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The Barron is a Sight for Hot Eyes – 23rd November

PHOTO BY KURANDA RIVERBOAT'S CAPTAIN WARREN



Happy Holidays...

As this Paper goes to press, temperatures have really ramped up. We are thankful for our elevation, the shade of trees, the salvation of breezes, cooling creeks and, of course, the beautiful Barron River.

We are the envy of southern friends and family as we enjoy the bounty of delicious summer fruits and vegetables, grown locally and cheap, if not actually free for the picking, or picking up. Mango madness has arrived and lychees can't be too far away. A trip up the Tablelands offers numerous farm gate opportunities to enjoy the best of fresh local produce and support our farmers.

School holidays are just around the corner, as is a brand new year. This *Kuranda Paper* will span the end of the old year and the beginning of the new, as our volunteers take a break. The next issue (February 2019) will hit the stands on January 31st. So we would like to take this chance to thank our contributors, our volunteers, our advertisers (please shop locally wherever you can, and make sure you call your local tradies first) for their support throughout the year.

We are now well into the official cyclone season, the heat will eventually give over to storms and wet season rain, and Nature may well have surprises in store for us. Hopefully not quite as intense as last March's floods but anything is possible, by the time the rain arrives it will be more than welcome. Until the rains come though we also have the threat of bushfires to keep in mind. So, be prepared, get your cyclone kit sorted, clean up properties and be ready for the unexpected.

We wish everyone a safe summer/wet season, especially those who serve in the emergency services, especially our local volunteers in the SES and Rural Fire Brigades, and to say thank you to all the people in our numerous community groups who give of their time and energy throughout the year. If you are in the mind to make new year's resolutions perhaps consider joining in or supporting local groups and projects. You will always get more than you give.

May everyone have the time to relax, enjoy our beautiful place, in good company and making great memories. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Stay Safe and See You in 2019!

KUR-WORLD EIS RESPONSE PERIOD DEADLINE EXTENDED

On 21st November 2018, the Coordinator-General extended the draft EIS submission period from 30th November 2018 to 14th January 2019.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the draft EIS, including the project's potential environmental impacts and the effectiveness of measures proposed to manage those impacts.

The Coordinator-General will consider submissions as part of his evaluation of the project's environmental impacts. Submissions close at 5.00pm on 14th January 2019.

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Climate Action?

An article from the Friends of the Earth FNQ, (“Time for
Real Climate Action”, *The Kuranda Paper*, November, 2018),
urges “fundamental change to energy, agriculture, transport
systems and pretty much everything that humans do” and
quotes information from the IPCC.

What exactly does that mean for the “Village in the
Rainforest”?

First energy. Wind and solar flicker on and off depending
on the weather and time of day. No viable grid-scale batteries
have yet been invented. The Musk battery in South Australia
cost \$140 million and can power just 30,000 homes for just
one hour. That’s \$4,666 per household for an hour’s power
each calm evening.

We simply aren’t rich enough to buy enough batteries, and
all the wind turbines and solar panels to charge them, to have
grid electricity in a zero carbon world. So Kuranda would have
no more fans, no more air-conditioners, no more washing
machines or dryers or dishwashers. No more town water,
either. Manual housework and carrying water would fill every
spare moment.

We could keep electricity if we were allowed zero emissions
hydroelectricity stations here in the Wet Tropics, but we’re not
allowed to build the dams. Nuclear could keep the lights on
without emissions, too, but that’s not allowed either.

Second, agriculture. This means de-stocking the herds,
so no more steak sizzling on the barbie. Just tofu burgers
forever. It also means no more fertiliser manufactured from
hydrocarbon feedstock, so crop production would decrease
and food prices would rise. So, expensive, scarce tofu burgers
forevermore.

Third, transport systems. The piston engine will be gone,
so no cars, trucks, motorbikes, lawnmowers or chainsaws.
Electric cars aren’t going to be viable without a functioning
electricity grid, so that means walking or cycling everywhere
(but there’ll be few new bicycles), including up and down the
range. Horses are out for the same reason (methane) that the
herds were culled and we all had to go vegan.

Finally, “pretty much everything that humans do”. This is
code for the introduction of a global government under the
auspices of the IPCC’s parent body, the UN, which is openly
socialist. That means leisure time and personal property would
be gone and full obedience to the global state will be required.

To summarise, the Friends of the Earth want you to
voluntarily give up everything you like and enjoy in your
life and to live a similar hard-scrabble life to those in early
twentieth-century Russia. They want you to do this because
the elites at the UN who will gain global power, seventy-odd
years after World War Two, told them to.

Meanwhile the UN are cool with China and India continuing
to increase their emissions, by a margin bigger than our total
emissions, every year for the next twelve years before they’re
reviewed again.

It is time to set aside the tired habit of signalling our green
virtue and instead embrace the reality around us – which is
that none of the scary predictions about climate have ever
come true. We are being conned into becoming the victims of
the totalitarians of the future. If that’s not the time to start
questioning, to start finding out why the climate goalposts
keep moving, then we will lose all the modern conveniences
we now take for granted.

Those who want an “emissions-free world” should be very
careful what they wish for.

Peter Campion, Tolga

A Counterfeit World

Something rotten in the Shire
casts a whiff

when naked greed dresses up in green credentials

and poses as Eco friendly

with attendant helicopters

to enliven our tranquility

and a golf course to drain our common water

in the cause of recreation

and exclude our native flora and fauna

whose passing can no doubt be charted in a gleaming
interpretive centre.

Michael Quinn, Kuranda



The “Life” in Kuranda

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to be able to read a
hard copy of *The KURANDA Paper*. You may ask “what’s so
special about a hard copy” when you can access it immediately
on the Internet – it’s the “life” in the paper and the fact I no
longer live in that beautiful place. So my congratulations to all
those individuals who make *The KURANDA Paper* happen.
I’ve NEVER come across a better, more interesting, local
monthly print.

It’s almost three years since I sold my loved home out
towards the end of Warril Drive, after much land clearing,
tree and bush burning on the old Barnwell property – the land
gouged beyond recognition. I wonder where the Pademelons,
Orange-footed Scrub Fowl, Little Kingfishers, the myriad of
Honeyeaters that visited my yard are now living – if indeed
they are alive at all!

Humans have so much responsibility to the land and its
inhabitants, and I’m not referring to other humans!

Macau has earned the nickname “Las Vegas of Asia”. Is
this the foot in the door to far more serious development?

Lorraine Gould

(Mexican – south of Queensland border)

Why Did I Decide to Run as the Independent Candidate for Leichhardt?

Ever since I was a child, I always viewed everybody as equal
with the perception and belief that in general we all want to be
happy and get the most out of life, and that we all deserve a fair
go and the right to enjoy the same freedoms.

Throughout my career and adult life though, I experienced
significant injustice in the community and in the workplace,
that impacted on myself, my workmates and others in the
community, often those folks more vulnerable to the system
and less confident to stand up to injustice.

In my early 20s, after some challenging times, I really
started to find my voice and not only did I start standing up for
myself, but I began to find myself speaking up in the workplace
on behalf of groups of individuals that had real organisational
challenges impacting on their practice and wellbeing in general.

It’s no surprise that most of my professional life has been in
specific roles where I have either been in Aurukun helping folks
get work or social services, or in Cairns helping parents address
goals to reunite families, or in the classroom teaching children
how to develop the skills needed to manage independently in
society.

The truth is I am absolutely driven to help, support,
represent and educate and I am committed more than ever
today, to ensuring we get the representation back in our
community in politics that we truly deserve.

There is terrible injustice in this world. I witnessed it in
Indigenous Australia, I see it in the classrooms, I work with it
every day in this community and I’ve seen it in every workplace
you could imagine.

We also have a significant national problem in this country
too now with our political system of government. There is no
representation in community, the politicians have lost their
way and the parties no longer represent the people.

I’m running as the Independent so I can do my part to
bring back representation to Cairns, Cape York and Torres
Strait. It’s my way of creating the leadership required at this
time, to help the community regain its voice so we can continue
to speak up and be represented in Parliament.

This is not just part of a political campaign for me, this
is lifelong, and I’m committed to do as much as I can in my
capacity, to continue to speak up and stand up for those who
need a voice.

Chad Anderson

Independent For Leichhardt

Foodworks: Good News

It is with relief that I have read online that Foodworks is
now under new ownership and aiming to continue to serve
the needs of Kuranda into the future. They have advised the
ATM at the front of the building is working again, and that
changes and new stock will be flowing into the store. Good
news indeed.

Congratulations to the hard working staff who kept things
running smoothly through the transition. Buy local whenever
and wherever you can.

Gayle Hannah, Kuranda



PHOTOGRAPH BY HEATHER SMART

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Remembering Betty Timmins

On 28th October we had to say goodbye to the wonderful Betty Timmins.

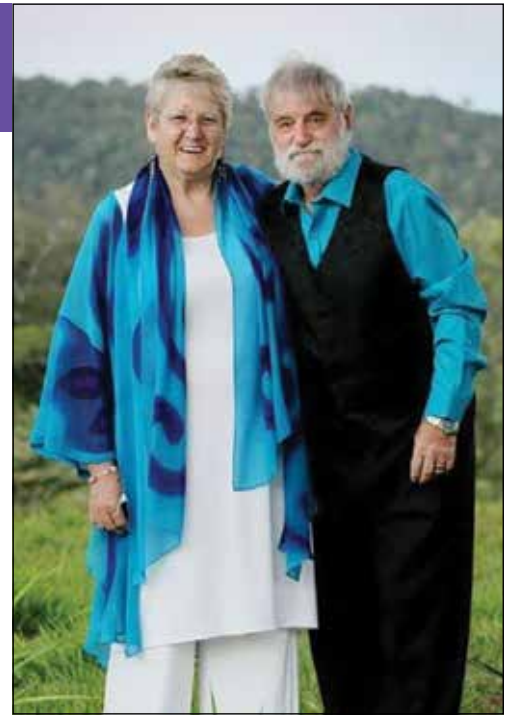
Cherished wife of Cliff, beloved mother of Leanne Karen (Dec), Michelle and Glenn, much loved grandmother of Keely, Lance, Meliesa, Sophie and Mitchell, wildlife warrior and surrogate mama of many a small creature. Her love of Kuranda can be seen in all the devotion she gave to this special place she made her home 37 years ago. Many locals will remember Betty from when she drove the local school bus. Cliff and Betty were Venture leaders for Kuranda Scouts as well, for many years, and their home was also a home to foster children.

Best known for her tireless efforts with the wildlife she rescued, Betty raised and rehabilitated hundreds of injured and orphaned animals, and was an inspiration to so many people, both here in Australia as well as to all her young volunteers from overseas.

Betty also gave her time to many other community groups, helping establish the Ambulance Centre as a member of the Ambulance committee, she was also a member of SES Services for 30 years. And having been a breast cancer survivor she had a passion for fundraising activities for breast cancer research.

Many have also tasted and enjoyed the wonderful flavours of Kuranda Homemade Icecream whose flavours were created by Betty (who once served as an army cook).

Betty was one of a few people, along with the late Gary Bresnan, who went door knocking on every place they knew in Kuranda to start the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club up in the early 80s, which makes it a fitting place to gather and remember her on the 1st December. May we remember Betty as an inspiration of community spirit and honour her memory with countless volunteer hours on many endeavours!



BETTY TIMMINS MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE

A memorial service and celebration of Betty Timmins' life will be held at the Kuranda Pony Club on the 1st of December at 10am. Please bring a chair and your own shade (umbrella) – it may be needed.

This service will be animal friendly, so if you have an orphan animal you are raising, or a pet they are more than welcome, as helping animals was a big part of Mum's life.

Please make sure that all animals are kept secure.

Please wear something bright and colourful with a touch of purple, Mum's favourite colour.

There will be light refreshments available after the service. BYO alcoholic beverages.

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Merry Bush Christmas

 A photograph of a box of Christmas decorations. The box is decorated with a red ribbon and features a koala and a kangaroo. The text "Merry Bush Christmas" is written at the top.

Seasons Greetings from All of Us to All of You

 A photograph of a group of people, including women and a small dog, posing outdoors. They are all wearing white shirts.

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Stop KUR-World Rally a Huge Success

Kur-Alert's Community Stop KUR-World Rally was held on Saturday 24th November in Centenary Park, Kuranda



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVEN NOWAKOWSKI

President of KUR-Alert, Steven Nowakowski had a great announcement for the Rally. The Co-ordinator General in Brisbane announced an extension to the public submission period. **Submissions were scheduled to close on 30th November, but have now been left open until Monday, 14th January, 2019.**

The Rally was opened by Kuranda Traditional Owner, Willie Brim, with a passionate 'welcome to country' and a firm disregard for KUR-World's proposed development.

Our speakers for the day were locals, Jax Bergersen and Bill Sokolich, who outlined so many important issues for the entire Kuranda regional community about this proposed mega development in our midst.

Jax Bergersen from Kuranda Conservation, spoke about the problems that are expected on the Kuranda Range Road should this mega development be approved. The Range Road will exceed its safety design capacity in 2019, but there are no plans from our politicians to make any improvements. Jax stated that if improvements were started tomorrow, then it would take 10-15 years of battling through roadworks every day before the benefit of any roadworks could be felt. But KUR-World expect to have thousands more people on the road within five years.

Speewah resident Bill Sokolich explained to the Rally crowd that the proposed KUR-World development was actually interrupting Kuranda's normal cycle of growth through local and State planning schemes for our Shire. KUR-World will be asking for a "Variation Approval" to the town plan. They will effectively be granted a special town plan inside the wider Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme. Bill explained that there is a danger here in that this new town may become like many 'company towns' that are seen in mining areas etc, where the creeks and the environmental open spaces 'belong' to the company and no public land is set aside within the development for parks or community facilities as would normally occur in a standard subdivision. Currently, any

Kuranda locals who try to drive or walk up the road to the KUR-World property are strongly discouraged. There is also a danger that KUR-World's proposed KUR-Village will become a 'gated community'. This is definitely not 'the sense of place' that the Kuranda community now enjoys.

The speakers talked about the transformation of our 'Village in the Rainforest' to KUR-World's vision of another town at Myola called KUR-Village!!

Currently, our Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme describes in print that the community's vision of Kuranda is a Village in the Rainforest which must be surrounded by rural and rural/residential properties.

Our Village in the Rainforest needs to remain in a forested setting to retain its rainforest authenticity. Our Village just cannot be located in suburban surrounds!!

The Rally also had a large 'have your say' opportunity set up in Centenary Park to supply information about KUR-World's plans, with photos and the final KUR-World Concept Plan available. There were lots of 'have your say' forms to complete that KUR-Alert will forward to the Co-ordinator General.

There was much discussion about the issues of representation for our community. That we are a community that has had 'no voice' in local decision making for 40+ years.

The voices in power may wish to pay some attention to the entire Kuranda community as the Rally in the Park on Saturday, 24th November, demonstrated.

Those in opposition have sometimes conveniently referred to our community in terms such as 'hippies', 'greenies' and 'dole-bludgers' in order to put us down. Those opposition voices need to take another look and see the middle of the road, hard-working, family groups, the creative, intelligent well educated people and pay some respect. Kuranda is a community of diversity with people who care. Everyone one of us deserve to be listened to.

KUR-Alert Community Response has received OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank you Kuranda, for so many intelligent submissions to **The KUR-World Environmental Impact Process (EIS)** KUR-Alert has asked for many improvements to KUR-World's plans outlined in their EIS:

Kuranda Range/Water/Environment/Town Plan & more...

The KUR-Alert website at: www.kurandaregion.org/eis has been given an extension to the submission period.

We will be open to receive more of your DIY comments and responses until

Monday 7 January 2019

Take some time through Christmas and fill in a few.

And **thank you** for your messages of support and your donations to help with expenses

Are you ready for:

Operation Rudolph

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See Kuranda RFB Facebook Page
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**Saturday
22nd December**

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“The view from here”

A monthly column by Michelle Murray-Beckman offering a glimpse into Kuranda's bespoke rainforest architecture along with with interviews residents who share with us why they have chosen to call Kuranda home.

Michael Quinn

It was a chance encounter with two young men on the banks of the Barron River that led Michael Quinn on a quest to learn about the mythology and the language of the Djabugay people of Kuranda.

The journey itself, however, actually begins in India.

Michael was one of many young Englishmen who travelled overland to exotic East Asia. In his words he “ran away from Christianity” after having survived a Christian Brothers education. He tells me of a seminal experience in India where, after befriending some local people in Ahmedabad, he had all his money stolen. Immediately after, he visited a Hindu temple. He describes it as “entering into the realm of archetypes.” The temple had spaces which were richly decorated with murals depicting ambrosial scenes of paradise, terrifying scenes of demons tormenting sinners and then finally a heavenly room devoted to Krishna playing his flute reflected to infinity by mirrors. Michael describes the feeling of entering this room as “a feeling of peace like I had just reached the still centre of the turning cosmos”. “Like I had inherited the world.”

He goes on further to explain that this experience made him feel that it was “an illumination whereby you are looking at your situation and the world talks to you”. In Jungian terms – certain experiences open up a life of synchronicity. I take this as trusting in the universe for it has a plan and will provide.

Michael describes arriving in Kuranda after this experience in 1986 as timely. He came with his young family to settle and build a home and a life in the rainforest. He had a love of mythology and had been telling world stories for many years before arriving in Kuranda and he now wanted to understand the mythology of the place in which he had decided to call home. As a story teller, he wanted to learn the traditional stories of the people of this place.

The boys he met on the riverbank introduced him to Lalfie Thompson, the last initiated man of the Djabugay tribe. In Michael's words, “I hadn't talked to any aboriginal people. I knelt down at this man's feet and begged him to tell me about his people”. According to Michael, Lalfie laughed and said “No way migaloo, not unless you learn our lingo”. And so he did.

By learning the Djabugay language with the help of linguists Ken Hale, Bob Dixon, Helena Cassells, Elizabeth Patz and Elders including Wanyarra Roy Banning, Nyuwarri Queen of the Djabuganydji, Wurrmbul Gilpin Banning, Warren Brim, Rhonda Brim, Rhonda Duffin and Gerald Hobbler, Michael also discovered a holistic approach to storytelling. This is because the language and the stories of Djabugay country form the unique identity of this special place Ngunbay now called Kuranda.

Through his study Michael fell in love with the language and found what he was looking for – a philosophy and way of looking at the world.

Michael introduces me to the concept of Bulurru. And it is beautiful.

Bulurru is not one thing – it has many meanings. Bulurru is how the Djabuganydji refer to the Dreaming.

It can refer to places of significance. Each special place on the Barron River is a story water enshrined in the memory of the people and is described by Michael as “holding the spirit seed of memories”. The story places provide an orientation to the



PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHELLE MURRAY-BECKMAN

sacred geography of the place. These places are also associated with events in the Dreamtime when ancestral beings shaped the land, its rivers and mountains. It is, therefore, the country itself.

Bulurru is the time of these events in the ancestral past, the story time. Bulurru can refer to the ancestral beings of that time such as Damarri and Guyala.

Bulurru is the Law, the djumburru nyiwul – the one track put down by the Bulurru ancestors for the people to follow to ensure survival of both themselves and the bulmba – the country.

Bulurru is the living spirit of the Law, present in the rainbow Gudju-gudju. Bulurru sends storms and floods to punish wrong-doers (the manydja) or makes them sick or lose their way in the forest.

Bulurru is the Word sung out when as part of funeral ceremonies, the deceased's Story is told in song to the striking of the gugulu sticks. In this manner each bama (person) is linked with the ancestral past, the Storytime and the land itself – for the deceased's travels are part of the ongoing story.

According to Wurrmbul the moon gindan, the sun bungan, and all light ngandjal comes from one – from Bulurru.

It can be seen, then, that Bulurru is the relationship between the people bama, the world bulmba, its fauna minya, and flora ma. A relationship that links the ancestral past with the present and one that is everlasting.

The preceding explanation of Bulurru was taken from a text that Michael wrote titled Bama Nganydjin – Our People. He has been teaching Djabugay for such a long time now that he is teaching the children of his first students. He is completely devoted to the language and culture of this place – it is his vocation and he has developed many resources to assist in the learning of the language.

He patiently explains that Djabugay is a syntactic ergative language which is quite rare. What this means is that the laws of syntax do not apply. I needed to be reminded what the law is and for those of you who also need reminding it is “who does what to whom” – subject, verb and object. Djabugay shares this particular form with, among a few others, the Basque language and the Inuit of the Arctic. According to Michael the ergative function gives the language more pliability. He tells me that “I find it quite beautiful to see into the patterns that form the meaning.” It's all a bit beyond me to be honest, but I relate to the sentiment and certainly when I listen to Michael speaking

Djabugay the rolling r's and the intonation are indeed quite lovely.

Another way of keeping the language alive is through music. Michael was a founding member of the band Gudju-gudju. The band writes and performs songs in Djabugay language. He plays some recordings for me and explains the meanings of the songs, swaying with his eyes closed – the songs are beautifully arranged and recorded with Indigenous voices reaching out to me with their stories.

Michael tells me that through the exploration of the language he has been touched by a creative impulse and has reached a very deep understanding of himself and the country in which he lives. It reminds me of the beginning of the Mahabharata where Vyasa says “If you listen carefully, at the end, you'll be someone else”.



Term four is at the half way point and as I write this article I can look out over the seasonal creek beside my house and see that some of the remnant rainforest trees are setting their fruit. A life time of observation tells me the flying foxes will soon be flying in. While nearly three decades in Education tells me that our year twelve students will be flying out.

I understand that this week can be a time of mixed emotions across the graduating classes as well as for parents and staff. The best advice I can give as a person is live through the moment and let it all happen, the educator says make sure you have your paperwork completed. I will speak about and to the graduating cohort on multiple occasions during this time and they will certainly be in the spotlight. We must remember however, that there are endings and new beginnings for all of our students at this time of year and we should recognise each of these with celebration, advice and support.

Moving toward 2019 there has been a number of busy staff members working around Prep enrolments and year six into seven transition. There has been an ongoing suite of events for incoming prep students and their families, so if you know anyone with a child in that age group encourage them to contact the P-6 campus for more information. The year six student have one more transition day in week nine of term and most families have taken a secondary campus walk through; from this work we are expecting to start 2019 with over 30 year seven students.

There has also been a great deal of excitement around the selection processes for our 2019 school leaders. Delila Clark and Ocean McKilop area our newly minted P-6 leaders, while Samuel Currie and Angeliina Brim will take the helm as College Captains. I wish them every success.

Good Luck to the Class of 2018



I would like to not only thank the college staff involved, but also the great support from parents and community members. At this time we are expecting our overall college numbers to be similar to where we started 2018, so I expect minimal changes to staffing for 2019 once this is finalised.

A staffing change that we are aware of is the College Principal, I have been advised that a process has been started to ensure that a Principal is appointed for the start of the 2019 school year and we will keep you all posted.

I would like to conclude by saying that while my own destination is unknown at this time, I can say that if my time at Kuranda District College ends it will be with a smile on my face. There are amazing things happening at the college and within the community that fill me with great hope.

Kirk Findlay
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School Resumes on Tuesday 29th January, 2019

KDSC office, located on the secondary campus, is open for enrolments, payment of resource fees and all general enquires on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of January, from 9.00am–3.30pm.

The P&C Uniform Shop

is open on the same days, from 9.00am–4.00pm. Located on the junior campus. No eftpos available, so please bring cash, or contact us at kdscpandc4881@gmail.com, and we can provide an online order form and bank details for direct deposit and easy collection on the day. Centrepay is also available. If you are able to help on either of these days, please contact us as extra hands are always welcomed.



Kids on Earth

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better”

– Albert Einstein

The value of nature playgrounds to a child's development is priceless. As opposed to a sterile, plastic and metal play area, children not only develop their motor skills and stimulate their imagination, they become more aware of their place in ecology.

The senses become alive, collaborative or team skills are learned in exploration and physical challenges, and their curiosity about living things is kindled.

There aren't too many adults who don't recall the utter delight of a school nature trail, or a family ramble in the bush. There's sounds and smells, birds and nests in branches, insects under every twig, flowers and seeds, funny shaped stones and sticks with stories to tell of years as a branch manager, brightly coloured fungus, frogs and babbling water and guppies and tadpoles, and... it's outside, it's an adventure.

So, when the nature playspace idea took seed at Koah, it only took a matter of time before the project grew, fed by a Queensland State Government 'Get Playing Places and Spaces' grant and a huge amount of enthusiasm, and of course, work.

Landscape Architect Simon Mahar of Landplan, who recently designed a nature park in Centenary Lakes, is working in partnership with WIP Construction of Cairns again to recreate a similar playground in Koah. WIP Construction is renowned for its support of environmentally responsible and sustainable projects, and is associated with Wildlife Rescue.

As a local resident living in Speewah, Paul Maujean, WIP Construction's project manager for the Koah playground is delighted to be overseeing the construction of the park, due to commence in January.

“We're more than happy to be involved in this type of project. Natural playgrounds encourage children to use their imagination, be creative, use their sensory skills, and discover. It's what being children is all about, learning through discovery and adventure.

“We need to get our kids back on earth and away from cyberspace, in touch with nature, in touch with each other, in fact grounded in the best sense of the word,” said Paul.

The project received support from the Mareeba Shire Council, with generous donations of seed funding, earth fill, rocks, etc.

Alicia Buckle of Koah Sport & Social Club Committee said support from both local and Cairns businesses had been outstanding, and the Koah community wished to express its gratitude to the project initiators: Organic Motion of Kuranda – Edible landscapes; Zed Architectural Services; Dream State Circus, and local artist, David Stacey.

Generous sponsors include:

- George Bailey of Kuranda Tilt Tray Hire, Tony Johnson, and Dale Matsson Backhoe Hire for help moving raw materials.
- SGS Environmental, who tested water in its Cairns laboratories.
- Les Knapp of Arborcare, who donated timber.
- Brian and Estelle of Koah, who also donated timber.
- Russell James of Russgo's Wholesale Plants of Koah for supplying clean fill and plants for the gardens.

“As a community we're overwhelmed by the level of support for this project, and do hope that we can repay those who helped us achieve our goal by supporting their businesses in whatever way practical.

“It just goes to show what a community can accomplish. Hopefully one day our children will reflect on their fun and learning experiences in our beautiful nature playground, and see their children benefit from this project,” said Alicia.



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The usual fee of \$28 will be scrapped for local residents until 28th February. Local is classed as residents from Cardwell to Cooktown, including the Atherton Tablelands.

Private motorists can apply online to Douglas Shire Council for a Douglas card, which will give them free return travel on the Daintree River Ferry.

The cable powered ferry near the end of the Daintree River is the only way to reach the region by road all year round and is the continuation of the Great Barrier

Reef Drive, a 140km long road, which stretches the coastline from the Northern Beaches of Cairns through to Cape Tribulation.

Tourism Port Douglas and Daintree executive officer Tara Bennett said the card was an incentive for local people to explore the astonishing Daintree Rainforest on their doorstep.

"Find out why David Attenborough called it the most extraordinary place on earth. The Daintree river and the ferry crossing is the gateway to the

ancient forest, incredible wildlife and pristine landscapes that encompass two World Heritage Sites.

"While the Daintree is admired for its beauty and isolation it has incredible tourism infrastructure with more than 40 places to stay and a number of restaurants and cafes to choose from.

"Visitors are spoilt for choice for activities from forest zip lining, to croc spotting to night bush walks to Great Barrier Reef trips – as well as just reveling in the lush rainforest and gorgeous coastline that make up this exceptional area," Ms Bennett said.

The Douglas card is now available to order: https://douglas.qld.gov.au/download/daintree_ferry/DF02-Douglas-Card-application-form_2.pdf

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KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

Original Mindfulness Cards by Krishna Buhler

A beautiful local image on a postcard provides a thoughtful gift, and includes an introduction to Mindfulness – a recognised way to refocus and reduce stress. Photographs and concept by Krishna Buhler. All proceeds to Kuranda Historical Society. Four designs are currently available.

Thank you to Ranjini Rusch of B Gifted (Handmade, Ethical Gifts) 19 Coondoo Street (next to Bendigo Bank) and The Honey House Kuranda, 7 Therwine Street (next to Original Rainforest Markets) who have generously offered to stock and sell them for the Kuranda Historical Society.



KURANDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETINGS

Sunday 9th December 4.00–6.00pm

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The importance of 'Sense of Place' and the KUR-World EIS

By Kathryn Edwards

The now abandoned Myola Planning Study (2006) called for the development of a concept layout and a package of codes/planning scheme provisions that could create certainty for the various stakeholders interested in the Myola locality. The issue of certainty for stakeholders manifests itself in a number of ways:

- For the planning authorities it is assurance the regional plan and planning scheme's aspirations for the area can be implemented efficiently and reasonably.
- For environmental agencies it is development that is responsive to and respectful of the extraordinary biodiversity values at Myola.
- For the community, developers and landowners it is clear expectations about development form, process and their special responsibilities in investing and living in this special setting.

The plan recognised that the significant environmental values of the Myola Valley could not be retained unless the necessary urban infrastructure was developed including the Kuranda Range upgrade. The plan was abandoned and stakeholders were given certainty for future planning in the region.

People, both individually and in communities, together with their association with and in the natural environment develop a "sense of place". This sense defines who they are and the values in their personal and community attachments to place. This is about:

certainty... values... community... expectations... investing

The "sense of place" could be described as their personal and community investment in place. The Kuranda community has consistently defended incursions into their sense of place which is embodied in the following descriptions contributed by survey respondents answering the:

KUR-Alert community survey regarding KUR-World (2017).

1. The very thing that I moved here, saved money, and built my life here for is being threatened by this development. I am a zoologist and tour guide. This will directly impact my business. Our culture is linked to our environment and the special natural treasures it offers; this development will ruin all I have worked so hard for.
2. Makes me cry, terrified for the future of our wildlife and rainforest. I love Kuranda so much, my home for my whole life and my grandad bought our land just to have a piece for the animals. Frik off and go and do this somewhere else!
3. Once the environment is gone, the essence and appeal of the region is lost.
4. I value the separation afforded by the Kuranda Range Road. I don't always enjoy the commute every day, but the Range keeps the suburbs away and gives me a place to live where my values are respected. I want to live IN my environment and within this community.
5. We moved to Kuranda for a lifestyle. We live in Monaro Close and moved here for a quiet rural life. If land is rezoned to residential we will potentially be built out. There will be increased people, traffic and potentially, crime.
6. Totally in conflict with the values and ethics of the local community.
7. Disaster for native flora and fauna in a high conservation value area.
8. Disgrace. Destroying everything that is precious to this region.
9. We do not want to be like Cairns and have small blocks and no trees. We want Kuranda to stay as it is.

"That which this community has protected and nurtured over many years is consistently desired by developers."

10. Came to live up here to get away from this type of development.

There is compelling evidence here of the community's "sense of place" and the importance of a connective social glue. Communities with a consistent "sense of place" are resilient and self-supporting. In the Kuranda region, there is a sense of "who we are" and the value of "where we live".

This is a community that has consistently been harangued at local, state and federal levels of decision making. This is a community that has been bereft of proper democratic representation for more than 40 years; yet this is a community that has consistently stood firm. The values embodied in Kuranda's "sense of place" are not superficial.

That which this community has protected and nurtured over many years is consistently desired by developers. The future social impacts of the KUR-World project will be measured in a loss of cohesion and resilience within the community and loss of

connection to that which has great value to this community: the natural environment. There are strong links here to well-being in those associations between nature, social and economic life.

The Proponent has shown no respect for OUR values; rather he has come and imposed his values upon us. They do not belong here.

The Proponent has not contributed to the values embodied in landscapes such as the EnviroLink Corridor. The Proponent has not risen in the early hours every Saturday morning for 25 years to plant young trees; he has not stood in the hot sun tending seedlings or carting water to thirsty plants in the dry season. He has not been covered in scrub ticks, picking rainforest fruits on seed-collecting trips. The Proponent has not stood in night rain down at the river to assess frog population health; he has not slogged in the mud after the floods to tend young trees. He has not rejoiced in the arrival of colourful birds come to feed on the nectar of trees he has planted. He has not contributed, yet he wants to take.

The economic value which is desired by the Proponent will be a loss from the Kuranda community. This loss will be a value transfer to the KUR-World Proponent. To the Kuranda community, this feels more like theft rather than opportunity.

Suggested Solution

This is not a community which will reject development. This is a community which will embrace the GOOD development; that which shares OUR value system and respects the natural environment.

Kuranda has a significant natural environment with a strong communal 'sense of place'. The community would welcome the Proponent if the desires were to SHARE this landscape with appropriate development, and if designed WITH input from the community it may be embraced with benefit for all.

Reference: Myola Planning Study, Study Brief 2006, Buckley Vann

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Margaret Pestorius as treasurer/membership secretary and John Glue as President. The 2017/18 committee were thanked for their hard work. Cassowary Keystone Conservation was invited to become a FoE FNQ group and this will be discussed at their AGM.

Ingrid gave a presentation on the threat to Hinchinbrook island – please see the summary below. Submissions were written about the KUR-World development.

KUR-World ACTION: Have your say! Please email in your submissions about KUR-World – extended submission time to Monday 14th January 2019! For details, see http://www.foefnq.org.au/kur-world_submission?splash=1
<https://kurandaregion.org/eis/>

Hinchinbrook – Thorsborne Trail is Not for Sale!

It is disappointing that Queensland Government has thrown several national parks up for development. These include Hinchinbrook, a stunning and pristine island off the coast near Cardwell. There is an isolated walking track running through its length – the Thorsborne Trail. At present, to conserve its wildlife values, only 40 hikers are allowed on the island at any one time.

Plans to clear areas of forest for roads, bridges, a luxury campsite and facilities exist according to staff at Kate Jones' office and the State Government is calling for expressions of interest for a tour company to run glamping holidays. Apparently no cap has been put on the number of tourists allowed in each group and no monitoring is planned of the ongoing operation of the development. It is probable that buildings and other supplies would need to be brought in by helicopter.

As Peter Ogilvie, president of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland notes in his letter to the Minister for the Environment Leanne Enoch, 'These plans have nothing to do with the primary purpose for establishing national parks, namely the protection of our native animals and plants, landscapes and cultural resources.'

ACTION: Sign Queensland Conservation Council's petition. See https://www.queenslandconservation.org.au/hands_off_our_national_parks

NEXT MEETING:

FoE FNQ meeting 3pm and Cassowary Keystone Conservation AGM 4pm on 30th November
Holloway's Beach near the cafe.
Join us for Christmas nibbles and cheer.
Bring your favourite conservation win story or a funny animal story and act it out.
The best mime wins a prize. Everyone welcome.
See www.foefnq.org.au for details of the December & January FoE FNQ meetings.

Quick Quiz Winner

Congratulations to Wasana Weeraratne Green (pictured at left with FoE President John Glue) for winning the Quick Quiz – and a family pass to the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary. Wasana is former secretary and a hard working Friends of the Earth member. Mareeba Shire Councillor Lenore Wyatt and Margaret Pestorius came joint second. Thank you to everyone who took part. For the correct answers please see http://www.foefnq.org.au/quick_quiz

FoE FNQ AGM

This year's AGM was held on the banks of the Barron River with a family friendly picnic. The 2018/19 committee are Ingrid Marker of Cassowary Keystone Conservation as secretary,



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the Arts Page



MAGIC LANE

Jenny Lane holds the key to a magical experience at "Magic Lane" - a Fairyland created by Jenny at Kuranda's Rainforest Markets.

Bring the kids along over the holidays and check out all the magic at Jenny's fairy wonderland. Stories, adventures, mystery...



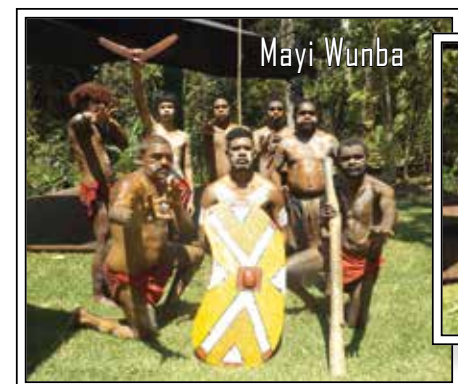
"I was born in Cairns and always saw Kuranda as a mystical glow shining over the mountain top. When I started having babies I moved into this luscious rainforest & finally felt at home. Over four years I really connected with nature and started having magical experiences. It started with the feeling of being watched through the trees. When I acknowledged this presence, a real connection was made with the local fairy folk of the Kuranda Rainforest. I even had a fairy ring form where I regularly danced in my backyard. I realised that my change of lifestyle to a cleaner & freer way of living was a key to this connection. If you are good to nature, the fairies will be good to you! I started asking the fairies for help with different areas of my life and I received it - spectacularly. I wanted not only to share my experience but to bring the magic I felt into the lives of children, young and old. So the fairies and I have built a wonderland in the Original Kuranda Markets - "Magic Lane" In this intricate one hour tea party experience I'll reveal how to care for nature,

the animals and each other with a magical box full of locks and keys. Follow the clues on the box to find the keys around the room. There are costumes and games inside and fairies to find, of course. There will be



tea made of flowers and dancing too. In the back room there is a sensory walk through a jungle, a stream, a snowy cave and a pirates' beach on the way to the fairy garden.

There's no standing room for parents so they'll just have to go outside and enjoy the markets. Have a massage, a bite to eat and a stroll through the botanical gardens at the bottom of the Markets. The veil will part on the 1st of December. I'll be doing 3 parties a day - 10:00 am, 12:00 pm. & 2:00 pm. If there's only a few of you, you'll probably share your experience with others. Or book a table of 10 (max) for \$200. Otherwise it's \$25 a head." - Jenny



ALL IS ART

Kuranda, the meeting place of the spirits. Fairies, elves, and nature spirits of all kinds live among us here in the rainforest. They have been painted, sculptured, placed in gardens. You'll find them in doorways, on walls, and if you've been paying attention you may have even seen them walking down Coondoo Street. Now you can introduce your children to them down Magic Lane (see article left). We need to fire their imaginations if we are to have great art in the future. It's been said about us Kuranda people "We're all here because we're not all there". Many of us have been to wonderland and back, and many are still there. If only everyone could see the world as one big wonderland, a playground for us all, rather than a battlefield. Anyhow, we must provide our children with creative spaces where they can exercise their imaginations, and, if the world lasts long enough, a fantastic future awaits us. Have an out-of-this-world December Art lovers, and a merry solstice to all, seren.

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Amphitheatre News December 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE KURANDA COMMUNITY HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON!!

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WORKING BEE Sunday 9th December 10:30 am refreshments provided

December's Working Bee will be mulching some gardens with cane mulch, and tidying up the grounds of any debris in case of cyclone, for the December/January period.

As we all know, it is a big venue to maintain and upgrade. On a community level, we all love to make use of the facility, so if you can do your bit, we would love to see you there, even just for an hour, it all helps.

We do close for a period through Xmas and New Year to give Committee & Active Volunteers a much earned rest with their families.

The KAS Management Committee is currently focused on grant applications both big and small for such things as new chairs, office equipment and weatherproof sails for around the Top Pavilion.

The Amphitheatre thanks everyone for the part they play in keeping our community venue alive and vibrant.



Have a Great XMAS & hope to see you at the Amphi soon, KAS Admin

KAS ADMIN

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and is still powering ahead almost 40 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability.

Membership Forms available from:

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KURANIDA ARTS CO-OP

Season's Greetings

The Arts Co-op Management committee and members extend very best Seasons Greetings to our community and would like to say Thank You for your support over the past year. We wish you peace, fulfilment and a happy time with family and friends.

New Member

Sandy Hablethwaite has recently joined the Arts Co-op and her outstanding and innovative pottery pieces are displayed in the gallery. Sandy is committed to the values that quantify her love for ceramics, realising the infinite world of hand building and the possibilities it affords her.



Fish Out of Water?

Award winning Buck Richardson now has his artwork displayed at the Aquarium in Cairns. His art cards are now available at this venue. AquaLuna restaurant is featuring Buck's images based on his photographs taken at the Aquarium.

Arts Co-op Choralists

Two members of the Arts Co-op, Susan Doherty and Toni Rogers, will be singing in the Tropical Queensland Oratorio Society Inc. Christmas Cantata Handel's Messiah. Is singing a form of art? It sure is! Art is expression (see advertisement on Page 16 for venues, dates and times).

Cairns Potters' Club "Melting Pot" Exhibition

Three Arts Co-op members, Mollie Bosworth, Sandy Hablethwaite and Kate Prynne are exhibiting in the "Melting Pot" exhibition, opening at the Cairns Gallery 6pm 30th November. This exhibition continues to 6th January 2019.

Late Night Shopping

The Arts Co-op gallery has extended opening hours on 14th December to enable locals to do their Christmas shopping after work. Join us with discounts all day and good cheer until 7pm.



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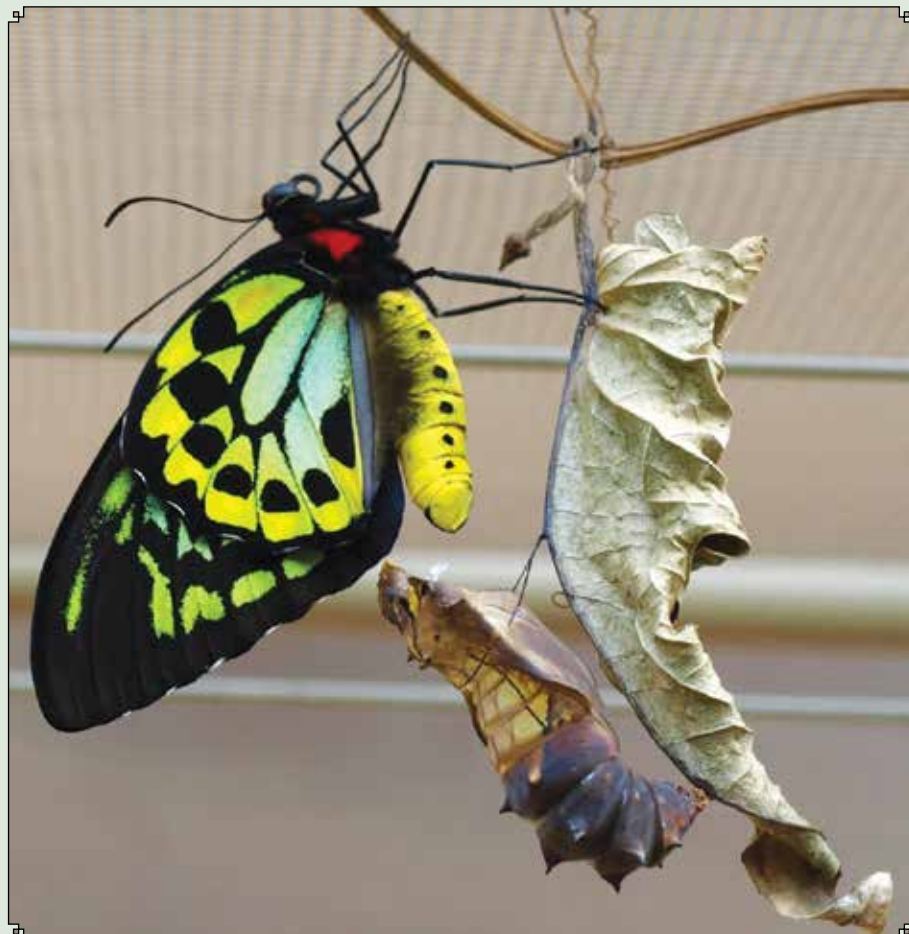
Focus on Kuranda

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

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

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

The Moderator of the page has advised *The Kuranda Paper* that the photograph that has received the most 'likes' this month from 31st October to 27th November was Hans Van Veluwen's Cairns Birdwing Butterfly and Chrysalis, 6th November 2018.



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Lucy Wild's third album, "**Winter Sun**" (2018) draws upon Lucy's experiences touring and meeting people from all over, as well as her times spent at home, walking the streets and creek paths of Melbourne. In her solo show, she explores themes of love, joy and sadness, friendships and the relationships people form with their environment.

A two-time JUNO Award winner, **Old Man Luedecke's** songs are melodic gems blending old time sensibilities with an unusual vision and poetic sense. His music belies someone more than slightly ill at ease with modern life and he performs with a gentle and endearing charisma, stories littered with a canny oblique humour; he's a sly entertainer with almost a hint of contemporary vaudeville about him and he plays a mean claw hammer banjo clearly derivative of the old

Music in Kuranda

Mantaka Band

Celebrating 40 years of Australian Aboriginal Reggae Music

Legendary Indigenous outfit Mantaka were icebreakers of their era. Melding reggae, roots, rock, blues and traditional music to create their distinct sound. 2018 celebrates 40 years of Mantaka music and Aboriginal reggae in Australia, and Mantaka is to be giving a very special performance at Woodford Festival this December.

Frontman **Willie Brim** is a cultural custodian, elder and songman of the Bulwai people of Kuranda in Far North Queensland. Willie will be joined by Kuranda elders, **Irwin Riley**, **Willie Levers**, and **Gary Hudson** at **Woodford Festival** this year to deliver an impressive performance honouring 40 years of Australian Aboriginal Reggae. An amazing opportunity to see these iconic Kuranda legends in action!

Willie Brim personally expressed his appreciation for the support received over the past forty years, and gives thanks that Far North Queensland music is a positive force to inspire so many followers.

To help the Mantaka band there will be a Woodward Festival Fundraiser at the Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage on Friday 30th November featuring Willie Brim and Mantaka music.

Willie is a self taught, multi-skilled instrumentalist and conscious songwriter whose energy and musical passion on stage highlights his strong connection to country and his cultural heritage. Join Willie and friends at the Amphi, for an evening's entertainment connecting with family and friends. **Mantaka Fundraiser @ The Understage, Friday 30th November, Entry: \$10 Adults, Doors Open 7.00pm.**



Mantaka 2018 - Irwin Riley, Gary Hudson, Willie Levers and Willie Brim

Festival of Small Halls

Summer Tour

Featuring Old Man Luedecke and Lucy Wise

Koah Hall

Wednesday 5th December at 4.00pm

Teaming up for this year's Summer Tour, **Old Man Luedecke** and **Lucy Wise** are equally excited to tour Australia's Small Halls. "It's an absolute honour to share this tour with an artist as established and talented as **Chris Luedecke**. We both can't wait to play in so many special places neither of us has been to before," said Lucy.

Lucy Wise has delighted audiences across Australia and internationally with her soulful voice, masterful storytelling and intricate ukulele, guitar and Appalachian dulcimer playing.

time and Appalachia. He's a revelation!

From the music rich maritime province of Nova Scotia on the east coast of Canada, a banjo songster like **Old Man Luedecke** is a rare type of musician. A song writing one of such hopeful goodness is rarer still. In the tradition of solo banjo men and women of days gone by like Doc Boggs, **Old Man Luedecke** sings his songs accompanied only by his loving five-string, foot stomps and the occasional yodel. This is a bizarre type of music Doc Boggs might have made if he'd studied poetry.

His latest recording "**Domestic Eccentric**" is his seventh, and is recorded with and produced by legendary old time and bluegrass musician Tim O'Brien. The album is inspired and dedicated to his family, which is characterised by Chris as somewhat an "eccentric domestic" existence.

The tour's executive producer, Ms Rigden said the show is not to be missed as "**Old Man Luedecke** and **Lucy Wise** have been chosen, not only because of their beautiful musicianship, but because they have the ability to really connect with people through storytelling, the ability to tell a joke, as well as a wonderful warmth and real interest in visiting places a little off the beaten track.

Opening the show with a **Welcome To Country** at 4.00pm, and showcasing a special performance by Koah's **Dream BIG! Circus** (outside the hall, so please bring your blankets). Also featured on the day are interesting, handmade crafty stalls to add to the market vibe for the event, bar, and food and beverages. Tickets are priced with adults at \$25.00, concession \$20.00, and Children under 16 free, and are available (cash only) at the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre.

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Old Man Luedecke



Lucy Wise



Thank you!

As the year draws to a close, the KRC committee would like to thank everyone in the Kuranda community, and beyond, who have supported their recreation centre this year. In particular, we thank our hirers who rent our venue to provide activities for our community—pilates, yoga, tai-chi, Wing Chun kung fu and of course Krishnas Kitchen! Thanks also to Kuranda Rangers FC and Kuranda 8 ball for your ongoing support. We look forward to a great 2019, the 10th anniversary of our Development Plan, when we will take time to assess where we've been and look at where we're headed.



End of year party!

Come on down to the KRC on Friday 7th December for a fun family night. Food by **Krishnas Kitchen caravan**, drinks at the relaxed **Jumrum Bar**, music by Harmonique and others, and fun children's activities.
See Facebook for details

WHAT'S ON AT THE KRC

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KURANDA RANGERS - Training Thursday 4.30-5.30pm
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TAI CHI - Monday 6pm - Les 4093 8276
TENNIS (KIDS) - Friday 4.30pm (Term 2) - Nathan 0430 080 090
TENNIS (SOCIAL) - Aileen 0419 726 955
WING CHUN KUNG FU - Wednesday 7.30pm - Grant 0414 966 823
YOGA FOR ALL - Wednesday & Sunday - Aileen 0419 726 955

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

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Tickets are on sale now at the Tourist Info Centre in Kuranda or online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com They will be available at the door, until sold-out.

EVERY THURSDAY 5.30 to 7pm till December 13th then a break for the Holiday Period. **YOGA** with Tanya Veld (or special guest teacher).

EVERY 2nd THURSDAY: 13th, 27th December 2018
Mankind Project MENS GROUP - Open to all Men. 7.00pm
 Contact Simon 0459 755 553

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

KOAH MARKETS : Saturday 1st December. 8am till 12pm. Get into the spirit of gift giving- locally handmade goodies are gifts that give twice. Beautiful eclectic mix of stalls, amazing music from Jerome and Rohan Rusch, last one for the year!

For expressions of interest for market stalls contact Nicky on 0488 961 660. Submissions due by the 20th.

SOCIAL SESSION: NO SOCIAL SESSION IN DECEMBER - so make sure you come be social at The Festival of Small Halls

DREAM BIG! AND CIRCUS LOVE! Sophie would like to thank you all for the support over the last year. All Circus classes at Koah Hall finish with the culmination of the show at The Festival of Small Halls 2018 (event mentioned above) and will resume in Term Two 2019. Please see details www.dreamstatercircus.com

The Festival of Small Halls Coming to Koah Hall

This year at Koah Hall, the Dream BIG! Circus is going to present a 22 strong cast circus show. All of these performers are local and range in age from 5 up to adult. So if you love circus and music this is an event not to miss.



We are so lucky as a community to have this wonderful opportunity to experience some of the magic of Mullum and Woodford Folk Festivals in our own backyard. Last year we sold out, so don't delay get your ticket today!

Email koah.hall@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/koah.hall

Hire fees: 1-2 hrs: \$10; Half day: \$30;

Full day: \$60; Full day & Evening (24 hour block) \$110

\$200 refundable bond for one-off events
 (if space is left as you found it)

Community Calendar

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

First Saturday March-December, Monthly Markets at Koah Hall

Every Saturday

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

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

Kuranda Men's Shed every Wednesday 8.30-11.30am

Every Sunday

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

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

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

Every Monday

Dream Big Tiny Tots 2 Class (5 years and under) 3.45pm-4.30pm

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

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

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

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

Last Monday Kuranda Addiction Community Support (KACS) 4.00pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Top Shed

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

Every Tuesday

Tiny Tots (5 and under) 3.15pm-4.00pm

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

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

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

First Tuesday Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting venue rotates. 4093 8933

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



Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213

Second & Fourth Tuesday

Mareeba Toastmasters meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL.

Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Lenore Wyatt 0447 757 336. Guests welcome

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

Every Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yoga for kids. Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

Kuranda Men's Shed every Saturday 1.00-4.00pm

Second Wednesday

Financial and Gambling Counselling by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

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

Every Thursday

Pilates 9.00am and 5.45pm at the KRC, Fallon Road. Contact Davini 0414 994 123

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

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

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

General Yoga Class at Koah Hall 5.30pm. Ph Tanya 0428 590 203.

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

Every Friday

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

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

Fourth Friday

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

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Festive Feasting

By Sarah Dobbs

It sneaks up every year and suddenly it's 'Jingle Bells' here and 'Merry Christmas' there...shops are piled high with mince pies you never knew you fancied and chocolate is suddenly bought by the kilo and advertised at half price everywhere. Let the madness begin!

Ok. So relax. Breathe. Our stress levels are rising as the first Christmas packaged shortbread (which are available all year round incidentally) are placed on the shelves...in October! We go into a buying frenzy and not long after a feeding frenzy. Just as the supermarkets like it!

Let's shift the focus. Let's make the most important part of Christmas the people. Not the food. Not the gifts but the people. This is the one time of year we see many of our friends and family. This should be the focus. Not who can make the fanciest Christmas spread or buy the best-est, biggest gift...it's love, joy and peace. It's a LOT less stressful this way.

Here's a few things to think about this silly season:

1. Don't buy into all the 'Christmas' specials. Most are available all year round. Do you really need 3kgs of chocolate in the cupboard or mince pies for breakfast, shortbread with every cuppa? No! You don't when it's not Christmas and you don't now.
2. Avoid the hang over! Christmas is all about socialising, good cheer and having a beer with mates. I'm not going to say don't have a glass of wine or a beer but do you need a bottle, a six pack? Have a glass of wine or a beer then have a glass (or a few) of sparkling water with lemon squeezed in it. Put it in a festive cup or a wine glass. Make it special and enjoy the day after as well as the night before.
3. My belly hurts just thinking of all the food that pours in over Christmas. All the bring-a-plate parties, Christmas gifts and 'extras' that make their way into the trolley. Honestly, cut loose. Indulge. But do it mindfully. Really enjoy a mince pie or a chocolate but you don't need 10 of each washed down with a bottle of soft drink
4. And last...rest. Take time out to do absolutely nothing. No shopping or wrapping or partying. Just rest.

Here's some-bring-a-plate, entertaining ideas that will add nutrition to the festive season:

- Swap rum balls for Bliss Balls – if you don't have time to make them buy them. Make life easy and nutritious.
- Swap out the crackers with dips for crudites. That's posh for vege sticks. Break out the crunchy carrots, capsicum and cucumber. You can even use raw florettes of broccoli or cauliflower. Easiest swap ever for a good humus, beetroot or pesto dip! Yum!
- Add some fruit to the cheese board. Grapes are a forever favourite that goes well with cheese but pear and apple do as well. Even some lychees scattered around will add nutrition. And cherries! Yum!
- Sparkling water with a squeeze of lemon or lime is a fantastic swap for alcoholic drinks. Make it special, add other fruits, put it in a wine glass or pretty tumbler.

And most of all enjoy your festive season! Eat, drink and be merry mindfully. Have a good one!



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Cairns Regional Gallery Holiday Season Exhibitions

Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey: Stories Of This Land

15th November 2018–10th February 2019

This is the first major retrospective exhibition celebrating the work and life of Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey, and is delivered in partnership with the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA).

The exhibition brings together seventy works from major institutions and private lenders including barks, paintings, ceremonial and historical objects, draft illustrations from the *Rainbow Serpent* children's book and three story book films; *The Rainbow Serpent* (1975), *The Giant Devil Dingo* (1977) and *The Quinkans* (1982).

Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey was a figurehead and pioneer of Indigenous art and culture. Throughout his career, Roughsey explored traditional practices, stories and ceremonies, social effects caused by missionary activity, everyday life on Mornington Island, and his journey through Cape York with Percy Trezise and Ray Crooke.



Cartonography: Fruit Cartons of Far North Queensland

30th November 2018–6th January 2019

Cartonography (a combination of carton and cartography) is a project by Sydney-based artist Sean Rafferty, which involves the collection, mapping and cataloguing of Australian fruit and vegetable cartons.

Rafferty is an eclectic artist who has collected more than 800 cartons and is driven by a desire to explore connections between objects, and their relationship with mythologies, histories and the landscapes from which they come. His recent installation at the Cairns Art Gallery is based on fruit and vegetable cartons from the Far North Queensland region, which he sees as place markers that convey stories about the people who grow, harvest, store and transport produce, from the farm or orchard to the consumer.

In 2018, Rafferty undertook a research visit to Far North Queensland and collected data, stories and information that have informed this exhibition. Rafferty believes that the process of collecting fresh produce cartons is an opportunity to connect with a farmer and/or a community, and that, as well as a device to transport produce from the land to a city, the carton can be a device to access and contain their stories.



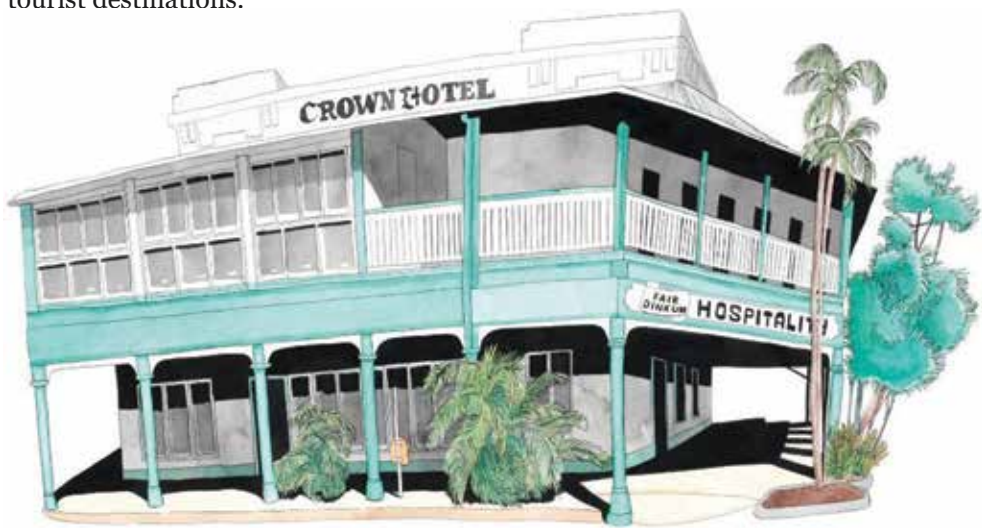
Destination North: Contemporary Illustration

23rd November 2018–13th January 2019

At the turn of the twentieth century there was a global explosion of pleasure travel due to more accessible modes of transport, and a new genre of lithographic travel posters emerged. In the 1930s and 40s the Queensland Government Tourism Bureau produced destinations posters that promoted Far North Queensland as a tropical paradise. Destination North is a contemporary take on this advertising campaign.

For this exhibition, the Gallery has worked with and commissioned seven early career artists to design a series of illustrations that offer contemporary interpretations of Cairns as a lifestyle and holiday destination.

Destination North presents the creative underside of one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations.



For more information see The Cairns Regional Gallery website
www.cairnsartgallery.com.au

The Cairns Regional Gallery can be found at Cnr Abbott & Shields Streets, Cairns.
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am-2.00pm. Gallery closed on Public Holidays. FREE ENTRY.



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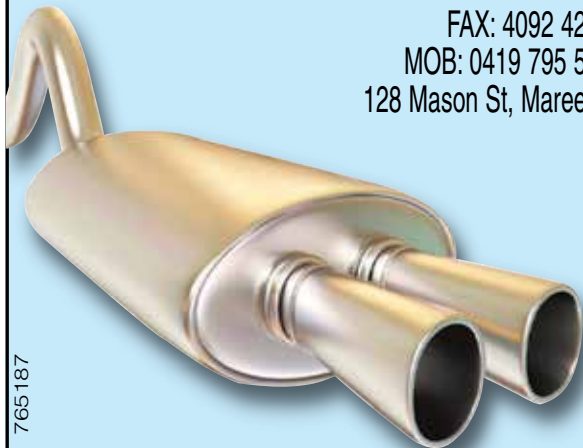
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A close-up of a wolf spider's face. They have eight eyes, six forward facing and two point to the rear.



A mother wolf spider with a mass of spiderlings on her back.



A wolf spider on the prowl. Most hunt at night and their eyes reflect brightly when illuminated with a torch.

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The Wolf of the Spider World

Wolves are prowlers of the grasses; wandering ground dwelling hunters that, like their namesake, run down their prey. Unlike true wolves though, wolf spiders are solitary and hunt alone. They do not use a web to trap their prey. They use silk to line their retreats and burrows. There are a huge number of species found throughout Australia and from the deserts to sub-alpine regions. They are well represented in the Wet Tropics but are more common in open areas rather than closed rainforest.

Within this group of spiders. Some only grow to 5mm long while the largest species can measure 35mm with a leg span of 100mm. Most people will have encountered wolf spiders at some point. If you have a lawn you will most likely have a species running through the miniature jungle on any given day.

Very easy to identify because of the distinctive layout of their eyes. They have eight eyes; six of which face forward. Two of their forward facing eyes and the two at the rear are very large and provide these spiders with night vision. These eyes make them easy to spot at night if you have a head torch (or shine any torch around from above) will pick up the shine of wolf spiders' eyes from 30 metres away or more. It is a distinct pinpoint silver/blue light. They are also equipped with sensory hairs known as trichobothria. These hairs are sensitive to the tiny air currents when they move. This allows these spiders to hunt under the cover of darkness and still know exactly what is nearby – whether it is the presence of prey or predators.

They are also known for their maternal care. Females carry their round egg sacs around with them until they hatch. The female will attach the silken sac to her spinnerets at the tip of her abdomen and is then able to go about her normal activities unhindered. These doting arachnid mothers even go so far as to carefully expose their eggs to sunshine to optimise the development of their offspring. Most will hatch after about 30 days, and when the spiderlings emerge, they immediately climb onto their mother's back and hitch a ride. They may stay on their mum's back for several weeks before dispersing and beginning their own lives.

Alan Henderson
Minibeast Wildlife



A typical wolf spider, slender and powerful.

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2018 December


SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS


December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17 Family Fun Day @ Bartley Park	18 Bush Walk @ Jungle Walk, Barron Falls & Surprise Ck	19 Lagoon & XMAS Lights	20 Car Wash & Sausage Sizzle @ HACC Centre	21 SugarWorld Water Park @ Edmonton	22 Weekend	23 Weekend
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2019 January

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 CLOSED	8 Activities in the Youth Centre	9 Activities in the Youth Centre	10 Activities in the Youth Centre	11 Paint Ball @ Billahong	12 Weekend	13 Weekend
14 Jump Mania \$26.00 (2HRS)	15 Fishing @ Train Station	16 Family Fun Day @ Bartley Park	17 Pool Party @ Kuranda Pool	18 Wildlife Dome & Yorkeys Knob Beach	19	20
21 Youth Camp @ Davies Creek Activities in the Park	22 Youth Camp @ Davies Creek	23 Youth Camp @ Davies Creek Activities @ Bartley Park	24 Activities in the Youth Centre	25 Activities in the Youth Centre	26	27

Don't Mess with Cassowary – not even the cute chicks!

Don't let the cute little thing fool you, she can run like the wind and defend her own.

Arriving at the Garners Beach Cassowary Facility two days ago she has been very shy not leaving the safety of her little enclosure in the big main pen.

My role as an employee of **Rainforest Reserves Australia** is to monitor and record her progress and keep her fed, watered and safe.

While I was talking to Graham from Tully Tropical Vet services, a sneaky land mullet (*Bellatorias major*) three times her size and hungry, thought she looked like a very tasty meal. I saw the lizard rush her through the leaf litter.


I let out a scream into poor Graham's ear "Oh ..#\$\$&!! a land mullet is attacking the chick" as I ran to rescue her.

The next minute she sprang into gear and started kicking and attacking the mullet, who quickly turned and ran away, with this little chick chasing and kicking the mullet the entire length of the enclosure.

I don't think the mullet will be back any time soon.

— Ingrid Marker








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A Grinter's Tale

Last article for 2018, and I'm lining up my New Year resolutions already. In fact they've been kind of sitting on the shelf since last year, but dusty and unused as they are, they're still useful.

In numerology, I suppose 2019 is number 3, which is all about creative expression, so maybe this will be another good year for Word Factory. However, I'm going to use 2019 to get ready for 2020 when I will be at my optimum. I just like the sound of 2020, and in numerology four is a strong number. I'll be firing on all four cylinders, so 2019 is practice year. I'm going to be more organised, thinner, healthier, no alcohol, no meat, but still have fun. Is that possible? But, unfortunately, I can't stop getting older.

My mother used to say, and she still says, every week in fact, "Getting old is a curse". She's right, and for me, one of the worst things about getting old is losing your eyesight. So mobiles and I have a love/hate relationship. I'm so glad we have reception in Speewah now, and I will always be proud of being an integral in making that happen. The negative comments at the time were hurtful, causing another period of despising community Facebook. Comments ranged from "We don't need mobiles in Speewah", to "We liked Speewah how it was, without mobile" to "Why don't you move to Cairns if you want mobile reception?" There were far worse, but not worth repeating here. I love that we can equip our kids with mobile phones when they go out at night, or go bush on trail bikes, or horses. At the time I thought of commenting that if you didn't want to use mobile, why have one? But biting down hard on a twig, I refrained from saying so. At this time last year, without mobile phone, there's a good chance my friend would be dead, when riding together on a lonely part of the Douglas Track, her horse went backwards into a gully and fell on top of her. By some miracle, I had mobile reception in that tiny spot where there was none on the main part of the track.

But technology still has its glitches. I was talking to Emergency Services, who I think were situated somewhere near Saturn. Look, they do a fantastic job, but sometimes there is no place for technology, centralisation and generic, robotic answers, and you just need to talk to someone with local knowledge. Most of us know the Douglas Track has many different sections, and I gave up trying to say we were nowhere near the Speewah campground when told not to worry, as Emergency Services were on their way to Speewah Campground. Worse was the mention of Stoney Creek. Anyway, it must have been the slightly raised pitch in my voice, the one that reveals itself when faced with a Telstra rep I can't understand, but she said, very deliberately, "Listen, dear," (note: if you want me to stay on tap, do NOT call me 'dear'). "I want you to stay calm, stay on the line, go over to your friend, and gently lift the horse off her, and tell me if she is injured". I'm going to leave that story there; I'm going to leave that thought and my response, to your imagination – perhaps visualise the prospect of one shaking hand clapping phone, giving blow by blow account while using my right hand to lift a 400+kg horse off a friend. At the same time, refrain from causing the horse to panic, and prevent my own horse, tied to a tree, from freaking out. The latter, frustrated, eventually took off and went for help.

So typically, I have completely gone off track. I wanted to say that mobiles are a curse for the ageing as in truth, most folk aged over 50 need glasses to see what we're doing. That's no fault of the mobile, it's the blind bat holding it. Mobiles are an essential for people like myself who run a business, and I love that connectivity (just a small fib), but come the weekend, seriously, I am out on acreage doing stuff, fixing things, picking up horse poo, taking uteloads of prunings to the dump, coming back with more objets d'art than I deposited. I have no time for finding my glasses and using fat farmer's fingers (once slender, tanned, arthritis free digits) to send replies that take half an hour to type, much less edit. I have the capability to end friendships through misspelling or using totally inappropriate words that can embarrass me for the rest of my life. I don't want to lug a mobile round the paddock or the garden, I mean, who does that, and if they do, are they dreadfully insecure, or lonely?

So, resolution one for January. I'm not sure, how do I sort my mobile problem? On to number two, as the former will be on my mind every night while I think of a solution when I should be sleeping. So number two is to buy a diary, as usual, but USE it. I get so excited about buying diaries, I start looking in October and once I choose one, I can't wait for January 1st. This happens every single year. Then I don't use it. I'm the most disorganised person I know, which is why it's fortunate that I work for myself.

I'm not good on birthdays. I hope my friends are reading this. I don't know why this is. I've never been a family person, as I only have my daughter, so maybe I never had practice. I'm going to improve. I'm not going to be one of those people who only knows birthdays because of Facebook and is always saying "Belated happy birthday, hope you had a wonderful day". I'm going to be proactive and the kind of person who people think of as thoughtful. Oh God, so much to think of.

So the next resolution is to write my column for the Kuranda Paper before the last possible moment, so as not to give Garth and the wonderful volunteer team heart attacks. I'm going to write informative articles that make people think and not ramble on in such a manner as to send people to sleep.

However, in the meantime, I originally took over this column as the pet column, and I'm going to finish 2018 talking about my pet, sorry, subject. As many know, I am involved in rescue, and one resolution is to have a break from that so I can get myself organised and concentrate on the rescues that have wheedled their way into my life as stayers, and need me to focus on them. Not sure how long that one will last. Anyway, my thoughts for Christmas and our summer season:

- Please move your horses' water troughs into shade. Have you ever wondered why some horses get impaction colic when their water is too hot to drink, situated in the middle of the paddock in full sun?
- The same applies to walking dogs on tarmac in the middle of the day. You try walking on any surface exposed to the summer sun all day. The same applies to your dogs' feet on metal ute trays
- Think before you buy a dog or cat. Are you supporting people who let their animals breed indiscriminately because they don't desex or to make a quick buck? If you are involved in rescue, you grow to resent those people who create your problem rehoming hundreds of sad, abandoned animals
- If you are buying a pet for your kids at Christmas, get real. The novelty will wear off after a week and you will be the walker, feeder, everything for that pet and in seven years when your kid leaves home, it will be your dog, your responsibility.
- Every animal needs company, socialisation and exercise. Period. None of that and you will cause problems, not necessarily for you, but for others.

Rant over, thanks for putting up with me throughout 2018. I wish everyone a very, very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2019 (even though I don't like that number, ha ha).

My wish for 2019 is that everyone can be a little less intense on community Facebook. Be nice, don't judge, if you don't have something constructive and pleasant to say, just breathe deeply and refrain from commenting. Our comments on local pages parallel what is happening globally. Peace and love means keeping your mouth shut when you want to put someone down. The world will truly be a great place when we respect other people's opinions instead of shooting them down in flames. Sometimes people just air their thoughts and you would think they had pressed the button to activate a nuclear bomb. They may be right or wrong, but there's nice ways of saying if you think it's wrong. We all need to grow up, and practice what we preach about peace and love. Great example today with a huge conversation about Agapanthus. Claude Burnside, we need more humour like yours to keep the conversation balanced.

I wish you all peace and love at Christmas and in the coming year. Thank you for being a special community and putting up with my rants. ■

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The President and members of Kuranda QCWA would like to wish the readers of *The Kuranda Paper* a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2019.

This year is quickly coming to a close and our branch is going into recess. We will be back for craft days the first Wednesday in February and our branch meeting on the second Wednesday. We will be celebrating our branch birthday and Christmas breakup on 28th November at 9.30am with morning tea at the CWA Hall. All welcome to join us.

Thank you to all who attended our Melbourne Cup Luncheon. We had a fun day with lots of beautiful fashions. Well done Ladies. We are already thinking about next year with some great ideas for something different.

Hall bookings can still be made by calling Sarah on 4093 7599.



Kuranda Men's Shed
Shoulder to Shoulder

Tales From The Crypt ~~Shed~~

We've been going like a proverbial house on fire! We had our small stall out at the Koah Markets on 3rd November, where we sold out of our planters. We plan to build more soon. Of the hardware that we had out there, we have plenty left for sale including switches, plugs, nails, staples, screws and bolts. Prices are listed on Facebook. Please come on down to the Men's Shed if you would like to purchase anything. After our market stall, we had our monthly meeting which has seen our biggest turnout yet.

New members have jumped straight in to working on community projects. Even more encouraging is we are averaging now at least eight members on the days that we're open. If this isn't a sign that we need to get a wriggle on and have the bigger shed built, we don't know what is!

Septic and absorption trenches are in; One member has donated use of portable toilet whilst we wait for main shed to be built. So, on-site facilities are now a go!

Cat traps are being built for Kuranda Conservation by three dedicated members. Electric ant traps are also being created for Envirocare's eradication program.

We would also like to take this time to thank everyone for their valuable donations to the Kuranda Men's Shed. However, we've now run out of space to store everything. Unfortunately, we have to cease accepting donations of wood/metal/tools for the time being whilst we wait for our main shed to be built.

Finally, we will be having another sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Smithfield on Saturday 15th December. Come on down and say g'day!

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Thank you Councillors Lenore Wyatt and Nipper Brown for opening our new training facility. We appreciated your time and support.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and all the very best for 2019.

Kind regards,
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Peace on Earth

Christmas is coming... yet how many of us dread this season rather than welcome it? How many find the noise, consumerism, advertising, expectations, clutter and general frenzy an increasing burden. Rather than 'peace on earth' we get 'the silly season.'

Matt Haig explores in his latest book, *Notes on a Nervous Planet*, the idea that all the physical and mental clutter of modern existence is contributing to stress, anxiety and mental collapse. Everything is faster now from cars to journeys to thoughts in your head and everything is just "more" now — more people, more development, more information, more choices — and it is paradoxically immobilising us.

As Haig highlights one of the keys to this age of anxiety is space, 'We need to make sure there are spaces to be free. To be ourselves. Literal spaces, psychological spaces.'

Increasingly the world wants us as consumers not people, wants our wallets not us. Which means we must consistently defend our right to spaces that are not primarily economically relevant. Places like libraries, galleries, museums, parks and state forests etc. Those places where 'just being' is still allowed.

We also importantly need non-cluttered spaces. Spaces that allow us to breath and not think, that just allow us to be, with no distractions nor expectations. That is why looking at the sky (or sea) is so therapeutic. Why nature bathing is gaining popularity for health, both physical wellbeing but more importantly mental wellbeing. Even non-physical space is being filled up — digital space, time space (think work). All this is a threat to our mind space where we need room to think freely, think calmly or not think at all.

If we want peace on earth, we need space on earth first. So, this Yuletide season consciously seek out, (or gift to someone), some space. Some quiet uncluttered space. Space to just be. You will have to switch off the phone, close your computers, escape reality with a good book, have a long bath, get enough sleep, walk among trees, practice some yoga or quiet meditation, experience a float tank, dance, make art or cloud gaze — do whatever works for you.

This Yuletide I wish you peace on earth, but you will have to deliberately seek it out and make space for it!



CASH FOR CONTAINERS SCHEME

Kuranda Dates and Times

With the introduction by the Queensland Government of the Cash for Containers Scheme on 1st November this year, eligible drink containers can now be returned to approved outlets for 10 cents per bottle. In Kuranda, there is no permanent facility at this point in time.

Negotiations by community members with the authorised receivers responsible for the Tablelands region, including Kuranda, have led to an arrangement to trial a 'pop up' mobile service to operate from outside the Arara Street recycling bins area at the Kuranda Cultural Precinct (old school site). It is imperative that Kuranda district supports this local service to keep it going. The operators only receive six cents per bottle, so volume and consistent patronage is essential. The proposed Kuranda service is to be available on the first Saturday of each month.

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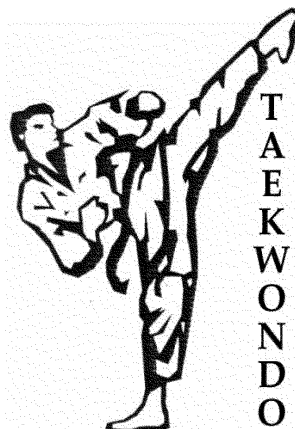
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Fresh Mango Chutney

(vegan, gluten-free) Makes 1 jar
via elephantasticvegan.com

Ingredients: 3 cardamom pods (or use about 1/4 tsp cardamom powder), 1/4 tsp nigella seeds, 1/2 tsp coconut oil, 1 red onion, finely chopped, 1 garlic clove, finely minced, 1 mango, peeled and diced, 1 1/2 tsp apple cider vinegar, 1 tsp maple syrup, 1/4 tsp seasalt, 1/8 tsp cinnamon powder, 1/4 tsp ginger powder.

Method: Add the cardamom pods to a mortar and crack open. Remove the shells, use only seeds. Add the nigella seeds and grind until crushed. Heat the oil in a medium-sized pot on medium heat and add in the chopped onion and minced garlic. Cook until translucent. Add the ground seeds to toast them a bit. Add rest of ingredients. Bring to a quick boil, let it simmer for about 15-20 minutes (watch carefully). Mango should be soft and break apart quite easily. Use a fork to mash. Adjust flavours to taste. Spoon into clean canning jars and close them while it is still hot. Chutney will last longer this way, until opened. Or let it cool and use immediately.



Image via elephantasticvegan.com

Pakistani Green Mango Chutney (vegan, gluten-free)

via allrecipes.com.au Makes 24 serves

Ingredients: 4 green mangos (peeled, seeded, cut into strips), 3cm piece fresh ginger (peeled, chopped), 3 cloves garlic peeled, 1/2 cups sugar, 1 tsp seasalt, 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes, 1 tsp cumin seeds, 2 cardamom pods, 4 cardamom seeds, 1 cinnamon stick, 5 whole cloves, 1 cup white vinegar, 5 black peppercorns, crushed.

Method: Place the mango into a large pot. Crush the ginger and garlic using a mortar and pestle until they become a smooth paste and add to the mangoes. Stir in the sugar, salt, chilli flakes, cumin, cardamom pods and seeds, cinnamon stick and cloves. Cover and leave to stand at room temperature overnight.



*Christmas and mango madness are a delightful, delicious local tradition.
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The next day, place the pot over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally for about 30 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Stir in the vinegar and peppercorns and cook for 1 minute more. Cool before spooning into sterilised jars.

Simple Homemade Mango Jam (vegan, gluten-free)

via sharmispassions.com Makes 1 cup

Ingredients: Mango, big (chopped roughly), 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tbsp lemon or lime juice.

Method: Blend mango cubes until smooth. In a pan, add mango puree, sugar and juice. BEWARE: keep stirring for at least 15-25mins, so as to avoid sticking, until the mixture reaches a jam consistency. The mixture will turn glossy at this stage. Take off heat.

Cool completely and store in a clean airtight container. Refrigerated after a day (if any left).

Strawberry Mango Lime Jam (vegan, gluten-free)

via seedtopantry.com Makes 4 jars

Ingredients: 2 1/4 cups roughly mashed ripe strawberries (about half kilo), 3/4 cup mashed ripe mango (1 large), 2 cups sugar, 3 tbsp lime juice.

Method: Add ingredients to a large heavy pot. Slowly bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Turn the heat up a little and cook rapidly, stirring often to prevent sticking, until the jam reaches the gelling point, about 15 minutes.

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KNC Christmas Closure Dates: KNC will be closed for two weeks from 1.00pm Friday 21st December 2018 and re-opening Monday January 7th at 9.00am. During this time, in a crisis please call Lifeline on 131114 or 000 in an emergency.

Furniture Exchange: We have lost our Furniture Exchange volunteers and are looking for two more people who can sign on as volunteers with KNC, drive the Centre vehicle with a trailer to pick up and drop off furniture as part of this re-homing program to those in need.

Please contact Tricia or Margaret on 4093 8933 – Thanks! In the meantime, we are unable to take donations due to very limited storage space. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Please contact us for any updates on this program over the coming months.

KNC Shed Space: We have completed the renovations of the Shed Space. We are hoping to encourage community ownership of group-based activities. If you

wish to discuss use of this space, please contact Margaret.

KNC AGM: KNC had its Annual General Meeting on November 5th 2018. The outgoing Committee thanked the volunteers and members as well as staff for their commitment over the year. There was no change to the Committee and all members were re-elected.

If you wish to become a member of the KNC, please contact the Centre for a membership form. Membership is \$4.40 per year.

Mareeba Shire Council Mayor's Christmas Appeal: If you or someone you know is experiencing significant hardship leading into Christmas, please contact us to apply for assistance from this Appeal. Historically these have been in the form of a food voucher at the Kuranda Foodworks.

KNC Food Program: KNC has an ongoing request for donations of nonperishable food items for our food program. This is for those individuals and families in Kuranda who don't have enough food. KNC is also partnering with OZ Harvest <http://www.ozharvest.org/news-location/cairns/> to distribute food to those in need in the District and so there will be fresh produce for people to take when available from the Centre.

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Centenary of Armistice Day

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Kuranda 8 Ball Intercity Representatives 2018

Kuranda 8 Ball has had another successful year of competition with seven teams competing at a very high standard every Tuesday night at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Congratulations to all the players for playing in the spirit of the game and making Tuesdays fun for everyone.

The Grand Final was played on 10th November with Slippery Chickens taking the Premiership with 4 Play coming second. Top Pockets came Third. Shane McMahon – Top Male, Courtenay Thwaites – Top Female, Jay Considine – Most Improved and Tim Riley – Best and Fairest.

Kuranda 8 Ball has an Intercity representative team which play around the North during the year, competing against Atherton, Cairns and Innisfail. Kuranda took third place, losing out on second by only a few games. A great effort for a small town.

Kuranda 8 Ball's own Courtenay Thwaites was selected to represent the North Queensland Ladies. She travelled to Hervey Bay for the competition and put up a good fight.

Sign on for 2019 will be at the Kuranda Recreation Centre on 29th January. See our Facebook page for further info. The Association is now 21 years old and has seen a decline in membership numbers over the years, especially women players. Come on Kuranda, let's beat those other towns next year.



Kuranda 8 Ball Premiers 2018 – Slippery Chickens
Courtenay Thwaites, Matt Marshall, Tom Hamilton, Nathan Trapnell



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update

As 2018 draws to a close, on behalf of my fellow Councillors I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Council has been working hard throughout the year on a number of projects in and around Kuranda surrounds to improve the amenity of the area. I am excited for 2019 as we continue to revitalise the Village through the Kuranda Infrastructure Masterplan and the Kuranda Community Precinct Masterplan.

Congratulations to the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre on another fantastic year, being named a finalist in the Queensland Community Achievement Awards – well done.

Australia Day: There is still time to nominate an individual, group or community event you think is worthy of an Australia Day Award. Nominations can be made online through the Council's website and close on Monday 17th December. Nominees and award winners will be announced at Council's Australia Day Awards and Citizenship ceremony on Friday 25th January.

Speewah Bridge: The bridge at Grove Creek Speewah has been repaired and opened last week. Line marking to go in shortly. Thank you to everyone for their patience.

Flaggy Creek Crossing: The crossing at Flaggy Creek Mona Mona will be closed while works are carried out to construct a new concrete bridge. Council awarded a tender to a suitable contractor at the November meeting the design and construction of a new single lane concrete bridge, which will replace the existing timber bridge over Flaggy Creek on Mona Mona Road. Although the temporary crossing will be removed shortly, residents will still have access via Black Mountain Road. Works are set to begin as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Dog Registration: A reminder that all dogs in the Shire must be registered under Queensland law. Also you must let Council know of any changes to your dog's registration details including change of contact number and address, if you no longer own the dog, you move away or your dog dies. Failing to update your details may result in a fine when it comes to registration renewal time.

Cyclone Season: Cyclone season is just around the corner. It is important you prepare your home and property for a potential natural disaster. If you don't have one already, make sure you have an emergency kit handy and an evacuation plan for yourself and your pets should you need to leave your home. Visit Queensland's Get Ready website for helpful tips to be cyclone ready!

– Nipper



TOURISM KURANDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TK) Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Members

In line with Council's Terms of Reference for the Tourism Kuranda Advisory Committee, Council is calling for expressions of interest for vacant positions as per below.

The committee is a skills-based committee and members must be committed to providing expert advice to Council for the destination promotion and development of Kuranda to attract visitors.

To nominate please refer to the Handbook for Advisory Committees, Tourism Kuranda Terms of Reference and download the nomination form from the Council website www.msc.qld.gov.au

Nominations must be received by Council before 5.00pm Friday 31 January 2019.

Should you have any questions please contact Kahlia Pepper, Executive Officer, Tourism Kuranda, 0427 592 203.



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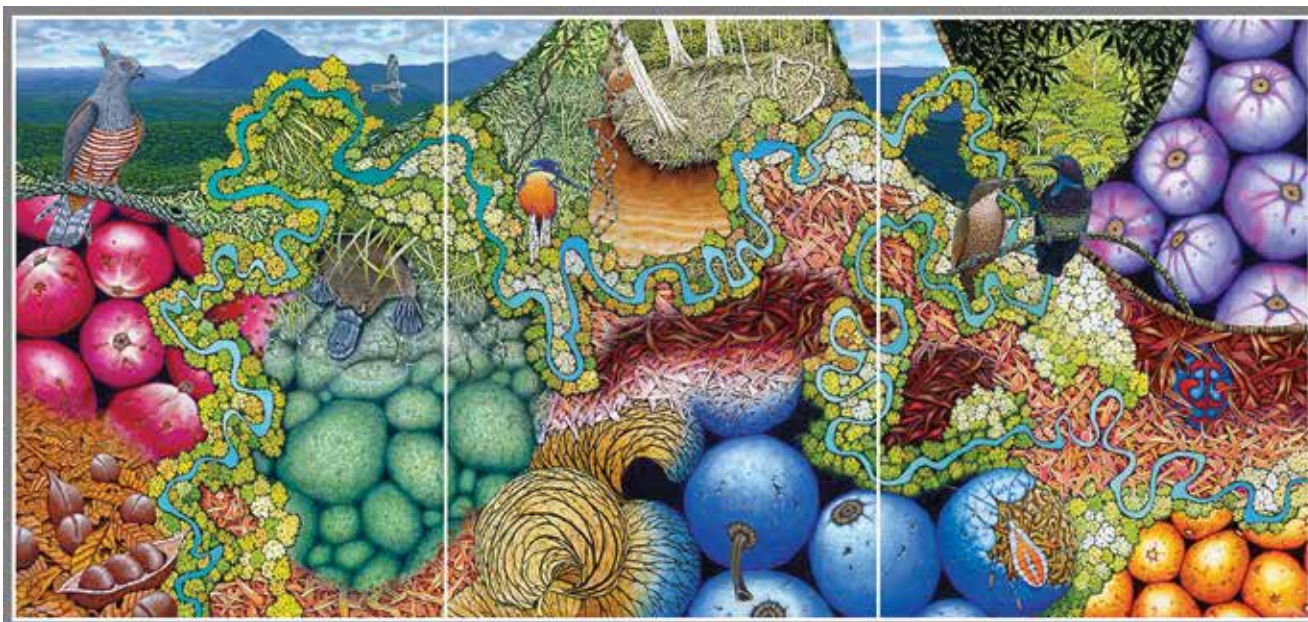


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THANK YOU to Kuranda's own world renowned artist, **David Stacey**, for allowing *The Kuranda Paper* to use his beautiful "Flaggy Creek" triptych image as our masthead for the December 2018/January 2019 edition. This three panelled work is described by David as his favourite, but it must be hard to choose one from decades of equally intricate and lovingly observed works.

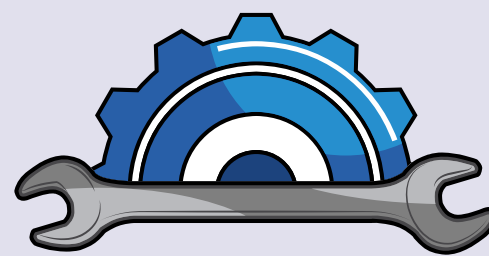
Acclaimed artist, David Stacey, is renowned for his seductive representation of the natural world.

Born in Sydney in 1961, David moved to North Queensland during the eighties where he currently resides. David's unique and distinctive style of interpreting the landscape has been instrumental in showcasing the beauty and diversity of this region.

Even as a young boy, David's intense curiosity in nature was profound. A deep interest in the living landscape. A passion that has become a lifelong pursuit; to further the understanding and exploration of nature through art. His deep connection to the natural world is clearly visible in his contemporary interpretation and observations. David has a definitive ability to capture the essence of the living landscape in all its nuances.

"The most important aspect to life is to find beauty in everything – without beauty the world would be a dark place."

David has had 20 exhibitions in Australia and internationally. His work graces the walls of many fine establishments and collectors abroad and has been featured in numerous scientific books, the latest being commissioned by James Cook University. Locals and visitors are fortunate to be able to view David's work, in large panels, prints and cards, right here in the Village at his Kuranda Gallery (22 Coondoo Street, open seven days a week from 10.00am–3.30pm) or online at www.davidstacey.com.



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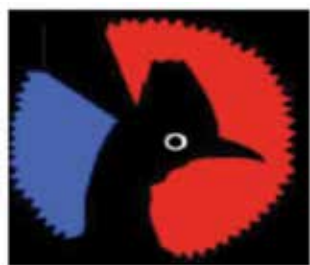
We would like to sincerely thank the local Kuranda community for their wonderful support of Kuranda Village Accountancy. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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by keeping it indoors and keep your dog under
control at all times and avoid fractious people. In
spite of all this, have an exciting and enjoyable
journey over an Australian Christmas and a
global New Year.

There are feral pigs again in the Butler Drive area.
Cassowary Dad has lost one of his chicks. There could
be a connection. We've got our man, Kalle, onto it. We
owe him a lot for dealing with the pigs. Thanks Kalle.

Just had a call to remove a python from a chook house,
complete with chook. It's so good that we all are taking
care of our wildlife and relocating them instead of
destroying them. Must dash. Happy hols!



This is cassowary's favourite Christmas tree
– *Podocarpus grayea*. You could plant one!

We've had a good year:

- Enjoyed our **Little Green Thumbs** on a Wednesday. These are pre-school and home-schooled children. Brighter than the average, full of fun and energy with their dedicated and passionate mothers. They're an inspiration. We are planting out our "secret garden".
- **Planted out dozens of private properties to restore native forest.**
- **Monitored cassowaries.** Kept an eye on Hercules who was hit on Kennedy Hwy between Kuranda and Speewah, cared for at Garner's Beach (thanks Carolyn and Ingrid) before being released to new habitat out of harm's way. You've named all the cassowaries we've tracked and seen in a new generation.
- Maintained the **native plant nursery** with the help of a devoted bunch of volunteers (thanks Steve, Kim, Donna, Trevor x 2, MargaretG, Dianne, Loris, Sherryll, Sarah, Seti, Anabel, Grace, Jasmin and Chris. Oh, and Jax.
- And now, **Kur-World**. A huge number of people who care about our environment and the social impacts of this proposed outrageous development have come to the nursery to sign heaps of EIS response forms. Great community!



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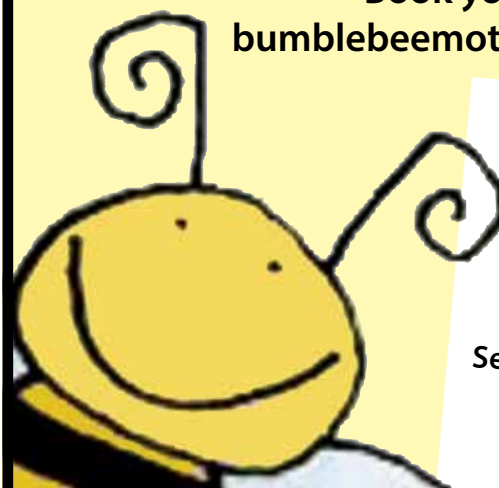


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KURANDA YCA COMMUNITY TASKFORCE

Community Tree Planting & BBQ Street Party

NOTE: Last month's tree planting was postponed until 1st December

Creating Better Riparian Access for Yellow Crazy Ant (YCA) Eradication and Kuranda Tree Frog Habitat Restoration

Bulmba Rangers and Kuranda Envirocare will be hosting a tree planting and BBQ Street Party, made possible through a State Community Sustainability grant. Join us for this fun community tree planting on **Saturday 1st December @ 4.00pm on the Barron River banks in Russett Park, Kuranda**. Signs will be out in Cadagi Drive to indicate access to the exact planting location.

This will be followed by a BBQ and street party at 6.00pm to celebrate the push back on the Yellow Crazy Ants at Russett Park. We are winning but it's not over yet!



The Bulmba Ranger group have been undertaking downstream delimitation surveys and to this date no YCA have been detected. The survey is still underway and I will keep you informed next month of the results.

A warm welcome to Jimmy Richards, the new Bulmba Rangers Coordinator who was successfully appointed to the new position by the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation. We look forward to continuing the great work with you and the ranger team.

Monitoring of YCA continues with a new technique on the horizon – sticky traps will be used to lure, trap and therefore detect YCA density in an area. We are calling on volunteers to help with the construction of some 12,000 sticky traps. See below for upcoming activity.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has – Margaret Mead

Date Claimers – Upcoming Activities

- **Saturday 1st December, 4pm, Cadagi Drive** – Community Tree Planting and BBQ Street Party
- **Saturday 8th December, 9am-11am, Kuranda Envirocare Nursery** – YCA Sticky Trap Construction & Morning Tea

For more information or to get a check on a suspected YCA, email yca@envirocare.org.au or call project coordinator Sylvia Conway 0409 647 714.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Kuranda Envirocare's membership stance is that this project is too large scale for so sensitive an area environmentally and socially. For further information, please contact Cathy on 0419 624 940.

Kuranda Tree Frog Community led Action Plan launched



Above L to R Error Hunter T/O, MSC Cr Lenore Wyatt, Prof. Peter Valentine, Scott Buchanan CEO WTMA, Keith Smith D.E.S., Warren Entsch Fed. MP Leichhardt, Barry Hunter Project Manager DAC, David Leyden QPWS, Cathy Retter Kuranda Envirocare

Tropical biologist Dr Conrad Hoskin said that despite the Kuranda Tree frog (KTF) living up against the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, very little of its distribution is formally protected.

"The Kuranda Tree Frog is a highly localised species that needs urgent conservation attention. Impacts to a single creek population impacts the species as a whole. Actions to ensure stable and healthy waterways and increase stream buffers and surrounding forest will also benefit other local species like the Cassowary, Myola Palm, and Lacelid Frog".

Kuranda Envirocare would like to thank community members, government agencies and private consultants who took part in the workshop, especially the members of the working group who wrangled the outputs into a coherent plan. Special thanks to Sarah Gibson for line drawing, Rhys Sharry, Steven Nowakowski and Dr Conrad Hoskin for photos, along with Nettie O'Connell's graphics skills to produce a stand out printed product. All made possible with support from Landcare Australia's Habitat Grants and Rainforest frogs of the Wet Tropics book sales.

Right: Endangered Lacelid frog female, Warril Creek frog monitoring this month by Andy Crabb, CVA, eyes half shut revealing the lacy eye lid



Celebration BBQ

20 years Kuranda Envirocare incorporation

30 Years World Heritage Wet Tropics

1st December at Cadaghi Drive 5:30pm

RSVP for catering by 30 November Cathy 0419 624 940

Date Claimers

- 1st December (Sat) 4.00pm Community Tree Planting and celebration BBQ Cadagi Drive, Russett Park. Followed by free BBQ. Frog habitat project and YCA push back. Meet at site or call Sylvia Conway on 0409 647 714 for more information
- 1st December Sat. Free BBQ Cadagi Drive, after tree planting Xmas party and celebration cake 20 years of Kuranda Envirocare incorporation and 30 years World Heritage Wet Tropics. Please RSVP for catering Sylvia Conway on 0409 647 714 or Cathy 0419 624 940
- Frog Monitoring week 10th–16 Dec. To confirm text Cathy 0419 624 940 or Simone on 0432 216 816
- Every Saturday morning conservation activities – meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7:30am or call Cathy on 0419 624 940 for details. Text info@envirocare.org.au to be placed on the regular email list.

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BULMBA WORDSEARCH

Time and Place, Directions Space, Full and Empty,
and a few interjections

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Word Search

(Please note: some words may share letters)

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NGIRRMA EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

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

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

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

The actual world 'bulmba' has many meanings: home, camping ground, territory, the weather and the authority of the elders, upholders of the Law. This bulmba is constantly changing, depending on the time of the year, the season and the weather.

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

— Michael Quinn

BULMBA

Time and Place, Directions, Space, Full and Empty, and a few interjections

BADABAGAY: Full, to the top (Ngayang balgu badabagay. My belly is full up.)

BARRAGA: openly, in plain sight (Nyurra djumbun barraga. You are openly greedy.)

BIRRI: close, near (Nyurra birri nyinan! Sit nearby!)

BUGAA: tonight, night-time (Ngawu galing bugaa. I'm going tonight.)

BUGAADJALA: last night (Ngawu bidjarri bayany ngawu djarruy burraya bugaadjala. I dreamt last night I was a bird flying.)

BUGAADJUNU: morning (Gurrunga manga-manggang bugaadjunu. Kookaburra laughs in the morning.)

BUGAARRA: yesterday (Bugaarra ngawu Gimunyndja galiny. Yesterday I went to Gimuy {Cairns}.)

BUNGANDA: daytime, in sunlight (Bungan-da nyinan! Sit in the sunlight!)

BUNGAN WANGGARR: noon (Bungan wanggar djanang. Sun standing above.)

BUY: (BOOE) Alright Ngayanda minya waan! Give me meat! Alright!

DJALA: side (Galin djala bagirr! Go to the other side!)

DJAMBU: hang on, wait (Djambu ngawu garrang. Hang on I'm coming.)

DJANGGARRA: half full (Giladji djanggarra djanang. Glass stands half full.)

DJILNGGU: east/down (Nyurra djilnggu galing. You going down.)

DJIWARRI: south (Bama djiwarri galling. Aboriginal person going south.)

DJUNGGUU: behind, back (Nyurra djungguu galin! You go back!)

DJURRADJURRA: wrong, bad behaviour (Gulu djumburru djurra-djurra. This is the wrong track.)

GAGAL: empty (Gulu baay gagal. This bag is empty.)

GAGAY: far away, distant (Ngawu gagay galina. I shall go far away.)

GALGARR: long ago (Damarri garrany galgarr. Damarri came long ago.)

GANAA: under, below (Ganaa Gindanda. Under the Moon.)

GANANGGARR: in front, ahead (Galin gananggarr. Go ahead.)

GINDAN: moon, month (Dawul gindan . Three moons.)

GUGUY: centre (Walba daban gugunyndja. Throw the stone in the centre.)

GUNAA: in the middle (Guna guni! Cut it in the middle!)

GUNGGARRI: north (Djarruy gunggarri burrang. Bird flying north.)

GURIGURI: on top of (Guri-guri bundaa. On top of the mountain.)

GUWA: west (Bungan djudang guwaa. The sun sets in the west.)

GUYGUY: that's it/ that's all.

MARRIM: near, beside (Wurru marrim. Beside the river.)

MUNU: within, inside (Munu buwan. Come in, enter.)

MURRBA: under water (Murrba banaa galin! Go under the water!)

NGAAY: oh! expression of surprise

NGAMBU: half way (Galin ngambu yaluguli! Go half way today!)

WAWU: out, outside (Nyurra gari galin wawu! Don't you go out!)

WUYA: times (Wuya dawul. Three times.)

YAGAY: ow! (Yagay! Gari nganya duu! Ow! Don't hit me!)

YIY: yes (Nyurra bada warray! Yiy. You stupid! Yes.)

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He looked at it, and said: "How nice, Katherine, you will have your brothers home for Christmas." He missed the big story that the Wright brothers were the first to fly! It's very easy to miss the big story at this time of year.

Christmas has a habit of taking over our lives. There are just so many preparations to make, and presents to buy, and so little time, that by Christmas Eve we are exhausted. It is very easy to miss the big story that Christ is at the centre of Christmas because it is his birthday.

For the first 300 years of Christianity, Christians didn't celebrate Christmas. They celebrated Easter and the message that Christ had risen from the dead. But later on, Christians began to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and various customs grew up in different parts of the world. Some of these reflected the Christmas story and involved the use of candles to show that at Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Light of the World.

St Nicholas, who was a popular saint known as Santa Claus, was gradually changed from being a bishop and patron saint of children to a red-clad and bearded Father Christmas. Over the years, the religious side of Christmas has been gradually eroded as the commercial world sees it as the big earner. Winter Wonderland, Frosty the Snowman and even a new bird Suzy Snowflake (even in 35 degrees of heat) have replaced the carols telling of the birth of Jesus.

One of the earliest carols, written by St Ambrose in the fourth century, is Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth. It tells the big story of Christmas and how God came to live on earth, and it recognises Jesus as both human and divine. God reveals His love in the birth of a baby.

It is because God got involved in the world that Christians have a duty to get stuck in. It may mean feeding the hungry and caring for the poor and it may mean fighting for peace and justice and speaking up for the voiceless.

Christianity cannot be an escape from the real world, and the birth of Jesus in the stable and His death on the cross are reminders that the Christian faith is rooted in poverty and pain. At one Christmas Eve Eucharist, a young single parent brought her baby. The baby cried and cries and screamed, and mother and child received disapproving looks from some of the congregation, and then to everyone's astonishment the Priest thanked the young mother for bringing her baby to church and reminding us of what Christmas is all about.



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Baha'i Thought for the Month

All over the world one hears beautiful sayings extolled and noble precepts admired. All men say they love what is good, and hate everything that is evil! Sincerity is to be admired, whilst lying is despicable. Faith is a virtue, and treachery is a disgrace to humanity. It is a blessed thing to gladden the hearts of men, and wrong to be the cause of pain. To be kind and merciful is right, while to hate is sinful. Justice is a noble quality and injustice an iniquity. That it is one's duty to be pitiful and harm no one, and to avoid jealousy and malice at all costs. Wisdom is the glory of man, not ignorance; light, not darkness! It is a good thing to turn one's face toward God, and foolishness to ignore Him. That it is our duty to guide man upward, and not to mislead him and be the cause of his downfall. There are many more examples like unto these.

But all these sayings are but words and we see very few of them carried into the world of action. On the contrary, we perceive that men are carried away by passion and selfishness, each man thinking only of what will benefit himself even if it means the ruin of his brother. They are all anxious to make their fortune and care little or nothing for the welfare of others. They are concerned about their own peace and comfort, while the condition of their fellows troubles them not at all.

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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The Stars in December & January

THE paper covers two months, so we'll look a little further ahead. Into 2019 in fact.

December has the Sun and the planets again concentrated into just half the zodiac circle. This month from Scorpio to Taurus. So, each 24 hours as the Earth turns full circle each place on Earth has planetary energy beaming down for 12 hours and then for the next 12 hours none at all – it's all underground. So – heavens above and earth below neatly divided every day... the one exception to this polarised yin-yang pattern is the Moon. It zooms right around the zodiac each month, so it's dance will be two weeks in the planet-occupied hemisphere and two weeks in the empty half of the zodiac. Collecting and emptying. It's an intricate pattern, but both the 4 weeks and the 24 hour cycles will feel quite distinct: filling and emptying; absorbing and releasing.

To see this graphically depicted is a beautiful and fascinating dance –surrounding us and inter weaving with our day-to-day lives.

As each individual planet passes over our horizon and sky, certain steps of the dance become our motivation and our actions. Specific to each of us as they interact with our own Astrology birthcharts. An example, during December Mars will be travelling through Pisces coming over our horizon around midday (give or take) and crossing our bit of sky until around midnight. So during sunset to say 9-10pm it will be up there quite visible. It's the orange-red one... early in December Mars in the same Piscean section as Neptune, ruler of Pisces. You can't actually see Neptune but its there. So we have here a focus on strong action on behalf of victims. Active compassion and you will see the playing out during the first half of December. If you have 13° Pisces active in our birthchart, you will be very much involved.

So, given we have Sun, Moon and nine planets all taking part in this moving picture you can imagine that to analyse all the sce3nes would take an article much longer than this one. Concentration of energies brings focus, intensity; revelations and depth. All these and more will be obvious during December. A look at your own birthchart will pin point your role in this month's movie. Early morning Venus in the east is intense.

A Mercury-Jupiter conjunction at 10° Sagittarius on the Summer Solstice 21-22nd December is a "flying start" to the next year cycle and will literally see many flying off on exciting journeys. A Venus-Neptune connection on 25th December (ho ho ho) suggests a festive season with love interests running high and a giving in to temptations. "It's the season..."

New Year's Day struggles a bit. Maybe the New Year's Eve celebrations took their toll. It seems a sombre sort of first day of the year. Chilled out, feet-up kind of day.

An Eclipse of the Sun on 6th January right in the middle of Capricorn suggests the coming 6 months will be very middle-of-the-road. Politically, economically, and socially. Maybe we need that. The Eclipse of the Moon at one degree Leo on 21st January is a classic. Sun into Aquarius, Moon into Leo. Watch for changes in social structures; leadership; royal goings-on and voluntary or forced "changing of the guard" over the next six months as the centre strengthens. "Radical centrism" to coin a phrase.

Venus conjunct Jupiter also on 21st January suggests that what's happening now is very enlightening, progressive and will have joyful long-term results. Start something new 21st-22nd January and you won't be anything other than highly delighted with the outcome. There. That's a nice one to finish with. Happy Holidays!

Blessings



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THANK YOU to all our contributors, our advertisers, our readers and our wonderful volunteers. Below is a 12 month overview of some highlights from our 2018 editions.

The Kuranda Paper wishes all a safe and happy holiday season. May you make wonderful memories, and enjoy those with whom you share them. See you in 2019! First edition out January 31st.

DECEMBER 2017 (Issue 294)

Our front page asked for help for one of Kuranda's most giving and caring, long term residents Betty Timmins, who had fallen ill. With a year's passing we have had to say goodbye to Betty, with heartfelt gratitude for all her years of selfless service to the community. We also reported on the completion of the Henry Ross Lookout upgrade, including installation of a replica of the 1953 Battle of the Coral Sea plaque – the stolen original found through this paper.

JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2018 (Issue 295)

February's front page was a tribute to the Kuranda Range Updates Facebook group volunteers. Arrival of The Wet (with rain, lightning and massive phone damage in January). Renewable energy projects in the Mareeba Shire. And an article on Fantastic Fungi.

MARCH 2018 (Issue 296)

Our front page applauded the long overdue refurbishment of artist/blacksmith Hans Pell's iconic Kuranda street furniture. First of our RSL local profiles featured Mick Forde. Controversial plan for increased flights from a private airfield Koah was raised. Horse and Pony Club's Di Curtis received MSC Australia Day Award. Winners of our "Wet Season" Short Stories competition published, Ann Harth's "Dam Cow" a standout.

APRIL 2018 (Issue 297)

Our original front page was to be What A Wonderful Wet but with an historic, traumatic for some, flood event two days before we put the paper to bed, we changed it to Wild. A massive 1170mm recorded for March as we closed the Paper on March 27th, with an incredible spread of photos from residents, Kuranda to Koah. Launch of local app Spidentify. World's Greatest Shave events in Kuranda. And the first of a series of Ngirrma (local language) WordSearch puzzles. Our last Gardening in Kuranda column from Alectura (Peter North) who reluctantly put down his pen after many years.

MAY 2018 (Issue 298)

Front Page: Community Standing Against Ice March. Kuranda Men's Shed finally got a home thanks to MSC. TECH talk Thomas talked password security. Rechronicle asked "Do you eat fair" while Queenobeans featured "Cheap Fills" recipes. And Kuranda's Mayi Wunba Aboriginal Dance Troupe wowed them at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast (*The Kuranda Paper* proud to support them in this endeavour).

JUNE 2018 (Issue 299)

Our front cover captured, with some amazing photos submitted by locals,

a thankfully rare event – the Barron River's almost bare riverbed from upstream of the highway bridge to the weir. Caused by a oops! moment during maintenance by Stanwell Corporation with the "taps" left open far too long. Certificate of Excellence awarded to Kuranda Visitors Info Centre. Bulmba Rangers secured three year funding for their important work with Country.

JULY 2018 (Issue 300) – OUR 300TH EDITION

27 years of almost uninterrupted community news (Cyclone Justin did wipe out one month in 1997) and a full page of thanks to all our volunteers, contributors and advertisers since 1991. Kuranda Historical Society paid homage to the late Shep Humston, a co-founder of the Paper and lead author on the iconic "Kuranda: The Village in the Rainforest" history book. NBN rollout loomed for Kuranda residents. Electric Ants in Kuranda alert.

AUGUST 2018 (Issue 301)

"Because of Her We Can" 2018. NAIDOC celebrations in Kuranda. ABC TV's Gardening Australia visited Kuranda Conversation. A Grinter's Tale spoke of the worry felt across the community at the financial situation with our Foodworks store, and our ever decreasing choice as consumers in Australia. A lucky Striped Possum road "hit" survivor nursed back to health at Batreach.

SEPTEMBER 2018 (Issue 302)

Kuranda's magnificent "Avenue of Fig Trees" on Coondoo Street finally protected through listing on the State Heritage Register. We provided some historical background in a wraparound cover. Cr Nipper Brown, in our regular column from MSC councillors, explained how the State Cash for Containers scheme would work. Envirocare alerted residents to the imminent release of the KUR-World Draft EIS release for public response. "The View From Here" profiled local scientist Margaret Humphrey.

OCTOBER 2018 (Issue 303)

A sad farewell to Kuranda's Martha "Cookie" Brim, who was an outstanding cultural ambassador for her community, and Kuranda. Also a tragic loss to the community, the sudden passing of Ann and Rudi Husek, while in Nepal. World Cassowary Day came with a warning to be aware that chicks are about to join their dads on travels, so slow down drivers. The future of the historic "Grevillea House" (Mrs Miller's Hostel) unknown.

NOVEMBER 2018 (Issue 304)

A call for residents to take the opportunity, a final chance for community input, to respond to the KUR-World Draft EIS before the end of the month. This major project a hot topic of interest for over two and a half years, moving towards final assessment by the Coordinator-General in Brisbane. Kuranda Men's Shed received both State and Federal grants. A plea by the local Kuranda Kindy for community support to stay open. Updated Community Plan for the Kuranda Cultural Precinct (old school site). Therwine Street upgrade works moving from lower to upper Therwine.



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