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KURANDA WINNERS! Congratulations Are In Order

At the recent Mareeba Shire Council Australia Day Awards, Kuranda featured in three of the major awards.

These awards are judged across the whole of the Mareeba Shire.

Arch McArthur was named “**Citizen of The Year**” in recognition of his many years of service to this community. Although a somewhat reluctant winner, Arch well deserves the award. Never one to let a few challenges get in the way, Arch has been tireless in the work to re-establish the Kuranda Recreation Centre as a successful community venue. Over the years, Arch has also added his efforts to the Kuranda Infrastructure Program, Tourism and Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. He has a reputation for ferreting out every possible grant available for community projects and making things happen.

Bob Madden was announced winner of the “**Community Service Award**”. Bob has been the face of the Speewah Residents Association since it first began in 1991 with a meeting at his home. Bob has given hours of his time to assist residents with advice on telecommunications matters, including successful lobbying for the NBN rollout in our local area. Bob is the “guru” of meeting procedure.

Congratulations to **Toni Rogers** who won the “**Cultural Award**”. A well-known local artist, Toni is devoted to promoting the arts and is very active in the Kuranda Arts Co-op and *The Kuranda Paper* as well as serving on the RADF committee. Toni is a fearless proponent for the arts.

Colin Jeanes is also to be congratulated for being highly commended for his community service through fundraising for the Lions Club. Colin is for many an example of how to overcome the confines of adversity and works tirelessly for the community

The Kuranda Stars Cheerleading team were nominated for the Junior Sports Award and although they did not win, the twice national champions really are “stars”.

Thrilled by the Kuranda success, Cr Jenny Jensen said “it is so good to see people recognised for what they do in our community. They don’t expect recognition, but they deserve it”. She also encouraged people to nominate some of our local heroes for the 2017 awards.

Congratulations Kuranda!

(A full list of Award Winners appears on page 16)

VALENTINE'S DAY
February
14th



Bob Madden



Toni Rogers



Arch McArthur

Mareeba Shire Council Election Saturday 19 March

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Living With Brush Turkeys

Many residents complain about the brush turkeys interfering with their gardens, however, the solution is not to remove these brush turkeys. The solution is to build a sensible garden. I have recently been to Kuranda



Conservation and seen Jax Bergersen's vegetable garden which works perfectly. The structure keeps out turkeys, bandicoots, possums, white-tailed rats and many more native wildlife. I am sure Jax would welcome anyone who is interested in growing vegetables to have a look at what can be achieved without the removal of wildlife.

A further issue which comes to mind is between chooks and brush turkeys. The best way to feed your domestic fowls is to feed them inside their cage enclosure before letting them out to graze. This way you will have no problems with brush turkeys taking the chook food. Brush turkeys have a right to be here; removing them is not the answer.

Joanie

Locals the Best!

It certainly pays to check out *The Kuranda Paper's* advertisers – most certainly deliver what they advertise and more. Recent services provided by Laurence Capocchi from Antenna Guy, the teams at Bumblebee Motors and Kalios Carpentry could not be faulted and, despite high Christmas/New Year demands, prompt, efficient work and very reasonable charges were most appreciated.

Many thanks – it certainly pays to support local businesses.

Peter North, Kuranda

Environmental Concerns

The eco@jumrum development along Fallon Road seems to be publicised as an environmental development.

This is perhaps something like the emperor's new clothes tale. People tell you something long enough with conviction you might start believing it.

How did it happen anyway? It is still zoned rural where a minimum lot size of 30 hectares is allowed. Ads show idyllic pictures of rainforest which covers the land.

The first stage has 11 lots ranging between 3000m² and 7000m² for sale. Here it comes!

The building envelopes are 2000m², I think access tracks are not included in that. That means if people make use of their rights we can see about half of the rainforest cleared. The advertised beautiful rainforest serenity will be destroyed.

Fencing is restricted to the building envelopes to ensure connectivity and allow free movement of fauna. Well, I hope there will be directions, so the wildlife can find their way through the maze of fences.

Have our expectations really sunk that low to think that this can be a good environmental outcome?

Nadine O'Brien

Be Warned, and Be Prepared

As a Queenslanders you can no longer travel on any Government Transport in Sydney by just buying a ticket. Now everyone, persons living in NSW or from the other states, even those with a reciprocal exchange for Pensioners or Senior Citizens, must own and put money into an OPAL card to travel. I found out the hard way when in December last year I bought a Senior's \$2.50 all day travel ticket from Hurstville to Epping only to find out that on my return on Friday the 5th of January I would have been stranded at Epping station if my son had not come to fetch me back.

It takes seven days after ordering an Opal ticket for a local to arrive in the post (there is no other way of obtaining it), and two weeks for a Queenslanders. I have not been able to discover any way someone who is just going to be in Sydney for a couple of days can bypass this new initiative. So it looks like for you would-be travellers, yet another thing you have to put on your 'to do' list before leaving.

Marié Boswarva from Sydney

A Message From Tom Gilmore

I am pleased to announce that I will be seeking re-election for the position of Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council at the upcoming election, 19th March, 2016.

Two years ago I was elected as Mayor, along with the new Council, with the charter to build and to develop the newly created Mareeba Shire Council. These two years have been a time of frantic activity which has resulted in the creation of a competent and financially viable entity, which has set the foundations for a sound and prosperous future for our community.

Much has been achieved in this time, ranging from the important challenge of building this new Council; right through to the planning for and provision of critical infrastructure, such as water supplies and sewerage services, and those other services which are important to the whole community such as sporting facilities, road maintenance and negotiable street crossings for those persons utilising mobility aids for their daily transport needs.

When this Council was first elected the predictions for our economic outlook as a Council were bleak. It was suggested that this newly created Council would run out of cash and would fail within five years. By careful planning and economic management the predictions for the future are bright. As a result this Council will not fail.

The Mareeba Shire Council has, as its most important asset an incredible complement of staff; without whose hard work, ingenuity and fearless advice to Council, none of the above could have been possible. Our staff has worked closely with the Council and there has developed over this time a healthy, mutual respect. I look forward to working with them to bring to fruition, projects already begun. Two projects of note which must be mentioned are the redevelopment of both the Mareeba wastewater treatment plant and the Mareeba aerodrome.

We have been fortunate in having been able to acquire generous grants from both the State and the Commonwealth towards the development of these facilities.

The Mareeba sewerage treatment plant has, for the past twenty years or more, been polluting the Mitchell River system as it has been unable to meet its environmental license requirements. In just two years this Council has achieved both the design to meet environmental standards and has let the tender for construction. This is unprecedented.

The Mareeba aerodrome has languished for seventy years with unfilled potential by applying for and being successful in gaining grants from both the State and the Commonwealth, we are now on track to provide a meaningful, long-term economic opportunity for our shire. The first stages of construction have begun and it is anticipated that the full project will be completed within the next calendar year. I am enormously proud of having achieved this milestone.

Over the past twelve months the Mareeba Shire Council has met formally in every community and on each occasion a community round table was conducted to give unhindered access to Council and an opportunity for local issues to be raised directly with the Council and senior staff.

Further, as Mayor I have worked hard to ensure that every community in this shire; no matter how small has been visited by either myself or one or more Councillors on a regular basis, more often than not on a monthly basis. This has ensured that every community had a direct voice in the function of Council.

On the basis of the undoubted success of this first Mareeba Shire Council I am seeking to be returned as Mayor. I look forward to the opportunity to bring to fruition those initiatives which are already in place and to further build our shire to what I believe is undoubtedly a sound and prosperous future.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me on 0428 266 078.

Regards,

Tom



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Planning for a Future Starts Here!

by **Syd Walker**

Since the end of last year a lot has been going on – largely behind the scenes – to rectify problems with the new draft plan for Mareeba Shire. This is a document that, once finalized, will set the planning framework for our region for the next decade.

The newly formed **Friends of Kuranda Region Planning Group** has been working hard to try to ensure we get a state-of-the-art new plan. As we've become better informed about the current draft of the plan, we've grown increasingly concerned and determined this latest draft must be improved.

Until now, Mareeba Shire Council has been reluctant to make any changes – insisting the plan must be approved now by State Government without further community input. It's a curious determination to rush at full speed – given Councillors didn't even discuss the new planning scheme until a Council meeting in February 2015, by which time they'd been in office for over a year!

Failure to consult the community over the new plan is also a breach of a clear promise made by Mayor Tom Gilmore and his team at the 2013 election. These promises helped deliver 'Tom's team' a strong majority of votes in the Kuranda region – tipping the balance in their favour throughout the Shire.

On January 20 a delegation from Friends of Kuranda were given half an hour to present our case to Council. Giving this presentation to Council forced us to document our case and clarify our objectives, in writing. This material is now on the www.friendsofcuranda.org website for anyone to view – along with a fuller report about the meeting.

We understand that Mayor Gilmore – and five of the current six Councillors – intend to run again for Council at the coming March elections. We ask that they now fulfill the 2013 promise to consult. We're seeking a

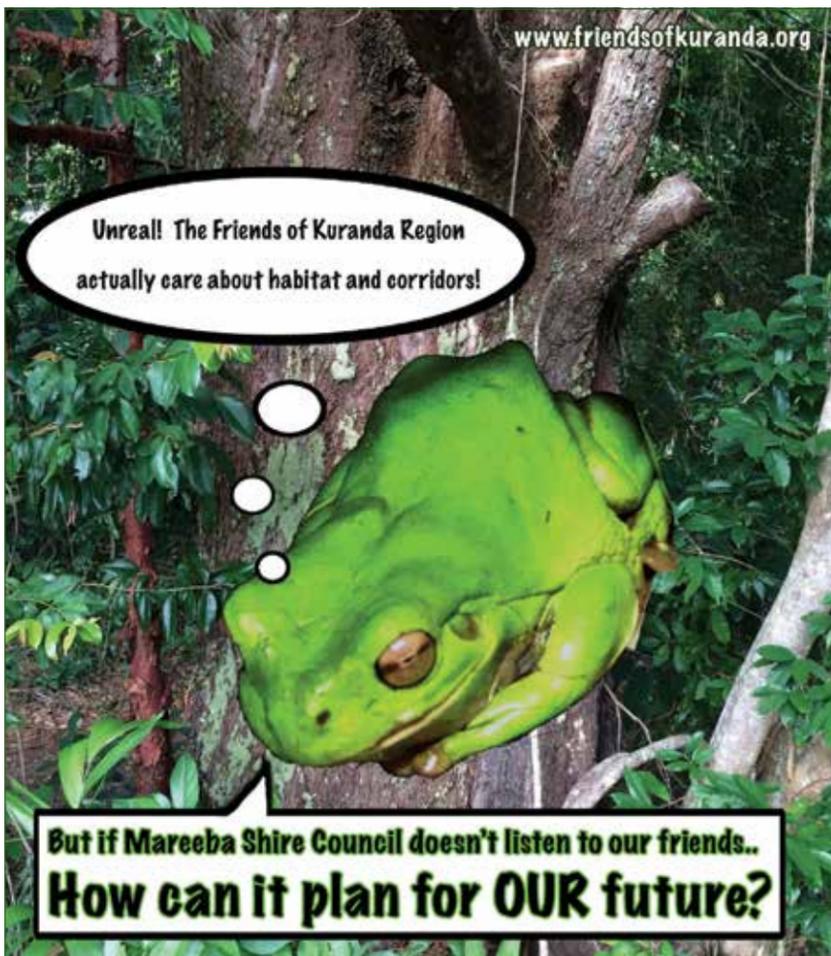
review of biodiversity mapping and protection around the Shire – and a new sub-plan for the Kuranda region that can, we hope, achieve a new standard of excellence in planning for a high biodiversity region.

Simultaneously, we're asking the State Government to impose these conditions on Mareeba Shire Council. Good planning is – or should be – about more than development control – important as well-planned development may be. This is a once-in-a-decade chance to get a plan for the Kuranda region that achieves genuine protection of wildlife, biodiversity and other heritage but which also lays the groundwork for prosperity that's sustainable.

Since we started last November, the Friends of Kuranda Region group has been growing fast.

Please join us and have your say about the future of this very special region!

(To get in touch with Friends of Kuranda go to www.friendsofcuranda.org and use the contact form. You can also subscribe to our email list on the website).

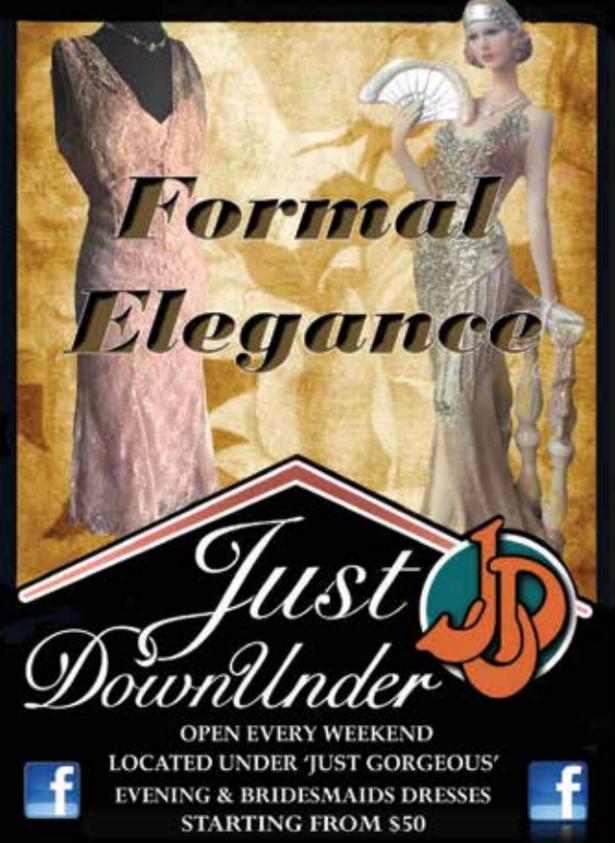


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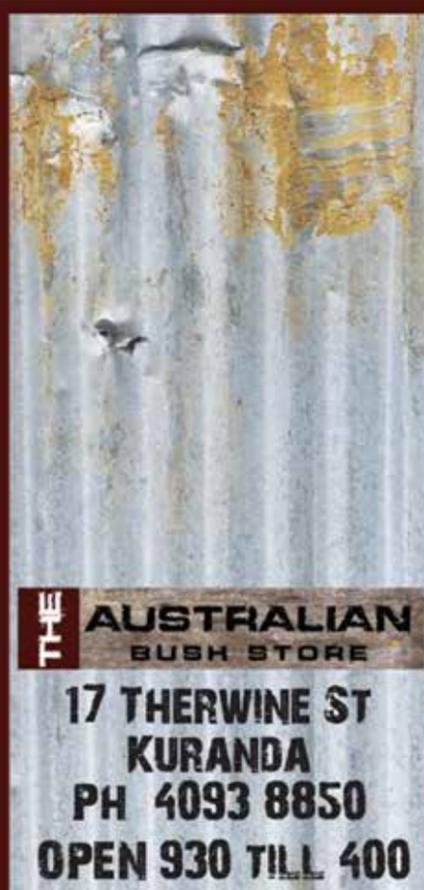
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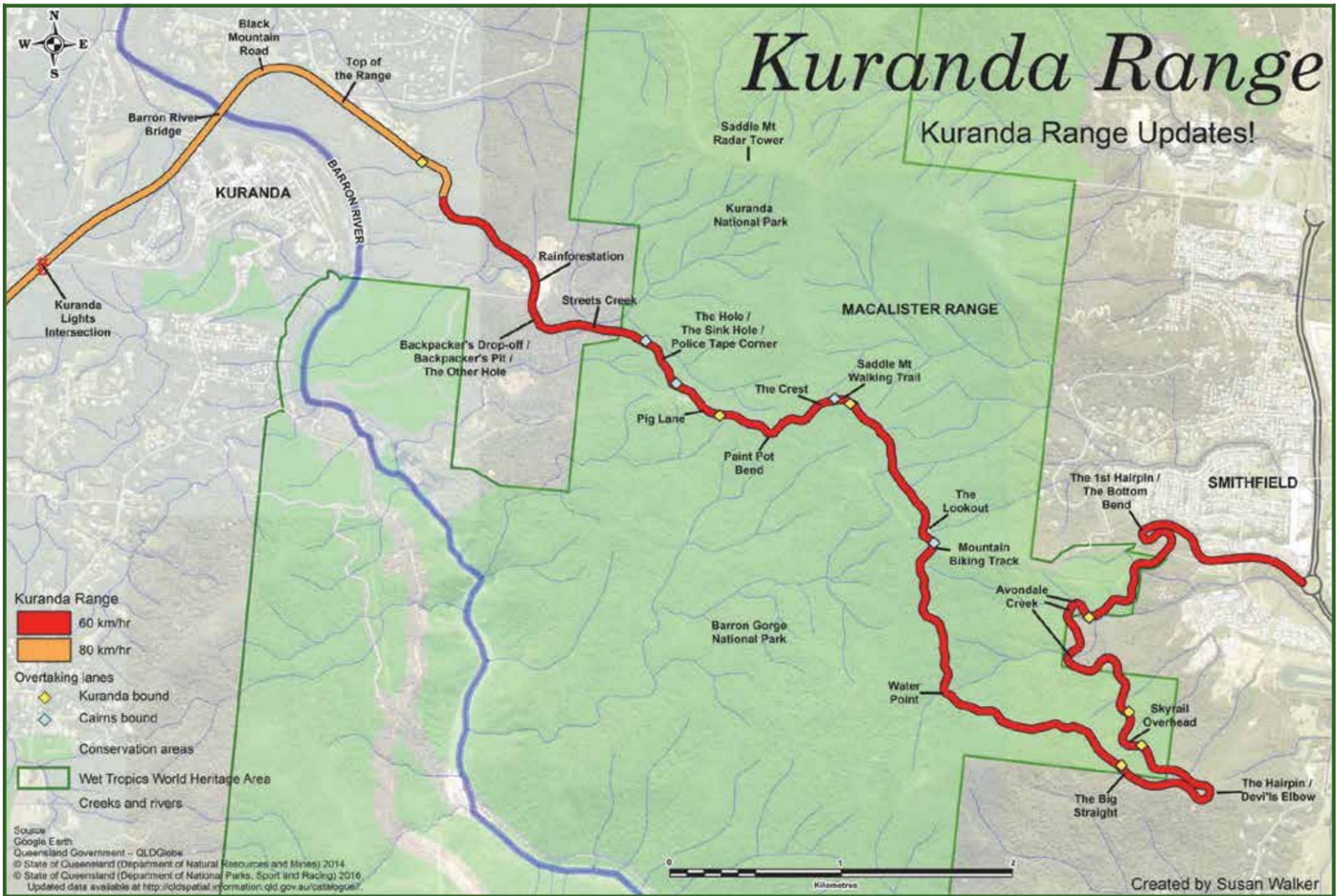


Calling all aspiring Councillors:

For the information of residents, **The Kuranda Paper** will be running a profile of all Mareeba Shire Council candidates in the next edition, the March edition, out Thursday 25th February. Candidates should forward their profile (about 100 words) with accompanying photo no later than **Friday 19 February** to: mail@kurandapaper.com
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The above map has been prepared by Susan Walker. An explanation of the key points are shown on page 7.

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Madison To Represent The Cape

Speewah local **Madison Kotzur** has been selected to represent Cape York Peninsula in the State Championship Triathlon at Hervey Bay in February. Many of the Speewah locals see her training on a daily basis. Local support has been amazing!. She washes and walks dogs for pocket money as she is saving for a faster bike. She often gets off the school bus in Kuranda and runs to the swimming pool to swim 1.5km. She would like to thank everyone for the support and hopes to do the area proud in February.



Local Champ Helps Stamp Out Electric Ants

The battle against electric ants in Far North Queensland looks like being won, with complete eradication likely by July 2016.

Biosecurity Queensland through the National Electric Ant Eradication Program is launching a new campaign targeting any final remaining electric ant colonies in the Cairns, Douglas, Mareeba, Cassowary Coast and Tablelands regions.

Electric Ant Program Coordinator Gary Morton said we have almost eradicated electric ants but we need to be sure, so the more properties we check the more confident we are that we have eradicated them.

"We ran a similar campaign in April this year with fantastic results. More than 800 people registered to have the yards checked for electric ants, and two new infestations were found," he said.

"It only takes one colony being missed for a new infestation to establish and spread.

"Residents can register for a free yard check at www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au."

Local resident Anna Marshall recently assisted Biosecurity Queensland staff to identify and eradicate an electric ant infestation at Holloways Beach.

Ms Marshall said she had given her brother pot plants as a house warming present, not realising they contained electric ants.

"After registering for a yard check, I was amazed how rapidly the infestation was attended to and the thorough approach taken by Biosecurity Queensland staff," she said.

"The ants are so tiny, only 1.5 millimetres long, so it is almost impossible to detect them without knowing what you are looking for."

Mr Morton said we know that more than 95 per cent of infestations are caused by people sharing, swapping or selling pot plants.

"With the help of the public and local businesses that move host materials, such as pot plants, soil and garden mulch, the nine year battle against the spread of electric ants looks like it is being won."

Residents and businesses who have bought or swapped pot plants in the past five years, or who suspect they might have electric ants can register online at www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au for a free property check.

Electric ants are a serious invasive species that has the potential to ruin our Queensland way of life, affect our health and have serious environmental impacts.

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Kuranda Water Reservoir

Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council Tom Gilmore today said that the contribution of \$650,000 from the State Government's Building Our Regions program towards the cost of two new water reservoirs to supplement the Kuranda and district water supply is most welcome.

"I express my deep appreciation to the Hon Anthony Lynham, Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and the Member for Barron River, Craig Crawford, for their continuing support of the Mareeba Shire Council as we build new critical infrastructure for the future," Mayor Gilmore said.

"This funding continues with the commitment of the Queensland Government following an earlier grant of \$772,500 towards the recently completed 1 mega litre reservoir on Myola Road," Cr Gilmore said.

"This project will deliver drinking water security and provide critical water holding capacity by constructing an additional 500 kilolitre drinking water reservoir at Mason Road, Kuranda and an additional 150 kilolitre drinking water reservoir on Warril Drive, Kuranda.

This will immediately ease the burden on the booster pumps and provide additional storage for firefighting, emergencies and anticipated population growth. In the case of Warril Drive, it will also provide additional capacity to allow urgent repairs to the leaking liner in the existing reservoir," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"These reservoirs at Warril Drive and Mason Road will go a long way to future proofing Kuranda and district water supply and will ensure that future development in that region will be catered to, as required," he said.



Peoples' Map of the Kuranda Range Road

Kuranda local Susan Walker has cleverly documented commonly used nicknames for notorious black spots on the Kuranda Range Road (see map on page 4).

This is in response to quizzical questions from some of the nearly 7,000 members of the Facebook community group Kuranda Range Updates as to just what "The Hole", "Pig Lane" and "Backpackers' Drop Off" were when reports of accidents and incidents were posted.

It appears the Kuranda Range Road has history on every bend and Susan has captured the dry humour of some of its 9,000 daily users. Whilst there are numbered culverts and some obvious locations such as The Lookout and Water Point it appears most cars which leave the road end up in either The Hole or The Other Hole. Main Roads take note !

To view the map online AND stay informed about the ever changing conditions on this most beautiful scenic drive visit and join Kuranda Range Updates on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kurandarangeupdates/>

The Kuranda Paper would also love to hear about your nicknames for infamous spots on the Range – though not all might be publishable.

Susan Walker has added some explanations for the origins of some names as given to her.

Backpacker's Drop-Off/Backpacker's Pit/The Other Hole

Several distinctive backpacker rental vans, and other suspected backpacker vehicles (they could well have been local vehicles – it is hard to tell sometimes) have left the road at this corner and are often not removed for some time.

The Hole/The Sink Hole/The Police-tape Bend

This is a well-known location where cars predictably slip off the range when it rains. There is a drop of roughly 3-5 meters into a gully and cars have been known to land on other cars that haven't as yet been retrieved. On one occasion a ute had come to rest in a precarious position, close to falling into the hole. A rope was tied to the ute and secured to a fire engine until it could be moved back onto the road and towed away.

Pig Lane

What came first – the pig or the police? This is a short lane that is a favourite with our boys in blue. The location was coined 'pig lane' when a dead and very decaying pig carcass was disposed of in the lane. Many can only speculate if the carcass was placed in the location on purpose, however, it will be noted that a police presence was lacking in the weeks afterward.

Paint Pot Bend

One afternoon, assumedly on the way home from work, a ute lost a seemingly large tin of white paint on this corner. Being shortly after knock-off time on a weekday, many an unsuspecting vehicle travelled through the patch of wet paint, providing these vehicles with unintended racing stripes.



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BEES and their importance to the environment has been a popular topic in recent years. Celebrities are becoming backyard beekeepers, new species are being identified every year, and the innovative design of the 'flow hive' has captured a new generation of enthusiasts. We are fortunate here in Kuranda to be home to at least 12 species of bee. Two of these are introduced species and we have some species from each of the 10 major groups of native bees.

This series of articles will look at some of the fascinating bees to be found in the Kuranda area and how you can encourage them to your backyard.

The most commonly sighted native bee comes from the group *Austroplebeia* & *Tetragonula*, commonly known as the **Australian Stingless Bee**.

Tetragonula carbonaria (top right) and *Tetragonula hockingsi* (bottom right) bees are the little black insects about 4mm long that like to nest in hollow trees or in your power boxes and wall cavities. They like a tiny entrance which they protect with resins collected from tree sap, particularly Cadagi.

Tetragonula hockingsi are North Queensland's very own native bee, documented by Harold Hockings in the 1880s on Cape York. *Hockingsi* look very similar to *carbonaria*. They are slightly larger with white markings on their face and sides.

They are one of the few social bee species in Australia and the most popular native bee for enthusiasts to keep in their back yard, possibly because they cannot sting you!

There are about 10,000 bees in a strong colony with a similar social structure to the honeybee, i.e. one queen, many workers and few drones.

They construct a circular or stepped nest for their brood and honey stores. Honey is stored in clusters of oval resin pots on the outer of the nest. The resins add a tangy flavour to the stored honey. It is only in the warmer parts of Australia that these bees can produce more honey than they need and therefore can be 'robbed' (the honey harvested).

Stingless bee honey is called Sugarbag and was prized by Indigenous Australians who collected it from wild nests. Sugarbag honey is a rare product to be savoured because each hive only produces about 1kg of honey per year.

These bees are being used alongside honeybees as pollinators of macadamias in Southern Queensland, with excellent results. Because of their size, they may prove to be effective pollinators of many other crops.

The Australian Stingless bee is the only confirmed pollinator of *Dendrobium monophyllum* orchids. This orchid grows in humid open forest or rainforest margins from Cooktown to Grafton.

To attract these bees to your garden, plant some of these:

Herbs: especially coriander, sage, parsley, tarragon, nasturtium

Fruit: citrus, avocado, passionfruit, bananas, lychee, mango, watermelon

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Of course, being native bees, they are perfectly formed to reach into the heart of our native flowers and are completely happy in our wonderful Kuranda environment!



By The Honey House Team



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WHAT'S ON

Due to a very full calendar, we are unable to fit all class and event times here. Please go to our website krc.org.au or our Facebook page and check our 'What's On' calendar.



Happy 2016 to one and all! At the KRC we're ready for another bumper year of classes, sports, dining, and activities for our wonderful community. January saw Pilates, Frisbee, and Wing Chun Kung Fu recommence with most other regular classes starting again in February. The Kuranda Rangers also hosted an overnight soccer camp on 16 January for some of our younger players—playing soccer until midnight and camping out - they had lots of fun! Nature's Kitchen will be reopening in mid-February. For the most up to date information, please check the 'What's On Calendar' on our Facebook page or website krc.org.au.

Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate Christmas with us in December - it was a great way to finish off the year. The kids enjoyed the jumping castle and gladiator ring, the Lucky Dip, and we had our second winner in the \$100 Lucky Numbers draw. A highlight was the "They cut down the old palm trees" performance by the talented YAK YAK group who were then awarded with a cheque for \$400 from the Bendigo Bank.

LUCKY #
MEMBER'S DRAW
First 2016 member's draw is on 26 February.

Win \$100 every month!
Drawn on the last Friday of every month. Must be present, or the prize jackpots to the next month.

Where have the trees gone?

In December, our iconic Oil Palm trees were removed by the Mareeba Shire Council. We thank everyone in the community for their support and suggestions for improvement as we work towards replacing them. The Council was very apologetic for the miscommunication that resulted in this outcome, but have promised to work closely with the KRC Management Committee in the future. The Committee met with the Council on 11 January to discuss a plan for the revegetation of the oval and other improvements. In principle, there was agreement that suitable, quick growing shade trees be planted as soon as possible along southern side of the green (with possibility of temporary shade structure until trees mature), option to install irrigation, timber retaining walls around the green slope area, water bubbler, and source costs for playground equipment. We look forward to making this community facility even better, so the whole community can benefit.

CLUB SIGN ONS 2016

Kuranda 8 Ball
Tuesday 9 February 7pm @ KRC

Kuranda Rangers
Saturday 27 February 9am-12noon @ KRC
with a Sausage Sizzle



NOTICE OF AGM

The KRC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Sunday 28 February at 3pm** @ the KRC on Fallon Road, Kuranda. The AGM will provide an overview of our 2015 activities, present the accounts, receive nominations, and elect a new Management Committee. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Agenda

- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of office bearers and change of signatories

Committee Positions up for re-election:

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator, Sports Coordinator, Maintenance, and Membership Secretary. For nomination or proxy forms please email krc4881@gmail.com

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Gardening in Kuranda

with Alectura



FEBRUARY and despite some good but patchy rain in parts across the Tablelands, still waiting for the Wet. The wise gardener will have already completed mulching, conserving soil moisture and providing weed suppression as well as, when and if the heavy rains arrive, preventing soil compaction and run-offs.

Many moans about the recent monsterings by mosquitos! Gardeners should regularly check ornamental ponds and the introduction of the native blue eye, crimson spotted rainbow fish or even the humble guppy will deal with mosquito larvae and not prove detrimental to frog breeding.

Newcomers to the area, should consider joining the Kuranda Gardening Club. As well as providing enjoyable company, valuable time, money and plant losses will be saved as one learns, first-hand and on garden visits, the benefits and pitfalls of tropical gardening. Remember too that local markets provide an excellent source of plants suited to local areas and at most reasonable prices.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Deppea spendens*, sometimes known as the **Golden Fuschia**, is a striking, rare, possibly extinct in the wild, member of the *Rubiaceae* (Coffee) family and yes, to my delight and amazement, a small number of plants were on sale from John Farrington at the December Flecker Plant Sales.

This plant was first discovered in 1973 in only one isolated location in the cool Mexican mountains. Botanist Dennis Breedlove returning in 1986 found no surviving plants, all eradicated by farming development.

Deppea spendens is an evergreen bush that may grow about 3m+ tall with ribbed textured leaves in whorls of three. Depending on climate, flowering may be year-round with pendant mango yellow and apricot blooms with wine-red calyxes to 15cm+. Each flowering cluster is held by long, wiry stems.

Coming as it does from cooler parts, its ease of cultivation in hot, humid conditions and frost prone areas is yet to be trialled.

Seed is sometimes available on the internet and is still rather expensive as different clones of the plant are necessary for seed set. It may also be grown from cutting.

This is definitely one for the plant fanatic and, if proving hardy and reliable, should make a striking addition to the garden.



Q & A: *Dear Astra*, From your description and flower, the vine is *Chonemorpha fragans* the **Climbing Frangipani** (*Apocynaceae*). This very vigorous vine needs sturdy support and some tying in. Care should be taken, if reaching trees, that it does not smother them and also does not become another escapee into the rainforest. While enjoying its prolific seasonal flowering and lightly perfumed flowers, I have found it inclined to sucker and have had some seed set.



Dear James, **Singapore Daisy** (*Sphagneticola trilobata*) is a declared Class 3 species under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* and is extremely difficult to eradicate. Hand weeding is an ongoing task as any parts remaining in soil or fallen plant parts regenerate rapidly. Details on use of herbicides is detailed on http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/4790_7355.htm. Some thought should be given before clearing, particularly on steep banks, as with heavy rains, run-off, scouring and bank collapse may occur.



Dear Patrick, It seems the recent flowering of *Amorphophallus titanum* again from "Spud" at the Flecker Gardens has sparked an interest in this bizarre and striking plant.

Yes *A. titanum* can be grown from seed, often available on-line from Paradise Distributors but this is a somewhat long and arduous process with 5-7 years until its bulb reaches sufficient size, often weighing in at 50kg+ before flowering and requiring much patience and sufficient room to grow on to maturity. Increasingly, some local growers are having success with leaf cuttings struck in open, sharp rich potting draining mix and closed environment. Remember these plants go dormant in the cooler months and both seed and plants still command high prices.

Peter Anderson at the Mareeba Markets offers a wide range of *Amorphophallus* species that you may also like to try – unfortunately these plants seem to be addictive as Peter raises the roof to accommodate one of his little treasures in flower spike!

Dear Unknown but Not Forgotten Readers. Two apologies necessary! Sorry, I lost your email addresses in a recent computer melt-down and have to advise that neither the *Stiffia* or *Strophanthus preussii* cuttings took.



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



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2015 was the Hottest Year on Record Globally

NASA and NOAA have confirmed that 2015 was the hottest year globally since modern records began and shattered the previous record set in 2014 with the global average temperature 0.90°C above the 20th century average. There is now over 400 PPM of carbon in the atmosphere and the scientific consensus says that for the planet to remain livable carbon needs to stay below 350 PPM so to achieve this means that the world will need to keep 80% or more of its fossil fuel reserves in the ground.

The Government Subsidises Fossil Fuel Projects by \$5 Billion Annually

At the climate change conference in Paris Malcolm Turnbull did not join nearly 40 other countries that signed an agreement to eliminate subsidies to the fossil fuel industry. Rather than investing in renewable energy projects Australia will continue to subsidise fossil fuel projects by around \$5 billion a year in the form of discounted fuel to miners and funding the development of fossil fuel projects in remote and isolated wilderness areas.

Oil Change International senior campaigner Alex Doukas said in a statement, "Eliminating fossil fuel subsidies could be a massive double win. It would stop a huge waste of public money that's driving the climate crisis, while at the same time freeing up money that can help poor countries adapt to the impacts of climate change and make the shift to renewable energy." The International Monetary Fund calculates the cost of global fossil fuel subsidies is \$5.3 trillion annually when including the un-priced externalities that burning fossil fuels inflicts on societies.

UN Report Finds Organic Agriculture is the Key to Reversing Global Warming

According to the report "Wake Up Before It's Too Late" from one-third to one-half of manmade CO₂ in the atmosphere is produced by modern industrial agriculture but this is barely being addressed by governments. It found that modern industrial agriculture is disrupting the process of photosynthesis, which is the way nature sequesters carbon out of the atmosphere, by the heavy use of chemicals and tilling which kills the life in the soil. The report also found organic and small-scale farming is the answer for "feeding the world", not GMOs and monocultures and that major changes are needed in our food, agriculture and trade systems, with a shift toward local small-scale farmers and food systems recommended.

NASA Researches the Cause for the Collapse of Civilisation

A new study partly-sponsored by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center has highlighted the prospect that global industrial civilisation could collapse in coming decades due to unsustainable resource exploitation and increasingly unequal wealth distribution. Looking at the historical data showed that advanced, sophisticated, complex, and creative civilisations can be both fragile and impermanent and that "the process of rise-and-collapse is actually a recurrent cycle found throughout history." Cases of severe civilisational disruption due to "precipitous collapse – often lasting centuries – have been quite common." It finds that according to the historical record even advanced, complex civilisations are susceptible to collapse.

The study found that population, climate, water, agriculture, and energy are all factors that can lead to collapse when they converge to generate two crucial social features: "the stretching of resources due to the strain placed on the ecological carrying capacity"; and "the economic stratification of society into elites [rich] and masses [poor]". These social phenomena have played "a central role in the character or in the process of the collapse," in all such cases over "the last five thousand years."

Currently, high levels of economic stratification are linked directly to overconsumption of resources, with "elites" based largely in industrialised countries responsible for both: "...accumulated surplus is not evenly distributed throughout society, but rather has been controlled by an elite. The mass of the population, while producing the wealth, is only allocated a small portion of it by elites, usually at or just above subsistence levels."

The current economic stratification of society is highlighted in a new Oxfam report that finds that 1% of people own more wealth than the rest of the world combined and that just 62 people own as much wealth as the poorer half of the entire world's population.

Butler Drive/Saddle Mountain Road Intersection

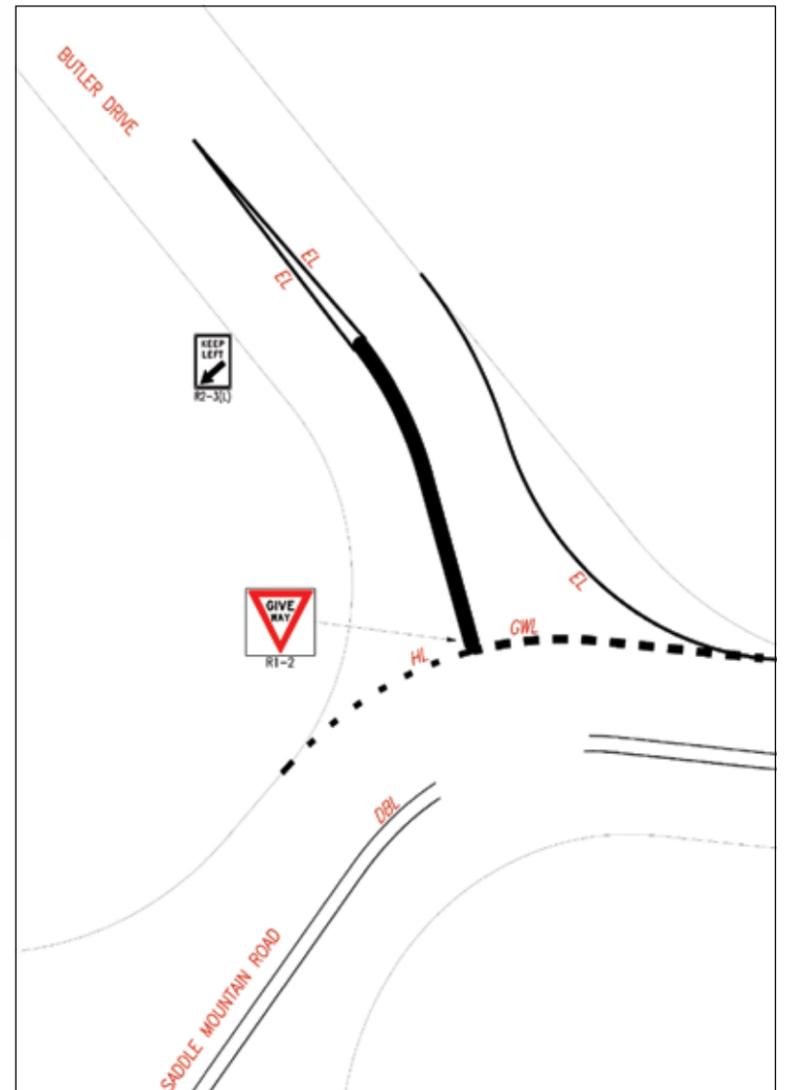
Following concerns raised by residents in the area, the intersection at Butler Drive and Saddle Mountain Road will be reconfigured to improve road safety at the intersection.

Traffic counters recently installed at the intersection indicated significantly more vehicles using Saddle Mountain Road and therefore this road should have priority over Butler Drive.

Once works have been completed it will be necessary for vehicles using Butler Drive to Give Way to those using Saddle Mountain Road as indicated on the plan below.

Works are due to commence in mid-February 2016 weather permitting.

Should users of the intersection have any concerns with the new arrangement or wish to seek clarification please contact Council on 1300 308 461.



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Saturday 6th February 2016 at 2.00pm

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GOLDEN ACRES

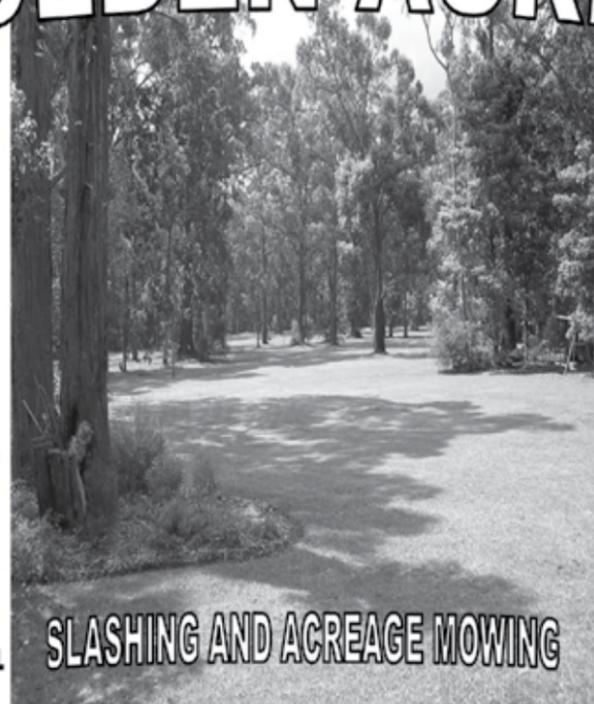
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ALL IS ART

This month's featured artists are storytellers Michael Quinn and Patricia Chong. As they say, we are all being told stories all of our lives, some good, some bad, some ugly. It's up to us, if we want to be masters of our own destinies, to be a little discerning here. Someone is telling us a story for some reason, maybe good, maybe not. So don't just take it as gospel, but question everything, their source, their logic, and particularly their motivation. Look at what they stand to gain by having you believe them, money, political power, or maybe just an ego boost? We are bombarded with stories all day via the mass media. Things people want us to believe, subtly shaping our attitudes, our mind-sets to their way of thinking. Like sheep we bleat along with the general consensus, thinking we are coming up with original ideas. Fortunately we have creative people, artists, in all disciplines, who tell us their stories in the most delightful and entertaining ways. And although we know they are just stories, we come away a little wiser, a little better equipped to deal with all the spin that surrounds us. Happy New Year arties, seren.

The Way of Story



Art by Mooncat, Rudecat Morgyn Quinn

We are all born into a world of stories and our lives are informed and shaped by them for better or worse.

Join our storytellers Michael Quinn and Patricia Chong in a series of six storytelling workshops that explore the significance of story for humankind.

Patricia Chong has used storytelling in her meditation classes for many years and has been inspired by the wisdom tales of many spiritual traditions as well as fairy tales, folktales, fables, allegories and myths from diverse cultures. She sees story as a source of psychic healing and transformation.

Michael Quinn has worked for many years to save the language and story lore of the Djabuganydji and Bulwandydji people of this area.

The story heritage is called Bulurru.

The Storytime and sacred places or Storywaters are called by the same name. It also means the Law and the djumburru nyiwul, one track the people had to follow to allow them to survive.

Michael draws on the world's heritage of myths and folktales. He has developed an interactive approach to storytelling that seeks to make stories come to life. Like Patricia he sees the therapeutic power of story.

Both storytellers believe in the power of story to enhance life or to enchain us, to heal us or to harm us.

They invite you to bring out the storyteller in yourself or simply enjoy a unique presentation of myths and stories to think with, to trip the mind, to open the doorways of perception.

Warning there may be tears, but expect laughter!

Venue: 88 Windy Hollow Road, Kuranda

Dates: Saturday 30th January 2016

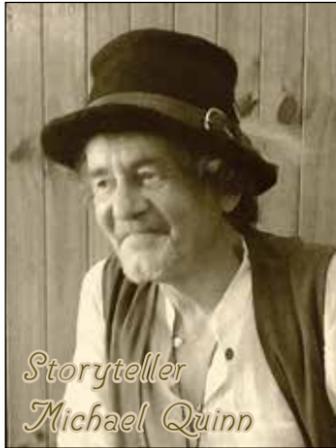
and every Saturday for the next five weeks.

Time: 2 pm - 4 pm

Cont: Gail 40937720

or wailsey@westnet.com.au to register.

Cost: \$10 or donation welcome.



Storyteller Michael Quinn



Kuranda Amphitheatre News

February 2016

*** Happy New Year! ***

Members and Friends,

the most exciting news so far is that the Community Partnerships Program of Mareeba Shire Council has supported the completion of the volunteer carpark and the immediate entrance area of the venue. This will mean more volunteers will be able to park closer to the venue when events are on. Volunteers will begin to re-plant the car park area and continue with the beautification of the entrance area in the very near future.

This plan is closely aligned to the original carpark design by Ron Bruce, approved by members in 1988. Current members have expressed a wish to stay as close to this plan as possible and we are happy to advise that this will be so. We wish to thank Mareeba Shire Council for this assistance and look forward to the works starting next week!

The gully next to the driveway, a catchment area for Jum Rum Creek is gradually being cleared of lantana, wild raspberry etc. Our local Envirocare has kindly offered assistance with the revegetation of this area and we look forward to working with this amazing crew. Regular concert visitors and volunteers will have appreciated the improvements made so far around the top of the venue. The newly paved areas from the Gatehouse entrance to the Stalls area and the Top Pavilion have made a huge difference in more ways than one. The underground drainage means no more mud to trudge through in these areas! These upgrades would not happen (well, not this quickly anyway) without the commitment of the JOBFIND beautification project crew to assist the Society in accomplishing these long-standing development plans and ensuring the venue is set for at least another ten years. Mere words cannot express the size of our...

THANK YOU!

The work of the JOBFIND CREW is vitally important in assisting the Amphitheatre with maintenance, public safety, general infrastructure, community connections and most importantly the future of our unique organisation. The gardens within the venue are undergoing a revamp as well, complete with underground irrigation. Another recent upgrade is to the

venue lighting which is an ongoing project in itself! Paths now have hard-wired lighting, meaning volunteers no longer need to hang temporary lighting for events, thus enhancing public safety.

This month our first Members' Night is planned for Saturday 27th February with the most talented band, **LOS CARACOLES**.

For more info on what's on in February please see the Music Page.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 21st Feb 2016, at 4 pm, Top Pavilion.

To be a member of the management team is a rewarding experience and we encourage all to come along and participate in this important meeting and assist with maintaining our unique community space.

Please be aware that it is KAS policy for attendees at meetings to be members of the Society to be able to vote. New membership must be approved by the Management Committee prior to meetings.

2016 Membership Forms are available from the Honey House. The form and fee can be left at the Honey House for KAS collection.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 21st February
at 4 pm in the Top Pavilion
Members are encouraged to attend the
Annual General Meeting and vote!**

We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank **Trish Green** of the Honey House and **Barry Hodson** for their consistent unwavering assistance, time, and support to the Kuranda Amphitheatre.



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

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or "The Honey House", Therwine Street, Kuranda.

For all enquiries please go to www.kurandaamphitheatre.org

or email: support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com

Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



KTOWN Happy New Years

from the Ktown Productions crew!

This year we are evolving and more experienced than ever so we will be bringing you a slew of gigs, new musos and a new local based event called "Exposure" dedicated to showcasing upcoming musicians as well as our very own YouTube channel with a ton of content ready to be uploaded so keep an eye out for our link on Facebook!

But first let's talk about 2015, what it has brought us, how it has affected our group and the community as whole. As most people know, our town is full to the brim with artists and musicians yearning to showcase their talents. Some have made it and some are hiding away as the "wolves in sheep's clothing". Throughout 2015 we have aimed at giving these musicians a space in which they can express their talents freely and



comfortably, utilizing the Understage of the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

Events were successfully held monthly under the name of 'Jam Space' which always attracted an enthusiastic local crowd, with musicians from the Tablelands as well as all the way from Europe, to

have a space in the spotlight.

KTown also runs another community activity going by the name of "SoundScribe". The venue space has also doubled as a make shift recording studio every Thursday in which more than 26 musicians were recorded for free, as well as having a press pack made for them, including edited photos, 3 mastered songs, 3 videos and a biography.

Also helping in the promotion and set up of workshops, including special effects, lighting and slide-guitar, 2015 has made it a productive year! Thank you to the community and everyone involved in making it such a success!

In 2016 "SoundScribe" will be in hiatus for a few weeks while we compile a database of musicians,

so be sure to stay tuned to our Facebook updates so you can get your originals recorded, and check out our new YouTube channel updated weekly! We also aim to revitalize an old successful event but with a twist. "EXPOSURE". Essentially an open mic night with structure based on multi-track recording pre-booked musicians while live on stage. Taking Ktown Productions to higher heights, opening doors, opportunities and expanding the "EXPOSURE" event to other venues. We hope 2016 brings everyone luck, success, love and light!

For more information and updates check our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KTOWN-Productions-468592749944626/?fref=ts>

Remember do it with heart, and have a prosperous year with kind regards from the Ktown Productions crew!

email: KtownProductions2014@gmail.com or contact Seb Howell on 0429500782



Therwine Street, Kuranda UPDATE

Following the lack of response to Council's call for tenders to undertake the streetscape works in Therwine Street, Council will review how it will deliver this stage of the project.

"It was disappointing that we received no submissions to our call for tenders to undertake these works, but we are now looking at how we will deliver this stage of the project ourselves," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The first stage of the refurbishment of Therwine Street commenced last November with the installation of conduit for the undergrounding of power. Congratulations to Mareeba Shire Council staff which has done a great job, with minimal disruption to the community and traders," Cr Gilmore said.

"The next phase will commence in February when Ergon installs the electrical cabling and removes the overhead supply," Mayor Gilmore said.

"During the extensive public consultation around this project it was made very clear that we should avoid undertaking the major streetscaping works in the peak mid-year tourist season, as a result it is likely that works will commence later this year," he said.

"We are now in the process of developing a works plan and schedule. Once this is finalised Council will ensure that the community is kept fully informed."

"This project will revitalise the existing streetscape and will certainly improve one of Kuranda's major streets. We look forward to being able to deliver this important project for the community," he said.



Ngoonbi News

Every Monday Night we have Youth Night down at the Bibi Yungan Building on Caroona Street for young people aged 12 and over.

Ngoonbi Sport and Rec Program: come down and have sports programs from 4.00pm to 6.00pm and then the group walk across the road to the Bibi Yungan Building for dinner and fun.

Since November we have held Kuranda Amazing Race, Trivia Night, Art and Craft activities and Games nights.

The cost is Free and all you need to bring is a smile.

We also have monthly late night shopping trips to Cairns Central and other interesting outings. This week Ngoonbi Sport and Rec and Youth at Risk Program took over 40 children on a bus trip to Mossman where we visited the Mossman PCYC group for games and then to Mossman gorge for a BBQ and swim. An awesome day was had by all.

Photo Below: Group photo from our Mossman trip and a photo of Sport and Rec officer Riley and his Trivia Team - The Koalas.

Photo Right: The local Bama Dayal Dancers opened the Ngoonbi Christmas Party celebrations at Bartley Park.



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Kuranda Amphitheatre Members Night
Los Caracoles
Saturday 27th January
The Understage

The Kuranda Amphitheatre lights up for the first 2016 Members Night at the Understage on Saturday 27th February with Cairns based latin infusion band, Los Caracoles.

Los Caracoles compose and perform original music (in Spanish, English and Italian) on universal themes - nature, contemporary issues, love, ordinary heroes and ordinary things in life.

"Music from the hearth to feed your soul"

Their music genre is best described as Latin, Folk, World and Dance. A variety of Latin rhythms are performed from slow and lilting, medium pace, to heart pumping tempos. Songs are adorned with beautiful acoustic lead guitar, electric bass and electric lead, as well as charango, ukulele, harmonica, congas, bombo, drum kit, minor percussion and voice harmonies.

Recent performances include headlining for the 2015 Cairns Festival

(on parade night), with appearances at the Reef Festival, Palm Cove, the Mareeba Multicultural Festival, as well as venues from Mossman, Mareeba and Cairns to the Daintree.

Word from Los Caracoles is they are looking forward to playing in Kuranda



again. So spread the word, join as a 2016 Kuranda Amphitheatre member to support the venue and enjoy an evening of music for the soul.

Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm
 Entry: Members \$10, Guests \$15.00
 Food available

Earth Frequency Festival 2016
February 12-15

From its origins in 2006 as a one night land care music event, Earth Frequency Festival has grown significantly over the past 10 years and become a highlight of the QLD festival calendar. Now entering its second decade of operation, Earth Frequency Festival continues to evolve and expand.

In 2016, Earth Frequency will be returning to its awesome Ivory's Rock. Located near Peak Crossing, in the lush setting of the Scenic Rim, South-East Queensland, Ivory's Rock is a beautiful and well established outdoor events venue. With its natural vibe and top notch facilities and amenities, EFF2016 are confident this will be an amazing venue for Earth Frequency Festival and expect 4000-5000 attendees.

The 2016 music lineup features a huge range of international and domestic talent across a wide spectrum of live and electronic music genres. Highlight bookings include Australian roots/reggae giants Blue King Brown, Canadian glichhop artists Funk Hunters' special live show with Chali 2na of Jurassic 5, German electronic pioneers Boris Brejcha and Day Din, and the now USA based Kalya Scintilla returns to Australia with Eve Olution.

Festival favourites Opiuo, Oka, Spoonbill, Kingfisha, Dub FX, Hugo and Treats and Tetrameth vs Shadow FX top

the domestic lineup. Over 100 artists will complete the music lineup which spans across 4 days and 3 nights.

Included on the bill is FNQ's Psymon (aka Old Man River), who has been an integral member of the NQ's outdoor electronic music community since day one. Musically, Psymon's sound covers all genres of psychedelic trance and downbeat, which has set the stage for many of the local producers. Arriving to most events with a fresh wallet of psychedelic weapons, Psymon's sound has paved the way for the NQ's outdoor festival movement to be such a notoriously acclaimed culture.

Music is not the only focus at EFF2016 with a massive visionary art lineup including Autumn Skye (Canada), Daniel Mirante (UK), Jon Dooey (USA), Jake Kobrin (USA) and resident artist Adam Scott Miller (Kuranda), with over a dozen Australian artists showing art in the Osmosis Gallery and performing live painting throughout the festival.

The festival features a wide range of roving and stage performances, a full program of inspirational and educational talks and workshops, a huge craft market and food area, a family space with activities for the young ones, amazing stage design and decor - including installations by the talented Kuranda artist, Imogen O'Neil throughout the festival.

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THE BOOGIE BROTHERS
CD REVIEWS

Blackstar : David Bowie



What a blast of freaky energy this supremely bitter sweet album is. The Diamond Dog has let himself off the leash and run away forever, leaving us with this final manic masterpiece to chew over. Though this album echoes with the music of a 50 year career it careens off with sometimes savage abandon to a place David Bowie has never gone before.

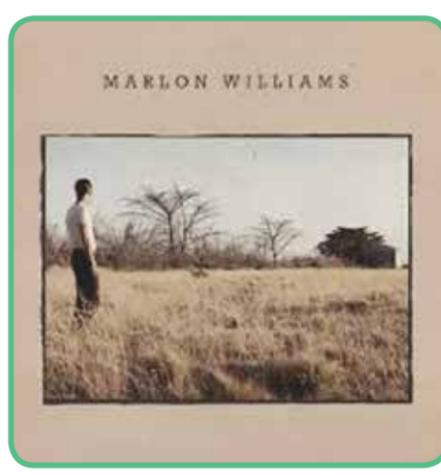
It's a strange planet - the dominant tone is a kind of avant garde jazz, New York hard but with a loose jamming feel. Verse, chorus, song structures are mostly left behind. This is as far from pop, rock'n'roll and electro as anything he's ever done. There's a pretty butch rhythm section banging it out, conjuring up Bowie's

Berlin era and then going soulfully subtle. There's lots of sax work that is sometimes brash and atonal. Guitars solo with real abandon, or underpin the beat with cool metal stabs. Swooning strings and layered instruments build crescendos of sound that blast through expectations. It sure sounds fresh and real.

Bowie's voice is both tough and plaintive, intimate and otherworldly. He's like an alien uncle laying down the law from the back of a rowdy party. The lyrics are sacred and profane. The words nervy, jacked up with what his keen eyes have seen, loaded with wisdom from a life lived most deeply. Blackstar ain't easy listening - it's trippy and wild with the spontaneity one doesn't normal associate with a major musical star, but it's fresh

and heartfelt power will last over a many a listen. This is a great gutsy album from a true master who remained musically fearless to the last note.

Marlon Williams : Marlon Williams



Wow what a great new talent is Marlon Williams. Kiwi born and now residing in Oz, he makes beautiful music flooded with sunshine and tears. It's a bit pop, a bit indie and very country too. This great swoon of an album shows a depth of maturity that is confounding for such a young dude.

He is a bright star fallen to earth from the universe of Marty Robbins and Roy Orbison and every other soulful crooner who has sent shivers through your heart. His voice is a marvel - as pure as moon dust, full of precise phrasing and major stylistic power. It has a stunning innocence even as he sings of big things. Like the death of loved ones, deep

regret, thwarted love and all the crap that life throws at you. It's never a downer though; his most wonderful voice guides you through the darkness, providing an everlasting spark of hope with its purity of tone.

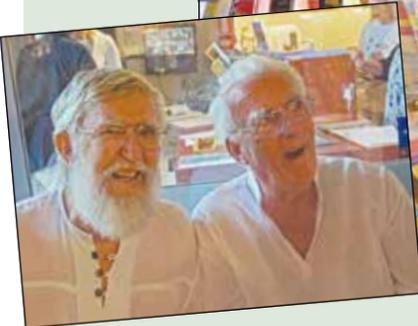
The high lonesome of the best country music illuminates most tracks but rockabilly, latino and even the Beatles are here too. Always his voice is centre stage, deftly handling drama and tragedy with a haunting sort of naivety that makes these songs gothic and uplifting all at once. Marlon Williams is exquisite proof that the spirit can conquer all.

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The Boogies

The Opening of the Exhibition "Recent Works" by Kuranda Arts Co-operative Artists

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Arts Co-op members welcome the New Year and wish our members, and all Kuranda artists, a happy and artistically productive 2016.



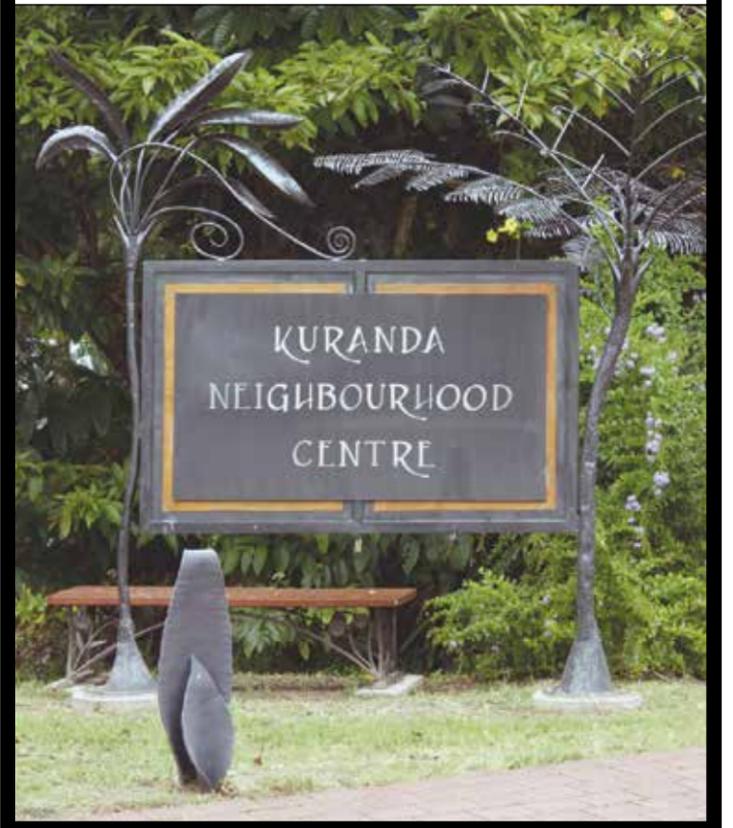
Fifteen Kuranda Arts Co-op artists; Lieselotte Edwards, Kate Prynne, Terry Eager, Ron Hill, Klaus Brucksch, Dorothy Clews, Toni Rogers, Mollie Bosworth, Henri Hunsinger, Susan Doherty, Catherine Harvey, Raewyn Roberts, Buck Richardson, Margaret Genever and Laurel McKenzie, celebrated the opening the Arts Co-op's exhibition "Recent Works" at the Tableland Regional Gallery, Atherton.

Working in a range of styles and media, from ceramics, glass and found objects, to painting, printmaking and mixed media, these artists highlight the broad diversity of arts practice found within the Arts Co-op's membership.

This acclaimed exhibition continues at the Tableland Regional Gallery (behind the Atherton library) until 21st February

Vale Shane Morris

Arts Co-op members, and the Kuranda community, were saddened by the news that Shane Morris passed away. Shane was a Kuranda artist and an original member of the Arts Co-op. Her artworks are in the Kuranda Streetscape project and the Neighbourhood Centre garden (*below*). Shane participated in a number of major Arts Co-op exhibitions over the years. May Shane now rest in peace.



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20 Million Trees Programme

The NightWings Rainforest Centre in Wonga Beach will benefit from \$95,302 in funding through the latest round of the Australian Government's 20 Million Trees programme – helping them to achieve their dream of planting 70,000 trees over six years.

Australian Environment Minister Greg Hunt said NightWings was one of a number of community projects that will share in \$5 million to help roll out 64 local tree planting projects across the country – with a particular focus on protecting habitat for threatened native species.

Federal Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch congratulated Annie Schoenberger, the founder of NightWings, and her team for their successful funding application.

"Annie and her team have set themselves an admirable and ambitious project with NightWings – creating an eco-friendly Visitor Centre and Bat Hospital on 15 hectares of land south of the Daintree River.

"This funding will be a huge benefit to them realising a six-year goal of revegetating the land with more than 70,000 trees," said Mr Entsch.

Ms Schoenberger said the federal funding would help her and her Nightwings team in their mission "To create a shining beacon for the environment, bring back the wildlife, and start an ecotourism venture.

"Planting trees for this project is being done in six stages of between ten-thousand and fifteen-thousand at a time – with each stage performed during the wet season to make sure the trees are given the best start.

"This federal government money will fund stages two and three of the project as we create a corridor of trees connecting the highlands with the wetlands."

She said they're working with the traditional owners, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people, to only plant trees that are native to the region.

"There are literally thousands of plant varieties in Far North Queensland, but we are planting around 200 species which are indigenous to the local area; with most being significant to the local Yalanji people, and all are fast growing and fruiting to attract birds and bats to bring in more seed from adjoining forest," she said.

The 20 Million Trees initiative is an important part of the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. More information on the initiative is available at www.nrm.gov.au/20-million-trees.

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PROFILE Nurse Terry

In this first issue of 2016 we are profiling a well-known Kuranda identity **Terry Eager**. Most of us will have met her as the nurse at the Kuranda Medical Centre, or perhaps in her other nursing activities in the region.

Terry was born in Mount Gambier and brought up and educated in Adelaide. She did her nursing training at Hillcrest as a psych nurse and worked there for a time. Then she went travelling around Australia in a converted Mr Whippy van with friends. In Cairns the van blew up, so she spent time there and at Bramston Beach, meeting Warren Clark from Kuranda, before returning south again.

In 1976 she came up to Kuranda for a couple of holidays, house sitting while her host went on the Cairns Centenary horse ride. She liked Kuranda so much that she decided to move up here. After a while here she bought a block out of the payout from a motor bike accident and lived in a tent while starting to build a cottage. She did her general training at Cairns Base. Then she returned to Adelaide for a year, where she met her partner John Carroll, another well-known Kuranda identity. They moved back to Kuranda together, John working as a welder. They finished the cottage. Terry found work at the Julatten nursing home. They had a boy, Rowan, and a girl, Lexy.

Then they moved to Kidston where John had a business dealing with manpower at mines' shutdowns. Terry worked for the business. They then separated and Terry moved back to Adelaide for two years with the children. Terry worked at a leadlight studio there. Returning to Kuranda, Terry set up her own lead lighting business here. She also began working with Bluecare part time. The children went to Kuranda School and did well. Both now have degrees. When Bluecare shifted its base to Mareeba, Terry began working with the Kuranda Medical Clinic three days a week and has continued there ever since. We know her by her quiet, pleasant manner and ready service in that position.

She was also active in the Kuranda community. She was active in setting up the Playgroup at the Amphitheatre and was part of the Group that set up the Kuranda Kindy at the CWA Hall, being on the management committee and President for several years. For the last three years she has been part of the nursing team at Lotus Glen Prison and is also part of the team that runs the Korowa Outreach Clinic. As part of her work she has had ongoing contact with the Kuranda indigenous community and is well respected amongst them. She has a keen interest in indigenous health and is an active advocate in their interests.

Terry has continued her glass work as a hobby. She was involved in the start-up



of the Arts Co-op in 1996, initially in the markets but later in the main street. She was on the committee to begin with but not at present. She currently does kiln form glass work and still exhibits.

Terry has travelled a lot in the last five years, mainly with Lexy. She has visited Europe, Japan, Vietnam, Laos, Bali, Vanuatu and Samoa. But she is always happy to get home to Kuranda, which she loves. She says it is a great community with great variety and very accepting of difference.

As to her personal views, she is a lady with great faith in humanity. Essentially an optimist, she likes to believe in the best of people and doesn't judge by outer appearances. She is not particularly spiritual or religious, so she regards herself as a humanist.

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"Under the current agreement, FOTA leases a part of the reserve from Council and this part includes a residence and a pound facility. The pound facility, known as the Mareeba Animal Refuge, houses three operations; a pound for the care of impounded animals, a refuge for the care of animals surrendered to FOTA, and a boarding facility," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The FOTA have been exceptional tenants, and have met the conditions of the agreement and in doing so have assisted Council in the promotion of responsible pet ownership. In addition to caring for the cats and dogs impounded by Council, they also operate the animal refuge and a boarding kennel and cattery," Cr Gilmore said.

During the 2014/2015 financial year, Council delivered 505 animals to FOTA. It is estimated that Council will deliver in excess of 575 in the 15/16 financial year.



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They can make use of man-made nests such as boxes placed high up in trees, as well as natural hollows. They have even been known to establish nests in electricity meter boxes.

They live in groups of sometimes up to a couple of dozen. This is not only a social activity: their small size results in loss of body heat in cold weather, and their combined body warmth in the group prevents the individual from entering a torpor state (similar to short-term hibernation, where breathing slows and body temperature drops).

The temporarily 'baby-less' females of the group often act as baby sitters for the offspring of other females, as they do not give birth at the same time – our northern gliders breed all year round, having two litters annually.

The Feathertail Glider is relatively common along Australia's east coast, and favours areas that have an abundance of tall timber and flowering natives, whether wet or dry forest, or rainforest.

Their diet, as with most gliders and possums, consists of insects, nectar, seeds and small fruit. They have long, brushy tongues to scoop pollen from native flowers.

Their imaginative name comes from, you guessed it, their distinctive feather-like tail, which resembles a quill pen as you can see in the accompanying photo. The tail is not merely decorative, it performs the duty of rudder and brake controlling precision gliding and landing.

The feet of the Feathertail Glider are a special feature in the glider world. They somewhat resemble feet of frogs with serrations and pads on the toes which make climbing most surfaces very efficient. Combined with sweat glands on the feet, this effectively gives the glider 'suction cup feet', and allows the climbing of slippery and smooth surfaces with ease. They have been observed climbing glass windows as easily as a gecko.



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Naturally, being such a small marsupial, the Feathertail Glider is on every predator's menu. During the day he must remain hidden away in his hollow, safe from predatory birds such as kookaburras and butcherbirds and at night be on guard against owls, frogmouths and pythons.

Most baby gliders that end up with a wildlife carer are a result of their nesting tree being felled – a rude shock for a family dwelling in a hollow – and with their home crashing about around them, often the disorientated terrified adults will run off leaving the babies.



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The term 'minibeast' is used to describe small wildlife such as insects, spiders, snails and other mini-animals, particularly those without backbones also known as invertebrates. This group makes up about 98 percent of all animal life on Earth. There is an enormous diversity of minibeast life, so it is not surprising that our backyards are packed full of them.

If you take a safari in your own grass plains (otherwise known as lawns), you will encounter many minibeasts. During the day, massive 'herds' of ants move through the grass stems searching for food. Other minibeasts such as tiny beetles, stink bugs, and spiders actively avoid the ants while trying to find their own food. At night other creatures emerge, including many-legged millipedes, slaters, and beetles. All try to avoid the dangers from large hunters such as wolf spiders and tarantulas.

Our jungle-like garden beds are home to even more minibeasts. Butterflies float between the foliage, searching for nectar to feed on and leaves to lay their eggs on, all the while trying to avoid becoming ensnared by an orb weaving spider's web. These predatory garden spiders stretch their silken traps between the plants, catching flying insects navigating their way through the garden. Native cockroaches move carefully around upon leaves, along with earwigs, katydids, caterpillars, sucking bugs, and stick insects. All need to be wary of leaf dwelling hunters; praying mantids, spiders and predatory crickets are all waiting for a chance to attack.

If this sounds very much like the goings on in an African safari, then you are right. Exactly the same events, the same behaviours, occur in the world of minibeasts, but on a smaller scale. There is the same struggle for survival, and an even more perilous one as the numbers of minibeasts in our garden far outweigh those of the larger animals in an African safari.

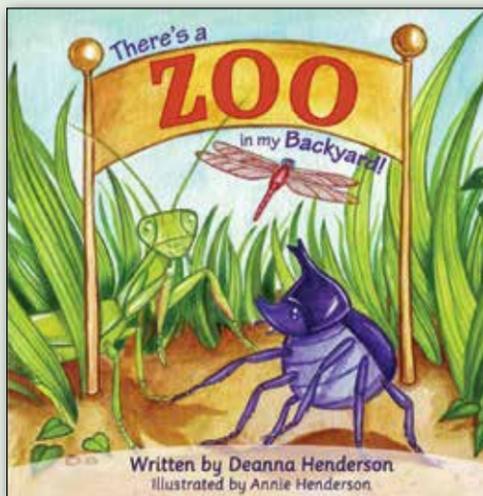
You may not be lucky enough to observe in detail every little behaviour that you will see on a David Attenborough documentary, but if you venture a look you will be privy to the amazing day to day life that occurs in the undergrowth of our own backyards.

Deanna & Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



This beetle (*Callirhipis cardwellensi*) is just one of many beetles found locally in backyards.
PHOTO BY ALAN HENDERSON

There's a Zoo in my Backyard!



You can pick up a copy of this book directly from Minibeast Wildlife by contacting Deanna and Alan on 0434 998 263 or emailing info@minibeastwildlife.com.au.

Minibeast Wildlife has just published a children's picture book, titled "There's a Zoo in my Backyard!" The book was written by Kuranda local Deanna Henderson, who operates Minibeast Wildlife with her husband Alan. It is delightfully illustrated by Annie Henderson, Alan's 24 year-old daughter who lives in Victoria.

The book encourages children to get out in their backyards, searching for typical zoo animals that might be living there. What they find will surprise them, as the animals they find are actually minibeasts that have similar characteristics to zoo animals.

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Precipitation Report

For those Kurandaites amongst us who have an avid interest in rainfall, we present the Monthly Rainfall for the last few years in our rainforest.

This information comes courtesy of the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology, Kuranda Railway Station.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1992	99.0	265.0	122.0	201.0	184.0	9.0	49.0	37.0	16.0	16.0	7.0	444.0	1449.0
1993	482.0	234.0	39.0	255.0	95.0	110.0	95.0	39.0	93.5	22.0	44.5	157.0	1666.0
1994	452.0	606.0	60.0	215.0	58.0	56.0	134.0	46.0	35.0	22.5	25.0	9.1	1718.6
1995	119.8	745.9	755.0	18.5	160.0	118.0	21.7	232.0	9.0	83.0	45.0	89.0	2396.9
1996	358.0	269.0	687.0	185.0	108.0	96.0	52.0	14.0	11.0	256.0	60.0	390.0	2486.0
1997	430.0	508.0	540.0	66.0	28.5	70.0	40.0	96.5	99.0	52.5	121.0	476.5	2528.0
1998	398.2	514.5	153.5	171.0	120.5	45.0	57.5	156.0	142.5	88.5	190.0	242.0	2279.2
1999	261.5	1104.0	734.0	254.0	33.5	40.0	58.0	68.0	94.5	55.5	259.0	180.0	3142.0
2000	114.0	1531.5	499.5	517.0	108.0	50.5	7.0	81.0	13.5	49.5	224.5	607.0	3803.0
2001	255.0	890.0		223.0	5.0	137.0	8.0	18.0	25.0	95.0	108.0	15.0	
2002	91.5	360.5	77.5	135.0	114.0	4.5	7.0	77.0	3.0	0.0	28.0		
2003	245.0	198.0	231.5	208.0	108.4	58.5	60.0	44.5	10.0	17.0	27.5	215.5	1423.9
2004	262.0	728.5	1296.0	278.0	65.0	51.5	71.0	10.0	10.0	36.0	70.0	273.0	3151.0
2005	474.0	135.5	380.5	238.5	40.0	64.0	114.0	143.5	4.0	29.0	35.0	73.0	1731.0
2006	376.0		665.0	932.0	64.5	158.5	76.0	24.0	147.0	151.0			
2007	272.5	835.5	240.0	124.0	98.5		24.5	37.0	6.0	67.0	89.5	580.0	
2008	513.5		909.0	15.5	48.0	38.0	91.0	9.5	51.5	98.0	142.0	170.0	
2009	837.0	552.0	174.0	153.0	109.0	12.0	17.0	12.0	6.5	37.0	245.0	101.0	2255.5
2010	780.0	270.5	516.0	254.5	40.0	16.0	66.0	93.0	107.0	229.5	154.5	462.0	2989.0
2011	550.5	856.0	504.0	155.5	31.0	84.0	37.0	23.0	32.5	305.0	77.0	176.0	2831.5
2012	309.0	218.0	875.0	289.0	224.5	32.5	99.0	17.5	8.5	48.0	30.0	52.0	2203.0
2013	585.5	120.0	274.0		205.0	41.0	80.0	8.0	58.0	53.0	253.0	76.5	
2014	334.0	595.0	508.0	547.0	133.0	100.0	40.0	54.5	4.0	14.0	32.0	98.0	2459.5
2015	296.5	603.5	369.0	78.0	53.0	205.5	35.5	29.0	42.0	87.5	88.0	493.0	2380.5



RADF FUNDING 2015-2016

Mareeba Shire Council is now inviting individuals, groups and associations to submit applications for funding under the 2015-2016 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The fund is a partnership program between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local artists and arts and cultural development in regional Queensland.

Applicants must reside within the Mareeba Shire area or show how the project will directly benefit residents in the Mareeba Shire area. Preference will be given to projects that respond to the locally identified RADF priorities:

- Connecting young people to the community through arts and culture; or
- Improving community wellbeing through arts and culture.

Funded projects must commence only after Council approval (within 9 weeks of the closing date.) Other eligibility criteria and conditions apply.

Applicants are encouraged to download the application form and guidelines from the MSC website <http://msc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-sponsorship>.

Application kits are available from MSC Customer Service Desk at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba and from MSC Libraries.

For more information please contact Jane Hollins on 4086 4695 or janeh@msc.qld.gov.au.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4pm Monday 29th February, 2016.

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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photograph by Toni Rogers

“Colourful and dynamic” is how one would describe both Kuranda artist Yvonna Drupper and her artwork. Yvonna paints large and bold landscapes, portraits, studies from nature and large seascapes which invite you to dive into the waves. Her fashion business in Kuranda village is a trove of colour and provides Yvonna with an opportunity to showcase her paintings around the walls. These featured colourful canvases express her creativity and her love of the natural world.

Where is your current studio?

I don't have a designated studio as such and primarily I paint with the group at the Claire Souter Gallery in the Settlement Building in Veivers Drive, Kuranda. This is by choice as I really enjoy the company and the happy atmosphere painting with a group. However, when I am in art mode at home, I paint in the kitchen, putting up my easel and making use of the best light in the house. Unfortunately, like many artists working at home I have to put everything away at the end of my painting session.

Do you work alone or with others?

I always paint alone at home, but with a group of other artists at Claire's gallery.

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I require good light, space and my classical music when I am working at home. At the gallery I am blessed with good company, an integral addition.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

I cannot get enough hours in the days or weeks to paint, it is my passion, but with my business commitments I realistically try to paint three days a week and at least 4-5 hours on each of those days. There are always things to do at home but I determine to make my painting a priority and I can paint for even longer hours.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I paint with oils on canvas and my subjects are very varied. I unintentionally paint in series; flowers, animals, Chinese warriors, portraits, landscapes – anything. I paint whatever takes my fancy at the time. I don't like to limit myself and I don't like to 'stay in the same box'. Often I have three paintings on the go at the same time. If I get a little frustrated with the progress on one, then I take a break and move onto the next easel. When I am 'in a zone' and totally focussed on a particular painting, then I just keep painting and lose track of time.

Why is oil painting your chosen medium?

I use oils because I find they are so forgiving. It is easy for me now as I understand them. I have been painting with oils since 2008. I didn't do a lot of painting when I

was growing up, but as a child I used a lot of clay and I spent a lot of time drawing. Later in life I became a proficient potter.

List three things you listen to while working.

Always music and primarily the classics. I love all the composers and don't have a favourite. I also enjoy 'swing' music and something to sing along with. On my group days at Claire Souter gallery, I appreciate the conversation with others, the 'cuppa' and discussion.

Your favourite tool?

My easels, especially the easel I use at the gallery. I use easels that can be height adjusted when I am working with different sized canvases. I couldn't work from an easel that could not be repositioned. [I was expecting Yvonna to describe her easel as being 'paint encrusted' and covered in memories of previous artworks over the years, but this was not the case – TR] I really look after my easels, I wipe them down after use and the maintenance of my equipment is important to me and part of my arts process. I am the same with my collection of brushes. I am a clean worker and I try to preserve my equipment and my workspace.

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How do you identify your work?

Some paintings I sign, and some I don't. I really haven't set a style. In fact, I would say that I am inconsistent. I don't feel the importance of this identification. When I have finished a painting I am ready to start on my next 'journey'. However, when I do sign my painting I apply "Yvonna Drupper" in full. Sometimes I date my paintings, but there again, I am inconsistent.

How do you sell your work?

My paintings are displayed on the walls in my shop and are for sale. I have the availability to sell from exhibitions, such as with Cairns Art Society at the Cairns Regional Gallery and Tanks. My work is also available for sale on my website www.yvonnadrappers.com.au and www.evyrocks.com but I really need to add my latest paintings to these websites.

Do you have any other paid or unpaid work?

I have had a fashion and accessories business "Symphony One" in the Kuranda Village Centre since 1999, and a lot of my paintings are on display in this shop. I juggle my time between my business and my artwork.

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

It would be more establishment than change. I would like to have a 'real' studio with proper light, air conditioning, height and space. Height is of particular importance to me.

If you were not working with visual art what would you be doing?

I would like to pursue my love of photography. I would like to have a really good camera and take many more photographs – anything, I love the beauty in nature.

I use some of my many current photographs as reference for my paintings. I would like to travel and soak up the beauty that is hidden around every corner in the world. ■



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Neighbourhood Centre News – February 2016

Marlin Coast Family Day Care: Is operating in the Kuranda District and provides childcare in a home-based setting. The carers are approved and the scheme is Not For Profit. Child Care Rebates are available and registration is free for Kuranda families in January. Please contact MCFDC on 4057 9977.

No Interest Loan Scheme: The NILS program is planning some outreach 'clinics' in 2016 to break down distance and transport barriers for some people in the Kuranda District and surrounds. The NILS is strictly no fee and no interest, up to \$1000 for essential household items including fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers, bed furniture, lounges, dining and other items that are considered essential. The items are bought new from a vendor of the applicant's choice and the loan can include delivery in the total amount if required. There are some loan limitations on some items such as televisions with a limit of \$500 – just ask what is covered. We have just introduced Queensland Motor Vehicle Registration and school laptops as new NILS items. Please phone 4093 8933 or drop in and ask for more details. Notice of specific clinics will be in future *Kuranda Paper* articles or available at the centre.

Mareeba Housing Support Service: A worker is currently coming to Kuranda two days per week (usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays) as part of the Street to Home program to provide intensive support to people requiring urgent or imminent accommodation. Assistance and support is provided to identify affordable and suitable accommodation options and includes applications for housing through the Department of Housing, community housing programs and the private rental market. Please contact Ceri or Marg for a referral.

Kuranda Recipe Book: Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre is putting together a Recipe Book. We are requesting family favourite recipes with a story and/or picture including details on how long the recipe has been in your family and where it came from. (Children's favourite recipes are most welcome). You can either bring them in or email them to knc@qld.chariot.net.au. Hope to hear from you soon. The recipe book will be available for sale with all proceeds paying for printing and to contribute funds for future programs at the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. Community recipe books are often a local resource and a keepsake for future generations and also a way to pass on a little bit of your family history.

Justices of Peace at KNC: KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1-5 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 40938933.

Happy New Year from
The Neighbourhood Centre Team

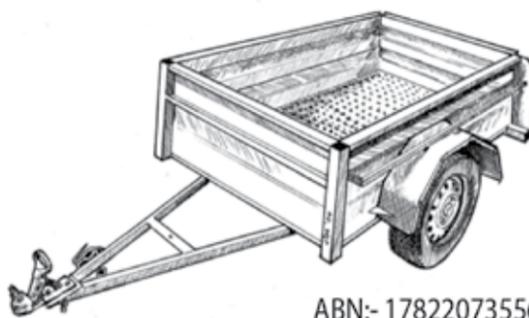
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Cassowaries back on the Kuranda Range Road *Be Casso wary!*

IN THE PAST WEEK there have been multiple sightings of cassowaries - both adults and chicks - on the Kuranda Range Road. Also this year have been sightings on Myola as well as Black Mountain Road...and a sighting of a young male on the Douglas Track at Speewah.



Locals love cassowaries, even acting as "lollipop ladies" to help dad and chicks cross the road during peak hour a few years ago.



Jax Bergersen has for years raised awareness of cassowary activity in Kuranda.



Rail Tails

A History of Kuranda Rail by Ivana Andacic

Chapter 34

Barron River Heads a Popular picnic destination for the locals 1933!

Did you know that the Cairns to Kuranda Railway line were also used for short trips from Cairns to Stratford on a railmotor. From Stratford passengers then would take a boat to picnic at Barron River Heads. The 1933 *Tourist Guide Book* described the trip: 'Catch the auto bus or railmotor out of Cairns. The road runs by cane fields and fruit gardens; past the aerodrome site to Stratford, a small settlement with a timber mill. Leaving the railmotor or bus at Stratford (opposite Tully's Hotel) numbers of fresh-air seekers take the launch down the Barron River to the beach. It is a short trip and very beautiful. The launch grounds on a spot favoured for many years now by picnickers. It is one of the most frequented

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spots by weekend parties and is set in quiet, picturesque surroundings. Lunch is had in the shade of young coconut trees. There is no provision except one of two privately owned huts for weekending. In any case the launch will be in readiness to take you upstream in time to catch your rail-motor.'

Chapter 36

Barron Falls Hydro Electricity Station 1935

Construction of this facility began in 1932 with the power station carved out of the rock within the mountain on the northern bank of the Barron River Gorge. Water was delivered through pipes to drive the turbines, two 1200 kW turbo-alternators. The substation, workshops and staff houses were built around the area now forming the Skyrail Barron Falls Station. It began supplying electricity



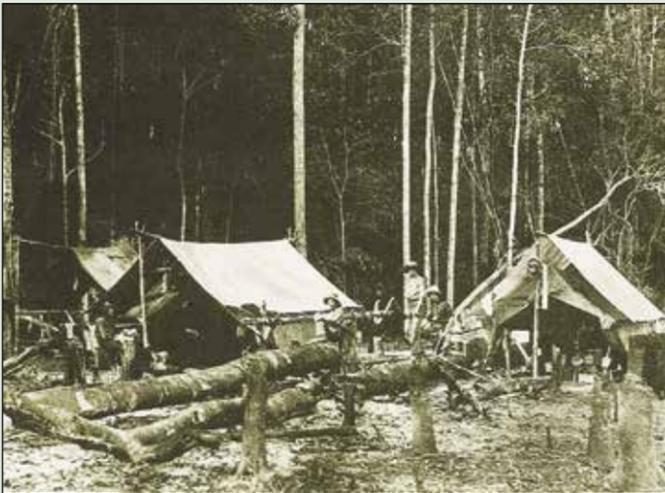
in late 1935 and generates 60 megawatts of renewable green energy to the Queensland power grid every year. The Barron Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station or Barron Gorge Hydro is located in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area now just below Surprise Creek. Originally it was built just below Barron Falls. The Cairns to Kuranda railway line delivered the required equipment by train to a rail siding, was then transferred over the falls and then lowered by tramway to the worksite below. However crossing the gorge was another matter so a flying fox was constructed. Local children attending school on the other side of the Barron Gorge certainly had an interesting mode of transport!

Chapter 35

Barron Falls, timber over the Falls

In 1882, 15 million super feet of red cedar were sent over the Falls in a misguided attempt to reach the sawmills lower down the river. The "red gold" was reduced to little more than splinters. Burns Philp and Company representative came up with the idea after viewing kauri logs being floated across the Barron at Tinaroo.

Firstly, they trialed 11 logs which arrived quite safely even after passing over the Barron Falls to the coast with minimal damage. Deemed as being successful they then commissioned a huge stock pile to float down the river. As luck would have it, a huge Wet Season occurred at the same time that the river ran so high that most of the logs landed in backwaters. The few that did in Kuranda were damaged passing over the Barron Falls. So costly was the venture that it was never tried again.



Chapter 37

Second World War 1944

During the Second World War, the Cairns to Kuranda line was an important link between the many military camps, airfields and field hospitals in the region, as the site was a large staging area for troops about to embark for the Pacific theatre of war. Traffic on the line was intense and the entire line was heavily guarded against sabotage. Troop trains, goods trains and hospital trains were constantly on the move. In one 24 hour period during 1944, a record 43 trains passed through Stoney Creek Station.



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A Grinter's Tail

This is the first of what we hope will be many columns from Suzy Grinter, who will write on anything she thinks is topical. Her background in the area of animal welfare comes from many years volunteering with the RSPCA in England and being a foster carer for North Queensland Animal Rescue, which is owned by her daughter.

**"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
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Anon



In 2004 Colleen Sullivan, founder of Young Animal Protection Society (YAPS), died in her bed, surrounded by her dearest friends, her beloved dogs and cats.

Colleen's life ended as she would have hoped, peacefully and in the company of her faithful pets, who owed her so much, and to whom she devoted her life.

Confined to a wheelchair as a result of disabling disease of the bones, suffering chronic and debilitating pain, and profoundly deaf, she still managed to care for

them all in her little house backing on to the refuge tip at Smithfield. Her myriad animals were found homes by Colleen's friends, for which she would have been eternally (in the true sense) grateful.

Social media takes no prisoners. Posts stating 'Pets are for life' berate those who part with their animals without considering the despair of being parted from a beloved pet or pets after being diagnosed with a terminal illness or being found homeless due to domestic violence, marital breakup, loss of income or a myriad other life changing events.

However, for the most part, that message needs to hit home. Our rescue shelters are continually packed to the gunnels with dogs and cats dumped, impounded, rescued, abandoned, lost, injured or pregnant, or a combination of the above.

Backyard breeding is out of hand, planned or not planned, for the most part, generally the latter. If your dog gets out, it can impregnate another dog or be impregnated itself.

"I can't afford to desex my dog". Then don't get a dog. If you can't afford to desex it, you can't afford to look after it in the case of injury or illness.

Over the thirty odd years I've lived here, the dynamic of our dog population has changed significantly. There are a huge number of hunting breeds/cross breeds that should only be owned by people familiar with this type of dog and its potential to create havoc in suburban areas. If you can't exercise a dog like this, or you don't have decent fences, and you don't intend to neuter it, get a Chihuahua or preferably, nothing at all.

In many localities where there is a preponderance of larger hound type dogs used for hunting, there are also dingoes, and now there are also cross bred dingoes as a result of so many entire dogs roaming free. These dogs are potential killers, not only of wildlife, but livestock, pet dogs and poultry, and, God forbid, small children. They are becoming bold, probably due to the inherent domesticity of the parent dog, and are not as afraid of humans as the dingo. The increase in numbers, and attacks on animals and people, is alarming.

A visit to the Mareeba or Cairns pounds' websites will leave you horrified at the percentage of impounded animals that have not been desexed. Many of these dogs are not claimed. What does that tell you? How long have they been roaming, how much damage have they done and how many dogs have become pregnant, or impregnated others during their period of freedom? ■



Infrastructure Works

The Mareeba Shire Council has completed a mixture of Parks and Gardens maintenance as well as bridge works during the month of December.

"Parks and Gardens has carried out general repairs and maintenance at the Geraghty Park Julatten, Parks and Gardens Chillagoe, pressure cleaning CBD footpaths, Kuranda, Borzi and Davies Park, Mareeba. General repairs and maintenance has also been carried out on furniture and playground equipment," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The installation of conduit at Therwine street in preparation for the undergrounding of power commenced in November. Council has entered into a cost sharing arrangement with Ergon, which includes the installation of underground PVC conduits by Council and the follow up installation of power supply cables by Ergon.

The work extends the full length of Therwine Street from the intersection of Coondoo Street to the bottom of Therwine Street past the intersection of Thooree Street," Mayor Gilmore said.

Works are expected to be completed in early February weather permitting.

Mareeba Industrial Park

Business growth signals in the area have given Mareeba Shire Council the confidence to invest in a six-month strategy to attract investors to the Mareeba Industrial Park. Council has called for Expressions of Interest for a commercial agent to market the park.

"We've priced our land at \$56 m2, whereas in Cairns people are paying upwards of \$200m2. We're focused on driving commercial development in the Mareeba Shire and we see solid signs of growth, particularly in the industrial sector," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The Park is developed to cater for the consumers need for industrial land in areas that present environmentally secure and affordable options. We predict a future demand for industrial land in areas adjacent to regional cities such as Cairns," Cr Gilmore said.

"We have a commitment for large-scale development in the park and we are also holding further preliminary discussions with interested developers and have attracted businesses in the agriculture supply chain, such as packaging and a cold storage facility.

Major development in surrounding areas such as the \$5 billion Rio Tinto expansion in Weipa present another solid opportunity for businesses wanting to set up in Mareeba. We see Mareeba strengthening as one of the largest commercial and industrial hubs outside Cairns," Mayor Gilmore said.

"Key benefits of the Park for developers include the connectivity to southern and northern markets; very competitive pricing, flexible configuration of sites to meet specific needs and sites are appropriately zoned for industry.

For further information at contact Susan Parsons on 07 4086 4698 or www.msc.qld.gov.au/mareeba-industrial-park/

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Mosquitoes in the Area

The number of mosquitoes has increased significantly following the recent rains and higher temperatures and favourable breeding conditions, whereby pooling of water has occurred and allowed mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

“Council recommends the use of personal repellent and protective clothing where possible to ensure you avoid getting bitten. If you notice any water containers around the home which may be holding water as a result of the recent rain, then these must be tipped out and stored undercover and turned upside down to ensure the mosquitoes cannot lay their eggs in the water,” Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

“Residents are encouraged to tidy up palm fronds and empty any containers of water in yards. If you have any still water around your home, that’s where they love to breed,” Mayor Gilmore said.

“If residents are still experiencing high numbers of mosquitoes, licensed pest control operators can apply a residual barrier spray around private property for longer ongoing control,” Cr Gilmore said.

“Prevention’s often better than the cure,” he said.

Below is a summary of what residents can do to avoid being bitten:

- wear personal repellent
- cover up in light-coloured loose fitting clothing (especially around dawn and dusk)
- use surface sprays in outdoor areas and surfaces where mosquitoes may rest
- burn mosquito coils or citronella
- screen the house
- remove or thin out excess vegetation around the home
- use fans to increase air movement
- ensure any items holding water around the home are tipped out at least weekly or removed completely
- fill pot plant bases with sand
- ensure roof gutters are clean

Anyone showing symptoms of dengue or similar mosquito-borne disease, are encouraged to visit a doctor immediately.

LEXOPHILIA

WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP? – A lexophile of course!

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod’s name to Titanic. It’s syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who’s addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I’d never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can’t put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- I didn’t like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn’t control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York’s police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro – what a rip off!
- Don’t worry about old age; it doesn’t last.



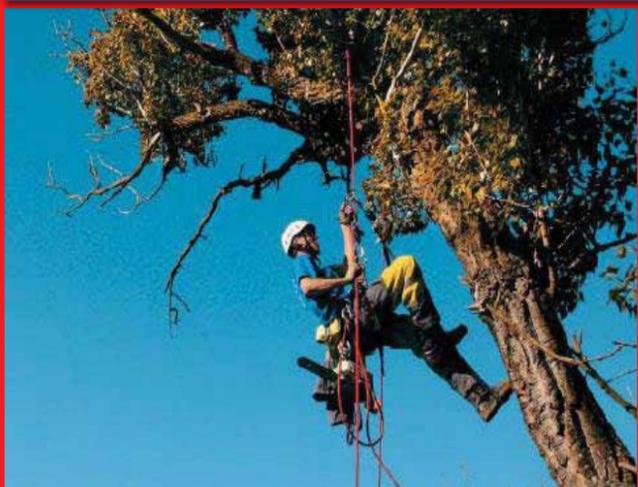
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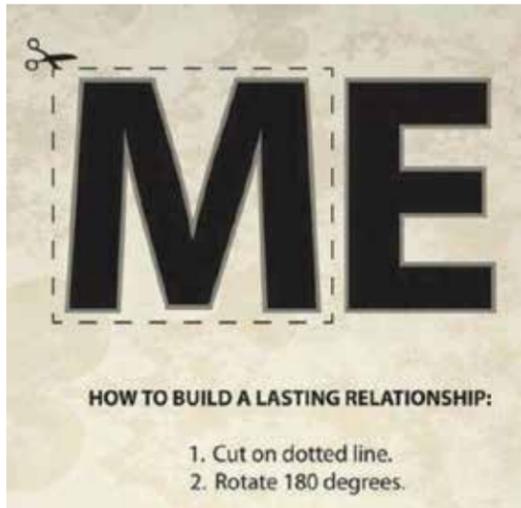
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What is Love?

Is it just romantic, simple and involving the heart? Is it just a perception?

Actually love occurs in the brain, is chemical, is complicated and takes many forms and expressions...and it is as specific, unique and multifaceted as each person practising it.

In the Celtic Spiritual tradition there is the idea of a soul love called “**Anam Cara**”. This refers to the Celtic spiritual belief of two souls connecting and flowing together. As John O’Donohue says in his 1998 book *Anam Cara...A Book of Celtic Wisdom*, “When you had an Anam Cara or soul friend, your friendship cuts across all convention, morality and category. You were joined in an ancient and eternal way with the “friend of your soul”. The Irish believe when you are blessed with an Anam Cara, you have arrived at that most sacred place – home.”

Like the Inuit who have many names for snow, the ancient Greeks recognised love had many forms. Here are a few ❖

Epithemia is the basic need to touch and be touched. It has to do with sensuality.

Philia is about warm, real and platonic friendships. One may think comradeship *philia* is most evident these days on social media like Facebook or Twitter but it’s not about amassing followers or unknown friends. It’s not superficial at all – it’s about deep chosen friendships, loyalty and even sacrifice for your friends and mates.

Pragma or longstanding love. This is the love that keeps couples together rather than just brings them together. It involves compromises, understanding, patience and kindness. It’s about ‘standing in love’ rather than just ‘falling in love,’ according to psychoanalyst Erich Fromm. And as divorce rates indicate we need more of it!

Eros or love and desire. It’s that passionate, intense, mad, emotional and erotic feeling one gets at the beginning of a relationship. It can be dangerous and out of

control and may not last the distance. Eros, from the primordial Greek god of love, is a very well known and celebrated love in the world.

Agape or selfless love. It means wanting the best for another person (including strangers) even if it doesn't advance your self-interest. It is a mature, utterly free expression of love that has obvious links to charity in Christianity and ‘universal loving kindness’ in Buddhism. It is love for everyone and possibly the hardest love to practice. Unfortunately this type of love is in decline in many countries, as is most strikingly evident in our treatment of refugees.

Storge is family and friendship love. It is most typically seen in the love between parents and children or sibling love but can be love friends feel for each other. It is comfortable, safe, committed and hopefully unconditional.

Philautia or self love. Yes it is important, but it can be positive or negative. Narcissism or self obsession is not so good. But self compassion and security in yourself is very important in enabling you to then love others.

Ludus or playful love. Social norms sometimes frown when we introduce more ludus into our lives, but ignore them. Ludus includes affection between children, dancing with strangers, laughing with friends, teasing, flirting, bantering and generally having fun with love.

This Valentines Day don’t just celebrate eros but celebrate all the different ways you give and get love! Honour that love in any way you wish and may you discover many new forms along the way!

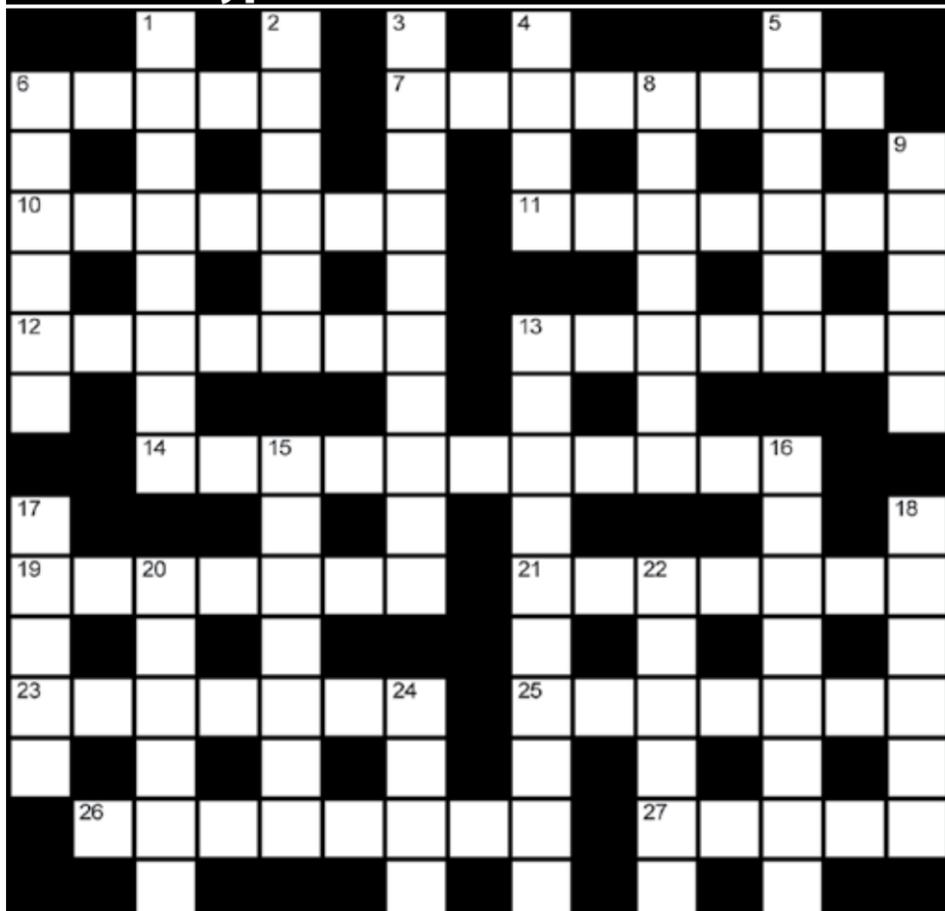
Happy Valentines!

Paraprosdakians

are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right – only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit... Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure...
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Cryptic Crossword #21 BY DAVID



Across

- 6 Share around birds (5)
- 7 Man takes directions to church for retreat (8)
- 10 Oh a test! Tricky situation (3,4)
- 11 About hind feathers in hawks (7)
- 12 License to disrupt peace and quiet (7)
- 13 Knife could be hidden in about fifty different places (7)
- 14 Direction to festival is a breeze (11)
- 19 Fish is a knockout at exotic Capri (3,4)
- 21 Effects of anti-aircraft fire? (7)
- 23 Pursue marine creature and catch another (7)
- 25 Meal has directions typed up in European language (7)
- 26 Fellow follows talking animal to daughter at university in oriental city (8)
- 27 Singer is worth a few quid we hear (5)

Down

- 1 Books about French island fabrics (8)
- 2 A small bird following ship (6)
- 3 Be punished for buying illegal drug? (3,3,4)
- 4 Fine light (4)
- 5 Save from small wave (6)
- 6 Discuss bible studies before meal (6)
- 8 Remove from thesis (7)
- 9 Song written by girl in afternoon (5)
- 13 Imposing figures lead short line-up (10)
- 15 Heavy metal has a big hit (7)
- 16 Set right about eastern countries (8)
- 17 Small children in slips (5)
- 18 Woman covers husband in chemical (6)
- 20 Ready to make a move wearing fashionable clothing? (2,4)
- 22 Sounds like relative takes drug for a rest (6)
- 24 Man holds knitting wool (4)

An explanation of the clues can be found at www.davidainge.com

SOLUTION ON PAGE 32



Calling all Seniors

Seniors Week 2016 is fast approaching! It is a week which can help unite all Queenslanders and celebrate the great contributions seniors make to their communities.

Seniors week starts **Saturday 13 August through to Sunday 21 August**. COTA (Council of the Ageing) Queensland coordinates and receives Government funding to collaboratively plan and subsidise Seniors Week events and activities. Applications for subsidies open 1 February 2016 for community organisations and local councils to apply for a maximum of \$1000. .

Please contact Lisa Hodgkinson Seniors Week Coordinator seniorsweek@cotaqld.org.au for any further details.

– **James Ambrosiou**
Seniors Week Marketing Volunteer



Dr Helen Pedgrift has returned from her soujourn overseas.

Helen has joined the team at Stratford Medical Centre, the locally owned and operated practice at 2/1 Kamerunga Road, Stratford.

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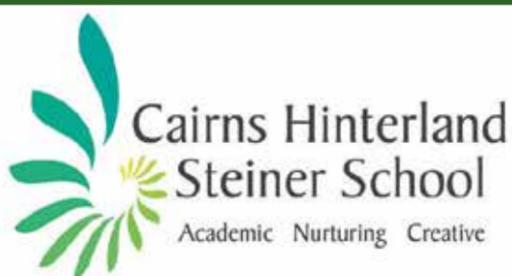
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Residents are welcome to contact me in regards these or any other matters. Your opinions are always welcome. You can also contact any of your MSC Councillors if you would like to discuss any Council matters.

Contribution for the February edition by Cr Allan Holmes

New Library and Council Service Centre:

Operating well and the community seems to be enjoying the new, much larger space.

Roads:

Recent tenders for maintenance of the following gravel roads in the Kuranda area were approved at the Council meeting on January 20:

Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Barnwell Road, Big Sands Road, Black Mountain Road, Crothers Road, Jeffrey Road, Koah Road, LA Road, McKenzie Road, Mona Mona Road, Oak Forest Road, Popovic Road, Road 6103, Douglas Track, Fantin Road, Harper Road, Hodzic Road, Hoey Road, Speewah Road, Streil Road, Two Chain Road, Wright Road.

Planning Scheme progress:

- mapping is imposed by the State
- scheme can be amended after adoption
- Terrain has offered some assistance with this
- new Council will need to consider priorities and budget implications
- present Council believes that the proposed scheme offers more environmental protection than that which presently applies and wishes the planning scheme matter to progress.

Therwine Street redevelopment project:

- installation of undergrounding of power is going well
- minimal disruption to retail trading
- will provide better pedestrian access
- will remove overhead power lines and transformers.

Tourism:

- Tourism Kuranda is working hard to get large numbers of visitors to the village during Chinese New Year period.

Changes to traffic signs:

- warning sign for horse floats installed on the corner near the Pony Club
- changes to the Butler Drive/Saddle Mountain Road intersection. Saddle Mountain now has right of way
- signs excess to requirements have been removed from Rob Veivers Drive.

Trees at Kuranda Recreation Centre:

In consultation with the Recreation Centre Committee, Council will soon be planting advanced shade trees in the area.

Kuranda Water Supply:

Water security ensured following the recent commissioning of the new reservoir.

Speewah:

- Residents' Association meeting to be held Monday, February 29 – all encouraged to attend
- good progress on Speewah Bridge.

Taggle water meters:

Now installed at the majority of Kuranda properties. Benefits include accurate and timely monitoring of water usage.

Recycling drop off bins available:

- located at the end of Arara street near Kuranda Community Precinct
- refer to MSC website re what can be recycled
- no need to separate as the recycling items are separated after transfer to the Cairns waste facility
- if you prefer, you can still use the recycling drop off bins at the Kuranda Transfer Station.

Note to horse lovers:

I have a special interest in horses and I sympathise with the little problems that arise from time to time. Feel free to give me a call if you think Council may be of assistance in resolving issues that may arise from time to time.

Junior Soccer:

There will be a club meeting of all new and old club coaches, managers, parents and community members on Saturday 13 February at the Speewah Tavern (bring kids and togs).

Contact Linda via email gndavis@clubtelco.com for further details.

Don't forget the sign on for the Junior Rangers Football Club under 5s to under 13s is on 27 February.

Please feel free to contact me (Allan Holmes) for anything Council related on my mobile 0498 977 632.

Kuranda Wastewater Treatment Plant

Council has been successful in gaining funding towards the upgrading of the Kuranda Wastewater Treatment Plant from the Royalties for the Regions Program (\$140,000) with Council funding the balance of the expenditure.

"As part of the ongoing and final stage of the upgrading it is necessary that the Sludge Management facilities of the plant be upgraded," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"The works will also eliminate the risk of the current undersized sludge lagoons from overflowing and entering Jumrum Creek which is located within a State Conservation Park and the nearby Barron River," he said.

The works will be completed in the 2015/2016 financial year.

How Do I Contact Council?

Email: info@msc.qld.gov.au, Phone 1 300 308 461, use the link on the MSC website www.msc.qld.gov.au or visit Council Service Centre at the Library.

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Several laptop packages will be available; with loans under \$1000 (must include software and a case). A minimum repayment amount of \$30 per fortnight is required and this can be done through Centapay.

Who is eligible?

Anyone holding a health care card or pension card.

Phone or call into the Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

For more details: **4093 8933.**





Library Lines

The Kuranda Library was very busy over the Christmas and New Year period with lots of fun activities for everyone to get involved in. Leading up to Christmas the library held bauble decorating and bush Christmas craft workshops which were met with plenty of enthusiasm.

The Library and Council Office closed over the Christmas break and reopened on 4 January kick starting the New Year with the Summer Reading Club and Junior Chess Club. The Summer Reading Club theme this year was "Discover Lost Worlds" with many fun activities involving Aztecs and Dinosaurs.

With the success of the Junior Chess Club there has been interest from the community to start a Senior Chess Club in February. If you are a keen chess player or even a beginner and would like to participate, please telephone Kuranda Library and Council Office on (07) 40939147 for more information.

The ever popular **Story Time** commences again on Friday 29 January and will run every week during the school term between 10.30am-11.30am. This month's theme is Jungle Animals. Story Time is a fun, interactive program for 2-5 year old children and their parents or primary caregivers. Stories are combined with an activity, songs and stories on a related theme. It promotes adult-child interaction, pre-literacy support and communication development. For more information contact the Kuranda Library.

Baby Rhyme Time is a fun, interactive half hour program for babies aged 0-24 months and their parents or primary caregivers. It enables adult-baby interaction, pre-literacy support and communication development through simple songs and action rhymes. Kuranda Library will be holding its official launch on Thursday 4 February at 10.30am in the library court yard, light refreshments will be provided. This year Baby Rhyme Time will be held every Thursday during the school term between 10.30am and 11.00am, for more information contact Kuranda Library.

The very popular **Go Digital Kuranda** workshops will resume at Kuranda Library and Council Office on Tuesday 2 February, bookings are essential and demand for the 2015 sessions was very high. The Go Digital Kuranda workshops are held each Tuesday evening from 6pm-9pm at Kuranda Library and Council Office.

The digital business workshops are designed to grow digital economies and market niche businesses in Kuranda. The 2016 program will cover email marketing, eCommerce principles, business efficiencies and digital strategies. The remaining program workshops include two mentoring sessions for business owners to seek advice specific to their particular business or online marketing style and also be a series of five Advanced Workshops running from Tuesday 3 May.

Go Digital Kuranda workshops program and timetable are available from Kuranda Library and Council Office, details of course contents and links to further information can be found on the Library webpage @ <http://msc.qld.gov.au/libraries/library-services/go-digital-kuranda/> or the Go Digital Kuranda Facebook page.

Bookings can be made by telephoning Kuranda Library and Council Office on (07) 4093 9147 or emailing kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au.

Keep an eye out for Library Lovers Day activities this month in the Kuranda Library.



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I am pleased to announce that my lobbying for a new carpark at Caravonica State School has been successful.

The Queensland government will commit \$1.5 million for a 50 bay carpark, bus stop and stop-drop-and-go area on land adjacent to the school. The existing carpark on the opposite side of the Cairns Western Arterial Road will be removed along with the traffic lights.

This will create a much safer environment for students and also reduce traffic congestion. Construction will commence at the end of the wet season. I would like to thank all the people who supported the new carpark by signing the petition.

I am also happy to report that the Kuranda Range Road will get a \$3 million technology upgrade as a result of a public meeting last August which raised concerns about delays and closures on the range.

Four temporary trailer mounted variable message signs have been erected at Mareeba and the top and bottom of the range advising motorists of any incidents. These temporary signs will be replaced with much larger permanent signs in the coming months.

In addition an automatic number plate recognition system will be installed which will alert the Department of Transport and Main Roads if a vehicle has not exited the range.

The project will improve the ability to respond to incidents on the range and provide accurate and timely advice to road users.

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

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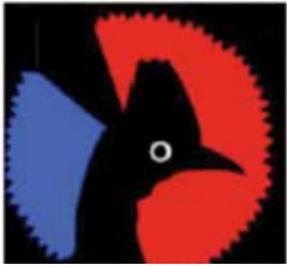
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Some of the KCons team showing off their great new, bright T-shirts – Cassowary colours, of course. After this shot, it was into the End of Year feast.

These are some of the regulars who work in the nursery every Saturday morning watering, setting seeds and potting up . We now have a frog pond and water plants.

KCons also hosts between 10-20 Jobfinders from Monday to Friday, along with a Conservation Australia team. Then there is the older set, with their great skills, maturity and patience, and we still have jobs for the occasional helpers from Probation&Parole. Yes, we are busy but we have a lot of fun and get an awful lot done.

CASSOWARIES

Reports of sightings keep coming in, but no major action at the moment. Any self-respecting cassowary would be keeping close by a pond or cool creek.

SNAKES

Lots of pythons around, some over 4m long. Their favourite meal is cat. If you love your cat, keep it indoors.

FERAL PIGS

Mareeba Shire Council is trialling a new way of culling feral pigs – and we are more than happy to assist. Please let us know if you have a pig problem and we can work together on this.

Feral pigs do an enormous amount of damage to creek banks and water quality, as well as predate on the eggs and helpless young of many wildlife species. They compete with cassowaries for the fruits of the forest. This is quite apart from the damage they cause to farms and gardens. They love roots and worms.

GANG GREEN

The GANG GREEN shop is now stocked up with handicrafts, mini herb gardens and Bonsai made by the job seekers working at the KCons community nursery. Swing by to see if there's anything you must have.

We're trying to create industry here, apart from the nursery. The participants are learning skills that will make them more employable or setting themselves up with their own businesses.

We have advertised for small engines to repair – mowers, brushcutters, generators etc, and the response has been amazing. More than one of the group could set themselves up to be self-sufficient with those skills.

Please keep bringing in those tools and motors either for us to repair for you or to learn on.

GANG GREEN is the identity the group has given themselves. KCons is not supported by Jobfind for this activity – except for the talented and energetic supervisor, Glennys. We are funding ourselves and this is how.



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Yellow Crazy Ants will affect your hearing

By Cathy Retter

Walk out into your nearest piece of rainforest and listen to the numerous sounds. Sometimes it's deafening. Then try to imagine it almost silent (perhaps wake up at 2.00am and listen). This silent bush is the sound of the Christmas Island bush now, where YCAs have been since the 1930s. Their bush has been utterly altered by the impact of Yellow Crazy Ants, and they almost lost their keystone species, the Christmas Island crab.

Imagine our forests if we were to lose our keystone species, the cassowary, and think of the horror of losing all the species in the Endemism Book (below), due to swarms of Yellow Crazy Ants. This is the reality that awaits us if we fail to eradicate the YCAs in our Wet Tropics.

Biodiversity Queensland tried but did not achieve eradication and abandoned the project. A team of volunteers has arisen to show that people care. Thankfully Wet Tropics Management Authority also cares and has dedicated funds to YCA eradication both here and in Edmonton. Green Army teams are helping out too.

In December, a survey of the river banks downstream of the Russett Park infestation, led by Dr Ray Pierce checking for YCAs, thankfully found none. YCAs in Cairns have travelled well down creek lines in the Edmonton area.

Last Saturday and Sunday, twenty volunteers braved the heat and attended the YCA baiting weekend, led by Russett Park YCA taskforce volunteer coordinator Mikhaila Jacoby and Chris from Wet Tropics Management Authority. Baits were dispersed for the YCAs, which are currently seeking protein and just love the fish meal coated baits containing a formula to sterilise the queen when she is fed enough of it. Monitoring will follow fortnightly throughout the year. Hopefully we will see a dramatic decline in numbers.

We need more volunteers of all talents if we are to win this fight. Join the YCA volunteer taskforce, receive newsletter updates and activity invitations, by going to Kuranda Envirocare Home page and clicking on the image of the Yellow Crazy Ant.

Native fauna living only in the Wet Tropics

Book Sale: \$30 each

Eternal Endemism – The Wet Tropics Endemic Terrestrial Vertebrates of Australia by Craig Ward with Tim Hawkes

This beautiful book with full colour plates lists all the species of birds, frogs, geckos and skinks which live only in our Wet Tropics region. With the threat of Yellow Crazy Ants at present, this is what we stand to lose if these invasive ants take over. This makes a great birthday gift for any of your wildlife loving friends. Come and view a copy at the nursery.

Plant of the Month

Melastoma malabathricum

(Native Lasiandra) – Available now

Native Lasiandra is a fast growing rounded shrub that grows to two metres high, with beautiful lilac flowers to five cm across, flowering from Spring to Autumn. It has attractive rough textured leaves, and purple stems, making it an ideal feature plant that can be pruned if required. Even when not in flower, the compact shape, attractive leaves and purple stems make this plant a worthy garden feature plant.

Native Lasiandra attracts the Miskin Jewell Butterfly. The purple pulp of the fruit (traditional bush tucker) stains the mouth, hence the other common name for *Melastoma malabathricum*: Blue Tongue.



The beautiful *Commersonia bartramia* (Bush Xmas tree or Brown kurrajong) is worth a mention at present with its beautiful white layers of flowers in full bloom in January. To see this, take a look opposite the Kuranda Rainforest Resort on the Kennedy Highway near the traffic lights.

Date Claimers

- Thursday 4 February: General Meeting 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road.
- Saturday 13 February: Community Tree Planting @ Owens Creek
- EVERY Saturday: Tree Planting 7.30am
- Frog Monitoring dates in the 3rd week of every month. Find us on facebook page Kuranda Frog Friendly Neighbourhood.

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Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

HUGS

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Lilly Carpenter
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Matteo Makie

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MAGIC MEMBERSHIP DETAILS



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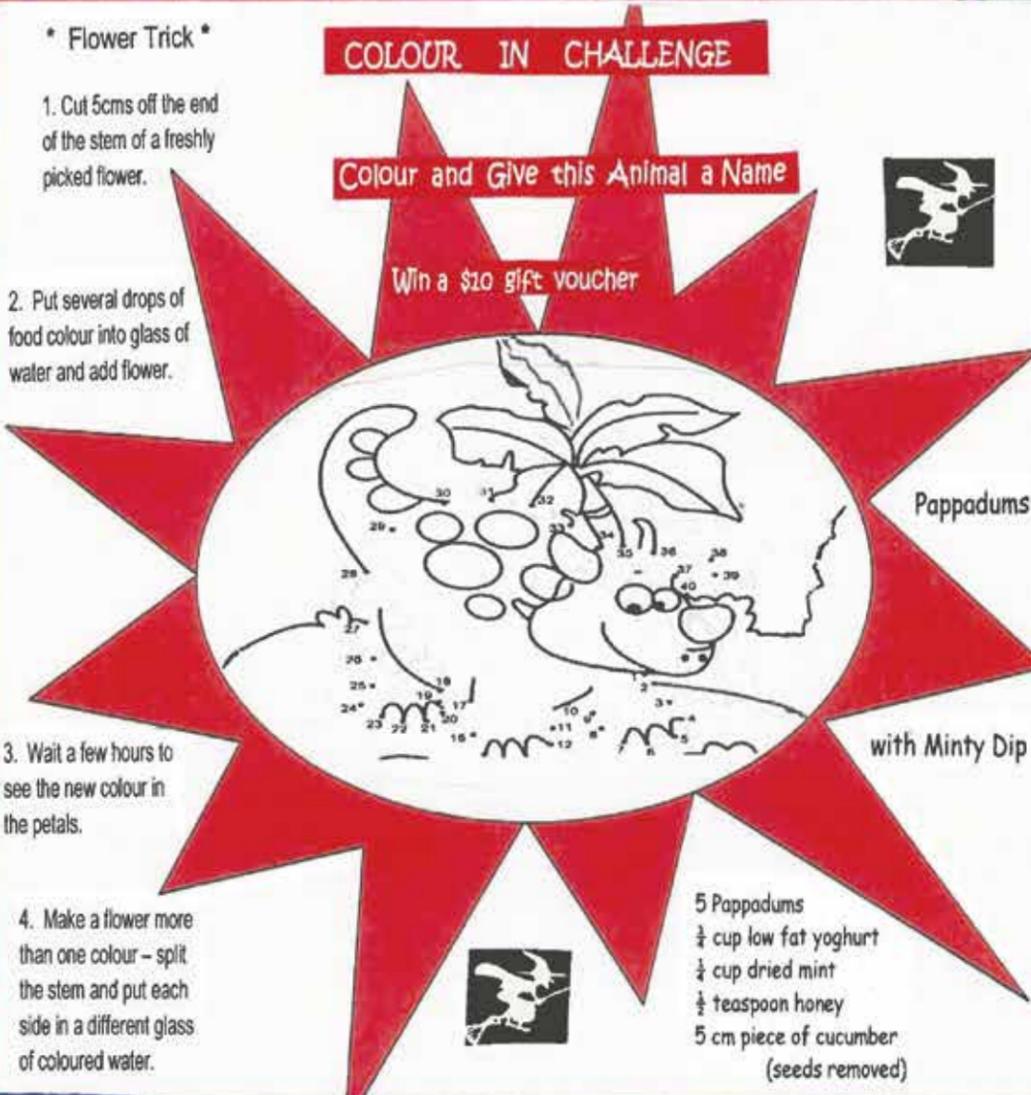
* Flower Trick *

1. Cut 5cms off the end of the stem of a freshly picked flower.
2. Put several drops of food colour into glass of water and add flower.
3. Wait a few hours to see the new colour in the petals.
4. Make a flower more than one colour - split the stem and put each side in a different glass of coloured water.

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with Minty Dip

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- 1/2 cup dried mint
- 1/2 teaspoon honey
- 5 cm piece of cucumber (seeds removed)

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- ☆ Be a poet ... win a prize.
- ☆ Make up a puzzle ... win a prize.
- ☆ Send a recipe ... win a prize.
- ☆ Know a joke or riddle ... win a prize.
- ☆ Write a letter ... win a prize.
- ☆ Tell a story ... win a prize.
- ☆ Drawings in black outline only... win a prize.
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A Thought for February

This month we read from St John's Gospel Chapter 2 verse 1-11 the passage introduces us to a wonderful, beautiful, and mysterious moment in the life of Jesus. Perhaps it would be most helpful to see the wedding at Cana as a symbol of our own lives. After all a wedding is very much a symbol of life. Lives are joined; life and love are celebrated. Meetings take place, sometimes after many years; relationships are recovered, sometimes even begun. Families are bonded; new life is anticipated. A wedding is an immensely rich mixture. So let's look at the wedding in Cana as a symbol of life itself. If we do that, what follows?

"The wine gave out." At an eastern wedding that happening was a social catastrophe; it brought shame on the host and on the family. But, for us, what might it mean. There are times in all our lives when, in many senses, the wine gives out. If wine is celebration, joy, love, happiness, and then we know only too well that for many reasons wine can run out. It can run out of relationships, either between men and women, or among friends, or among parents and children. Sometimes the wine of satisfaction with our job can run out. Life then can become meaningless and joyless.

At such times it becomes very important whether or not we have invited a certain guest to the wedding of life. John tells us that "Jesus was invited to the wedding"; we need to be sure that Our Lord's name is on our guest list! If it is, then we have someone to turn to when "the wine runs out."

"Jesus said... 'Fill the jars with water.'" Notice what Jesus does. He doesn't tear off frantically looking for new wine; he turns to the supply of water that is already there. What is the water at the wedding of our lives? Perhaps it is the taken-for-granted things in our lives, the things we have always thought of as ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill. Jesus suggests that we look at those things again. The ordinary person we are married to, the ordinary friends we have, the ordinary job we have, and the ordinary life we lead. Jesus tells us to check out if by his grace they can be turned into wine, into more than the ordinary, into joy and satisfaction.

The wedding at Cana can be a portrait of our lives: a lot of ordinary things are waiting to be changed by Jesus presence.

News from St Saviour's

Christmas was a joyful time at St Saviour's with wonderful joyful services. The Carols by Candlelight for Children on Christmas Eve was very special and our service of Lessons and Carols we were privileged to have the Kuranda Ukulele Singers group with us.

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

Possum Corner has opened up again this year and there are plenty of treasures to be found at the Opp shop, now open Monday to Saturday.



Baha'i Thought for the Month

"I charge you all that each one of you concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity. When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love. Thoughts of war bring destruction to all harmony, well-being, restfulness and content.

"Thoughts of love are constructive of brotherhood, peace, friendship, and happiness. When soldiers of the world draw their swords to kill, soldiers of God clasp each other's hands! So may all the savagery of man disappear by the Mercy of God, working through the pure in heart and the sincere of soul. Do not think the peace of the world an ideal impossible to attain!

"Nothing is impossible to the Divine Benevolence of God. If you desire with all your heart, friendship with every race on earth, your thought, spiritual and positive, will spread; it will become the desire of others, growing stronger and stronger, until it reaches the minds of all men.

"Do not despair! Work steadily. Sincerity and love will conquer hate. How many seemingly impossible events are coming to pass in these days! Set your faces steadily towards the Light of the World. Show love to all; 'Love is the breath of the Holy Spirit in the heart of Man'. Take courage! God never forsakes His children who strive and work and pray! Let your hearts be filled with the strenuous desire that tranquillity and harmony may encircle all this warring world. So will success crown your efforts, and with the universal brotherhood will come the Kingdom of God in peace and goodwill."

—Abdu'l-Bahá

- **Morning prayers** each Thursday at 8.00am, in the park in lower Therwine Street Kuranda followed by coffee

- **Meditations/Reflections:** Devotional meeting based on the Scriptures of the World's great Religions, by arrangement

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'Just DownUnder': located under 'Just Gorgeous' is open every weekend and filled with wonderful clearance stock bargains from 10.15 -3.45.

Yoga Classes begin at Kuranda Recreation Centre Wednesday 3 February at 5.30pm, and Sunday 7 February at 10.30am. Queries phone Aileen 0419 726 955.

Yoga in Myola: for health, strength and flexibility, recommences Thursday 4 February, 10.00am, then regular classes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10.00am. Pat Daly Yoga (Facebook) or phone 4093 8509.

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Rainfall Last Month

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QUALITY or QUANTITY?

I have been doing a bit of research on "People Habits", lately.

Everywhere I look, be it TV, Radio, YouTube or the general "Day to Day Prairie of life", it's Competition... to the Max! : "Man vs. Man" and in the Animal Kingdom it's often "Animal vs. Animal".

Where is this all leading to, I thought?

The answer was obvious: Secure the Game, the Food or whatever the Competition was about!

Just recently a client had obtained sales presentations from four local & prominent agents! In this instance Koah Realty was fortunate to be the "Winner".

I sold the house five weeks later!

But this got me thinking! What is it that Vendors are looking for? How are they being targeted by the media (and the Agent).

Look at the ads on the TV, Computer Screens, Tablets, Facebook, YouTube, ... everywhere! It's all about "influencing" You to Buy and Try their wares, etc.

Once upon a time, (in my opinion), before Social Media, Computers and electronic whiz-bang Databases, "Success & Performance" of the Real Estate Agent WAS measured by the NUMBER of sales.

This makes sense as we humans are always impressed by BIG numbers, be it size of the house, size of the lottery, size of the car and so on.

So BIG numbers were, in the past, The Number One

attention grabbers!
... But No More!!

In this modern age of Social Media, Twitter, Facebook and "techno enlightenment" of The People, "Quantity", is no longer King!

The New Yardstick of Today is the "Old Yardstick" of Yesterday!

Which is simply: *Quality is better than Quantity.*

Meaning that: The *Real Value* of a transaction, to you, THE CLIENT, is measured by the ACTUAL SATISFACTION you have derived from the agent/client interaction.

For example, if you go down to the local store and learn that your personal details are in the public domain, then your appreciation of "The Service", delivered to you, has been tarnished.

Another example: if you have sold your house, too soon, and feel "let down" by the sale price achieved, then your appreciation of "The Service", delivered to you has been tarnished.

So it's not about HOW MANY houses have been sold. It's all about *how satisfied you are* with the final price achieved and the agent/client transactional relationship along the way. Fact and True!

You cannot measure the worth of any item of goods or services simply by a number or percentage!

So what can you do about this? How do you use your "vote" & which agent will you employ?

You need to look, listen & hear the *Local Gossip* and you will discover that Quality is a far better measure of success, than Quantity.

Word Of Mouth referrals

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Community Calendar

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KNC Management Committee Meeting 5.30pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933 for details

Every Saturday

Kuranda Envirocare Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website www.envirocare.org.au

First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

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

Second Sunday

Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

Every Monday

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

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

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

Kuranda AA meeting Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30pm

Second Tuesday

Kuranda SES Training, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph James Partridge 0402 119 642

Second & Fourth Tuesday

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

Third Tuesday

Tourism Kuranda meets in the office, Centenary Park 4:30pm

Every Wednesday

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

Lifeline Counselling at KNC (appointment necessary)

Craft and Social Morning at QCWA Hall 9.00am. Contact craft teacher 4093 7016

Kuranda Playgroup 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre. New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.

Karate at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380

Mah Jong at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome

Yoga for kids. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

First Wednesday

Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC

Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel

Second Wednesday

QCWA meeting 12.00 at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 8215, Secretary 4093 8362

Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.

Every Thursday

Kuranda Dance classes 6.00pm at the Kuranda Community Precinct during school term. Phone Lisa for enquiries 0409 367 967.

Rotary 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

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

Capoeira Training and Roda. 7-8:30pm.

Phone Ole 0468 408 963

Kuranda Rangers Soccer: training 4.30-5.30pm

Linda 0437 255 229

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

First Friday

House of Chia Mareeba, Market 9.00-3.00

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CAIRNS 79 Abbott Street	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	8.50am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.10am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.15am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
RAINFORESTATION	7.35am	9.20am	12.35pm	2.20pm	4.15pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.30am	10.00am	1.15pm	3.00pm	4.55pm

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

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
ATHERTON	6.15am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.15am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
MAREEBA	6.45am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.45am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
SPEEWAH	7.10am	9.55am	4.25pm	7.10am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.30am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.30am	10.05am	10.05am	4.35pm
CAIRNS Service Terminates	8.30am	11.15am	5.35pm	8.30am	11.15am	11.15am	5.35pm

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

Departs From	Monday to Friday			Saturday		Sunday	
	1	2	3	1	2	*1*	**2**
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.45am	3.20pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.20pm	3.20pm	5.45pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.35pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.35pm	3.35pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.05pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.05pm	4.05pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.10pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.10pm	4.10pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.40pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.40pm	4.40pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.15pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.15pm	5.15pm	7.30pm

Atherton/Cairns Services - No Services on CHRISTMAS DAY or GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday Service *1* on PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - No Sunday Service **2** on LONG WEEKENDS

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