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URGENT ACTION NEEDED Eradicate Yellow Crazy Ants



Landholders and residents in Russett Park are cooperating with the Wet Tropics Management Authority to eradicate the yellow crazy ant infestation that is threatening the biodiversity of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and Kuranda locals' quality of life.

The yellow crazy ants have been detected at a number of properties at Russett Park, in an area of thick rainforest over several hectares adjoining the Barron River and very near to the boundary of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Wet Tropics Management Authority spokesperson Lucy Karger said the most important action landholders can take is to resist removing any material from their properties that might spread the ants.

"We strongly advise residents not to move pot plants, green waste, soil, mulch, compost, timber or construction material off their properties. Just a few ants with some eggs is all that it takes to establish new colonies."

"Be very careful the ants don't 'hitch a ride' in vehicles or earth moving equipment. Vehicle hygiene is paramount. It is critical the ants don't spread to

other areas in the Kuranda district or into the World Heritage Area," she said.

"Yellow crazy ants are one of the world's top 100 pests for good reason. They can quickly take over and over time develop into super colonies. These ants don't bite or sting but they do spray formic acid to defend themselves and to subdue prey. The acid irritates broken skin and causes temporary blindness if sprayed in the eye. Children and pets are at risk."

"The ants prey upon our native animals for protein which is required for brood production. Yellow crazy ants could have a devastating impact on threatened and endemic species such as the Myola frog which is restricted to the Kuranda area."

Timing is everything.

The Wet Tropics Management Authority has met some affected landholders and is planning a public meeting in April to inform Russett Park landholders about the coordinated expert eradication plan.

While yellow crazy ants are very difficult to eradicate, expert eradication using appropriate treatment has been successful in north east Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Coordinated eradication treatment will also occur at outbreaks south of Cairns in the near future.

"To have the best chance of eradication, it is important that the baiting is coordinated and timed at the right stage in the ants' lifecycle and carried out by our expert eradication taskforce. James Cook University scientists are advising about optimal timing," Ms Karger said.

Ms Karger said landholders are very concerned about the impacts the invasive ants would have on the local rainforest environment, which Kuranda is world famous for, as well as their ability to enjoy their properties.

"Landholders are reporting ants are invading their houses and beds, and overtaking their patios, sand pits, sheds and pools."

"While it is okay to use insecticides to control the ants in and around the house, please do not use insecticides across your whole property now. It is critical we take a coordinated expert approach to get the best uptake of bait when the time is right."

The Wet Tropics Management Authority is coordinating eradication efforts in Kuranda and south of Cairns with funding from the Australian Government. The yellow crazy ant eradication taskforce is in collaboration with landholders and traditional owners, Conservation Volunteers, James Cook University, Biosecurity Queensland, FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils, Mareeba Shire Council, Cairns Regional Council, QPWS and CSIRO.

What You Can Do

The Kuranda community is being called upon to be the eyes of the rainforest and report ANY suspect ants immediately to Biosecurity Queensland on their pest hotline 13 25 23 and not remove organic matter or disturb infested areas.

Yellow crazy ants can spread when they hitch a ride with people in timber, soil, vegetation, garden waste, pot plants, picnic and camping gear, vehicles or via waterways.

- only dispose of vegetation, plants and soil at approved council sites
- spray pot plants with insecticide when moving home
- check your yard regularly for signs of yellow crazy ants
- spray the area around your vehicles with insecticide.

How To Identify Yellow Crazy Ants

- 5mm body length (or half the size of a green ant)
- long legs and antennae
- brownish-yellow or orange-yellow, with a brown abdomen, sometimes striped
- erratic, frantic, "crazy" movement (unlike other ants that walk in a line)
- can forage day and night but less active in intense heat and heavy rain.

Where To Find them

Yellow crazy ants nest on the ground in soil and prefer areas with access to water or some moisture, such as along creek banks, in and below woody debris and rocks, at the base of trees, underneath leaf litter on the forest floor, and in animal burrows and nests (e.g. bush turkey nests). They also lay their eggs in boxes, plant pots, fence lines, furniture and even wall cavities.

Learn more <http://www.wettropics.gov.au/stamp-out-tramp-ants.html>

Contact Wet Tropics Management Authority on 4241 0500 or wettropics@wtma.qld.gov.au for more information.





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Where's Wally

There are Wallys in the senate of our country

And they're not so very, very smart

They pass laws designed to confuse, deny and keep us all apart

I do so hope and wish they'd go away

There is little hope they will go from Capitol Hill

And the wealth that they may amass up there

You wouldn't think they'd dare to rip us off

But, they will.

There are Dingoes rooting through our assets

And they often love to give themselves a raise

To keep the proletariat on their knees really keeps them very pleased

As they devour caviar and Chablis with delight

Did you know they sit in Congress just to embiggen the mess?

And protect their old age pensions every man

You don't suppose they'd do that to us

Well, they can.

There are fairies at the bottom of our garden

But they are nothing compared to our senators

They all stand around the feed trough and they sing

Four more years and we'll be done

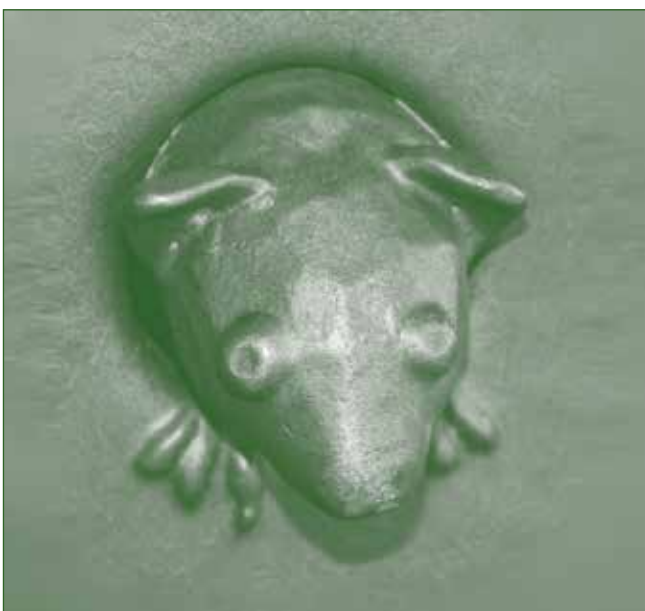
And our shifty fortunes shall be won

Can you guess who they might be?

Well I'll tell you this for free

It ain't you and it certainly ain't me.

– Kenny Saville



Road Access To Tableland

The Kuranda Range section of the Kennedy Highway is a beautiful scenic drive and is a fantastic complement to the Kuranda tourism experience: the narrow, winding lane through the rainforest with the regular spectacular views of the Coral Sea is superb by any standard.

There are plenty of environmentally-conscious residents who see the advantages that preserving the existing range road has for Kuranda's village-in-the-rainforest image.

In conflict with that objective is the fact that the Kennedy Highway is a major regional freight route.

As a freight route the Kuranda Range Road is woefully inadequate: it can't accommodate B-double trucks and it is frequently closed by weather and crashes.

The alternative routes from Cairns to the Tablelands, Cape and Gulf are the Gillies, Palmerston and Rex Ranges; all have similar problems and limitations as the Kuranda Range.

If the Quaid Road were to be re-built and opened it would not help much as it is closer to the Rex Range Road than it is to the Kuranda Range Road and is just too far out of the way to warrant the cost.

The Kuranda railway line can't serve as a freight route as the hand-built tunnels are too small to accommodate modern containerised freight; and, of course, railway lines are increasingly being removed as rail can't compete with road freight.

In all cases, major redevelopment of the range roads would result in massive delays and frustration for users for the decade such works would take.

But there is an easy solution to link Cairns with its western neighbours without disrupting existing range crossings.

It does not involve a billion-dollar tunnel, it does not interfere with Kuranda's drawcards and it does not take any unnecessary detours across the Barron River.

It is the Lake Morris-Davies Creek corridor – an existing degraded track and power-line access through the Wet Tropics that lies on a near-straight line between Cairns and Mareeba.

A modern highway could be built to world's-best standards using short tunnels and bridges to reduce the number of bends and get a more constant gradient while maintaining forest connectivity. This route would bring Cairns and Mareeba up to 17 kilometres closer together by road, it would have a reduced landslip risk and it would provide an escape route straight to high ground for Cairns residents.

It could be built without the extra construction costs and delays that come with building a road while allowing traffic to keep using it.

After the 1999-2000 Kuranda Range consultations, about 4500 Tablelands people signed a petition in support of a Lake Morris/Davies Creek Road instead of a Kuranda Range upgrade. It went to State Parliament and was ignored.

What is the price of continuing inaction on Far Northern regional roads – other than more injuries, deaths, delays and cost burdens?

Peter Champion, Tolga

The petition mentioned above was presented to State Parliament by then-Member for Tablelands Shaun Nelson and the Principal Petitioner was yours truly – PC.



Program for ANZAC Day 25th April 2014 In Kuranda

Everyone is welcome to join the Kuranda RSL sub branch at 5.30am at the Kuranda Railway Station for the Dawn Service.

Railway Station toilets and disabled access will be available.

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

The Anzac Day march begins at the Kuranda Post Office (gather at 10am for a 10.15am start).

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

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

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

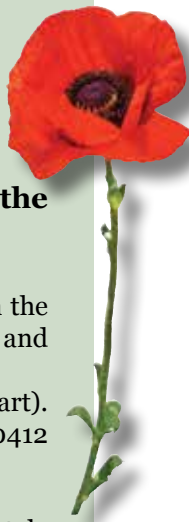
With the RSL's gratitude, the Kuranda SES will host some citizens who will provide a sausage sizzle and drinks after the Service so we can all gather for a yarn. Don't forget the umbrellas.

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

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

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

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Easter in the Park will feature live music, kids' games, jumping castles and some great free entertainment. Street performers will rove throughout the village keeping shoppers and diners enthralled with their antics.

Acoustic band *Timber and Wood* (pictured) has been secured as the main act for live music in Centenary Park. The local group is an earthy mix of roots, reggae and folk music with the trio using a variety of instruments including the acoustic guitar, slide guitar, congas and stomp box.

While you are in the Village in the Rainforest for the festivities make sure you try some of the great restaurants and cafes and browse through the shops where you will find locally produced food, art, crafts and garments.

Our next big festivity for the year will be the **Kuranda Festival** to be held on **October 11-12** to celebrate the 126th anniversary of the official survey of Kuranda.

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Power Bill Increase?

Some residents in Kuranda have experienced huge increases in their Ergon power bills, in some cases over \$200 without any apparent increase in usage that the recipient can recall. Ergon have said they need a considerable number of people to complain before they will consider it possible that there has been a mistake made.

We would like to find out if this is in fact a wide-spread problem and would like anyone who's had an inexplicable sudden increase in their power bill to please get in touch with one of our area representatives. If there are more than one or two people affected we'll be glad to go in to bat on everyone's behalf and will be able to speak with some credibility because we will have the evidence.

Exciting news for the Kuranda Community Precinct!

From the incoming Mareeba Shire, Deputy Mayor Councillor Jenny Jensen and Councillor Nipper Brown are the MSC reps on the advisory committee. Welcome back Jenny and a cordial Kuranda welcome Nipper.

In late January, the new Mareeba Shire Council confirmed that the funding allocated to the re-development of the site was to be in the current budget. This was great news after a period of uncertainty. A full site survey has now been completed; mechanical services etc are also being reviewed. A contract for the design of the car parking area has been let and it is anticipated that in a few months we will be in a position to seek further public comment for commencement of the works shortly after. Now that the wet appears to be behind us, remedial work will be soon undertaken on the tile wall. Planning is also well advanced for the Kuranda Library to move into the precinct.

There is currently a vacant position for a community representative on the advisory committee. This is an ideal opportunity to be part of the team that is guiding the redevelopment of this great community asset. Details appear on page 27 of this paper.

Range Road Revelations

Further to our piece in last month's paper we would like to report on the March 10 meeting called by Michael Trout. Fifty odd people came along to register their disapproval of what they suspected was going on and a few more trickled in as the meeting progressed. We had hoped to hear from a representative of the Department of Main Roads but it was not to be: our Local Member was there by himself and while he should be congratulated for his attempts at enlightenment and for wearing the sometimes aggressive outbursts from his listeners, unfortunately he came along less than well prepared.

Mr Trout stated it was not necessary for areas stripped of their topsoil and vegetation to be deliberately recolonised with rainforest plants whereas this is exactly what needs to happen. Main Roads is operating under a permit issued by the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) and should be following stringent guidelines which include re-vegetation and silt run-off management. One of the most important guidelines is that no work should be undertaken deliberately during the wet season and this seems to have been disregarded from the outset.

We have been shown the permit issued by WTMA to the Department of Main Roads, under which the department has engaged the current contractor. The contractor is exhorted to follow the guidelines and promises to do so, but unfortunately, under the current system, the monitoring of all of this has to be done by WTMA, which is battling against staff and budget cuts. The KDRG is yet to be convinced the contractor is actually following the WTMA guidelines and we intend to follow this matter up.

The majority of complaints from attendees at the meeting stemmed from the

Frog Watch



Kuranda and District Residents Group

management of the roadworks. Some thought it was dangerous not to have someone with a flag to warn cars approaching the upper edge of a line of stalled traffic; one other had come upon a tourist's rental car sitting motionless at a non-working temporary traffic light, waiting in vain for the signal to proceed on down the range; others again wondered why there needed to be several jobs underway at once, necessitating several stops on the way down or up and why a site, once commenced, could not be completed before another was started. People wondered why the work timetable was not available when it began last year and why no-one seems to know when it will be finished. "Poor communication" was the almost universal cry.

A separate but aligned matter is the issue of cyclists on the road. Most people at the meeting were sympathetic to cycling and also recognised the part it could play in future scenarios for tourism on the tablelands, but believed cyclists put themselves and others at risk by exercising their "right of passage" as it were. Suggestions ranged from banning cyclists altogether, which is illegal, to allowing their bikes to be transported cheaply on Skyrail, which would need negotiation. This latter option is one the KDRG intends to

canvass with the operator.

KDRG believes sufficient questions were raised at the meeting for us to write to the Minister and ask for his assurance that the works are being carried out according to best practice and that the safety of commuters and the World Heritage rainforest are not being put at risk by cowboys. This letter is being drafted. We would like to know what the accident statistics are, from before the works started to date, to see if they have in fact had an effect on road safety. Mr Trout refers in his column on page 29 of this paper to the 60 accidents since January 1 this year but unfortunately we can't compare these to past dates as the stats we've asked for are not yet to hand. Watch this space.



WET TROPICS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Determination of Permit Application – Wet Tropics Permit

Wet Tropics Permit No: WTMA11026

The Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority), having considered the proposed activity described below and, in accordance with Part 4 Division 2 of the *Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998* (WTM Plan), having taken into account to the fullest extent possible all matters likely to impact on the integrity of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area as a result of the proposed activity, **by this permit authorises:**

Applicant: Department of Transport and Main Roads

Address: PO Box 6185
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Permitted Activity(s): S. 33. (e) - Clearing vegetation around a structure or road existing immediately before the commencement day, or was lawfully built under this plan, to the extent necessary for its appropriate use.
S. 34 (b) - Building a road.

Location: Kennedy Highway Kuranda Range Road

Valid from: 31 March 2012 to 31 December 2014

unless sooner cancelled or suspended by prior notice in writing.

This permit is subject to the conditions specified in the attached Schedule 1 overleaf.

Signed: *Andrew Maclellan* Name: *ANDREW MACLELLAN*

Position: *Exec Director* Date: *29/3/12*

Delegate of Wet Tropics Management Authority



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Green Light For Barron Falls Fun Park

Recent visits to North Queensland by the Premier and State Treasurer have resulted in a suite of initiatives proposed for the Far North.

The Queensland government is determined to reduce State debt, and has been holding a series of meetings with local councils and business leaders in an effort to have regional centres contribute more to the running expenses of the State.

Wide-ranging talks have resulted in a number of innovative fund-raising suggestions, and State Cabinet will make decisions on the viability of some of these entrepreneurial ventures over coming weeks.

One of these ventures that has already met with the approval of all levels of government is development of the Barron Falls to enable income generation, rather than its current role as a free tourist attraction.

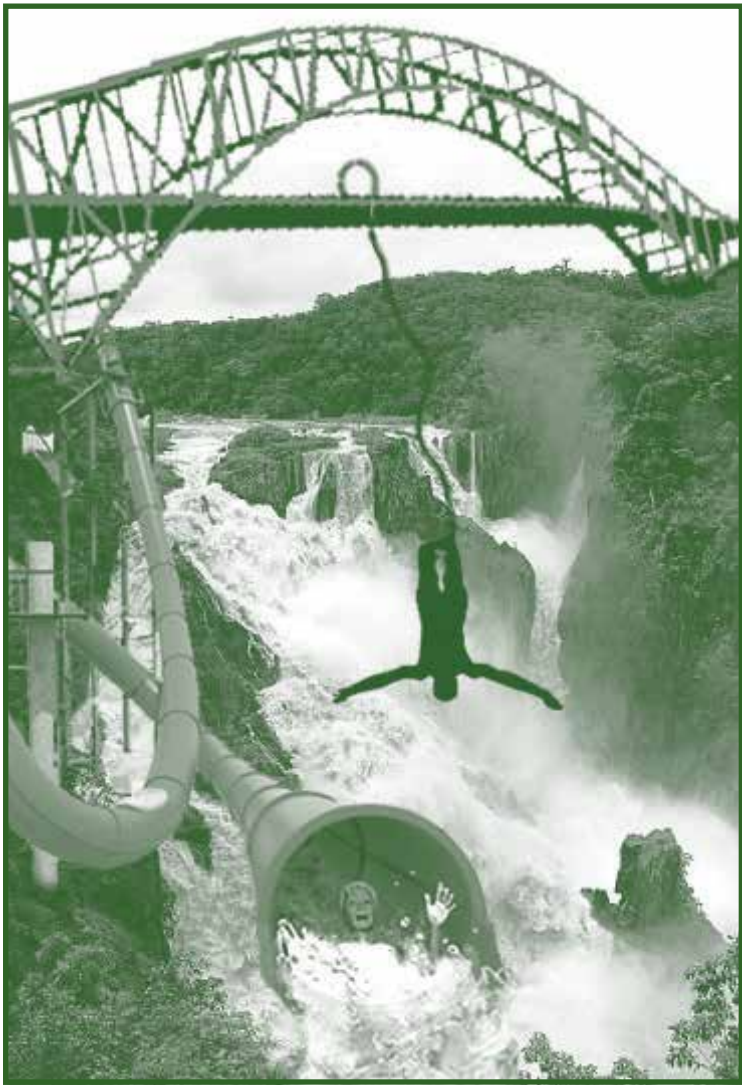
Private contractor Spongee-Bungee has won a contract for the construction of a Bungee jump complex at the top of the Falls. Major engineering works will commence in the near future to construct a framework at the top of the falls, which will form the support for a 200 metre crane that will eventually give thrill-seekers a 400 metre drop to the bottom of the falls. In addition to income generation from the bungee jumpers fees, an entrance fee to the Falls will be introduced as early as 1 April. An area around the top lookout will be converted to an outdoor bar with seating to cater for spectators.

Spongee-Bungee will also be constructing a water slide on the falls, together with a chair lift.

It is anticipated that these initiatives alone will generate millions of dollars from the Kuranda area, earmarked for use in road and bridge construction and maintenance in the south-east of the state.

Other proposals across the Tableland are receiving serious consideration. One that is likely to gain approval is the proposed demolition of the existing kiosk complex at Lake Barrine, to be replaced by a multi-storey hotel/casino on the site. In conjunction with the casino complex, approval is also being considered for the establishment of user-pays water activities for both volcanic lakes. These include water skiing and jet skiing facilities, and the proposal for a floating entertainment centre which would include gaming, music and other entertainment, similar to the gambling river boats of southern USA.

A spokesman confirmed to *The Kuranda Paper* that construction would commence on the Barron Falls bungee jump towers on 1 April.



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The Arts Page



Exiting abstract expressionist work unearthed! No it's not! April fools! It's just the Jum Rum Creek in flood, very close up (see pic below). An art professor once told me that anyone can take a picture of mud. Well I'm glad that they can. And I hope they take those pictures home and have a close look. I'm sure they will find worlds in there. When you take the time to take a look, you will find art grinning back at you in everything. The mud, the rocks, the stars, butterflies, frogs, and even people. It's probably not art until we change it in some way, or point it out at least, or stick it in a frame - of reference. Anyhow, I'll let the professors answer that one. That's their job. Another great Artist once said that there are only two operations possible in the universe, "separating" and "coming together" ("solve et coagula" in Latin), analysis and synthesis, or, for April Fools, take a look, then make something. Walk softly in these times when things are "coming apart" at an alarming rate. Ideas, governments, etc. and look forward to being part of what is to come. Have a sweet April, arties, seren.



KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE Amphytheatre News

Hello Members and Friends.

The new Management Committee has hit the ground running with two Members' Nights planned for April and the many ongoing projects within the venue.

Let's look at the venue first, WET!!

The ongoing upgrades in process at the moment are - THREE blocks of amenities, the kitchen and top pavilion areas, staff carpark, outdoor lighting, the bottom shed and the Understage. We specifically chose this time of year for these major projects as there were no main stage events booked.

THE UNDERSTAGE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR SMALLER EVENTS.

As you can imagine most of the venue is currently looking like a worksite and the weather has obviously held things up a bit. Many thanks to everyone who is lending a hand (whenever the sun shines) to improve the venue not only for visitors but also for the KAS volunteers.

~ COMING UP ~

WORKING BEES every three weeks. The next is on **Sunday 30th March starting at 10am.** Lunch and refreshments are provided. A fun day for all!

MEMBERS' NIGHTS - Understage

Saturday 5th April - **TIMBER AND WOOD**

Saturday 12th April - **THE BLUE RUINS**

Renew your membership at the door and entry to the gig is free!

ARTS NEXUS CAFÉ PROJECT

7th, 8th, & 9th April - Understage.

This is a continuation of the youth arts workshops held in January culminating in some fantastic mural work to be displayed throughout the venue. We have some amazing young artists in Kuranda and we look forward to seeing their work around the Amphitheatre!

There are also quite a few regular community hirers at present:

KIDS AERIALS - Monday afternoons

YOGA - Tuesday & Thursday mornings

FUSION DANCE CLASSES - Friday & Saturday.

Hope to see you around the terraces,

KAS ADMIN TEAM



Caretaker Gabe taking care of the ground work



WORKING BEES

Next Working Bee

**Sunday 30th March, 10am
FREE LUNCH!**



Below:
Some of the works in progress at the Amphi.



KURANDA SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2014

Have you got your short film done yet? Taken that next step? Because entries close this Friday 21 March and we can't wait to see what you've got.

At last count we had over twenty registrations from short film makers from all over the place and we're keen to see the results. For submission details go to www.kurandafilmfestival.com and upload your short film.

The screening night is **Saturday March 29** at Kuranda District State College and the show kicks off at 7.00 pm. Entry is \$5.00 and you can go to the website to book a seat. Numbers are limited and we look forward to seeing you all take the next step.

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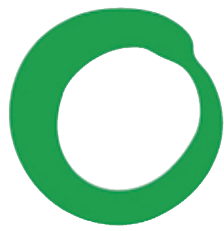
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Friends of the Earth Kuranda

Next Meeting

Monday 21st April
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for further information

Community Forum and Film on the Problem of Rising Sea Levels on the Torres Strait Islands

At this event, organised by FoE Brisbane on 28th February in Cairns, we heard accounts from some local residents about the terrible impacts the flooding from the rising sea levels was having on their communities.

Because of their outcry the State Government has recently pledged \$25 million to help build seawalls for six of the islands.

March in March in Cairns on the 15th of March Was a Great Success

Eight hundred people turned up at Fogarty Park to listen to speeches and to march through Cairns CBD protesting at a whole range of Government policies such as their harsh treatment of asylum seekers, the proposed dumping of dredge spoil on the Great Barrier Reef, Australia's involvement in foreign wars, their defunding of the Environmental Defenders Office, etc.

FoE Kuranda member Gaby spoke out against the planned, soon to begin, heavy pruning of the heritage listed trees around the Cairns library in an attempt to try and move on the Cairns flying-fox colony. This she fears will just move the flying-foxes on to other trees around the CBD and along the Esplanade. She is also concerned about what will happen to a whole range of birds that also use these trees such as Fig Birds, Ibis, Torres Strait Pigeons, Willie Wagtails, Golden Plovers, Rufus Owl, etc.

Lisa and Sjoerd spoke about the serious pollution that intensive chemical agriculture on the Tableland is having on the soil and the Barron River and the important need to support local organic growers, the local Realfood Network and the Sustainability Alliance.

Important Coming Events To Support

Earth Hour is on Saturday March 29th at 8.30 pm and is dedicated to helping save the Great Barrier Reef.

Millions of people across the world will be switching off lights for one hour to celebrate their commitment to the planet and to help save the Reef.

This is because Australia's Great Barrier Reef is threatened by both port developments and climate change. The Australian Government is fast-tracking mega port developments – including dredging and dumping for the world's biggest coal port at Abbot Point – and winding back laws that cut atmospheric pollution.

Save The Reef – Protect Cairns Inlet Community Gathering and March, Sunday April 6th 11:30 for 12 Noon

This will be a community gathering and march organised by CAFNEC for people concerned about proposals to dredge Queensland ports adjoining the Great Barrier Reef, including plans to expand Cairns Port (Trinity Inlet). There will be information on what has happened in the past at Gladstone Port and Abbot Point and what is proposed for Cairns, Townsville and other Ports.

There will be live music, speakers and a march through town. Dress in blue, bring signs and banners, family friendly, fun, all welcome.

Where: Esplanade Lagoon, Western Events Area, Cairns.

<http://cafneec.org.au/2014/02/save-reef-protect-inlet-community-gathering-march/>




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KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL 20-22 June 2014

Over the years artists as diverse as the UK's Mad Professor & Mungo's HiFi, NZ's Olmecha Supreme and Ozzie favourites Archie Roach, OKA, Dubmarine, Kingfisha, Opiuo and so many more, have made the journey up to the rainforest to perform in what some say is "the best little festival in Oz", **The Kuranda Roots Festival**.

Having a home in such a picturesque place in Far North Queensland at the Billabong, Kangaventure sure does make it a pleasure for everyone.

To continue the tradition of bringing awesome musicians to town we have selected some tasty morsels for y'all to enjoy!

All the way from the UK, **Tippa Irie** is one of the most requested Reggae entertainers internationally and is part of the new generation of British MCs who developed the 'Fast Talking' style chat, which today can be heard in modern day rappers like *Busta Rhymes*. He has produced fifteen albums to date and has a string of number 1



Tippa Irie

hit songs to his credit including "Hey Mama" with the *Black Eyed Peas* which was nominated for a Grammy in the **Best Rap Song** category.

Also heading to Kuranda this year are the Brisbane based dynamic nu-wave brass band **Bullhorn**, with a line-up including seven hard hitting horn players, one boss drummer and one monster MC. Their sound is born from a high-octane mix of funk, soul, hip-hop, jazz, reggae and dance music. The combination of their high energy shows, virtuosic musicianship and profound musical arrangements never fails to inspire and get the audiences moving on the dance floor with their catchy grooves and upbeat sound. Their presence is formidable; armed with trumpets, trombones, saxophones, drums, the mighty sousaphone bringing up the rear and the massive presence of **Roman**, MC.

Artists, musicians, D.J.s, performers, producers and stall holders wishing to be included in this year's festival, applications are now open through www.kurandaroots.com

TIMBER AND WOOD

The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre
Members Night
Saturday 5th April 2014

Timber and Wood have been a huge hit around the pubs and clubs of FNQ, bringing a fresh unique sound to the music scene.

The trio use a variety of instruments, rotating to keep the sound evolving and interesting during recording and live shows to produce their own earthy organic sound.

Instruments include Acoustic guitar, Slide guitar, Congas and Stomp box. With a broad range of Reggae, Folk/Rock and Blues this makes for a memorable experience.

Come check them out at the Understage on Saturday 5th April! Renew your membership for 2014 on the night and get in for free!!

<https://www.facebook.com/TimberAndWood>
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THE BLUE RUINS

The Understage, Kuranda Amphitheatre
Members Night
Saturday 12th April 2014

'Adele meets Dire Straits' in a soul infused fire of honest pop.

A band that counterpoints bitter sweet melodies and lyrics against raw roots and blues guitar, melancholic against foot stomping rhythm and refreshing laughter against politics.

In a scene where the phrase 'roots music' is used so often, **The Blue Ruins** stand out as one of the few that truly understand its origins in the blues and pay it great respect while bringing it new flavour.

With a 'Fans First' National Tour and a new CD released, 2014 is looking to be the year for this Blues/Rock/Pop infused trio. Don't miss **The Blue Ruins** at the Understage on Saturday 12th April. Pay for your membership on the night and get in for free!!

<http://www.youtube.com/theblueruins>
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KURANDA GIG GUIDE APRIL

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

The Understage

Kuranda Amphitheatre

**** TIMBER & WOOD ****

Doors & Bar Open 6.30pm

Members \$10/Guests \$15

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SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

The Understage

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The Blue Ruins  
Kate Watts

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## THE BOOGIE BROTHERS CD REVIEWS

Johnathon Wilson: "Fanfare"



**This is tough one – Just about everything that can be written about it has already been said by the serious music reviewers (see Noel Mengel "Courier Mail", and John Lewis "Uncut Magazine" for a sample).**

What can we say? Well the title deserves its own review: "Fanfare" as a fan, Johnathon Wilson has tributed an amazing variety of sources: *Pink Floyd*, *C.S.N.Y.*, *Denis Wilson*, *John Martyn*, *Abbey Road (Beatles)*, *Grateful Dead*, etc., etc. Yes, he's a fan. Then of course this is the fare he offers to his own fans, and he's announcing himself with a real fanfare!

Not that he is just arriving, at 38, out of Laurel Canyon and good friends with the 'A' list of the rock world he's been around, plays a huge array of instruments and is backed by some of the best: *C.S.N* on vocal harmonies?! This is a classic. *Dave Gilmour* type solos with real muscle. Echoes of the classic *Floyd* intro to "Echoes"; thunderous Road's "I Want You" (she's so heavy). And so on. But it holds together beautifully, deeply sensitive and fascinating lyrics. Rock, folk, country. Wide & wonderful. A classic! (Did we already say that?)

And another truly local offering:

**The Hot and Wet Swing Set: "Speak Easy"**

**The Hot and Wet Swing Set** have been strutting their slinky stuff around the Far North, mostly in cabaret with a wild cast of players, dancers, acrobats, strippers and freaks. Their original songs and music are often integral to the shows and on this, their first audio recording, we get to take them home for some intimate private time.



**C**abaret essentials – with the 'oh, so rude' humour, political satire, cheery cynicism, sexual innuendo, clever wordplay and underdog anger are all present here. Vocalist and front person extraordinaire **Zelda Grimshaw** has written the songs. Her voice is sweet, full and languid, dropping lyrical bombs while stroking your cheek. She woos you for the uppercut.

FNQ musical stalwarts **David Breeze** and **Dave Hart** with young batter **Jen Fengler**, plus rhythm guitar from **Ms Grimshaw**, create the perfect cabaret sound. It's jazzy and European, smoky tin pan alley – lush **and** spacious. The band plays easy, soothing as Sunday sunshine but tight and sharp where it counts. They've got a kind of languid precision that allows the stories in the songs to unfold and envelop you even as the boot goes in.

Amongst the humour, simmering outrage is never far. The sweltering far west shuffle of the "Ballad on Gina" piles on the indignity we suffer at the hands of the public rich. "Mr Rabbit", a yearning song of love lays bare the sexual tension implicit in our P.M. "Eat the Rich" offers a most logical solution to the global economic imbalance. Targets are acquired and dispatched with high style. This smart'n'smooth collection of cracking songs are spiced by the angry cheek that lies at the heart of real cabaret. These are show-tunes for mendacious times.

All CDs reviewed are available from Colly Dolly Music,  
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Janet 4093 7104

**BAR OPEN 6.30 PM**



**SOCIAL TENNIS**  
**5.30-7.30 PM**  
Aileen 4093 7401  
**YOGA 6-7.15 PM**  
Aileen 4093 7401



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Chef Terry Pates with the Gardiner family (and baby Ruby) enjoying a 'Frogs at the Club' meal.

## FAMILY DINING @ FROGS

**Frogs at the Club** has now been operating at the Kuranda Recreation Centre (KRC) for over 12 months. Local chef, Terry Pates, and his team have brought a casual dining option for Kuranda residents at reasonable prices.

Come in and see us every Friday night. Bar is open from 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome! Closed on Good Friday. To book contact **Terry 0407 937 405** or email **info@frogsrestaurant.com.au** - *bookings recommended*

## Victorious - Kuranda 8 Ball

The Kuranda 8 Ball Representative team have again proven they have the winning formula! On Saturday 15th March they played their first Intercity match of the year against Innisfail and were victorious. Congratulations!



Membership fees go towards the upkeep and running of the KRC. Some benefits of becoming a member are:

- Crossover membership into soccer, 8 ball, and tennis for social play.
- Managed and well-maintained clubhouse with toilet and shower facilities, and audio visual equipment.
- Clubhouse that can be used by members for private functions at a discounted hire rate.
- Licensed bar serving drinks at membership prices (**membership card required for discounted price**).
- Kitchen and dining area with an operational restaurant serving meals on Friday social nights.
- Safe venue for children. Parents can relax and have full view of children playing from clubhouse.
- Free use of the grass courts and boules area. For night play, cost is \$3 for members or \$5 for non-members to cover the use of the lights.
- Tennis courts with night lights that can be accessed all year-round by members who have purchased a key for 12 months.

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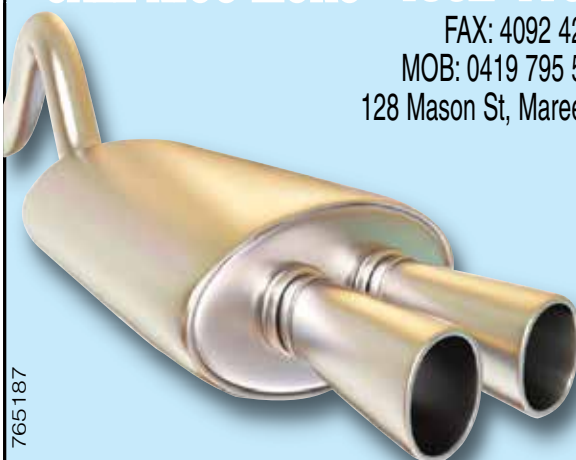
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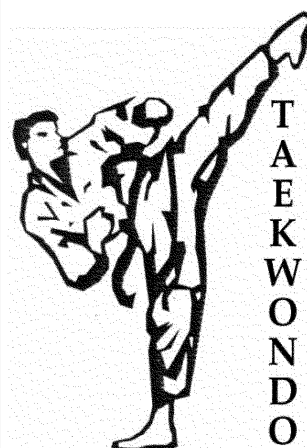


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# Frogs at the Club

Frogs Restaurant at the Kuranda Recreational Club every Friday. Kitchen open 6.00-8.00pm, bar open 6.00pm to late. Very reasonable prices. The menu changes weekly – below is a sample of what we do. Non-members welcome. Please book. Weddings and private functions catered for. Please call to discuss menus and prices with Terry. 4093 8952/0407 937 405

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## Entrees

|                                                                                                          |      |
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| <b>Prawn Cutlets:</b> Four Australian prawns, lightly crumbed served w. caper berry mayonnaise and lemon | \$10 |
| <b>Garlic prawns:</b> Australian prawns pan-fried then poached in garlic cream served on rice            | \$10 |
| <b>Guacamole:</b> Mashed avocodo, jalapenos chilli, red onion & tomato served w. corn chips              | \$6  |
| <b>Pate:</b> Chicken liver with smoked paprika butter plus toast                                         | \$6  |
| <b>Barramundi:</b> Thai fish cakes with wild lime chilli ginger dip                                      | \$6  |
| <b>Garlic bread:</b> fresh garlic, butter, parsley and sea salt                                          | \$4  |
| <b>Calamari Rings</b> with lemon & caper berry mayonnaise                                                | \$6  |

## Small meals

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| Spaghetti bolognaise                        | \$8 |
| Chicken schnitzel with fries                | \$8 |
| Calamari rings with fries and tartare sauce | \$8 |
| Fish & Chips with fries and tartare sauce   | \$8 |

## Main Meals

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| <b>Curries</b> With basmati rice, Raita plus salad                                                                                         |      |
| <b>Vegetarian</b> curry: Coriander, mint, tomato and lemon                                                                                 | \$18 |
| <b>Crocodile</b> curry: Coriander, mint, shrimp paste & tamarind coconut cream base                                                        | \$18 |
| <b>Chicken</b> curry: Coriander, mint, tomato and lemon                                                                                    | \$18 |
| <b>Chicken Satay:</b> thigh on bamboo skewers, served with a sauce of Chilli, palm sugar, dark soy, ginger and garlic, on rice with salad. | \$18 |
| <b>Chicken Fried Rice:</b> With smoky bacon Thai spices, basmati rice, served with a salad                                                 | \$16 |
| <b>Chicken Parmigiana:</b> Fillet of chicken crumbed, golden fried served with Napoli sauce, parmesan cheese, fries & salad.               | \$18 |
| <b>Gado Gado:</b> Mixture of steamed & raw vegetables drizzled w. spicy peanut sauce served w rice. Vegan                                  | \$17 |
| <b>Spaghetti alla Carbonara:</b> Garlic olive oil, smoky bacon, black pepper, cream & egg plus salad                                       | \$14 |
| <b>Spaghetti Marinara:</b> Prawns, barramundi & calamari in a cream sauce w. cherry tomatoes & parsley                                     | \$24 |
| <b>Wild caught Barramundi:</b> French fries, caper berry Mayonnaise, lemon wedges, salad or vegetables                                     | \$28 |
| <b>Moroccan Spiced Barramundi:</b> French fries, caper berry Mayonnaise, lemon wedges, salad or veg                                        | \$28 |
| <b>Prawn Cutlets:</b> 8 Australian prawns, lightly crumbed served w. caper berry mayonnaise, lemon, salad or vegetables.                   | \$28 |
| <b>Garlic prawns</b> Australian prawns pan-fried then poached in garlic cream served on rice with salad                                    | \$28 |
| <b>Calamari Fritos</b> Crumbed calamari, served with fries, Caper berry mayonnaise, lemon & salad                                          | \$22 |
| <b>Black Angus Sirloin Steak</b> With French fries, port and mushroom                                                                      | \$28 |
| Sauce, or Diane sauce salad or vegetables.                                                                                                 |      |

## Desserts

|                                                        |     |
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| <b>Mango &amp; Macadamia Cheesecake</b> with ice cream | \$6 |
| <b>Apple crumble</b> and ice cream                     | \$6 |



**Angela Martin**  
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## PRICE BAN LEGISLATION

Still under debate, the Qld Govt now wants to ban price guides for auctions.

Under the proposed legislation, it'll become illegal for a Real Estate Agent to discuss price with potential buyers. Imagine? Potential Buyer: "Where do you think bidding might start for this property?" Agent: "Sorry sir. I can't disclose that on the grounds that it is in breach of section 216 of the real estate act..."

As the debate continues, I thought I'd share some facts about price guides.

1. Not pricing, or stating a price guide, for a home going to auction can sometimes achieve a better sale result for the seller.
2. Not discussing a price guide can confuse buyers, annoys everyone and can lead to unrealistic offers.
3. No price guide for auction properties often encourages potential buyers to not even turn up. If they do, they may not bid at all. And they may then use the passed in price as the starting point for negotiation.
4. Sellers and agents deciding not to state a price can be an effective strategy and useful where there are unusual homes, not easily compared to the next one - but it doesn't work in every circumstance.

For me it's about freedom of choice. It should be up to the sellers, with advice from their agent, to make the decision that will achieve the best result for the sale of their property. Buyers should also have the freedom to analyse the information, question it if necessary, and then choose to buy elsewhere if it doesn't suit.

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# KURANDA ARTS CO-OP

## Sayumi Omori

The Arts Co-operative has been privileged to have a TAFE retail student Sayumi Omori working with us as a work practice trainee this month. Sayumi enchanted our rostered members with her gentle approach, especially to our customers, and with her expressed interest in our members' varied art practices.

Sayumi has taught handcrafts in her native Japan. She completed her studies at Ichida Kazuko's Art and Craft Design Technical Institute, Kyoto in Japan. She worked as an independent knitting designer and also for Japanese yarn making companies or book publishers. She specialises in designing knitting and crochet patterns by computer for books or internet sites. Sayumi demonstrated new craft tools at exhibitions or introduced them to shops and their customers.

We believe we have also learnt a lot from Sayumi, we thank her for the time she spent with our members in our gallery and we wish her well in her ongoing studies in Cairns.

Sayumi would welcome the opportunity to undertake some part-time paid work in a gallery in Kuranda. She is especially interested in nature, handmade art or wooden goods. Due to her many visits to Kuranda as a customer she would welcome the opportunity to help overseas visitors to the village enjoy the same thrill she experienced when she first arrived in the Far North. If any local 'handmade' gallery could offer Sayumi some hours please contact the Arts Co-op for her contact details

Sayumi comes with our highest recommendation.

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## Advice For New Artists

Never be afraid to try new things. Mistakes often can lead to new discoveries or at least become avenues for creative problem solving.

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# Disaster Exercise Prepares Region

To further enhance Council's ability to respond to disaster in the Shire a group of staff have been put through training to boost Council's Disaster Management capabilities.

"As a council we are well aware of the risks this community faces from disaster events and we are doing this training to improve our capability, the Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"Our next step will be to run a desktop exercise involving other agencies like the police and emergency services Queensland."

"While we hope we don't see any events this year, it is important that our coordination centre is up and ready to run at short notice and we have appropriately trained staff on hand", he said.

"Given that we are still in storm season I would like to remind the community to make sure they all have in place their own disaster management plans," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"Being prepared and having a plan that the entire family knows is essential and I urge everyone to review their plans and check their emergency kits."

Community members who have any doubts about what they should consider in their plans can find detailed information on the EMQ website:

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'U' or oo comes from the back of the mouth. The mouth creates a space for the 'U' sound as it is closing again.

'M' or mm is the sound that is hummed with the mouth closed. 'M' resonates through the nasal passages.

Silence is the final sound. It should be held for the same length as the three sounds before it. Internally we hear the mm sound resonating inside the head and body as we inhale preparing for the next Om.

Each of the sounds correspond with four states of consciousness and these are shown in the Om symbol. The sound travels through the different stages of consciousness. As Om is sung it changes in pitch from low to slightly higher at the end just as in the symbol the sound is shown to start at the bottom and travel up.

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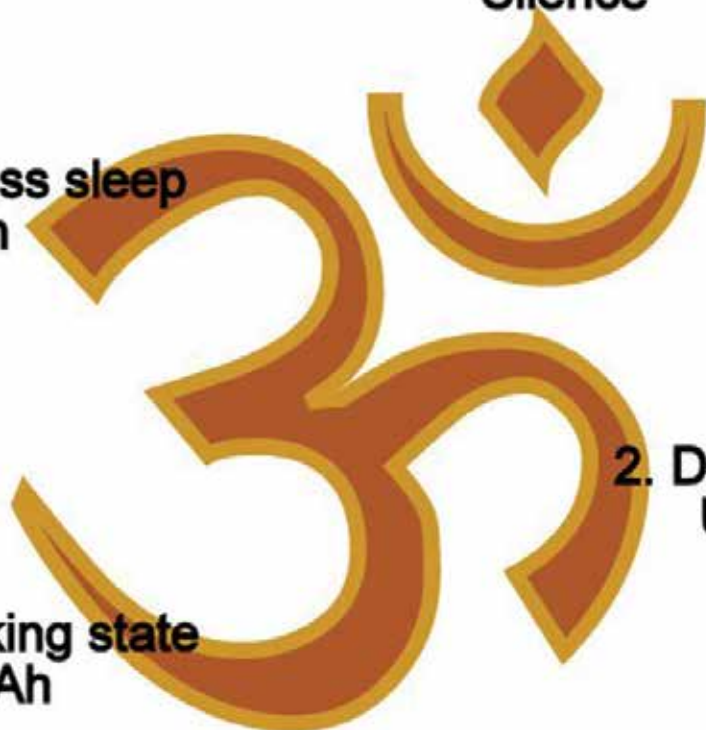


4. Pure Consciousness  
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3. Dreamless sleep  
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2. Dreaming  
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For example the small, dark fruit of blackcurrant supports eye health and can reduce the symptoms of visual strain. Other berries and cherries are also of use, such as elderberries and Brazilian cherries, both of which grow well in the Tropics – but watch out as they do have weed potential.

In addition there are simple measures you can take to protect your eyesight:

- **Maintain a healthy weight:** being overweight increases the chances of high blood pressure and diabetes, which are both risk factors for vision loss.
- **Quit smoking:** this increases the amount of free radicals which are detrimental for eye health.
- **Get a regular eye check** and ensure your glasses or contact lenses are of the right strength.
- **Wear sunglasses** and a hat as the sun's ultra violet rays can damage the eyes.
- Reduce visual fatigue and eye strain by taking **regular breaks** away from the computer or television screen.

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– **Sarah Isaacs**

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Hi my name is Lee Jones.

Born in Brisbane Queensland, but with a diverse childhood in Southern Africa and Papua New Guinea, I came into medicine with a desire to help those in need. Graduating from the University of Queensland with a Bsc (Biomed) and Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery in 2010, I moved to Cairns and completed my intern and resident years before entering the General Practice Training program. General practice so far has been a true blessing to me and I feel proud to be part of such a diverse and caring profession.

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## Neighbourhood Centre News - April 2014

### Kuranda Family Day:

The next family fun day will be held on Tuesday 15th April from 10.00-2.00 at the Centenary Park. (Second week of the school holidays) Please join us for a day of fun and activities. Services and agencies from Tablelands and Cairns as well as Kuranda will be doing different activities and providing information about their services and programs. Hope to see you there!

### Free Numeracy, Literacy and Computer Skills Training:

FNQ Volunteers are delivering free training on Thursdays (9.00-3.00) at KNC in the conference room. To register please drop in and fill out a form or contact Bryony Stockwell on 0420 806 388 or email: makeithappen@hotmail.com. This program will run until December 2014.

### Family Legal Clinic:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (ATSILS) comes to Kuranda about once per month to conduct a legal clinic around family matters. Other legal issues can be discussed and referred to specific solicitors also. Please contact Ceri at the Centre for the next scheduled date.

### Veggie Seedlings:

Seedlings are now again becoming available with the wet season easing off. Please drop by and have a look. Seedlings will remain at \$1 per punnet for the time being.

### KNC Garden Bed:

The veggie garden at the Neighbourhood Centre needs to be prepared for the oncoming season. If you are a keen gardener and have a few hours to spare each week, you may wish to become a volunteer at KNC and help maintain our veggie garden. All produce is donated to the community or made into soups for those in need. Call into the centre and speak to Marg or Ceri.

### Furniture Exchange:

If you have items in good condition to donate, please let us know and we will arrange for a pick up. Right now, we are seeking a number of lounges, tables & chairs and beds. All items will go to families or individuals with identified needs and all items are welcome. THANKS.

### WuChopperen Counselling at KNC:

There is a counsellor coming up to Kuranda on Monday mornings to see people needing help around substance misuse. Please contact Ceri/Marg for a referral – counselling is strictly confidential.

– The Neighbourhood Centre Team



Easter In The Park 2013

## KURANDA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There were 15 members present at the March General Meeting which was our best attendance since the re-establishment of the Chamber.

Details of the April Meeting are as follows:

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| DATE:  | WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL    |
| VENUE: | THE BARRON FALLS HOTEL |
| TIME:  | 4.30pm                 |

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings so as to have your input into the future initiatives of your Chamber.

MIKE TOOK  
TREASURER/SECRETARY



**The Top of the Range NHW's Newsletter** this month contained ideas on how to protect your personal safety when you're out and about. We also called for ideas about a community notice board to be erected in Gregory Terrace Park in the near future and following is a note from our local Police officer:

"Hello to all members of the Kuranda Range Neighborhood Watch Group. Now that the festive period and school holidays are over, and some measure of normality re-asserts itself in our daily routine, it's timely to remind everyone that the school zones are now being enforced again".

"Kuranda Police and the Mareeba Road Policing Unit will be performing regular speed detection duties during both the morning and afternoon speed zone periods within the Kuranda District. These zones are clearly marked indicating both the lawful speed and the time period that the speed relates to. Speeding is a life endangering offence with a zero police tolerance so please be aware of your speed when traveling through these zones".

"Of course this time of year also puts the region in the middle of the yearly wet season. Whilst the wet season has started relatively late we are now seeing some typical seasonal weather throughout the region. Already we have seen numerous traffic crashes on the Kuranda Range and other roads throughout the Kuranda District".

"While the inclement weather has been a factor in most crashes, it still comes down to the driver of the vehicle being aware of the conditions of the road and thus driving accordingly. I urge everyone out there to please drive to the conditions and make sure your vehicles tyres and brakes are in good, roadworthy condition".

"Flooded roads are also a hazard throughout this region during the wet season. Please exercise extreme caution when attempting to negotiate a flooded roadway. The police mantra for this type of hazard will always be 'If it's flooded, forget it'."

### Crime Watch:

A Victor Place address has reported damage to a letterbox by an unknown offender.

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My name is Murphy. I'm a Beccari's Freetail-bat (*Mormopterus beccarii*). You can find me throughout New Guinea and across northern Australia, extending south to the north-east corner of New South Wales. I'm a microbat. I hunt flying insects at night and can catch and eat 800 mosquitos every night. I also eat beetles, flies, moths and grasshoppers.

Unlike megabats, microbats like me have tiny eyes, so to locate our moving targets with pinpoint accuracy we have evolved a special ability known as echolocation.

I'm a young adult male (juvenile). I roost mainly in tree hollows in groups during the daytime. One night recently I flew into someone's house and landed in their sink; they called BatReach and I was taken into care immediately. As I was uninjured I was released soon after and was happy to be going home.

*Story and photograph by Erika,  
BatReach volunteer*



## Kuranda Branch

Following the holiday period, our members are only just back into QCWA mode.

Plans have been discussed for fundraiser events in 2014 – including Garage Sales, Cake Stalls, Mothers Day Raffle and the Biggest Morning Tea in May.

Our Craft & Social mornings have restarted with a happy lesson in Silk Ribbon painting last Wednesday.

Passers-by may have noticed several ladies standing outside on the grass waving ribbons around in the brisk breeze. This is the quickest way to have the inks dry and set. Thankfully no ribbon escaped to lodge in nearby trees.

Craft mornings happen every Wednesday from 9am–12 noon and we are always happy to see new faces on the day. Come and learn a craft – or even better, teach us a new craft. We would also like to invite local ladies to join our branch of QCWA.

For Hall bookings, please contact Sarah MacPherson on 4093 7599 or Marion Hubbard on 4093 8215.

## Buy a Bale

**SPEEWAH HOTSHOTS** (Social Club for Speewah Rural Fire) has been fundraising for the Buy a Bale campaign. The Hotshots had put to the community that the club would meet \$1 for \$1 raised up to \$1000.00.

This week they are sending a cheque to Buy a Bale for \$2000.00. Thank you to all who donated and to the Speewah Hotshots for giving up their time to fundraise for such a worthy event.



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# Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



**PRIL** and Kuranda has had some good rainfalls although other parts of the Tablelands have not been so fortunate. So wherever living, mulching plantings is recommended to retain soil moisture as we begin to enter the Dry, to hold down weed growth and to conserve soil warmth.

A number of readers are evidently experiencing leaf damage to various plants from grasshoppers, caterpillars and aphid. A simple and cheap organic recipe is to add two tablespoons of soap flakes to one litre of warm water and stir thoroughly until completely dissolved and just spray on.

In the passing of 'Old Bill', former Kuranda Stationmaster, one remembers the magnificent potted plants and hanging basket displays that he had so carefully tended to the delight of train passengers alighting in Kuranda. The station gardens, now but a pale reflection of their glory days, were once a passionate tropical planting. David Powell: <http://www.roots-boots.net> has kindly provided the images of Bill's potted display when visiting in 2007. Vale Bill.



**Plant of the Month:** The 'Dove Orchid', 'Holy Ghost Orchid', the national flower of Panama, is a widely distributed South America native, although becoming increasingly rare in its native habitat, and is now a protected endangered species.

Usually found at the forest edge, *Peristeria* are often exposed to full sun throughout the dry, cool winter months with bright light particularly during the rest period conducive to flowering. However, plants are frost tender.

Of easy cultivation, *Peristeria* make excellent potted, mounted or in-ground subjects requiring a very open well drained orchid potting mix as plants are liable to root rot and fungal disease, particularly over their resting period.

When the plant is in active growth in the warmer months, regular watering and feeding will fatten pseudo-bulbs and increase flower and foliage growth. When leaves have stopped growing in length, watering and fertilizing should be markedly reduced only sufficient to prevent severe shrivelling of bulbs. If growth is encouraged during this rest period, flowering will not be induced, with flowering in late spring/early summer.

With more than 20+ species, all are collectible although many quite rare in cultivation and seldom available. Of particular note is *Peristeria guttata* with its shell like spotted flowers.

Local keen gardener, Mollie Bosworth, successfully flowered several specimens of *Peristeria elata* this season and is to be congratulated on the size of the sweetly scented flower spikes. Thanks Mollie for the pics.



**Q&A – Dear Ken:** Sorry I could not remember the plant name at the Mareeba Markets. Your plant is *Osmoxylon lineare*, the golden form. Growing to approximately 2m, it requires average soil and is fairly tolerant in most position and yes it can be grown as a potted subject.

**Dear Pauline:** Fancy leafed begonias, both fibrous-rooted ones having cane-like stems and often wing-like leaves, and rhizomatous types growing from fleshy, caterpillar-like structures, make excellent understory plants for lightly shaded, very well drained, very open soil mix positions and also provide easy potted subjects. The range of leaf shapes and colourings is extremely wide. While extensive hybridising and crossings have been carried out to develop the modern forms of the fancy leafed begonia, many of the species are available and are often easier to cultivate. Rex begonias are somewhat more difficult particularly in open plantings and unfortunately, the semi-tuberous and tuberous begonias often sold in beguiling flower at chain stores and Bunnings, while delighting the eye, have limited life in the tropics.

**Dear Queries x 2:** Following last month's Plant of the Month feature: *Warszewiczia coccinea*, you might obtain the plant or place on order by contacting either Equatorial Exotics: <http://equatoralexotics.com/> or eBay seller: TropiClimber.

**Wanted:** A reader is looking to buy/swap for *Alocasia mijito*.

*For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions,  
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## Vale Bill

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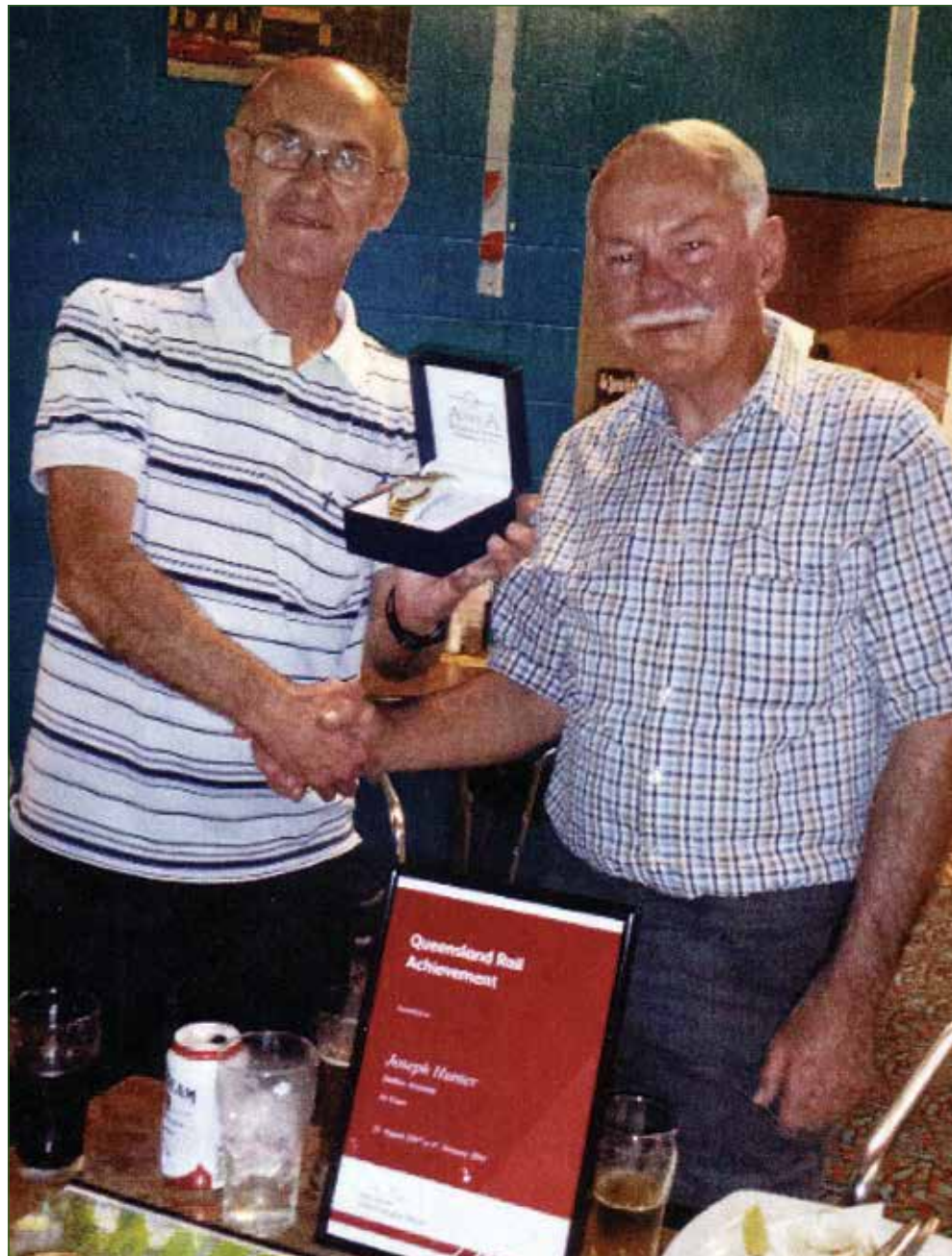
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# Best Wishes Joe

A dinner was held at the Barron Falls Hotel on Friday 7th March to honour the retirement of Kuranda Railway Station's gardener Joe Hunter. Guests included Kuranda Scenic Railways staff and Area Manager Mr Robert McCartney. Kuranda Station Master Nev Smith spoke in glowing terms of Joe's devotion to his work and thanked him for his 16 years at the station and also remarked that Joe was always willing to do what was asked of him. Joe was presented with a framed certificate for his service to Queensland Rail and a gold watch. We all wish you well Joe in your retirement, happy travelling and come back and visit us some time.



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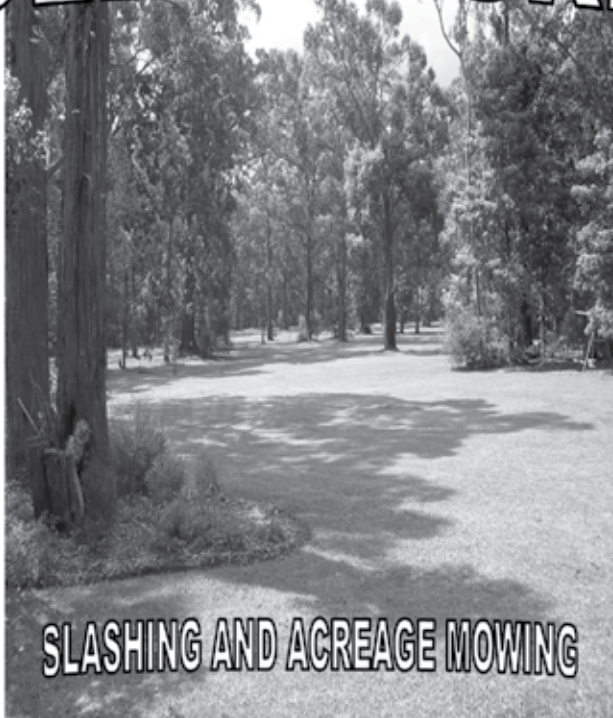
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# Maggie Herbohn

## Challenging Life

Our profile for this month is the well-known Kuranda personality **Maggie Herbohn**. You will no doubt have met her behind the counter in the Kuranda Post Office if you frequent it. She has a tale to tell of hardship, hard work, determination and fortitude that warrants our attention.

Born and brought up in Wellington, New Zealand, she attended a Catholic Convent until 10 years old. She did not receive good reports and disliked the hard discipline. The family moved to Hastings, where she finished her schooling up to the age of 16 at the state school. Then she had several jobs around Hastings until she left for Wellington to live in a flat. She records that she was a non-conformist and a bit of a hippie. Although working during the week, she hitchhiked around the country on weekends.

Then in 1971 she moved to Sydney on her own, worked for a while, met a friend and went hitchhiking with him up to Cairns. Returning to Sydney she found she was pregnant to her friend. She returned to Hastings to have her son Liam and the father followed. They married in New Zealand, Maggie stayed there to bring up Liam but the husband returned to Australia. Maggie had to get work as soon as she was able, working in an export orchid nursery for several years. Through this work she became involved in the trade union through compulsory unionism. Soon she was Vice President of the Clerical Workers Union and became heavily involved in negotiations, conferences, etc. This became her work when she was made redundant from the nursery. She was very active in her new role, meeting with politicians, senior officers and business people.

Then her son's father came back to New Zealand and compulsory unionism was abolished. So in 1985 Maggie returned with father and son to Australia. Maggie had seen a TV advert on the Kuranda railway, and was attracted to the place. They bought an old Land Rover and drove north to Kuranda, renting a house here. But the father went off working on trawlers, and Maggie had to fend for herself. She couldn't get a job, so she took a half share in a small health food stall adjacent to Frogs Restaurant. At that time the old markets were only open Sundays and Wednesdays, and the rest of the time was fairly quiet. So it was hard work making a living. Later she was offered a lease of a sandwich bar at the front of Frogs. She was working seven days a week, with Liam going to High School in Smithfield. She was also living at Russet Park, causing difficulties when the access was cut off by flooding, and where she had no electricity or indoor loo. Her relationship



with the father had ended. To add to this she moved to live in a garage in Speewah, with no kitchen and where she had to cook in a frypan on top of a washing machine in the bathroom. Liam went to live with his grandparents on the Gold Coast.

At about this time Maggie met and later married Greg Herbohn. She and Greg have a daughter named Alexis.

Maggie found a job with the Main Roads in Cairns in a laboratory, and they then sent her to work at Lakeland Downs, working from a camp, the first woman to have done so. After that she worked for a contractor, cleaning toilets and the streets around Kuranda early in the morning. After Alexis arrived, she had a stall in the markets selling kangaroo products. Her marriage had ended. From 2000 onwards for about 12 years, she worked for Doongal Art Gallery in Kuranda and Cairns. For the last two years she has worked on the counter in the Kuranda Post Office, but that business is now under contract and she will become redundant soon and will be looking for work. She still needs to work to pay for her house which she built on one and a half acres at the Top of the Range.

Maggie has a Diploma in Justice Administration from TAFE. She has fought her way to recovery from cancer, and works hard to stay fit through gardening and running regularly. She plans to run a marathon. She also takes the community seriously and is coordinator of the Top of the Range Neighbourhood Watch, also secretary of the Kuranda District Residents' Group.

Maggie is a tough but likable woman. She has faced and surmounted many challenges, some she doesn't like to talk about. Her philosophy of life is to never let anything beat you, never listen to anyone who tells you it can't be done, and always to have alternate plans B, C and D in the pipeline in case plan A does not work out. These views reflect her struggles in life and her determination to carry on. At the same time she has a broad mind and is respectful of the views of others. She tries not to be judgmental. Kuranda suits her, where she can do her own thing without aligning with any particular group and where life is always interesting. I salute you my dear and wish you well!

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# What Makes A Species?

**SPECIES** is a word we use regularly in our nature articles, yet people are not always clear on its meaning. Most simply defined, a group of organisms belong to the same species if they are capable of interbreeding to produce fertile offspring. This however has many exceptions and does not fit all organisms perfectly; such is nature with all its complexity. Albeit, it is the best method we humans have come up with so far to classify the living things around us.

A species is the end point of our biological classification system. The system has seven major divisions: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus and Species. The scientific name given to animals and plants is the *genus* and *species* name they have been assigned and is often referred to as the binomial name. Closely related organisms may share the same genus but have a different species name - eg. the Agile Wallaby, *Macropus agilis*, and the Red Kangaroo, *Macropus rufus*. Both belong to the same genus *Macropus*, but are different species.

In the past, classifying animals into a species has been done by a group of scientists called taxonomists who look at a combination of the animal's physical features, along with some knowledge of where they are found in relation to other known species. Fine measurements and a great deal of attention to detail is required, but sometimes it is a very difficult task – particularly when it comes to classifying tiny invertebrates. Today DNA technology is becoming a useful tool in classification, and can not only determine how closely animals are related to each other, but which common ancestors they share. This has actually changed some of our previous classifications which were based purely on physical characteristics.

Naming a species is a big job, and requires the scientist to not only study the particular organism in minute detail, but also to ensure that no one else has done so already. This includes examining specimens held by museums and universities all around the country (and overseas in some cases) to cross reference and check the identity of the 'new' animal or plant. New species are discovered and named regularly, particularly in the invertebrate world, and it is not surprising. Estimates of the number of invertebrate species in the world range from 1.5 million to 10 million, compared with 36,000 vertebrate animals – most of which have already been classified.

In 2006 while doing field work for Melbourne Museum, we were fortunate enough to discover a spectacular huntsman spider in this region which had yet to be scientifically classified. We didn't recognise the spider at all, and sent it to a specialist huntsman spider taxonomist. It didn't match any of the two hundred-odd huntsman spiders already classified, but was physically similar to those in the genus *Typostola*. More recently, DNA work on this animal have shown it closer to the genus *Beregama*. In the future, no doubt using a combination of traditional and molecular tools, a taxonomist will assign a species name to the spider.

When it comes down to basics we shouldn't be surprised that we cannot define a species perfectly, as it is a concept which we have made up ourselves in order to organise and classify the complex living things around us.

Alan Henderson  
Minibeast Wildlife



A new species yet to be described by scientists and given an official species name.  
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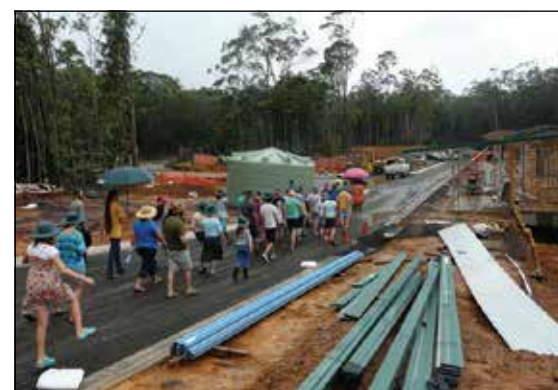
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Our students were able to get a glimpse into the structural aspects of the building process while the framing and roof trusses were still exposed and visible. One of the most important aspects of what we do in Steiner schools is to create learning experiences that are practical and relevant to our students, so this visit was a valuable learning experience in itself, as our students can then utilise this knowledge in other lessons such as Science, Woodwork and even the unit on the Skeletal System currently running in Class 8.

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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

While I thrive on new art experiences I must say I was not prepared for witnessing **Dorothy Clews** digging up from her Speewah vegetable garden, amongst the taro, one of her most delicate and colourful small silk tapestries. It was as exciting for me as witnessing a birth. Dorothy outlines the process of this unfinished work in the body of this interview. I eagerly await seeing the next step in this cycle after the gentle washing of this piece and then the finished artwork. Precise and accurately expressed contemporary 'landscapes' form the foundation of the designs for Dorothy's handwoven tapestries.

## Where is your current studio?

My current temporary work space is on the veranda of our cabin at Speewah on the banks of a small rainforest lined seasonal creek.

## Do you work alone or with others?

I weave alone, but have an extensive international network of like-minded artists with whom I share knowledge, ideas, experiences, art and problems. The American Tapestry Alliance has provided a rich pool of artists and projects and working in a team online for a particular project has become part of my art practice as much as weaving has.

## What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I need mind-space and physical space, also peacefulness. My work is landscape/environmentally based so a studio that is very much in the natural landscape is important. The physical land plays an important part in artworks which I call 'composted' tapestries where the lands itself interacts with the woven textile. A computer is essential for ongoing communication with the wider world.

## Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

My work pattern is varied. Work hours for the American Tapestry Alliance are often dependent on deadlines, and schedules. I have periods of weaving and periods of doing other tasks. Ideally I would weave for about three to four hours a day. Weaving demands high concentration levels. Decisions are made for every thread interaction, and each thread is constantly being handled over and over again.

## Describe the works you do in your studio.

I am currently working on two different series. The first is a series of especially woven small tapestries that are buried in the garden to part decompose. Once they are uncovered they are washed to remove the soil, then stitched onto a background of either recycled fabric or handmade paper. The second series made from recycled silk – worn, torn and repaired remnants of someone's life. Brilliantly coloured, with frayed edge, the cloth is cut into narrow strips and twisted to form a weft, the horizontal thread of the weave. Both of these series are about time, change and repair.

## Why is weaving your chosen medium?

The construction of cloth fascinates me – it is a metaphor for life. Each fibre, each interlacing of thread can tell a different story. Raffia is a beautiful fibre, dry but supple, infinitely varied in colour and quality; a story of seasons of growth, sunshine and rain; silk is luxurious; linen becomes more beautiful with age. Recycled cloth carries its own hidden stories. Cloth and fabric are an often unnoticed part of our lives; I am interested in giving these remnants a new life and meaning.

## List three things you listen to while working.

I listen to birdsong. In the wet season the seasonal creek just below the cabin forms a meditative background, ever-changing sound to the satisfying rhythmic thunk of my bobbin as I beat down the yarn.

## Your favourite tool?

A blunt ended tapestry needle is essential for stitching, and a bobbin for beating the yarn down close.

Tapestry looms can be improvised – a veranda rail or beam; an old window frame. My largest loom is made from scaffolding. Weaving techniques have not changed over millennia.

## How do you identify your work?

On my traditional, larger scale tapestries I weave my initials in one corner. On small intimate tapestries I sign it on the back. In style, my work is identifiable by its delicacy and apparent fragility, and an ongoing conversation with materials and techniques that are not traditional in western conventions of tapestry.

## How do you sell your work?

I have my artworks on display in the Kuranda Arts Co-operative gallery in Kuranda but I also sell through exhibitions and through my studio; occasionally I sell online.

## Do you teach or sell from your studio?

I sell directly from my studio. I have taught in the past.

## Do you have any other paid or unpaid jobs?

I work online for American Tapestry Alliance collaborating virtually on various projects such as a series of study/discussion groups where I had the role of co-ordinator; co-curator and joint organiser of an international exhibition touring all states in Australia and Canada working closely

with a Canadian artist. [http://americantapestryalliance.org/exhibitions/tex\\_ata/findinghometapestry-caau/](http://americantapestryalliance.org/exhibitions/tex_ata/findinghometapestry-caau/).

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

My present workspace, the cabin veranda, is soon to be extended into the cabin, when we finish building our house and move from the cabin into the new house. The cabin will be a perfect space. At the moment most of my studio contents are stored in a shed.

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

I would love to complete, over time, the Australian Great Walk, one section at a time, starting out on the Great Australian Bight and gradually making my way northwards home to Far North Queensland with nothing more than what I could carry, though I would have to find room to carry a miniature improvised weaving frame.



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Two years later, a wildlife reporter, Beth Winters, journeys to the outback to document the hunting of Australian wildlife to be used as animal food, processed in a large factory, but she is attacked by two deranged locals, Benny and Dicko, who leave her to be killed by the beast. She tries to hide in her car, but the hog rips open the door and kills her by lacerating her groin. Her husband, Carl, goes in search of her, and aids Jake Cullen and his young associate, Sarah Cameron, in hunting for the razorback responsible for her death.

As they search for the creature, Benny and Dicko worry that they may be associated with the murder of Beth Winters, so they attack Cullen and leave him to be killed by the boar. Vowing revenge for his wife and his friend, Carl finds Benny and lowers him into a mineshaft, presumably killing him, and finds Dicko in the

factory. Before he can kill him, the razorback surges and mauls Dicko to death before chasing after Carl and Sarah, where they face off inside the processing factory. Carl lures the boar (having speared it with a pole) into pursuing him down a conveyor belt, at the end of which is a large industrial fan. Not able to stop itself, the boar falls to its demise onto the blades of the fan, while Carl rescues Sarah.

### Westwind

Summer 1988: As promising young athletes in the GDR, the twins Isa and Doreen are allowed to attend a training camp at Lake Balaton in Hungary. There, they meet Arne and Nico from Hamburg. What begins as a holiday romance develops for Doreen and Arne into a serious love affair – for which the girl from the Saxon province is willing to risk everything. A year later, the Berlin Wall falls, making the offense of illegal emigration obsolete. This is a teenage love story, which in spite of its political background and knowing what we know today, remains light-hearted and cheerful.



**Tablelands Regional Council**

### Cats Free in TRC

**Tablelands Regional Council will eliminate registration fees for pet cats.**

However, the animals will still be required to be microchipped.

A report considered at the most recent meeting of Council recommended that dropping cat registration would bring efficiencies for Council while the requirement for compulsory microchipping will allow for identification of a cat's owner.

The change is a result of new State legislation in the form of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act* which came in to effect in September last year.

The report indicated that only 11 entire cats are actively registered, along with 644 de-sexed cats.

It also indicated that, since 2010 to date, 428 cats had been impounded and only 27 released.

Report author and Manager Regulatory Services Kirsty Lamperd, told Council it was very rare any impounded cat was either microchipped or registered.

The Mayor and Councillors were unanimous in urging all cat owners to be responsible pet owners.

"Microchipping is an effective and efficient way of ensuring your cat, if it does wander, can be returned to you from the pound," Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

Councillors noted that "we have voted to make cat ownership easier and cheaper and urge cat owners to also play their part for the community, and for their pets".



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## Autumn Happenings

Officially the wet season ends in April. Our rainfall has been haphazard; days of sunshine and no rain, heavy rain, sunshine, light showers. Last month, a late deluge boosted our rainfall total to 736mm in mid February. Let's see if we get more than the 200mm recorded so far for March.

Early in March Cyclone Hadi wandered down the east coast then headed into the Coral Sea resulting in clear sunny Autumn days for Cairns and Kuranda. Now its remnants have re-appeared bringing heavy rain to FNQ. Cyclone Gillian NT/Qld border formed in the Gulf of Carpentaria, before becoming a tropical low, changing direction and bringing vital rain to the north and further west.

'Autumn' in the tropics isn't the spectacular event of deciduous trees shedding leaves. It does bring cooler nights and early mornings, glorious sunny days, less humid of course and this is when our gardeners come alive. Forecasters do say to expect El Nino conditions now, so that means our gardens will need constant watering until November or whenever the wet season decides to begin again. [http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/climate\\_culture/Indig\\_seasons.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/iwk/climate_culture/Indig_seasons.shtml)

<http://australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/austn-weather-and-the-seasons>

At the moment, our rainforest is alive with bird sounds, and brightly coloured butterflies; the flash of a Blue Ulysses, the effortless glide of the bright green and black male Birdwing, and his larger brown female cruising in and around the canopy. Blue banded eggflies, brown and orange Lurchers, and brown Cruisers all checking each other out.

Golden orb spiders have been busy building their large webs. On a pathway recently, what looked initially like a grey/black snake, slowly making its way over the pavers, was actually a row of 'procession caterpillars', locally known as Hairy Marys <http://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/noto/lunifer.html> It's very tempting to join up the head and tail of the procession, making the caterpillars follow each other in a continuous circle. But beware, these caterpillars are very hairy and can cause severe allergic reactions in some people. The silken bag enclosing them is located on the ground at the base of the trunk of the food tree (usually a wattle) and if you have prize or beloved horses, please read this report.

[www.equivetaustralia.com/horse-talk/equine-amnionitis-foetal-loss.html](http://www.equivetaustralia.com/horse-talk/equine-amnionitis-foetal-loss.html)

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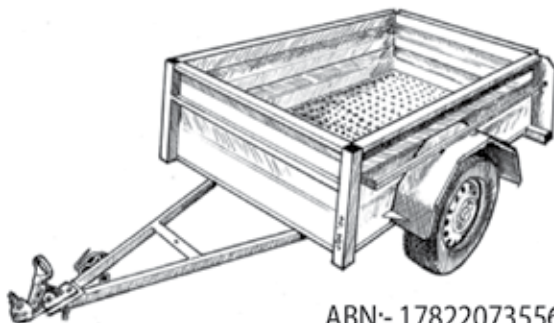
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# The Gathering of the Herd

I was driving home to Kuranda and as I approached the bottom of the range, I saw them. A whole herd of them, clustered around the bus stop. I gradually slowed the car so not to startle them, and managed to roll to a stop just metres away, giving me a clear and unobstructed view. I eased my binoculars out from the glovebox, and slowly retrieved my camera from the back seat, gently unclipping the locks on the camera case to minimise noise.

I eagerly drew the binoculars to my eyes, noticing that my hands trembled slightly. "Buck fever, they call it", I muttered to myself. Nervously peering through the glasses, I saw them, in magnificent close-up. I could clearly make out the different sub-groups in the species. Some were clearly branded "Coles" and others "Woolworths". I could not see an IGA or a Target, as I had observed before in other herds, at other locations. It seems to be almost like a mating ritual for the critters to gather together, irrespective of their sub-species, apparently in a gregarious union of familiarity.

I have not heard of anyone who has ever evidenced the herd's gathering. They seem to simply appear, almost as if they are 'called' by some force of nature that we, as humans, do not fully understand.

I watched closely and could see that most of the herd was

content to silently stand as if about to graze, whilst others reclined at odd angles on their sides. One even rested on its side, cooling down, in a large puddle of water after the recent rain.

My heart thrilled to see the herd free in all its glory – not confined in lines within their supermarket corrals, their spirits broken as they performed their duties as beasts of burden for their human captors.

I have even heard stories about the poor beasts being rustled from their corrals and put to work in undignified jobs around the rustler's home. There have been reports

of some being used to store tools, children's toys, and even used as washing trolleys. I have heard that some of the beasts, when their usefulness subsides, such as their wheels falling off through overwork, are simply thrown in the back of the ute and unceremoniously hurled into the council tip.

But here, today at least, a herd stands bold and free at the Smithfield bus stop. Traffic – cars, heavy transport, trucks, buses roared past me towards the range road (most doing at least 70 to 80 kph in the 60 zone) seemingly oblivious to the forlorn herd. I took one last appreciative look at them, packed up my camera and sadly drove home.

Sad, because I know that in the very near future their wrangler will arrive with his big truck and his big trailer. He will cruelly and roughly load the noble beasts onto the trailer, and with barely a thought to their future welfare, return them to their harsh corrals at the appropriate end of the shopping centre, sorted by sub-species.

"Farewell", I waved through my sobs as I drove up the range. As I stopped at the first of the numerous roadworks, I sat idly counting the discarded Coke cans and hamburger wrappers at the roadside of this World Heritage Rainforest. "Farewell", I cried again, "and good luck. I hope to see you, or some of your kin, all standing there free and proud next time I drive past".

– David (Attenborough) Gormley



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Living in Kuranda is fantastic (something must have drawn me back here three times over the past 20 years!). But sometimes having to go down the hill to get things done can be a drag. Like arranging a home loan or refinance. Who really wants to contend with lineups in banks and carparks? Now there's one less reason to go down the hill, because being a fully accredited mortgage broker, I can bring the banks to you. You'll pay no more for a loan through a mortgage broker than if you went to the bank yourself, but you'll get a lot more help, knowledge and advice, and less stress - guaranteed! Not to mention that it's always better to do business Kuranda style at your home or mine at a time convenient to you.

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## Kuranda – a Queensland Beauty District

The following article was one of many written by enthusiastic correspondents associated with different newspapers soon after Kuranda was established. It appeared in The Sydney Morning Herald on 21 November 1908. Such writers were invariably very wordy and effusive in their descriptions, as can be seen in this article.

Leaving Cairns in a curiously typical specimen of Queensland trains, we at first ran along the plain towards the foot of the mountains through a straggling jungle of tropical vegetation, sometimes opening to disclose long patches of salt, reed-dotted water, not long since the happy hunting-ground of alligators, and still not wholly cleared of them.

As we proceeded, we began to wind among low hills, covered frequently with plantations of bananas, pineapples, paw-paws, and granadillas, the white homesteads nestling in a perfect kaleidoscope of flowers, with now and then a few kanakas moving among the green of the plantations.

At a little station, called Redlynch, we stayed for nearly three-quarters of an hour, waiting for another train. There was no platform: one simply stepped off the low car to the ground, and strolled up and down, or admired the scenery. Far up amid the ranges a great red scar slashed across the blue side of the mountain: this was the Red Bluff, round which our train had to pass. On we went again, at first through more plantations, which gradually yielded to sheer untamed tropical nature. Huge trees rose up on each side of the line in great unfathomable banks of dark, mysterious jungle. Great creepers clung to their trunks, or swung in beautiful festoons from branch to branch and tree to tree. So close was the forest that once at least I was able to reach out and catch a bunch of leaves in my hand as we passed by. Everywhere it was green, green, green, in every conceivable shade, towering up above the train in endless foliation of palm and pine and creeper, and a thousand plants and trees and flowers, for which my ignorance could find no name, and always with the darkness of the primal forest, as it was before man came, brooding in cold and lonely silence between the tree trunks. Sometimes one recognised the cabbage-tree palm, with its wide, fan-like leaves; sometimes it was the zamia, most graceful of all, though highly dangerous to cattle, and of which there are no less than three hundred and eighty varieties. Here the native arrow-root shot up its long, slender spike and broad, shiny leaves; or again the wild banana, the wild coffee-

plant, the wild sugarcane were discernable among the wealth and profusion of glorious, barbaric vegetation which I cannot attempt to describe. And, above all, the young spring leaves everywhere pierced the dark green in a myriad tender hues, and flung an air of youth and joyousness over the sombre splendour of the forest.

Up and up we climbed, the little engine straining bravely to pull the train up the steep gradient. Frequently we crept between high, narrow banks, all overgrown each side with waving red grass and flowers that almost thrust their blossoms through the carriage window. Time after time we plunged into tunnels, where the hot air smote us like the blast of a furnace, yet where the fear of losing some new loveliness at the moment of emergence kept us more often than not on the outer platform. As we ascended higher the forest and the cuttings alike gave way to sheer precipice, along the edge of which we picked our way.

The morning was dull and threatening, and the sun had by this time completely disappeared behind masses of leaden-grey cloud; but from time to time we caught glimpses of magnificent gorges, veiled with pale mist, and stretching in endless suggestion of mystery among the timeless buttresses of the unfathomable hills. At Stony Creek we stopped a little to take in water, where the graceful cascade leaps lightly down the mountain side into the valley hundreds of feet below. Then on again, winding in great loops about the mountain, and now obtaining vista after vista on the far dim plainland which we had left. Purple, misty, gigantic, all about us:

*The hills, like giants at a hunting, lay  
Chin upon hand.*

And what was that, far away, dim, grey, and sullen in the mist? The sea! In winding parabola of bay and headland, stretching away into the illimitable distance, with Cairns, though invisible, crouching at its edge, and the long dull silver thread of the Barron River meandering, many-curved, across the plain towards it. For now, indeed, we have passed the great Red Bluff, and are entering on the Barron Gorge itself. Grand as our previous experiences have been, they are almost pale before those of the present. As far as one can see,

enormous mountains rise into the air, their tops capped with grey clouds, their sides clothed thickly with dense steaming jungle, for hundreds after hundreds of feet down, until the huge trees seem like brushwood, and the silver torrent, with its foaming cascades and deep silent pools, can scarcely be descried; ravine after huge ravine revealing itself in far-reaching infinitudes of mysterious majesty.

But when one finally comes face to face with the Falls themselves everything is swept from one's mind at once in one wordless gasp save the one absorbing emotion of ecstatic admiration, of sheer inevitable worship of the beautiful. Directly beneath one's feet the cliffs fall away into a great basin ringed round with dark steepes of sheer rock in unbroken expanse of wall, or broken only by the long tongues of vegetation that thrust themselves downwards here and there from the intense mass of gloomy forest high above. Only straight before us the river has worn away the rock in a hundred wild irregularities of pool and pinnacle and sheer descent, and comes hurling itself impetuously into the abyss beneath, shattering itself into a million diamond atoms in its fury, and flinging up a ceaseless vapour of mist that hovers above the charm like the spirit of the fall. Here and there, apart from the main body of the stream, slender cascades seem rather to float than fall from the cliffs:

*Down-dropping veils of thinnest lawn.*

But the eye is drawn back again and again to the central volume of water, as it leaps from rock to rock and from pool to pool; not plunging in one tremendous descent from top to bottom, but rather as a flying deer or a mountain lion, gathering footholds where it can; here pausing for a moment to take breath ere its next leap, now moving forward, darkly olive, and marked with oily bubbles, then swifter and swifter towards the edge, long white streaks showing like fierce teeth through the green surface of the water, till it finally roars outward and downward in a furious torrent, white with passion, and irresistible in its splendid strength.

*This article will continue next month.*

## Sydney Trains

FROM OUR SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT *Maria Boswarva*

**A**LTHOUGH I am still enjoying the buses and the different personalities of the bus drivers, I thought it was time to talk about Sydney trains.

For us country folks, who don't travel by train, in fact for those us in areas where we have to drive, and don't even travel by bus, it is strange to find out that there are many different kinds of trains in Sydney, even in the urban areas.

Travelling more than 2 hours outside Sydney in some directions requires that you change from the flash, for the city folk train, to a 2-carriage diesel that chugs along at a speed not much quicker than a fast horse pace.

Crammed with boisterous holiday makers on the way to what was a country destination so far from the city that it required at least a weekend stay, but now as distances in Sydney has shrunk it is just a day out, has become quite a cheerful experience.

There is a special consideration for passengers who are travelling on a non-broken journey to and from outlying country areas to the city; the train has four of the eight carriages designated as 'quiet carriages'. Inside there is no mobile phone use, neither loud music nor loud conversations.

It's for people who have to rise very early to get to work. Many succumb to sleep immediately, whilst others with the quietness and movement of the train ultimately, unintentionally sleep as well, and there are those who need to concentrate on working on their computers, and during the middle of the day it is for

people who just want a peaceful time on a long journey.

I've had to enlighten a few people using mobile phones who had not read the large signs on both the entrance doors to the carriage and the signs within the carriage.

The urban trains are now all modern and air-conditioned; most of them have two levels, the seats have a multi coloured blue with gold flecked heavy carpet type covering, warm in winter but still cool in summer, much better than the sticky, khaki, brown plastic of old. Each train has its own peculiarity and advantages, but general to all is the strong, clear, male voice with just enough cheeky inflection in his voice [like the woman in Cairns hospital lifts who cheered me up every time I visited Bob], to continue to delight every time I hear him, he announces to everyone as the train is ready to depart "D-o-o-rs closing...please...stand... clear".

On some trains the train driver announces which stations are next. Very few are understandable, I don't know if it is because they don't realize how difficult it is to fathom what they are saying, that they are embarrassed, or heaven forbid, just don't care. Then there is the super-doooper deluxe [my favourite] of the information train. The furthest destination is highlighted on the front of the train, just like a bus, inside each carriage a digital screen continually displays every station the train will stop at, which changes to show the next station as it gets closer [in-between the sign displays community directives] – "Please take

your rubbish with you" and a distinct woman's voice looks after the lost who don't know where they are with up to date information as to where you are heading; "Next station is Hurstville" where you will be; "This is Hurstville" and where you are; "Hurstville" which is repeated just in case you were too distracted for the former announcements to be heard.

Most stations have lifts for wheelchair, strollers, frail or just lazy passengers to access the platform, and a ramp is especially placed for wheelchairs to get into the train, where a special place is also reserved within the train, and if the train is early at the station, it waits until the correct time before leaving, cutting out the frustration of having 'just' missed your connection.

I've yet to hear an Aussie accent as the passengers chat on their phone to a faceless voice on the other end, but other languages are like different music to my ears, some sweet and charming, others a little harsher, but still interesting and as it is with all human speech, comforting. With so many people zoned out flipping through their tiny machines, I suppose on the internet, it is just like being in a lift, where each person gazes straight ahead pretending that the other people around them do not exist. Only the young actually talk to each other, although they too are still usually flicking on their phone at the same time.

So if you are people watchers when you come to Sydney try the buses and the trains, everything is fun from the drivers to the passengers, as well as the trains themselves.







# Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Well it's been a good start to the year for Kuranda Horse and Pony Club, with the weather being very kind to us when events have been held.

1st and 2nd March the club held its first competition for the year, with a Jumping Equitation and Show Jumping weekend. With 30 riders attending both days it was very successful.

The club has held a few rally days which are used as training days for riders to learn all the different aspects of Pony Club. We have had new members join up, with riders as young as four.

Here are some enquires about joining Pony Club and what it involves.

I would like to highlight a couple of points of what you can learn and achieve at Pony Club.

**First:** You must either own or have the use of a horse or pony. When starting out it is important to have an animal that is trustworthy and safe, so it doesn't matter what age your horse is, as long as you feel confident on his back and on the ground. An approved helmet and riding boots, correctly fitting saddle and bridle are also needed.

**Second:** Pony Club is about having fun, meeting others that have the same interest, learning how to care and be responsible with an animal.

**Third:** You will be given a choice of different riding disciplines, such as learning basic flat work and how to be balanced, dressage, jumping, sporting (games), team events (mounted games), how to trail ride and ride on the road.

**Fourth:** Kids right through to adults are able to join. You can go and compete at other clubs under the Kuranda Horse and Pony banner where we all cheer each other on and have lots of fun.

**Fifth:** Pony Club is something where you can choose to either do a lot, or just be happy to come along to the rallies and have fun learning and riding. It is totally up to you.

**Sixth:** It's a volunteer-run club, right through from the instructors to the committee, so it does require all members to join in and help make the club what it is, whether it be fundraising, working bees, to helping in the canteen. All in all, it is a place to help you keep fit; it's a sport that requires you to get outside and enjoy life, while always being active and learning new things.

Our next rally day will be held on **Saturday 29th March** from 9.00am. In conjunction with the rally we are going to hold a fundraising event called Freshman's Jumping. Riders from other clubs can also come along and have a go at a jump course choosing what height they would like to try. It costs \$2.00 a round with a maximum of 5 rounds. All clear rounds receive a ribbon. We will also have a cake sale and sausage sizzle available on the day.

The following rally will be on **5th April**.

At Easter a Zone camp is being held at Ravenshoe pony club. This is a 3-day event held for all children, especially kids just starting out and learning. It's an annual event that is always very popular and only costs \$40 for the 3 days. Kids get to go on trail rides, have a go at some cross country jumping, have fun with cattle and working in a team of 3. Games, jumping, so many different things. Again, this is all put together with volunteer instructors from all over North Qld. If you are interested or wanting to find out more information about Pony Club, contact myself: Di Curtis, paulanddi@bigpond.com or phone 0400 930 379. I will be happy to answer your enquires.

Till next time, Happy Riding.

– **Di Curtis**, Instructor/Club President

## Kuranda Residents Urged to Get Involved in Community Committees

KURANDA residents are being invited to join the decision-making process for the community. Council is calling for nominations for the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee (KCPAC) and the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee (KIAC).

KCPAC is a representative-based committee and members are committed to developing the Kuranda Community Precinct.

The committee meets monthly and provides advice to council on the direction the precinct should take in order to meet Kuranda's strategic objectives.

"The Kuranda Community Precinct will be community focussed with access for everyone in the local community.

"This takes time and money, but the outcome will be a great community asset.

"The community based Advisory Committee has made great progress on planning for the development of the precinct and we are looking for another community minded person to work with us", Councillor Jenny Jensen said.

"I believe we have a clear way forward for the precinct and with the Advisory Committee providing regular input from the community, I am confident we will achieve the best outcome for everyone", Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

John Robinson, acting chair of KCPAC said, "This

is a great opportunity to have a direct input into the concept, design and realisation of your Kuranda Community Precinct".

KIAC has several functions, one of which is to ensure adequate consideration of infrastructure, tourism and community issues arising from the expenditure of Kuranda Infrastructure funds and to guarantee that project recommendations are within the financial capacity of the fund.

"Tourism infrastructure in Kuranda is essential. The committee recognises the need for input from the local community so that tourism development is appropriate to the local flavour of Kuranda.

Over the past years, KIAC, through contributions from Skyrail and Kuranda Scenic Rail, has been able to deliver much needed infrastructure.

The recent completion of the River Walk has really enhanced the visitor experience and is now enjoyed by both visitors and locals," Cr Jensen said.

"We really want to hear from other members of the community who would like to be part of the Advisory Committee, to provide suggestions about what they see as a priority on the development of Kuranda and implementation of the funds", said Mayor Tom Gilmore, who chairs KIAC.

"Community consultation is an integral part of the decision-making process," Cr Gilmore concluded.



## News from Kuranda SES

**WHAT a great night we had at the SES Orange Army Night in Speewah.**

Thanks to the wonderful donations from **Kuranda Paper, Kuranda Foodworks, Kuranda Meats, Kuranda Raw Materials, Kuranda BP & Frucor Drinks**, we were able to keep our costs down and made a whopping profit of \$410.00 for the night.

Wow! What an achievement for the small crowd we had there. Big thanks to Bec Drolinger for the music – you were fantastic, and of course not to forget the Speewah Tavern for allowing us to host it there. Special thanks to Steve Deprado and Neena Swirski for helping out on the night.

**Raffle winners:**

**1st prize** – Narelle Archer (\$120 Kuranda Foodworks hamper, \$30 Kuranda Meat voucher & \$150 Raw Materials voucher)

**2nd Prize** – Jamie Hogan  
\$100 Bunnings voucher & \$100 Just Gorgeous voucher (donated by Kuranda Paper)

**3rd Prize** – Colin Jackson  
\$100 Bunnings voucher (donated by Kuranda Paper)

**Lucky Door** prize of \$100 Bunnings voucher (donated by Kuranda Paper) was won by Colleen Jackson

**Best Dressed – 1st** \$100 voucher from Just Gorgeous (donated by Kuranda Paper) – Sheila Sutton

**Best Dressed – 2nd** \$50 BP voucher – Steve Deprado  
**Kids Best Dressed** – Rockstar Hoodie donated by Frucor – Charlotte Swirski

Special thanks to Carol & Col Jenkins who came along and supported us, it was great to see you both there.

Now onto training: Carmen Watts has passed her First Aid and is going on the Participate in a Rescue course this weekend. Carol Day passed the 4WD course.

Some great courses are being added to the spectrum with Winching and Recovery soon to be held.

Welcome to our new members Dylon Ryle, Adrian and Monica Church.

**Don't forget training for SES is at 7.30pm Tuesday nights in Fallon Road so if you are interested, pop in and see what we do.**

### Mareeba Shire Council

#### KURANDA INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Member

The Mareeba Shire Council is calling for nominations from people to join the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee (KIAC) to fill the Community position.

The committee is a skills based committee. Meetings are held every 3 months in Kuranda and usually commence at 2.00pm.

To nominate please read the Terms of Reference and download the nomination form from the Council website [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) or contact your preferred Customer Service Centre for a copy.

**Nominations must be received by Council on or before 4.30 pm 1 May 2014**

Should you have any questions please contact Jennifer McCarthy, Director Corporate Services on 07 4086 4672

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### Mareeba Shire Council

#### KURANDA COMMUNITY PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Member

The Mareeba Shire Council is calling for nominations from people to join the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee (KCPAC).

The committee is a representative based committee and members must be committed to developing the Kuranda Community Precinct. The committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 4.30pm in Kuranda.

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

**Budget:** Council has commenced working on the 2014-15 Budget. A Review of all Council services has also started and this will hopefully deliver savings and greater efficiency. It is certain that the next Budget will be a very difficult one. The Budget will be very tight. It is anticipated that the De-amalgamation debt will be around 5½ to 6 million and this must be paid by the end of 2014.

**Land Valuations:** The Valuer-General issued annual property valuations on March 12th. In general, land valuations have decreased across the shire. Any objections to the valuations need to be submitted to the State Department before May. Valuations are not issued by Council, but are used as the basis for calculating the General Rate.

**Telecommunications Forum:** By the time of publishing, the Telecommunications Forum will have been held on March 26th. Following numerous concerns raised with me (Mobile reception, no availability of ports for ADSL, issues with Telcos, enquiries about the NBN rollout), I have asked our local state and federal MPs to respond to these issues. These issues are affecting residents across the entire Kuranda District. Hopefully the Forum has answered some questions and promoted some changes for telecommunications in the Kuranda District.

**Easter in Kuranda:** Tourism Kuranda is preparing for another big celebration in Kuranda on Easter Saturday. There will be lots of free activities throughout the Village as well as the famous Easter Egg Drop.

**Partners in Recovery Forum:** A special forum will be held on Tuesday April 1st in Mareeba to discuss the PIR program. This program assists those with diagnosed mental health issues. The forum is open to all interested agencies and individuals in the Mareeba Shire. Council received government funding to support the program through staffing at the Community Support Services centre. Contact is Cassie Ph: 0417 827 323 Email: cassieb@msc.qld.gov.au

**Relay For Life:** The Tablelands Relay For Life will be held in Mareeba this year. Dates are confirmed for 13/14 September at Davies Park. There are already a number of teams registered and I encourage everyone to join in the Relay to "celebrate, remember and fight back". Proceeds support the work of the Queensland Cancer Council particularly for patient support and cancer research. Contact Queensland Cancer Council (Cairns Office) Ph 4047 5500 or check out the website

at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au).

**Small grants to Community Groups:** Community groups can apply for grants up to \$2000 to carry out projects and/or cover a range of things such as training and skills development, materials, equipment, functions etc. For details, check the website (search FIKS) or phone the Council office.

There is also a p/t Grants Officer who can help your group to identify other grants/funding opportunities for bigger projects.

**Reef Guardian Council:** MSC has recently joined the Reef Guardian Councils Project. This project works with GBRMPA and local Councils to improve the practices and health of the reef and the river catchment systems.

**Water Supply:** Recently Council approved funds to undertake exploratory drilling to establish the possibility of potential Bore Fields which might be alternatives to drawing town water supplies from the Barron River. Council is investigating this possibility because SunWater charges are anticipated to rise by massive amounts next year, thus making it difficult for Council to provide reticulated water at a reasonable cost to residents who are connected to the system. At this stage, the work is exploratory only.

**Recycling:** Special arrangements are in place at the Kuranda Transfer Station to cater for some access to recycling. You can take any recyclables to the Kuranda Transfer Station (open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and place them in the Recycling Bins there. The recyclables are not being placed in landfill.

**Apply for RADF funding:** Until June 2014, the TRC will manage the 2013-14 Regional Arts Development Fund for both the new Mareeba Shire Council and the new Tablelands Regional Council. Applications for Round Two of the 2013-14 RADF close on Thursday May 1st for projects commencing after 1 July, 2014. Contact Council for details.

**Kuranda Community Precinct:** The community KCP Advisory Committee is continuing to work towards the development of the precinct. The January MSC Budget confirmed significant funds for the Community Precinct and the relocation of the Council Service Centre and Library to the KCP site.

A Material Change of Use/Development Application. (the site is currently zoned Residential and an MCU is required to alter the use to Community purposes) will be advertised soon as an impact assessable application.

An auction for sale of the two small blocks of residential land (the old pre-school and pre-school yard) is about to be advertised. Contact is John Thurlow at MSC Email: [johnt@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:johnt@msc.qld.gov.au).

**Council Service Centre and Library:** The Council Service Centre and Library are now open every weekday for a full day. (Library only is open on Saturday mornings).

**Disaster Management:** Council contact is phone 1300 308 461.

**Customer Requests system:** Requests for Council action can be submitted online either via email to [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au), or by using the link "Lodge a Service Request" on the Council website ([www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au)), or by phone 1300 308 461 (this number is also the Council after hours Emergency number).

**Council Meetings:** Formal Council Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The next meetings are on April 2nd and April 16th at the Council Offices in Mareeba. Meetings are public meetings.

The Meeting Agenda is published on the MSC website on the Friday immediately prior.

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Every Councillor now represents every community within the Council area. Even though there are no longer any Divisions, you can still expect to see me as your local Councillor, but I also have commitments to every other community.

Please continue to contact me with any concerns or questions; however you can also contact any of your Councillors.

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# Mareeba Shire Council

## Library Lines

We are so happy to see everyone embracing our extended opening hours. Many people have been popping in and saying how much they appreciate the additional times.

Our recent Garden Tea was heaps of fun with staff dressing up as literary characters.

Mayor Tom Gilmore was invited and brought along our CEO, Peter Franks, and Counsellor Jenny Jensen. They could have been forgiven for thinking they had walked into a fairytale:-

**'Once upon a time a handsome prince was invited to a Garden Tea...**



**... and everyone lived happily ever after'. THE END.**

Please note the change of time for our regular one-hour Story-time sessions for the under 6s: they now start at 10.30am. New families will be made very welcome.

We are also very happy to introduce Laura, who is going to conduct Baby Rhyme-Time sessions on a regular basis. Her sessions will be every Friday, from 10.00-10.30, immediately preceding Story-time.

For our Young Adult members we have a laptop available for use. It has internet access and word processing software, so would be a great help for homework assignments or for researching topics in which you have an interest. YA members, using the Laptop, will need parent or guardian approval for access to the Internet.

Internet and Xbox access is not available until after 3.00pm on any school day.

All library members also have access to an iPad. Both items can be booked online using your library membership card barcode number. These items can only be used inside the library and are not available for loan. Again, for our YA and Junior members, they will need Internet approval, and access to this device is only available after 3.00pm.

Animal registration renewals will be mailed out to animal owners in May. Please notify Council if your mailing address details have changed to ensure you receive your renewal notice. Please remember that it is compulsory to register all cats and dogs in the Mareeba Shire.

**Kuranda Library and Council Office:**  
**PHONE 4093 9185**



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## Trout On Line



Kuranda has featured strongly in my electorate calendar this month. There are, as you know, two major issues under scrutiny at the present time, one being the many issues involved in the Kuranda Range. The other issue is of course, telecommunications.

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting regarding the problems experienced on the Range Road. Having owned a business that relied on the smooth flow of traffic on the range road, I can empathise, and I would love to be able to wave a magic wand and create the perfect situation, but as I explained at the recent meeting held at the Bottom pub, there is no easy fix, and no bottomless pit filled with the billions of dollars it would take to undertake projects mooted such as a tunnel, or a new range road. Other suggestions such as the Quaid Road just can't happen for various reasons explained. However, we are not standing still on this issue.

So, the meeting was about sharing information and looking for ways we could improve on the current situation. I came away from the meeting well informed of your concerns, which is a big part of being your local member – I appreciate you taking time to take part in two way communication – I have a fair understanding of local issues due to constituents taking time to contact me or my office staff, but meetings such as these are far more valuable in sharing concerns, as well as positive ways to address them.

In the days following our Kuranda meeting, I facilitated a meeting with the regional heads of Emergency Services – Queensland Police Service, Queensland Ambulance and Queensland Fire & Emergency Services. The aim of this meeting, one of the actions of the Kuranda meeting, was to discuss response times, that is, response to incidents on the Range Road. It was, to say the least, an eye opener.

It's no surprise to hear that most of the accidents on the range occur in wet weather. Between 1 January and 18 March this year, 60 separate incidents committed resources to the Range. Thirty-six of these incidents involved Police intervention.

However, I think you will be surprised, as I was, to learn that most of these accidents involved locals. That's food for thought.

As commuters travelling to and from Kuranda have a need to have prior knowledge of incidents on the range, it is well worth subscribing to alerts from Transport and Main Roads. Go to <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Road-and-traffic-info/Traffic-reports-and-road-conditions.aspx> to sign up for alerts.

There were two incidents on the range today, one before dawn, and one in the late afternoon. The first was cleared in record time, and a constituent reported the afternoon incident also cleared very quickly.

In major incidents, getting Emergency Services vehicles to the scene is of course, paramount, and unfortunately fire and rescue equipment and ambulances do take up a lot of room at accident scenes. Tow trucks also need space to remove damaged vehicles. Safety of the accident site is the main concern of emergency services, and is the reason why the entire road, in serious incidents, must be closed. However, Queensland Police Service is looking to introduce new technology in the form of 3D cameras that have the capacity to quickly ascertain the safety of a site in the aftermath of an incident. This will hopefully greatly improve clearance times.

Another action resulting from our meeting in Kuranda was the pursuit of railway alternatives for freight. This is being actioned at present and I will report as information is accumulated.

By the time this goes to print, we will have had our telecommunications meeting on 26 March, Having a staff member living in Speewah and with first-hand experience of lack of mobile reception and highly compromised internet connection, I fully understand your frustrations, and have been working with Warren Entsch, your Federal Member, to address these issues. Warren has given me the go ahead to represent him (these being Federal issues), in this regard, and I do hope I can help insofar as bringing this issue to the attention of the Federal Parliament.

A big thank you to Cr Jenny Jensen, Bob Madden of Speewah, Amanda Albon from Telstra, Justin Jarvis from NBNCo, John Williams from Digital Economy Principal Project Officer (CQ & NQ),

Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, Kuranda District State College allowing us to use its PA system, and all others who contributed to this meeting, and thus supported my constituents' plea for consideration to join the 21st century telecommunications network.

I have initiated a petition to be tabled in Federal Parliament, and hope everyone will take the time to add their signature. Unfortunately, petitions in the Australian Parliament's House of Representatives can only be presented in manual form, so please take the time to sign at your local service station, store, post office, or at my office at Stanton Place, Smithfield.

Please check on your local community Facebook page, 'All Things Kuranda' for community information and to find out when I am in Kuranda to make myself available to hear your concerns.

**Michael Trout MP Member for Barron River**  
**Phone: 4038 2800**  
**Email: barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au**







# KURANDA conservation COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc

The KCons community nursery is nearly always open at 1 Pademelon Lane (cnr Fallon Rd and Kennedy Hwy).

With our plant sale on and everything growing wonderfully well, we're pretty busy right now.

Most popular plants are small to medium height screen trees. Lomandra (Mat-rush), 1 cubic metre grass-like clumping bush, is on high demand for embankment stabilisation. At around \$2 each, you can't do much better than that!

\*\* Box trailers for hire: 4093 8834 \*\*

1 Pademelon Lane, Kuranda 4881

Phone: 4093 8834

Email: kurandaconservation@hotmail.com Website: www.kurandaconservation.org



No words can describe the amazing colours of these mating Cairns Birdwing butterflies. This image was captured by distinguished photographer Lorraine Harris. See more of her stunning work on [fleckr.com/photos/aussiegypsy](http://fleckr.com/photos/aussiegypsy)

## Aristolochia acuminata (NATIVE DUTCHMAN'S PIPE) FOOD PLANT FOR THE CAIRNS BIRDWING BUTTERFLY

(Not to be confused with the exotic Dutchman's Pipe, which is fatal to the caterpillars if they emerge from eggs mistakenly laid on its leaves.)

The native vine grows well in Kuranda. It has a small purplish-brown flower shaped somewhat like a pitcher (or a Dutchman's pipe, if you have a vivid imagination!). From the flower develops a green pod or capsule about the size of a walnut shell, inside of which are neatly laid numerous winged seeds

If the female lays eggs on your vine, the emerging grubs will munch away on the leaves, growing bigger by the day while your vine will start to look quite depleted. They grow to the size of a large man's finger before they pupate for about 35 days. Then a stunning, large butterfly emerges – female: black with specks of colour, larger than the male; male: brilliant green.

Lots in stock at the KCons nursery. It's a good time to get them planted.

**CRAZY ANTS:** In Kuranda, the crazy ant, also called tramp ants, are located in Russett Park, along the Barron River. Landholders are informed and are cooperating.

It is important to:

- not move soil eg. pot plants, sand pits;
- not touch. They defend and attack using formic acid, which stings and burns;
- inform Biosecurity on 13 25 23.

The ants look like a small green ant, but are yellow and move erratically.

There is an excellent website on:

<http://www.wetropics.gov.au/stamp-out-tramp-ants.html>

that will fully inform you about the ants.

**Cassowaries:** Still being seen on the Kuranda Range Road. DO TAKE CARE. On no account feed them. That only encourages them come up to cars – at their peril.

**Pigs:** Please keep us posted – 4093 8834 – if you come across evidence of pig activity.

**Snake Removal:** Jax on 4093 8834



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# Kuranda Rangers all Set for a Great Year on the Field

Training sessions for Kuranda Rangers started at the Recreation Centre three weeks ago, and it was so great to arrive and see so many kids, families, and fabulous coaches on the field and getting into it.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have 76 registered players this year across all ages (U5 Squirts, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10/11, U12/13 and U14/15). 26 of these players were assisted with registration and uniform costs by the Getting Starting grant from Queensland Government, a fantastic scheme that makes sure all kids are able to join in club sports.

We are still able to take new players for a limited time – just turn up to a training afternoon to register.

Make sure you are training and playing safe: bring your boots, shin pads, water and adult supervision to Thursday training. Cheap footy gear is available at Thursday training sessions – 2nd hand boots and shin guards are still available. Please bring any gear in decent condition that you may have grown out of.

## EASTER FOOTY FUN!

The highly praised FNQ FC Heat Clinics are being offered for 3-13 year olds in the Easter holidays in Cairns (7-10 April) and Mareeba (16-17 Apr).

The full day clinics are an ideal environment for young players who are keen to gain extra advanced tips, as well as those wanting to get a first taste of the 'world game'.

This year Girls Only and Squirts (3-5yo) classes are available. Cost is \$55 for squirts & \$145 pp (6-13yo) and pre-registration is essential. Register here: <http://www.fnqfc.com.au/join/easter-clinics.html>

Thanks so much to all the wonderful parents and soccer lovers who have made everything happen so far – there isn't enough space to name you all here, but we all know who you are – all you Coaches, all you volunteers coordinating sign-ons and memberships, uniforms, organising teams, promoting the club, and getting the info out to the community for a brilliant 2014.

The 2014 FNQ season officially starts this Saturday March 29 at Endeavour Park Cairns.

## GO RANGERS!!!!

Stay up to date with all the latest news by liking Kuranda Rangers Football Club facebook page.

*Below: Lots of fun at Thursday afternoon training sessions!*



Nursery: 284 Myola Rd, Mon & Thu 9am-1pm, Sat 10-noon, ph: 4093 8989 / 4093 8393

## Biodiversity Project's youthful booster

We plant regularly every Saturday, then 4 or 5 times a year. In the wetter months, we have larger community tree-planting events. This month we planted with youthful vigour, enjoying a laugh with 6 JCU students from the Sustainability club. The 730 trees planted out along the Barron River esplanade near Owens Creek brought our total in the last 15 months to nearly 11,000. Thank you to every one who had anything to do with this amazing effort!



Birds (and males) spotted at Owens Creek planting,



This one nearby

These plantings are all part of the Biodiversity project, funded by a Federal Government "Caring for our Country" grant. This enables us to connect wildlife corridors from Fairyland to Mantaka, along the Barron river, over a 5 year period and establish a long held goal: a walking track within a wildlife corridor from Kuranda to Kowrowa. By revegetating we are minimising erosion, filtering sediments from draining to the Reef, eliminating declared weeds, connecting remnants of rainforest to encourage re-colonisation by rainforest specialists birds and reduce isolation of other animal populations such as the Myola frog and Southern cassowary, making homes for rare and threatened plant and animal species, and finally, preserving our biodiversity to provide resilience in the face of the uncertain climatic conditions of the future!

## Plant of the month

*Fagraea cambadei* (Porcelain fruit)

This small rain forest tree is hesitate to drop in for a chat. See from cool moist areas of North below for opening hours. Our trees East QLD. It grows at 300- are all a \$2 donation 1250m, with large cream to white strongly perfumed flowers & 'lipstick' pink fruits. The fruit are about 3-4cm diameter. This rainforest plant has the potential to use as an ornamental garden plant. If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't



## Date Claimers

Speaker meeting - Thursday 3rd April. 7- 8 pm,  
Kuranda Rec. centre, Fallon Road

Guest speakers:- Electric Ant Eradication and  
Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Programs  
(both ants are in Kuranda)

Followed by our AGM meeting at 8:15pm

Nomination forms available - phone Margaret on 4093 8393

Light supper provided - All welcome.

## Field activities – April, now later start of 8am

Meet at the nursery and bring hats, drinks, gloves, trowel if you have them. Morning tea to follow. All welcome.

Ring Sylvia on 0409 647 714 for directions

## Nursery opening

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Sat. morning Plantings 7:30 am-9:30am Meet at the nursery.  
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# Magic



Written by the children of Far North Queensland

## HUGS

Only Magic Club members shall be given the special 'Birthday Bear Greeting'



Cassie Bale

Ryley Bianchi

## MAGIC MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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### Poet's Ring

S izzling Sun  
U nder trees  
M elting icy poles  
M aking friends  
E verlasting sun  
R oasting beaches.

Lana Stapleton

How many words can you make from CROCODILE?

### Giggles

Knock Knock who's there? Some Bunny.  
Some Bunny who? SOME BUNNY IS EATING MY EGGS.

By Shaie Dolan

### Colour In Competition



### Dragon's Question



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Answers for the 'Muddled Words Puzzle' - 1. Tricycle 2. Scrambled Eggs 3. Alice in Wonderland.

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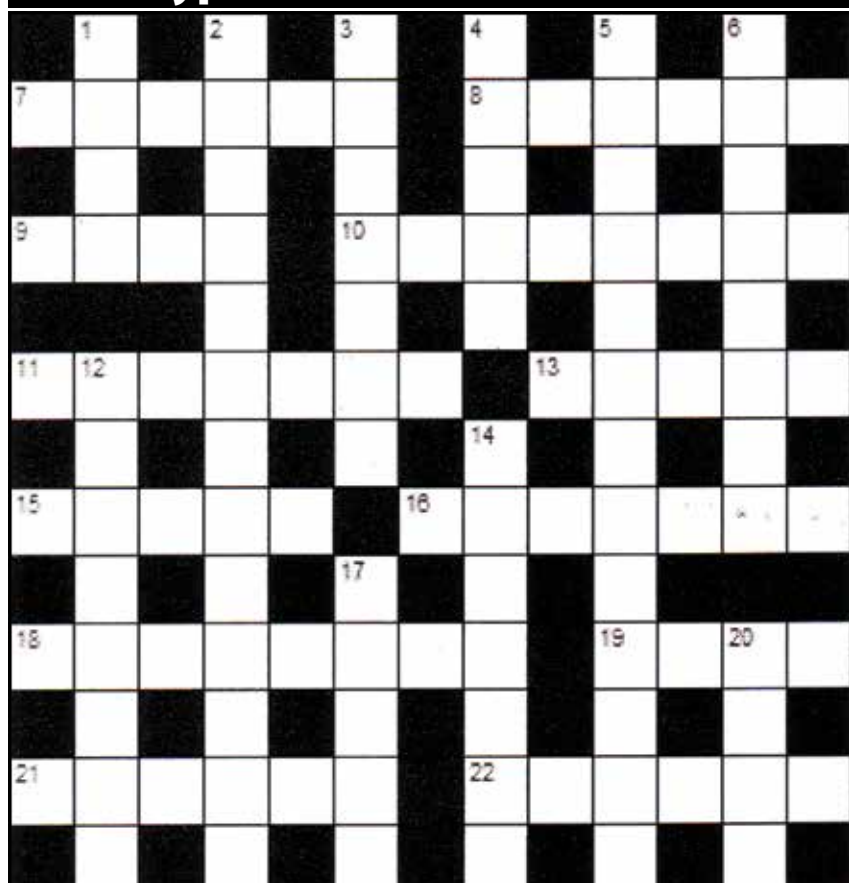
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## Cryptic Crossword #1 BY DAVID



### ACROSS

- Small trees produce thorns (6)
- Electricity charge generates bother (6)
- Barn holds grain (4)
- Bright light reveals artist, and two small princesses posed in front of church (8)
- Invisible? Mostly seen quite clearly (7)
- It is the hard part of consolidating one's finances (5)
- Somewhat loathsome expressions (5)
- Back surgery followed by zero convalescence leads to worst outcome (7)
- Guide to period accommodation in ships (8)
- Softly performed tune composed for duo (4)
- Company man is persuasive (6)
- Imposing body comes from management of ounces (6)

### DOWN

- Manipulate rasp to produce pole (4)
- Uninformed and sounds a bit dim (13)
- Like a straight edge? Usually (2,1,4)
- Unknown employee turned out to be useful (5)
- Researcher in the main (13)
- Clairvoyants give smart direction to confused spy (8)
- Lethargy found where it could be very busy (8)
- Whitewash hides blemishes (5,2)
- Tasty? Change one ingredient and it becomes unpleasant (5)
- People somewhat incautious towards invaders (4)

Solution on Page 28






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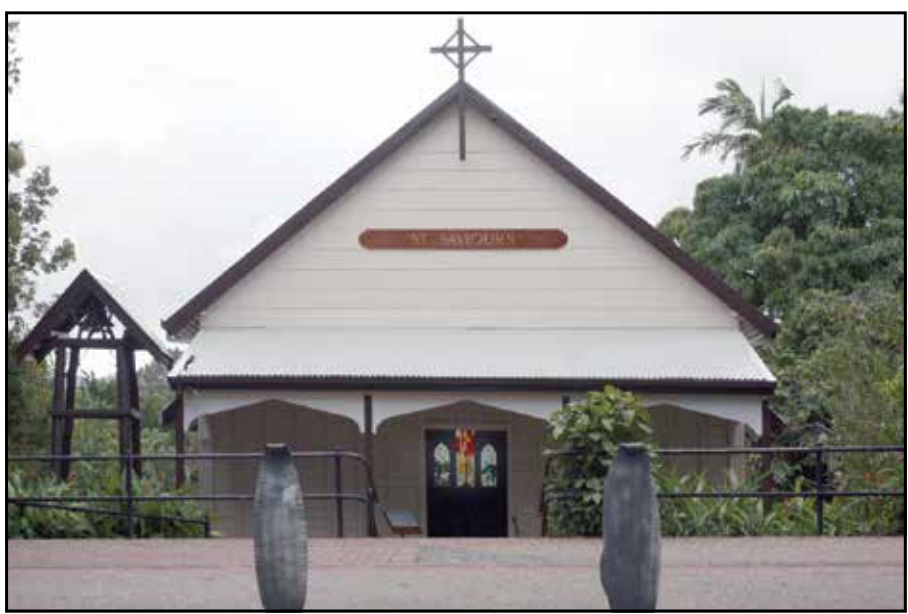
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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)<br><b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist<br><b>9.30am</b> Sunday School<br><b>5.00pm</b> Afternoon Worship<br>Holy Communion April 6 & 20<br>all other Evening Prayer<br><br><b>HOLY WEEK SERVICES</b><br>Sunday 13th Palm Sunday<br>8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)<br>9.30am Palm Sunday Liturgy<br>5.00pm Evening Prayer<br>Monday 14th<br>12.30pm Holy Communion | Tuesday 15th<br>9.00am Holy Communion<br>7.30pm Stations of the Cross<br>Wednesday 16th<br>12.30pm Holy Communion<br>Thursday April 17th (Maundy Thursday)<br>7.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper<br>and Washing of Feet<br>Friday 18th GOOD FRIDAY<br>9.30am Family Service<br>6.00pm Evening Prayer<br><b>EASTER SERVICES</b><br>Sunday 20th (Easter Sunday) | 6.00am Dawn Service of Light - Communion<br>9.30am Easter Family Eucharist<br>5.00pm Easter Communion<br><br><b>POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP</b><br>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.30am-12.30<br><br><b>ACTIVITIES</b><br>Home Groups • Alpha<br>A Life Worth Living • Sunday School<br><br><b>CAKES, PRODUCE &amp; BOOKS</b><br>Saturday April 5, 8.30am-12.30 |
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# A Thought for April

**The Wind**  
 This month we read from St John's Gospel Chapter 3 verses 1 to 17 and then concentrate on verse 8. (Jesus said): "The wind blows where it wills; you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from, or where it is going." – John 3:8  
 Nicodemus came to see Jesus by night. People in high places have to be careful. Criticism by our peers can be devastating, and the last thing is to give people the impression that you are letting down the system. When you are highly placed in public life and have everything to lose by making a careless move, you watch yourself very carefully if you wish to survive. But what if you are haunted by something which won't rest until you track it down?  
 Half of you wants to do this and the other half is afraid of real danger. What if this is the situation? For all these reasons Jesus' visitor came by night.  
 His name was Nicodemus. His assured role and position was at the very top in the national cabinet called the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus was the custodian of a great tradition. He was supposed to be, and expected to be, a national expert on God!  
 But he had met a stranger – we don't know how – casually passing a group in the temple area, or visiting a house to hear a Rabbi from the north; it could have been thus or otherwise. But Nicodemus had been at first interested in a patronizing way, then intrigued, and finally to his surprise and alarm magnetically drawn.  
 They may have met at the house in Bethany. That's where Jesus often stayed at night when he was down south. That too would be safely away from Jerusalem, from its sentries, and from the community in which Nicodemus usually moved.  
 For Christians the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus is one of the great shining jewels of the New Testament. Nicodemus begins by trying to reassure this rural teacher, who might be overawed by such a visitor. Jesus has certain powers; he must then be genuine. It's quite logical.  
 But with devastating directness Jesus dismisses the cool deductions of Nicodemus and speaks of the need to experience the presence of God and offer oneself to him. Nicodemus counters with levity. The Rabbi must be joking with this image of being born again! Surely they are chatting as intelligent men, are they not?  
 Again Jesus moves in without mercy. Nicodemus has a great deal of information, an endless supply of learning; for him there is a magnificent system of religion in which God is categorized and analyzed. Jesus does not so much say that this is evil or even undesirable; he says rather that it is not enough. There is another level of knowing God. The image which Jesus uses is a tantalizing one.  
 He speaks of a wind, an unpredictable wind which you cannot order at your wish nor predict when it blows. Something deep down in Nicodemus is drawn to what Jesus is saying. Layers of being, beyond thought and analysis and speculation, live within him like ancient instruments not played for many years. And here is a voice plucking at those half-forgotten strings of his being, making for him a far-off music that is wild, fierce and joyous.  
 We never see how they part that night. All we do know is that months afterward, when his peers on the Sanhedrin are preparing to move against Jesus, Nicodemus manages to postpone the inevitable clash, not without risk to his position. Still later Nicodemus assists Joseph of Arimathea with the body of the man who had argued him above reason.



Nicodemus had haunted by the distant sound of the wind which Jesus had spoken of. He had begun to suspect that there is more to the relationship between God and his creatures than merely a law, a system, an organization, a formal belonging, a distant acquaintance. Nicodemus had begun to suspect that God is a lover who wishes to possess and be possessed, to be known not merely as information but to be experienced as friend, as Lord, as Saviour.

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*Local projects – various dates – Tramp Ants Cairns*

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## April Stars

**A**PRIL Fool's Day? The Sun, at the moment the month begins, sits at exactly 11 degrees, 11 minutes Aries: 11.11. Seems that the horns of the Ram are sparkling, alive, and ready to slice a new path, new life, new levels of self-expression and a bright vitality. The Sun is also exactly conjunct Uranus, and squaring off to a Jupiter-Pluto opposition. This is a very potent combination-explosive; expansive, absolutely fearless and simultaneously ripping up the old ground and spreading fertile seeds.

Apply all of that to our own life and we may see that the whole thing is really a great big joke. Join in the fun and we are laughing. Really.

From the beginning to the centre 15 April is amazing. There's a full moon in Libra and a total Lunar Eclipse. We might just see it as the Moon rises that evening at sunset (as it does at full moon). It feels like the scales being swung up and down and rebalanced on a socially equitable level. A perfect time to look at personal karmic balancing. Pay it back; pay it forward; accept the lessons and seek the understanding. The time is right. And also, Pluto comes to a standstill before reversing motion for six months. This is happening in Capricorn so the foundations and structures are taking a hit—preparing the old ground for the new seeding. If it's global it's personal. Galactic energy focussed, laser-like, streaming through a stationary, earthed Pluto. Stand by for demolition of all that is now ready for release.

The Moon, Mercury and Mars are also in alignment, completing a grand cross of tremendous initiating potential. What begins now flies a proud and beautiful banner. A Venus-Neptune conjunction at the same time (middle week of the month) softens, gentles and lovingly smooths the transition. The release from suffering and the greatest joy flow through.

Then, at the end of the month, 29th, there's an annular Solar Eclipse, around 4.00pm, visible over Antarctica and deep Southern Australia. Imagine this one at the South Pole. "Annular" means a ring of light around the Moon's shadow as it covers the Sun. Seeing this through the sparkling icy atmosphere of Antarctica. Spectacular. The Solar Eclipse, in Taurus, over the Pole has something very fertile and fruitful about it. The next six months, as Pluto slowly retros, will show what is taking root.

Don't sweat what gets blown apart on the retro Mars square Pluto on 24-24 April. It's part of the path-clearing. Just keep out of the rage-zone; it could be rough. Quite a ride isn't it? The rainbow bridge is building and strengthening and, as we approach the three dog nights, it's joy to the world.

The astrology talk on 15 March was a whole lotta love, fun and truth. Thanks for coming. We'll do another one in May.

Blessings.



**Rob Hart**

Resident Astrologer & Tarot Card Reader  
Kuranda Heritage Markets  
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*If someone in your family has a drinking problem, you can see what it is doing to them, but can you see what it is doing to you?*

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MEETINGS IN KURANDA,  
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## Community Calendar

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| Every Sat                | <b>Kuranda Envirocare</b> Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website <a href="http://www.envirocare.org.au">www.envirocare.org.au</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1st Sat                  | <b>Garden Group</b> 2.00pm Ph David or Graham 4093 9492                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Every Sun                | <b>A.A. CWA Hall</b> 10.30am Ph 4093 7599<br><b>Speewah Country Market</b> 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361<br><b>Yoga with Aileen</b> 10.30am Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3rd Sun                  | <b>Kuranda Film Society</b> 4.00pm to 8.00pm, Kuranda Recreation Centre Ph Garth 4093 9926                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2nd Sun                  | <b>Uniting Church</b> Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Every Mon                | <b>Kids Aerial Circus</b> with Louise Kohn. Bookings essential at the Amphitheatre 3.30 pm, 0424 928 917<br><b>Yoga – Gentle</b> 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3rd Mon                  | <b>KNC Management Committee Meeting</b> 6.00pm Rob Veivers Drive Ph 4093 8933                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Every Tues,<br>Wed & Fri | <b>Al-Anon Family Groups</b> 6.00pm<br>Ph Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON<br><b>Karate</b> at CWA Hall Kuranda 6.15pm to 7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380<br><b>Koah Sports &amp; Social Club</b> 7.30pm Barbara La Baysse 4093 7026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Every Tue                | <b>Tribal Bellydance</b> at Kuranda Community Precinct.<br>Ph Lisa 0409 367 967.<br><b>Tae Kwon Do &amp; Self Defence</b> 6.30pm CWA Hall<br>Ph 0437 438 196<br><b>8 Ball</b> 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2nd Tue                  | <b>Tourism Kuranda</b> meets behind St Saviour's Church.<br><b>Kuranda SES Training</b> , 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road.<br>Contact James Partridge 0402 119 642                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2nd & 4th Tue            | <b>Mareeba Toastmasters</b> meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL.<br>Phone Fran 4093 7288 or Joe 4092 2089. Guests welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Every Wed                | <b>Yoga</b> 6.00 pm Kuranda Recreation Centre: Contact Aileen 4093 7401<br><b>Lifeline Counselling</b> at KNC (appointment necessary)<br><b>Craft and Social Morning</b> at QCWA hall 9.00am<br><b>Kuranda Playgroup</b> 9.30am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.<br>New families please phone Lynda 4093 0891 or 0410 337 932.<br><b>Karate</b> at Koah Hall 6.15pm-7.15pm for more info call Geoff 4093 7380<br><b>Mah Jong</b> at KNC 1.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome<br><b>*New* Wing Chun (Kung Fu)</b> The Amphitheatre 6.30 to 7.30pm.<br>Ph Kurt Golden 0400 772 645<br><b>Yoga for kids.</b> Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283 |
| 1st Wed                  | <b>Kuranda Interagency Network</b> Meeting 2.00pm at KNC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2nd Wed                  | <b>Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce</b> 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel<br><b>QCWA</b> meeting 12.30pm at Hall Ph 4093 7016<br><b>Kuranda and Environs Community Alliance Group</b> – 10.00am Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Every Thur               | <b>Rotary</b> 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206<br><b>Tae Kwon Do &amp; Self Defence</b> 6.30pm CWA Hall Ph 0437 438 196<br><b>Capoeira Training and Roda.</b> 7-8:30pm. Phone Ole 0468 408 963<br><b>Kuranda Rangers Soccer:</b> training 4.00-5.30 Refer to Kuranda Rangers Football Club facebook page for more details.<br><b>Kurandacoots Adult Circus Jam</b> at the Amphitheatre 6.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2nd Thur                 | <b>Ambulance</b> 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>CAIRNS</b> Central Rail Station | <b>8.45am</b>    | <b>3.20pm</b> | <b>5.45pm</b> | <b>8.45am</b>  | <b>3.20pm</b> | <b>3.20pm</b> | <b>5.45pm</b> |
| <b>SMITHFIELD</b> Bus Shelter      | <b>9.00am</b>    | <b>3.35pm</b> | <b>6.00pm</b> | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>3.35pm</b> | <b>3.35pm</b> | <b>6.00pm</b> |
| <b>KURANDA</b>                     | <b>9.20am</b>    | <b>4.05pm</b> | <b>6.25pm</b> | <b>9.20am</b>  | <b>4.05pm</b> | <b>4.05pm</b> | <b>6.25pm</b> |
| <b>SPEEWAH</b>                     | <b>9.25am</b>    | <b>4.10pm</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>9.25am</b>  | <b>4.10pm</b> | <b>4.10pm</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> |
| <b>MAREEBA</b>                     | <b>9.55am</b>    | <b>4.40pm</b> | <b>6.55pm</b> | <b>9.55am</b>  | <b>4.40pm</b> | <b>4.40pm</b> | <b>6.55pm</b> |
| <b>ATHERTON</b> Service Terminates | <b>10.30am</b>   | <b>5.15pm</b> | <b>7.30pm</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>5.15pm</b> | <b>5.15pm</b> | <b>7.30pm</b> |

**Atherton/Cairns Services** – No Services on **CHRISTMAS DAY** or **GOOD FRIDAY**  
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