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MEETING ADJOURNED

Farewell Bob Madden

For decades, if you attended a public meeting the person ably and amicably steering it was probably Bob Madden. If you were in a community group, Bob was the person you knew could help you through constitutional mazes. Bob recently passed away and tributes to him have been many. Bob was a determined advocate for community on so many levels. He was also for years THE local TV man, who would answer the call day or night, although partner Marie Boswarva says “He couldn’t understand the fuss about State of Origin, or why anyone would want to watch any station except ABC and SBS”.

Bob was a progressive thinker with a huge curiosity and delight for everything from technology to the natural world. Born in Bega, NSW and having had a full and varied working life in Canberra and Sydney, Bob developed an interest in alternate lifestyles in the 1960s which led to a visit to Cairns, then a short stint working on a dairy farm on the Tablelands. Obviously he was bitten by the FNQ bug and in 1988 he took early retirement, and he and Marie moved north, settling in Speewah at their “Magic Centre”. Both Bob and Marie brought with them skills and experience which assisted the Speewah and wider communities.

Bob served on numerous committees such as the Association for Regional Kuranda (ARK) where he tackled critical issues. He and other residents helped to develop the Kuranda Strategic Plan and oversee the community consultation it entailed. This Plan guided expenditure on the redevelopment of the village streets, parks and walking tracks, public art and spaces as funded through the Kuranda Tourism Levy—a massive award-winning undertaking. Bob also gave his time to the Kuranda Media Association, the Kuranda Advisory Committee, the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, Kuranda Chamber of Commerce, Tablelands Organic Growers and many other community groups, projects and issues. He also ran (unsuccessfully) for Council to represent Kuranda district in 1996. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade commencing in 1994.

Thirty years ago, with fellow Speewah residents Brian Edwards and the late John Beasley, he started the Speewah Residents Association, which he then served on for 20 years. He was ambitious for the Speewah community to get the services they deserved, most especially good communications—and negotiated with Mareeba Shire Council to obtain the Speewah TV antenna, and with MP Warren Entsch, Member for Leichhardt, to get mobile phone access for Speewah. Bob was awarded a Mareeba Shire Community Service Award in 2016 for “His assistance to Council with the changeover from analogue to digital in both Speewah and Chillagoe has been invaluable”.

In a letter to Marie, Warren Entsch says “I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my good friend Bob Madden. Bob’s knowledge of issues surrounding communications and connectivity, and his willingness to be a community advocate, saw a range of digital services rolled out in the region. This certainly would not have happened in the timeframe they did if it wasn’t for Bob’s advocacy. His knowledge on all things communications related was quite outstanding. Bob was a community leader and he was respected by his community. Thank you Bob for a job well done and thank you for your friendship.”

Warren Entsch points out that their initial dealings were complicated by Warren being a Liberal and Bob a life-long Labor member (Bob received his Life Membership in 2014 from former Deputy Prime Minister, Wayne Swan) but “over time we developed a strong personal friendship, where our political leanings were kept in the bottom drawer.”

Former Member for Barron River, Dr Lesley Clarke, has also paid tribute to Bob “The Kuranda and Speewah communities will be the poorer for the sad passing of Bob Madden. In my years of serving as the Member for Barron River I always valued his local knowledge and wise counsel. He was deeply committed to the well-being of the community and was a loyal supporter of the Australian Labor Party. We will all miss him and his family are in our thoughts at this sad time.”

Gayle Hannah who spent quite a lot of time on committees with Bob says he was a generous, dependable but also delightful team player. “Meetings at Bob and Marie’s, I remember often included the company of flying-foxes that they were fostering, and sometimes ended with a good red wine and a demonstration of Bob’s hi-fidelity sound system. If you were there during the day you could also inspect the permaculture swales and veggie garden. Somehow, we still managed to get business, and a lot of it, done. The Magic Centre was such an apt name.”

A service to share memories of Bob and honour his life was held at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade Shed on 14 February. Marie in her eulogy said “One of the things that I’m most grateful for is that Bob was acknowledged for his contribution to our community whilst he was alive.”

The Kuranda Paper, on behalf of our readers, wishes to express our thanks for Bob’s life and the many contributions he made to our community. He will be missed, but not forgotten.



Marie and Bob Madden



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POSSUM CORNER AWARD

Some time ago, a good friend of the Possum Corner Op Shop in Kuranda felt it would be a great thing to nominate Possum Corner for a Mareeba Shire Australia Day Award. The 2021 nomination was successful and on Australia Day this year, the award for Community Service was presented at the Shire presentations ceremony in Mareeba.

Possum Corner Op shop is run by a band of wonderful volunteers who give of their time every week. Possum Corner enables recycling of clothing, kitchen goods, toys, books and music etc, offering residents affordable and useful clothing and other items, week after week.

The award recognises the work of these wonderful volunteers and their dedication to the Kuranda community.

Opening in October 2006, the original idea to establish an opportunity shop came from the late Thurlus Saunders who brought the idea to St Saviour’s Church Council. It was decided to use the Church maintenance fund to build the original part of the shop on the undertaking that if it made any money it would pay the money back. Well, the shop did pay the money back and the maintenance fund was borrowed from again later, to build both the first and second extensions.

Since its inception, the funds raised by Possum Corner have been used to relieve hardship in the Kuranda community, and offer support for Legacy.

Possum Corner has also supported a village called Sefoa, in Oro Province, New Guinea, where the school had no resources. Possum Corner’s support for Sefoa has led to students being sponsored to High School Grades 10-12 in Popondetta, and now onto teachers college. Last year three teachers graduated thanks to Possum Corner and in years to come we hope to relieve the chronic shortage of teachers in the Tufi – Sefoa area of Oro Province.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and to those who donate goods to sell, and of course all our fantastic valued customers.

Father Chris Wright OAM



Above: Accepting the award on behalf of the volunteers were Sandra McCorry, Carol Jeanes, Vivienne Veivers, Lee Roehm and Margaret Humphry.



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Kuranda Sub Branch

ANZAC DAY 2021

It is sad news for Anzac Day ceremonies again this year due to problems with COVID-19 social distancing and contact tracing requirements.

The Kuranda RSL Sub Branch, after talking with RSL Qld and Mareeba Council, have decided that it is better not to expose our members and the public to risk, in these strange times. I know this is an emotional decision, but one that I think is best made now.

We will have the flags raised in Centenary Park until noon on Anzac Day (Sunday 25 April) should anyone wish to lay a wreath.

Also the "Light up the Dawn" program, which was initiated last year, is on again. You can have your own private ceremony at 6am on the day in your driveway, on your balcony or wherever you wish.

Again, I am sorry for this decision. Thank you all for your understanding.

Mick Forde, President Kuranda RSL Sub Branch

KURANDA HIGHWAY NEEDS TO BE DEDICATED AS A WORLD CLASS TOURIST DRIVE

Kuranda readers would know by now the safety of the Barron River bridge has been called into question by myself and motorists who drive across it. I have requested a report from the Main Roads Department which should be available in early February.

If the bridge's weight limit is restricted any more the Tablelands and Kuranda will suffer the consequences of the extra freight costs for trucks to divert through the Palmerston or Rex ranges to get to the Tablelands or to Kuranda.

Thanks to Davies Creek resident Ron Reddicliffe and others, we have investigated a new road to Cairns from the Kennedy Highway starting at the Kuranda side of Davies Creek, ending up in Cairns CBD 20kms away. This would allow heavy vehicles to bypass the Kuranda Range Road and Barron Bridge relieving congestion and reduce the danger of driving on this road.

I have recommended the Barron River bridge, provided it is not decommissioned due to its age and state of repair, be left open for local light vehicles to maintain the tourist trade that is so vital for the economy of the township. The range would be less congested and safer for local traffic after the trucks start using the proposed new road to Cairns.

I would like the support of Kuranda residents to ensure the State Government builds this new road and keeps maintaining the range and the bridge. In my opinion it should be developed further, into a world class tourist route.

You can visit my Mareeba office in Byrnes St and sign a petition to this effect or take a petition to Kuranda for residents to sign. Closes 31/3/21. www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3474.

Bob Katter, Member for Kennedy

The Kuranda Media Association acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. The Kuranda Media Association is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

I realise life goes on around us in a very hectic pace and we can't escape it even when living up here in the beautiful surrounds of Kuranda and Speewah. Yet hurrying around our roads is costing the lives of wildlife on a daily basis. Don't get me wrong, I fully accept that accidents can and do happen even when slowing down and keeping an eye out for our precious wildlife. But going slower gives us more time to react and it will save lives. However, what we DO have 100% control over is what happens after the accident! Driving off after hitting an animal is not acceptable. Everyone needs to take responsibility for what happened and act accordingly. Check on the animal, if it is still alive, get it some help. If it is dead then check the pouch for joeys (where applicable) and remove the body from the road. If you are too squeamish and can't deal with the situation, at the very least call for help! Luckily, we have several wildlife rescuers and carers in our area. Take down one of those numbers and put it in your phone or leave it in your car. You can always call us here in Speewah for sick and injured wildlife and we are happy to help. Call 4093-0761.

The photo accompanying this letter is of a red-legged pademelon joey which was standing beside its dead mother on William Smith Drive in Speewah. The driver didn't care to stop!
Wilf & Patty Gujer, Speewah



AND THEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT...

I have been involved with the Kuranda Paper for over 18 years and once it went to the printer, my involvement stopped there. However, there has been a call out in a number of issues now for paper folders. The papers are required to be folded in time for delivery to post and letter boxes by Australia Post the same morning.

My husband and I attended last month's folding morning. I don't know why we haven't been before. Half way through the process there was a power outage and the group inside the office was required to work by the light from a mobile phone. It was fun, easy and the cheerful bunch actually finished in record time. Unfortunately, we were unable to take advantage of the Paper's complimentary coffee for folders as the power was still out.

If you have a couple of hours one morning a month, please consider joining the paper folders..

Toni Rogers, Kuranda



Cover Masthead

This month's masthead is a photograph of a Green possum by Kuranda photographer, Steven Nowakowski. While Green possums prefer high altitudes, some have been spotted at Speewah and other places in the Kuranda district.



EASTER EVENT PLANNING

get involved!

There's plenty of things happening with the Kuranda Traders Association (KTA) and lots of busy people in the background working to keep Kuranda on the radars of local and state government representatives, and maintaining a social presence for visitors. Planning is also underway for our Easter event.

Easter Event – "Kuranda Rocks Easter" Saturday 3 April from 12 noon to 10pm

With just over five weeks until Easter, the KTA is planning another community event — "Kuranda Rocks Easter". Our planning is in full swing, but we still need more volunteers to pitch in to make this a successful event like the Twilight Trading event.

The event is themed around 'rocks' including some great live bands to rock out the music vibes. There will be plenty for the kids to do including rock painting, Easter bonnet parade, Magical Chicken Quest, community weaving by local fibre artists, and entertainment in the park. We are endeavouring to recapture some of the community spirit and playfulness of the famous Kuranda Spring fairs, which are remembered with a great deal of fondness. All the action will start from 12 noon.

Upper Coondoo Street will be closed off to traffic from approximately 2pm until 11pm to accommodate market stalls. Interested stall holders and community groups are encouraged to get in touch to apply for a stall.

Email kurandatradersassociation@mail.com

Feedback we received from our Twilight Trading event was that the Village lighting at night is poor. So we have addressed the issue with Council, and they will be arranging temporary lighting

for all future events until the Coondoo Street lighting upgrades commence in 2022. This is very welcome! Thank you Mareeba Shire Council.

Membership

We are very proud to announce that we now have over 53 members join the KTA—quite a remarkable achievement for our little Village. We thank all members who are helping to keep Kuranda on the map during these difficult times and working in a cooperative way to create a prosperous town. If you haven't joined yet—you should! We have financial memberships for businesses who hold an ABN, and supporter memberships for free! Drop us a line at kurandatradersassociation@mail.com for an application form.

Connections

We have recently made important connections with other regional organisations and are now members of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce and the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce, as well as Tourism Atherton Tablelands (TAT).

Our membership with TAT is seeing a number of benefits for Kuranda businesses including discounted advertising for the 2021/22 Discover Visitor's Guide. As an association we have secured a double page spread for Kuranda businesses, of which all 18 available positions have been snapped up. Through this Chamber Partnership initiative, KTA financial members receive complementary membership with TAT. This is designed to strengthen the industry and includes a listing on the destination website athertontablelands.com.au and invitations to networking and workshop events.

Strategic Planning

We have a grant application in the works to apply for funding for a Strategic Plan and Marketing Plan for the KTA. If we are successful, the planning process will help inform our future direction as an association.

Social Media

Our small social media crew have been working hard behind the scenes keeping the Kuranda Village socials buzzing. This is proving to be a very time-consuming job for the crew, who are also running their own businesses. We encourage all Kuranda businesses to start making an effort on your socials to not only help your own business, but to help raise the profile of Kuranda as a destination. Don't forget to use meaningful hashtags and be sure to #kurandavillage on all your posts. Just remember it's always quality over quantity – focus on taking interesting photos from different angles, and share engaging stories. If you have great images, we may even add them to our stories or highlights, which can also benefit your business—we have a Facebook following of almost 19,000 people and over 5,000 on Instagram, so that's a lot of extra eyes on your business.

Kuranda Website

We've been in talks with Council about the kuranda.org website which is currently forwarded to the TTNQ website. The redirection of this Kuranda website has been of some concern to the KTA for a while now, as visitors to the old website had a plethora of local information about Kuranda, and now they can view only limited content. We requested that Council consider turning the website over to the KTA, so in mid-February, Council agreed to the request, and a contract is in the process of being written up. This will allow us to update Kuranda information more quickly so that visitors always have the most up-to-date information about Kuranda. Stay tuned for advertising opportunities for your business on this site.

 Kuranda Traders Association



Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 7 March 9am–10.30am

It's Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March.

Join me and a bunch of local characters at 9am in Centenary Park, Kuranda to clean up the park and the surrounding streets. We are coming together as a community on Clean Up Australia Day for the good of our home town, to encourage each other to be better people, and to have some fun while doing something positive for the world and our own lives. Every little good deed counts in the big scheme of things. Dress up in something that makes you happy—tutus and flowers make me happy. Whatever makes you smile. For an extra special touch Buggy Bumblebee will join us with her bubbles and For Earth Mermaid with recycling games for our fun and enjoyment.

My life changed when I started to care enough about nature to clean it up. I even started pulling my car over to pick up rubbish on the side of the road. I stopped walking passed litter on the ground – how many other people had?

It's harder for nature to break down rubbish than it is for you to pick it up and put it in the bin. Trash is one of the fairies biggest issues. The karma fairies are watching. If you know someone who always has bad luck, look at how they are treating nature. If want your life to flow, live in harmony with nature as best you can and nature will help you. If you can't make it on the day, go for a walk and clean up your own street. And you don't need to wait for a clean up day to do it. Do it every day.

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Congratulations to Kuranda local Leanne Gray and her counterpart Dora Yeatman of Yarrabah for completing the first stage of the Queensland Ambulance Service Indigenous paramedics program. These cadets are leaders within their communities, helping to promote the importance of healthcare.

Great news for the Koah Sports and Social Club who were successful in the State's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (Round 106 for \$34,310 to upgrade their facility and purchase new equipment). This grant is for not-for-profit community groups to help them provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

Kuranda Bridge – Transport and Main Roads (TMR) have advised during our last meeting on 4 February that there are known defects which they are rectifying as they go along while testing is still on going by UK experts. They will need to interpret the report once completed and I hope to be briefed in the coming months. I will share this information as soon as it is received.

Northern Access Strategy has been completed. This study looks at exploring all options for accessing Kuranda and the Tablelands from Cairns, including potential alternate routes along with upgrading the Range Road.

TMR reported they will be briefing me on the outcome sometime in March/April 2021. Again, I will be sure to share this information.

Kuranda Range Intelligence System (ITS) - \$30 million has been approved for ITS to go ahead which will include more cameras and variable speed limit signs on the Range Road. We will know more about how this will look in April 2021.

As always, if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact my local office by emailing barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 4229 0100.



Above L-R: Leanne Gray, Craig Crawford, and Dora Yeatman
Right: Craig and Leanne



Barron Falls Walking Tracks Update

Wet weather and a fallen tree necessitating repairs have meant a delay to opening the new walking tracks to the public. Depending on weather a March opening to the public is anticipated (check Mareeba Shire Council FB page for updates) and an official opening in late March or April.

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

A recent community survey was conducted to assist with Mareeba Shire Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.

The feedback will be analysed over the coming months and used to guide the development of the Strategy which will then be shared with the community.

Council recognises the importance of providing quality public spaces and facilities to encourage active communities and to improve the visual appeal and liveability of the Shire. To support this vision, Council is developing a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to ensure that these public spaces are planned and managed for a growing community using sound asset management principles.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Angela Toppin thanked residents and community groups for taking the time to provide feedback.

"We received over 400 responses which will help drive our strategic vision for Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy," Cr Toppin said.

"The community feedback will give Council a better understanding of how the community currently uses our parks and open spaces and their ideas for these recreation areas.

"The information will assist us developing actions and priorities under the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy," Cr Toppin said.

Council maintains a variety of parks and open spaces such as recreational areas, water esplanades, streetscapes, footpaths and cycle ways.

Craig Crawford – Member for Barron River
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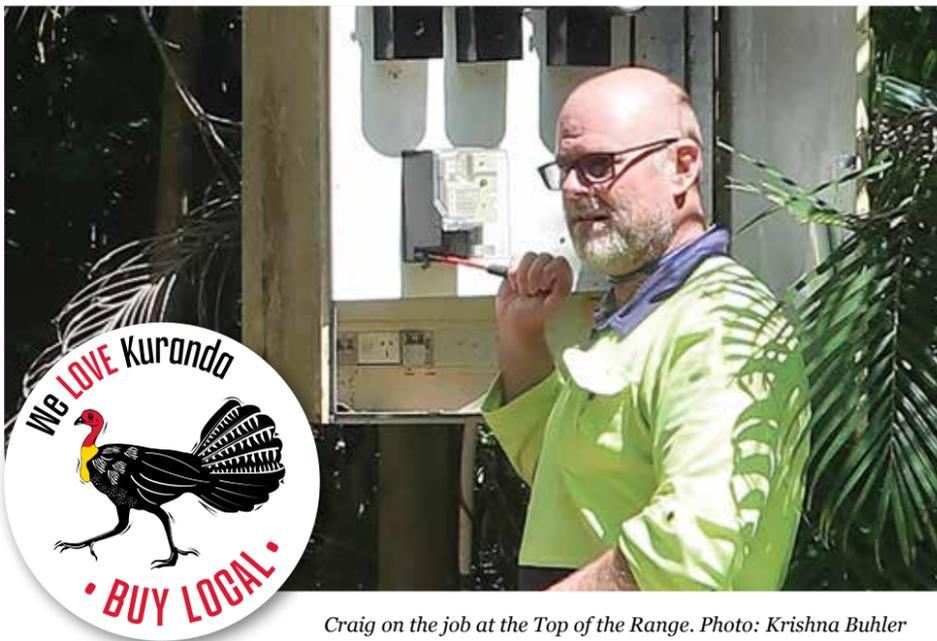
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LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

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Craig on the job at the Top of the Range. Photo: Krishna Buhler



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How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

After moving to Cairns 20 years ago, we fell in love with the Kuranda region and promptly bought our little own slice of paradise in Speewah. We started our electrical business about seven years ago with the mindset of looking after the locals as we noticed it was difficult to get a licensed electrical contractor to service the Koah, Speewah and Kuranda region.

How did you come to be in Kuranda? How did you come to name your business and what was your vision?

Over the years we have branched out to cater to the local lifestyle, and are qualified and licensed to install solar systems, solar batteries and air conditioners, as well as still doing general electrical, cable locating, thermal imaging and data logging. We take pride in our business approach of providing honest advice, quality equipment and service for the customer. It's always been important for us to give the customer all the information they need to make an informed decision without the high pressure tactics the solar industry has the reputation for.

What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business? What community endeavours/causes are you involved in or have a passion for?

We have been really lucky to be involved in community projects, which has been very rewarding as the community spirit in this area is awesome.

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

COVID-19 last year meant I had to close under the Qld Health directive for several months. I reopened under a COVID-Safe Plan in July, which involved making a few changes in the clinic set-up and screening clients to reduce the risk of contamination. We have been so lucky up here to be able to continue working relatively unaffected. I am so grateful to my clients and the Kuranda community for their patience and understanding and hope we can continue to enjoy the freedoms of being COVID-safe.



A CUP OF COFFEE FOR CANCER 6 March 2021

Cup of Coffee for Cancer Day is a day of fundraising for a cause close to everyone—because everyone has been touched in some way by cancer. This fundraiser will take place in Kuranda on 6 March. I have promised Cancer Council Queensland that I would raise \$10,000 by the end of 2022, as I walk two very long walks over the next couple of years.

I now ask the people of Kuranda to support me in buying a cup of coffee or giving a donation. A percentage of each coffee sold by participating Kuranda businesses on Saturday 6 March will be returned to Cancer Council Queensland. If a business requires a donation tin please contact me. There will also be a raffle and tickets are now available.

If any Kuranda business wishes to be part of this Cup of Coffee for Cancer Day please contact me, Jennifer Rooks, at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre, or on 0409 871 800, or via my personal FB page. I will personally visit your café or business.



Below: Earthstar fungus, *Geastrum australe*. Photo: Holly Rochelle Reade, Kuranda





Well 2021 is rolling forward so fast already!

Our AGM would have been held by the time this edition comes out and we welcome our new Committee for 2021. We will post those Management positions next month.

The Amphitheatre's focus this year will be our 40th Anniversary. A celebration will be held in Spring September/October to be in line with the venue's historical Kuranda Spring Festivals! We will need many volunteers to put this one together.

We are calling for any historical images from the past 10 years of events, volunteers, performers, works and anything else of interest. You can post these on the official Kuranda Amphitheatre Facebook page or through Messenger. Alternatively email the Kuranda Amphitheatre (see below) or get in touch. An historical exhibition will be held on the day of our 40th celebration.

The Management Committee will be applying for funding for this one and we hope to be successful. Our 40th birthday needs to be a community supported event in many areas. We, as a community have so much to be proud of keeping this venue alive.

Keep a look out for production meetings to be held in the near future!

Working Bees in 2021 will again be on the second Sunday of the month, weather permitting. A yummy lunch and refreshments are provided and the first couple will obviously be in the gardens cleaning up after a beautiful wet season!

2021 Membership Forms are available at the Honey House Kuranda and a massive shout out to the Honey House for always being ready to support the Amphitheatre.



The Kuranda Amphitheatre evolved after a small meeting in 1979 of visionary Kuranda residents, onsite in the "scrub" as it was then. After a lot of hard work by volunteers, the Kuranda Amphitheatre became an incorporated association in 1981. In 2021 we mark the 'official' 40th anniversary – decades of volunteering in our small town to maintain a world-renowned venue. One which is unique in Australia – the only 100% voluntarily built, managed, staffed and loved not-for-profit community group, a venue surrounded by World Heritage Rainforest and the ability to throw a darn good party for a few thousand people.

L-R: unknown, Anne Edwards, late Joan Dods. Photo: Kuranda Village News, October 1981



Message Stick from Willie Brim

In response to recent discussion in our community, I wanted to clear up some things, from my personal point of view. Anyone who knows me is aware that I have been passionate to see Buluwai get its rightful recognition as a tribe.

My Auntie Marita and Uncle Lyn Hobbler raised me and Uncle Warren and Uncle Lalfie culturally educated me. When people lived at Mona Mona they were not allowed and afraid to talk about culture. When the Tjapukai Dance Theatre opened in 1987, there was next to no knowledge of any tribes or language around this area being practised. In those days, Yalanji was the main language used. Many of us dancers weren't from the Tjapukai tribe but danced under that company name.

Look at my cultural background as being like a jigsaw puzzle, using not only the information given to me by my Elders - Auntie Marita, Uncle Warren, Uncle Lalfie, Brother Roy Banning, Uncle Breadman and Grannie Maggie - but also my sister Dianne has contributed a lot of work and research over the last two decades to compile our family history and our connection to Buluwai. Back in 2003, we put in the first Native Title claim for Buluwai at Davies Creek.

In 2004, I accepted the role as Chairman of DTAC. During this time, including the Native Title Determination of the Barron Gorge handover, I always introduced myself as a Buluwandji man even though my Great Grandma Annie Brim (nee Annie Annie) was a Djabugay woman. As many may know traditionally, you always follow your father's line (where possible) and then as the women married men from neighbouring tribes they then took on their tribal identity, laws and customs. The Barron Gorge Native Title Determination covers both Buluwai and Djabugay country. My involvement as the Chairperson of DTAC gave us the chance to secure land for Buluwai and Djabugay descendants.

I think the white man has left us some useful tracks through their writings. The white man has left his footprints when he studied us – anthropologists, historians and linguists – then you have to balance it up with what you've been taught by your Elders.

What I do, is not only for my ancestors past, but also for all Buluwandji descendants, and our neighbours Djabugay (north), Yirrgay (east), Muluridji (west), Ngatjan (south west) and Yidindji (south east).

I think it is great and well overdue to see Nyirrima - our local languages to be taught in our schools but I believe it needs to be done in such a way that it is inclusive of all language custodians in the Cairns and Tablelands area.

We now have the Native Title Cairns Regional Claim (CRC). In 2016, I was nominated as the Buluwai applicant for this claim. The CRC has a Language Advisory Committee (CRC LAC) which has been set up to represent all tribes within the CRC claim including Yirrgay, Djabugay, and Buluwai people.

At the end of the day all I want to see is the correct information and knowledge to be passed on to our future generations. And for us to all work together to create jobs and opportunities for our future children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

My door is always open
May Bulurru bless you all
Uncle Willie Brim



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Buluwai Indigenous Corporation (BIC) News

Cairns Regional Claim Group Native Title

BIC encourages all participating Djabugay, Buluwai, Yirrgay tribal descendants of the CRC claim area to contact Gregory Bell to be added to the mail list to receive information about the claim, genealogies, upcoming meetings and areas of responsibility. NQLC phone 4042 7000.

Meetings

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2021 Dates: 13 Mar, 10 Apr, 8 May, 12 Jun, 10 Jul, 14 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec

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SISTER SARAH RETIRES

Sarah Macpherson—or Sister Sarah—as she was known in the early 1990s in Kuranda, is finally hanging up her hat. Her retirement marks a long history of service in Kuranda including when she was in charge as DON of Uniting Church BlueCare Respite in the CWA Hall. She continued her commitment to community wellbeing after retirement by taking on the role of CWA Hall Convenor at age 67.

At age 17, Sarah trained as a nurse in Edinburgh, Scotland, then arrived in Melbourne in 1965 via Africa. In 1983 Sarah moved to Queensland, and continued nursing.

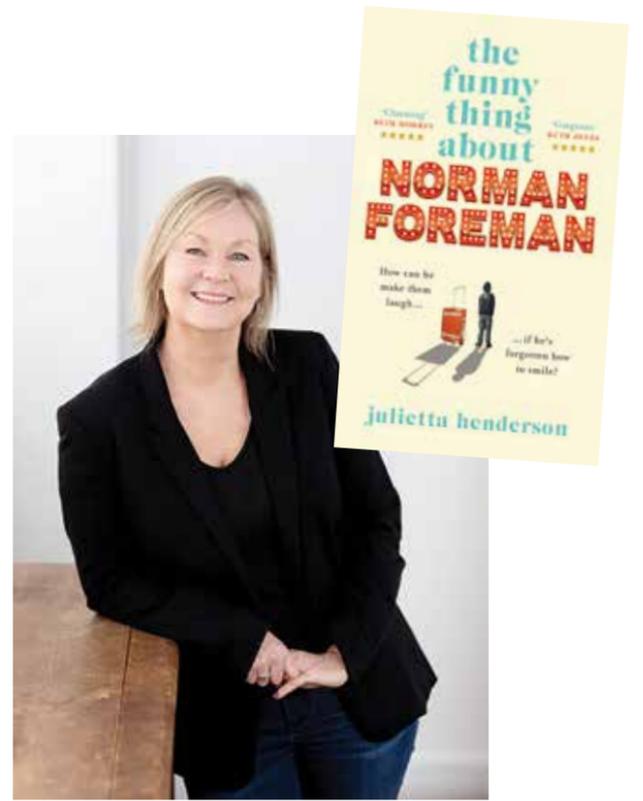
On reaching the wonderful age of 90, Sarah recognises it's now time to stop! Her commitment to the CWA Hall (along with the long-time assistance of her handyman partner, Paul Cordell), is going to be hard to replace. We wish Sarah and Paul all the best. While those shoes are big ones to fill, we welcome all volunteers to apply!

Art Therapy with Tristan and mixed craft opportunities will be happening on Wednesday 18 March 9.30am (craft mornings every third Wednesday). Contact Christine 0427 535 916 for more information. Included will be a trading table to raise funds for Domestic Violence and Cancer Care. ALL WELCOME!

QCWA is promoting #MakingTime.

2020/21 are difficult times and everyone's experience has been different. Australians living with a mental illness and their carers, have told us that one thing that has helped them through difficult moments is making time for what matters to them. The National Mental Health Commission has launched #MakingTime as a way for people to share their stories and strategies during tough times. What are you #MakingTime for this summer? www.nmhcmakingtime.com.au

Change in Booking Agent. Huge thanks to Sandra McCorry for her generous endeavours as Booking Agent, and also to Sarah MacPherson as Hall Convenor. After years of service they are passing the mantle onto the next caretakers. Both have made themselves readily available to ensure the Kuranda CWA Hall continues to be an affordable and safe place for community activities – THANK YOU. Please note the change in email address and Booking Agent for Kuranda CWA (above).



FORMER KURANDA PUPIL ENJOYS INTERNATIONAL BOOK RELEASES

Julietta Henderson, a pupil at the Kuranda State School in the 1970s, and a long time resident of Kuranda (though currently living in Melbourne) has just had a novel published in Australia by Penguin Random House Australia. It will be launched in the UK by an imprint of Penguin Random House UK, with translations in Holland, Germany, Israel and Italy in April. Also later in April it will be launched by Bantam in the USA. It has already been published in South Africa.

The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman is bound to bring a smile to readers' faces. This is *Little Miss Sunshine* meets *Mamma Mia* for readers who loved *The Rosie Project* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*.

This is a mother-son road trip that inspires and delights like the best road trip novels and films—especially at a time when Australians are travelling in their cars more than ever. *The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman* makes the perfect summer salve after the doom and gloom of 2020.



Above: Nursing Sisters for BlueCare Respite, Sisters Cheryl Francis & Sarah MacPherson, Kuranda. Photo: August 1991 Kuranda Community News Issue #2 (later The Kuranda Paper)

Above right: Acknowledging Sarah MacPherson's 34 years' service to Kuranda CWA. L-R: Colleen Blunt (Secretary), Sarah, Toni Rogers (Member), and Christine Ritchie (Crafts). Photo: Krishna Buhler



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TALES FROM THE CRYPT



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Welcome to a new year of the Kuranda Men's Shed. For those newer members, our annual fees are now due and are still only \$30. This is to cover our insurance and public liability. Very little goes to the shed coffers and we need everyone to be financial by the 28 February.

A huge THANK YOU to all our supporters throughout the trials and tribulations of last year. We hope everyone is safe and well and hopefully 2021 will be better than 2020 (surely!).

On a really high note, the Kuranda She Shed opened its doors to the Lady DIY-ers on 17 January. A group of eight She-Shedders made a start with a couple of the fellas helping out with how to use the various power tools. The gals are already into making some of their own woodwork projects, while a couple of others have started learning how to weld. Many thanks to Don, Bob, Mal and John for giving up their Sundays to lend a hand.

The barbeque area on the north side is coming along, with grass cover starting to take hold. Eddy and 'Ris have been planting out along the edges, and Richard is getting on with erecting our new outdoor equipment storage shed. Dougie and Eddy have also been busy upgrading our storage racks in the old shed and cleaning up the mess that was.

Lots more happening in the small engines and pressure washers departments as well, so come on down, make some new friends (or catch up with old ones), have a look around and join us Shedders for a cuppa on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and with the She-Shedders on Sundays.

For those people interested in the Men's Shed organisation you can find lots of information and news at www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380 or visit the website at www.mensshed.org/theshedonline

Sheddy Eddy



Above left: Cathy Retter on the drop saw. Above right: John Todd on lathe.

Trading Hours

Wed 8.30am–11.30am • Sat 2pm–5pm • She Shed Sun 2pm–5pm
Located at end of Kuranda Heights Road, past the Caravan Park in the old Council depot

Contact

Daryl Douglass (Secretary) 4093 9421
Richard Clews (President) 4093 0457

Kuranda Men's Shed

Amazon Frogbit

Amazon Frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*) has been declared a local pest following an emergency declaration made by Council on 17 February. Frogbit is a floating freshwater plant from Central and South America. It has been kept and traded for use in fishponds, aquariums and water features.

Under Council's Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) councillors unanimously moved the emergency declaration to declare it as a local pest for three months. Council will begin the process to have Amazon Frogbit declared as a local pest permanently in Council's local law.

Mareeba Shire Mayor Angela Toppin said Council has been lobbying the State and Federal Governments for many months to have the weed recognised as an invasive plant.

"Frogbit has been a concern of the community and Council for some time and we recognise the devastating effect the plant is having on our waterways and environment," Cr Toppin said.

"The weed was identified in the Council's new Biosecurity Plan which was released last year and now we are taking further action to prompt the Government to declare Frogbit as an invasive plant," Cr Toppin said. "The community has seen how rapidly the weed can invade and smother waterways."

"Atherton Creek and Granite Creek in Mareeba were absolutely covered in the weed and it was near impossible to remove the dense mat covering the waterways. The weed was flushed downstream after a deluge, however it now poses a threat to the Barron River." Cr Toppin said.

Declaring Amazon Frogbit as a local pest will prohibit the sale, propagating or harbouring the weed. The law will also allow Council to enter properties to conduct inspections for the declared pest. The plant can have significant environmental impacts to the waterways by preventing native water plants from growing, reducing light, food and shelter for fish and other aquatic animals and blocking waterways and irrigation channels.



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Kuranda District State College

Student Induction Ceremony 2021

As a community we can all agree how important it is to support local business. We are writing this to connect with our Kuranda Community to ask you to support some of the biggest assets Kuranda has — our local schools. We need your help to positively promote and continue to grow these amazing assets and see them thrive even more.

As the P&C Committee of Kuranda District State College (KDSC), we are proud of how far our school has come in the past few years. We acknowledge that there have been issues in the past, but the College has a completely new leadership team that is now entering its third year. We have worked closely with the current leadership of the College to address historical issues that have impacted on teaching, learning and student well-being. In this time we have witnessed the College go from strength to strength.

We are lucky at KDSC to have a large portion of the school's employees living locally such as: the maintenance and gardening crew, cleaners, the tuckshop lady, our librarian, the majority of teacher aides and admin staff, and plus quite a few of the teachers. If we had more students attending our school, the funding that would come with that would have a flow-on effect in our community, creating more jobs for locals, who in turn live and spend the money in Kuranda. State school funding is based on student numbers. So for every student that attends another school, resources are diverted away from our local school. KDSC has the capacity for 600 students, but only approximately 350 students are currently enrolled.

The P&C Committee is passionate about the future of KDSC and our children's education. It concerns us that KDSC still has a reputation based on things that occurred in the past, often years ago, with some community members relentless with their negative comments and slander.

There are so many things to celebrate about our school. Where is the positive community acknowledgment that 100 per cent of our Year 12 students received their QCEs? The congratulations to our school for having an award winning sustainability program? Or that we have the only school-based radio program still running in FNQ? What about the amazing work our Indigenous Leaders do within our community? Or that student attendance has risen exponentially over the last few years? How about the improved student behaviour that means we are on track to become a demonstration school for Positive Learning Behaviours within Qld Education in 2022? Our students have moved onto university, traineeships, apprenticeships and amazing careers. Isn't all of that something to be celebrated?

We are lucky that families have access to a great school right here with no bus fares, no pricey uniforms and low resource fees to cover stationery. If potential or new families believe what they read on social media, it could unnecessarily cause financial strain on them if they feel they have no other choice than to go to another school out of our catchment area.

We would also like to remind readers that former and current students are also on social media and it is demeaning for them to see their community so unsupportive of their school where they are achieving (or have achieved) amazing results.

At KDSC, children are names—not numbers, they are surrounded by trees—not concrete, and they have achieved incredible academic results over the years.

Unfortunately, the tremendous improvements and achievements are not seen, acknowledged or celebrated by the wider community due to the baffling desire of a few individuals to hold onto issues experienced years ago. If community members were actually involved in the school, and witnessed the great teaching and learning that occurs there, then they would quickly realise that the negative commentary about the College is simply not true.

We are not asking, nor expecting, families to return to KDSC based on this letter alone. However, we have had many families return to our school over the past two years who have all praised how well the College is going and how much happier their kids are! All we ask is that you stop the negative, unsolicited commentary about the College when a new family asks about the local school on social media. Encourage them to check out both of our local options — Kuranda District State College and the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School — so that they can make an informed decision about their child's education. If they are not satisfied with the local choices, then they can look further afield.

Help us to grow our schools and see them thrive. Help our kids be proud to be part of a local community that celebrates their achievements. Support your local community by supporting your local schools!

KDSC P&C Team



Friday 12 February was a day of celebration for the students and their families, and the staff of Kuranda District State College. At 10.15 am everyone gathered to acknowledge the 2021 College leaders. This event also witnessed the Year 12 students receive their senior badges from Mr Donohue, the new Head of Senior School. The School Captains then led the Year 12s in the recital of the Senior Undertaking Oath:

*We accept our roles as school leaders.
We pledge to support the Kuranda District State College,
Students, Staff and Community,
By upholding our school's expectations
To be safe, respectful learners.*

*Through our leadership,
Behaviour and hard work,
As an individual and as a leadership team,
We will make our school a better place.*

Congratulations to all the year 12s and the 39 students who are our 2021 Secondary and Primary College Captains, Indigenous Leaders, House Captains and Class Representatives.




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CLUBHOUSE NEARS COMPLETION

THE KURANDA SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

A bit of a tale to inform, dispel rumours and get the gossip right.

A few years ago the Kuranda Returned Servicemen's League, never a large organization, was an endangered species. The WW1 & WW2 campaigners were fading away in numbers and at one stage there was concern among the few that the Kuranda RSL would become an Historic branch.

The concern was expressed by members in three ways:-

1) That the RSL would close. 2) If the RSL Club closed, the village would lose a proven philanthropic organization which has supported many community causes financially. Over the years organizations such as the High School, Junior Football, Red Cross and the Ambulance have benefited. 3) If the RSL closed its doors, then Kuranda RSL land asset would be sold and revenue would be transferred to State RSL coffers.

The financial loss to community would be sad considering the few social amenities that we have in our village. The Kuranda RSL could not allow this to happen.

About three years ago a recruiting drive enlisted the assistance of people who had served in the Korean, Malaya and Vietnam campaigns. A dedicated committee was formed to turn the situation around. A plan was formulated to sell the RSL's main asset and build an amenity for the community.

The Kuranda Bowls Club had a piece of land for their green but no Club. The two organizations Committees negotiated and agreed to join forces to achieve a shared vision of a sporting venue for Kuranda.

Eventually land was found behind Masons Road and a conceptual plan including a club, bowling green, swimming pool, tennis courts and oval facilities was placed before council.

Council agreed in principal to the plan providing that the clubhouse and bowling green land area became part of a special lease.

In the meantime the RSL Main St. asset was sold. The RSL and Bowls Club decided to form an incorporated body which is a separate entity from the RSL and the Bowls Club.

The incorporated body to satisfy all parent body requirements was named the Kuranda RSL Memorial Bowls and Service Club. Quite a mouthful, which has now been shortened to the "Kuranda Sports and Social Club".

Our vision was that the facility would be an umbrella social amenity for the community and those sporting organizations which wished to develop the recreation reserve. e.g. swimming, tennis, cricket etc.

The vision has now progressed to a bricks and mortar stage. Currently the project, being constructed by Project Administration Services, is nearing completion. The schedule is:- 1) Completion of club-house building estimated mid-september. 2) Kids playground to be included in landscaping design. 3) Bowling green to be at pre-final stage at the end of October.

A landscape design plan will be called in August. Community participation to assist with landscaping the reserve will be advertised later.

the next steps are:

Construction of a Council Car Park. Oval & Tennis Courts - Community, Club and Council to address the planned facilities.

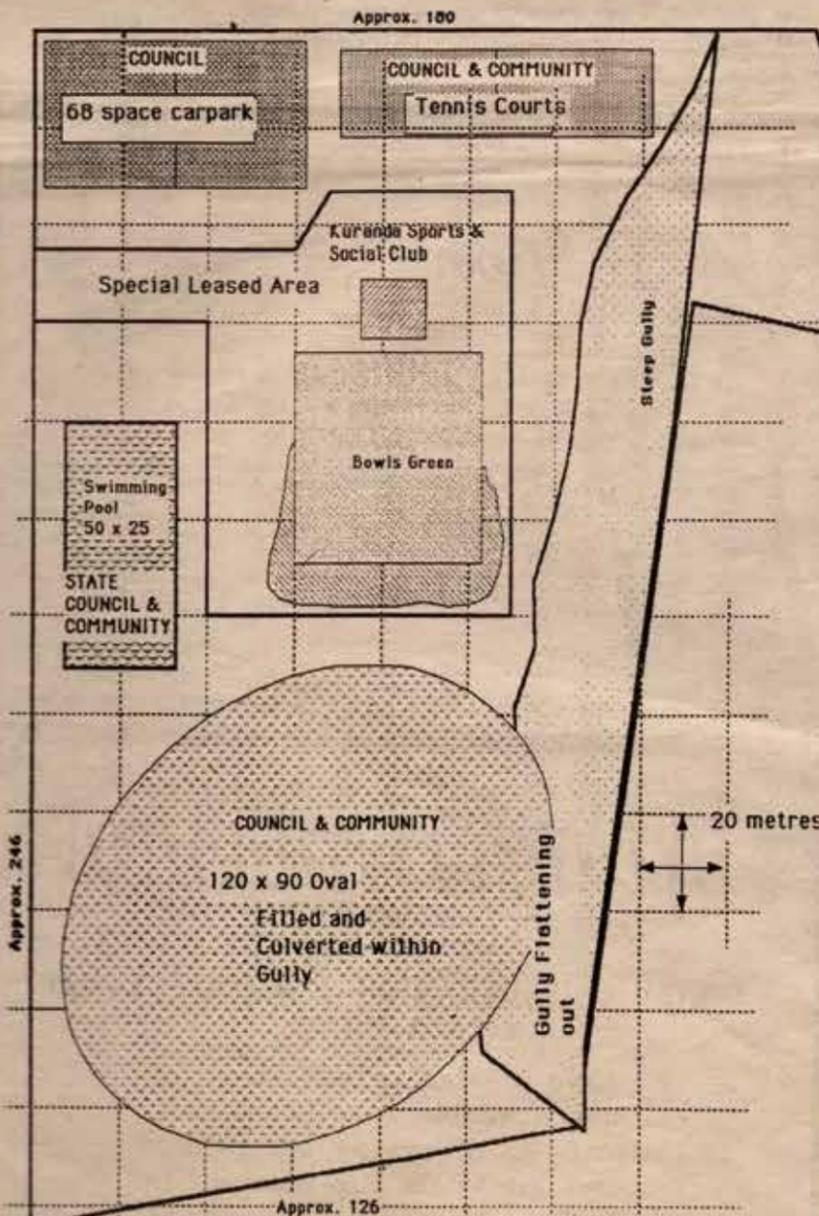
Swimming Pool - forming of a fund raising committee for the swimming pool fund. The goal is a full Olympic standard 6-8 lane pool.

Road - the road which gives access to the reserve is only a temporary alignment and is actually taking up a small part of the reserve.

There is sufficient land on the reserve for a cricket oval, although general filling will be required. There may have to be some repositioning of the layout to obtain maximum benefits.

The first part of the project is nearing completion and the Sports & Social Club Committee would appreciate thoughts and suggestions and commitment from the community to progress the remaining community facilities.

The Committee expresses its thanks to Cr. Wally Grey for his assistance. We look forward to Cr. Grey and Cr. June Rees' continued support to complete this project. That's all folks...now you know as much as we do.



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The Sports & Social Club Committee

A Grinter's Tale

Dear Facebook. I hope you are well and finding life blissful without the news. Having got over the niceties, I'm going straight to the point, I want facetime with you to discuss some issues that are concerning me greatly.

In the real world, given your lack of ability to respond, I would jettison all contact with you, source another supplier. But regrettably, potential clients go to business Facebook pages, and surprise, surprise, your minions have to possess a personal profile in order to link a business page. Pretty sneaky, and nowadays so complicated to pilot a business page and get any other work done while battling the complexities involved.

I posted a job vacancy on a few community pages last week for a client of mine who does not use social media (very sensible; he actually has a life and makes a living, and by gum, he's healthy and happy). Oh that was such a mistake. I clearly put in the text at the top that it was for a truck driving position, and to reply direct to the mobile number...

When I posted my wording, my own Word Factory ad came up underneath and there was no way I could dispose of that, but the message remained quite clear in the main part of the post. You would have to be blind not to see it. The result of my trying to help was that 23 applicants pressed 'Duh' on their mobile keypad and shot their résumé through to me on Messenger. I would have immediately dismissed their applications for "lack of attention to detail".

Back to you, Facebook. I just don't get why you can play host to a myriad scam clothing companies to which many gullible people give custom without Googling their authenticity, while I can't advertise a rescue horse looking for a good home?

How can you play advocate for morality in choosing what constitutes violence etc., while deleting offending posts, at the same time ignoring scathing, near libellous and sometimes blatantly nasty posts on community pages, worst of all, read by your kids? While the bunfight posts are probably up there amongst the most entertaining on Facebook, most of us despise the negative, nasty digs. It's like watching the Australian Open Tennis Championships, volley after volley with points scored on either side, but the difference is, no-one ever wins.

Such a timewaster, you are, Facebook. You have as much transparency as a Colorbond roof, and you've caused heartache, depression, loneliness, anxiety and even suicide. Yet nearly 3 billion people around the world use you and most of them are probably suffering from some level of addiction, including me.

Yes there's supposedly a good side. It's never been easier to buy online (sorry, that's not good, but this is purely for the purposes of an analogy) and in the same way, it's never been easier to make friends. With the click of a button of acceptance you can add someone you've never even heard of, never mind met. No effort, express delivery guaranteed and no postage costs, even if they come with excess baggage. And like receiving an electronic item that doesn't work, it is too much trouble to send back; you're stuck with them as they disappear into the Friends folder, while you wait patiently for them to explain why they have suddenly chosen you to be their new best friend.

I have always felt dreadful ignoring friend requests from people I don't know, and I don't mean those sad, desperate, would be Romeos from around the world looking to win my undying affection with a "How are you, lovely lady?" I'm talking about people who see you as friends on their own friends' pages and set out to collect you like supermarket cash register giveaways.

"Are you collecting the Discovery Garden collectibles?"

Moi. "No, I don't have a Discovery Garden per se, thank you, I'm aiming more towards the *Lost Gardens of Heligan* style, but please feel free to give mine to any Discovery Garden owner in this queue. I'm sure there must be many with gardens of the Discovery category that would kill for one lettuce seed."

God I loathe supermarkets and their despicable and irresponsible marketing techniques. When can we ban plastic bags that only serve to profit the supermarkets? After all, those who fill their trolley with the dastardly things buy them in quantity with absolutely no regard for the environment, and I guarantee they will never be reused except to move things to the household bin. Could we make them \$5 a pop? That'll make folk remember to take a bag to the stupormarket.

While I am on the bandwagon, I don't get how a tin of sweet corn niblets needs a use by date, but the supermarkets can sell you fresh (?) salmon from the deli without any idea of how old it is and how long you can safely keep it in your fridge.

Back to Facebook, well, I suppose you do have a soft side. Here I am tonight looking at a post on my old school Facebook page. Reminiscences of old students and teachers that suck me into my past, fill me with nostalgia and I find myself thanking this amazing medium that reconnects me with amazing memories and friends from decades ago.

There's always a silver lining, even if it turns out to be merely Alfoil.



HELLO FACEBOOK

by Suzy Grinter

Hello Facebook, my old friend
I've come to look at you again
Because my iPad, it was peeping
Leaving posts while I was sleeping
And the sound that it planted in my brain
Woke me again
Breaking the bliss of silence.

In restless dreams I recalled an ad
That said that things had gone quite bad
Now it seems that we cannot choose
To go online and opt to read the news
Instead of ticking every post we feel we must
To stay in touch
Then spend our day in silence.

And around 2am, I saw
Two billion people, maybe more
People texting without speaking

People commenting without thinking
People writing comments that damage others'
psyches
From their armchair
Easy in a media based on silence

We're fools, because we know
Facebook like a cancer grows
We've forgotten how to exist alone
That is without a mobile phone
But those words, like silent raindrops fell

And echoed still
In the beep of notifications

And the people posted and played
On the media god they'd made
And a sign flashed out a warning
To the zombies that were forming
And the sign said, "Addiction to social media is as
bad as any other
Talk to each other!"
But words were lost in the silence.

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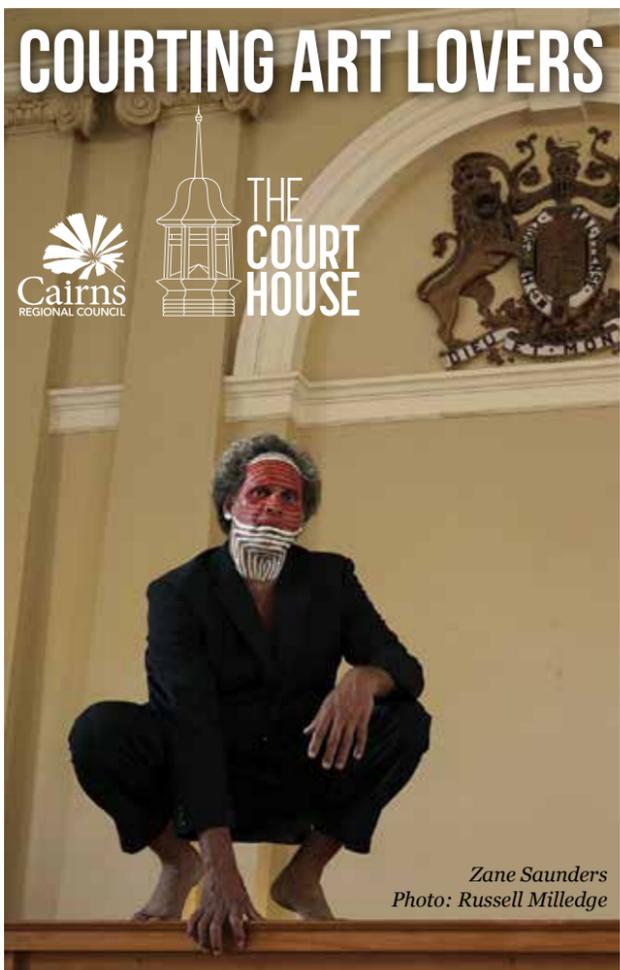
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There's a new show in town, and in one of its oldest buildings, the former Cairns Court House. The heritage building was officially opened late last year by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, following an \$8.28 million restoration and refurbishment. A grant of \$2.1 million from the Australian Government's Regional Jobs Investment Package assisted with the project.

"The opening of The Court House Gallery provides an opportunity to enhance art and cultural experiences to a greater audience," Mayor Bob Manning said.

"This building will house a dynamic program of events and exhibitions for years to come, that will help drive the city's cultural offerings."

Three exhibitions involving Indigenous artists will kick

off Cairns' newest art space – From the Ground Up by Yarrabah Ceramics; Justicia by Bonemap; and Lore to Law by UMI Arts.

Also on display will be a selection of artefacts that were unearthed from the grounds during the refurbishment, including leg irons (prisoners' shackles) and old glass bottles related specifically to Cairns manufacturing.

Cr Manning said The Court House was the second part of a four-part larger development, the Cairns Gallery Precinct, and called on the State and Federal Government to commit funding support for the project.

"When complete, the Cairns Gallery Precinct will link The Court House, Cairns Art Gallery, the Old Mulgrave Shire Council building (which needs to be refurbished), and a new world-class, purpose-built gallery," Cr Manning said.

"Arts experiences are a growing driver for tourism in Australia and are increasingly part of visitors' itineraries.

"You only have to look at the success of MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) which opened a decade ago in Hobart and has been a key driver of revitalising the tourist industry in Tasmania.

"MONA has helped to not only bring more visitors to the state, but also brought in a more sophisticated and cultured quality of clientele.

"The Victorian government has also seen the potential in the arts and has allocated \$1.4 billion for the new NGV Contemporary in Melbourne, which will be Australia's largest gallery of contemporary art and design.

"Along with the obvious cultural benefits associated with improving the city's artistic offerings, it also made good business sense.

"Authentic indigenous experiences are highly sought-after by national and international visitors.

"We are at the very forefront of providing a space to showcase such works, offer career pathways and be an inspiration for our youth, especially our indigenous youth, to pursue careers in the arts."

From Saturday 20 February, The Court House will operate Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm. For more information visit facebook.com/TheCourtHouseGallery

Three exhibitions involving Indigenous artists kick off the art offerings at the Court House.

Two of the exhibitions relate directly to Court House site, while the third explores the indigenous culture's intimate relationship and understanding of the natural environment:

JUSTICIA (BONEMAP) 20 FEB – 27 MAR

In July 2019, Bonemap (media designer, Russell Milledge and dancer, Rebecca Youdell) joined with Indigenous artist, Zane Saunders to create performative and photographic

works during the transition of the Court House.

The resulting, large format photographs and footage offer audiences a sense of the building as it was immediately prior to restoration. The artists' intention was to explore shared social and cultural histories.

Justicia (the virtue known as Lady Justice) is an allegorical personification of the moral force in judicial systems, originating in antiquity.

Bonemap have documented other sites in transition including Brisbane Powerhouse, The Substation (Singapore), and Tanks Arts Centre in 1994.

LORE TO LAW (UMI ARTS) 20 FEB – 1 MAY

Lore to Law conveys a First Nation's perspectives of the Court House and articulates some unknown stories from the period between 1877 and 1992 that have been passed down from generation to generation.

The exhibition provides an insight into Indigenous perspectives associated with traditional systems of cultural lore and the challenges faced when navigating a new justice system of law. Lore to Law has been curated by Trish Barnard, an independent freelance curator with UMI Arts.

Diverse artworks have been selected from emerging, intermediate and established artists who have conveyed historical narratives associated with injustices and legacy of the colonial period. Some have presented an interpretation of personal experiences by family members when the Court House included a registry office for births, deaths and marriages. The Barristers and Bailiffs Room within the old Court House was where legal professionals prepared for cases to be heard in the Courtroom and is a fitting place for contemporary Indigenous artists to exhibit works depicting cultural 'lore' and 'law' as a new legal system.

FROM THE GROUND UP: CEMENTING OUR STORIES THROUGH FUNCTIONAL AND SCULPTURAL CERAMICS (YARRABAH ARTS CENTRE) 20 FEB – 1 MAY

From the Ground Up celebrates the vitality and beauty of Yarrabah's environment and ensures the stories of community and culture are carried brightly into the future.

The foundation to each story reflects childhood memories of fishing, hunting and collecting from the land and sea. An intimate understanding of the environment manifests in abstract and contemporary depictions of food sources, seasonal change, significant places and features of Country.

This exhibition features sculptural vessels by Michelle Yeatman (including collaborations with Arone Meeks) and figurative sculptures by Philomena Yeatman and Roy Gray, from his Bullies series.

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Artists of North Queensland, are promised a better year in 2021 than the COVID-19 shutdowns of 2020 when many exhibitions were cancelled or postponed due to the restrictions.

Exhibitions

The Cairns Art Society (CAS) will hold their annual **Artists of the North** exhibition at the Tanks this year. CAS is calling for entries up until 19 March. The exhibition will open 2 April. A number of Arts Co-op artists will take this opportunity to exhibit.

The **Stanthorpe Art Prize** was cancelled last year and two Kuranda Arts Co-op members, Mollie Bosworth and Pam Schultz, were shortlisted for this exhibition. It is now scheduled to open on 19 February and close 18 April.

The **Call of the Running Tide** exhibition is now showing at Northside Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott St, Cairns, until 1 April. This gallery is open 10am–5pm on weekdays. Arts Co-op members, Mollie Bosworth and Susan Doherty are featured. This exhibition is a forerunner to the Port Douglas biennial arts festival *Call of the Running Tide* Environmental Sculpture and Multimedia Festival to be held in September 2021. See www.calloftherunningtide.com.au

The Zonta Club of Cairns Inc. is celebrating International Women's Week with their annual exhibition for women artists on 5 March, at the Cairns Sheridan Hotel, 295 Sheridan Street. There will be a \$10 entry fee for all artists, guests and Zontians to raise money for charity. To book your space or for further information contact Irene McGregor at Irene.p.mcgregor@gmail.com

Over a cuppa

A few Arts Co-op members met with Craig Crawford, Member for Barron River, for coffee in the Village in February. Craig has always been a keen supporter of the Arts Co-op, recognising it as a prominent and strong community not-for-profit group. We had the opportunity to update him on our 'lack of gallery space' situation at the time and members welcomed his interest and input.

Glass Workshop with Kate Prynne

Kate Prynne (glass artist) will hold her very popular **Creative Workshop with Glass and Glass Clay** on 6–7 March. Numbers are limited to 10 participants so please book early. Contact Kate now on 0400 517 949 to reserve your space.

Arts Co-op Online

The Kuranda Arts Co-op has an online presence. If you wish to purchase artwork from our many local talented artists, please go to our website www.kurandaartscoop.com or send queries to info@kurandaartscoop.com

*Painting is self discovery.
Every good artist paints what he is.*

Jackson Pollock



Above: Mollie Bosworth, Kate Prynne, Toni Rogers, Klaus Brucksch, Craig Crawford MP at Cafe Mandala in January.
Below: A section of Kate Prynne's triptych "Coral Reef". An example of the results which can be achieved at Kate's March workshop.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CONCERT AT FROGS IN MARCH

Original music celebrating the environment and the resilience of women will feature in a special fundraising concert at Frogs Kuranda on Saturday 13 March.

The Jeanette Wormald Trio is holding the concert to celebrate International Women's Day week.

The concert is free but donations during the evening will go towards the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service www.dvcairns.org

Jeanette, a former journalist, has been performing as a professional singer songwriter throughout Australia for 25 years. She has long been an advocate for raising awareness on key issues including domestic violence.

For the past four years, the Jeanette Wormald Trio have held annual fundraisers to coincide with International Women's Day.

"It's really important to me to be able to give back to the community and raise awareness of issues important to me and the broader community," she said.

"In the past I have raised funds for drought affected communities in regional Australia, environmental organisations, the bushfire appeals and domestic violence services."

"When I approached Terry to host this year's concert, he and Vicki jumped at the chance and have been incredibly supportive. Terry has also offered to donate part proceeds from the bar and a long time fan Merri, is organising raffles on the night too."

Doors open 5pm and music begins 5.30pm. Dinner available.

With five albums to her credit, Jeanette Wormald has won national and international radio airplay and critical acclaim for her original songs inspired by the Australian landscape.

Wormald is a story-teller. Her original songs, powerful stage presence and skilled musicians combine to take listeners on a musical journey through shades of folk, roots, jazz and blues into Australia's heartland.

Jeanette Wormald Trio features local musicians Paul Vandesar on lead guitar and harmony and industry music veteran and popular sound engineer Dave Hart on upright bass.



WOMEN'S DAY WOES

On 8 March the world will celebrate Women's Day. But will it be a celebration? The United Nations now reports one in three women has and will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime! This number seems to be rising. The COVID-19 lockdowns in particular have escalated violence the world over for women.

"2020 will be remembered as the worst year for domestic violence that any of us who are in the sector now have ever experienced," – Hayley Foster, chief executive of Women's Safety, NSW.

Most of these assaults are perpetrated by a current or previous partner with various excuses, that sadly many see as acceptable: 'men can't control their anger', 'men are under a lot of stress, which causes anger' and 'the violence is excusable if the partner regrets it.' Men themselves are victims of violence with one in two experiencing it in their lifetime, almost always from strangers.

This coming Women's Day let's all vow to change our attitudes and behaviour and stop this senseless violence. Men, vow to not let anger rule your life. Seek help for control and abuse issues. Be men of honour and integrity and support and protect women. Women, vow to be hugely brave and walk away from the violence in your lives and seek help. Vow to raise honourable boys, confident girls and support other women in gaining safety and equality in our world. Let's all help make Women's Day an event to highlight the wonders of women not the sadness of women.

If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault, family or domestic violence call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or contact your local Community Centre. Learn more at www.ourwatch.org.au



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Neighbourhood Centre News March 2021

Baby First Aid: A two hour session starting at 10am will be held at the Nest on Wednesday 10 March for parents. It is an unaccredited session to cover specific baby and young child first aid concepts. The session is free with any donations going to the Neighbourhood Centre for resources/programs. For additional information please contact us on 4093 8933 or just drop in.

Around the Table Disaster Recovery Project: Emma, Verneice and Perfidia are working within this project meeting groups to discuss issues around disaster/crisis planning and response. They are working on a couple of resources that they will be seeking community input for in the next two months. If you would like to contact us directly about your ideas or input, please contact Marg on coordinator@kurandanc.org.au.

Centre Re-vamp!: Those of you who have recently attended the Centre will notice the interior and (most) of the exterior has been repainted and slightly re-arranged. We have tried to go with bright colours that reflect the rainforest rather than the drab grey we have had since 2007.

Garden Project: Lunar Solarmoon and other green helpers have been working hard to create a nursery and initial bed to start an edible garden project. If you have edible seedlings you would like to donate or come to help out, the plan is to expand this project to other sites. A map is also being developed to show where all edible plants across the village and district in this program are located. You can contact Lunar on Facebook or pass a message through KNC if you aren't on Facebook.

SCAM/PHISHING ALERT!: During the pandemic, there has been an increase in scams. These are through phone calls (cold/unsolicited calls) to mobiles and landlines, through text messages and through emails. Often people are pretending to be from government departments or companies including Centrelink, the Australian Tax Office, Telstra, Optus, Vodaphone or any banks. If you receive such calls, ask for a name and return phone number and DO NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS ESPECIALLY YOUR DRIVER'S LICENCE OR PASSPORT NUMBER TO ANYONE. If you have provided any details such as bank account details, Centrelink Reference Numbers, date of birth, residential or postal address you should report this immediately to ID Care www.idcare.org or call 1800 595 160. ID Care also suggest to contact the Australian Cyber Security Centre www.cyber.gov.au. Police advice is report online to Scam Watch www.scamwatch.gov.au/about-scamwatch/contact-us. Also, if you have provided your Centrelink and Medicare card details you will need to contact 'Scams and Identity Fraud' section through the Department of Human Services 1800 941 126. If you require assistance with any of this, please call or drop into the Centre.

Empowered Parents In Community (EPIC): This parents group has restarted on Wednesday mornings. COVID-19 protocols are implemented including contact tracing. The group meets from 9am in the Nest (garage at the rear of the Centre carpark).

Grandmas Cuppa Group: The grandmas have returned to the Nest. This is a casual meeting from around 10am. Please contact coordinator@kurandanc.org.au or phone 4093 8933 if you want to know more.

Street Pantry: The Street Pantry is located at the front of the KNC building and is open 24/7 for people to donate nonperishable food or for others to take items as needed.

Service Continuity and COVID-19 Protocols Update: The Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre remains operating on pre-COVID-19 opening hours – Monday to Thursday 9am–5pm and Friday 9am–1pm. KNC must still comply with the COVID-19 Plan required by government informed by QLD Health. This means we still require social distancing, hygiene (hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes in public areas), number limitations and contact tracing protocols to be maintained. KNC now has a QR code for easy online check in or we have manual sheets to record your information. Please do not attend the Centre if you have any symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, have come into contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have returned from a hotspot or overseas within the past 14 days.

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Soothing the cycle

A woman's menstrual cycle can have a profound influence on her life - emotional, mental, physical and spiritual. The highs and lows experienced by many during the varying phases in their cycles can feel for some like a rollercoaster each month.

Working predominantly in women's health and a woman myself the phase leading up to menstruation seems to be the most gruelling. It's all too common we can experience a change in mood, increased pelvic pain or discomfort, headaches, tension, lower back pain, increased moodiness or irritability, skin breakouts, cravings for chocolate or salty foods and lowered motivation to name a few. Returning to menstruation myself after having a baby, I felt determined to find a way to 'soothe my cycle' and better understand all of my phases rather than preparing myself and family for the premenstrual onslaught!

Before I delved into the research, I took time to take note of what stood out to me in my cycle. Pre-menses I felt depleted and irritable and post-menses I felt energised and increased motivation. In addition, whilst I have at my fingertips a whole dispensary of supplements and herbal remedies, I thought of a new approach. To focus more on how I actually care for myself during these phases and avoid burn-out. The plan was simple, to scale down my commitments and simplify my home duties turning more inwards leading up to menses. In order to really put this in place I highlighted on my calendar my premenstrual phase (the week leading up to menstruation). Additionally I wrote reminders for that week each day in my diary to 'slow down', 'remember to breathe', 'do your stretches', 'meditate' 'daily walks'. Another focus was my diet, cutting out processed sugar, dairy and gluten and eating more fresh organic fruit and vegetables, committing to a fresh cold-press juice each morning of celery, beetroot, carrot and apple.

Now after two cycles I can report a significant change, I have felt like I have truly 'gone with the flow' and I'm sure my family can testify too! No cravings, minimal irritability, less pain and tension and certainly more relaxed and at ease.

Why did this work?

- I listened to my intuition first and foremost, I had unmet needs – as we all do when imbalanced (and that stands for male or female).
- Lowered stress helps balance hormones – research has proven that stress greatly affects our endocrine system, causing hormonal dysfunction, inflammation, insulin imbalance (those sugar cravings!) and adrenal and thyroid issues. When our hypothalamic-adrenal axis is overstimulated it increases our cardiac output, skeletal muscle flow, sodium retention, reduced intestinal motility, increased glucose and behaviour activation.
- Elevated prostaglandins – these are fatty compounds in our body that can mimic hormones. Elevated levels can cause a whole lot of pain and inflammation, particularly in women leading up to or during menstruation. Prostaglandin receptors are found in the uterus, due to their important role in childbirth. They tend to increase with poor diet, sedentary lifestyle (no exercise), injury and infections.

What else can you do?

- Eat a healthy well-balanced diet, enough protein, good fats, fibre and carbohydrates from fresh fruit and vegetables. If you can, choose organic or home-grown produce to limit your intake of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides that are all known hormone disruptors. And avoid trans-fats, processed sugars and limit dairy pre-menses.
- Daily exercise - reduces your stress levels and your prostaglandins. But pre-menses you don't need to go hard, remember, slow it down, a cruisey-paced walk in the bush, swimming, a gentle bike ride etc.
- Herbal remedies: St Mary's Thistle to help better metabolise your hormones, Shatavari to balance hormones for any age, Chamomile to soothe your gut and calm your mind, Turmeric to reduce pain and inflammation and Siberian Ginseng to nurture your adrenals. Chaste Tree is the queen of hormone modulation but best taken by guidance of a Herbalist or Naturopath.

Life is fast-paced for a lot of women so remember, no pressure to make these changes, start with what you feel capable of and notice with each change how you feel your mind and body. An increase in vitality will encourage the new habit and offer more energy to work on the next healthy change. That's how I tackled it, and certainly how I encourage others as well.

Take care of you, love and light,
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Recommended reading:

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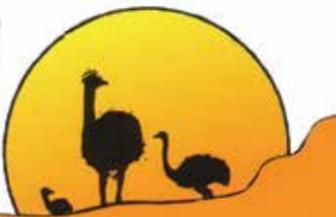
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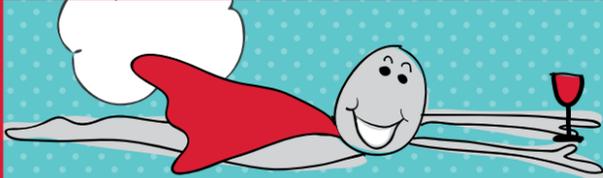
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The reporting of suspicious ants by community members has been a huge help in locating electric ants in the Kuranda region. Once infestations are found, treatment to eradicate this invasive pest can begin and is another step closer to the goal of eradicating electric ants from Far North Queensland.

To help people keep a lookout for electric ants, the Electric Ant Eradication Program has put together a free information pack containing information on what electric ants look like, their behaviour and where they like to live.

To get your free electric ant pack, simply email your name and address to electricantinfo@daf.qld.gov.au, or call 13 25 23, and it will be posted to you.

Top tips for identifying electric ants

Electric ants:

- are tiny at just 1.0 –1.5mm long
- are slow-moving
- are golden brown in colour
- do not have structured nests
- can be found under stones, pavers, in plant pots, garden waste, mulch, soil and trees
- sting by injecting venom causing painful, itchy pimples that can last up to 3 days
- can sting and blind animals and pests



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You can do your part to recognise and report electric ants

Electric ants:

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- are slow moving
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- may cause an allergic reaction in some people who get stung
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Friends of the Botanic Gardens Cairns

After a long break, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Friends of the Botanic Gardens is able to resume monthly guest speaker meetings. Friends of the Botanic Gardens annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 March, starting at 6pm in the Gardens' visitor centre.

At 6.30pm there will be a talk by Terry Carmichael, Senior Project Manager Wet Tropics Management Authority, titled "Evolution of Wet Tropics Wildlife – putting fur, flesh and feathers on fossil bones". Fifty million years ago, Australia was joined to Antarctica and South America and it was mostly a rainforest-clad continent. Over the ensuing millions of years Australia separated from other continents and moved north due to continental drift and inevitably dried out. The rainforest animals that evolved in Australia had no choice but to follow the rainforest as it severely retracted to the east coast of the continent where it found refuge in the mountains and valleys that remained moist and wet. The Wet Tropics Heritage Area is one of those refuges. We have a window back in time at the Australian Mammal Fossil Site: Riversleigh World Heritage Area, the fossils there showing what types of animals once roamed across the continental rainforest. Today's Wet Tropics wildlife shows us what animals were successful in surviving over time as we can clearly see the family connections in the Riversleigh fossils.

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Mini fruit-lovers an indicator of climate change

We all love fruit, and there is nothing better than a full fruit bowl in the house with plenty of variety to choose from. Particular insects known commonly as Vinegar Flies (*Drosophila melanogaster*) love fruit and they like only one thing better than the smell of fresh fruit – the smell of rotting fruit!

Vinegar Flies get their name from the smell that is given off by the fruit as the fly's larvae feed within its decaying liquids. These tiny flies have an incredible sense of smell, and can locate fruit from a long way off. They prefer their fruit already past its best, as they actually feed upon the yeasts that form during the decaying process. You may notice them around the compost heap, and inside around the fruit bowl or the rubbish bin if it contains fruit scraps. While the weather is cool, the lure of warmer indoor temperatures and a good food source is often too good to refuse.

Once they find fruit, Vinegar Flies go to work laying their eggs. The eggs are microscopic and are laid in the cracks and crevices within the fruit, or upon bad patches on the skin. The eggs actually have tiny filaments branching out from one end which enable the embryo to obtain oxygen while submerged in the fruits juices. The eggs hatch quickly and the larvae go about consuming the yeasts in the fermenting fruit. In a matter of days the larvae leave the liquidised parts of the fruit to pupate, and emerge several days later as adult flies. The whole life-cycle can take place in 12 days at warm temperatures (25°C), and given each female is capable of laying around 500 eggs, it does not take long to have a mass of these little insects hanging around.

As annoying as these little flies may seem, they are actually one of the most important genetic tools that scientists have ever used. For over 100 years the genetics of

Drosophila melanogaster have been studied, and their short life-cycle and high reproductive rate makes them the ideal subjects. Many genetic traits can be followed and examined by crossing various forms of these flies, and a huge amount of scientific work has been undertaken in order to improve our understanding of genetics. Universities and high schools around the world use them for teaching tools. Basic lessons in heredity and gene dominance can be demonstrated using Vinegar Flies within two weeks.

One very significant study involving Vinegar Flies has shown dramatic results in the last few years. Their rapid reproduction has proved ideal for studies into the effects of climate change. Vinegar flies in Queensland were found to have different genetic traits to those in New South Wales allowing them to survive in hotter climates. Those in New South Wales were different than those in Victoria, and so on. Researchers have now discovered that these flies have changed in recent times. Those in Melbourne now resemble those that existed in Sydney 20 years ago and those in Sydney resemble those from the Queensland border. In this short space of time, a small but significant climatic shift has resulted in genetic changes in these flies, a definite indication that these flies and ourselves, are in changing times.

Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: Vinegar Flies on a mandarin, the female on the left and smaller male on the right. Photos: Alan Henderson



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Tiny beetles an answer to the spread of cat's claw

Tiny beetles could be the answer to an invasive weed that has been found in the Tablelands, Kuranda and Cairns regions. Terrain NRM and Biosecurity Queensland recently released leaf-mining jewel beetles near Atherton to see if they can stop the spread of cat's claw creeper – a weed that smothers rainforest and changes the chemistry of soils. Cat's claw was introduced to Australia as an ornamental plant. Its spread began in the 1950s and it has since been found from Sydney to Cooktown.

Terrain NRM's Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator Evizel Seymour said a biological control trial using leaf-mining jewel beetles had begun along Priors Creek near Atherton. She said 1500 beetles were released at three sites.

"If these beetles establish themselves there, the plan is to use these spots as a nursery and release beetles at other known cat's claw creeper sites on the Atherton Tablelands," Ms Seymour said.

Leaf-mining beetles and their larvae feed on the creeper's leaves. The South American beetle was introduced to Australia as a biological control in 2012 and is considered a "proven bio-control agent". Its effectiveness hasn't been tested yet in Far North Queensland, where there are smaller infestations of cat's claw creeper. Ms Seymour encouraged Far Northerners to keep a look-out for cat's claw.

The creeper has woody climbing stems that cling to tree trunks and it competes with native plants and trees by forming a dense above-ground mat as well as underground reproductive tubers. Its many seeds are spread by the wind and water. Cat's claw has a yellow flower.

"The areas it is most commonly found in are tropical rainforest and riversides. There have been recent detections at creeks and in backyards in the Atherton and Yungaburra areas, at Malanda Falls, Kuranda and Caravonica in Cairns."

"We really want to catch the spread before it gets to a stage

where it is smothering rainforest and riparian areas." This project is supported by Terrain NRM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Cat's Claw: What it looks like: Large woody vine that climbs and creeps aggressively.

Flowers are yellow, bell-shaped, 4-10cm long, up to 10cm wide. Leaves have 2 leaflets 5-25mm long, with 3-clawed tendril (cat's claw) 3-17mm long growing between them.

Pods are long, narrow, flat, contain many seeds. Fruit is elongated, glossy green when young, dark brown as it matures, 15-50cm long, 8-12mm wide. Each fruit has oblong seeds, 10-40mm long, 4-10mm wide. Plant has vigorous root and tuber system.

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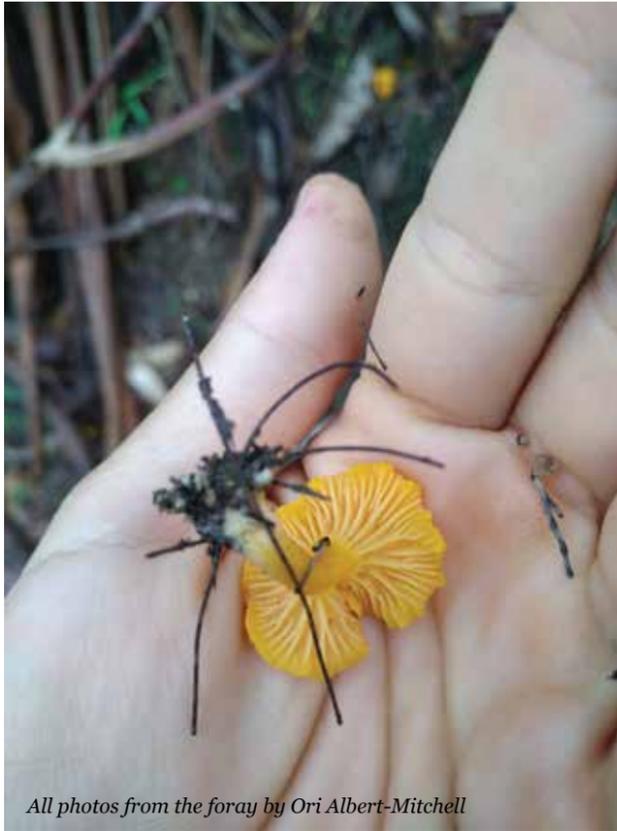
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All photos from the foray by Ori Albert-Mitchell



With all the recent rain, no doubt most of you will have been noticing weird and wonderful, and often beautifully coloured fungal fruiting bodies beginning to appear from various surfaces and substrates. And if you haven't been noticing, you might want to look closer. For fungal forms and colours can match those found on the brightest of coral reefs. The reason I say "Fungal fruiting body" and not "mushroom" is that mushroom refers to one particular shape of fruiting body, but the kingdom fungi can produce fruits in a staggeringly vast diversity of sizes, shapes, colours and textures.

After envying all the wonderful activities held down in Brisbane, I was ecstatic to be able to attend my first fungal foray in February, right here. Meeting fountains of knowledge such as Fran Guard from the Queensland Mycological society, Teresa Lebel a mycologist from Adelaide Herbarium, as well as a wonderful mycological powerhouse of knowledgeable and interested people local to the region. As part of her PhD, Fran had come to FNQ mainly chasing *Marasmius* sp., which are generally small papery pinwheels and mushrooms, often found growing from extraordinarily strong, black, wire-like rhizomorphs. With the recent rains encouraging a boon of fungal life, there were people present who, between them, held knowledge for most of the broad fungal groups present as well.

Skirting around the puddles and muddy roots crossing the path, we peered into the forest, spotting fungal structures sprouting from logs, lawyer cane, soil, tree bark, termite mounds, and even other fungi. We didn't get very far very fast ... someone always seemed to spot something new and

exciting every couple of steps! We found colourful pixie cups, a great myriad of woody Polypores, stunningly pink coral fungi, flame-like jellies and wax caps, and a great diversity of tiny, delicate *Mycena* and *Marasmius* sp. Fran was most excited with the discovery of an abandoned bird's nest, which clearly had fungal rhizomorphs utilised as an integral structure within the nest. We also met some local cassowaries, a male and his chick, who meandered beside the path within metres of our group, not seeming scared in the slightest.

The following day we regrouped within the rainforest, at the farthest end of Davies Creek Road. We descended the hill in a slow convoy, eyes peeled from side to side, pulling up at places of interest along the way. The road banks were covered in groups of small, bright orange chanterelles. Agarics and boletes dotted the ridges and clearings, next to charred stumps. An entirely different assortment of *Marasmius* sp, puffballs and tiny *Mycenas* stood behind, around and even under the lantana and grasses. The closer one peered into the undergrowth, the more one found, like an elaborate treasure hunt! With a practiced eye, Theresa raked away the leaf litter, revealing a collection of white truffle fungi, slicing one open to reveal a green gelatinous centre, betraying its close lineage to the stinkhorn group.

With such a colourful collection of different people, I was fascinated to hear just how they had found their way into this somewhat obscure field, from areas such as medicine and various other areas of biology. One feature that seemed to tie everyone together though was their love of adventure and a good challenge.



Anyone interested in being involved in future events like this one might like to join the QLD Mycological Society www.qldfungi.org.au and check out the North Queensland mushroom club, FNQ fungi culture FB page.

Thanks to all again for the awesome foray!
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Threatened Species Symposium Action Plan review

A few Kuranda Envirocare volunteers took two days out of their busy schedules to attend the Threatened Species symposium, along with 170 or so other community members, Terrain, WTMA, QPWS, indigenous rangers and local council staff, organised by our local NRM group Terrain. We heard about research work done by the Threatened Species Hub scientists and communication experts who shared their journeys over the past five years. Also our local Barry Hunter from Bulmba Rangers led a session on fire management. Most speakers focussed on factors which could improve the success in bringing our local Threatened Species back from the brink of extinction. We heard from all the recovery teams and action groups working on endangered creatures in our

FNQ area including our Kuranda Tree Frog Action team. Good contacts were made and time in breaks was filled with attendees exchanging contact information so we look forward to more collaboration in the coming months.

Perfumed Plant of the Month – *Phaleria clereodendron* – Scented daphne

There is one local rainforest plant which every garden could and should grow. This compact tree has fragrant flowers and as it's a member of the Daphne family, you get an idea of the kind of fragrance it produces, subtle but not overpowering. Endemic to far northern Queensland and the NT, it is very glossy-leaved. Pollinated flowers become bright red fruit, great cassowary food.



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Green Forest infestation survey

Wet Tropics Management Authority's field teams started surveys at the Green Forest infestation on 4 February 2021. Residential properties within the infestation were almost complete after three days of surveying. On 9 and 10 February 2021, the Authority's field teams started surveying non-residential properties within the infestation but were washed out due to wet weather. No yellow crazy ants have been detected so far.

Surveys at the Green Forest infestation are ongoing due to wet weather.



Yellow crazy ant surveys at Green Forest Road February 2021

Extended surveys on Green Forest and Oak Forest roads

As part of extended surveys searching for yellow crazy ants outside the known Green Forest infestation, the Authority's monitoring team started surveying properties along Green Forest Road on 1 February 2021. Surveys began after consenting residents were informed of the survey process by email, followed up by a phone call to arrange a suitable survey time.

The Authority's monitoring team has partially completed surveying four properties on Green Forest Road. The team is also searching for electric ants as some properties are within an electric ant restriction zone. Property surveys are ongoing, having been hampered by wet weather. No yellow crazy ants or electric ants have been detected thus far.

Taskforce volunteer lands a job with the Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program

Taskforce volunteer Jules Seabright started a new job on 1 February 2021 as a 003 Field Officer with the Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program.

Jules volunteered for the Taskforce back in September 2020 while studying at James Cook University, and contributed to the Taskforce by baiting sticky traps, setting traps in the field, and recording the trap locations at Russett Park, Kuranda.

However, Jules' yellow crazy ant journey began long before volunteering with the Taskforce. Jules studied a MSci in Ecology, majoring in Tropical Biology and Conservation, and completed a thesis project focusing on how native ants respond to invasive ant baiting programs. This research helped illuminate the impact of baits on native ants and how to predict it. Jules' postgraduate work continues on the weekends, with the eventual intention to publish this research.

Jules reflected fondly on the new employment opportunity:

"I feel very lucky to have a job in my specific field of study, especially during a pandemic! I'm really excited to have the field experience, meet other professionals and make connections with other conservationists who are contributing to this tremendous project, ridding an invasive ant pest from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area."



Above L-R: Taskforce volunteers Sophie Courtney, Jules Seabright and Bernd Seidl baiting sticky ant traps at Kuranda Envirocare nursery.

Below: Jules Seabright and Sophie Courtney setting traps and taking GPS points at Kuranda.

Jules' role within the Authority's Eradication Program is to survey for yellow crazy ants and treat yellow crazy ant infestations in residential, forested and agricultural areas within and surrounding the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Congratulations Jules for your successful application and example of what passion and volunteering can achieve.

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TOFU



Whenever someone says “I don’t like tofu” (and it happens a lot), I say that’s because you haven’t had it cooked correctly. I recently saw it put another way – eating tofu by itself and expecting fine dining is like staring at a blank canvas and expecting to see fine art.

Although tofu is pretty easy to access these days, not all tofu is best quality. In essence tofu is made from just three ingredients: soybeans, water and a coagulant which produces the tofu ‘curds’ in a similar way to cheese. If any of these ingredients are of poor quality then you are starting with an inferior product.

It is highly recommended that you buy only certified organic tofu. Not only will you avoid soybeans tainted with herbicides, but organic processing will use filtered or spring water and that is critical for good tasting tofu. Municipal water supplies contain chemicals which can cause unpleasant metallic tastes in tofu. The coagulant which produces the best tasting tofu is nigari (magnesium chloride produced by removing salt from seawater, rich in magnesium and calcium). However, other coagulants such as calcium sulphate, a naturally occurring salt, are reported to make more calcium available which is one of the great health benefits of tofu (and its super cousin tempeh). You can even use lemon juice to make your own.

If you really want to get to know why tofu is Japan’s number one protein source, consider making your own. It’s not difficult. Homemade tofu is a world away from even the best you can buy. Check out author and culinary instructor Andrea Nguyen’s tutorial for “Killer Tofu” at www.chefsteps.com. Enjoy, *Queenobeans*.

“For two thousand years, the Chinese have been making magic with tofu, and it was centuries ago that they spread the curd word to Korea and Japan. Today, tofu figures in some of the world’s most beguiling dishes—from tongue-searing mapo tofu to sundubu jjigae, a roiling Korean stew, to that delicate izakaya staple, agedashi tofu. If tofu still suffers a bad reputation in some Western circles, that’s likely due to two things. The first is that some supermarket ‘fu is really bad! The second? We’re not using it in dishes that really showcase its finer qualities.” Andrea Nguyen

TYPES OF TOFU

Tofu is made by soaking soybeans, ground into a slurry, which is warmed with water, then strained to become soy milk. This milk is combined with a coagulant. The soy milk and coagulant are simmered until the curds and whey (liquid) separate, then placed into cloth-lined molds and pressed until the whey drains out. The length of pressing time is relative to the quantity of curds and the desired firmness; it averages around 15 to 20 minutes. The longer it’s pressed, the more whey is released, and the firmer the finished product will become. Block tofu comes in at least four common firmnesses:

SOFT: has a smooth, delicate body and a mild, milky flavor. Careful, it breaks easily. Soft tofu makes a great neutral base for sweet elements but it works equally well in savoury dishes. Because it has a high water content, soft tofu is not recommended for shallow-frying. But battering and deep-frying produces wonderfully tender nuggets of soybean bliss.

MEDIUM: has a rougher texture than soft, but will still crack with handling. It can have a droopy appearance due to its moderate moisture content, and it’s a good choice for dishes

that don’t require much manipulation, like braising or boiling in soups. Because there’s more whey in medium-firm tofu, it may break up during vigorous stir-frying.

FIRM: if you’re not sure which tofu to buy, a firm block will get you through most savoury recipes. Firm tofu holds up quite well to frying and stuffing.

Preparation: Medium and firm tofu blocks benefit from being pressed (unpack, wrap in a clean cloth and place a plate and weight on top for 10 minutes or so, this removes some of the excess water prior to cooking. Soft tofu can just be gently patted with a clean cloth. All of these block types benefit greatly from being frozen and then defrosted before cooking, freezing creates a more porous texture which takes up flavours even more readily. Frozen tofu is sometimes known as monk’s tofu as legend has it a monk discovered this magic trick. They also benefit from marinating before cooking : even just soy, ginger, dark sesame oil and a little water will do.

SILKEN TOFU: this is a delicate tofu which is made differently to all the other block tofu. Unlike the others the curd is not separated from the whey and the soybean mixture is just poured like a custard into a solid mold to set. This is the tofu most often used as a dairy substitute, often in desserts, smoothies and sauces. Its most famous use though is in the delicious summer treat called Hiyayakko (Chilled Tofu) – essentially you just drain chilled silken tofu and add your favourite toppings which usually include fresh ginger, sliced shallots, toasted sesame seeds, soy sauce and anything else you like.

KUNG PAO TOFU by Andrea Nguyen via vietworldkitchen.com

Makes 4 servings

INGREDIENTS:

400-500g extra-firm tofu, ½ teaspoon sea salt, 3-4 tbsp vegetable oil, 2/3 cup roasted, unsalted peanuts (split). **Seasoning sauce #1:** 2½ tsp soy sauce, 1 tsp ice wine or dry sherry. **Seasoning sauce # 2:** 1 tsp cornstarch, 3 tsp sugar, 3 tsp Chinkiang vinegar, or 1 tbsp balsamic and 1 tsp cider vinegar, 1 tbsp water, 1½ tsp soy sauce, 1 tsp dark soy sauce, or ½ tsp regular soy sauce plus ½ tsp molasses, ¼ tsp toasted sesame oil.

Remaining ingredients: 8 dried red chillies, stemmed, halved lengthwise seeds discarded, 1 tsp Sichuan peppercorns, 1 heaped tbsp minced garlic, 1 heaped tbsp minced fresh ginger, white part of 4 shallots, and green part of 1 shallot, all cut to match size of peanuts.

METHOD: Cut the tofu into dice sized cubes. Sprinkle on the salt and gently toss to coat. Spread out on two layers of paper towel and let drain for 10–15 minutes. Heat 1 to 2 tablespoons of oil in a large wok or skillet over medium-high or high heat. When barely shimmering, add the tofu (work in batches, if needed), then cook for 1–2 minutes, tossing and stirring to sear and lightly brown the tofu. Transfer to bowl and set aside.

Reheat the wok or skillet over medium-high heat until bead of water evaporates in 2–3 seconds. Add 2 tablespoons of oil and the peanuts, stirring constantly for 1–2 minutes, take care not to burn them. Use a slotted spoon to transfer peanuts to small plate, leaving excess oil behind.

Stir together the ingredients for each of the seasoning sauces, keeping them separate. Set near the stove with the remaining ingredients from dried red chiles down to the green onion.

Reheat the wok or skillet over high heat. Add the chillies and Sichuan peppercorns. Stir briskly for 20 seconds, until aromatic and crisp. Add the tofu, give things a stir, then splash in seasoning sauce #1. Let the tofu absorb the seasonings, then add the garlic, ginger and white scallion parts. Stir-fry for 1 minute more to cook through and become aromatic. Give seasoning sauce #2 one last stir, then add to wok. When sauce is thick and coats things, about 30 seconds, return the peanuts and add cut green scallion parts. Stir, transfer to a plate, and serve.



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I love the winged bean, not only because the flower buds taste very like raw peas! — I am not kidding they are delicious, but you will have to beat the kids to them — but because this is a multi-use vine. You can eat the entire plant! Use the leaves as you would spinach, drop the flowers into your salads, the frilly beans can be eaten raw or popped into a stir-fry (pick before they get to 3cm when they are nice and tender), dried seeds can be used as you would dry beans and the tubers can be baked, cooked or eaten raw. And on top of all this it is super nutrient rich, containing vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, and iron. The tubers contain about 20% protein which is pretty high for a root vegetable. Dig them up when the vine dies off after about six months. The seeds are even higher protein at 35% and 18% fat, but they require cooking for two to three hours to destroy ‘difficult to pronounce’ stuff that inhibits digestion. Winged beans are incredibly easy to grow and after a slow start the vigorous vine will flower 40 to 140 days after sowing. Have a strong trellis for it. It thrives in hot weather and likes heavy rainfall. Tailor-made for our wet season!

Want more beans than you know what to do with? Snake beans, also called asparagus beans or Chinese long beans, with their strikingly long (30 to 60 cm) green pods are another great tropical must have for the hot season. This vine will thrive and give you an endless supply of beans in the wet when most other greens are struggling. Pick the twin beans (they hang around in pairs), when short and slender for tender beans or if you miss some (and you will – they hide) use in a stir-fry or stew. When harvesting, it is important not to pick the buds which are above the beans, as many more beans will set in the future on the same stem. They are a good source of protein, vitamin A, thiamine, riboflavin, iron, phosphorus, and potassium, and a very good source for vitamin C, folate, magnesium, and manganese. And they come in purple too. You can eat the leaves too if inclined. Grow from seed onto a trellis.

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HEALTH SERVICE RECOGNISES ONE YEAR OF COVID-19

The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service has marked one year since Cairns first started responding locally to the threat of COVID-19.

“We were one of the many health services in Australia to respond to the pandemic, with Tropical Public Health Services Cairns (TPHS) deploying a team on short notice to the Cairns international airport on 2 February 2020 to alert travellers from China with symptoms to get tested,” said Chief Executive Tina Chinery.

“It’s twelve months later and 70,974 COVID-19 tests have been performed (to 29 January, 2021) across our health service region (the most outside the south east corner) and we’ve supported 50 people who contracted COVID-19.

Ms Chinery recognised the enormous amount of work that health workers in the region have put in to protecting our staff and our communities from COVID-19.

“Each test, each suspected case, and each patient with

COVID-19, has a story behind it of doctors, nurses, operational services staff, scientists, managers, health practitioners and administrators working to ensure that COVID-19 doesn’t take hold.

Dr Richard Gair, Public Health Physician and Director, Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns) also praised our partners, local businesses and residents in responding to the global pandemic.

“We’ve worked extremely closely with our many partners such as the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Ambulance Service, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, quarantine hotels and the Cairns Airport.

“As a whole businesses have been very supportive in following venue guidelines and local residents have come forward in their thousands to get tested.”

“Let’s keep it up,” said Dr Gair. “It is crucial we don’t drop our guard.”

Ms Chinery thanked the community for their sacrifices and support. “We couldn’t managed the threat of COVID-19 this past year without community support and cooperation.”

“Thank you for working with us to protect the most vulnerable people in our community.”

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

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JOHN MORIARTY FOOTBALL

After successful free school clinics in January at Bartley Park, Kuranda and Davies Park, Mareeba, John Moriarty Football (JMF) has returned to regular school and after school program delivery.

The school holiday program was hugely successful, with over 40 participants each day enjoying fun-filled, football skills sessions in Kuranda and Mareeba. Not even Cyclone Kimi could dampen spirits, with participants from as far away as Innisfail making their way to Mareeba for our clinics, with morning tea and lunch provided.

Special guest at our Mareeba clinic was JMF Scholarship holder, Tobias Paterson Gregory. Tobias spoke with the participants about his journey from starting in the JMF program in Mareeba, to playing football with local club, Mareeba United Bulls, and now with NPL NSW powerhouse, Manly United in Sydney. Tobias spoke to participants about the JMF core pillars of leadership, resilience, respect and teamwork and how this has supported his pathway both on and off the field.

JMF Scholarships and Pathways Manager, Michael MacDougall, said, "Having been with the JMF program for two years, in early 2020 Tobias was offered a JMF Community Scholarship, allowing him to continue honing his football skills and study hard at school while living in his hometown of Mareeba. Since then Tobias has shown incredible commitment, passion and leadership on and off the field and as a result, he was awarded a Scholarship to Sydney to further, not only his football, but also his education."



The JMF Kuranda Community Hub has welcomed some new staff members to support session delivery and coach development. Bruno Silva joined us in October 2020 as Coach and Mentor. Bruno has great experience coaching in school programs as well as developing coaches from his previous roles. Bruno will be working closely with our coaches including new faces, Tia Hewitt, Amy Mellen and Melena Simpson, to hone their craft and deliver fun and engaging football sessions to all JMF participants.



KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS



The Club held its AGM on Monday 15 February with a fantastic turnout at the Speewah Tavern.

It was great to see members keen to get involved and take on committee positions with very positive vibes for a wonderful year ahead for the Club.

The Club thanked the outgoing committee who did a great job through a very difficult year, and we welcome the new committee for 2021. The Club's general meeting was held straight after the AGM, with lots of ideas brought to the table for monthly rallies. The first rally will be held on 7 March (8am set up for a 9am start).

If you own a horse and would like to know more about what the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club has to offer, please go to the Club's Facebook page and send a message for a prompt response.

Each month we will keep you informed on activities the club will be hosting with things like jumping, horse archery, horse sports etc.

All ages from children to adults are welcome to join the Club and have fun with your horse. Once your membership is paid, all rallies are free and run by Pony Club instructors, who are volunteers. In the meantime, we are sharing some photos from the Club's activities from last year.

Till next time Happy Riding.

After school sessions in Kuranda and Mareeba for Indigenous boys and girls aged six to 16 are running on the following days during term 1 of the school year:

Weekly After School Session Timetable Weeks 2-10

Day	Time	Venue
Tuesday	3pm-4.30pm	Bartley Park, Kuranda
Wednesday	3.15pm-4.30pm	Borzi Park, Mareeba United FC
Thursday	3pm-4.30pm	Bartley Park, Kuranda

After school sessions are skill intensive sessions for participants who want to continue to develop their technique outside of the JMF school program, while also learning game understanding and positioning. Sessions are free and participants receive healthy fruit and vegetable snacks before and after each session.

The fun will continue during the April school holidays with free football clinics planned for Kuranda, Mareeba, and for the very first time, Mossman. Check the next Kuranda Paper for more details.

Look out for JMF flyers in your school and community for more information on how to get involved, or visit our website www.moriartyfoundation.org.au to register your interest.



The Cairns 2 Kuranda Train Race is described as The Most Spectacular Train Race in the World. This year it is planned to be held on Sunday, 16 May. It is an 18km solo or 2 or 3 person team relay with legs of 5km (road), 8km (trail) and 5km (road).

The race starts adjacent to the Freshwater Station on Lower Freshwater Road in Kamerunga, Cairns and finishes at Kuranda station. Leaving the train to begin its 31km winding journey through tunnels and rainforest to the Tablelands town of Kuranda, runners follow Lower Freshwater Road through the sugar cane fields.

Registrations open early March – see Facebook page **Cairns 2 Kuranda Trainrace**

NOTE: details are as of 19 February. Check Cairns 2 Kuranda Train Race Facebook page for up to date information.

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RANGERS r e p o r t

Welcome to the 2021 Soccer Season

The KRFC committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the Club. We've had a great response so far this year with many new players joining, and most of our existing players returning for another exciting season. Thank you to the many dedicated parents who are volunteering their time and energy to provide weekly coaching and team management. Together we will make the 2021 soccer season an enjoyable and exciting time for all!

Our primary aim at KRFC is to provide a fun and safe soccer program with training sessions that build fundamental motor skills through games and simple drills delivered in an engaging and inclusive environment. Additionally, KRFC members will have the opportunity to make new friends and develop social skills. Through participation they develop values of teamwork, cooperation, fair play and respect for others.

Limited places left

If you are interested in joining the Rangers, we have places left in the following age groups:

- Under 12 – registrations are now closed. If you are interested you may register and will be placed on a waiting list.
- Under 11 – four players needed
- Under 10 – one player needed
- Under 9 – two players needed
- Under 6, 7 and 8 – registrations remain open

Training will be held each Thursday from 25 February 4.30–5.30pm (weather permitting) at Kuranda Recreation Centre, and games are at Endeavour Park on Saturdays. 2021 season matches will begin for U8-U12 on 13, 20, and 27 March with Round One games commencing for all teams on 24 April.

Exciting news!

KRFC have ordered new playing shirts, shorts, socks and equipment for the start of the season. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Frogs Restaurant, TRACQS, Cairns Hinterland Steiner School, and The Kuranda Paper for their generous sponsorship of new playing strips (worth over \$3,000). We would also like to thank Rohan and Tracy Rusch for their donation towards new balls.

Can you help?

KRFC is looking for expressions of interest for two coaching positions. Please contact Adric Rusch on 0429 488 214 for further information or to apply.

Any additional volunteer assistance and sponsorship would be greatly appreciated by the KRFC. We are still seeking sponsorship to purchase a new "Home of the Kuranda Rangers" sign for Hunter Park, and assistance from anyone experienced in grant writing. If you can help, please contact Club Coordinator Simone Titmarsh on 0402 003 164.

Trials for FNQ Representative teams

In mid-February, seven of our keenest past and present players attended FNQ Football SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) and TSP (Talent Support Program) trials vying for a position in FNQ representative teams. Watch this space for updates on their success.



Above: Eden Rusch, Zoe Quintieri (Zoe Maree Media), Evie Titmarsh, Oscar Harrison, Jack Dunne filming for promotional video for FNQ Football. Photo: Nettie O'Connell



Greater sports participation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is linked with better academic performance, according to new research from the University of South Australia.

Conducted in partnership with the University of Sydney and the University of Technology Sydney, the world-first study found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who played organised sports every year over four years, had numeracy skills which were advanced by seven months, compared to children who did less sport. The study used data from four successive waves of Australia's Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, following 303 students (with a baseline age of five to six years old) to assess cumulative sports participation against academic performance in standardised NAPLAN and PAT outcomes.

Sports participation has been linked with better cognitive function and memory in many child populations, but this is the first study to confirm the beneficial association between ongoing involvement in sport and academic performance among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Lead researcher, UniSA's Dr Dot Dumuid, says the study highlights the importance of sports as a strategy to help close the gap for Australia's First Nations Peoples.

"When children play sport, they're learning the social structures of a team, how to work within rules, how to focus their attention, and key strategies for success. Interestingly, they're not only activating parts of the brain that are involved in learning, but they're also inadvertently practising mathematical computations such as 'how much time is left in the game?' and 'how many points do we need to win?', and it's this that may well be contributing to improved numeracy."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders comprise a relatively large proportion of athletes in Australia's leading sports teams. While only representing about three percent of the population, they make up nine percent of AFL players, and 22 per cent of State of Origin players.

Encouraging sports in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities could have many other benefits for health and wellbeing, says co-researcher and Professor of Indigenous Health Education at UTS, John Evans.

"Playing sport creates a sense of belonging, and builds self-esteem, coherence and purpose," Professor Evans says. "This is especially important for people living in rural and remote areas where opportunities for social interaction and structured activities can be limited."

Source: University of South Australia



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Cleaning up our Rivers to Protect the Reef

Living in the Barron River catchment is a great lifestyle for many – but come the first rains of the wet season, the water turns different shades of muddy brown, and often resembles chocolate milk. Over the Wet it stays a constant brown, sometimes dark, clay or tan. The reason is sediment – soil and debris washed off the land and into the river during rain. Big storms will often see the water go brown very quickly, full of sediment washing out of the river mouth and into the sea. It then drifts onto coral reefs and destroys them.

Why is it so muddy brown, every year? The main problem is agricultural land, cleared of trees and often ploughed. This means the runoff is much higher, and topsoil just flushes into creeks and rivers. Take a drive out to the Atherton Tablelands in the wet season and you will still see fields here and there freshly ploughed, rich red soils eroding and creeks running a muddy brown. Clearly some farms are not managing soil runoff.

Water quality is a big problem for the Reef. The Queensland and Commonwealth Governments have spent billions of dollars trying to improve runoff and pollution from farms. There are multiple programs – best management practices (BMPS) for farmers, extension services, restoration projects, science and research and behaviour change. The Queensland Government has also introduced regulations designed to increase compliance for managing soils and nutrients. So far these programs have met with mixed success, and in the Wet Tropics region the uptake of BMPs has been very low – below 10% across farming properties.

The Government publishes regular report cards on the state of the rivers. The Barron River recorded a score of 'good' in 2018 – 2019. But the sediment score was only moderate, decreasing from good the previous year. Concentrations of total suspended solids frequently exceeded guideline values during the wet season, with the very high rainfall events and floods leading to increased erosion.

So something is not going well in the Barron catchment if the sediment score is getting worse, and millions more tonnes of soil eroding off the land. The Great Barrier Reef is in dire straits, and could be gone in the next decade or so. Reducing runoff is critical to any hope of its survival – and rapid change is clearly needed.

It's clearly time to consider other ways to stop runoff, and turn the Barron into a clean, healthy river again - all year. Reforesting large areas of the catchment is probably the best way to protect the soils, and has the benefit of storing carbon to generate credits and providing sustainable timber. Perhaps governments should start large scale native reforestation now and make it a viable, short and long term investment for landowners.



ABOVE: Coral on Great Barrier Reef.



Left: Muddy waters of the Barron River taken by Gregory Heath, CSIRO

NEXT Meeting:

Wednesday 3 March 5.30pm via Zoom.

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Clive Palmer's proposed Central Queensland Coal mine is a shocking 10 km from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The Australian Marine Conservation Society is mustering people power, urging the Queensland government to listen to their own scientific advice and reject this damaging project.

Picture this. A gentle dugong grazes on seagrass, an ancient sea turtle cruises past. And just 10 kilometres upstream, mining begins at a massive new coal mine.

Just as colossal as the Adani coal mine, Clive Palmer's Central Queensland Coal Pty Ltd mine will generate up to 10 million tonnes of coal per year – fanning the flames of global

warming and driving more coral bleaching. Open cut coal pits risk polluting waterways, damaging precious ecosystems.

FNQ locals who love and rely on the Reef for our regional economy and way of life are horrified by the proposal and are demanding the Queensland government protect our magnificent Reef and the thousands of local jobs that depend on it with a campaign of public pressure, including an online petition.

The outrageous project is already feeling the heat. Government-appointed scientists have just issued a damning report on the potential mine, warning of "significant and irreversible damage" to internationally valued ecosystems from mine-affected water.

The Independent Expert Scientific Committee (IESC) expressed extreme concern about Central Queensland Coal's project because of risks to the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and Queensland's largest fish habitat at Broad Sound, north of Rockhampton.

The area is home to dugongs, a threatened species already in decline. The rivers, creeks and inshore areas are particularly important to commercial fishers, with large catches of barramundi, king threadfin and mud crabs being taken from the region.

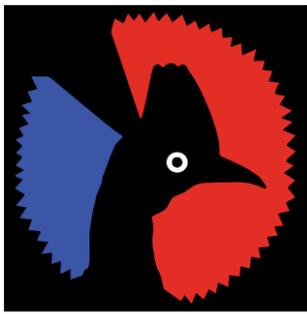
Our Reef is still in the process of recovering from its third mass bleaching event in five years, driven by climate change. Its beautiful corals and wildlife are threatened by water pollution and harmful fishing practices. Our Reef does not need the pressure of another polluting project.

Conservationists and locals are determined to stop this controversial proposal before it starts, Great Barrier Reef Campaigner David Cazzulino stated "The dangerous coal mine still needs environmental approval before it can proceed. With official scientific advice on our side, now is the time to raise our voices for our Great Barrier Reef. It's time for the QLD government to seriously stand up for our Reef, the precious marine life and Reef communities that depend on it".

The Australian Marine Conservation Society is calling on FNQ locals and Reef-lovers to join them in urging the QLD government to heed scientific warnings and reject Clive Palmer's Central Queensland Coal mine.

You can sign the online petition by Googling – Australian Marine Conservation Society, Clive Palmer Central QLD Coal Mine.

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You may have noticed lots of the green Cairns Birdwing butterflies and the blue Ulysses around. It is because you planted the Aristolochia vine and the Evodia tree last season.

Saturday mornings are our busiest times in the nursery. If you would like to join us, please come along. Morning tea at 11am.

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ELVIS HIT ON KENNEDY HIGHWAY

We're sad to report that sometime around 15 February, Elvis was apparently hit by a vehicle on the highway as you leave Kuranda heading for Cairns. There have been no reports. Apparently no one saw the strike. Elvis was found when a local resident was greeted by the chicks in his garden, but no Elvis. A short search located him nestling in bushes. He was able to rise to his feet but quickly flopped to the ground. DES was notified but has not responded. He is improving day by day but we expect it will be some weeks before he's back to his former condition.

While the shade cloth fence is working to keep him and his chicks off the overtaking lanes, he may be crossing the road from the opposite side to return to his home base. We're pleased that he is crossing from the downstream side of his habitat to the upstream side by going under the Barron River Bridge. That's what we wanted him to do. But we'd also like him to return via the same route.

Our efforts are far from perfect, but we believe we're on the right track. The road to perfection continues.

PLEASURABLE GROWING PAINS

We're enjoying a surge of interest in the many things that we do. Saturday mornings are becoming increasingly busy with a lot of minibeast searching going on, including some excellent photography, and insect and spider identification. Somehow, we are



Above: Elvis wobbly on his feet, obviously in pain, but getting better every day.

getting a record number of seeds sown and seedlings potted up. To such an extent that we're having to rearrange the nursery for greater efficiency. That activity brings in a whole new interested and skilled layer of volunteers.

We're also becoming more IT savvy with the promise of reaching further and wider. Spreading the word about the importance of our natural environment is the bottom line.

AGM AND SOME REALLY HOT NEWS

We are planning to have our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 20 March at 10.30am followed by ... and here's the **HOT NEWS ... ALAN "MINIBEAST" HENDERSON will be our guest speaker with some special treats for our insect- and spider-hungry nursery workers. Bring your cameras or phones. This is bound to be a super session.**

WE'RE ALL HAVING SNAKES

The calls to catch snakes from chook houses and around homes are frequent at the moment. Lots of pythons all looking for a feed. Don't hesitate to call Jax on 4093 8834 or Miss Hiss Reptiles 0447 888 872 if you cannot cope with having them nearby. They're just hanging around, doing their thing and pose no threat to you.

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



FEBRUARY

Young Cassowary 'Erik', who has been visiting us here in Weir Rd, Kuranda. Jax Bergersen from Kuranda Conservation thinks he is about 1.5 years old, and as a youngster he is very curious. He has been enjoying a meal each morning and afternoon of Star Fruit that is growing in our garden. What a privilege it is to share our homes with such amazing Aussie critters.
by Sharon McGrigor (7 February 2021)

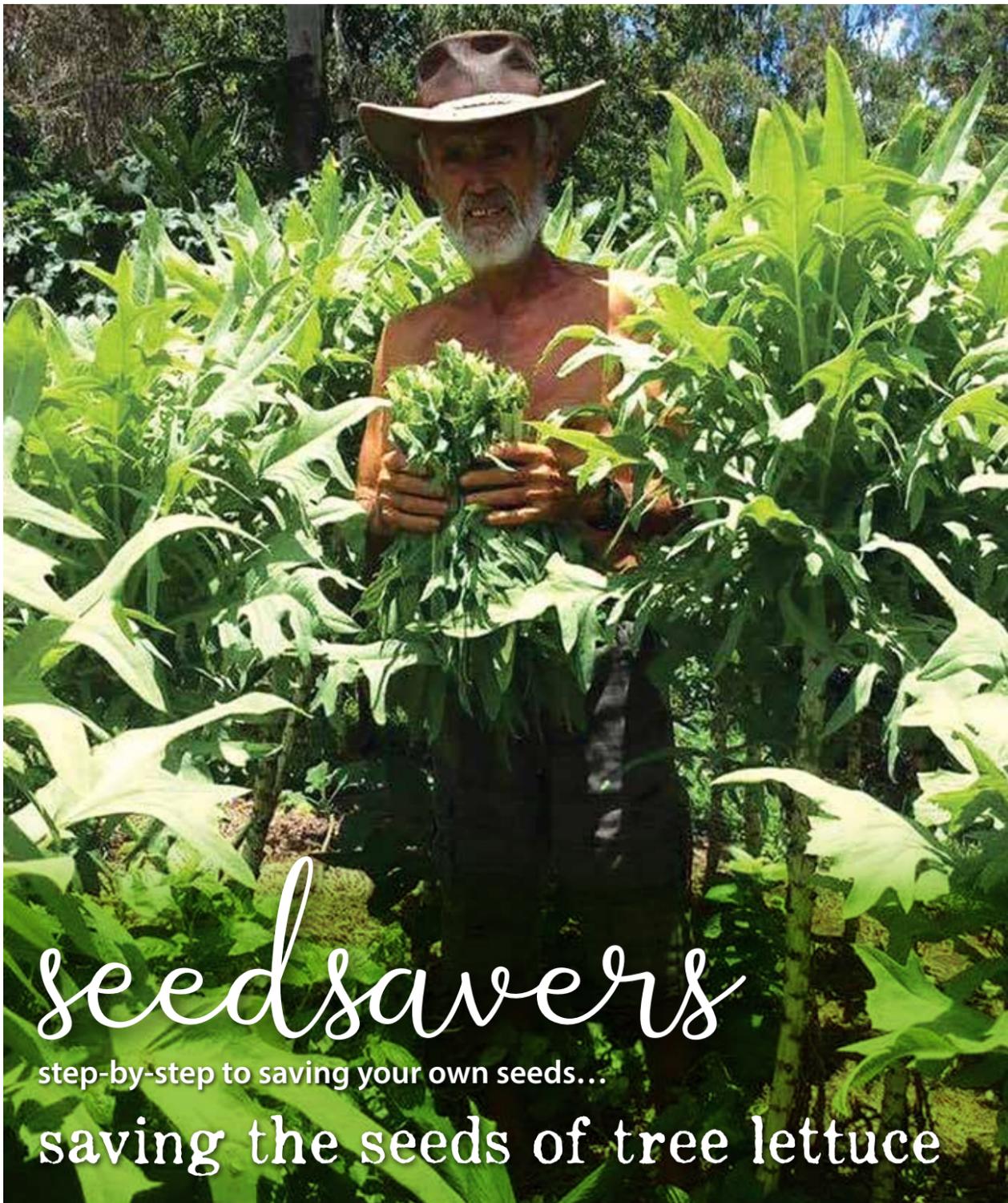


Photo : Michael Alba from Mareeba Seedsavers in a small jungle of tree lettuces which they use for their lovely lettuce-mixes for local delicatessens and the market.

Many western-influenced gardeners have been led to believe that the monsoon time means there's nothing to grow and nothing to eat from the garden. All the original peoples (Pacific Islanders and Niu Guinea, Bougainville and the Torres Straits, and our own first nations people here in Australia) will tell you that there is abundance for all throughout the year, if we learn from those with unbroken knowledge.

Our food systems have changed so much and so rapidly since the industrial- commercial-chemical agricultural era and much food growing knowledge from thousands of generations has been severed or severely damaged through colonisation, land-theft, missionising and enslavement of the first nations people. The loss of knowledge has been devastating, and replaced by 'fast-food', 'processed food', 'mono-culture food' and 'genetically modified (gene-edited) food'.

Thankfully, many are now seeing the equally devastating effects on the health of people, the biodiverse regions destroyed for the corporate large-scale and pressured small-scale production of intense cropping and 'live-stock', and the associated consequences on the water-ways, including underground water, soils, wildlife and adverse weather events caused by associated erosion and the clearing of rain-creating natural forests.

Regenerative and Syntropic agriculture and Permaculture are now gaining momentum to repair and replenish the land, soils, waterways and health of humans and animals, ecosystems and communities. It is possible for us to return from the brink and thrive in exponential abundance, with the precious knowledge and seeds saved by food-growers preserving their traditional methods and passing it on to others...

Seedsavers Network comes from these roots, and thrives on the principal of nature's law/lore of abundance...ie, one lettuce seed produces a lovely lettuce which can be enjoyed by taking the leaves you need daily from the plant and leaving the 'core' and roots in place. It then goes to flower and seed when the cycles of nature give their hidden signals. Then many, many hundreds of seeds can be harvested from that one plant, to be able to self-seed, be saved for next season, shared with others, and with plenty to spare. The nature of abundance and the abundance of nature, something to celebrate with the immune-system-enhancing beneficial effects of eating fresh living organic foods from your own garden or farm, or from local growers and markets.

Large-scale commercial lettuce varieties have generally been hybridised and tampered with to produce fast-growing, same-looking results, in water-intensive systems. Most growing methods include 'added nutrients', which do not necessarily convert to the intricate natural nutrient cycles of organic food grown in living soils, and have also most likely been grown with harmful chemicals (lettuces, in some research, are the 14th highest chemical-sprayed crop, - non-organic strawberries are number one!).

So, how lucky are we that our local seedsavers seed banks have organic, non-hybrid/non-gmo seeds for a variety of monsoon-season food plants, including 'tree lettuces', a hardy, tropical, prolific, grow-all-year-round, nutritious, and oh so easy lettuce, which can also be shared with animals and excess added to compost-systems...

With origins in India and southeast Asia, and some reportedly found on Turtle Island/the Americas, some say biennial, some say perennial, (perhaps different varieties, different climates?). It is also endemic to much colder areas as well as tropical, so is very versatile for our regional differences in the Far North.

As the name implies, the tree lettuce grows up on a central stalk, some even growing up to 8 feet tall!, with abundant foliage, so plenty for salads, smoothies, cooking (leaves and stalk can be used in stir-fry's, with garlic and tamari for instance, leaves for salad roll-ups, and as spring-roll-wrappers and so much more). Enjoy the leaves before they get older, larger and more bitter. You can cut the plant when a metre or so tall and they will branch out providing even more leaves.

As an added bonus, when organically grown they are nutrient dense, with substantial amounts of vitamins A, B1, B2, C, calcium, iron and more. It is also used medicinally in Asia as an anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and other uses. Tree lettuces are great for all gardens, permaculture guilds and syntropic systems. Varieties in the local seed banks include Lions Tongue, Oak Leaf, and Superior Tree Lettuce. Contact seedsavers on seedsavers@kurandaregion.org to find out when the next meetings are held, and also to access local seed banks by arrangement.

Astrology
THE STARS IN MARCH
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Mars marching into Gemini on 4 March promises a great month for arguments, disagreements, disputes with neighbours and in-your-face children, fiercely defending their rights. Except of course "the right to be silent".

With Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn wildly conjunct in Aquarius, the words and theories just go on and on – more expansive, comprehensive and out of all proportion to actual events at hand. What can you do? Do you really think that the planets are going to tell you?

If people are telling you to "look at the big picture", tell them that Mars is trine to Saturn, Mercury is square to Neptune, Venus (sneaky little darling) is square to Pluto and the sun is conjunct to Neptune. That'll shut 'em up (works for me!). And actually, that is all happening during the month of March. There is dabbling, double-dealing, sneaky affairs and an Equinox.

The astrological New Year, with the sun right over the equator at zero degrees Aries, on 20 March with rising crescent moon in Cancer. With so much poised for action, if anything is going to burst or boil over then the next three months will bring it on. That applies to us as individuals in ways that will reflect our own birth charts, and on a global and national level.

The Mars-Saturn trine, exact on the Equinox and the following day (21 and 22 March) is particularly volatile and stubborn. So, if possible, resist the urge to respond to aggression, or to invoke it, on these days. Fortunately, the Sun and Venus are together at the beginning of Aries (21 to 23 March). "love in the middle of a war zone" (Hunters and Collectors) is extreme, but it caricatures the energy at this time. Creative impulses and ideas come bursting into life. Exciting days indeed.

There is a Full Moon in Libra on 29 March, aligned with both Venus and Uranus. What amazing, unexpected and perhaps unique expressions of love. Creativity and just pure inventiveness reach fulfilment now. And that will be worth whatever you've been through to get there. Some truly advanced inventions are now coming to light.

An exciting month: fast moving, confronting and oh so creative. Grab it with a passion and you'll get full value, water it down and you'll just get wet! Here we go!

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St Saviour's Thought for March

This month our reading is taken from St Mark's Gospel Chapter I verses 40-45

Did the early Christians remember this episode of Jesus healing the leper because of something special about Jesus' response to the leper? The words that leap off the page for me are those words Mark uses to describe Jesus responding to the request. Mark says that Jesus stretched out his hand "in warm indignation." I find my mind wants to explore that, to try to picture that scene, to feel the texture of that beautiful moment. Why warm indignation?

The way you and I are approached for anything can make a tremendous difference to our response, as we all know. Somebody approaches us demanding, arrogantly, selfishly, and we close up. Listen to this leper approaching Jesus. "If only you will," he says, "you can cleanse me." There is something enormously attractive about him. Here is a human being who has retained the capacity for trust in the face of all that he has been through with this hideous affliction. Friends have gone, family has been cut off, and others avoid him at all costs. Yet here he is quietly and graciously - albeit, I am sure, desperately and anxiously making his plea to one in whom he can see love and grace, and from whom he knows healing to be possible. His approach evokes an immediate response

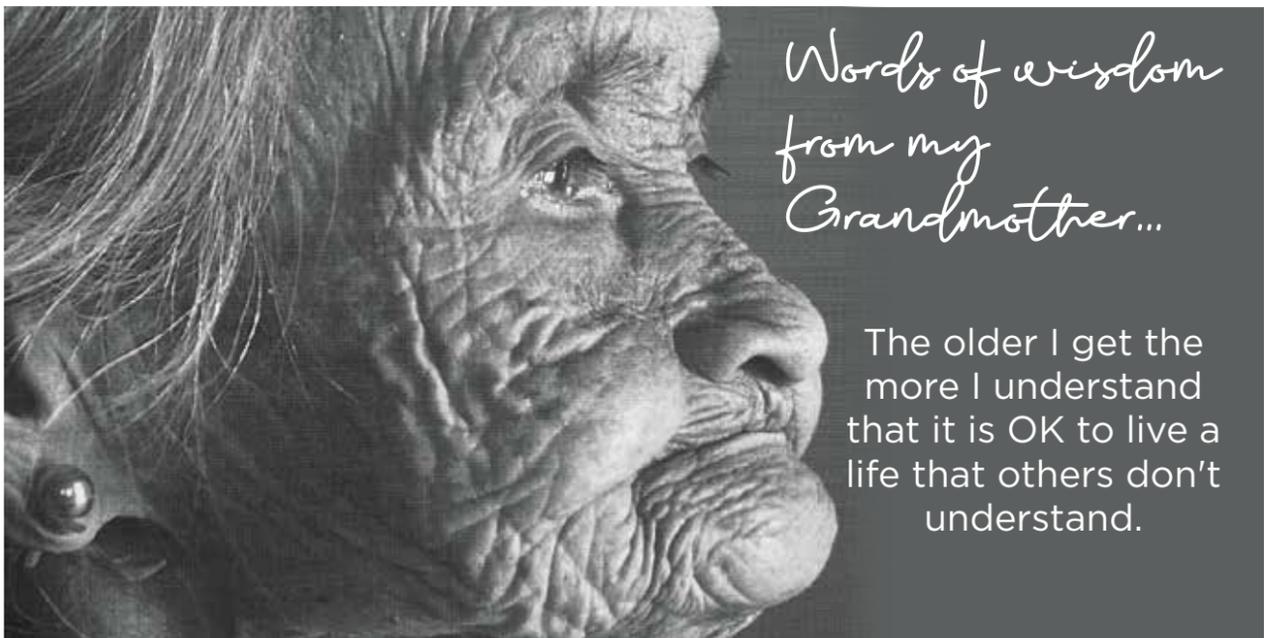
of affirmation from Jesus. 'Indeed I will,' he says, "Be clean again."

What does the episode say to us? All of us are in some sense "lepers." If to be a leper means to be wounded or cut off from others in some way, then all of us are touched by various forms of leprosy. The very heart of the Christian faith is the conviction that Jesus can be approached in our day as surely and effectively as during his earthly life. Jesus is not merely a past source of grace. Jesus is a present help. How then might we make our approach? If this long-ago leper has anything to teach us, it is that we should approach Jesus in a spirit of trust. "You can cleanse me," said that magnificent suffering man. I suspect Jesus' warm indignation arose from seeing such a fine human being suffering such affliction.

Again, we are only beginning to realize today the infinitely complex relationships between our physical life and our attitudes. Perhaps Jesus, with his healing power, realized immediately that there were immense resources in this man to effect his healing. They had only to be released and they would affect his body. Such realities are happening every day in the continuing work of God's healing among us. So the long-ago encounter of this suffering man and Jesus becomes for us the Good News for humanity.

The volunteers who operate Kuranda's Possum Corner Op Shop were recognised with a Mareeba Shire Community Service award on Australia Day.

Receiving the award from Councillors Mario Mlikota and Locky Bensted are Father Chris Wright OAM of St Saviours Church Kuranda, and Possum Corner volunteer Lee Roehm.



*Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...*

The older I get the more I understand that it is OK to live a life that others don't understand.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

First Baha'is in Australia

"I bid a loving farewell to the people of France and England. I am very much pleased with them. I counsel them that they may day by day strengthen the bond of love and amity to this end, that they may become the sympathetic embodiment of one nation.

That they may extend themselves to a Universal Brotherhood to guard and protect the interests and rights of all the nations of the East, that they may unfurl the Divine Banner of justice,

that they may treat each nation as a family composed of the individual children of God and may know that before the sight of God the rights of all are equal.

For all of us are the children of one Father. God is at peace with all his children; why should they engage in strife and warfare among themselves? God is showering down kindness; why should the inhabitants of this world exchange unkindness and cruelty?" (Abdu'l-Baha in London, p. 122, quoted in 1912, and foreshadowing the European Union)

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

Our weekly prayers are at 8 am every Thursday morning in lower Therwine Street Kuranda followed by coffee. Study circles are now happening in Kuranda, open to all interested, no cost.

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

All enquiries welcome.

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The Baha'i Community of Mareeba/Kuranda

WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

Going looking for words



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Quinn



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WORD MEANINGS

WBAMA: First People, Aboriginal person.

BANYDJI: brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

BANYDJIL: female, girl, woman.

BARNDIL: baby.

BARRINI: sister, father's brother's daughter, mother's sister's daughter.

BAWI: father's mother, grandmother on father's side and her sisters.

BIBUNBAY: children.

BIBUY: small, child.

BIWUL: mother-in-law.

BURRIBURRI: fully-initiated man.

DAYAL: male, boy, man.

DJADJA: infant, young child.

DJARRAGA: step parent, *nyumbu djarraga*, *stepfather*, *ngama djarraga*, *stepmother*.

DJURRAY: younger sister.

DUNYU: husband.

DUYMBARRA: daughter-in-law, son-in-law.

GALNGA: mother's bother, uncle.

GALNGGIRR: daughter.

GANANGGIRRAY: younger brother.

GAM: mother's mother, father's father.

GAMINDJARR: grandchild, grandchildren.

GARGUN: son.

GUMBA: little girl.

GURRAGURRA: ancestors.

MANGA: cross cousin, *man.ga*. Children of siblings of the opposite sex.

NGADJI: grandfather.

NGAMA: mother, mother's sister.

NGAMANI: mother and mother's sisters.

NYALALDJI: wise one.

NYUMBU: father, father's brother.

NYUMBUNI: father and his brothers.

WADIRRI: initiated males.

WAGAL: wife.

WANGARRI: adolescent boy.

WARRNGU: woman.

WARRUWARRU: young boys, pre-pubescent.

YABA: brother.

YABAL: niece, nephew.

YABANI: brothers.

YABURU: adolescent girl.

YILAALA: married couple.

DJABUGAY

A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Consonants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stress

When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?

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

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

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

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

METALLIC STARLING



Metallic Starling (*Aplonis metallica*)

Photo: Gillian Napier, Kuranda.

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February 2021
198.5mm (to 23 February 2021)
 Annual total to
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Atherton Tablelands to Cairns					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
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Departs Mareeba	6.30am	9.45am	1.30pm	8.30am	2.00pm
Departs Speewah	6.50am	10.05am	1.50pm	8.50am	2.20pm
Departs Kuranda	*7.15am	10.25am	2.10pm	9.10am	2.40pm
Departs rainforest	-	10.30am	2.15pm	-	2.45pm
Arrives Cairns	8.50am	11.15am	3.00pm	10.00am	3.30pm

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	7.00am	9.25am	3.30pm	10.30am	4.00pm
Departs Smithfield	7.20am	9.45am	3.50pm	10.50am	4.20pm
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Arrives Cairns	4.45pm

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KRC AGM
7pm Monday 15 March
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As we roll out 2021, we have made a few changes that will be implemented in the coming months. However, the big news is that we have finalised a long-term lease with the Mareeba Shire Council!

This brings certainty to the viability and future of the centre. This extended lease means we can, with confidence, encourage new memberships and volunteers to join the KRC including new committee members.

Come along to our AGM on 15 March and get involved. The KRC is a great community asset that requires your support. We always welcome new ideas, new blood and new input!

The KRC is no longer responsible for the tennis court area and as such the lock has been removed, so players can use as they please.

COVID-19 Compliance

On another note ... guests and users of the KRC will notice that we have installed a QR code for entry into the venue to comply with government COVID regulations.

Scan the QR code with your mobile phone and complete your details. If you don't have a smart phone, you can still comply by having your friend add you to their registration.

We look forward to your support and seeing you in 2021.



What's On at Koah Hall

- EVERY MONDAY**
PILATES with Jaide 6-7pm
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- EVERY THURSDAY**
YOGA evening classes with Tanya 5:30-7pm
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- Yoga in the Rainforest** with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 4093 7401
- Yoga with Katelyn** CWA Hall 5:30-6:30pm 0428 865 636
- EVERY SECOND MONDAY**
Financial Counselling (from UCC) Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

- EVERY TUESDAY**
Group Fitness Class 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct
- Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30-8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196
- KMVactive/Bootcamp** 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda Kirstin 0497 479 606
- SECOND TUESDAY**
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- Emergency Relief Help** from Mareeba Community Support Centre at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200
- Mah Jong 1pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre
- Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am-11.30am. Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457
- THIRD WEDNESDAY**
Craft and Social Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall. Carol 4093 7187 or Sandra 0447 737 415
- EVERY THURSDAY**
Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence 6.30-8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196
- Group Fitness Class** 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct
- Kuranda Dance: Tribal Bellydance with Lisa.** 6-7pm Kuranda Amphitheatre. 0409 367 967
- Domestic Violence Help** Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

- Kuranda Rangers soccer training** 4.30-5.30pm. Simone 0402 003 164
- EVERY FRIDAY**
KMVactive/Bootcamp 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda Kirstin 0497 479 606
- EVERY SATURDAY**
Tree Planting Kuranda Envirocare 0419 624 940 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au
- Men's Shed** Kuranda 2-5pm. Call Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457
- Koah Farmers Market** – 9-10.30am (resuming March) Contact Sal 0421 710 474
- EVERY SECOND SATURDAY**
Women Connection Circle 3-4.30pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Call Anastasia 0413 217 028 to confirm the Saturday dates.
- THIRD SATURDAY**
Meditation with Horses 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701
- EVERY SUNDAY**
Social Tennis 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200
- AA Group** Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222
- THIRD SUNDAY**
Speewah Markets 7am-12noon. Speewah Tavern carpark. Suzy 4093 0449

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