences and activities."

Some of the facilities which are potentially available to the community are:

- The rooms above the library (no disabled access at this stage).
- The undercover area which was previously the school tuckshop.
- Sports storage shed and Bartley Park oval.
- The open and shaded areas opposite the library carpark.

The use of these facilities is guided by three important principles which have been developed by the Committee working with the Council:

1. The use of the facility will be shared within the community. No single group will secure exclusive use of the Precinct.
2. The Precinct will not compete with other venues in town, and any group wishing to hire the rooms would be referred to existing community facilities such as the CWA hall, the Amphitheatre or the Recreation Centre. The rooms would only be hired out as a venue of last resort if these were not available.
3. Hiring fees would be on a scale to be determined by the nature of the activity. In some circumstances, fees may be waived for some unfunded community activities. Hiring is through the Council which takes advice from the Committee.

Any group wishing to enquire about the use of facilities can contact either the Committee (see below) or the Mareeba Shire Council directly.

Projects for 2017

The Strategic Plan in 2016 identified seven priority projects and four of these will move to the planning stage with the development of Action Plans. These projects are:

1. Creating a community recreation area which includes seating and picnic tables.
2. Working in partnership with community groups to enhance local walking trails, with the Precinct providing a link to the village centre, and other existing trails.
3. Supporting local history and culture by expanding on the new historical signs at the Precinct, and providing a space for the formation of a local history group, if there is sufficient interest from the community.
4. Working with community partners to provide a space for activities to engage teenagers and young adults.

As we start putting each of these plans into action we seek to engage with community groups and individuals in partnerships to build the Precinct – not just in terms of its infrastructure – but also as a community hub.

The Committee believes that these projects reflect the input that the community has provided, and we are dedicated to working in partnership with individuals and community groups to develop the Precinct as a valued facility for locals and visitors.

– **John Baskerville (Chairperson)**

4093 7246, 0407 144 213, jbask4@gmail.com

Photo: Local author Ann Harth inspects the newly erected History of the School sign at the Kuranda Community Precinct. The erection of the sign is the culmination of a long process which started with the preservation of the wall covered with student-made tiles when school buildings were demolished in 2012. In 2016 the wall was stabilised and a small roof was attached. Ann Harth volunteered her skills as the principal researcher and writer. Kuranda College librarian Mandy Dewey assisted with tracking down historical sources for text and photos.

Kuranda residents please make the effort to come and check this sign out (it is opposite the library across the carpark). Have a walk around the Precinct site and if you are inspired with ideas or would like to assist contact the Precinct Committee.



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The Moderator of the page will advise *The Kuranda Paper* of the photograph that has received the most 'likes' in the previous month, and it will be published in the paper.

This month to Monday 27th February, the most 'likes' were received for "Cassowary and Chicks" by **Hans Van Veluwen**, taken on Black Mountain Road on 13th February.



Mareeba
SHIRE COUNCIL

Responsible Pet Ownership

COUNCIL approved an Inspection Program to be carried out across the Shire to ensure that the owners of dogs comply with the registration requirements under the *Animal Management Act (Dogs and Cats) Act 2008*.

The purpose of the program is also to ensure that owners comply with their duty to provide a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from wandering as per Council's Local Law (Animal Management) 2011.

Mareeba Shire Council Mayor Tom Gilmore is strongly urging residents to ensure their dogs are registered with Council and comply with regulations. "There are serious fines for dogs that are roaming at large, and if they're unregistered of course there are even more serious consequences," Cr Gilmore said.

"While your dogs may be friendly to humans, they aren't at all friendly to other animals, especially wildlife and we have seen horrific damage been caused by domestic dogs."

Council recently conducted an Approved Inspection Program near the Mareeba Golf Club with positive outcomes.

"The program proved to be successful with many residents registering their dogs, and property enclosures were inspected to ensure compliance," Cr Gilmore said.

"Furthermore, the instances of wallabies being savaged on the Golf Club have now stopped."

The program will commence 1st April 2017 and terminate 1st July 2017. It will be conducted between the hours of 6.30am and 7.00pm, Monday to Sunday, with the majority of inspections to be carried out during normal working hours. While the program is Shire-wide, the focus will be on the Speewah, Kuranda and Mt Molloy areas.



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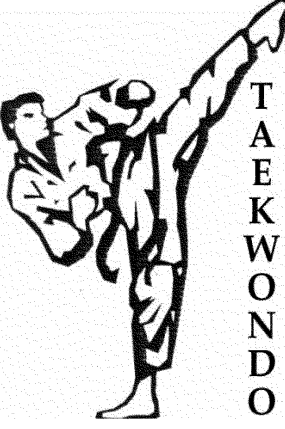
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MARCH and the spluttering Wet continues. The alternation of soaking rain followed by bright, very warm periods is encouraging quick sappy growth which in turn is attracting grasshoppers with their seemingly insatiable appetites.

One preventative to kill and ward off grasshoppers is a garlic oil spray made by combining one ounce of mineral oil with three ounces of chopped garlic. Allow the mixture to soak for 24 hours and then strain. Combine 16 ounces of water, one teaspoon of fish emulsion and one tablespoon of Castile soap. Combine the fish emulsion and garlic mixtures and using a mixture of two tablespoons of the garlic oil with one pint of water spray on the foliage of plants and directly on grasshoppers. Caution should be exercised in using on tender plants. Hand removal is best undertaken early morning while grasshoppers are sluggish.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Alocasia*, Elephant Ears or Taro, with around 70+ species and numerous hybrids, provide the tropical gardener with an amazing choice of striking foliage plants. From amazing giant trunk forming species with leaves over a metre wide and up to two metres long and down to much smaller and more sedate specimens, a wide palette of greens, greys, silvers and white in various shapes is available.



Over time, almost all species sucker into clumps and while appreciating rich soil, moisture, humidity and warmth, growing well in shade although some species thrive in full sunlight, most are reasonably accommodating. Closely related and almost indistinguishable are the Colocasia. *Alocasia* plants hold their leaves horizontally, with the tips tending to point upward and preferring some shade and well-drained soil. By contrast, *Colocasia* plants hold their leaves downward. Moreover, *Colocasia* prefer full sunlight and lots of water. *Alocasia* leaf attaches itself to its petiole from the notch itself whereas the *colocasia* leaf attaches itself a little down the leaf, lower than the leaf's notch.

Another member of the Araceae family, *Xanthosoma* is similar to *Colocasia* in how it holds its leaves and how soft they are compared with *Alocasia* but with leaves more arrow-shaped than heart-shaped. Revision is still proceeding in these closely related families with a good example being *Alocasia* "Hilo Beauty" now reclassified as *Caladium praetermissum* "Hilo Beauty".

Q&A *Dear Peter*, The gratuitous "weed" is *Gomphocarpus physocarpus* (Syn. *Asclepias physocarpa*) with common names Balloon Plant, Cotton Bush, Swan Plant or more vulgarly Hairy Balls. The name Balloon Plant is an allusion to the swelling bladder-like pods which are full of seeds and Swan Plant when pods half ripe are picked with stem attached. The flowers are small, with white hoods and about a half inch across. The capsule is a pale green, and in shape an inflated sphere. It is covered with rough hairs. It reaches three inches in diameter. The plant is a food source for the caterpillars of *Danaus* butterflies, and is a specific Monarch butterfly food and habitat plant. It is also popular in traditional medicine to cure various ailments. Interestingly, the monarch or Wanderer butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) was first recorded in Australia in the summer of 1870/71.

For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email alectura2015@bigpond.com



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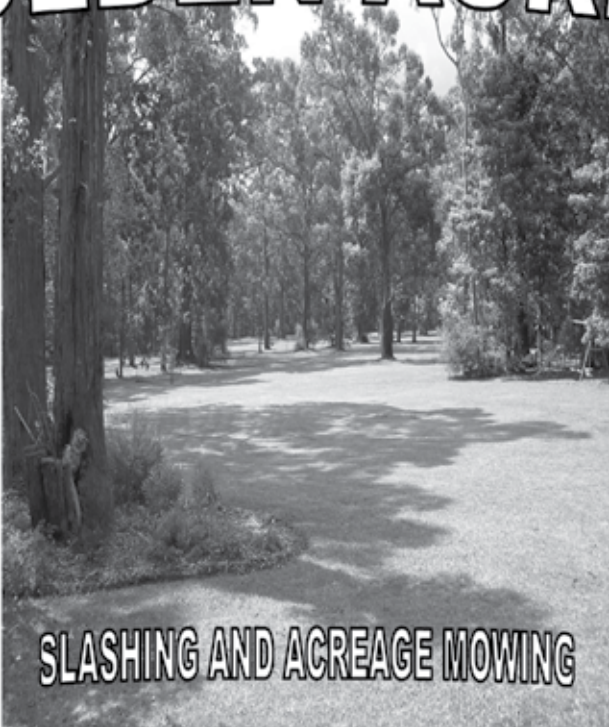
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Sustainable People and Planet Quiz

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Renewable Energy

The New York Times reported recently this "is the first time in the modern era of global warming data that temperatures have blown past the previous record three years in a row."

Pause and think about that. It's possible THIS is THE moment in history some of us have dreaded since the late 1980s – the time when greenhouse warming increases without respite. We must hope that's too pessimistic.

Yet amazingly, this is also the time in history when clean renewable energy is at last economically competitive with polluting fossil fuels or dangerous nuclear power.

Zero net emissions is an achievable goal without dismantling civilisation. But it requires focus and effort (aka jobs).

So set aside absurdities such as our Treasurer's lame attempt to relaunch coal or the electoral successes of a party that completely denies there's any energy/climate change problem at all. These things will pass.

Better to ask how we can get on with the job here. How does our household, our community, our region, our state...all achieve zero net emissions, ASAP?

The old guard only repeat absurdities (such as blaming wind power for an outage caused by a mini-tornado knocking over power lines) because they judge the public sufficiently ill-informed to accept them.

ACTION:

- See the **FoE FNQ** website for ideas about what you can do to push for a rapid transition to clean renewable energy.
- The independent Australian website www.reneweconomy.com.au is also recommended for first class daily analysis of a debate that's becoming increasingly central in Australia.

**NEXT GATHERING:
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Sunday 26th March
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The best definition of sustainable planning is planning that:

1. protects the wildlife
2. makes money or at least breaks even
3. is supported by the majority of the local community and culturally sensitive
4. all of the above

Eating which type of food is generally least harmful for the planet?

1. meat
2. meat, plant food (vegetables, fruit, nuts and seeds etc.) and dairy
3. plant food and dairy
4. plant food only

Trees are essential for human survival because they

1. produce medicines and food
2. help reduce climate change
3. change the carbon dioxide we breathe out into oxygen that all animals need to live
4. increase rainfall
5. all of the above

Who said "People 'overproduce' pollution because they are not paying for the cost of dealing with it"?

1. Peter Singer, Animal Liberation
2. Victor Hugo, Les Miserables
3. Ha- Joon Chang, 23 Things They Don't Tell You about Capitalism
4. Tom Gilmore, Mayor Mareeba Shire

The rapid loss of the earth's animal and plant species we are experiencing now is called which mass extinction?

1. First
2. Fourth
3. Sixth
4. Ninth

Human growth is reducing biodiversity by

1. farming and urban development
2. destruction of war
3. overconsumption of earth's resources
4. global warming
5. all of above

The following percentage of Australia's rainforests have been lost during the last 200 years:

1. 75%
2. 95%
3. 50%
4. 25%

Who said "[We] are the makers of our own state and...individuals who realise the fact need not, ought not, wait for collective action."

1. Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister
2. Mahatma Gandhi, Indian leader and non-violence activist
3. Jellyroll, Rap artist
4. Paul Newman, Humanitarian and Actor

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CARGO CLUB #7

are back from their Brisbane tour with performances and work-shops for us up here in the tropics. Kuranda resident Miyako, who has been with the group for some time now (see July 2016 issue), gives us a brief summary of her experiences, and brings us news of what's in store for us up here on the tablelands and in Cairns...



KAS News March 2017

Annual General Meeting 26th February, 2017

Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc
Management Committee of 2016

PRESIDENT Ian Cannon
SECRETARY Cathy Harvey
TREASURER John Dunne
BOOKINGS Michael Crowley
CARETAKER Gabriel Gibson
Liza Dewey
Biri Duffin

Welcome to the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society Inc. and thank you for taking the time to be here.

2016 was a quiet year for outdoor concerts at the venue, which was a double-edged sword for the Amphitheatre. On one hand it left the space available for much needed and overdue upgrades to facilities and infrastructure and on the other hand, a lack of ongoing funds to keep the venue afloat.

The Society pays Council Rates, Water and Excess Water Rates, Public Liability Insurance, Volunteer Insurance, the usual Utilities bills, Security and not to mention the ongoing costs of everyday use. This equates to an approximate of up to \$1500.00 per month.

The Understage had a busier year with many events occurring - KAS hosted events, community hire and general hire. As a matter of fact the Understage was so busy with hiring that we could only fit in a couple of Members Nights!

As explained at the last AGM, catering for Understage events was not a viable situation for the Amphitheatre. This opportunity has been successfully offered to community groups and small local food van industries throughout the 2016 year.

The plans set in place to continue with infrastructure and procedures renewal are also ongoing projects, as is the Kuranda Amphitheatre itself.

Kuranda Strategic Infrastructure Plan

As you are aware, the Amphitheatre is a part of this overall vision for Kuranda, which is funded by the "tourist levy". KAS plans for this funding are for beautifying the entrance to the venue, a better volunteer car park and connections to the Jum Rum Walking Trails. The planned projects were pushed back a couple of years, however it seems it's almost our turn!

In 2016 a local builder had begun the process of drawing up some plans and costing for the gatehouse area. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances he had to leave Kuranda and the hunt for another volunteer to assist in this area was on!

Thankfully another person put his hand up to assist and once again plans and costing are underway. These plans are in the initial stages and unfortunately we are unable to table these today. As soon as this is complete, plans will be tabled at a General Meeting for members to peruse and approve. After approval a submission will be made to the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee and Mareeba Shire Council to request the Amphitheatre phase of the plan be advanced to enable the building of a new gatehouse, which will inevitably beautify the entrance to the venue. Please note that KIAC is an advisory committee and Mareeba Shire

Council make the final decision on any recommendations.

The top staff car park has been an ongoing hiccup in the past year, (this is a project approved by members in 1988!). It started, it stopped, it started, it stopped!

Mareeba Shire Council has agreed to fund the completion of the Staff Car Park and upgrade the driveway within the venue. Many thanks to Mareeba Shire Council, in particular Mayor Tom Gilmore, Councillor Mayor Nipper Brown and CEO Peter Franks, for assisting with the sustainability and viability of this unique concert venue in the rainforest. We also wish to thank Lance Starr of RISE for initiating this project and supporting the Amphitheatre by consistently contacting Council to get the ball rolling.

To continue with our public safety lighting plan, the management committee allocated funds to complete the lighting of paths and 'black spots' around the venue. This has been completed.

RISE (formerly Jobfind) activities and projects:

RISE are no longer a regular hirer of the Understage to facilitate the Ktown Records project.

RISE are assisting the Amphitheatre by providing a work crew who have been on the grounds since January 2015. We sincerely thank the crew for the amazing job they are doing. Every day sees a difference to the venue.

Projects completed to date:

Top Pavilion re-paved, Gatehouse entrance paved, Stalls area paved, Paths to toilets, Rock walls revamped (ongoing) New gardens, Underground drainage, In ground sprinkling systems, First aid area paved, Steak Hut area paved, Wheelchair access from front of house to the Top Pavilion, A new underground power line from the main switchboard across the front of the stage to the shed, New top bar counter, Rendered walls of mainstage, kitchen, etc - completed, Mainstage artwork in initial phase.

Future RISE projects:

Concrete areas - Top Bar to be grit-tiled. Many thanks to Simon Thorbourne for giving his time and expertise to this project.

Kitchen extension - Old sink wall to be removed and area tiled.

Perimeter fence - First stage in process. Area behind top bar and kitchen is complete.

Driveway - In conjunction with Mareeba Shire Council.

Continuing beautification of gardens and the venue in general.

We can't thank this team enough for the continued hard work and love for the Amphitheatre. A 37 year old venue has its moments, but ours is gradually being upgraded to accommodate current and future needs.

Kup Muri pit - A permanent pit has been installed in the top car park. It is intended to plant food trees in this area such as dwarf bananas, pumpkins, paw paws, pineapples etc. Now the Top Pavilion, Kitchen, and if required, Kup Muri pit, can be hired as another venue within the venue.

Financial systems and processes

On behalf of the Amphitheatre and members we wish to sincerely thank Barry Hodson, Trish Green and Faye Allen for their continued accountancy and administrative assistance and support.

It is with great regret we say goodbye to Trish Green who has acted as the Amphitheatre's Administrative Assistant for the past few years, keeping the financial checks and balances in order. Trish's role has allowed the voluntary role of Treasurer to be quite streamlined and her work and commitment to the Amphitheatre is much appreciated!

Committee resignation:

Due to other pressing commitments elected committee member Cheryl Matley had to sadly resign from her position. Cheryl's input to the Amphitheatre has been huge over the last few years and she continues to volunteer when possible. Many thanks to Cheryl!

Michael Crowley was co-opted by the committee to take up the vacant committee position in the role of Bookings Manager. As you can see by the upcoming bookings and pencilled acts, he's doing a fantastic job for the Amphitheatre!

WORKING BEES:

As it looks to be a busy year coming up. We would like to call regular Working Bees for 2017 (eg. third Sunday of the month) and increasing when closer to outdoor concerts. We will need to be on site every Sunday of March and each day of the week leading into the Revamp the Amp event on 8th April.

The RISE crew are here as part of a federal project and are not responsible for the daily maintenance and upkeep of the venue. As RISE create new things, KAS is responsible for the upkeep. It would be fantastic to see a return of the good ole Working Bees where we can concentrate on particular things such as the gardens, planting of the carpark, painting etc and end the day with a BBQ and refreshments. Please keep your eye out in the near future for Working Bee notices which will have the jobs of the day on the notice.

And last but not least, a huge thank you to TIM GRONWOLD for spending most of his days off at the Amphitheatre to ensure everything is running along smoothly on site.

Also a big thanks and appreciation to the outgoing management committee members and welcome to the new. KAS looks forward to your support throughout 2017.

The 2017 Management Committee

elected on 26th February are -
PRESIDENT Liza Dewey
SECRETARY Drew Symonds
TREASURER Ian Cannon
BOOKINGS Michael Crowley
BAR MANAGER John Dunne
COMMITTEE Cathy Harvey & Melisa Scalon

There has been some confusion/miscommunication recently about the booking system for the Amphitheatre. Whilst this is a community space, the Society as an incorporation is still governed by Qld Legislations requiring insurance, licensing, constitution etc.

To avoid disappointment when wishing to use the Amphitheatre please go to the website, www.kurandaamphitheatre.org, click on Contact Us or send an email to support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com

Support enquiries are accessed by the admin team on a daily basis. Your enquiry will be assigned to the appropriate area.

Membership Forms are available from the Honey House.

The form and fee can be left at the Honey House for collection.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



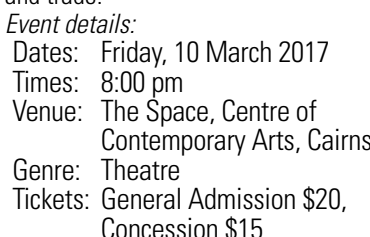
"We performed for a month in Brisbane with four members of DarahRouge (Bandung Indonesia). I enjoyed a lot this multicultural theatre trip. Cooking together, eating together, working together, and laughing together. I made good connections with other country's families. It was a beautiful moment for me, but I am very happy to be back in Kuranda. I miss a lot - huge jungle, song of birds, families, smiling friends - so I am so happy to be back." - Miyako

CARGO CLUB #7

Embracing global themes and global citizens, CARGO CLUB is a relaxed club-style performance where past, present and future align in a fluid blend of cool tunes, spoken word, ancient rituals, live art, cultural performances and retro-futurist technologies.

Spontaneously co-created by culturally and artistically diverse artists from the Centre for Australasian Theatre CfAT (Far North Queensland) and DarahRouge (West Java), CARGO CLUB is an immersive and expressive theatre experience of many languages and many artforms. Intimately personal and deeply cultural stories of colonisation, migration and transformation are unpacked from suitcases, boxes and crates as the 'cargo' we all carry and trade.

Event details:
Dates: Friday, 10 March 2017
Times: 8:00 pm
Venue: The Space, Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns
Genre: Theatre
Tickets: General Admission \$20, Concession \$15



INTERCULTURAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Open workshops for all, guided by theatre makers of Centre for Australasian Theatre (Cairns) and DarahRouge (Bandung).

Week 1: (Over, but week 2 still available, ed.)

Week 2: 11 am - 2 pm. Mon 6, Tue 7, Wed 8, March



Each workshop lasts 3 hours, and covers performance creation, somatic, physical and voice training, group choreography and improvisation.

Participants are welcome to take part in one, some, or all of the workshops.



Register at cat@australasiantheatre.org or by arriving at 10:45. \$10 donation appreciated. The images are from the Brisbane CARGO CLUB show, taken by Darren Thomas. ◇◇◇◇◇

Kuranda Amphitheatre has had its 2017 AGM, and there it is (left), all of it! We are fortunate to have such a dedicated crew running, maintaining and improving our world famous venue. Please have a good read because next month I promise - less words, more pictures. Speaking of pictures, my camera has broken down, so if you have any good pictures of Amphi events, or any "art" happenings around Kuranda, don't hesitate to send them to me for inclusion in these pages - serenstarlight@gmail.com. And if you are into theatre get along to Cargo Club (see above) for the show on 10 March and/or the workshops in early March. There's a saying in India - "All that is left is the dance". This dance of life is our art, the mark we leave on the planet. Make it good one lovers and creators, of Art, seren.



Website Launch by Co-op Artist

Recycled mirror artist Steve Hutchins launched his new website this month. He had a 'pop-up gallery' (sharing the occasion with his birthday). The launch was attended by many friends of the artist. Check out this colourful and informative site www.reflectsilhouettes.com. Steve's artistic mirrors, using recycled materials, can also be seen on the wall at the Co-op gallery.

Kuranda Arts Co-op Facebook Site

Have a look at our facebook site

Kuranda Arts Cooperative Kuranda and keep abreast of the regular postings of our artists' work. Our post of 'green ants' showing works by Mollie Bosworth and Marcia Bird has gone global and has reached over 10,000 'likes' and 94 'shares'. A lot of our local supporters are not able to get into the gallery during operating hours 10.00am-4.00pm daily, so our facebook site is really being appreciated.



"Inside My Studio"

The Co-op's publicity officer Toni Rogers is also on the community production team of *The Kuranda Paper*. Toni undertakes an interview with a local artist each month "Inside my Studio", for publication in the paper. It is not a necessary requirement to be a member of the Arts Co-op to be part of this. If there are any artists out there in the community who would like to be part of the interview program please contact Toni at toni@cantatastudio.com or at the Arts Co-op. This is a very popular section in *The Kuranda Paper*, in fact Toni did not have an interview published in the first 2017 edition (she was away) and there have been so many questions asked "Why not?" and "What happened?". Toni is back on track this month with her interview with Michael Dircks (see page 25).

New Neighbour

We welcome the new cafe Mandala which has opened next door to our gallery. If the recent opening is anything to go by (a full house), there will be a lot of coffee and luncheon customers in the future. Our Co-op rostered artists have sampled the coffee brew and it certainly has the thumbs up approval. We wish Vali and her team at Mandala well.

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Community to Manage Facilities

COUNCIL today approved a new policy for the management of halls and associated facilities by community groups.

Mayor Tom Gilmore said that the intent of this initiative is to enable the respective communities to take control of the utilisation and operation of facilities. This will then ideally see the increase the use of the halls and facilities.

"Council recognises the significant community benefits to be gained by supporting the community management of halls and associated facilities across the Shire," Cr Gilmore said.

The community management of halls is a commitment by Council to reposition community halls in local communities.

"Community groups responsible for the management of local halls have intimate knowledge of how best to manage the hall to increase usage in ways that best suit their needs," Cr Gilmore said.

"The Mutchilba Community Centre and Koah Sports Hall has been successfully managed by community groups for some time now, and there usage has gone up considerably, and we would like to see this phenomenon across the Shire."

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MUSIC PAGE

Pitmole Productions presents Revamp the Amp Kuranda Amphitheatre Saturday 8th April

Ash Grunwald, Chase the Sun, KINGFISHA, Bullhorn, Zennith, Koalition, Irish Mythen, Lachy Doley, Playskool, Mike Elrington, Tim Griffin and Cleveland Blues

With a commitment to bring high quality acts on a regular basis to Kuranda, Pitmole Productions present their biggest FNQ event to date on Saturday 8th April, and encourage locals to come celebrate the revamped Amp.

"We are very happy with the support that's building but it would be nice to see more locals enjoying the facility that is theirs", says Darren Griffis, "so blues, roots and reggae lovers, do yourself a favour and come and see this great venue, The Kuranda Amphitheatre in full swing on".

A huge line-up, together for one day and night only led by ASH GRUNWALD with his Intelligent, compassionate, free-thinking lyricism. Ash welcomes you as always to strive toward life's greatest mission amongst the chaos and the challenges – the presence of good times, the energy for action and the possession of a happy heart.

KINGFISHA – back in the Far North – rippin' it up at Revamp the

Amp. Just one of the dope reggae bands to be kickin' it on 8th April. CHASE THE SUN – one of Australia's most formidable blues bands. These 3 guys have rocked every blues festival in the country. Dirty, mean and top quality southern rock blues. They have a new album and are launching it at Revamp the Amp. Mind blowing the mighty horn section of BULLHORN delivers original show stoppers, and back to play the Big Stage at the Amphi, blues singer songwriter, IRISH



MYTHEN will have you be-smitten with her engaging and oh-so-funny stories introducing her power house performances. LACHY DOLEY billed as "The greatest living keyboard player in the world today" is a monster on the Hammond organ. And no Kuranda concert would be complete without Kuranda's hip-hop reggae sensations ZENNITH and the cruisy reggae FNQ favourites KOAHLITION!

Live Art & Music Exhibition Members Night Kuranda Amphitheatre Friday 24th March

One of the world's leading visionary artists, Adam Scott Miller has intensively pursued ways of discovering and translating mystical insight into visual art. Join Adam and Rani Ji for a Live Art & Music Exhibition at The Understage on Friday 24th March.



In an interview with Fractal Enlightenment, Miller explains, "I choose to be an artist because it is the path of great mystery, novelty, realisation, and translation into beautiful vocabularies that I can offer the world. Creating my art is how I process what I am learning, and my art is artefacts of what I have learned. It is the by-product of the experience of my consciousness."

The Live Art & Music Exhibition will be accompanied by Live Music from Lunar and some smooth house DJ sets are to be the first of the 2017 Kuranda Amphitheatre Member Nights. Join as a 2017 Member on the night, and entry is free. Membership for the year is \$20 single, \$25 family/household. Doors & Bar Open 7.00-11.00pm. Kids friendly.



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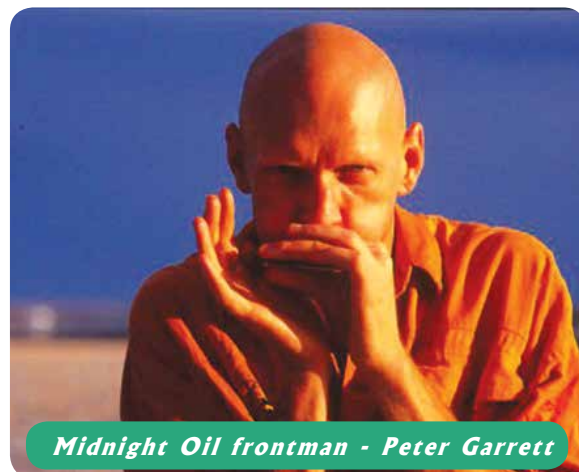
Legendary Australian rock band and Lagitators MIDNIGHT OIL announced their first WORLD TOUR in over two decades. The good news is they are hitting North QLD with shows at the revamped KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE on October 7th, and Townsville Entertainment Centre on the 10th October.

Midnight Oil are the activists whose social justice campaigning includes "The Dead Heart", "Redneck Wonderland", "Beds Are Burning" and hijacking the 2000 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony with their "Sorry" suits.

"The Great Circle 2017" World Tour will see the group's classic line-up literally circle around our planet for 6 months, starting and ending with gigs in Sydney. This long-awaited World Tour will climax with 18 special homecoming concerts through October and November, 2017.

They are the committed humanists and environmentalists who brought us anthems like "Blue Sky Mine", "Forgotten Years" and "Say Your Prayers" plus a string of protests from the Tasmanian wilderness and the Jabiluka Uranium mine near Kakadu.

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Midnight Oil frontman - Peter Garrett





Photo of DinDin (Barron Falls) in full flooding courtesy of GBR Helicopters, taken by multitasking pilot Guy Sullivan, 7th February.



LATEST NEWS FROM KUR-WORLD and BARNWELL FARM

KUR-WORLD

Infrastructure

Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) is currently upgrading the existing drinking water reservoir at Warril Drive. This will increase storage capacity to approximately 500kL. MSC identified the need for this upgrade thanks to a regional service reservoir study in 2014. The proposed upgrade addresses the existing shortfall in the reservoir's storage capacity. This upgrade does not consider a potential growth in water demand associated with the proposed KUR-World project. Water supply and storage requirements and options for the KUR-World Integrated Eco-Resort are currently being considered as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Environmental Studies

The wet season component of fauna surveys has been completed. We recorded approximately 100 species. This number will grow once acoustic records (of bat calls) are analysed. Of the species recorded, 4 are listed under either the Nature Conservation Act or the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. These are: the Myola treefrog (*Litoria myola*), Spectacled monarch (*Symphysionotus trivirgatus*), Macleay's fig-parrot (*Cyclopsitta diophthalma macleayana*) and the Tube-nosed insectivorous bat (*Murina florium*).

Flora surveys have also been conducted resulting in some adjustment to mapped boundaries and a possible new species of *Sauropus* recorded (to be confirmed).

Upcoming activities in March:

- Event based and routine water quality sampling and groundwater monitoring.
- The first of the 2017 frog surveys.
- Noise monitoring to establish background noise characteristics for the site.

Social and Community

On February 15th, we had our second Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the KUR-World website following review and approval by the CRG.

Our team of anthropologists, archaeologists and a native title lawyer are contacting the traditional owners to start their engagement and surveys.

Thank you all for registering and coming to the Open Day. We will keep you inform of upcoming open forums.

BARNWELL FARM

Open Day

On Saturday February 18th (2017), we had an open day at Barnwell Farm. Over 100 people registered their interest in the event and 65 attended. During this day, everyone had the opportunity to walk around the property, visit the dam, the organic farm and talk to the different technical advisors.

We also listened to the concerns and interests from the community. We understand that water quality, water management, waste management and access to the site are some of the main community concerns. Currently, the various studies are underway and we do not have all the information to provide answers to these issues. Please subscribe to the newsletter to receive our updates and available information.



Organic farm



Addressing questions and concerns on water quality

Other news

Improvements to paddocks will continue, including slashing to reduce weeds and improve grass growth.

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Thoughts on my thoughts...

by Christopher Headmesser

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Hazards of mountain life: rockslide on Kuranda Range Road, 25th February
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Tropical Bristle Cup Fungi, Top of The Range, Kuranda – Photo by Susan Ziberstein

Speewah District Residents Assoc Inc.

The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on **Monday 13th March 2017 at 6.00pm** in the Fire Brigade building, Roscommon Park, Speewah. *Speewah residents are invited to attend and take part in discussions*

The Chairperson of this meeting will be Councillor Lenore Wyatt, (replacing Bob Madden who has mobility problems).

Subjects that will be discussed include:

A report will be given on Council matters by Cr. Lenore Wyatt. It will include:

- Council will be conducting random property inspections in Speewah as there have been some cases of wildlife injuries by residents' animals. This will be discussed.
- Council's budget preparations have commenced and you are asked if you have any requests for inclusion in this next budget.
- Wet season drain preparations.
- An app is available for Council Services and this will be explained
- Concerns about motorists speeding – addition of new signage by Council warning residents to slow down.

Other matters of general business for discussion include:

- Consideration of having a Men's Shed located in Speewah's Roscommon Park
- The availability of Telstra mobile phone service in Speewah.
- The availability of NBN fixed wireless broadband here now
- An update will be given on the Rural Fire Brigade activities. There have been several fires in the area and a summary of these will be given.

At the Annual General Meeting to be held in June, both Margaret Buttering and Bob Madden will stand down and we are asking residents to nominate for management positions to ensure that the Residents Association continues to operate. Will you nominate?

If you have any issues you want included in the agenda for this meeting, contact either Margaret Buttering 4093 0100 or Bob Madden on 4093 0169.

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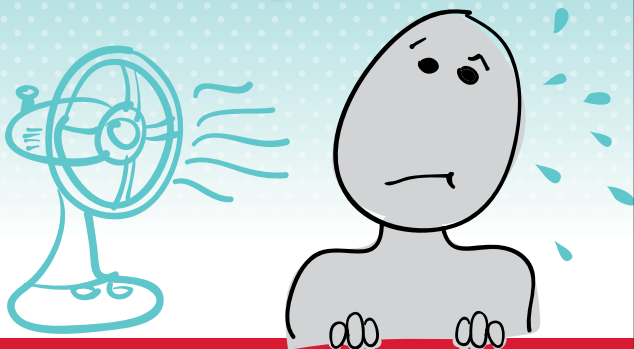
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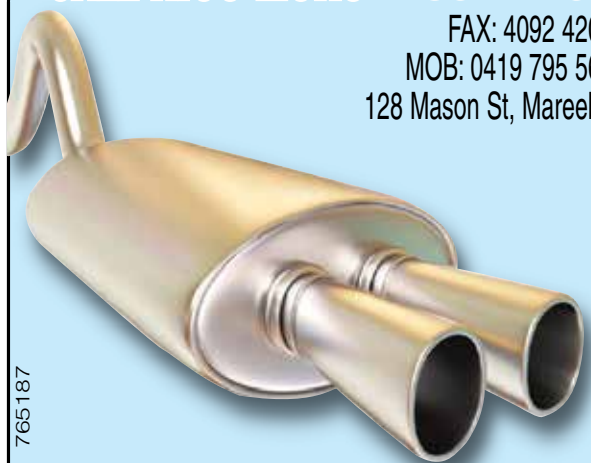
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MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Sue Arrowsmith 1931-2016

ON SATURDAY THE 11TH OF FEBRUARY, family and friends of Sue Arrowsmith came together to celebrate and remember Sue, who passed away just before Christmas after a short illness. The memorial celebration, which was held at Sue's home of 40 years, was led beautifully by Bonnie Harris, and included a lovely contribution from Susie Grace, who reminisced about her long friendship with Sue.



The memorial ceremony concluded with a tree planting, where a pink bottlebrush was planted along with some of Sue's ashes, in keeping with her wishes. Sue had not wanted a traditional service, but would have been happy to know how many of her friends joined with her family to celebrate and remember her life.



The celebration was continued at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, where Sue contributed so much of her time over the years. Sue's family wishes to thank the Rec Centre for hosting the celebration, and all who came to farewell Sue with them.



Matthew and Sarah Arrowsmith
at the Kuranda Recreation Centre

Armo

'Butchy boys', 'slaters' and 'woodlice' are just the names given to the little grey-brown, armoured creatures that wander our gardens at night. I have spent any time gardening at all and have encountered them in the soil, under sleepers and in plant pots. During the day, they remain in places which give them protection from their predators. At the moment our compost bin is full of them.

Slaters are crustaceans – but crustaceans are a group of animals most people expect to find in the sea, as crabs, yabbies and crayfish are those most familiar. Slaters are in fact true crustaceans and have more in common with a crayfish than with an insect.

Adult slaters have seven pairs of legs; one pair is lost off each of the first seven segments of their body. The smaller segments near the tail don't have legs. The shorter limbs that act as lungs. For these to work (and for slaters to survive) they must remain in a moist environment. That is one reason we find them in the compost.

Slaters are just as important in the garden as earthworms, as they begin the breakdown of all mulch and food scraps, churning out the rich material that we seek for our gardens. They are common meaning they will not only feed on plant material but also consume animal material – the bodies of caterpillars, worms, snails, and just about anything else that ends up in the garden.

In the right conditions, slaters can breed in large numbers – occasionally having some young plants as they feed on the new growth. A female will lay 100 or more eggs into her special sac called a 'brood pouch'. When the young emerge they are very similar to adults but have only six body segments and six pairs of legs. Slaters moult (shed) their outer shell to grow, and after their first moult, they lose their last body segment and seventh pair of legs. They moult a number of times, growing through each stage until they finally reach maturity.

There are a few species of slaters found locally, including their very close relatives – the pillbugs. Pillbugs have the same lifestyle as slaters, but have the ability to roll into armoured balls to protect themselves from predators.

In many parts of Australia many of the slaters found in gardens are actually introduced – most likely hitching a boat ride here with the myriad of plants brought in from overseas in the nineteenth century for horticulture. Here in Kuranda we have various native species of slaters that tend to remain in natural habitats where they live in conjunction with our native flora.

Alan Henderson
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Four-plated Bugs

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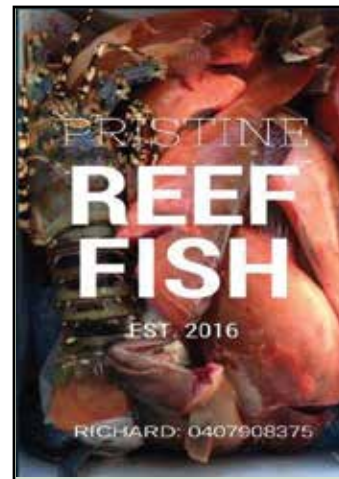
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“He can run the pants off a kangaroo...”

We have already looked at Australia’s second-biggest bird, the cassowary, but now it’s time to look at the “big bird”, the Emu. Not a rainforest dweller, the Emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) prefers the open plains or sclerophyll forests, and Kurandaites might see the birds strutting their stuff anywhere from west of Koah.

The Emu’s name comes not from an aboriginal language as generally assumed, but more likely from the Portuguese meaning, imaginatively, “large bird”.

Being the second (or perhaps third) biggest bird in the world, exceeded in size only by the Ostrich (and some authorities say, the Cassowary in weight), the Emu weighs in at an average of about 32kg for males and 37kg for females, and a height up to 160cm.

They are renowned for their running speed and have

been clocked at 50kmh. Their speed is aided by their three-toed feet with thick padded soles and muscular lower legs, a feature unique to this bird.

Similar to the Cassowary, the feet of the Emu have sharp claws on each toe which are a formidable defence.

Emus generally associate in pairs, but occasionally come together and form a small flock. Come breeding season (December-January) the male is responsible for the construction of a nest in a depression in the ground, of leaves, bark and any other materials he might find lying around, usually on flat terrain so that predators can be sighted.

In a bit of a turn for the bird world (and the human world for that matter), the female courts the male, and very vicious fights occur between females competing for a particularly desirable male.

Following egg-laying, it is usually the male who incubates and turns the eggs – up to 10 times a day. Some females stay with the nest until hatching, but often the female will leave the male to it, and will wander off to mate again with another male.

Emu eggs are in danger from all manner of threats. The eggs are coveted as a food source by almost all reptiles, raptors, rodents, dingos, and all introduced feral predators such as cats, dogs, foxes and pigs. The eggs were once a very welcome meal for Aborigines and settlers, with their huge size (about ½ kilo – equal to about 8 chook eggs) and their yolk being about equal proportionally to the albumen (white).

The eggs are also coveted by artists. The outer shell ranges in colour from light green to very dark (almost black) green. Unique to the emu egg, there are multiple colour layers (up to 10) within the shell, with inner layers of the shell ranging from shades of green and teal to grey and white. Gentle and experienced carvers can take advantage of these colour layers to create extraordinary artwork. Some artists paint the shells.

Emus are very curious birds, and are known to approach humans if they see something that draws their attention. I know someone who used to work in a zoo and found the Emus the most endearing of the ‘inmates’ due to their acute curiosity to ‘something different’. For example, if the staff member wore a different jacket to usual, the emu would come to her and give it a close inspection.

Aboriginals used a variety of methods in hunting the bird, including using the Emu’s natural curiosity to attract the bird into ‘spear range’ with the addition of a new object to its range, a rolled up kangaroo skin dangling from a branch, for example.

Emus were once hunted relentlessly



for meat, bush medicine, leather, but gained full protection in 1999, and their environmental status is “Least Concern”, although extinct in Tasmania and “Vulnerable” in Northern Territory. They are now farmed for the above mentioned produce.

The Emu has become enshrined in the Australian vernacular. The word “Emu” is used in thousands of place names and geographic features (towns, suburbs, creeks, mountains etc) and business names (even Emu Beer in WA), coins and stamps. It proudly stands on the Australia Coat of Arms. An old Aussie slang, now not in much use, was “I hope your chooks turn into Emus and kick your dunny down!” Not to mention John Williamson sang “He (the Emu) can’t fly but I’m telling you he can run the pants off a kangaroo”.

Left: a curious emu at full stretch; Above: a juvenile with his punk rocker haircut at Mareeba Wetlands; Below: a typical emu egg.



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Last month the Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk accepted my invitation to visit the Barron River electorate. As traffic congestion is one of the biggest problems in the electorate I took her to the Cairns Traffic Control Centre so she could see the issue first-hand. The Premier then received a briefing from department engineers and planners on options to ease traffic congestion on the Captain Cook Highway and Cairns Western Arterial Road. The Premier now has an understanding of the issues faced by commuters which will auger well as I continue to fight for improved road infrastructure.

The Premier also had lunch with 10 community leaders in Barron River and got to hear about critical issues in the electorate. She then visited Trinity Beach State School to inspect the 12 new learning spaces that opened this year.



FNQ not-for-profit organisations and schools can apply to keep kids sun safe, with applications for the 2017 SunSmart Shade Creation Initiative now open. A partnership between Cancer Council Queensland and the Queensland Government, enables not-for-profit organisations catering for children 0-18 years to apply for up to 50 per cent matched funding to purchase a portable or permanent shade structure and I urge eligible schools, sporting clubs, childcare centres and community groups to apply by completing the online application form on the Cancer Council Qld website.

By the time you read this column the Queensland Redistribution Commission will have released the new boundaries for Barron River. The electorate has seen a lot of growth since the last redistribution and I expect up to 8000 voters could move to Cook or Cairns electorates. Details can be found on the internet at <https://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/>

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

(Note: Kuranda remains in Barron River. Ed)

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Cultural Creatives are Changing the World!

Sociologist Paul H. Ray and psychologist Sherry Ruth Anderson, first introduced the term 'cultural creatives' in their book *"The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing the World"* published in 2000. The authors describe a segment of Western society (about 50 million adult Americans and 80–90 million Europeans) that they declare 'have developed beyond the standard paradigm of modernists or progressives versus traditionalists or conservatives.'

These cultural creatives embrace the values of altruism, authenticity (walk your talk) self-actualization, engaged action and whole systems learning, idealism and activism, globalism and ecology, feminism and spirituality.

Cultural creatives live a balanced, spiritual, sustainable and artful life to insure:

1. Their personal wellbeing,
2. The sustainability of a civil society and the planet, and
3. The quality of life for future generations.

They seek meaningful work and relationships, are interested in wellness practices not the sickness industry, buy organic and sustainable produce and goods and are natural supporters of environmental management, resource-efficient products, green industrial and building goods, renewable energy, socially responsible investing and alternative or fuel efficient, low-pollution transportation.* Fairtrade and social justice are also extremely important to them.

But who exactly are these people? They are people being highly creative and living an ethical and life affirming existence on the planet. They are increasing and are quickly countering and outnumbering the fundamentalists, traditionalists and modernists. They are building a positive future not stupidly falling into resource wars, population and ecological collapse, plagues, famines and mass poisoning of the planet.

Are You A Cultural Creative?

(This quiz is borrowed from The Cultural Creatives book and website)

You are likely to be a Cultural Creative if you...

1. Love Nature and are deeply concerned about its destruction;
2. Are strongly aware of the problems of the whole planet (global warming, destruction of rainforests, overpopulation, lack of ecological sustainability, exploitation of people in poorer countries) and want to see more action on them, such as limiting economic growth;
3. Would pay more taxes or pay more for consumer goods if you could know the money would go to clean up the environment and to stop global warming;
4. Place a great deal of importance on developing and maintaining your relationships;
5. Place a lot of value on helping other people and bringing out their unique gifts;
6. Do volunteering for one or more good causes;
7. Care intensely about both psychological and spiritual development;
8. See spirituality or religion as important in your life, but are concerned about the role of the Religious Right in politics;

9. Want more equality for women at work, and more women leaders in business and politics;
10. Are concerned about violence and abuse of women and children around the world;
11. Want our politics and government spending to put more emphasis on children's education and well-being, on rebuilding our neighbourhoods and communities, and on creating an ecologically sustainable future;
12. Are unhappy with both the Left and the Right in politics, and want to find a new way that is not in the mushy middle;
13. Tend to be somewhat optimistic about our future, and distrust the cynical and pessimistic view that is given by the media;
14. Want to be involved in creating a new and better way of life in your country;
15. Are concerned about what the big corporations are doing in the name of making more profits: downsizing, creating environmental problems, and exploiting poorer countries;
16. Have your finances and spending under control, and are not concerned about overspending;
17. Dislike all the emphasis in modern culture on success and "making it," on getting and spending, on wealth and luxury goods;
18. Like people and places that are exotic and foreign, and like experiencing and learning about other ways of life.

If you agreed with 10 or more, you're probably a Cultural Creative.

If not, how about joining the future and adopting a life that will ensure planetary wellbeing.

+<http://culturalcreatives.org/>

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Been a little wet but nothing we are not used to.

A big warm welcome to our new riders and families. Taija Krisanski, Paige Koliijn, Lily Marsden pictured at our first rally day with the club instructor Fionna Lane. Thank you all everyone who attended.



Learning to ride safely in all conditions and later on in the club house working on their certificate books.

Also our new mower was delivered this month in time for the wet season.

Jamie Hewitt Toms here pictured winning the zone 18 Col Thomson show jump award. Well done.



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A Grinter's Tail

I'm grumpy and unmotivated as I write this. It's hot, but I should be used to that after living here since 1979, the wilds of Africa before that and Abu Dhabi for ten years somewhere in the middle of the last 38 years. Being no stranger to summer temperatures in the mid-forties and above in the Arabian Gulf, you would think I'd be used to it.

But, I am so glad I live in the Tablelands, and that's a fact. I'm rarely uncomfortable, I think it's just the interminable flies this year.

I don't have an air conditioner. I've never had airconditioning in any of my houses in the Far North, and I never wanted it, until today. I love my beautifully designed little house, built by our very own, very creative Kuranda builder, Carl Neal. The house is cool and airy ninety-five percent of the time, and I rarely feel the heat except in the afternoon, when the sun comes over to the office side of the house, and all I want to do is take a nanna nap on the keyboard.

In honesty, apart from the life-giving rains, I never look forward to the summer. It's the season of flies, feeling fat because your clothes feel too tight in the heat, redundant showers, mud wasps in your books, and worst of all, frizzy hair.

As netball and hockey team member at convent school, I played with gusto. Convent school girls were known for their sporting ferocity under that squeaky clean facade. A tall student, as Goal Attack, I was able to catch and throw above my team mates' heads at netball, scoring goals with ease and often achieving 'Player of the Week', or month, or decade of the rosary or whatever it was.

At Hockey, I was a formidable Goal Defence, guarding the pearly gates of heaven. But at the end of any match, I was the shrinking violet with purple face and soaking

hair, beast among the beauties with dry faces and spotless shirts, a mere touch of rose to the cheeks, and not a hair out of place. Nothing's changed. However, in those days I would have traded agility for beauty in a flash.

I long for the cool mornings of Spring, thankful though I am for the almost normal wet season and green grass on the paddocks.

We still have a couple of months of summer temperatures though, and our animals are feeling the heat as we are. I still shudder to see people walking their dogs along tarmac paths or roadsides at noon, an issue I brought up last year. Shoes on, a good pace going, the owner is oblivious to the fact that their dog's paws are in contact with a surface almost double that of the air temperature.

On a 40°C day a dark concrete driveway or dark coloured clay brick paver can reach anywhere between 74-78°C, a light concrete paver reaches around 67°C. Bitumen on a road can be around 70°C, and gravel can reach up to around 77°C. Try walking with bare feet.

I can't tell you the temperature of the metal tray of a ute in full sun, but I can ask why anyone with half a brain would leave a dog standing on an unlined ute tray in those conditions. You only have to touch the metal with your hand to imagine the agony of being forced to stand on such a surface, much less stand for half an hour while the owner has a drink in the pub with his mates. I'm sure everyone knows four dogs died in this way last month in NSW.

My least favourite thing about the summer is *Chrysopogon aciculatus*, more commonly known as Mackie's Pest or Lesser Spear Grass. It's that ubiquitous little pointed seedhead that finds its way from your clothes into the laundry, and then into your underwear, revealing itself at the most inconvenient moments.

Although I mow diligently to prevent injury to the horses' eyes, a seed did manage to lodge in one horse's cornea, causing massive irritation and the necessity for expert intervention. I spend countless hours in the summer picking the seeds out of my dogs' fur and skin. The needle like seeds cling to the coat, working their way into the skin causing huge discomfort and often large ulcerated sores. However much you mow your own grass, the seeds are prevalent and spreading rapidly along roadsides. Unfortunately, as the seedhead grows before, or at a lesser height than other species, mowing makes matters worse, as the seeds are distributed and other species don't get the chance to form seed heads.

If your dog likes to chase a ball, resist using tennis balls. The seed heads lodge in the ball, and can cause abscesses in your dog's throat as the seed comes off the ball and lodges in the mouth.

It's not a nice time of the year for our pets, and there's a common mistaken impression that animals are hardy. Yes, they are, in their own environments, not in those we choose to put them into.



Thought for the month: If your benchmark for rescuing an animal is to provide a life only marginally better its current existence, ask yourself if you're doing it for you, or for the animal, and will someone else actually give it a life, rather than merely an existence?



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

With very different styles, techniques and materials, local artist **Michael C Dircks** produces paintings with their own personality, quality and influences. With an abundance of colour and contemporary shapes, most highlighted with gold paint or leaf, Michael's interpretation of Prague buildings with the pointed roof lines and spires, cannot help but stand out in the crowd. A series of 'The Dancing House' (pictured) is under way but the end number is not known at this stage. That adds to the interest. An avid traveller, Michael will continue his painting collection as he commutes between the Czech Republic and the Far North of Australia. Such a difference in landscapes, but Michael is able to express these differences in his own way in his paintings.

Where is your current studio?

"Where ever I lay my hat" is my studio. I do, however, have a studio in Žatec, in the Czech Republic. I alternate between Victoria, FNQ and Europe. I am in the enviable position of being a transient.

Do you work alone or with others?

I work alone, but when I am in the Czech Republic I attend art classes to learn and hone new art techniques and work with others. But basically I work alone.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I need space. Somewhere where I can leave things where they are and go back to them later. Somewhere where I don't clash with others. I need a quiet environment.

Describe your work pattern. (h/d/wk)

My work pattern is not regular, in fact, nothing in my life is regular. When I return to Australia I paint on and off for a couple of months, but as soon as I get back to Europe I am working continually. A fixed schedule doesn't suit me, but when I start painting I tend to work continuously.

Why is painting your favourite medium?

For many years my artwork was black and white – charcoal, and then I found the technique of using fine coloured pencils on black paper. They were far more transportable. I have done a lot of printmaking over the years and I really enjoy printmaking but I need a permanent space to print. I choose painting as my favourite medium but vary between using oils, charcoal, acrylic, encaustic wax and mixed media.

List three things you listen to while you are working.

I enjoy alternative music. I am not fond of commercial music but I like my music loud. I listen to the sounds in the garden, particularly here in Kuranda; the crickets and bush turkeys (if you could train them to get rid of the weeds they would be perfect gardeners). I keep up to date with current affairs and enjoy good comedy.

Your favourite tool?

I would nominate a brush. I prefer a chisel brush, it helps spread the inks around but also achieves fine lines. Impasto gel goes on my favourite list too, I love the textures I can achieve. I don't like flat works, I like to feel texture in my work. I enjoy mixing a colour and gel palette as I work. [Michael disappears and returns with a small collection of 'coloured palettes' – a dried but flexible skin of mixed dispersed colours

used on a palette, each forming a design in principle rather like a collection of coral in appearance. TRJ I have had these for a couple of years, they are very special.

How do you identify your work?

I have always signed M.C.Dircks in gold paint in the bottom corner, however, a gallery owner in Europe, where I was exhibiting, requested a much larger signature. "Make it big" I was told.

How do you sell your work?

My artwork is in the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery in Coondoo Street. I used to sell at the Pier Markets in Cairns and have pieces in a few other local galleries. I have had many solo exhibitions in Prague. I cannot transport very much and take a small portfolio with me, mainly works on paper and canvas of manageable sizes. I prefer to carry it with me as I have experienced luggage going missing due to plane delays. I also have a website www.pointyart.com but it needs some maintenance and upgrading. In fact, there is nothing more recent than 2002.



Do you teach or sell from your studio?

Not here in Far North Queensland but in the Czech Republic I took a few classes for gypsy kids (Romany). Their artistic talents really come to the fore. They do not speak English but they respond so well to music. They have no availability to explore their art. I also undertake English language classes in my studio in Žatec.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

I volunteer at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery. I have now retired and do a lot of dog sitting and house sitting. I trained as a mathematician scientist but at 25 years of age I started drawing. I was one of the early members of Kick Arts and spent a lot of time archiving slides and posters for their first ten years – 2002-2012.

If you could change one thing about your studio, what would it be?


I like the way I manage my artwork and I am flexible with space. I have a large studio in the Czech Republic, with living space overlooking the town square. Where ever I am working I would need a nice view. If I had a permanent space I would

get a printing press. I enjoy printmaking and its underlying disciplines. My maths background helps me with the levels of disciplines required.

If you were not painting what would you be doing?

Over the past fifteen years I have discovered travelling. I would like to continue travelling and continue with my artwork.





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New Family Support Worker at KNC:

Ceri Hughes has left the position of Family Support Worker but has joined the KNC Management Committee which we are very pleased about. Recruitment for the FSW concluded on the 15th February which included interviewing 5 of 14 applicants. Tricia Lee is the successful candidate and KNC welcomes her to our team.

Tricia starts usual hours from 27 February after having done a handover with Mandy on Tuesday 21st. Mandy has been doing an awesome job in the interim and we wish to thank her for her commitment and great work. Mandy will continue to work on a few projects this year so she isn't gone for good. KNC is having an afternoon tea on Friday 10 March at 2.00pm. KNC normally closes at 1.00pm on Fridays, however we are remaining open for the afternoon to farewell Ceri Hughes, thank Mandy Teis and welcome Tricia Lee. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Furniture Exchange program:

We want to thank all those who have thought of our program and donated much needed items. Currently we have people in the community who need double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs, fridges, dressing tables and cupboards. Items can be picked up or they can be dropped to the Centre. Please contact Tricia or Marg on 4093 8933 – Thanks!

Grandparent support group:

There are several grandparents who are caring for grandchildren who have expressed an interest in a support group. If you are a grandparent (or know of one) and might be interested in a group meeting on a regular basis at KNC, please contact Marg.

Street to Home Program:

A worker (Heidi) is still coming to Kuranda two days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays from the Mareeba Community Housing Company to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent accommodation. Assistance and support is provided to identify affordable and suitable accommodation options and includes applications for housing through the Department of Housing, community housing programs and the private rental market. Please contact Marg or Tricia for a referral or ring Heidi directly on 4092 6899.

QuIHN:

A new visiting service will be coming to KNC on Mondays (starting on Monday afternoons) beginning 27 February. Peter works as a psychologist for the Cairns Therapeutic Service offers a counselling service, providing support around drug use and mental health concerns, relapse prevention and management, referral to specialists services such as detox and rehab, self care, stress management and enhancing motivation to change.

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WITH THOMAS

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I live near the Amphitheatre and had Telstra adsl2 for years and switched to Foxtel in July 2016. I never had issues with the WiFi with either service.

In late November/early December my connection was wonky. While going to the store I saw Telstra working. Ok. Explains the wonky service. I later found out this was the NBN upgrade.

Since that day, my Internet has been rubbish. We have already replaced the modem twice. I used to have range to the middle of the yard and now I have no coverage just in the next room. My speed used to be fine, but now if I want to watch a video without it buffering every three seconds, I have to actually turn the WiFi off and use the 4g network.

Why would the NBN be causing this? Short of moving, is there anything that can be done?

I used to work from home two days a week but the new Internet speed makes it too difficult.

Kind regards, Shawn

A. G'day Shawn, thanks for the question.

The rollout of NBN in your area is what we call Fibre to the Node (FTTN). This is a multi-mix technology that uses the existing copper line from you home/business to connect to a Node (a green cabinet) that would have recently been built somewhere in your area. The Node is where the copper cable switches to a fibre service.

The service itself we call VDSL. Unlike ADSL the VDSL uses technology to dramatically increase speed and performance of the transmission of data across the copper lines. The performance is based on how much power NBN apply to the VDSL technology along with the distance from the Node, as well as any factors attributing to line conditions or faults.

As a result of rollouts of the NBN FTTN Network, and subsequently areas being switched on (testing phase prior to active phase), the VDSL signals on the copper line that runs near any ADSL lines or services produces a phenomenon we call 'cross-talk' or a frequency interference on the ADSL network.

This unfortunately causes the ADSL rates to dramatically reduce in quality, and in some areas almost to a non-operative state. This would coincide with your observations since November/December, which is when the main part of the NBN rollout in your area was in full swing. Not everyone will be adversely affected by

this, as the VDSL services may not directly run near to or next to their current ADSL service – some are affected more than others, however those where it does there is not much that can be done in the short term. Once FTTN services are made available for the public, you can order an NBN service on the VDSL platform. Service speeds have a theoretical capability to go up to 100mbps. The closer you live to a Node, the faster you can expect to get your NBN. It is understood that anyone within 400m of a Node can expect close to top speeds. Those up to 800m away may see slightly more than 50% of the nominated speed, and those further away can be anyone's guess as to how the service will operate. The principle behind moving from ADSL to NBNs VDSL is that your line in the street (which currently goes to the exchange or local RIM cabinet) is terminated and connected into the nearest Node. Often this is done without a technician needing to visit your premises, however on some occasions where lines are a mess, this is required to trace your line.

Once connected to VDSL you connect your new modem in the same fashion as your old one, with some providers you will connect your phone to the modem and operate it as a VoIP service. Over time, ADSL will eventually phase out. In fact 18months after VDSL being switched on, ADSL services and all copper line telephone services direct to the exchange will be terminated. You have no choice but to move to NBN! Upon disconnection of the old copper ADSL service completely in your area, NBN will then turn the VDSL service up to maximum power and this should see most clients reaching at least another 5 to 15mbps speed on their already achievable top speeds on their new NBN service.

My recommendation to you is to switch to NBN as soon as it becomes available to you. The normal turnaround time from order to action is around 3 weeks, sometimes faster dependant on technician availability. I hope this helps!

NBN is now available in Kuranda
(as of Monday 27th February 2017)

Send your Tech Talk (NBN or otherwise) questions for Thomas to *The Kuranda Paper*: mail@kurandapaper.com or PO Box 66 Kuranda 4881

Local Speewah resident **Thomas Verfurth** has 17 years of hands-on industry experience and is a Fully Qualified Computer Technician with Diploma in Information Technology (Technical Support & Network Support). Thomas (who operates local business Cairns Computer Support) is able to discuss NBN for your home or business with you. Cairns Computer Support is a reseller for several NBN services.

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Edible Hibiscuses



Rosella flower and fruit via www.houzz.com

THE STUNNING BEAUTY OF HIBISCUS ("mallow"/ Malvaceae) flowers is well known and almost all of us in the tropics would have at least one plant growing in our gardens. But did you know that most hibiscus plants are considered edible? And not just flowers (which can be made into a refreshing cranberry like tea) but also leaves, and the fruit (calyces).

The Hibiscus is quite large, comprising several hundred species that are native to warm-temperate, subtropical and tropical regions throughout the world. Possibly the most useful to humankind is the cotton plant and all hibiscus plants can be used to make fibre like rope,

but in many cultures around the world hibiscus plants also provide delicious nutritious foods.

Rosella: Only in Australia do we decide to call the "roselle" a name that makes it sound like we are making jam out of colourful birds! Roselle (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*) is a species of Hibiscus native to West Africa. It is an annual or perennial herb or woody-based subshrub, growing to 2-2.5m.

The flowers are 8-10cm in diameter, white to pale yellow with a dark red spot at the base of each petal, and have a stout fleshy calyx at the base, 1-2cm wide, enlarging to 3-3.5cm, fleshy and bright red as the fruit matures. They take about six months to mature.

Okra: (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) is also known in many English-speaking countries as ladies' fingers, ochro or gumbo. It is valued for its edible green seed pods. The geographical origin of okra is disputed, with supporters of West African, Ethiopian, and South Asian origins. The plant is cultivated in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate regions around the world.

Okra plants are easy to grow, and very attractive, with beautiful pale yellow flowers with crimson centres. There is even an heirloom Burgundy variety available through Eden Seeds with parts of the plant and all of the pods shaded burgundy. So pretty. The young pods are sought after for Greek and Middle Eastern cuisines, while South East Asians prefer them larger and longer. Eaten raw, okra contains large amounts of calcium, phosphorus, vitamin A and iron. It is also a good source of soluble and insoluble fibre and vitamin B6 and folic acid, when cooked. Gumbo is a famous Cajun kind of stew with a distinctive, some say slimy, texture but okra can also be steamed, baked or fried, whole or chopped – large pods can even be stuffed. They can also be pickled.

RECIPES:

Burmese Chin Baung Kyaw (Fried Rosella Leaves) via www.zesterdaily.com

Cooking Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 3 to 5 servings

Ingredients

2 bunches rosella leaves
1 tablespoon cooking oil
¼ tablespoon turmeric powder
¼ tablespoon red chilli powder
1 medium red onion, finely chopped
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tablespoon pounded dried shrimp (optional)
1 small can of shredded bamboo shoots (not raw)
6 green chillies

Serve with Mung bean noodles, rice noodles or steamed rice (optional)

Directions

Prepare the rosella by breaking off the leaves at the base. Wash and drain the leaves. Heat the oil in a frying pan. Add turmeric, red chilli powder, onion and garlic. Stir until the onion paste is golden brown. Add the dried shrimp if using, roselle leaves, 1 tablespoon of water and stir well. Add salt if desired. When the rosella leaves are soft, add the shredded bamboo shoots and green chillies. For extra spice, cut small slits into the chillies. Cover and let simmer for about 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. In a separate pan, heat up the mung bean or rice noodles or steam rice if using.



Varieties of green okra via <http://www.motherearthnews.com>

Bird Jam (aka Rosella Jam) via [www.http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland](http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland)

Rosellas, sugar, water.

Remove seed pods from rosella calyx. Place pods in a large saucepan and barely cover with water. Bring to boil and gently simmer 30-45 minutes, until liquid is thick and syrupy. Strain liquid into large pan and discard seed pods. Add rosella calyces, crush them gently with your hands as you place them with the syrupy liquid. Cook gently 20-30 minutes until softened. Fresher rosellas will take less time than older rosellas. Measure pulp in a measuring jug. Return to pan with one cup of sugar to each cup of pulp. Bring to boil. Boil until jam is set when tested, approx. 20 mins. To test jam, remove pan from heat to prevent overcooking while testing, and place a teaspoon of jam onto a cold saucer or a tin cup placed in the freezer is a good method. If jam seems firm and has jelled it is set. If still too runny, return pan to heat and cook for a few more minutes and test again. When set, pour into hot sterilised jars and seal.

Rosella Chutney [www.http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland](http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland)

500g Rosella calyces, 500g cooking apples, 500g onions, 2 chillies or 1 capsicum, 2½ cups vinegar, ½ cup Worcestershire sauce, ½ cup sultanas, 1 dessertspoon salt, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 500g sugar, 1 teaspoon allspice, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper, ¼ teaspoon ground cloves. Peel and chop apples and onions, add chopped rosellas and chilli or capsicum. Add remaining ingredients except sugar, and boil together for about 10 minutes. Add sugar and boil gently for 45-60 minutes, stirring frequently. When thickened remove from heat, stand for 5-10 minutes. Pour into hot sterilised jars and seal.

Pickled Okra Pods via <http://www.myrecipes.com>

Ingredients

Fresh young okra pods
White vinegar
Salt
Dill seeds
Garlic cloves, peeled
Fresh hot red peppers, halved (optional)

Preparation

1. Sterilise jars, and prepare lids.
2. While jars are boiling, wash okra and trim stems, leaving caps intact. Combine vinegar, salt, dill seeds, and 3 cups water in large stainless steel saucepan. Bring to a boil.
3. Place 1 garlic clove and, if desired, 1 hot pepper half in each hot jar. Pack okra pods tightly in jars, placing some stem end down and some stem end up and leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Cover okra with hot pickling liquid, leaving 1/2-inch headspace.
4. Seal and process jars, processing 10 minutes.
5. Remove jars from water, and let stand, undisturbed, at room temperature 24 hours. To check seals, remove the bands, and press down on the centre of each lid. If the lid doesn't move, the jar is sealed. If the lid depresses and pops up again, the jar is not sealed.

Spiced Okra Curry via <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com>

Ingredients

5 tbsp olive oil
400g onions, sliced
500g okra trimmed, washed, dried and sliced into 2cm pieces
2 tomato, diced
1 red chilli, finely chopped (or ½ tsp powdered)
2 tsp ground coriander
One handful fresh coriander, roughly chopped, to serve (optional)

Method

Heat a large wok or frying pan over a medium heat. Add the oil, then the onions, cooking until soft. Stir in the okra. Add the tomatoes and chilli, then season. Mix well and keep stirring gently, taking care not to break up the okra. Okra releases a sticky substance when cooked, but keep cooking, stirring gently – this will disappear and the tomatoes will become pulpy, about 10 mins. Reduce the heat, add ground coriander and cook for another 5-10 mins. Add 2 tbsp water, cover and let simmer for another 4-5 mins. Sprinkle with coriander and serve with basmati rice or chapati bread.



Burgundy okra with flower and pod via www.seedsavers.org

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Library Lines



February is the month of love around the world, and libraries all around Australia celebrate with Library Lovers' Day. As with many great ideas, the genesis of Library Lovers' Day is lost in time. But we do know it originated back in 2003 by the NSW Public Libraries Marketing Working Group and has been embraced by the rest of Australia including the libraries in the Mareeba Shire. This year Kuranda Library celebrated with a competition "I Love This Book". Library customers were asked to suggest a book they enjoyed, the book was then placed on our "I Love This Book" display. Customers who suggested a book or borrowed a book from the display went in the draw to win a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Congratulations to Wendy Wood who was the winner.



Kuranda Library March Activities

Baby Rhyme Time and Storytime are weekly activities held at Kuranda Library as part of the First 5 Forever program. First 5 Forever promotes parents and caregivers as the child's first and most important educator, and provides families with access to engaging and useful resources through their public libraries and online.

Baby Rhyme Time is held every Thursday morning during school term at 10.30am. Parents, caregivers and babies are welcome to join in the fun activity aimed at birth to 2-year-olds. For more information contact Kuranda Library staff on Phone 4093 9185.

Storytime is held every Friday morning during school term at 10.30am. This month's theme is Multicultural; everyone is welcome to join in the hour of fun, singing, stories and craft. This activity is aimed at 3- to 5-year-olds. For more information contact Library staff on Phone 4093 9185.

Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs Morning Tea. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Kuranda Library will be celebrating with a food from around the world recipe swap and a shared morning tea. Come join us for a Taste Bud Bonanza on Tuesday 21st March at 11am. For more information contact Library staff on Phone 4093 9185.

DATE CLAIMER!! More information coming soon.

Monday 20 March – Kuranda Library and Customer Service Centre

PM Guided Reader Launch

- Guest speakers
- Children's activities
- Afternoon tea



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Expression of Interest Trades, Services and Material Supplies – Mareeba Airport Upgrade

Mareeba Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from local suppliers and trade providers to be placed on a register for possible work or supply of materials with the selected principal contractor.

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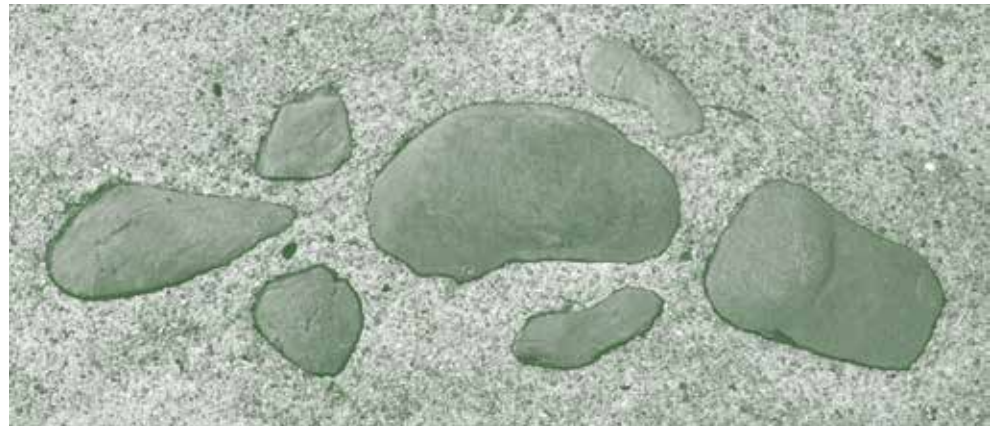
Lodgement of Submissions: Expressions of Interest can be lodged in the Tender Box at the Mareeba Shire Council Administration Centre at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba or emailed to Julie Pitcher at juliep@msc.qld.gov.au. Respondents are encouraged to register their interest early, as the register will be updated weekly until closing time.

Closing Time: The Closing Time for lodgement of Expressions of Interest is 11.00 am on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

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CASSOWARY IDENTIFICATION

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KARL the CASSOWARY and his chick on the KURANDA RANGE ROAD

Here's a good news story: An excellent response from WTMA (Wet Tropics Management Authority) and TMR (Transport and Main Roads) to our requests for action to prevent the cassowaries accessing the roadway. A plan is now underway to fence off those spots along the whole length of the KRR where the birds are getting on the road. This is a most welcome outcome. We are liaising with WTMA to identify those spots.

This will make the KRR safer for ourselves and the cassowaries. We are discussing the need to enrich their habitat by planting food trees. We have raised many seedlings from the fruit the birds were picking off the roadside.

Jessica of Black Mountain Road bought a new car, shiny and dark. She came home to find massive scratch marks down the side of the vehicle and a re-arranged headlight. It seems the local female cassowary saw it as competition and made her feelings known well and truly! Moral of the story: Black can invite an attack; blue or pink can get you mounted!



Karl and his chick beside the Kuranda Range Road, Jan 2017. Photo: Jean Laterre

Cassowaries in and around Kuranda

Reports continue to come in about a sub-adult bird, named Hercules, at the western end of Mason Road and Williamson Drive. He's getting quite tame and will help with the gardening. Please don't feed him by hand or from a container. No bread or man-made food. Only native, natural fruit that simply appears on the ground. Hand feeding can give rise to attacks and injury. The best thing you can do is grow cassowary food trees.

How do we know he's a boy

Don't miss the **CASSOWARY IDENTIFICATION** session on **Saturday 4 March at 10.30.**

There's also the juvenile/sub-adult, about the same age, seen around the Fallon Road Recreation Centre and nearby properties. Same bird? Or a sibling?

TOP OF THE RANGE PIGS

Kalle Oiderman, shooter extraordinaire, has disposed of 12 feral pigs from properties along Butler Drive. We didn't realise that there were that many pigs in the area in spite of a number of calls reporting digging in gardens and boggy spots. Kalle's patience and skill dispatched all those ferals quickly and humanely. We believe pigs may have recently raided a cassowary nest nearby resulting in no chicks this season. Let's hope for better luck next year. **Thank you Kalle.**

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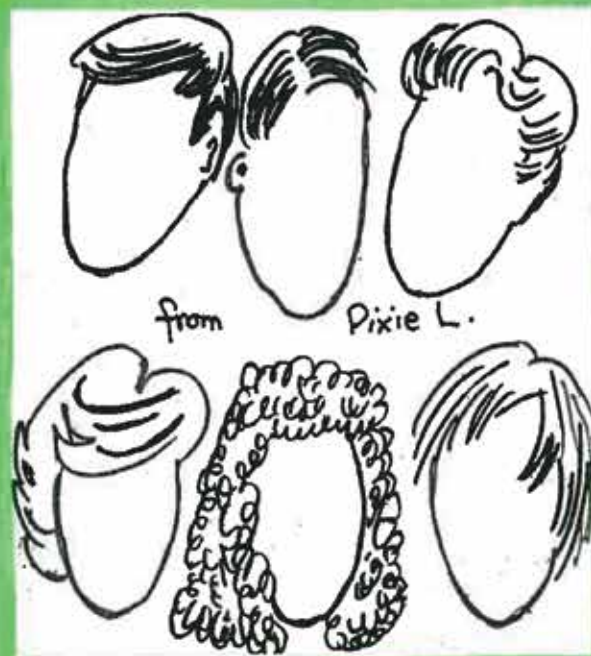


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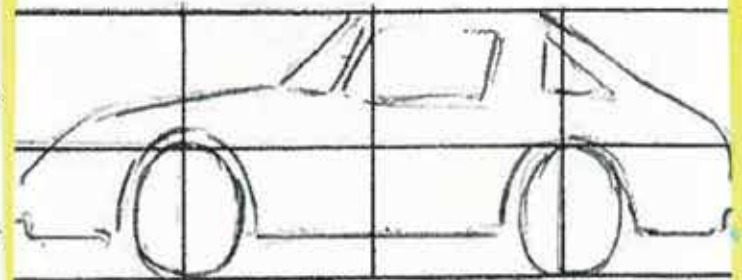
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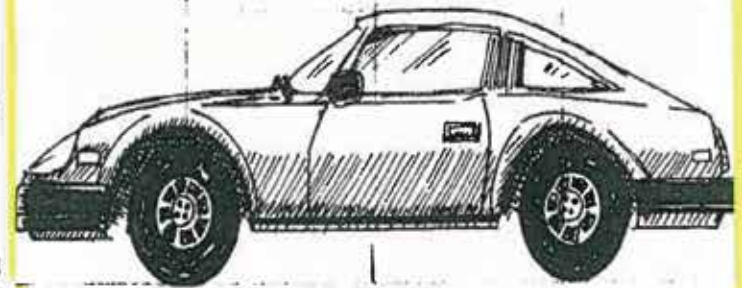


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A Thought for March

THIS month we read a short passage from St Matthews Gospel Chapter 4 verse 1-10. All of us have to make decisions. Sometimes it is far from easy. We go through a time of real struggle, sometimes actually feeling great resentment. Sometimes we become depressed by the complex choices before us, and sometimes we feel that we want to run away from the whole thing.

It may well be that Jesus experienced moments like that. One certainly faced him when he went into the wilderness after his baptism. Actually the word wilderness may be the very best way of describing how we feel when we face making really important choices in our lives.

All signposts seem to be missing; we don't know which way to turn. There may be unknown dangers if we choose one way rather than the other. One thing quite certain is that no choice ever provides the perfect answer. Jesus knew such thoughts well.

He had heard the call of God to public ministry, and had gone south to accept baptism from John in the river Jordan. Then he faced the difficult task of deciding how he was going to pursue the vision of God's kingdom which had been given.

Jesus tells us that the devil offered him at least three ways of building the kingdom. The first was to bribe people into following him. The second way was to impress them. The third was by reaching for power. To each Jesus said a resounding No, because he saw clearly that the devil was appealing to self-image and ego and the human longing for position and power.



To build a ministry on what appealed either to his own ego or to the desires of those who followed him would be a betrayal of himself, of his followers, and of God. So Jesus made another choice. He calls people to come to him and with him, not for what they can get but for what they can give of themselves to him, to one another, and to the world around them.

When we are facing a wilderness of choices it is important for us to be clear about the basis on which we are finally going to make our choice. Are we merely out for our own advantage?

Do we merely wish to build our own image and position?

If so we are failing to bring Jesus into our choosing. But knowing that Jesus himself experienced the wilderness makes him our companion in our time of wilderness. That can make all the difference,

When we face choices it is important that we know the basis on which Jesus made them.

News from St Saviour's Church

St Saviour's' Children's programme happens every Sunday at 9.30am with Edith Audley and her helpers. Children start in church then goes down to the room under the church for about 30 minutes for the lesson. Children then return for the last part of the service.

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A big thank you to the young people who brought the boxes of toys into St Saviour's for Carols by Candlelight. All the toys have since found new homes and very much appreciated. THANK YOU.

Baha'i Thought for the Month

Some people lay stress on fasting. They affirm that in augmenting the weakness of the body they develop a spiritual sensibility and thus they think to approach God. Weakening one's self physically does not necessarily contribute to spiritual progress.

Humility, kindness, resignation, and all these spiritual attributes emanating from great physical strength are acceptable to God. That an enfeebled man cannot fight is not accounted a virtue. Were physical weakness a virtue the dead would be perfect, for they can do nothing.

If a man be just, kind, humble and merciful and his qualities are acquired through the will-power—this is Godlike. A child cannot kill a man; but a Bonaparte can abstain from war, from shedding blood, from devastating countries. A dumb person will not speak ill of any one, a paralysed hand cannot strike; but a strong arm can refrain from striking.

Justice, love and kindness must be the instruments of strength, not of weakness. Exaggerated fasting destroys the divine forces. God has created man in a way that cannot be surpassed; we must not try to change his creation. Strive to attain nearness to reality through the acquisition of strength of character, through morality, through good works and helping the poor, through being consumed with the fire of the love of God and in discovering each day new spiritual mysteries. This is the path of intimate approach.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Divine Philosophy, p. 99

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The Stars in March

JUPITER leads this march this month. The planets form a "bowl" with Jupiter and Uranus across the rim and Jupiter being the leading planet – first over the horizon as this bowl rotates each day. Jupiter in Libra is swinging over the "butterfly" degree at 22 degrees Libra, and at the end of March, Jupiter makes a hard square aspect to Pluto.

A reverse metamorphosis you might think. And a genetic mutation as the butterfly has grown a third wing. OK. We're pulling in some old astrological symbolism here but basically what's being indicated is that we are going through a time where the "butterfly effect" begins with a mutated, out-of-balance butterfly and subsequent personal, then world, events lurch into exponential grotesqueness and the dinosaurs are reborn. Just symbolism, you understand.

Into the unknown with not a lot of landmarks to guide us. A brand new day in fact. But that's Jupiter for you – nothing if not excessive. Toss out the bathwater, but keep the baby.

The Equinox rolls by on the 20th March with a 3rd Quarter Moon crossing the Capricorn Solstice point. Well, that's it then – the old patterns in rapid dissolution and the new foundations being set in place, you can almost hear the bulldozers and jack hammers. Venus, Mercury, Uranus, Moon and Sun all active in Aries as a brave new world takes shape before your eyes. And squaring off to Pluto as they are, one-by-one, the old battler must be getting a bit punch-drunk so it's pretty easy for Jupiter to win this last round on the last day of the month and "float like a butterfly" indeed.

Very strange times; but the patterns being made by the planets and stars are incredibly beautiful and positive in these strange days, and we must trust that as our window to the greater truth. It's always worked in my experience. Saturn focusses; Neptune goes deeper and Uranus snaps the chains. We seem to be doing well and there are more butterflies around again...

Blessings



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Pilates 8.15am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

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First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Yoga with Aileen 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

Every Monday

Kids Aerial Circus Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphi 3.30pm, 0424 928 917

Pilates 9.30am at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

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Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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Koah Sports & Social Club 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026

Every Tuesday

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General Yoga Class at Koah Hall 6.00pm. Ph Tanya 0428 590 203.

Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

First Tuesday: Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting venue rotates. Details 4093 8933

Second Tuesday: Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.

Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213.

Second & Fourth Tuesday

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Third Tuesday

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Every Wednesday

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