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## Street Art Refurbishment Under Way

As reported in last month's *Kuranda Paper*, blacksmith and artist Hans Pehl is currently giving his beautiful street art iron works some much needed TLC. As demonstrated in this cute pic (*below*) by @kobutatwist on Instagram (courtesy of Kuranda Village Tourism), they have really been loved to death by visitors from around the world.

To enable the works to be carried out, some of the masterpieces will need to be temporarily removed while other work will occur on site. The work will include restoring and repairing the iron benches, rubbish bins, street signs, bollards and railings in the village. "It is a much needed revitalisation and we can't wait to see the iron work restored to its original state," Mareeba Shire Mayor Gilmore said.

"The unique street furniture and signage add so much character to the village and it's important that we maintain these assets for the residents and the many tourists who visit the village each year."

So while we may have to endure some mundane rubbish bin, bollards and street signs for a short while, residents and visitors can be assured the amazing original ones will be back. To be loved all over again.

In addition, the proposed upgrade of Therwine Street is progressing, with Council having awarded a \$1.3 million contract to JMac Constructions. This is being funded through the Kuranda Infrastructure Program (KIP) from a levy on ticket sales on train and Skyrail journeys.



**Kuranda's Iconic Street Art undergoing blasting and finishing to restore them to their former glory. Everything should be back in place by the end of March, weather permitting.**

*Photos supplied by Hans Pehl.*



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### A Beauty for Beulah

I took this photo last week (early February 2018) near my home. I have not come across this particular insect before, even though I have lived in Kuranda for almost 42 years. I thought you might be interested in printing this photo in *The Kuranda Paper* to see if anyone could identify this species.

*Beulah Watson, Kuranda*



Hello Beulah: Our resident insect expert Alan Henderson of Minibeast Wildlife has identified your beautiful find as a Spiny Leaf Insect (*Extatosoma tiaratum*). It is an immature female. [Ed.]

### Changes at Medical Centre

I am writing to update the paper and Kuranda locals on recent changes to GPs at the Kuranda Medical Centre. Late January are the dates when our GP Registrars change their rotation. As such Dr Jane Nuygen has left Kuranda to move down to Toogood Road in Woree and she has been replaced by two experienced GP Registrars; Dr Linda Abenthum and Dr Lars Schneider. Linda and Lars will both be working in Kuranda for at least the next 12 months, Linda four days per week and Lars part time. Dr Ailsa Yocom is also leaving to move to Toowoomba. We thank her and Dr Jane for a lot of hard work and their friendship and wish them both good luck in their new positions.

The past year has seen other departures, Dr Clint Scott (to Byron Bay), Dr Anusha Pandithasekera (to Babinda) but also arrivals with Dr Lucy King and Dr Agu Pepela.

Some of the old boys soldier on; Dr Dave continues to work in Kuranda three days each week, Dr David Spiers two days, Dr Veerendra Sinha two days, Dr Hal Hancock on Fridays and Dr Aileen will return after maternity leave although specific date yet to be set. Dr Yvonne Doveren works with us spending her time to help manage indigenous health matters in the community.

What does all this mean? Lots of GPs! Hopefully less wait for appointments and a collection of great GPs to offer a multitude of services.

*Dr Dave Cumming*



**Kuranda  
Mens Shed**

Shoulder to Shoulder

## BREAKING NEWS

Kuranda District Men's Shed has accepted an offer of a portion of Council land on Ross Common, Speewah, for the siting of a Men's Shed.

A meeting will be held on Sunday 4th March at 4.00pm at the Speewah Tavern to discuss and elect a new Board.

We invite and encourage all interested residents to please attend and get involved in constructing and establishing this important community hub.

*Linda Snart*

*for and on behalf of Daryl Douglass  
Kuranda District Men's Shed*

### Developer Tramples MSC

Should we mere ratepayers want to build a dam, make extensive renovations to our home, or start a business, there are, quite rightly, procedures to follow.

It seems that the rules and regulations are very different for one out of town developer.

In my opinion, Reeve and Ocean, headed up by a Macau based developer, rode into Kuranda and is now riding roughshod over the Mareeba Shire Council.

Initially, Reeve and Ocean applied for a co-ordinated project in Myola, to be called KUR-World. This was supposedly an eco resort involving some \$650 million in investment. With a huge residential component, the population of Kuranda would quadruple. **Range Road Chaos** anyone?

Part of that process is to produce an Environmental Impact Study which is still in progress.

Not content with that, Reeve and Ocean applied to submit plans for a **high density subdivision** (under the superseded 2004 planning scheme) – Plan B, should KUR-World fall in a heap.

Again, not content, Reeve and Ocean applied to MSC to obtain temporary permission for a nature based tourism operation whilst waiting for the EIS.

Having already given retrospective approvals for an illegally built dam and very extensive house renovations, MSC again bent over backwards for this developer and complied.

Operations began on 22nd December, if not before, with very little infrastructure in place. In rolled the portaloos and eskies.

If anyone can tell me what non native animals (courtesy of FuneFarm) and a mechanical bull have to do with nature based tourism, I will eat my hat.

What next – a jumping castle?

To see Nature Based Tourism at its best, Google 'Kuranda Rainforest Journeys' – a wonderful, professionally run, local operation.

*Julie Cohen, Kuranda*

### What is Our Council Doing?

This community has loudly and continuously voiced their concerns regarding the development plans for the old Barnwell property at Myola. There are three current applications for approval on the same block of land by the same developer under three different business names; KUR-World, KUR-Cow and Reeve & Ocean P/L. There is a \$650m resort with up to 4,400 people PLUS approval for a 222 lot subdivision PLUS approval for a 30 quad bike nature based tourism activity. All these have been applied for by the same developer on land that is currently rural, which the developer is supposedly running as a rural cattle grazing property.

It appears that the MSC CEO and our Mayor have instructed our Councillors to NOT speak with the community about these developments. Our Mayor has publicly stated in *The Cairns Post*, his support for the developer.

Yet decisions are being made and have been made that affect the Kuranda community and the viability of Kuranda businesses. In a democratic local government, our Councillors must represent the community in the decision making process. That is why we vote them in; Councillors should not be representing their own opinion, or allowing the Mayor or the CEO to dictate their vote as was the case when the CEO used his delegated authority to approve the nature based tourism approval.

**There are people in this community who have been working on this issue to ensure that democracy prevails. Many in this community increasingly believe that 'something' is not right here.**

**The nature based tourism activity does not yet have MSC approval to begin operations YET tourists can be seen on site and developer has reported in *The Cairns Post* to have tourists already visiting.** This unapproved start of tourism activity has been reported many times to MSC with no satisfactory answers provided.

**The unelected MSC CEO made the decision to approve the nature based tourism without Councillors or community involvement. 298 petitions and 36 letters did not change the decision.**

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# PROGRAM FOR ANZAC DAY

**Wednesday  
25th April 2018  
in Kuranda**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to join the Kuranda RSL sub Branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service. Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

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

The Anzac Day March begins at the Foodworks in Thooree Street (gather at 10.00am for a 10.15am start).

The march is organised on the day by Mick Forde, any enquiries to Mick 4093 9005/0412 126 204.

All groups and individuals are welcome to march, see Mick on the day.

The march goes to our park in Therwine Street where the Anzac Day Main Service begins at approximately 10.30am. With the help of the Mareeba Shire Council we are lucky to be able to provide marquees for sun and rain protection.

With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

Any individual or groups are welcome and encouraged to lay a wreath or flowers etc at any of the ceremonies.

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

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

If anybody has a special need for transport, seating or anything at all please leave a message for Mick Forde: 0412 126 204, Mark Wharton: 4093 0326 or Adrian Joffray: 0429 937 257.

## RSL Profile

My name is **Mick Forde** and I am currently the President of the Kuranda RSL sub Branch. We will be placing articles about our members and their careers in the Military just so that you can get to know some of your neighbours and the unusual lives that they have led.

My life in the Royal Australian Navy started in 1975 at HMAS Cerberus located at Western Port Bay Victoria about a two hour drive south of Melbourne. I joined as an Adult recruit and was trained as a Weapons Mechanic. These weapons ranged from 9mm Pistols up to 4.5 inch guns. After about a year of training I was posted to HMAS Vendetta, a Daring class Destroyer, which was my home for three and a half years as I travelled to the Middle East on three six-month voyages in that time and numerous trips around Australia and New Zealand. After I left Vendetta I was posted back to HMAS Cerberus as part of the Gunnery School Instructional staff for a year and then posted to a patrol boat, HMAS Bayonet which was home ported in Cairns.

After promotion I was posted to HMAS Hobart out of Sydney which included a six-month trip to the Middle East and mixing with the Russian Navy and Air force in the Indian Ocean during the Cold War. This trip also got me to Mombasa in Africa which is a great memory, especially a trip to Treetops Safari Lodge to see African animals in the wild.

During my next Promotion course at HMAS Cerberus of about a year, I met and got married to Kim – the best decision of my life. At the end of my course, I was promoted to Petty Officer. We then got posted back to Cairns to another Patrol Boat, HMAS Townsville. This posting gave me my first experience with navigation, particularly of the Great Barrier Reef. I served on Townsville for three years that included another three-month trip to South-east Asia. Our daughter, Nikeah was born during our time in Cairns.

After another promotion to Chief Petty Officer I was posted to HMAS Darwin (which just finished service in the RAN recently) working out of Sydney in charge of seamanship on board and small arms. Our son, Russell was born during that time.

After that I was posted to a couple of positions at HMAS Creswell in Jervis Bay, south of Sydney, where I trained Officers in Seamanship, boat handling and Parade and Ceremonial. Then I was posted as Officer in Charge of a Self-Propelled Water and Fuel Lighter called Warrigal working out of Jervis Bay.

My next posting was to the Torpedo Recovery Vessel working out of HMAS Waterhen in Sydney. This was one of the highlights of my career as I was OIC of this Vessel and eight crew. We would go out to sea most days up to 100 nautical miles off the coast working with Submarines, Ships and Aircraft. On promotion to Warrant Officer I was posted back to Cairns and was part of the training group that looked after Patrol Boat, Landing craft and Survey vessels all over Australia. This required going to sea on these vessels to train and test the crews.

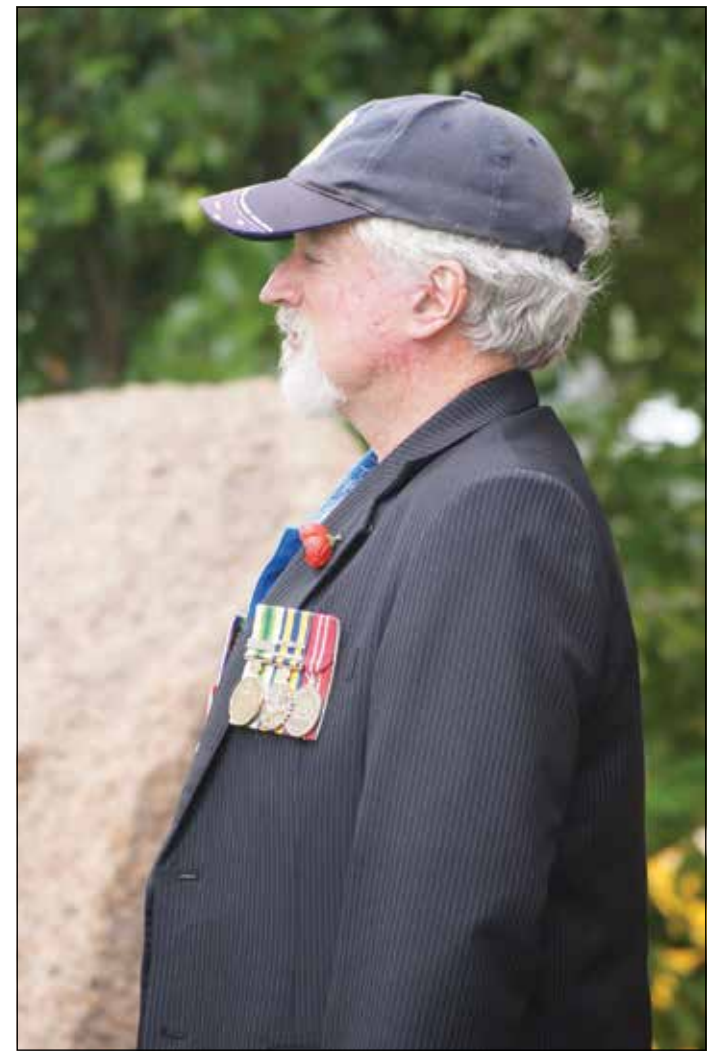
I left the Navy full time after 20 years and joined the Ready Reserve for a further five years. I really enjoyed my time in the RAN and the opportunities it provided for me to travel the world and serve my country. I met and served with some wonderful men and women.

My only regret was the time away from Kim and missing both the births of our children Nikeah and Russell. If anyone is interested in a life in the Navy, I am always available for a chat.

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# Kuranda Smoke Signals

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Duncan Blakey and Michael Vandersar who on Tuesday 20th February received their QFES Medal for 10+ years service. Adrian Church also has one coming, unfortunately it was still in the system before the ceremony.

Duncan has been a volunteer since May 2001. He is currently the Fire-warden for the Kuranda/Myola District. He has been 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Officer and Deputy Fire Warden with The Kuranda Myola Rural Fire Brigade. 23 years ago he established DNC Metal Works which is a premiere manufacturer of quality aluminium ute tray backs and canopies.

Michael has been a volunteer since August 2002. He has been 3rd, 2nd and 1st Officer. He has also been the brigade Logistic & Equipment Officer and is

currently the Training officer with Kuranda/Myola Rural Fire Brigade. He currently works for Cairns Hinterland Steiner School as INTAD Teacher, VET Coordinator, WHS Advisor and Building and Assets Maintenance Co-ordinator.

Adrian joined in October 2007 and has been 3rd and 2nd officer and is currently the First Aid Officer and Chairman. He was with the SES for 28 years but resigned to give more time to the RFS. He has also been with the Queensland Ambulance Service for 18 years and is now an Advance Care Paramedic as well as a Peer Support Officer for both QAS and RFS.

Clearly these dedicated men have made a huge contribution to community and we applaud their efforts and give deep thanks.

*"Consciously or unconsciously, everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large."* — Mahatma Gandhi

Photo: (from left) Duncan Blakey, Neil Parker (Area Director), Michael Vandersar, John Bolger (Deputy Commissioner); Inset: Adrian Church



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 19th**  
**March, 7.30pm**  
*All Welcome*

**Kuranda/Myola**  
**Rural Fire Brigade**



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## ISSUE KURANDA WATER SUPPLY

Have those of you unlucky enough to be connected to Town Water, noticed the 28 percent increase in charge per kl on Tier One???

(This is after we pay \$502.87 per annum for the connection.)

We knew that we would be contributing somehow to that huge new tank on Hilltop Close. It was installed to 'facilitate future development,' to quote MSC.

A tank which has recently been drained to facilitate repairs already by the way!

Water Wise??

**NEXT STEPS** send your info / concerns / updates about this issue to [open-issues@kurandaregion.org](mailto:open-issues@kurandaregion.org), or go to KRPBG Facebook page to comment.



**SIGHTINGS NEEDED!**

## 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.

**Kuranda Conservation** @ [cassowary@kurandaregion.org](mailto:cassowary@kurandaregion.org)  
4093 8834 [www.kurandaregion.org](http://www.kurandaregion.org)

**All cassowary sightings in the last 5 years please!**

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

**Community Meetings**

**FRIDAYS 2-4PM, 2 MAR, 16 MAR, 30 MAR, 13 APR, 27 APR**  
**2 PUNCH CLOSE**

## ISSUE KOAH PRIVATE AIRPORT

**UPDATE:** Mareeba Shire Council Tom Gilmore in Channel 9 interview 21 February stated "He (Patrick English – applicant) called me and expressed some concern about his situation and he just asked me to withdraw it – and I did."

**FACT:** 90% residents opposed to Patrick English's upgrade from 52 flights per year to 365 flights per year.

Patrick English declined to comment on camera but told Channel 9 he had made the decision to delay the approval process due to the attention it had received.

Koah neighbour "I really don't know what Pat English has in mind. Maybe it plays to his benefit."

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# It's about time ... a Kuranda Historical Society

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

Over the years there have been occasional attempts to found a community group dedicated to collecting, collating, recording and sharing stories and items with which to honour the lives and times of those who have lived here before us. In the 1990s we came very close to even having a dedicated centre but alas we were unable to secure it.

Mareeba has a museum as does Cairns but neither have much coverage of Kuranda history, although both have resources such as photographs which could find a home here. And as different as those two cities are, Kuranda is different again.

And has its own stories to tell.

From traditional owners, to settlers, to the timber cutters and railway workers, alternative lifers, artists, scientists and of course a century plus of travellers, there are so many stories to be heard. But currently this is not easy to do. Modern technology is creating opportunities which may assist to change that and open up a world of local stories.

Last year, following the opening of the newly refurbished and expanded Cairns Museum a group of interested Kuranda residents were encouraged to explore the idea of establishing a Kuranda "historical" society with the aim of finding a home (both temporary, and one day, permanent) for items of historical interest pertaining to the Kuranda district. Photos, letters, documents and other items are being lost each year and with them the details of daily life. Ultimately it is hoped that one day Kuranda will have a museum, or keeping place for residents old and new and of course visitors to explore and enjoy. An online virtual museum is another possible project.

An interim working group was established late last year to approach Council to see if a space

could be found to store items the public might donate or loan, as well as a space where small displays, exhibitions or events might be held. Council has responded positively and now the working group is wanting to invite the general public to get involved. The process of incorporating the Kuranda Historical Society has just begun, vital to pursue funding options. It is hoped that a public meeting will be held in April so please WATCH THIS SPACE.

The interim working group currently consists of a dozen or so local residents, with Interim President Garth Owen and Interim Secretary Gayle Hannah. It is hoped many, many residents will become involved in what could be a very rewarding community enterprise.

A message to all those currently staring at boxes of old photos, letters, documents and other bits and pieces of Kuranda history. PLEASE do not throw them away. In April it is planned to hold the first of hopefully many receiving days. So hold on just a little longer. For more information see next month's *Kuranda Paper*, like us, the Kuranda Historical Society, on Facebook or send us an email to [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com).



The original Kuranda railway station was a fairly humble weatherboard building. It was replaced by the current impressive concrete building in 1914-15. The original building is seen in a coloured postcard from the early 20th century.

## WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WAYNE...

"I would highly recommend Wayne as the selling agent for our home at Kuranda, his professionalism and knowledge of the area is number one, and his advice as to how to present our property to the market was tops, with the result that he had the property sold within three days of it going on the market. Thank you, Wayne"

"We have had the pleasure of having now bought two properties from Wayne and are just about to list a property to sell with him; he is infinitely patient, courteous mixed with a good dose of humour and down to earth practicality and honesty. We would not hesitate to recommend Wayne to anyone..."

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# Fantastic Fungi Part Two – Mates and Messengers

## Welcome back to the fascinating world of fungi.

We've talked briefly about fungi as recyclers, and we'll now look at some other important roles of fungi. Not only are they essential for decomposing dead plant material and returning nutrients to the ecosystem, they are also important for the health of living plants.

Plant roots have limited access to some essential minerals and nutrients. They are also in many cases limited in their ability to take up sufficient water for their needs for growth and reproduction. Fungal organisms, however, consist of microscopic threads, which can grow between fine soil particles and even penetrate rocks. Through their enzymes, they are able to take up minerals in forms accessible to plants. By partnering with plant roots, they can extend the virtual reach of the plant by many times that of plants alone. The fungi can then transfer minerals such as phosphorus, nitrogen, plus water to the plant roots. In exchange, fungi receive sugars, which they need for growth. This mutually beneficial arrangement is known as a *mycorrhizal partnership*.

Some mycorrhizal fungi have a totally microscopic lifecycle, and so without a microscope, we are generally unaware of them. This is the case for over 90% of our rainforest trees. Others, however, have reproductive fruitbodies that we can see. These are some of the large mushrooms that we find in eucalypt forests – Amanitas, brittlegills (*Russulas*), boletes (pored mushrooms) and dyeballs (*Pisolithus*). Some are even truffle-like, in that they grow and fruit, just under the leaf litter. These require specialised spore dispersal mechanisms,

involving some of our threatened iconic mammals.

Fungi are also partners with algae in the formation of lichens. Tropical rainforests are rich in lichens, every tree bearing a great diversity on their trunks and leaves. They are indicators of a healthy atmosphere, as many cannot survive in polluted conditions.

As well as mutual partnerships with trees, fungal threads (mycelia) form underground networks, connecting trees so that messages can be passed from tree to tree. (The 'Wood wide Web'.) This allows trees to respond to threats from disease and predators, avoiding serious damage. Fungi also mediate the sharing of sugars from canopy trees to seedlings on the forest floor, keeping them green and healthy while living in deep shade.

This article has only touched on the incredibly complex, interdependent nature of fungi in the

ecosystem. It is a fascinating world!

Tablelanders have the opportunity to learn more from fungi experts on Friday 9th March 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Hall. Other Workshops follow. Bookings are essential. See...<https://www.trybooking.com/book/search?keyword=Fungi>.

**Frances Guard,**  
Tropical Fungi Project Coordinator



*Russula sp.* PHOTOGRAPH BY RAY PALMER



*Boletes sp.* PHOTOGRAPH BY RAY PALMER



*Pisolithus (Dyeball)* PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANCES GUARD



*Lichen* PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANCES GUARD



*Lichen* PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANCES GUARD



*Amanita sp.* PHOTOGRAPH BY RAY PALMER

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DETAILS  
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## THE WORLD OF FANTASTIC FUNGI

This FREE public lecture is being delivered by the Mycological Society with support from Kuranda Envirocare

Speakers:

Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher – Introduction to Fungi and Fungal ‘Mates’ (Mycorrhizas and Endophytes)

Dr Frances Guard – Fungal ‘Rotters’ (Saprotrophs)

Dr Sandra Abell – Bettongs, Fungi and Healthy Forests

Please bring cash if you’d like to purchase brochures and books

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FREE and All welcome

Booking essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event>

On Friday 9th March 2018 at 7.00pm

LOCATION

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, Kuranda, Queensland 4881

## WORKSHOP AND FUNGI WALK

Hosted by Kuranda Envirocare

FUNGAL PHOTOGRAPHY, IDENTIFICATION AND COLLECTION BASICS

Start 9.30

Fungi identification basics

How to use iNat to record fungi

Morning tea 10.15–10.30 am, provided

Fungi walks with Mycologists Fran, Sandra, Sapphire and Drs Teresa Lebel and Matt Barrett

Lunch 12–12.30 provided

Taking photos for Identification

Making collections basics

Goals for pocket field guides

Final Q&A

END 2.00pm

BOOKINGS Required. \$5 + 30c booking fee

<https://www.trybooking.com/>

On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 9.00am

LOCATION

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, Kuranda, Queensland 4881

## FUNGI WORKSHOP: POLYPORE AND MICROSCOPY

Leader: Dr Matt Barrett from Kings Park WA, expert in Australian Monsoon Tropics fungi and a passion for Polypores.

Assistants: Fran, Sandra, Sapphire and Teresa

Morning tea provided. BYO Lunch.

Programme:

Introduction to Australian Polypores – Diversity, Ecology, Important

Characters, use of keys for Identificati

Practical Experience – How to Collect, Describe, Examine, and start Identifying Polypores.

Session 9.00am to 2.00pm

Limited space – BOOKINGS Required

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On Sunday 11th March 2018 at 9:00am

LOCATION

James Cook University, McGregor Road, Smithfield, Cairns, Queensland 4881

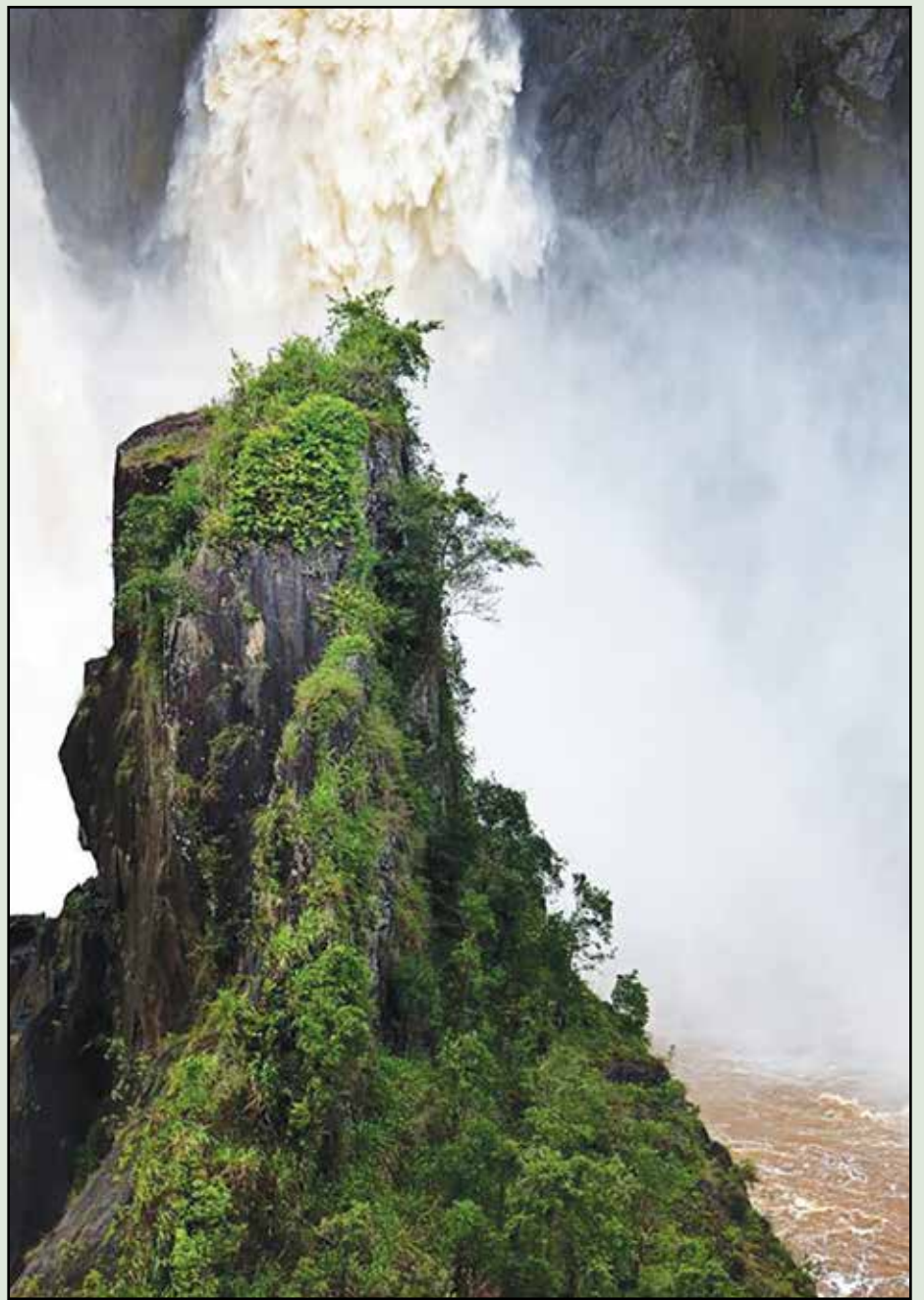
# Focus on Kuranda

**Focus on Kuranda Photography Group is a Facebook group** initiated by local resident Liz Tonkin.

The group aims to share images of Kuranda and the immediate region and is open to anyone – resident or visitor.

It’s also open to photographers from beginners to professional and using any kind of medium from fancy cameras to smart phones.

The Moderator of the page has advised *The Kuranda Paper* that the photograph that has received the most ‘likes’ this month to 26th February 2018 is Greg Hillman’s detail of “Din Din” (Barron Falls).



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## Small accommodation operators!

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Hosts can recommend different tourist attractions in the area, travel advice and other worthwhile tourist trail experiences tailored to their guest's interests, ie. nearest beach, swimming holes, bird watching, restaurants and cafes, shopping, sightseeing, tours, etc.

If you would like to participate in this video series - to talk about your property and what visitors enjoy about staying at your place - please email [hello@kuranda.tv](mailto:hello@kuranda.tv) with 'SUBJECT: Small accommodation operators' to arrange the best time to visit for filming. Free community service.

All contributions welcome. Youtube: kuranda tv





# Kuranda Easter in the Park

## Calling All Chocolate Lovers!

You don't want to miss our exciting Easter in the Park event at the Village in the Rainforest on Easter Saturday, when a record breaking 15,000 Easter eggs will rain down on Kuranda.

The village's annual Easter egg drop for Easter in the Park is a highlight for local and visiting children.

The Easter Bunny will drop eggs on the hour from 11.00am to 2.00pm in Centenary Park. With each hourly egg drop there will be one GOLDEN Egg that will be thrown out into the crowd. The lucky person who catches the Golden Egg will receive an amazing Kuranda prize package!

Included in the free family fun will be three jumping castles with one set aside for the younger kids, kids' games, street performers, a magic show, four face painters, horse and carriage rides, shows and stalls.

We have also organised a separate area for the littlies aged five years and under to meet the Easter Bunny for a photo, and to collect their own little bag of Easter eggs.

Dream State Circus duo Sophie and Jacob McGrath will give an action packed performance with diabolos, juggling balls, hula hoops and stilts.

The Kuranda Candy Kitchen will give free candy making demonstrations at their Coondoo Street store at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

**Easter in the Park is a fun family event that you won't want to miss!**

**When:** Saturday 31st March 10.00am–4.00pm

**Where:** Centenary Park in Kuranda

**How much:** Free!



## Schedule of Events:

**10.30am:** Magic Show in Centenary Park

**11.00am:** Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

**11.30am:** Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Performance

**11.30am:** Kuranda Candy Kitchen – candy making demonstration (21 Coondoo Street)

**12.00pm:** Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

**12.15pm:** Dream State Circus performance

**1.00pm:** Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

**1.30pm:** Kuranda Egg & spoon race and sack races

**1.30pm:** Kuranda Candy Kitchen – candy making demonstration (21 Coondoo Street)

**2.00pm:** Easter Egg Drop (with GOLDEN EGG)

**Kuranda is open Good Friday and all Easter weekend.**

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## WHAT'S ON AT THE KRC

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**PILATES** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday  
 - Jaide 0488 229 700 and Davini 0414 994 123  
**TAI CHI** - Monday 6pm - Les 4093 8276  
**TENNIS (KIDS)** - Friday 4.30pm (Term 2) - Nathan 0430 080 090  
**TENNIS (SOCIAL)** - Aileen 0419 726 955  
**WING CHUN KUNG FU** - Wednesday 7.30pm - Grant 0414 966 823  
**YOGA FOR ALL** - Wednesday & Sunday - Aileen 0419 726 955

Check "What's On" calendar on website/facebook for more details.

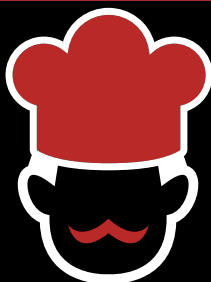
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**KOAH MARKETS**

**Saturday 3rd March 9.00am–1.00pm**

Expressions of interest for market stalls contact Nicky on 0488 961 660.

Koah Sports and Social Club is holding a  
**Special General Meeting**

**1.30 Saturday 3rd March**

after the markets. To present the 2017 audit.  
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Koah Sports and Social Club is also looking for  
volunteers to head up these roles:

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- Market Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Facebook and Social Media Person
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Any and all help gratefully appreciated.

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## Community Calendar

**Every Month KNC Management Committee Meeting** 5.30pm

Rob Veivers Drive; Ph 4093 8933 for details

**Every Saturday**

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

**Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)

**First Saturday Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph Angela 0403 788 187

**Every Sunday**

**Texas Holdem' Poker:** Mareeba RLFC, sign on from 12.00 noon, game starts 1.00pm. Prizes for 1st and 2nd. Details Terry 045 990 9900.

**Kuranda A.A. Group** CWA Hall 9.30–11.00am Ph 4093 7599

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

**Every Monday**

**Dream Big Tiny Tots** 2 Class (5 years and under) 3.45pm–4.30pm.

**Aerial Kids Trapeze** 4.30pm–6.00pm Age 8+ Contact Sophie 0409 333 404

**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

**Yoga – Gentle** 8.15am for 8.30 start. Energise your life with HALS (Health across the Life Span) QCWA Hall, Phone Aileen 4093 7401 or Sheila 4093 7617

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

**Al-Anon Family Groups** 6.00pm Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON

**Karate** at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

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

**Every Tuesday**

**Tiny Tots** (5 and under) 3.15pm–4.00pm

**Family Circus** 4.00pm–5.30pm. All welcome. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Sophie 0409 333 404

**Pilates** 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

**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. 4093 8933

**Second Tuesday:** Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213.



**Second & Fourth Tuesday**

**Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL. Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Lenore Wyatt 0447 757 336. Guests welcome.

**Third Tuesday Tourism Kuranda** meets in the office, Centenary Park 4.30pm

**Every Wednesday**

**Rotary Club of Cairns Trinity:** 5.45 for 6.15pm, Cairns Sheridan Hotel, contact Secretary 0402 253 673

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

**Pilates** 5.45pm and 7.30pm at the Koah Hall. Contact Jaide 0488 229 700

**Yoga** 5.30 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 0419 726 955

**Craft and Social Morning** at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact Carol 4093 7187

**Mah Jong** at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

**Yoga for kids.** Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

**Second Wednesday**

**Financial and Gambling Counselling** by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

**QCWA** meeting 9.30 am at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 7187, Treasurer 4093 7393

**Every Thursday**

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

**Capoeira Training and Roda.** 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963

**Kuranda Rangers Soccer:** training 4.30-5.30pm Linda 0437 255 229

**Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

**Second Thursday Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

**Every Friday**

**Pre-Natal Yoga** at Koah Hall 9.30am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

**Mums & Bubs Yoga** at Koah Hall 11.00am. Ph Beth 0476 276 876

**Fourth Friday**

**Rotary Club of Cairns Trinity:** 11.45 for 12.00 noon, Cairns Sheridan Hotel, contact Secretary 0402 253 673

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# Gardening in Kuranda

with Alectura



**M**ARCH and the sometimes rough and wild weather has not only played havoc with power supply and internet, but with very hot days and often violent downpours has also tested the mettle of keen gardeners. Hopefully, mulching has paid dividends in keeping soil cool and moist and preventing soil compaction and run-off.

Important this time of year to carefully check possible mosquito breeding sources, with ponds stocked with larvae eating fish (the native blue-eye and guppies will not take frog hatchlings). It should be noted that pond plants and fish stock should never be discarded where they may enter water courses.

Plants fall in and out of fashion with both palms and bromeliads declining in prices and sales. Presently there seems to be an increase in interest in climbing plants suitable for totem plantings with the once avoided, as too rampant, Philodendrons and Monstera. Recently on eBay a variegated Monstera fetched an eye-watering sum of \$1,150.



**PLANT OF THE MONTH:** With approximately 400 species of Medinilla, family Melastomataceae, occurring in a wide sweep through tropical Africa, Madagascar, India, Sri Lanka, Southern China, Southeast Asia, to New Guinea, Australia and Micronesia, the epicentre for diversity of the genus is the Philippines.

Mainly epiphytic, they are found growing in relatively high altitude tropical moist forest environments, growing as small to medium sized shrubs. This simply means that they often use a host tree for support enabling them to occupy a niche environment up off the dark sodden rainforest floor or growing high in dense fern clumps.

Making excellent subjects for pot or hanging basket in dappled light with good ventilation, a 50:50 high quality potting mix with an orchid/bromeliad mix is suitable. Drainage should be sharp but soil kept damp. It is probably better to underwater than overwater.



Probably the best known and possibly the most spectacular is Medinilla magnifica with its long leathery leaves, succulent stems and cascading flower panicles up to 59cm long. Panicles are made up of small pastel pink or coral red flowers that are framed by paper-like, large eye-catching ballerina pink bracts.

The native interesting but somewhat rare Medinilla balls-headleyi comes from the tropical rainforests of North Queensland where it grows as a vigorous scrambling plant with long to 5m woody shoots that weave up into trees. With reddish new growth and small pinkish flowers carried on the stems, it is an attractive plant that may be pruned to size and bears and carries almost year round pink to red plump berries turning black that are edible, but more watery than sweet.



**Q&A** *Dear Sandra,* Impatiens repens is an endemic creeping herb growing in wet-zone rainforests of Sri Lanka. Easy and quick growing, it is an excellent ground hugging cover for shaded and moist places and pool sides. Disliking any hint of cold, its large yellow balsam flowers are quite showy studding the plant in the warmer months. Parts of this plant are used in Sri Lankan traditional medicine for treating epilepsy.



*Dear Graham,* From your description the shrub in flower is Rothmannia longiflora which grows to a height of approximately 2-3 metres. With its dense, evergreen glossy foliage green and ease of growing with average water requirements when established. It prefers a bright, well-drained spot with good soil and annual mulching. Its repeat warmer weather flowering of elongated, trumpet shaped cream striped burgundy blooms with interiors decorated with burgundy spots makes for a spectacular display.



*Dear Caitlin,* Thank you for your appreciation. Chiltern Seeds: <https://www.chilternseeds.co.uk/> with their on-line catalogue offer a good range of gesneriad seed that are easily grown and suitable for our climate. I have found germination excellent with the major losses due to damping off so watch ventilation and drainage. From time to time, Strange and Wonderful Things carry rarer and more difficult to obtain gesneriad seed and well as seed of other exotics: <http://www.strangewonderfulthings.com/> Good growing then.

**For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [alectura2015@bigpond.com](mailto:alectura2015@bigpond.com)**



## GOLDEN ACRES

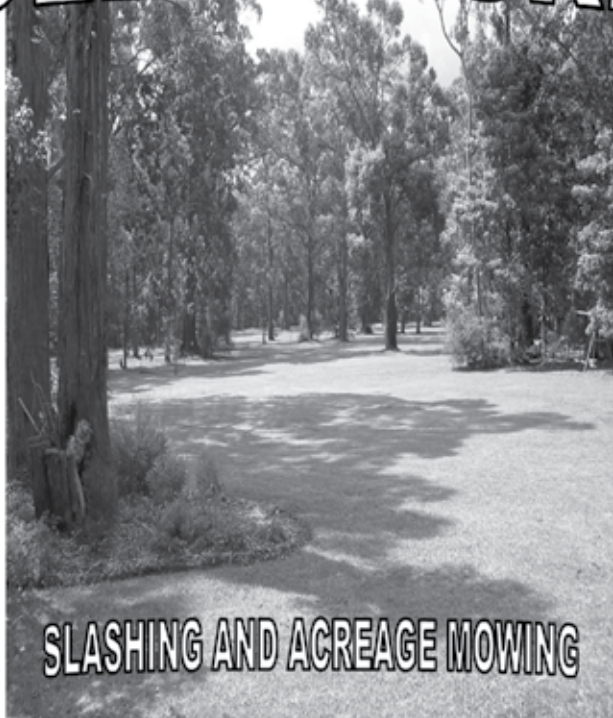
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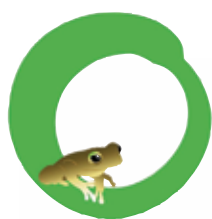
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## Forks Not Knives

Most of us feel uncomfortable when we catch glimpses of the realities of the modern meat and dairy industry. It's hard to witness the callous brutality of factory farming, hear the terrified cries of beasts we treat as disposable commodities — and still feel good about the way we humans make use of our absolute power over other animals.

Until recently I lived with the contradiction of sharing that negative opinion of the livestock industry, while continuing to consume its products. I got around the contradiction by entertaining the notion, which I never seriously queried, that meat and dairy were intrinsically high-quality nutritious food that I was better off consuming "in moderation", despite having moral qualms.

I no longer believe that — and to be free of what I now think was a false belief is liberating. Shopping is much faster. I simply skip the many aisles of meat, dairy and processed foods. I buy as much as possible 100% plant-based whole foods. Cooking and planning meals takes longer, especially while I learn this new style of cookery. But overall, I've found the transition from omnivore to a 100% plant-based whole food diet — without processed foodstuffs including oils — remarkably easy to accomplish. These days, I wonder only why it took me so long to make the change. For me at least, giving up coffee would be far more challenging.

My catalyst for change was the movie *Forks Over Knives*. Apparently its had a similar effect on many people. Of course, a 90-minute video can only introduce a topic, but for those interested there are copious references — books, papers, other videos etc — that can easily be chased up. I did enough of that (including checking out the best rebuttals I could find) to be persuaded that animal-free eating is not only possible, but highly desirable, and desirable not only from an animal welfare and ecological perspective but also for better human health and longevity.

*Forks Over Knives* focuses on the work of two remarkable Americans, both now in their 80s: Cornell research scientist Colin T Campbell, a life-long specialist in human nutrition, and cardiologist Caldwell Esselstyn whose grateful clients include Bill Clinton. Both men went through a revolution in their own beliefs, starting their careers believing the "Standard American Diet" was good — and that if anything more animal protein was optimal for optimal health. They both completely changed their minds on that as they encountered more and more evidence favouring plant-based whole food nutrition.

Please come along to the Kuranda Amphitheatre Sunday 4th March at 3.00pm. Gold coin donation to watch and discuss *Forks Over Knives*. Check out the FoE website ([www.foefnq.org.au](http://www.foefnq.org.au)) for more info about this showing and the movie. Weather can be wild at this time of year, so if it gets very rainy please check the website in case we need to postpone.

— Syd Walker



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# FORKS OVER KNIVES

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## Kuranda's ~~60~~ 70-Year-Old Hippy

After 20 years of cheffing for the likes of Liza Minelli, Peter Allen, Rod Stewart, Bette Middler, Bo Derek, and 3 Prime Ministers, and partying with Pink Floyd during 15 years in inner suburban Sydney, Ken moved to Kuranda in 1969. However it wasn't until 2016 that he took refuge in the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets as the "60-Year-Old-Hippy".



Not your usual artist, our Ken was inspired by Brett Whitely to "go for it", and had several exhibitions in the Cairns Regional Gallery, the Tanks, and the "Upholstery Groups", before building a Gallery at Speewah. In 2016 he moved his art to KORM and opened his current gallery "The 60-Year-Old-Hippy" (he has since turned 70).

After 25 years creating works in the usual way with acid-free French Rag Paper sheets, in both charcoal and acrylic mediums, with all the strictness that attend formal art practice, Ken has turned to the medium of "Little Works" i.e.



Artwork on cards in a 6"x4" format. "As an art form it is simple, direct, instantly satisfying, easy, and most of all, cheap" - Ken.

As well as the popular "Little Works", Ken also produces a range of original hand dyed tee-shirts, all available at his stall at the Market, along with many of his original art works dating back decades. 60's & 70's alternate comics, and hand-made curiosities, are also available at the gallery, so come along, check out the artwork from the 60's until now, at the 60, oops, 70-Year-Old-Hippy Gallery, Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets.



ALL IS ART

What is art if you can't put it in your pocket and take it home? Sure Michelangelo's *David* is a fine work of art, but you can't send it to your mother back in the old country, but you can send her one of Ken's pieces (left). Good things come in small packages, they say, so with all these extra people on the planet these days, it might be a good time to downsize. Surely there would be more to go around if we downsized everything - our buildings, our energy consumption, our armies, our economy, our needs, and our art... actually, let's downsize our art last, I am rather partial to the grandiose as well as the minute. Yes, let's enjoy the trees AND the forest, art lovers, seren.



## Amphitheatre News March 2018

**Members and Friends,**  
Our members bring many talents, expertise and great ideas to the Amphitheatre. Volunteering your time and effort ensures its sustainability...  
KAS Thanks You!

It's that time of year. On Sunday 25th February the Annual General Meeting was held and a new voluntary **Management Committee** elected.

**President** - Liza Dewey  
**Secretary** - Sonya Richardson  
**Treasurer** - Beatrice Sam  
**Committee members** - John Dunne, Mandy Dewey & 2 more.

We wish to thank **Barry Hodson** for conducting the Annual Financial Audit. Barry has given assistance and advice to the Amphitheatre for quite a few years now and the Society is very appreciative of his help.

A big thank you to Councillor **Nipper Brown** for attending and informing us of the latest news from Council.

Your membership and input assists the Society in keeping this unique place in our hearts and ensuring not only its existence in our village, but that it flourishes for generations to come...

KAS is a multicultural and diverse Society which creates a sense of community, of place, and pride in the knowledge that you have helped in some way.

### MEMBERS' NIGHT!

The first **Members' Night** for the year is on March 10th with **Koahltion**. It's been a while since Koahltion played the Understage and we're looking forward to a great night of dancing! Join your membership at the door and entry for the night is **free**. Door, bar and dinner from 6:30 pm and then get those dancing shoes on!

A **yummy dinner** will be available on the night, cooked by the Kuranda NAIDOC team and all proceeds from food sales will go towards this year's NAIDOC event.

### Annual Membership fees:

\$20 single and \$25 family.

**Please note:** A Designated Smoking Area has been established for Understage events. This will ensure guests are not being affected whilst attending an event. We ask all guests to be considerate of others and use the designated area.

### THE UNDERSTAGE:

As a community/small hire venue, the Understage has become increasingly popular over the past year and a bit busy for the few volunteers to keep up with. We are still seeking an Understage crew of regular or rotating teams of volunteers to assist with the sustainability and availability of the venue on a regular basis.

The following are the positions and tasks required for the UNDERSTAGE:  
**Set up** - (mainly for KAS Members' Nights) Check venue and foyer are clean and tidy. Set up tables, chairs.

**Door** - (KAS Members' Nights) manage and staff the venue entry, collect entry fees, assist with membership registration, pack down and clean up area at end of event, liaise with Treasurer or designated officer.

**Bar** - (for majority of hires and all KAS Members' Nights) staff bar, RSA (KAS may assist with this if required), set up/

pack down and clean up of bar area, stock take before and after event. Liaise with Treasurer or designated officer at the event

**Food** - (KAS Members' Nights) organise menu and preparation of meals/snacks, staff temporary kitchen area, Safe Food Handling cert is desirable (KAS may assist with this if required), pack down and clean up area at end of event, liaise with Treasurer or designated officer at event.

**Pack down** - (mainly for KAS Members' Nights) - assist with venue clean up, pack up tables and chairs

If you can assist with anything please contact the address below or the Kuranda Amphitheatre Facebook page.

### WORKING BEES:

This year we will be having Working Bees on the second Sunday of each month. If you can lend a hand with anything at all, for example gardening, there will be a Working Bee on **Sunday 11th March starting from 10:30 am** (weather permitting). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



### UPGRADES:

These improvements would not have happened without the RISE crew who worked tirelessly to benefit our community place, and have now moved on to assist other groups in the area. The Kuranda Amphitheatre is close to the heart of many locals and it's great to see our community continuing to give their time and energy to ensure our venue is there for generations to come.

Many thanks to RISE and the crew for having faith in this valuable project and ensuring the Kuranda community retains what is ours. For the people, by the people.

The Amphitheatre is used on a regular basis by local community hirers. To ensure minimal disruptions site works need to be completed outside of the regular hire periods and the venue may not always be available for use at this present time.



KAS ADMIN TEAM

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability.

Membership Forms available from:  
[www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)  
or "The Honey House", Therwine St.

For all enquiries go to [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org)  
email [support@kurandaamphitheatre.org](mailto:support@kurandaamphitheatre.org)  
Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.







## **“All in the Detail” Saltwater Creek Fibre Artists**

Two Kuranda Arts Co-op members, **Marcia Bird** and **Toni Rogers** will be exhibiting in the Saltwater Creek Fibre Artists exhibition officially opening at **1.00pm on 10th March at Tableland Regional Gallery, Robert Street, Atherton.**

Fibres tell stories of their own. They become very special. If you ask about the harvesting of fibre materials ‘they’ will tell you how many rivers they crossed, how many mountains they climbed, how many beaches they walked, and how long it took in the collection.

Weaving fibres is more than just a product of manual skills. Weaving is endowed with the very essence of spiritual values. The symbolism and hidden meanings are contained in the many

patterns, both ancient and modern, used in the many forms of weaving, and the fibres themselves. Weaving basketry techniques evokes strong feelings of unity and togetherness.

These traditional basketry skills are also used to shape other forms with plant material and man made synthetic fibres, like beach rope and fishing nets, which are collected along the beaches and from our oceans.

This very original collection, **“All in the Detail”**, by the **Saltwater Creek Fibre Artists** presents the best in contemporary design.

Artists: Bonnie Alison, Denice Beattie, Marcia Bird, Marion Gaemers, Lynnette Griffiths, Pam Kusabs, Toni Rogers and Pam Westera.

This exhibition will be showing from 6th March–29th April, 2018.

*There are three parts to a photograph:  
composition, light and movement.  
A good photograph has two of these.  
A great photograph has all three.*

– Sara Naomi Lewkowicz



## **Co-op Artist to Attend International Conference**

In May this year Arts Co-op lampworker **Cathy Harvey** will be attending the 47th annual Glass Art Society conference on the island of Murano, Italy.

**The Glass Path** will lead attendees through the winding path of the island’s remarkable history while exploring the future of glass and discovering the hidden routes connecting the conference venues. Cathy will have the opportunity to partake in conference programs including glass demonstrations and lectures on inspiring glass topics, and also enjoy special programming unique to Murano while surrounded by the beauty of the region of Venice. Hopefully Cathy will come back feeling very inspired.



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**SATURDAY 3RD MARCH**  
**KURANDA YOGA SHALA**  
 ++ Sunny Ray ++  
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 \$16 Pre-Sale; \$20 Door Sales  
 \$30 Family/Couple  
 See Article for more info.

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**SUNDAY 4TH MARCH**  
**YOGA SHALA**  
 ++ Sunny Ray ++  
 Vocal Workshop  
 10.00am – 12 noon  
 \$25 Bookings required  
[www.sunnyraymusic.com](http://www.sunnyraymusic.com)

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**SATURDAY 10TH MARCH**  
**THE UNDERSTAGE**  
**Members Night**  
 ++ Koahlition ++  
 Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm  
 See Article this page for more info.

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**SATURDAY 14TH APRIL**  
**KOAH HALL**  
 ++ Matiu Te Huki ++  
 Support by Sunny Ray  
 Doors Open 7.00pm  
 Vegetarian Dinner Available  
 See Article for more info.

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**SUNDAY 15TH APRIL**  
**KOAH HALL**  
 ++ Matiu Te Huki ++  
 Sacred Stance Maori Voice Workshop  
 12noon – 3.30pm  
 See Article for more info.

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**MANDALA CAFE**  
 Will be closed for March

## MUSIC PAGE



### KOAHLITION

**Saturday 10th March**

**Members Night**

**Kuranda Amphitheatre**

If you love your reggae and ska music, a real Kuranda get together, then come along to the Understage on Saturday 10th March for a fun night out.

**Koahlition** band have been around for a while, about 12 years and are one of a few local bands that has played, in some form, at every Kuranda Roots Festival, and are popular at many FNQ venues, events and festivals.

From playing selections of old school reggae; laying the foundation, and giving homage to original reggae artists such as Peter Tosh, Bob Marley, Osibisa, all the greats; Jimmy Cliff, Toots... to riffing out original music with sweet harmonies, **Koahlition** engages their audience with a friendly and happy vibe. Think reggae, think ska, with a mighty fine rhythm section, & you have a feel for the fun dynamics that will have you dancing the night along.

Led by **Rohan Rusch** (rhythm guitar, penny whistle and vocals), the band is a family affair; with partner **Tracy** as lead vocalist and back up harmonies, son **Adric** on bass guitar, his brother **Rainer**

**Rusch**, a recent addition replacing drummer Aaron 'Big Mo' Riley in 2017, **Moses Warusam** on electric and acoustic guitar, and **Paul Baron** on keys. Long-time band member **Tanya Volentras**, vocals, has relocated overseas, and **Rohan's** lovely partner **Tracy Rusch**, has decided to step back from performing at so many events, (a very good reason to come along to hear **Tracy's** sweet vocals at The Understage gig), thereby opening a spot in the band for a vocalist.

Special guest, multi-talented **Jeanette Wormald**, will be singing back-up harmonies for **Koahlition** on the night.

**Rohan Rusch** is enthusiastic, and shines with a dedication and passion in life to music. With the recent changes to the band, **Rohan** looks forward to, and is excited about focusing on the instrumentation, stepping up, writing new music which embraces involving all band members creatively. Inspired by jazz, infusion and even ol' pub rock, **Koahlition** original music has a reggae feel with an original twist.

The **Koahlition** original song, "Under The Sun" features a beautiful penny whistle solo written and performed by **Rohan**. Think of the penny whistle played in *Paul Simon's* "Call Me A", that infectious melody, and you have a hint of the musical treat you are in for.

If you love your reggae and ska music, a real Kuranda get together, then come to the **Understage** on **Saturday 10th March**. To start off the **2018 Kuranda Amphitheatre Membership** drive, join as a KAS member on the night for only \$20 single, and \$30 family (2 adults, 2 children under 16) and get in for FREE. Everyone welcome. **KC**

*Sunny Ray*

**Kuranda Yoga Shala**  
**Saturday 3rd March**

A majestic and intimate musical performance by international singer/songwriter **Sunny Ray**.

Imagine... flowers, candles delicate fragrances, beautiful smiles, laughing children, loving people, all swept up in a big hug of positive, heartfelt messages and sweet music with a base of rhythm guitar and velvety smooth vocals.

Cacao and elixirs for sale on the night. Pre-Sale tickets \$16 / Door \$20 / Family or Couples \$30 / tickets available at [www.sunnyraymusic.com](http://www.sunnyraymusic.com)

See Gig Guide for Sunny's Vocal Resonance Workshop details.



**Kuranda Roots Festival Artist & Stall Holders Applications open mid-March at [www.kurandaroots.com](http://www.kurandaroots.com) - Watch this space**

### MATIU TE HUKI

**with support by Singer Songwriter Sunny Ray**

**Saturday 15th April**

**Koah Hall**

**Maori musician Matiu 'The Hook' Te Huki** is well known for his amazing vocal skills and energy, his ability to powerfully connect with, and lift a crowd with his mesmerising stage presence, whether fronting great bands or with his solid solo looping show.

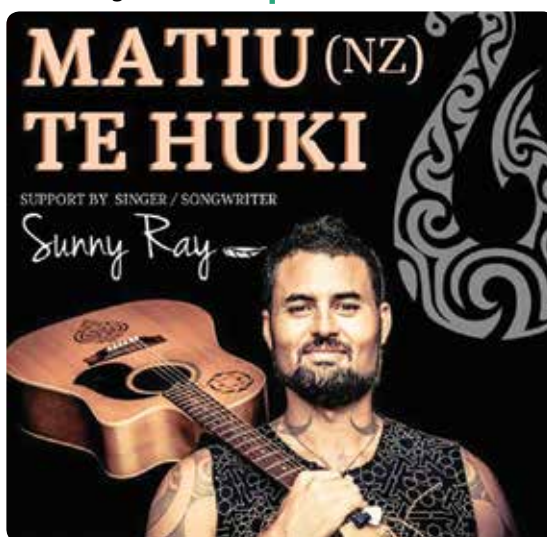
As a singer songwriter, the soul-stirring messages in **Matiu's** music are positive, inspiring and unifying. **Matiu's** music has a strong Maori flavour, is backed by grabbing grooves, deep, beautifully crafted bass lines, funky rhythms and magical melodies that stay with you well after the show ends, all held up by a pillar of Pacific passion.

Coming to Australia to perform, **Matiu Te Huki** feels a humble gratitude in being welcomed here, for himself (and for all New Zealanders) and is excited to be able to connect with the land and the people. **Matiu** is no stranger to Australian shores, and performed at Island Vibe and Elements Festivals in 2017 to mention a few, but this will be his first solo visit to Far North Queensland, and he is excited to be collaborating with **Sunny Ray** on this mini tour.

Says **Matiu**, "Music helps connect with ancestors (not just ours), and through performance, to unify and uplift the audience. To go on a journey together." His soulful, roots music is interwoven with Maori language, and uses haka, chants and traditional Maori instruments.

As well as his musical performances, **Matiu** will be conducting his **Sacred Stance through the Maori Voice Workshops** in both Kuranda and Cairns, sharing wisdom and culture that he doesn't get a chance to share on stage musically.

Pre-sale Tickets \$16 / Door sales \$20 / Couple \$30 / Kids are free. Tickets available at [www.sunnyraymusic.com](http://www.sunnyraymusic.com) See Gig Guide for more details. **KC**



### MATIU TE HUKI

**Sacred Stance through the Maori Voice Workshop**

**Sunday 16th April**

**Koah Hall**

**The Sacred Stance through the Maori Voice Workshop** has been specifically designed by **Matiu Te Huki** to help participants connect more deeply with their internal warrior; leader, speaker and their ancestors, and is for both men and women.

**Matiu** has over 20 years' experience as a Maori language and performance teacher, he is a playwright, musician, facilitator and leader amongst his own communities.

This interactive workshop will cover traditional Maori practices including the art of introduction; song, haka (for men and women), sharing the breath of life, story and more. Participants will leave with ancient yet practical tools to support them in the way they stand, speak, listen, connect and move powerfully through life. This workshop also delves into the realms of the 'dance' between the divine masculine and the divine feminine.

It encourages how to find the balance between strength and vulnerability in relationships. "Finding our natural connection to earth, and a safe expression of the strength of the warrior is such a healthy thing for a man/woman to express."

**Matiu's** approach is welcoming, inspiring, fun and empowering. For **Matiu**, when in workshop mode, he draws upon his sense of direction and presence to hold that space. "It is about how you want to be in the world day-to-day with everyone and yourself, but more importantly with the women, how we (as men) interact with them, whether they be our partners, work colleagues, or a stranger in the street, and for laying a solid foundation for our children." Workshop \$30. Bookings at [www.sunnyraymusic.com](http://www.sunnyraymusic.com) See Gig Guide for more details. **KC**



# Kuranda or Bust!



**THE FROG HOSPITAL** will celebrate its 20th anniversary in August but will it still exist by then? We have always existed on public donations and have always struggled for volunteers. There is so much more that we need to do for frog conservation – but more activities need more manpower and more bills to be paid.

So this year will be our 'make or break' year. We cannot stay in Mission Beach and need to be much closer to Cairns. Chemical pollution is also a major factor for us and the only area in the greater Cairns region I know of that doesn't have any agriculture woven though it is Kuranda. For our group to continue, we need to be in Kuranda.

Relocating to Kuranda is more of a challenge then it seems when you run 'on the smell of an oily rag' as we have. Real estate prices are being inflated and the price of rentals is completely over the top! And almost every rental managed by a real estate agent is poisoned – whether it needs it or not. (That's why we ended up all the way down at Mission Beach.) We need to find a private arrangement with an owner who doesn't use chemicals.

What exactly do we need? It depends on whether we are able to expand and **FINALLY** offer a low-key visitation experience for locals and tourists (that's 'Plan A'). In that case, we need the right house with three or more bedrooms and a very large lounge area or some other 'family room extension'. A house with a granny flat would do nicely.

A 'Plan B' is also being considered since we may not be able to continue to receive animals if public donations don't pick up. This past year, we've had both an expensive relocation and now the group's vehicle just had to be replaced. We have a lot of ground to make up financially. If we are forced to drop animal handling, we will retain an office, our huge website, and long-distance consults. For 'Plan B', we could function in a large 1 or 2 bedroom cottage. A share property could also work in that case such as a caretaker's cottage. However, in any case, neighbours' houses can't be too close because our live-in volunteer President also has three parrots (but no cats or dogs!).

What kind of money are we talking about? We have a potential investor interested in buying to rent to us permanently so we are looking at both sales properties and long term rentals. For a 'Plan A' arrangement, the sales price needs to be under \$360K or a rental under \$330/wk (at least for the first six months with small rises after that). For 'Plan B', a rental would have to be no more than \$220/wk and a sales property should be less than \$225K.

Do you have a property that you would like to discuss with us that is going to be put on the market soon? Do you have a caretaker's cottage that you would like to see a stable, reliable, long-term, mature tenant occupy? Please email or ring us soonest on (07) 4088 6572 or [admin@frogsafe.org.au](mailto:admin@frogsafe.org.au). Our website is [www.frogsafe.org.au](http://www.frogsafe.org.au).

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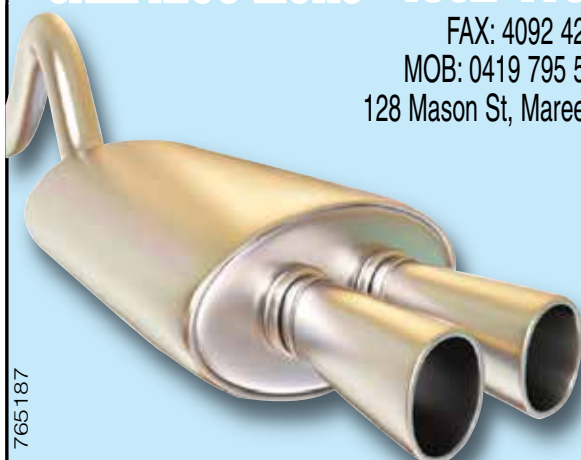
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more ladies and bubs to join our morning walks. For more information drop into the Ngoonbi Drop-in Centre/Youth Centre or give us a call on 4093 7177.

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Kristyne Love



## Kuranda Cassowaries Touch Comp 2018

**Registration—Trial Game**  
Wednesday 28th March 2018

**Official Game**  
Wednesday 18th April 2018

Just a friendly reminder to the Kuranda Communities for Touch Football 2018.

Get your team ready for the next season of Touch.

Put together a mixed team of 6 Girls and 6 Boys, for more information about registering your team.

Please drop in to Ngoonbi for a registration form or contact us on 07 4093 7177



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## Congratulations to Leon Bianchi

for being selected to represent Barron River u/12 Junior Rugby League, the only player selected from the Kuranda district and a great opportunity to represent Kuranda in the broader region.

Leon is a third generation Kuranda local, his grandfather was once the local chemist and also ran an after-hours pharmacy on Barron Falls Road back in the 70 -80s, on the corner where Tully Court is now. His father Carl became a local butcher and also grew up in Kuranda.

Best wishes to Leon and the Barron River team, all the best in the Peninsula Competition being held in Innisfail on the 19th March.



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Please feel free to come in and book an appointment with me.

See you at the Centre soon, Eslyn Wargent







29/9/1957 Joan Walters, Paddy Murphy, Warren Fitzpatrick, Dulcie Graddon



February 1957 Lal (sp) Austen, Joan Walters, Colin (lad porter), Dulcie Graddon, Kuranda



February 1957 Kuranda

## Request for Family Information

My name is Julie Davis. My husband Paul was born in Cairns in 1958, the son of Joan Walters who managed the Kuranda Railway Station Refreshment Rooms from 1956 until at least 1958 (unsure when Joan left). Paul's father was Patrick (Paddy) Joseph Murphy, a Linesman who lived at the Hotel Fitzpatrick in 1958 and 1963 according to the Australian Electoral Rolls. We know Patrick served in the army at some stage before this time (we are currently checking those records but it will take time and is expensive). Paul is trying to trace his father (who has probably passed away now) and his family history. Thankfully we knew Joan for 25 years before she passed away but Paul never met his father. Everyone should know where they came from. Can anybody help us? Photos here are from that time of Joan and workmates and then Joan, Paddy and friends at Barron Falls.

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29/9/1957 Paddy Murphy, Warren Fitzpatrick, Dulcie Graddon, Angus Oldfield, Val Bluett (sp)



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*A scorpion is venomous not poisonous – the toxins must be injected to work.*



*A Hibiscus Harlequin Bug cannot bite or sting, but has mildly poisonous chemicals inside it as a defence a*





# VENOM versus POISON

Quite often the terms venomous and poisonous are interchanged when people refer to animals that have toxic chemicals at their disposal. These terms however, actually refer to the way in which these toxins are delivered and are quite different in their meaning.

Poisonous animals are those which have chemicals in their bodies that can be distasteful, cause sickness or even death if they are absorbed into another animal's body. Eating them is an obvious way of absorbing these poisons, however some can be absorbed through the skin. There are many examples of poisonous animals, some mildly poisonous and others lethal. In the Wet Tropics region, we have quite a few mildly poisonous animals which are living in most backyards.

Millipedes have defensive poisons in their bodies which make them taste awful, and small predators may have bad reactions if they eat one. Although millipedes cannot bite or sting, having these internal poisons means that many animals avoid eating them.

Many poisonous animals have bright colours to warn others of the dangers of feeding on them. The brightly marked poison arrow frogs of South America are perfect examples. They have extremely toxic poisons protecting them, and predators avoid eating them for obvious reasons. Locally, bugs such as the brightly coloured Hibiscus Harlequin Bugs have mild toxins inside them which is enough to make most predators reject them.

Not all poisonous species advertise their dangers. Cane Toads have poison glands on the back of their heads which produce chemicals potent enough to kill most predators which take them on.

Venoms in comparison are very different. Venoms are chemicals which are intended to be injected through fangs or stings, and are used to capture prey as well as defend the animal against its own predators.

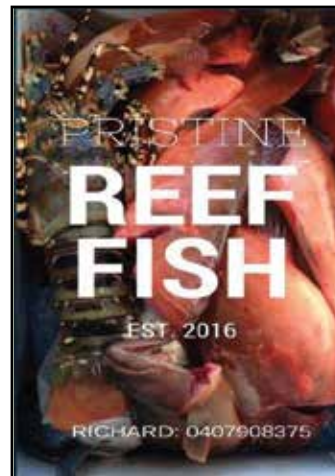
Australia has a wealth of well-known venomous species including snakes, spiders, scorpions, centipedes and bullants. Like poisons, the strength of toxins in venoms vary widely; those most potent are capable of killing humans. Unlike poisons, venoms need to enter the tissues or blood stream to work effectively. Therefore, predators can actually eat venomous species as long as they are not bitten or stung in the process. Unless the predator has a stomach ulcer (which would allow venom into the bloodstream) their digestive enzymes simply break the venom down. This is why some of the most venomous species on our planet (such as the Sydney Funnelweb spider) can be safely eaten by many other animals.

**Alan Henderson**  
Minibeast Wildlife

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This year the theme was “Tall Tales and True of Kuranda Wet Seasons”.

Our winners are:

**ADULT:** Ann Harth, Speewah for her story “*Dam Cow*” PRIZE \$300.00 (1800 words or less)

**YOUTH:** Isabella Martin, Kuranda for her story “*Lost and Found*” PRIZE \$150.00 (1000 words or less)

**JUNIOR:** Amelia Martin, Kuranda for her story “*Under a Mushroom*” PRIZE: \$50.00 (200 words or less)

Thank you to ALL our writers. And our judges who read, independent of each other, all the stories submitted. They then scored each story a mark out of a possible 20 (10 for writing proficiency and 10 for creativity). Thank you to our judges: Kuranda resident and author, Joyce Berendes, Kuranda residents and owners of Collins Booksellers at Smithfield, Andrew and Kerstin Brown and Theo Utzinger, literary advisor, Mareeba.

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## **DAM COW**

**Ann Harth**

The afternoon was my own — work finished, kids at school and domestic duties ignored. They weren’t nearly as important as reading my book. Besides, I had to keep an eye on our sick cow, right? She was improving daily, but it wouldn’t hurt to be vigilant. That meant curling up on the veranda and peering through sheets of rain to make sure she was still standing. The book simply helped pass the time.

I ripped off the tag and wriggled into my new jeans so I’d be ready to pick up my son from the bus. If I positioned myself carefully, a glance from page to paddock involved only eye muscles. Spotting my bovine charge trudging toward the dam at the bottom of our 200-metre slope, I relaxed. I couldn’t imagine why she’d be thirsty; surely some of the torrential rain splashing onto her spine would have been absorbed. Still, she was up and she was moving.

With my cow on her feet and the characters in my novel screaming for attention, I complied. My dutiful glances through the rain were frequent but, evidently, not fully registering.

Each look showed that she had ambled closer to the wrong side of the dam — the tall, steep wall that was slowly eroding into the muddy pool below. I turned a page — my characters in full cliff-hanger-spine-tingling mode — and read another paragraph, but the words scrambled on the page. I tried again.

As I stared at the print, reason trickled through. Cliff hanger. Steep wall, mud, mud and more mud. Sick cow.

Uh oh.

I jumped to my feet just in time to watch my recovering heifer tumble slowly down the bank and land with a splash into the brown depths below. Earthy waves pockmarked by fat raindrops swelled over her.

I splashed out to the ute and tore down the driveway, wiping water from my face and relieved that my young son wasn’t in the car to hear my repetitive but eloquent use of language. I expected to see the dam disturbed only by rain, my beast presumably resting well beneath the surface.

It was my lucky day.

She was struggling through the deepest water and had almost reached the opposite side where she would be able to touch bottom. The rain was loud on my head, but her breathy bellows were louder. The back of the ute held a tangle of ropes and my fingers shook as I fumbled with the thick twists. Muttered oaths became screams as I tried to get the neighbours’ attention. They were always home.

Except today.

Mud squelched through my toes as I raced to the shallow part of the dam, the pile of ropes dangling from my arms. What I’d do with them, I had no idea. My cow was almost there, but she was tiring and her head slipped below the water. She resurfaced, desperation in her eyes. I had no choice.

The water was warm as it crept up my legs and hit my belly. The earth sucked at my feet, making each step a battle. She’d gone under again. I splashed toward the churning water.

Now what?

The turbulence moved past me and I felt slightly ridiculous as my head swivelled to follow its movements. In seconds, a gush of air burst through the surface and my cow heaved herself into shallower water. She collapsed, her body still submerged, but her snout was, thankfully, above the water line. She glared at me, and I hung my head, sinking even further into the mud, water streaming from the tip of my nose.

I wallowed to the knee-high water at the edge of the dam and knelt in front of her. The glare receded with her energy and, as her head drooped, a new problem presented itself. The water was still deep enough that, if she rested, her nostrils

would be submerged.

Her eyes closed and her head sank. Splash, bubble, snort. She lay still. She’d had enough. I slid closer and reached under the water, scrabbling for something, anything. I found an ear and trailed my fingers down her skull to her snout, lifting it free of the water.

She opened resigned eyes and sighed. ‘Okay,’ she seemed to say. ‘I kept me alive long enough. Your turn.’

I shifted around to wake up my soggy feet and sat, resting her head on my knees.

Rain pummelled my face and fat drops made a meaty sound as they hit my cow’s flank.

In less than an hour I had to pick up my son at the bus. If I removed my knees from under her chin, my cow would drown. I needed help. Again, I tried the neighbours who were always home. I whistled, yelled, cooed. They still weren’t home.

It was up to me. If I could find something big enough to prop her head on, I could nip out to the bus stop and be back in 30 minutes.

I scanned the area. A log perched precariously on the bank behind me. It shouldn’t take much to get it down to the water. I eased myself from under the matted chin. The cow startled and pierced me with that look. I wasn’t doing my part, apparently.

I’d have to be quick. As soon as she forgot she was angry, she’d pass out again. I skittered up the bank and grabbed an end of the rotting log. I tugged. It wiggled. I tugged again. It wiggled a little more.

Splash.

She was under. I slid down the bank on my backside and swept past her into the water, grabbing an ear on the way past. She jerked her head up and her indignant fury took over, so I could scramble back to the log. Over and over we did this, enabling me to dislodge the log a little more before each splash came.

Aware that time was ticking away, I gave a mighty pull and the log finally oozed from its cradle. With little help from me it rolled down the bank, coming to a stop centimetres from the cow’s snout. She jerked her head back and I was saved from the glare as she focused her attention on the wayward timber.

Positioning the log wasn’t difficult and soon my knees had a life-saving replacement. I backed away to check my work. It was lumpy and probably much less comfortable than me, but it would work. Temporarily, anyway. I had to get my boy.

I squelched back to the ute and slid behind the wheel. The roads were wet, the rain pelted the world, and I drove like a maniac. The cow’s life depended on it.

My fingers drummed the steering wheel and I counted my heartbeats until the bus pulled up to our stop.

My son’s gaze swept over my mud-encrusted form. “Mum?”

“Long story. As soon as we get home, call your dad. Tell him we need him. Now.”

My son chattered about his day on the quick trip home, but I didn’t hear a word until we pulled into the driveway. “The cow’s in the dam, Mum.”

“Yes, she is.”

“How can she breathe underwater like that?”

I heard no more. In seconds, I was racing toward the sodden brown lump. The level of the dam had risen. Twenty centimetres? Thirty? Enough to dislodge the log and send it floating to middle of the dam.

The urgency leaked from my body. I’d lost her. Rain and possibly a tear ran down my face as I looked at the still mound. I barely noticed the small figure racing up the hill to call his father.

And then, like a bovine phoenix rising from the mist, she reared her sodden, magnificent head and snorted. She nailed her gaze to my face and thrilled me with her rage. She was still with us! I resumed my saviour stance and she plopped her head onto my knees like they were a favourite pillow.

Seventy-three minutes later, as water lapped at my waist, my husband came home, tow rope in hand. We tied a strap around her neck and attached her to the four-wheel-drive. My husband returned to his dry cab and lightly touched the accelerator. I returned to the saturated cow to keep an eye on things and give a controlled shriek if anything went wrong.

The tow rope tensed, and the taut line quivered as the heifer emerged from the murky pool, a muddy monster with bulging eyes. When she was safely away from the edge of the dam, I yelled, heard the wrench of the hand brake, and the rope fell slack. The rain slowed to a drizzle.

With a final glare, my cow dropped her head and slept. I released her strap and coiled the tow rope as I trudged back toward the truck. The neighbour who was always home had returned and was striding down the road toward my husband.

The afternoon to myself was over, and my book lay abandoned on the veranda. Even so, my cow survived, and I like to believe we grew closer after our ordeal. With jubilant thoughts of a hot shower and sadness at the state of my perfect new jeans, I reached my husband just as the neighbour did.

“What’s going on over here?” The neighbour asked.

“All good now.” My husband shrugged. “I just had to leave work a little early to save a damn cow.”

My husband is the bravest man alive.





# Short Story Competition

YOUTH WINNER

## “Lost and Found”

Isabella Martin, Kuranda (aged 13 years)

It had been raining for weeks now. Our horses stood in the paddock, shivery and forlorn, and Misty, our energetic red heeler, cowered under the bed. She was usually a fun loving puppy who seemed able to take on anything that was unfamiliar to her but she was petrified of the storms.

The rain had pattered down constantly on the tin roof. The river was bursting its banks and we were flooded in, unable to go anywhere. The wind gently shook the trees and the mountain was barely visible through the thick veil of grey cloud. What did we expect? After all this is the rainforest!

But it had never rained like this. The rain hit the roof like tiny hammers and shook the window panes. The wind howled through the trees and whipped at the door. There was a storm coming and it was going to be fierce. We quickly checked that all the doors were securely closed and then made our way inside. Soon after, the storm hit. The lightning sliced through the dark sky like a knife and the thunder shook the rafters. We were able to snatch a few hours of sleep but for the most part we lay awake waiting for the storm to end.

In the early hours of the morning the sun climbed into the sky, chasing away the shadows of the previous night and we were woken by a chorus of birds, celebrating the rising of the sun after so many dull, overcast days. The world seemed refreshed as we headed out to examine what damage had occurred during the storm. We found the sliding door slightly ajar but paid it no heed, assuming someone must have accidentally left it open. We attended to the animals and were just on our way back to the house when we came to the shocking realisation that Misty was gone...

We decided that she must have opened the door in her desperate attempt to escape from the storm and had run off. We hurried out to find her, trying to think where she would be hiding.

We looked everywhere, we raked the land, leaving no stone unturned, but Misty was nowhere to be found. We went back to the house, hoping against all odds that she had found her way home and would be waiting at the door for us with that innocent grin of hers spreading across her face. But, as we had suspected, she was not there and we had to continue looking for her.

It was nightfall before we reluctantly gave up the search and went back to the house. We had looked everywhere and there was nothing else we could do until morning.

The next morning everyone was up bright and early, searching once more. We checked the creek again, the hope sitting in the bottom of our stomachs like a little yellow butterfly in the darkness. We were just about to turn back when a furry, mud coated creature came hurtling towards us. For a minute we stood there in shock but then the strange thing let out a bark and we saw what it was. She was covered in red mud and had burrs in her red, wiry coat but it was her.

Misty had come home.

JUNIOR WINNER

## “Under a Mushroom”

Amelia Martin, Kuranda (aged 11 years)

One rainy morning as the frogs were singing out to the rain, I pulled on my boots and set off for a walk. I walked down the driveway staring with wonder at all the different shapes and sizes of mushrooms. Out of the corner of my eye I thought I saw a flicker of movement under a particularly small mushroom. I knelt down and peered under it. After a while I decided there was nothing there.

That night a huge storm broke out, the thunder rolled deeply, and the rain thudded heavily on the roof. I tossed and turned and couldn't sleep.

A firefly fluttered past my nose. No, it was a fairy, a rainforest fairy!!!

Her skin was a dark tan brown, her hair fell over her shoulders in dark locks, her skirt was intricately sewn with light pink petals, her top was made of curly ferns and her wings were so dainty you could hardly see them.

She was beckoning to me, I got up and followed her outside. She gave me a comforting smile, and vanished.

Next morning I awoke. I thought back. The fairy must have been a dream but what were these muddy footprints on the floor?

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# A Grinter's Tale

I just caught a glimpse of a Facebook post on a friend's page showing Trump spruiking the suggestion of arming teachers to increase school safety.

That's the problem with having Facebook open when you're working, but these days I try to be sidetracked only by thought provoking posts or momentous world events.

Consequently, as a combination of the two, I couldn't help but open this post and yes, it was true. There he was, the man of the moment, in all his jaundiced glory, promoting the provision of guns to school staff, whom, he suggests, would be trained in their use. Well that's a relief; after all, there's no point having a gun if you don't know how to load it, or which way to point it, hey?

Sorry, it's not a subject for flippancy, but the image conjured of kindy teachers with holsters was more daunting than Trump's suggestion that selected and trained staff at different wings of a school would have access to guns locked away for retrieval in the event of attack by a deranged individual or individuals, undoubtedly increasing significantly in prevalence. I can't envisage searching for keys or trying to unlock a cupboard in a siege situation.

Whether or not you agree with the proposal, or with that of guns being outlawed, you would surely see the wisdom, or prescience of the ensuing comment by a mother of a six year old boy killed in the Sandy Hook School shootings in Connecticut in 2012: "It's not personally something that I support. Rather than arming them with a firearm, I would rather arm them with the knowledge of how to prevent these acts from happening in the first place". Elsewhere she was quoted as adding, "Let's talk about prevention. There is so much we can do to help this person before we reach this point."

I'm not here today to debate the gun laws in the States (as far as I understand it, half the problem is the laws vary from State to State, so if you can't get a gun in one State, you just head for another to purchase your weapon of choice). Nor am I here to debate the efficacy of gun laws here. I'm inviting you to consider the statement by the bereaved mother of a junior school child, that prevention is better than cure.

Just this week, a resident of Trinity Park and his wife were bashed by a group of young thugs who have

*"...the Cairns Region has had enough of crime..."*

been roaming the streets of that suburb stoning cars and generally running riot. He suffered a fractured eye socket and a broken jaw, I believe, and the suburb

is in meltdown.

So to come to the uncharacteristically serious subject I was going to write about today. The Cairns region has had enough of crime. We all know that, but short of unheeded cries for tougher sentencing and more Police, and various diversionary programs that individually make a huge difference and should be more vocally lauded for same, the most successful 'program' to date has been the iconic Petford Training Camp, which has rehabilitated over 3000 troubled youths and adults. Many attempts have been made to mirror Geoff and Norma Guest's success, but failed to take into account the holistic approach the couple took to turning kids' lives around. Geoff was awarded the Order of Australia Medal and life membership of Rotary, and despite these tremendous accolades and a lifetime of accomplishments in the face of hardship, he remains one of the most humble people I have ever had the fortune to meet and befriend.

I wrote about Geoff Guest in a previous article, and here I am again, because as you will have seen from recent news, more and more people are recognising that 'Old Man' as he is respectfully known, holds the key to change. Over ninety now, Geoff recognises it's time to pass on his wealth of knowledge to others. A legend in his own lifetime, a Stolen Generation child for whom inflicted trauma left him hardly able to speak in childhood, Geoff has only ever looked forward and is a true inspiration to everyone who meets him. His history of achievements is breathtaking, his knowledge awesome in the true sense of the word.

On Saturday 10th March, at 2.30pm, the Cairns community, are invited to a public meeting at the Woree Community Hall (see ad) to outline Petford Wellness Association's (PWA)'s Petford Rehabilitation Program and to seek government support for an extensive revitalisation of the proven Petford model. This is an opportunity for our communities to come together to show support for change, a change very relevant to Kuranda's fortunes.

To return to the earlier quote: "Let's talk about prevention. There is so much we can do to help this person before we reach this point."

## CAIRNS PUBLIC MEETING

**A meeting of all Cairns and district community members has been called for 10th March 2018 to instruct the government to re-establish the tried and proven Petford Rehabilitation Program developed by Geoff Guest OAM 30 years ago. The car stealing and break & enter has to stop. Local politicians have been invited to attend.**

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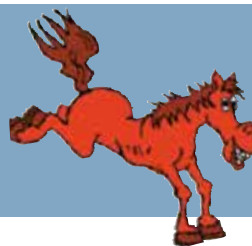
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## Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Welcome to 2018. Hope everyone had a restful break.

We had our AGM on 7th February. Many thanks to our 2017 committee. A warm welcome for new and old members and families to our club. Our committee for 2018 is President Fionna Lane, Secretary Di Curtis, Treasurer Dan Morris, Vice President Chris Hewitt. Congratulations to all.

Big news over the break – Di Curtis received Australia Day award in Mareeba Shire.

Our first Rally day will be 3rd March 8.30. Everyone is welcome. Fine weather permitting, we will be out and about riding. If it is wet we will do Certificate books in the club house. See you all there.

Please check the Kuranda Facebook page for up to the minute news and events.

Pictured is Jamie and Olivia Hewitt Toms winning at the Atherton official equitation and show jumping in preparation for the Queensland State championships later in the year. Well done ladies.

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## The New Norm

George Monbiot's December article of 2017 *"Our selective blindness is lethal to the living world"* has had me thinking for weeks. It's about perception and what becomes the new norm with each generation. Biologist Daniel Pauly outlined one of the most important concepts relating to our relationship to the natural world – that of the **'shifting baseline syndrome'**.

*"The people of each generation perceive the state of the ecosystems they encountered in their childhood as normal and natural. When wildlife is depleted, we might notice the loss, but we are unaware that the baseline by which we judge the decline is in fact a state of extreme depletion."*

I'm not sure about you but I find this alarming...as Monbiot points out "we forget that the default state of almost all ecosystems – on land and at sea – is domination by a megafauna". We forget the seas should be full of huge shoals of fish and pods of whales. *'Fish huge like halibut the size of doors.'* The grasslands should be teeming with herds of bison and gazelle and elephants and horses. Trees should hang with

leopards and plains with lions. The skies once were black with birds and fields white with fungi; flowers covered land to the far horizons. Insects were numberless and kept exuberant flora in check. Trees were truly massive and carpeted the earth in immense forests. The air was clean and sweet and the seas pristine and teeming with life. The soil was deep and rich, and food did not need to be labelled organic – it just was.

This absence, that we take for granted now, is purely through human activity. Our entitled and elitist activities that make humans 'the only *megafauna* worth keeping' ensures that everything else is disappearing. But are we noticing? Are our limited powers of perception realising the full extent of our losses? Or is our perception only limited to where our next take out is coming from and what the latest fashion is?

We are very lucky in the wet tropics of FNQ where in some locations over 75% of the original habitat still remains – thereby the huge changes that have happened to the rest of the country are not so prevalent. Though I do remember almost empty beaches in Cairns and hundreds more kangaroos on quiet Myola Road while driving home at night. And I'm sure there were once a lot more bats filling the night skies. However, my partner who grew up in Brisbane, remembers seeing hundreds of fish in each wave that rolled into the Gold Coast beaches while the long garfish chased them. And millions of Magpie Geese filling the skies of Townsville. I remember the beaches I visited littered with seashells and large raptors soaring the skies looking for the smaller birds to make a quick graceful meal of. Now with much of the grasslands given over to cattle those vast flocks of birds and the attendant predators are fast disappearing.

Maybe it's not so much that we don't remember or notice but rather that we too easily accept the new norms. Whichever, it's dangerous because with each acceptance our world becomes that bit smaller, that bit less wild that bit less magic.

And this 'selective blindness or passive acceptance' is not limited to the natural world. I also remember dial phones and doctors that spent more than 10 minutes with you and encyclopaedias and food that mostly didn't have barcodes, handwritten letters in the post and no internet. I remember no traffic jams, ever! But we bridging peoples are a dying breed. My daughter said the other day that she didn't know how I completed my schooling without the internet. That she certainly couldn't do it without being online! I pointed out that books and knowledge straight from wise humans worked very well for centuries and still can. But I think the age of books is fast becoming like the age of dinosaurs to the younger generation.

It may well be a strangely empty world our children will inherit. But they will probably not notice. Unless they are curious enough to look up the past – on Google.



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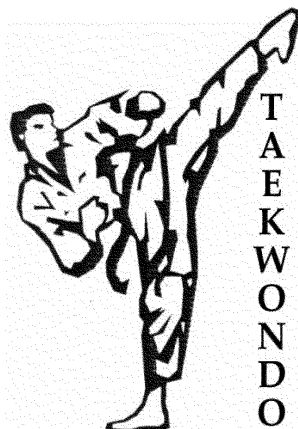
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## Spicy Lime and Green Papaya Salad via [avirtualvegan.com](http://avirtualvegan.com)

Fresh papaya salad with crunchy smoky roasted peanuts and a chilli lime dressing.

Serves 4

**Ingredients:** 2 green papayas (washed and dried), juice of 1-2 limes, ½ cup of raw peanuts, 1 tablespoon maple syrup, 1 teaspoon smoked or regular paprika, 1-2 red chillis finely, adjust to personal taste, 1 handful of fresh mint, 1 handful of fresh coriander, pinch of salt.

**Method:** Add peanuts to a small bowl, add maple syrup, paprika and salt and stir well. Heat a pan and pour in peanuts mix and roast over medium heat for 4 -5 minutes, stirring to avoid burning. Remove from heat and allow to cool.

Cut papayas in half and remove seeds. Cut papayas into matchsticks or use a spiralizer to create noodles. Put in a large bowl, add finely chopped herbs and chilli. Add squeezed lime juice and combine everything well. Serve topped with peanut mixture.

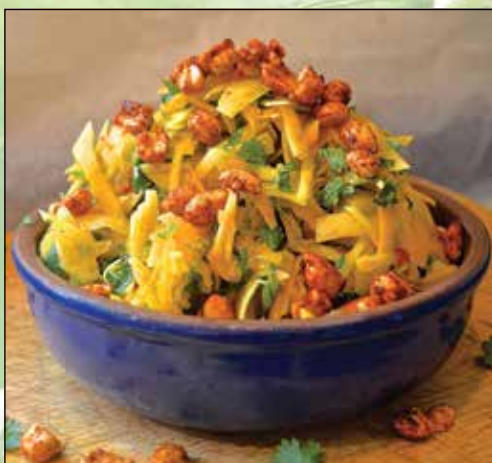


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**Method:** Soak cashews in cold water for at least 8 hours. Soak dates in warm water for 15 minutes and then drain the water before putting in the food processor. Add almonds and desiccated coconut to the food processor along with the dates and pulse into a fine grain. Press the mixture into an 20cm spring form pan or smaller individual tins. Push down firmly until it is well compacted and even. Put in the fridge to set. This can be made the day before.

Add soaked cashews to the food processor along with lime juice, lime zest, coconut oil, coconut milk and maple syrup and blend well until the mixture is smooth and creamy, scraping down the sides as needed. Pour mixture onto the base, spread evenly and sprinkle with lime zest. Store in the freezer and take out 30 minutes before serving.



Image via [caseyjade.com](http://caseyjade.com)

## Ginger Lime Healthy Mocktail via [elanaspantry.com](http://elanaspantry.com)

Serves 2

**Ingredients:** ¼ cup lime juice, freshly squeezed, 1 teaspoon finely zested ginger, 12 drops stevia, 500ml ounces sparkling water.

**Method:** Combine all ingredients in a jar and stir. Pour over ice into 2 cocktail glasses. Garnish with lime wedges. Serve.



Image via [elanaspantry.com](http://elanaspantry.com)

## Lime and Lemongrass Cordial via [recipesplus.com](http://recipesplus.com)

**Ingredients:** 2¼ cups granulated sugar, 1 stalk lemongrass, roughly chopped, 1 lime, zested, ¾ cup fresh lime juice, soda water, to serve. Sliced limes, to garnish.

**Method:** Bring sugar, lemongrass, lime zest and 1 cup water to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Reduce heat and simmer for 2-3 mins. Let cool completely. Add lime juice then strain. To serve, fill a glass with ice. Add 1 part cordial to 3 parts soda water. Garnish with fresh lime slices.



Image via [recipesplus.com](http://recipesplus.com)



Image via [foodnetwork.com](http://foodnetwork.com)

## Coconut Lime Black Beans via [foodnetwork.com](http://foodnetwork.com)

Serves 4

**Ingredients:** 2 cups dried black beans, rinsed, 1-2 limes, juiced, 2 cups coconut water, salt and freshly ground black pepper, 1 tablespoon coconut oil, 2 green onions, greens only, sliced.

**Method:** Soak the beans overnight in cold water to cover. Drain the beans and transfer them to a large saucepan. Cover with 3 cups cold

water and the coconut water set over medium heat and bring to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes, then turn the heat down to low, cover and cook until tender.

When tender, add the coconut oil and lime juice and season with salt and pepper. Pour into a serving dish and garnish with the green onions.

## Raw Vegan Lime Cheesecake via [caseyjade.com](http://caseyjade.com)

Serves 4-8

**Ingredients:** ½ cup of almonds, 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut, ¾ cup dates, 1½ cup cashews, soaked, 2 tablespoons coconut oil, melted, ½ cup coconut milk, ½ cup fresh lime juice, zest of one lime, 2 tablespoons of maple syrup.



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### Coordinator Position Job Share Arrangements:

From 19th February 2018 until around July 2018 the KNC Coordinator position will be shared between Ceri Hughes and Margaret Yandell while Margaret is on part-time long service leave. Ceri will work Mondays and Tuesdays and Margaret will work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (half day as centre closes at 1.00pm). Ceri will not be in the Family Support worker role and will refer all Family Support clients to Tricia. The email for the Coordinator position remains [coordinator@kurandanc.org.au](mailto:coordinator@kurandanc.org.au) for both Ceri and Margaret while in the job share arrangement. Thank you for your understanding.

### KNC Food Program and Pantry:

KNC is still requesting donations of non-perishable food items for our food program and for distribution through a 'food pantry'. This is for those individuals and families in Kuranda who don't have enough food. KNC is partnering with OZ Harvest <http://www.ozharvest.org/news-location/cairns/> to distribute food to those in need in the district and so there will be items for people to take when available from the Centre. This will usually be on the table in reception or labelled items in the fridge in the kitchen. Items available will be determined by those that either are delivered by Oz Harvest or by other donations (eg surplus from farmers etc).

### Kuranda Family Day – April 10th:

For those who wish to participate or contribute to the April Kuranda Family Day, please notify via the Kuranda Interagency Network or to Tricia or Marg/Ceri. This is an opportunity for families to connect and have fun as well as find out about some of the services and programs available in and to Kuranda. If you wish to deliver an activity on the day, please let the Interagency Network know via [coordinator@kurandanc.org.au](mailto:coordinator@kurandanc.org.au)

### KNC No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) Changes:

Good Shepherd Microfinance has drastically reduced funding which affects our capacity for loan applications and processing. For the time being we have been forced to reduce our loans down to 1 or 2 per week with loans limited to car rego, fridges, washing machines and beds. Once the appointments are made we cannot do any more loans. We apologise for this, however it is not our decision and suggest any frustrations that people have about the limitations be directed to the Board of Good Shepherd: level 11, 350 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 Email: [info@gsmicrofinance.org.au](mailto:info@gsmicrofinance.org.au) Telephone: 03 9495 9600. We will inform the community when any changes occur as we are in negotiation with Good Shepherd and Shelter Housing Action Cairns to work on a potential transition arrangement to increase access for Kuranda applicants.

### Furniture Exchange Program:

We are very sorry, but we can no longer take full size fridges because it could put our volunteers at too much risk of injury. This is a shame but we need to prioritise the wellbeing of those who donate their time to the program. We would like to invite anyone wanting to donate bar fridges to continue to do so as there are always people who need fridges. We want to thank all those who have thought of our program and donated much needed items in 2017. The items have been of a very high standard and have greatly assisted many disadvantaged families and individuals. Going into 2018 we have people in the community who need double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs, dressing tables and cupboards. Any items in good, working condition can be picked up or they can be dropped to the Centre. Please contact Tricia or Margaret/Ceri on 4093 8933 – Thanks!

### QuIHN Counsellor:

A counsellor is at KNC on Mondays. Peter works as a psychologist for the Cairns Therapeutic Service offering a counselling service, providing support around drug use and mental health concerns, relapse prevention and management, referral to specialist services such as detox and rehab, self-care, stress management and enhancing motivation to change. There may also be some group sessions if there is demand. Referrals and appointments can be made directly to QuIHN on 4032 1463.

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## RSL CARE PACKAGES

The gang putting together more Care Packages to be sent to the troops in Iraq for Easter, as we did at Christmas, on behalf of the Kuranda RSL sub branch. For anyone away from family at Easter it is always good to receive things from home to show that we haven't forgotten them on the other side of the world.

Photo from left: Kim Forde, Jan Fowles and Caroline Ryan.

Our thanks go to them for doing all the shopping, packing and mailing.



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# Tech Talk

WITH THOMAS

## NBN Community Exercise

In a world of ever changing technology and faster internet speeds, it's amazing that there was still doubt for some localism regards to moving on with the latest technology. But for many locals a black flag which questioned their ability to connect to the NBN had them at the point of giving up, stuck in the 20th century, no way to embrace the faster speeds many others have come to enjoy. However, the weekend of February 24th was to be the light at the end of the tunnel for these locals.

Cairns Computer Support, with NBNCo, ran a field test day covering areas of Myola, Speewah and Koah. We visited several properties in the immediate area of NBN fixed wireless coverage to test (from an engineering perspective) viability and connectivity – particularly for those previously told they were unable to connect due to bad signal strength. It was also a great opportunity to provide locals with a better understanding and the knowledge about migrating to an NBN service – be it Fixed Wireless (semi rural areas), Fibre to the Node (built up areas), and for some, high speed satellite in (rural & remote areas).



Site visits covered 13 local properties which were seeking NBN Fixed Wireless, 10 of which but had previously failed pre-qualification when an installation technician visited. Our visits resulted in 9 of these as passes, which means these clients can now connect to NBN Fixed Wireless and enjoy internet speeds up to 50mbps! Only 2 of 13 site visits were a complete fail, the clients have the option of satellite NBN, another 2 sites require further investigation for non-standard installations – however, preliminary tests indicate a serviceable result! A great outcome. And some very happy people.

We also ran an information session at the Koah Hall later in the day. Great to see many locals. My colleagues from NBNCo were able to provide all the necessary information for clients to make the switch. NBNCo also had their Sky Muster Truck on display, showcasing the new SkyMuster II Long Term Satellite NBN service. Despite a rolling storm and heavy cloud cover, the Sky Muster Satellite internet service still displayed impressive speeds! Available in remote or rural areas where no other NBN connectivity is available – Cairns Computer Support can assist you to get connected!

If still unsure about connecting the NBN, feel free to contact me. Remember KURANDA your switch off date for analogue services is September 2018 - BUT don't leave it till the last minute! Talk to me today to get prepared. MYOLA, SPEEWAH and KOAH, rest assured your copper services are not being terminated, and migrating will be optional, however, making the switch would be very beneficial.

Cairns now also has three local based NBNCo employed Field Engineers available for initial site visits or to have your home re-tested for coverage following any previous failure. I'd like to thank the guys from NBNCo who travelled from South East Queensland to join us on this day, also *The Kuranda Paper* for their support in raising awareness of this community exercise for locals. Feel free to get in touch with me at Cairns Computer Support, Speewah on 4222 1111, NBN 'Advantage' Accredited, with local knowledge. We never say anything is impossible!



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## Letters

...from page 2

The nature based tourism is clearly defined and this activity is NOT nature based; it is farm tourism including quad bike and horse riding. Thirty quad bikes traversing the creeks in Myola frog breeding habitat??? Really???

The nature based tourism is supposed to be a temporary approval to 30th June 2018. Yet, hundreds of thousands of dollars is being spent on infrastructure, such as roads, car parking, buildings, catering, toilets, house renovations. It does not make sense to most people and raises questions about the definition of temporary for this activity.

The Planning Act provides for large penalties for non-compliance of conditions of a development approval such as these.

MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ASKED BY MANY RESIDENTS 'WHAT IS GOING ON', AND RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DECISIONS ABOUT THIS PROPERTY.

HOWEVER, THE PROPER LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCESS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWED HERE. AS RATEPAYERS, WE HAVE TO ABIDE THE LOCAL LAWS, WHY IS this developer DIFFERENT??? PROPER PROCESS AND DEMOCRACY IS IMPORTANT. WITHOUT IT, WE LOSE EVERYTHING.

For over 40 years, the Mareeba Shire Council have thought they know what is good for Kuranda, and they still think they know, with very little to no consultation.

The Myola area is an important connection of the north and south wildlife corridor from Daintree to Mission Beach. These developments as currently planned, cut across the corridor, breaking it in two. For over 25 years many Kuranda residents have volunteered tirelessly to revegetate this corridor and ensure survival of many precious species. This also represents the survival of what is precious in our own lifestyles and is the foundation uniqueness of our

rainforest village. We must be heard if we are to ensure future sustainability.

Our community wealth can easily be undermined and transferred to developers' pockets and marketed as progress and growth. Beware, that this may only be a transfer of community social wealth to financial wealth for developers.

**Concerned Myola Resident**  
(name supplied)

### Felled Trees in Barang Street

Recently, I received criticism on the web site "All things Kuranda" about trees cut down on a Barang St Block. The block does not belong to me.

However, for the record, I do know that these residential blocks have been allowed to grow wild without attention over the last 10 to 15 years. The trees felled were a mixture of African Tulips, a declared noxious weed, trees which had become hosts to strangler figs and huge fig tree with rot in the stem, totally inappropriate for a 1000m2 residential block.

**Archie and Sue McArthur**

### Here are a few lessons from life...

- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a new replacement for it.
- He who hesitates is probably doing the right thing.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are 'XL'.
- If you think there is some good in everybody, you obviously haven't met 'everybody'.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you must have someone else in mind to blame.

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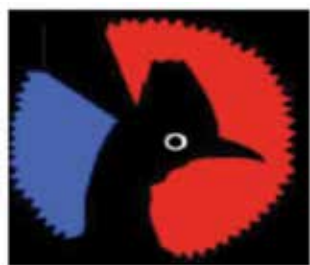
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**THANK YOU HELEN**

We found ourselves without a computer or internet, along with many in Kuranda, just when we should have been preparing this, our column, for the February Kuranda Paper.

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**Thank you Helen!**

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John is in the process of undertaking an environmental science degree for which he is making a film about, inter alia, the cassowary. So, via interview, we told him everything we knew about cassowaries in the Kuranda region.

Remember his face, because I think you'll be seeing more of him in the future.

You can see what he's up to at [JohnHPhoto.com](http://JohnHPhoto.com)

A few highlights coming up:

**3 March:** Tree planting at Barron Falls Road in cassowary Di's home range.

**17 March:** Another Connecting Cassowary Corridors site, possibly Koah.

**31 March:** Bunda Bundarra, Black Mountain Road – this property is part of the ranges of Gertie and Dad (which now also includes their 3 youngsters).

**24 March:** Our AGM. A great excuse for a high tea.

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*My poo should be growing rainforest trees*

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## Date Claimers

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# Peace at Koah or Just a Pause?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 180-ish\* people who took the time to submit an objection to the proposed increase in air traffic from a private airstrip in Koah. The increase would go from a 52 flight-a-year hobby, to a serious 365 flight a year/no engine restriction/6 flight-a-day/12 additional pilots mini airport, on a property which shares a fence line with the highest populated area of Koah (the township).

(\*169 objections were received, but approximately 18 went missing in transit, we are working at getting those included in case it comes to an appeal.)

Bizarrely, the MSC town planners don't believe the 700+ movements per year will have any significant negative impacts on the area (although many studies disagree), and the noise will only effect the three houses directly adjoining the property. The town planners have recommended that the application gets approved, even though the subject site contains "State & Regional Conservation Corridors, Wetland Area of General Ecological Significance and Terrestrial Area of High Ecological Significance", and they seem to dismiss residents' concerns about privacy, safety, stressed stock, devaluation of property, as well as the existing applicant's disregard for sticking to the current conditions of use, the inability of council to enforce conditions, and further possible expansion towards commercial activities.

The sheer number of objections has attracted the interest of the media so on 21st February, at MSC monthly meeting, the room was packed with media in all its forms (and a large number of concerned residents) wanting to hear the councillors' decision on this matter. The airstrip was the first item on the agenda. After a brief silence to honour the people that we have lost the past month, the Mayor Tom Gilmore announced that the developer had asked for voting to be postponed from this months' meeting to a later date.

The media and residents were stunned into silence. Within minutes the packed meeting room was empty with only the council remaining. The media and most residents remained outside waiting for the meeting to finish to try and get some more information. The Mayor didn't have much to add besides saying that it was fine to take it from this meeting and put it on another one. The developer declined to comment on air to the media, but said he decided to postpone it due to media

attention it has received.

There are absolutely no benefits from this airstrip to the community, to economic growth, or even the council (and is in fact detrimental to the above three – who wants to buy and move to live next to an airfield?) So the residents find it strange to lift the restrictions originally put there by the Council themselves (it was the amalgamated Tablelands Regional Council at the time).

It remains to be seen if the developer has had a change of heart and has come to consider his neighbours, or if he and his team of lawyers, advisers, and planners are up to something. There are a group of residents that are willing to keep fighting this if it gets approved, and if the case of Ward & Anor -v- Rockhampton Regional council & Anor [2014] is anything to go by, they stand a bloody good chance at getting the airstrip shut down completely.

**Marc Jaschok , Koah Resident**



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So I decided to register with World Greatest Shave. Wow, exciting and a bit scary too. Also so happy that my hair will go to good use by Sustainable Salons Australia. My hair will be repurposed into the Hair Boom Project and local composting solutions. Sustainable Salons Australia also collect all ponytails longer than 20 cm to donate to charitable organisations that create wigs for those who have lost their own hair due to medically-induced hair loss.

I'm taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation. Please sponsor me to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need.

Blood cancer claims more lives than breast cancer or melanoma. And today another 35 people will be given the devastating news they have leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or another blood disorder.

My goal is to raise at least \$560. That's enough to enable two families to attend a support program specific to their blood cancer. Or enough to give a regional family a free place to stay close to treatment in the city for one week. Please help me reach at least this by sponsoring me today at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/didilabaysse>.

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Thank you,

**—Didi La Baijsse**

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## A Thought for March

**T**HIS month Bible reading is from St John's Gospel Chapter 2 verses 13-22. Unlike the other three Gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke, St John hurls us into confrontation almost immediately. We are in a shouting, heaving mob. There are the sounds of stalls crashing, money tinkling on the ground, animals howling, and birds squawking. Amid it all is the angry figure of Jesus surrounded by the astonished and enraged trading community of the temple.

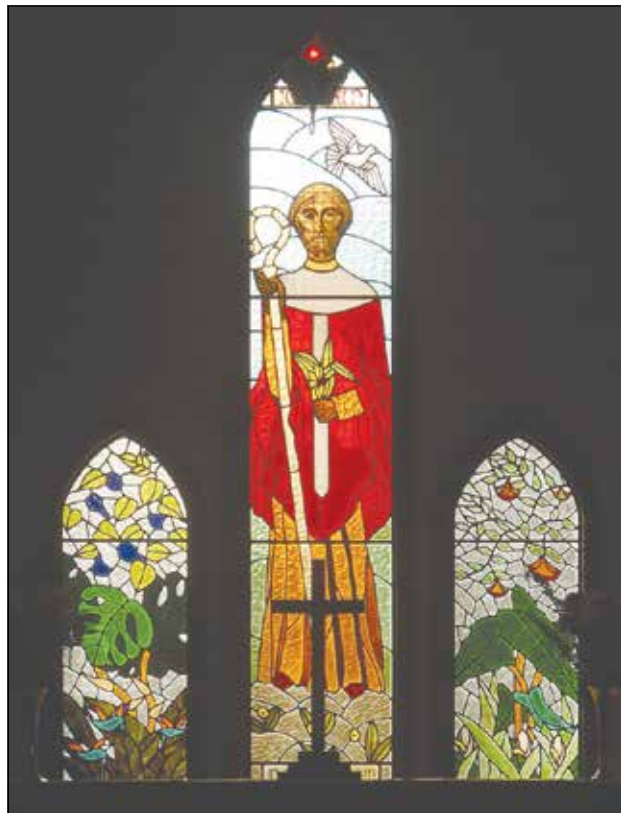
What is being said to us? Everything that John writes is meant to communicate on many levels. This episode, which took place some fifty years before John wrote, would have spoken in a particular way to a Christian reader of John's time. It would have pointed to the relationship between Judaism (still recovering from the temple's destruction in 70AD) and the emerging Christian community. That relationship was mostly bad and was rapidly worsening. By reporting the incident John is implying that this past confrontation still describes the relationship between Jew and Christian. What does it imply for us today?

Jesus stands for the spirit at the heart of Christian faith. The temple stands for all the wrong things which can develop in a religious system. We are seeing the clash between spirit and institution all down through Christian history. It is not necessarily a tragic clash. It is absolutely necessary if Our Lord is going to correct and cleanse and reform his church.

Times without number, in many voices and lives of great witness, Jesus has challenged his church to finer ways than it has chosen. Again and again Jesus has gone into the "temple" of many churches over the centuries. Our Lord has overturned the life of that church, making demands upon it to get its priorities more in line with his purpose.

Our task is continually to watch the patterns and priorities of the church's life, to see where it is necessary and desirable for a judging Christ to do some overturning of us and our priorities! When Our Lord speaks of raising a temple in three days, He is saying that we can never be content with building only the institution.

We must also build the inner temple of the heart where He dwells. It is in the heart that some dying must be done, so that there we can experience resurrection. If we are ready to do the first, then the second will surely take place. As Christians we are called to the outer life of the institution and the inner journey of the heart. There are times when one must challenge the other.



### News from St Saviour's

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## Baha'i Thought for the Month

"...man should know his own self and recognize that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty. Having attained the stage of fulfilment and reached his maturity, man standeth in need of wealth, and such wealth as he acquireth through crafts or professions is commendable and praiseworthy in the estimation of men of wisdom, and especially in the eyes of servants who dedicate themselves to the education of the world and to the edification of its peoples. They are, in truth, cup-bearers of the life-giving water of knowledge and guides unto the ideal way. They direct the peoples of the world to the straight path and acquaint them with that which is conducive to human upliftment and exaltation. The straight path is the one which guideth man to the dayspring of perception and to the dawning-place of true understanding and leadeth him to that which will redound to glory, honour and greatness.

"We cherish the hope that through the loving-kindness of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, obscuring dust may be dispelled and the power of perception enhanced, that the people may discover the purpose for which they have been called into being. In this Day whatsoever serveth to reduce blindness and to increase vision is worthy of consideration. This vision acteth as the agent and guide for true knowledge. Indeed in the estimation of men of wisdom keenness of understanding is due to keenness of vision."

(Baha'u'llah)

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## The Stars in March

**THIS year, I'll be looking more deeply into** **Thorary astrology.** Using astrological charts to answer specific questions, the chart is based on the time of asking the question. Nothing vague or generalised about the answers and, amazingly, they usually prove to be spot-on accurate. Lost or stolen objects, sporting contests, business opportunities — anything really. This is an ancient form of divination and I will be, with great respect, drawing on the techniques of the medieval astrologers whose livelihood (and indeed whose lives) depended on giving accurate predictions on the outcomes of the battles; border-disputes, thefts, marital infidelities and such. Barnaby might have benefitted from such a reading... we'll see how it goes. Noble kings and princes consulted astrologers (as well as dragons). Ah, those were the days in our towers with our astrolabes and star maps. No computers and all day to ponder. Reward and respect went with the gig.

March brings the beginning of the astrological year with the Equinox on the 21st. The Sun, right on the Equator at 0 degrees Aries, heading north. Earlier in the month, Mercury and Venus both cross the Equator, into Aries on 6th March G.M.T. Just hold that thought for a moment. On the same day Mars and Jupiter form an exact (to the minute) semi-sextile (30°) aspect as Jupiter makes a station and is conjoined by the disseminating Moon. When the Sun sets Mercury and Venus will still be just above the western horizon and throughout the night Jupiter and the Moon will be riding high.

This is an incredibly good time to set-up, to announce and to broadcast your intentions for the coming year. The seeds you cast now will ride upon a most benign breeze and find ready acceptance in fertile ground.

Mars goes into Capricorn on 18th March and conjoins Saturn as the month ends, there's a window for the laying of the foundations and the hard digging to be done. The medieval guys would have seen this as the besieging of the castle, as the Sun, in Aries, squares off to the Capricorn Saturn (29-30th) the heavies are jostling for advantage and some go down.

One other date worth focussing on is the 11th/12th March. Mars and Uranus form a trine in the fire signs. That's an incendiary; electric, violent, revolutionary, and, at the very least, exciting time. It depends how it hits your own birthchart as to how it affects you personally. It's right on my natal Sun, so I'll be watching carefully. As a very general indication, astrology texts warn of sudden accidents and acts of violence... but not necessarily – these are incredibly fast-moving patterns – good for racing car drivers and such...

Venus square to Pluto on the 24th brings forth offers and challenges of passion, possible destruction and obsession. Political oblivion through inevitable flame-outs. Watch this space.

All in all, an exciting astrological year begins...

Blessings



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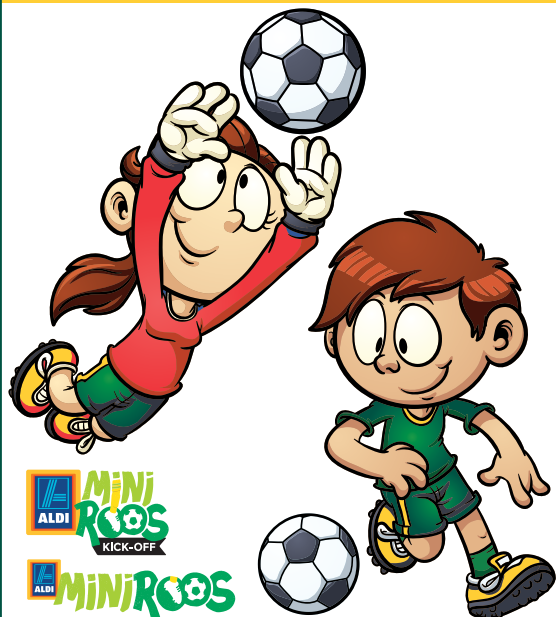
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Kuranda Rangers Football Club

## Rainfall Last Month

Total February to 26th February 2018 **292.6mm**

Wettest day: 6 February 71.6mm

Rainfall this year 957.2mm

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## Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



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	1750	1750	1750	1645
Ex: Koah	#0705	#0705	#0705	#0705
	#1315	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	*1550	
Ex: Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0710	#0710
	#1320	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	*1540	

\*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY # BOOKING REQUIRED  
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

**Departs Bus Stop: Orchid Plaza, Abbott Street, Cairns**

Departs Kuranda	Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol
	#0720	#0720	#0720	0720
	1330	1330	1530	1530
	1530	1530		

\*1510 from Smithfield to Koah Mon to Fri SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

Departs Cairns	**0825	0825	0825	0825
	1645	1645	**1615	1615

All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

\*\*Mareeba

# Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City  
NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

Ph. John 0418 772 953

## Trans North Bus & Coach

### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	6.45am	8.45am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
CAIRNS 79 Abbott Street	6.50am	8.50am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	9.05am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.25am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.30am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
RAINFORESTATION	7.35am	9.35am	12.35pm	2.20pm	4.15pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.30am	10.15am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm

\*7.30am Shuttle via TAFE, Trinity Bay High, Cairns High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays

\*3.00pm Shuttle via Cairns High, TAFE, Trinity Bay High - Excluding Sundays & Public Holidays

### ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
ATHERTON	6.00am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.00am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
MAREEBA	6.30am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.30am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.35pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am	5.35pm

### CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.30pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.30pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.25pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.25pm	5.25pm	7.30pm

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS** operate on Sunday Service \*1\* Timetable  
No Sunday 4.35pm or 6.25pm Services departing KURANDA on LONG WEEKENDS  
No Services operating on CHRISTMAS DAY or GOOD FRIDAY

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Timetable effective as of 01.01.2016







# Kuranda SES News

## Recent Volunteer Activities

With a couple of quiet wet seasons behind us in the local area, this season is turning into more of an average level of activity for our volunteers, but so far, fortunately, none of the frantic level of activity we experience during a cyclone. Three chainsaw jobs have been completed in the last month with trees landing on roofs or blocking driveways. This is the “bread and butter” work of the SES in Kuranda. After heavy rain and even a little wind, trees will come down because of the softened soil and the extra weight in limbs. Once the wet season is over it is worth getting a tree lopper in to attend to that overhanging weight above your head which may have caused you occasional worry when you look up around your house.



*A typical Kuranda SES volunteer job – a tree down blocking the resident's driveway. Note one of our new electric chainsaws which are making life very much easier for small to medium jobs.*

## Shed Upgrade

The upgrade of our shed, completed in 2017, allowed us to move the garaging of our 4WD, boat and trailer into the extension, leaving the old shed to be converted into a training and operational area. Since then, the receipt of a Gambling Fund grant has enabled us to start constructing the new training area in the old shed. In recent weeks volunteers have been busy painting the new internal carpentry.

## Consider the Advantages of Volunteering

Many people, in talking about the benefits of volunteering, concentrate on the undoubted advantage gained by the community from volunteer activities. For myself I consider the benefits to the volunteer as being equally important:

- Volunteering makes me feel good about myself. Like others, I like to feel that the activities with which I fill my life are beneficial and add to the greater good. We all like to feel that we are a part of our community. Volunteering in a group will extend the range of acquaintances we have and in many cases an acquaintance will turn into a good friend over a period of time.
- Volunteering with the SES will build a new set of skills. Not all of these are related to the more demanding work such as chain sawing or tarping roofs. We need a wide range of volunteers to contribute in a number of areas including: manning radios, driving four-wheel drives, working with maps and GPSs on navigation, driving flood boats, maintaining equipment, air observing and peer support. SES training course are all nationally accredited and especially for young people they look very good on a CV.

**The Kuranda SES is particularly in need of more volunteers at the moment**, having lost a number of members who have transferred out for work or study. Now is a good time to join the SES as regional training courses will be re-starting after the wet season in the next couple of months. Anyone over 16 is welcome to apply. Use the contacts listed below if you would like to find out more. Training happens every second Tuesday night at 7.30pm.

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*Extensions to the Kuranda SES shed on the right funded by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). Mareeba Shire Council added the concrete pad out the front and volunteers added the crusher dust to make a greatly improved mud-free outdoor training area after wet weather.*



*Kuranda SES volunteers practise their general rescue skills on a Tuesday training night.*



*Kuranda SES volunteers assist QFES personnel in the rescue of fallen walkers at the Barron Gorge during 2017.*