

2016 State Referendum – Fixed Term Parliament

The Electoral Commission of Queensland will conduct a State Referendum on Saturday 19th March 2016 in conjunction with the Local Government Quadrennial Elections. The referendum seeks approval from Queenslanders to change the term of Queensland State Parliament.

Currently, Queensland's State Parliament sits for a term no longer than three years. The referendum calls for electors to either vote 'Yes' or 'No' to approve the Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Bill 2015 which seeks to change parliament's term to a fixed four years.

Arguments for and against are now available to be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/2016-state-referendum>.

Copies of the arguments will also be mailed to each Queensland elector in the next week along with the Voter Information Letter, which contains important information about the Referendum and Local Government Elections.

For more information on the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election and State Referendum visit www.ecq.qld.gov.au.



Mayor Tom Gilmore Re-elected Unopposed

There being no other candidates for the position of Mayor in the upcoming Mareeba Shire Council election, incumbent Mayor Tom Gilmore has been re-elected for another term.

MAREEBA SHIRE – ADVICE FOR VOTERS

Please note: unlike State or Federal elections votes on the day can only be cast within the Shire. If you will be outside the Shire you need to apply for a postal vote or vote pre poll.

Pre-Poll (Pre Election Day) Voting Timelines

POSTAL:

Applications for postal vote:

Starts: Saturday 6th February 2016

Ends: 7.00pm Wednesday 16th March 2016

Declaration (Postal) Voting

6.00pm Saturday 19th March 2016

Cut-Off for Return of Postal Votes

6.00pm Tuesday 29th March 2016

IN PERSON : MSC Voters

Pre-Poll Voting - In Person

Starts: 9.00am Monday 14th March 2016

Ends: 6.00pm Friday 18th March 2016

(day before Voting day March 19th)

IN PERSON: NON MSC Voters

Pre-Poll Voting – Electoral Visitor Applications

Starts: Saturday 6th February 2016

Ends: 7.00pm Wednesday 16th March 2016

Pre-Poll In Person Voting – Electoral Visitor Voting

Starts: Thursday 9.00am 18th February 2016

Ends: 6.00pm Saturday 19th March 2016

Pre Polling Times:

14th March – 17th March 2016

Monday–Thursday 9.00am–5.00pm and

18th March – Friday 9.00am–6.00pm

Kuranda CWA Hall, 20 Thongon Street, Kuranda
LG Returning Office, 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
(Walsh Street entrance)

Polling Booths on the day

Saturday 19 March 2016 8.00am to 6.00pm

Biboohra State School, Petersen Street, Biboohra

Chillagoe State School, Cathedral Street, Chillagoe

Dimbulah State School, 48-50 Kennedy Street,
Dimbulah

Herberton LG Shire Hall, Cnr Grace and William
Streets, Herberton

Julatten State School, 1141 Euluma Creek Road,
Julatten

Kuranda CWA Hall, 20 Thongon Street, Kuranda

Mareeba State School, Constance Street, Mareeba

Mareeba Hospital, 21 Lloyd Street, MAREEBA

Mareeba State High School, Jasper Street, Mareeba

West

Mount Molloy CWA Hall, Main Street, Mount Molloy

Mutchilba State School, 33 Marsterson Street,

Mutchilba

Speewah Fire Shed, Cnr Speewah Road and William

Smith Drive, Speewah

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A Cautionary Note to Aspiring Kuranda MSC Candidates

You cannot win a place on Council if you
are depending on the Kuranda vote. The
population base for the Mareeba Shire
is in Mareeba. If you win a place it will
be because you attracted the vote from
Mareeba. Look at the numbers: Mareeba
and surrounds' voting population is over
12,000. Kuranda's is about 3000. Even if
everyone in Kuranda votes for you, which
they won't, you won't stand a chance.

This is because Mareeba Shire no
longer has divisions. Kuranda used
to be Division 4 and we had a local
representative for that reason. In those
days, if the majority in Kuranda voted
for you, you won the seat. That has now
changed. The wisdom behind eliminating
divisions is that all councillors should
represent all corners of the shire
with equal dedication. Admirable but
unrealistic. Kuranda has been in this
situation before – we had no voice. We
were consulted to some extent, but we
were powerless. Now, it's back to those
days.

If you are part of a team, you might
pick up Mareeba votes from voters
supporting all members of a team. But,
voters tend to vote for who they know. If
you are not known in Mareeba you are not
likely to do well. Please prove me wrong.

If you want to do something for
Kuranda, lobby for a Kuranda division.
It's too late for the next three years, but
maybe there's a chance to change things
in the future.

– Jax Bergersen

Road Works

Ratepayers are well aware of the impact
Rates notices have upon their budget
twice every year, and no doubt struggle
accordingly. So the expenditure of these
funds is critical.

This letter is about the irresponsible
and profligate expenditure of some of this
money.

Anyone using Myola Road would be
well aware of the dangerous problem
facing motorists once crossing the Owen
Creek bridge and the big dip past the
bridge – with NIL visibility for motorists
driving up the incline and with the same
NIL visibility for motorists leaving High
Chapparal Road, turning right onto
Myola Road.

There was at one stage a mirror in
place to assist motorists exiting High
Chapparal, this was removed and left
drivers to take "pot luck" when exiting.

Well, the powers that be making
decisions with our Capital Works Funds
have come in with a BIG BANG theory,
to the extent of leaving onlookers aghast.
With NO consultation with the local
residents who repeatedly over the years
have brought this to the attention of
Council.

All that was needed (the KISS principle
– Keep It Simple Stupid) whereby the top
of the rise is removed by about a metre
and bitumen replaced – no bypassing
roads, no curbing and channelling and
problem solved. KISS.

This Capital Works expenditure
simply ticks Council's box, at no time
addressing the serious and dangerous
visibility problem that has/is and will
remain on the completion of these

extravagant roadworks.

To the motorists using this section
of our roads and to the residents of
High Chapparal Road, we will hold the
Council responsible for the outcome. This
profligate use of our scarce capital funds
could have been better spent – starting
with a shade cover over our pool during
the summer months.

– Cheryl Tonkin, Myola

Response to Nadine O'Brien 'Environmental Concerns'

Re Letter to the Editor, *The Kuranda
Paper* February 2016 Issue 273.

As the developer of eco@jumrum
in Kuranda I would like to provide an
official response to Nadine O'Brien's
letter that was published in Issue 273.
The letter point blank refutes the truth
of our communications message which
is based on eco@jumrum's integrity as
an environmental development. She
incorrectly infers that what we claim is
purely marketing 'spin' and questions our
ethics as developers.

Real estate development is a very
broad term for an industry of people and
organisations who cannot be pigeon-
holed or packaged. Yes, I agree that
there have been many ill-conceived
developments that have forsaken the
environment in lieu of financial gain. I,
for one, am not that person. I have worked
hard all my life and it is with an empathy
and passion for the environment that we
as a family based development company
go about our business.

It was with these intentions in
mind that we set about the challenging
negotiation with the Urban Development
Institute of Australia (UDIA) to ensure
that what we were offering was an
environmental development. The word
'environment' is not used lightly but
taken seriously. As such we spent a
lot of time, money and hard work to
ensure we achieved EnviroDevelopment
certification – the first in north
Queensland in fact. EnviroDevelopment
is a scientifically-based assessment
scheme that independently reviews
development projects and awards
certification to those that achieve
outstanding performance across four
or more of six distinct sustainability
measures – Ecosystems, Waste, Energy,
Materials, Water and Community.

When Adam Gowlett, UDIA
(Queensland) Cairns Branch President,
presented us with our certification in
November of last year he was publicly
quoted as follows:

"What the UDIA's EnviroDevelopment
certification does is create a structural
framework for developers to promote
assimilation and protection of the natural
environment.

"We applaud Mr Taylor for his highly
sensitive and forward thinking approach
– an example of which is the restriction of
a 2000 square metres building envelope
(of each allotment, which range in size
from 3000 square metres to 7000 square
metres), with the remainder of the
land protected by a strict covenant for
perpetuity. Added to this, the covenants
dictate that lots cannot be fenced beyond
the building envelope.

This is another protective measure
being undertaken to ensure connectivity
or the free movement of fauna," he said.

It is hard to imagine that 20 years
ago there was nothing on the eco@
jumrum site – it had been totally cleared.
Since then regrowth has created a leaf
canopy that will allow the regeneration
of a natural rainforest. We will be doing
everything we can to ensure it is protected
and improved. This even includes
partnering with EnviroCare to undertake
rehabilitation works for Jumrum and
Ulysses Creeks.

We have also put a number of
incentives for buyers in place to do their
bit in protecting their environment while
creating a legacy for the future. This
includes the presentation of specific
design plans for each lot showing buyers
the best place to build according to sun
and prevailing breezes, subsidising
native landscape packages up to \$2,000
if purchased from Envirocare, and the
provision of a compost bin.

I trust this letter has satisfied your
readers as to the extent in which we are
working to deliver sound environmental
outcomes for this very special piece of
land.

– Steve Taylor,
Developer, eco@jumrum

Kuranda Medical Service

I am writing to update the **Kuranda
Paper** and Kuranda locals on exciting
changes to the medical centre.

After a famine of GPs for a number
of years we appear to be entering a time
of plenty. Currents GPs include Dr Dave
Cuming, Dr Aileen Traves, Dr Clint Scott,
Dr Anusha Pandithasekera, Dr Jessica
Fulton, Dr Hal Hancock and hopefully Dr
Harry Dye in the next 2-3 months.

Dr Dave continues to work in Kuranda
three days each week, Dr Aileen has
returned after maternity leave to work on
Tuesdays, Dr Clint has returned to work
full time for the foreseeable future, Dr.
Anusha four days each week, Dr Jess our
new GP Registrar will be here until July
16 working four days, Dr Hal on Fridays
and Dr Harry full time when he arrives.

What does all this mean? Hopefully
less wait for appointments and a
collection of great GPs to offer a multitude
of services. Feast while the going is good.

– Dr Dave Cuming

Opal Card Update

Last month's letter from Marie Boswarva
warned of a problem obtaining an Opal
card to travel on public transport in
Sydney for Queensland seniors.

From personal experience I suggest
travellers call at the Information desk at
Central station with passport or driver's
license and a concession Opal card will be
issued immediately.

– Pat Daly

Road Rules Woes

When did all the road rules change? I was
taught to stop at a pedestrian crossing and
wait till the person crossing had stepped
onto the footpath on the other side or
onto the centre island on a divided road.
But no one stops longer than for someone
to walk in front of their car.

Also roundabouts – no giving way to
the right any more? If there is space then
zip into it seems to be the thing to do!

– Steffany Nayman

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Easter in Kuranda

Saturday 26th March 2016

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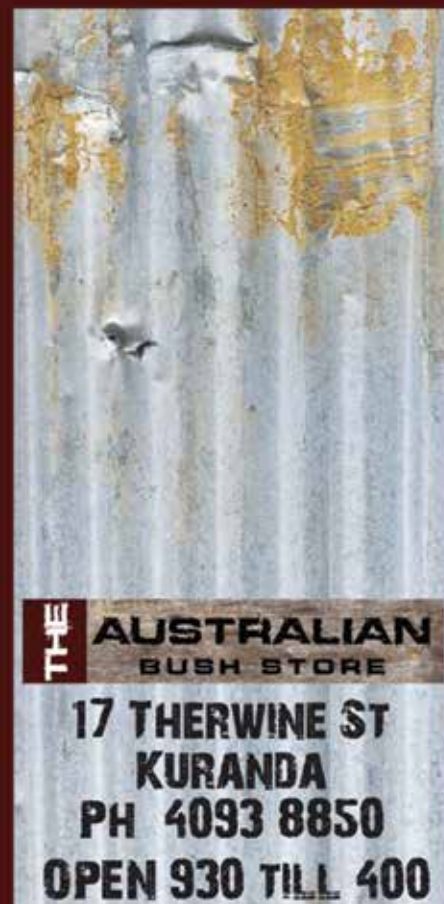
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Yoga Workshop in Myola For health strength and flexibility

A 6-week progressive introductory Yoga Workshop will start on Saturday 12 March at 10.00am for 7 consecutive Saturdays [not Easter] for all, irrespective of age fitness and gender, cost \$10/week.

If you have an interest in improving your health, strength and flexibility and thought yoga might be the answer, here is an opportunity to find out. For details and to book a spot as the workshop is limited to six persons.

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Land Clearing Accelerating in Queensland

Land clearing has returned to Queensland in a big way. After concern was expressed [by *The Conversation*] that policy changes since 2012 would lead to a resurgence in clearing of native vegetation, this outcome was confirmed by government figures released late last year.

It is now clear that land clearing is accelerating in Queensland. The new data confirm that 296,000 hectares of bushland was cleared in 2013-14 – three times as much as in 2008-09 – mainly for conversion to pastures.

Alarming, the data show that clearing in catchments that drain onto the Great Barrier Reef increased dramatically, and constituted 35% of total clearing across Queensland in 2013-14. The loss of native vegetation cover in such regions is one of the major drivers of the deteriorating water quality in the reef's lagoon, which threatens seagrass, coral reefs, and other marine ecosystems.

Land clearing affects all Australians, not just Queenslanders. Australia spends hundreds of millions of dollars each year trying to redress past environmental damage from land clearing. Tens of thousands of volunteers dedicate their time, money and land to the effort.

But despite undeniable local benefits of such programs, their contribution to national environmental goals is undone, sometimes many times over, by the damage being done in Queensland.

Take the federal government's 20 million trees program. At a cost of A\$50

million, it aims to replace 20 million trees by 2020 to redress some of the damage from past land clearing.

Yet just one year of increased land clearing in Queensland has already removed many more trees than will be painstakingly planted during the entire program.

Species cannot recover if their habitat is being destroyed faster than it is being restored. But under Caring for our Country and Biodiversity Fund grants, the extent of tree planting to restore habitat across Australia reported since 2013 is just over 42,000 hectares – an order of magnitude less than what was cleared in Queensland alone in just two years.

We are running up a large environmental debt that will eventually have to be paid by all Australians, one way or another.

And some damage, like the loss of a species, is irreversible.

Previous native vegetation laws had successfully reduced land clearing, but were reversed in 2013 by the former Newman government.

The current Palaszczuk government in Queensland has repeated its election promise to re-strengthen native vegetation protections. The amendment bill is due to be introduced to parliament within weeks.

But the minority government relies on the votes of cross-benchers to pass its legislation—so for now, the future of some of Australia's most precious environmental assets remains uncertain.

Courtesy of *The Conversation*

See full story and more at <https://theconversation.com>



The Importance of Walking

- Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.
- My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- I joined a health club last year, spent about 250 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there!
- Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.
- I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

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Grace Armenti



Mover and Shaker: I'm often referred to by my colleagues and friends as a mover and shaker and this would have to be a pretty accurate description of who I am. I am drawn toward visions and ideas and making them happen. As soon as there's word on an event – whether for charity, fundraising, community or social – I'm the enthusiastic one figuring out how to make it happen. I plan for success and always have Plan B in place, just in case. If that doesn't work there is always another solution that I find. It may not always be the exact one you want, but it will be a positive result.

This is how I approach everything in life. My determination and ambitious drive help me achieve the outcomes I plan towards and this how I will achieve the outcomes for Mareeba Shire residents.

Nipper Brown



I am aged 54, married to Vickie; we have three children – 22, 19 and 11. Long term resident of Mutchilba. After leaving school I spent five years in the rural industry. Joined Telstra for 23 years and since have managed my own business for last 12 years.

I strongly advocate promoting and encouraging growth in industry across the whole Shire keeping as much as we can local. I support maintaining jobs and keeping our youth within our Communities.

The promotion and encouragement of all sporting activities across our Shire by all age groups is an important ideal for me.

I believe in encouraging community groups to utilise our facilities helps maintain a strong community spirit.

Kevin Davies



I have been a resident of Mareeba Shire for over 40 years, third generation, married to Pauline with two boys.

I have been involved in the community through Rotary, sports and work, having worked in Local Government for 25 years.

I believe in maintaining existing infrastructure to a good standard, from roads to bridges to water and sewerage plants, being proactive not reactive in maintenance.

I have been an active member of the Rotary Club for eight years and on the FNQ Rotary Field Day committee.

I believe that my experience and knowledge in local government and waste sector gives me the ability to make clear and decisive decisions that will benefit the whole of Mareeba Shire for now and future generations.

Karen Ewin



Living in the Far North all my life from reef to savannah to rainforest I chose to live in Mareeba with my family.

Owners of a small business we also grow limes and lychees. Living in remote FNQ, I understand the need for connectivity through roads, technology and the importance of health, education and community services.

I love the outdoors and value our natural resources.

My belief, that building stronger vibrant liveable communities where peoples choose to work, invest and play, has not altered.

I am Representative on PCYC, Tourism Kuranda, Terrain, RADF and the Local Disaster-Community Support Sub-Group. Over 43 years experience in the legal profession, Education Qld, Corrective Services, Local Government and business give me skills to be your Councillor.

Mary Graham



Daughter of Italian migrants, born in Mareeba and grew up on a tobacco farm on the Walsh River between Mareeba and Dimbulah.

Schooled at Mutchilba State School and Mt Saint Bernard College, Herberton. Upon finishing school worked for a local solicitor's office before settling down to married life at a little place called Ootann Siding. It was during this time that our two girls were born.

I bring 40 plus years of experience in the retail industry between owning two family businesses and working for Coles supermarkets.

As a councillor I have been involved with safer communities, the Mareeba Heritage Centre, multicultural and Relay for Life committees.

Maggie Herbohn



A local for 30 years, worked as an employee and business owner; worked in Kuranda and Mareeba.

Formed 'Kuranda Top of the Range Neighbourhood Watch'; Secretary of 'Kuranda District Residents Group'.

Personal policies: based on community consultation, an environmental protection policy; Youth criminal offenders complete community service. Set up a Youth Forum. Facilitating transparent local government practices

Awareness campaign: dangerous impact; damage to our agriculture, farming, rainforest by the invasion of yellow crazy ants

Local Businesses: Encouraging and supporting by procurement whenever possible; Liaising with Local Chambers of Commerce.

Allan Holmes



I have lived in Mareeba for over 40 years. I raised my family here and ran my family business, rural consulting and cattle properties, from my Mareeba base.

I think the greatest achievement of council since de-amalgamation has been first class financial management.

Two years, two balanced budgets, no extra taxes or levies, minimum rate increases and a sound financial base for the future.

This council is now leaner and more efficient than the one we inherited at de-amalgamation. Council staff are committed and competent – together we will continue the work of making Mareeba shire bigger, better and the place to live, work and relax.

Alan Pedersen



Born in Mareeba, 1959 I completed my schooling here and then did an apprenticeship in bricklaying, before moving to Hurricane Station west of Mareeba with my parents in 1980.

When our family sold Hurricane in 1989 my wife and I bought the neighbouring property "Karma Waters" where we raised our three sons and still live today. I worked for five years implementing the Natural Heritage Trust Program in Cape York and have run an earthmoving business for 25 years in conjunction with the cattle operation on Karma Waters. I have served as a Councillor for 11 years. I chaired the Great Wheelbarrow Race Committee for four years and am currently president of the Mt Carbine Rodeo Association.

Angela Toppin



An abiding passion for family, education and community affairs has prompted former Mareeba SHS Principal, Mrs Angela Toppin, to nominate for a position on the Mareeba Shire Council. "Strong communities like ours need a council which represents the interests of all our residents and I would love to be part of that," she said.

Born and bred in Mareeba, Angela says "The supportive nature of this community makes it an ideal place for families."

Angela has spent most of her career working in local schools. "Getting to know young people and their families has helped me to understand the issues which face the community and the different ways in which these needs can be addressed".

Angela's passion for her community has also been reflected in her membership of various community organisations.

Lenore Wyatt

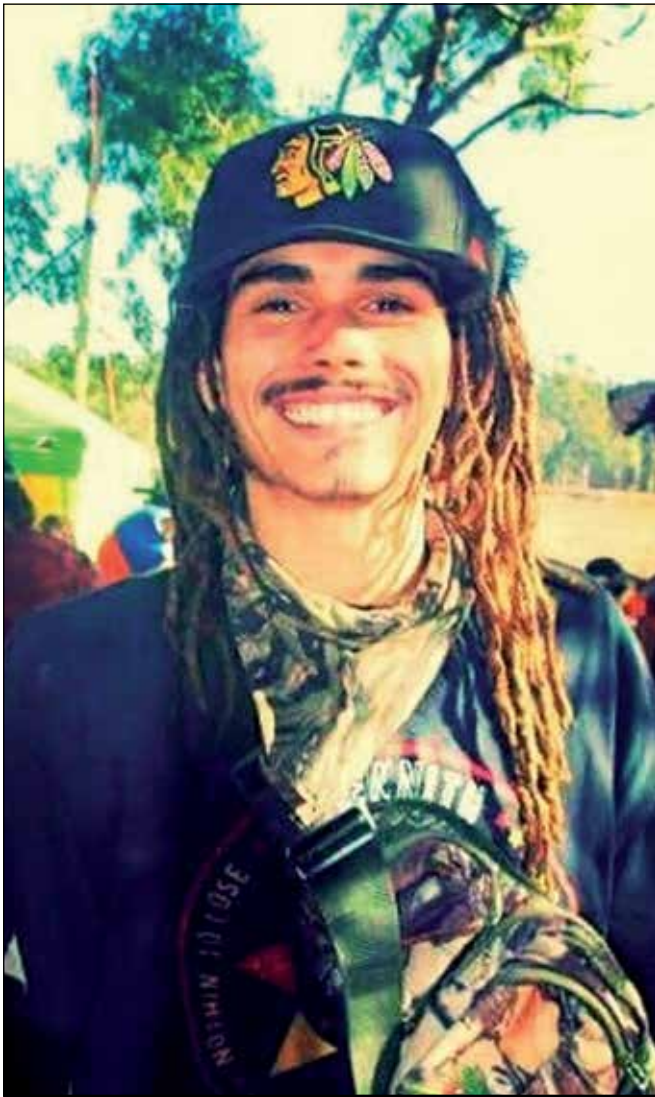


I am standing for a position of an Independent Councillor for Mareeba Shire Council.

I am a local resident of the shire, all of my 42 years, and live in the Bibbohra area. I am married and have three sons; we live on a 300 acre property on the Barron River breeding Brahman cattle as a hobby. My career background is in Logistics with the State Government, I am the current 5th Officer / Chairperson of the Hodzic Road Rural Fire Brigade.

Sustainability and recycling, road upgrades and maintenance are part of my priorities focus. I encourage you to get to know me better by liking my Facebook page "Lenore Wyatt – for Councillor Mareeba Shire Elections 2016" and come along for the ride.





Jay Jay Stevens/Gilkerson

Born on the 5th August 1994, just 21 years of age, died on the 2nd February

Precious soul you have left us far too soon.

Jay Jay was one of Kuranda's own home grown – a bush boy with a massive heart and immense empathy for all living creatures. As a small child he was wild in spirit, headstrong and confident. A born leader, determined and powerful – a true Leo/Lion. His driving force was his strong spiritual connection to his homelands and culture. With a passion for music JJ thrived on uniting people together throughout the community and afar. Real to his core and true to his word JJ always expressed his love for his family and friends. His roots to Kuranda were firmly planted and he loved and appreciated this paradise he called home. JJ's heart was an open door full of love and light that would explode into that big smile he would give when he saw you. He was always a joker, a storyteller and never afraid to speak his mind.

JJ loved so deeply and so passionately at times he really struggled with his emotions. His journey like many others has not always been an easy one. Losing him is a very painful lesson. Please reach out to one another in a moment of anguish and distress, Love one another and forgive one another. By leaving far too soon the damage left behind is irreparable and irreversible. Loved ones, family, friends and community left with terrible pain to bear.

Please reach out –
Love one another –
forgive one another.
We are all on this journey
together.

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Easter in Kuranda

On **Easter Saturday 26 March** it will be raining chocolate eggs in Kuranda when the village hosts its annual Easter in the Park celebration treating everyone to a day of free family fun.

Tourism Kuranda Executive Officer Marc Sleeman said the highlight would be 14,000 Easter eggs raining down from a crane in Centenary Park with egg drops every hour from 11.00am to 2.00pm. "This year we have set aside a special area for children aged five and under to ensure they get to meet the Easter Bunny and receive chocolate eggs separately from the crowd." Easter in the Park is from 10am to 4pm on March 26 with plenty of free activities and an Easter bonnet competition in Centenary Park.

This year we will be directing all visitors to park their cars in Bartley Park down past the Library and this will certainly help with parking congestion that we have experienced in previous years.

Calling for Volunteers



Tourism Kuranda is calling for volunteers to help out for Easter in the Park: help marshal visitors, help in Centenary Park with the kids games (sack race and egg and spoon races) and we would be keen to talk to any local who would be happy to dress up in an Easter Bunny Suit – and someone who doesn't mind heights!

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THIS month we look at one of my favourite native bees, the Blue Banded Bee (Genus Amegilla). These delightful bees are a bit larger than a European honey bee (about 11mm long) and have iridescent blue bands of fur across their abdomen. They display a darting, hovering flight pattern, and buzz a little louder than a honey bee when flying.

There are around 25 species of the Blue banded bee that can be found in all parts of mainland Australia. These warmer months are the time to spot the adult bees in your garden. They are particularly active in the Kuranda area



right now, so keep an eye out on your herbs and vegetables and you will probably see at least one pollinating your crop.

You will not see these bees in winter as the adult bees die as the temperature drops. However, the young bees are dormant inside the nest and will emerge as adults when spring arrives.

They are solitary bees, (i.e. they do not live in colonies), although they do tend to pick nesting sites close to others and can form a kind of 'neighbourhood' of nests if a good nesting site is available.

After mating, the female Blue Banded bee builds a nest on her own, in shallow soil or clay and sometimes in bricks and mortar.

At the end of the nest tunnel she will lay an egg with a pollen/nectar mix which is food for the larva.

The males are essentially homeless! You may see a group of male blue banded bees resting on grass stems or reeds at night – something to look for if you are out spotlighting in your yard. The largest group of roosting bees recorded was 100!

Blue banded bees are one of three Australian Native bee that can perform a special type of pollination called 'buzz pollination'.

Some flowers hide their pollen inside tiny capsules. A blue banded bee can grasp these flowers and vibrate her flight muscles, causing the pollen to shoot out of the capsule. She then collects the pollen and carries it from flower to flower, pollinating as she goes. Quite a few of our native Australian flowers require buzz pollination eg Hibbertia, Senna and Solanum and others, such as tomatoes, reproduce more successfully with buzz pollinators in attendance. Research has shown a 15-20% increase in yield from greenhouse tomatoes that have been buzz pollinated.



Blue-banded bees are very active foragers, and will visit around 1200 tomato flowers per day.

Blue banded bees are not at all aggressive

as they have no hive to defend but they can give a mild sting if you grab them or step on them.

To attract these bees to your garden, you can provide nesting sites and food plants that they prefer: a location with permanently undisturbed soil will provide them with more nesting and breeding opportunities, preferably near a dam or creek

They have a preference for purple or blue flowers, also Salvias, Lavender, Sage, Thyme, Mint, Borage, Basil, Alliums, Eggplant, Tomatoes.



Mareeba Hospital

Mareeba Shire Council has received a confidential briefing from senior officers of Queensland Health about the future provision of health services for both Mareeba and the broader Tableland region.

"Council had sought this briefing following concerns expressed by a number of community members that in the event of a new hospital in Atherton that the Mareeba Hospital would be diminished," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

"We were informed that there are no plans to reduce the level of service or status of the Mareeba Hospital and we have received undertaking that Council will be regularly briefed in regard to Health services in the Shire," he said

Council will keep a running brief on the development.

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Here's what we do at the KRC - come and join in!

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Lenore Wyatt

for Mareeba Shire Councillor

Authorised L. Wyatt, RN268 Hodzic Road Bibbohra

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- **29 February 2016**, 4pm-6pm at Speewah
- **5 March 2016**, 9am-12pm at the Koah markets
- **8 March 2016**, 3pm-5pm in front of the Kuranda Post Office
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For further information contact Lenore via:

☎ 0447 757 336

📱 Lenore Wyatt - for Councillor
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Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



MARCH and the vagaries weatherwise of the past unsettled month, while the wait for the Wet continues. A number of readers are reporting plant loss and foliage burn with the continued very hot days with potted plants extremely vulnerable to rapid drying out and soil heating.

Talking of plant losses, it seems some local gardeners experience repeated pilfering of plants especially along unfenced areas. From experience, most keen gardeners are only too happy to provide cuttings if asked. Such courtesy may also make a friend as well as helpful advice on successful growing.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Cubanola domingensis (Portlandia domingensis) is a small growing tropical tree belonging to the family Rubiaceae which is also the same family for coffee and gardenias. Native to the Dominican Republic, Cuba and other parts of the Caribbean, this desirable garden or potted subject, growing to 3m, bears long pendant white flowers, fragrant in the evening and early morning.

Usually found growing in limestone areas, this slow growing plant requires alkaline conditions with rich, well-drained soil. These conditions also apply to its near relative *Portlandia grandiflora*, another white, large trumpet flowering gem, again suitable for a potted subject.

Both these highly desirable and elegant plants, frost tender, are occasionally found at specialist plant sales and, although still pricey, are commended to the keen gardener.



Q & A: Dear Sandy, Thank you for the specimen flower which even in death lives up to its common name the Carrion flower. Your plant is a Stapelia, a large genus of over 40 asclepiads from southern Africa. They have spineless, mostly upright, succulent stems. This genus has large star-shaped flowers that can exceed 20cm inches in diameter with hairy flowers varying from red to brown, often marbled and deceiving pollinating flies with the look of decaying meat as well as their foul smell. Requiring a well-draining succulent mix they make excellent and interesting potted subjects along with their close relatives, Hoodias, Hunerias and Orbeas, again with similar growth habits and intriguing bizarre flowers with their pungent odours.



Dear Graham, *Radermachera sinica*, also China Doll, the Serpent or Emerald tree, is an evergreen tree in the family Bignoniaceae, native to the subtropical mountain regions of southern China and Taiwan. It can reach heights of up to 30 m tall with a trunk diameter of 1 m. The leaves are bipinnate, 20 to 70 cm long and 15 to 25 cm broad, divided into numerous small glossy green leaflets 2 to 4 cm long. The flowers are white, trumpet-like, about 7 cm long, and resembling a large Bignonia flower in shape. Please pass on my thanks to Lorraine from Malanda for supply of the excellent Pics supporting this ID.

Dear Frank, Thank you for your follow-up on last month's Q&A re the Climbing Frangipani, *Chonemorpha fragrans* and your sterling efforts to eradicate its rainforest escape, having tried both roundup and hand weeding with little success. Presently I am waiting on DPI advice on a possible, eco-friendly means of extermination.

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



VOTE 1



ANGELA TOPPIN
as a Mareeba Shire Councillor

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Phone Sharon on 0422 213 676
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Council Candidates' Views Exposed

Thanks to candidates who filled in the FoE Kuranda questionnaire in such a short deadline. The full responses can be seen at <http://foekuranda.org/blog/mareeba-shire-council-election-march-2016-candidates-views/> No replies have been received yet from Angela Toppin and Tom Gilmore.

Next FoE Kuranda meeting Wed 16 March 6.30pm Cybercafe

Candidates	Grace Armenti	Maggie Herbohn	Mareeba ¹ Shire First Team	Lenore Wyatt
Coal seam gas (CSG) free Mareeba Shire?	Yes	Yes	Prefer no CSG	Yes
Publication of council water quality tests on council's website?	Yes	Yes	No answer	Yes
Concerned that neither Kuranda nor Mareeba's water supply filtered to remove pesticides, CCPs ² and certain pathogens?	Yes	Yes	No	Not sure
Act to reduce pesticide run off into the Shire's waterways?How?	Yes, more Erosion and Sediment Control measures	Yes	No answer	No - State, industry and residents' responsibility
Policy on intensive development of the Myola Valley, Speewah and Koah?	Current Planning Scheme adequate	Depends on meaning of intensive	Support responsible development in Shire that meets Community expectations	Need to assess these areas of high enviro concern
How to protect biodiversity within the Mareeba Shire - especially Kuranda area?	Not answered	Consult with experts & residents	Protected by the Draft MSC Planning Scheme and under State and Federal legislation	Kuranda Area being identified as area of unique enviro concern
Support improving environmental protection afforded by draft Mareeba Shire Council plan 2015? Vote for resolutions to budget for changes to do so?	Yes & not answered	Yes & Yes	No answer to either Q	Yes & Yes
Policies for greater waste minimisation and/or recycling of solid wastes	Collection recycling. Education	Compost. Refuse derived fuel (Further research needed)	Support recycling initiatives if affordable to residents and ratepayers.	Mobile recycling trailers. Recycling bins dump shops. & bulk sale of recycling

¹Alan Pedersen, Allan Holmes, Mary Graham, Karen Ewin, Nipper Brown & Kevin Davies.

²Chlorine Combination products



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HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay your Rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, Australia Post Billpay, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash, cheque and money orders. Change or cash out is not given on credit card payments. To receive the discount, you need to ensure that any transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date.

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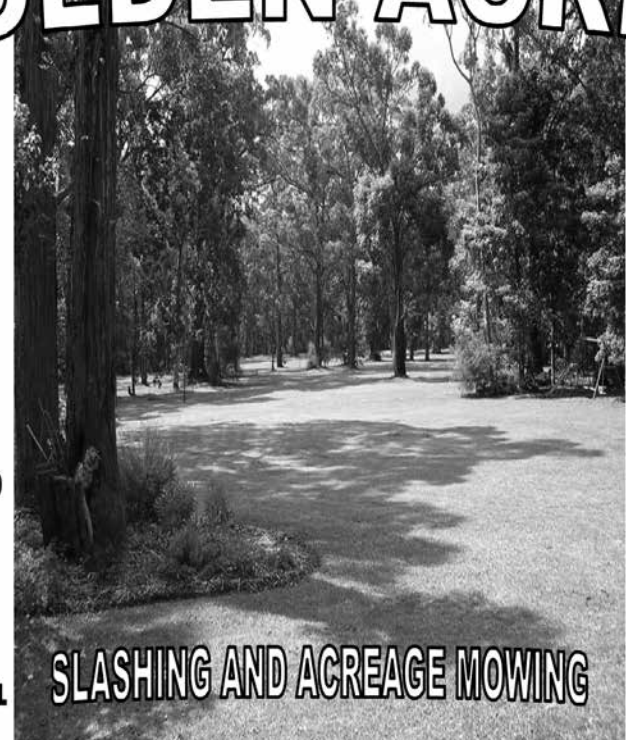
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ALL IS ART

Continuing with our storyteller theme, this month's featured artist is an actor, Lucie (see "Free to Dive" article this page). In this film Lucie will be learning to freedive. This technique will enable her to explore the wonders of the deep without the encumbrance of air tanks. There is wonder to be found everywhere we look on this planet of ours, in the oceans, in the air, in the mountains, even way out in space. We owe much to those brave souls who put themselves out there, whether it be in a steamy mozzie-ridden jungle, a subterranean river system, or a freezing arctic glacier, these dedicated storytellers risk health, safety, and valuable equipment to bring these wonders to us for our entertainment and enlightenment. So next time you see

your favourite wildlife presenter hanging off the side of a mountain to show you a rare moth, spare a thought for the camera operator who is also hanging there, with a load of heavy equipment, taking pictures. There are still many stories to be told. Opportunities await those who are both adventurous and creative. As for those of us who can't go to the mountain, we are grateful to those who bring the mountain to us. So if you've been to the mountain, please use your art to tell us what it was like, *seren*.

Space - the final frontier?



Free to Dive

the foundations of the relationship between humans and water

One of Kuranda's newer locals, Lucie, originally from Toulouse, France, has scored a roll in a new documentary on "Freediving", soon to be shot in the Philippines. Lucie has always been interested in the dramatic arts and has studied at the "Toulouse Drama Academy". Falling in love with Kuranda "at first sight", Lucie has been here for four years now. Having



worked "all over Kuranda", she is now at a popular Kuranda juice bar.

The movie is about Free Diving. This is simply diving without air tanks. About the movie, Lucie says -

"If you are scared of water, a smoker, not athletic at all, or mainly curious, we invite you to dive with our four beginner freedivers, into the conquest of the

underwater world! Freediving is rooted deeply in us. Our idea of this sport is often reduced to the competitions, as practiced in the film 'The Big Blue' (Luc Besson). In fact, it's a very simple activity which everyone can practice and which only demands you to develop yourself."

Lucie will soon be part of this first international film-documentary on freediving! "I have performed dramatic art and theatre for 5 years in France, but in this movie I will play my own life experience in front of the camera. In Australia I practiced yoga and meditation, allowing myself to be more efficient in managing stress, emotions, and breathing technique."

The film shooting will be in April 2016 in the Philippines.



The choice of the Philippines is both strategic and technical. The warm, clear waters bring comfort and optimal conditions for learning about the unexpected wealth of marine wildlife that is sure to seduce you! This movie will give to the most curious and brave of you the urge to conquer the depths.

You can follow the backstage shooting and videos on facebook: [freetodive](https://www.facebook.com/freetodive), and www.freetodive.com. Lucie will be departing for shooting in the Philippines on 4th April 2016!!

The release of this Julien Granier film is expected in 2017, so keep an eye out for it.



Kuranda Amphitheatre News

March 2016

Members and Friends,

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 21st February and we wish to thank all outgoing management team members and welcome in the new team for 2016.

President: Ian Cannon
Secretary: Cathy Harvey
Treasurer: John Dunne
Committee: Liza Dewey, Cheryl Matley, Gabe Gibson, BiriJah Duffin



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

The first Members' Night for 2016 will be on Saturday 27th February, with the most talented band, LOS CARACOLES. Dancing, dancing, and more dancing. What a magnificent treat for the beginning of an exciting year at the Amphitheatre.

Many thanks to Mareeba Shire Council for the support and assistance given to the Amphitheatre this year. We look forward to working with the new Council in 2016.

Community Partnerships Program of Mareeba Shire Council has supported the completion of the volunteer car park and the immediate entrance area of the venue. This will mean more volunteers will be able to park closer to the venue, and will provide a more comfortable area for concert goers waiting for the gates to open. Volunteers will re-plant the car park area and continue with the beautification of the entrance area in the very near future.

This plan is closely aligned to the original car park design by Ron Bruce, approved by members in 1988. Current members have expressed a wish to stay as close to this plan as possible and we are happy to advise that this will be so.

Plans and drawings are currently underway

for a new gatehouse and we hope to see these come to fruition throughout the year. The 'gully' next to the driveway (which is a catchment area for Jum Rum Creek) is gradually being cleared of lantana, wild raspberry, etc. Our local Envirocare has kindly offered assistance with the revegetation of this area and we look forward to working with this amazing crew.

Regular visitors and volunteers will have appreciated the improvements made so far around the top of the venue. The newly paved areas from the Gatehouse entrance to the Stalls area and the Top Pavilion have made a huge difference in more ways than one, and complete with underground drainage means no more mud to trudge through in these areas!

These upgrades would not happen (well, not this quickly anyway) without the THE JOBFIND CREW beautification project to assist the Society in accomplishing these long-standing development plans and ensuring the venue is set for at least another ten years. Mere words cannot express the size of our thanks!

The work of the JOBFIND CREW is vitally important in assisting the Amphitheatre with maintenance, public safety, general infrastructure, community connections and most importantly the future of our unique organisation.

The inside gardens are undergoing a revamp as well, complete with underground irrigation.

The venue lighting upgrade is now almost complete with all paths and black-spots now having hard-wired lighting, meaning volunteers no longer need to hang temporary lighting for events and greatly enhances public safety.

Monday afternoons - Kids Aerials
Wednesday evenings - Pilates
Mon to Fri - Jobfind Ktown Productions
Mon to Fri - Jobfind Beautification Project

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

www.kurandaamphitheatre.org or
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Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.

KAS ADMIN TEAM



Due to the success and popularity of "Soundscribe" and other activities, Ktown have big plans for 2016.

Details are still being finalised, and will be announced in the next (April) issue, but I can tell you this much. "Exposure", as the name suggests, will showcase local talent. Find out more on Facebook, email KtownProductions2014@gmail.com, or contact Seb Howell on 0429 500 782.



Kuranda's "Goldilocks" Pool – too hot, too cold. It's just not quite right.

Last week local resident Debbie Lawry posted in two Kuranda community Facebook groups asking for responses to her call out for a shade cloth to be erected over part of the Kuranda swimming pool. Debbie said it was so hot that it was unusable for most of the day during hot weather.

In addition the heaters which have not been working since before last winter meant that the pool was too cold during the cold weather of 2015. So the pool is under-utilised.

One post attracted 34 likes with 31 people saying they would definitely use the pool more if there was a shade erected. The other post attracted another 34 likes and 17 different people comments expressing a desire for a shade cloth to be erected. Many were parents complaining that their children had been sunburnt at the pool and so they were not using it at the moment.

In response to these comments, Cnr Jenny Jensen raised the issues of both the shade cloth and the non-working heaters at the MSC council meeting on Wednesday 18th and reported back that Council had resolved to "investigate options for erection of shade cloth for the Kuranda pool and report back". In addition Cnr Jensen advised that the quotes for repair of the heaters had been received and it was planned that the heaters should be functioning in time for the cooler months.

There was also significant "comment" about the pool levy paid by all Kuranda ratepayers.

A response from the MSC CEO Peter Franks is printed here outlying the ins and outs of the levy arrangement.

He also provides more details about the recent erection of a shade cover at the Mareeba pool (where 90% of the funds to erect a donated cover – \$46,000 – was a one-off State Government grant).

Hopefully Kuranda can access similar funding so the Kuranda pool can be fully utilised in all temperatures.

The Kuranda pool cost \$1.8m to construct. This was funded by a State Government Grant of \$592k and the balance of \$1.208m being funded by the Mareeba Shire Council. The \$1.208m was made up of a loan of \$783k and \$450k from general funds. An amount equal to the principle portion of this is loan, the \$783k, is being raised from the Kuranda community through a special levy.

The Kuranda levy is \$36 per annum per property and when it ends on the 30 June 2021 will have raised the \$783k. This levy only covers a portion of the original capital construction costs, with the balance of the Capital portion, \$450k, the ongoing operational costs and the interest on the loan being borne by the entire community.

The other two pools in the Shire were constructed in the days when divisional accounting was practiced by Council, which meant that the costs for their construction were borne by the residents of the particular division where the asset was constructed and not the entire shire community.

Council has requested that officers prepare a report detailing the costs of installing a shade structure over portion of the Kuranda pool. Last year the Mareeba pool had a shade structure put over portion of it. This was made possible by the efforts of Kevin Davies, as President of the Swimming Club, who sourced the old cover from the Tobruk Pool in Cairns and the then Member for Cook, David Kempton, who arranged for a State grant to have it installed, with Council acting as the recipient of the grant and as the project managers. Hopefully Council will be able to source a similar grant to deliver a similar outcome for Kuranda.

Peter Franks
CEO MSC

A recent Facebook post:

I was interested to see how many residents on here use our local pool or would use it more if there was shade over the main pool in summer. We have the only pool in the area, on the Tablelands and all the way to Cardwell that has no shade.

We need to talk to people like Tom Gilmore and his crew and push for shade and the heating to be repaired before winter.

The pool has been too hot of late compared to other pools in the area.

With FNQ having one of the worst numbers of skin cancer in Australia it is crazy that we have a pool with no shade for lessons to protect the swimmers and staff.

It become an OHS issue for the staff also when trying to conduct classes.

My family are regular swimmers at Kuranda pool and we train in the squad for local and interstate swimming events. It has become too hot to do our regular sessions and as a result we have had to go to other pools in the area that have shade and cooler water.

The pool is used for hydrotherapy and there have been situations where the Carer has been burnt despite using appropriate protection.

I've been burnt despite using sunscreen.

We have lost patronage of the aqua aerobics due to the heat in summer and the cold in winter. I also have a fellow health practitioner that would refer clients to hydro/aqua aerobics at the pool if it was still happening. We need to get this back up and running if possible

We have a high level of Diabetes and chronic health issues in the area and we need a useable pool that is a healthy and safe environment for all.

We have a fantastic facility that could be used for more community events such as pool and movie nights. We have the enthusiasm of the staff and regular users. We just need a healthier environment.

A yearly pass would be worth looking at to encourage increased numbers to the pool.

At this stage we have a motion passed to get quotes. We need to stay active in following this up to ensure that we have a result. It has taken a substantial amount of time to trigger the heating to be fixed. Quotes were in but no action seemed to happen.

Let's keep the momentum going now and look at more events and increasing the patronage of the pool to ensure the council see this needs to happen.

Debbie Lawry, Kuranda

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"Cardiac Challenge" Update

Readers may remember the "Cardiac Challenge" bike ride From Cairns to Cooktown in September 2015 which entailed the closure of one way of the Range Road for the morning of Saturday 19 September.

As a result of the Challenge, two pieces of equipment – worth almost \$50,000, have been bought by the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation for Cairns Hospital's cardiac services and are already being put to work.

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service Cardiac Catheter Laboratory clinical nurse consultant Spencer Irvin said the Lucas chest compression device was a lifesaving automated CPR system that would be used in the lab on critically ill heart attack patients who are at risk of having a cardiac arrest.

As well, the Foundation has purchased a bi-pap machine for the Cardiac Care Ward, at a cost of \$34,000.

Foundation fundraising and marketing manager Glenys Duncombe said it was always rewarding to see the difference that the hard work by hundreds of cyclists and their donors, made to patients' lives.

"The Mt Franklin Cardiac Challenge is in its tenth year this year, and has raised more than \$2 million in that time towards improving outcomes for cardiac patients in the Far North," Ms Duncombe said. "Registrations will open soon for the 2016 event, which we are expecting to be huge due to the special anniversary this year," she said.



The Kuranda Paper applauds the Cardiac Challenge organisers and their fundraising efforts. We believe the inconvenience caused to a few motorists on the morning was minimal.

My name is Steve Deprada from Speewah. I am trying to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation Shave for a Cure

at the Speewah Tavern on Friday 11th March at 5.00pm.

There will be face painting and hair colouring for donations on the day.


Cheers

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SECRET TUESDAYS

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Album Fundraiser

SECRET TUESDAYS

Saturday 5th March
Koah Hall

Secret Tuesdays are hosting a huge night of home spun Kuranda entertainment in the gorgeous bush setting of Koah Hall on Saturday 5th March from 6.00 pm till midnight.

Secret Tuesdays (Trish Molloy, Leah Kelly and Odie Gorman) will be bringing their sweet harmonies and quirky folk sound.

They have gathered a bunch of brilliant and diverse artists for the night because **1.** It's their turn to host a homegrown event, and **2.** because they want to raise a few funds towards their studio album recording.

Sharing the bill are their outrageously talented and giant hearted friends from the Kuranda artist community, including sublime Djabugay/Bulwai roots and reggae band **Gudju Gudju**, the beating heart of Kuranda song **Willy Brim**, ukulele super duo **Bosko & Honey**, the stunning harp and voice of **Astrid Erika**, the always enigmatic and soulful **Sizlac DaSourceera**, the slide blues and roots of **Rev KB** (aka **Cliff de Silva**), intriguing beats and rhymes from nouveau duo **2Bob**, awesome costumes and brilliant burlesque dancing of **Sassy Catz** and the transcendent sounds of **DJ Manipulated Molecule**.

There'll be a bar and home cooked goodness from secret recipes and space to bush camp on the grounds.

This is bound to be a really special evening of rare talents and warm hearts, so get amongst it, bring your friends and your swags, and join in with your community in the magic of music.

Koah Hall (on Koah Rd at the tennis courts), 5th March, 6.00 pm till midnight, \$5 entry or \$10 with camping.

Music & Art in Kuranda

From Latin, Folk and World, Jazz, Country and Blues & Roots, RnB and Reggae, to Heavy Rock, Grunge and Punk. Add to that an evening of Techno, Downtempo Chill and Progressive Trance, giving us the diversity of live and electronically produced music that is presented at Kuranda venues this coming month.

Get ready to dance through the night with **Los Caracoles** (original Latin and Folk music), with special guests, the ever popular **Montgomery Brothers** at the Understage this **Saturday 27th February**. Join as an Amphitheatre Member on the night and entry is free.



Montgomery Brothers

Also on the 27th February, over at Billabong, **Earthbound Music & Art Festival**. From 12 noon, 12 hours of music on two stages, featuring interstate and local producers and djs! Across several different genres of music, from Psy Trance to Progressive and Forest Psy. Good vibes for the tribe! See the Facebook event listing for set times.

Check out the above article for details of the **Musical 'Funraiser'** for **Secret Tuesdays** at the Koah Hall on **Saturday 5th March**. Amongst the wonderfully talented musicians on the night is **Clifford De Silva**, for his first performance in K Town as **The Rev KB**. Welcome home Cliff (recently returned from WA). And a big heartfelt **congratulations** to the irrepressibly, zany and lovable **Bosko & Honey** on their successful audition to **Australia's Got Talent**. We can look forward to seeing Dan and Yuki further amaze the judges and audience at the semi-finals.

Rumble in the Jungle is back! Set to take the stage by storm with an impressive line-up, including **Knights of Akasha**, **Sworff**

and **Solacious**. From Hard to Progressive Rock, with a bit of Punk and Metal thrown in, **The Billabong** has secured a late licence till 2.00am, so set up camp, and stay the night.

And for all you RnB, Hip Hop, and Reggae Dub lovers head over to the **Speewah Tavern** on Saturday 19th March for a Kuranda Fundraiser, **RNB Party Night**. Fundraising for studio quality recording equipment for a new local free studio for Kuranda musicians. Bring some extra coin for tickets in the raffles.

Wonderful news for Kuranda is that both the **Kuranda Roots Festival** and the **Kuranda Ukelele Festival** have been nominated for **Best Festival 2015** in the **Cairns Post Hit Awards**. Also noteworthy are other Kuranda locals to receive nominations, including the 2015 production of **The Second Scream** for **Best Theatre, Drama or Stage Performance**, and **Buck Richardson** with his **Jewels of Nature** exhibition at KickArts in the **Best Exhibition** category.

Winners are selected by us (the public) with voting online for our favourites in entertainment categories, including Best Band, Best Venue, etc. This is your chance to acknowledge the very best in local arts, music and entertainment from 2015. Voting is open until the 11th March 2016. Place your votes at www.cairnspost.com.au Good luck to all nominees.



Bosko & Honey

Fresh off the press, **Kuranda Roots** have announced that the Festival will now be held every two years. The good news is that patrons can look forward to a big party this year to keep the vibe alive. **Kuranda Roots** would like to "livicate" this year's event on 25th June to honour the memory of Jay

Jay who was an inspiration to the local music scene as a DJ and event organiser. His love of music, nature and culture created a unifying bond in the Far North and his spirit stands strong within us. **KC**

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RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

++ SWORFF ++ SALACIOUS ++

++ KNIGHTS OF AKASHA ++

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Entry: \$15 Free Camping

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

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Afternoon Tea at St Augustine's, Cairns

Arts Co-op members Mollie Bosworth and Toni Rogers were invited to represent the Co-op at a community afternoon tea with the Prime Minister, Hon Malcolm Turnbull on Sunday, 14th February. It was an opportunity for these two artists to briefly introduce the Arts Co-op.



NQ Ceramic Awards

Arts Co-op members Mollie Bosworth and Toni Rogers have been selected to exhibit in the 2016 Biennial North Queensland Ceramic Awards. The exhibition, held at Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville, has long aimed to increase public exposure to a high standard of pottery from around the nation. This competition displays the diversity of ceramic art currently being produced in Australia. Selected works will be on display from 11th March to 1st May.



Migration – Mollie Bosworth



The Forum – Toni Rogers

Sales Opportunity for All Interested Artists

Mollie Bosworth has joined Red Bubble, an online site which prints and markets products using artists' designs. She has a range of her cyanotype prints available. She would recommend this site to all 2D artists as a way of getting extra revenue from their designs and artists will still own the copyright. No originals are sold. Designs can now be put on a range of cards, prints, T-shirts, phone cases, cushions, doonas, leggings – the list is endless. The artist gets paid an agreed rate for each use of the design and all the sales, printing and dispatch is done by Red Bubble. This is certainly worth a 'Google'.

InkMasters Inc – Upcoming Workshops

Members of InkMasters Inc are keen to share these matchless ancient art forms, and their contemporary applications. Artists of every discipline, both emerging and new, are encouraged and most welcome.

2/3 April 16 Contemporary Japanese Woodblock Workshop by Roslyn Kean, artist-in-residence. Roslyn is a woodblock artist of national renown. Her workshop is an introduction to traditional Japanese woodblock printing with a contemporary application. This relief technique uses non-toxic studio practices; all cleaning procedures use water. Participants learn printing process with an emphasis on traditional techniques, producing a small edition. \$ 220 members - \$250 others.

9/10 April 16 Silk Screen Workshop: Hannah Parker is a gifted InkMasters professional printmaker of many years' experience, renowned for her teaching, custom printmaking skills and exhibitions. Suitable for printmaking or silkscreen newcomers. \$175 members - \$205 others.

For all workshop and payment details go to the webpage <http://inkmasterscairnsinc.ning.com> and click on InkFest 2016. For further info email: workshopsinkmasters@hotmail.com.

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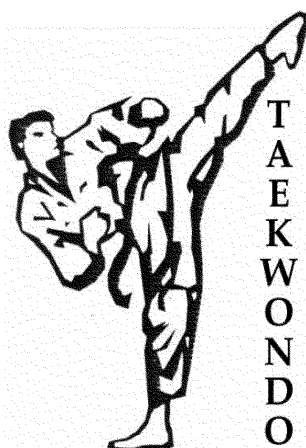
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Help make 2016 even better!

Do you hold community events?

Add a bat night to your event calendar this autumn.

We are inviting local councils, land-care groups, Field Naturalists, eco and wildlife tourism operators, wildlife carers, zoos, sanctuaries and wildlife parks, museums and other community groups to participate by running bat activities during March and April (and



even into May), anything from a Bat walk looking for microbat activity or watching a flying-fox fly-out to building bat boxes or giving a simple presentation to holding a Bat Festival.

We are asking community and local government organisations and individuals to register events and activities for 2015 and to promote

Bat Night in your networks.

We will promote individual events on the ABS website, and our social media pages.

Need more help?

If you haven't given a bat presentation before or don't think you have enough knowledge, we can help you. If you don't know a local bat expert we will try to find one for you.

For more information and to register contact Maree Treadwell Kerr at batnight.ausbats@gmail.com.

And check the ABS website:

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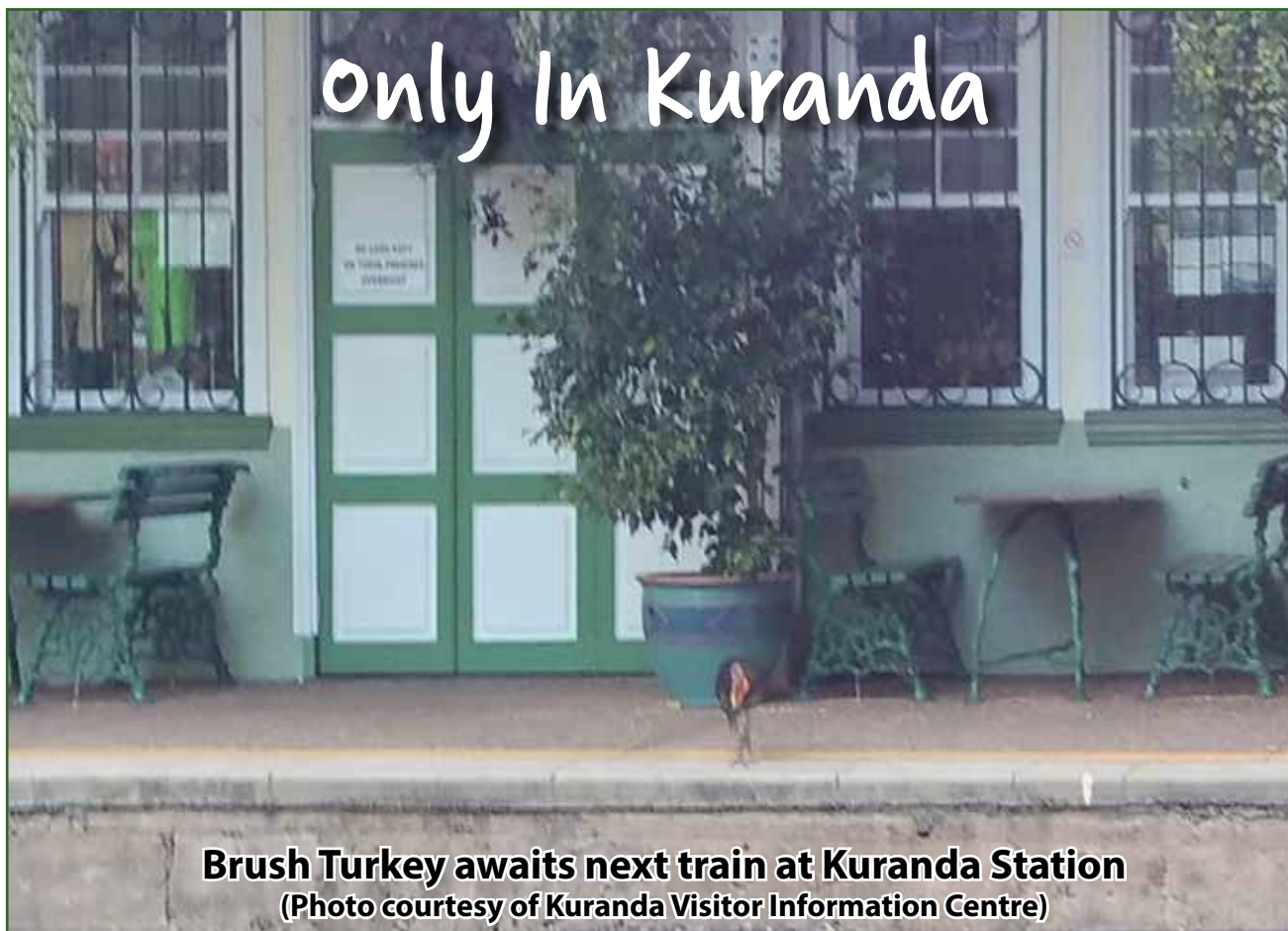
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Yellow Crazy Ants (YCA's) – What's it to YOU ?

MIKHAILA JACOBY is coordinating about 70 Russett Park residents and other volunteers who have registered on the Envirocare website to be part of a community task force to control and eventually eradicate the YCA invasion at Russett Park, Kuranda. For now the YCA's are contained but inadvertent swapping of a pot plant or mulch, or flotsam containing a nest with a queen rafting down the river, could see them start a colony elsewhere. More volunteers and funding will be required to eradicate YCA's, and determination will be needed to get that last nest.

What does that mean to you and to what's around you in the Wet Tropics? Here are extracts from an article **"Too Much To Lose"** published recently in the Wildlife Australia magazine by Dr Lori Lack and Dr Conrad Hoskins of James Cook University.

"Australia's Wet Tropics rainforests pulse with life. Butterflies flit, spiders attend their glistening webs, skinks dart into the leaf litter, insects of myriad sizes and colours scurry. Quiet observation may be rewarded with a frog camouflaged in leaves or a praying mantis stalking prey."

Now picture walking into a rainforest invaded by yellow crazy ants. The ground and tree trunks still teem with life, but of just one species. The diversity seen is mainly in the prey carried by ants – spiders, beetles, earthworms, other ants. If

an animal is too heavy, the ants eat it in place, seeking out the moist tissues such as eyes to begin their formic acid assault. Quiet observation is nigh on impossible because standing in one place for too long will have you covered in the little beasts.

Knowing what these ants have done elsewhere gives us plenty of reason to be worried if they are not eradicated.... Several traits contribute to their success. They're omnivorous and aggressive, readily spraying formic acid from their abdomen when on the attack. And apart from some aversion to strong sunlight and low temperatures, they'll forage day and night, on the ground and in the canopy... Adding to their success is an unusual social structure. Native species such as green

ants have territory wars and defend to the death their patch....This prevents their colonies from getting too big. Yellow crazy ants act like...a big happy sisterhood or supercolony...By saving aggression for others, they spend more time and energy finding food...Queens will start new colonies...and the colony boundary can advance by a metre a day.



Mass of Yellow Crazy Ants swarming.

...A Bentley Park couple had their new airconditioner burnt out when the ants nested in it. Paul Devine an avid gardener in Russett Park, surrendered his garden to the ants because it's not just unpleasant to be there, its impossible.... Cane farmers in Edmonton have found growing cane money losing and Frank Teodo, a cane farmer, has twice been temporarily blinded by yellow crazy ants invading his bed and spraying formic acid in his eyes ...(because he was the last protein source available in his cane fields)."

Note: These YCA's are not Electric ants, which Biosecurity Queensland assert have been nearly eradicated. Attempts at YCA eradication and management were abandoned by them in 2012 (which State MP Curtis Pitt now agrees was a mistake.) Wet Tropics management Authority picked up the challenge and received federal funding in 2013 till the end of 2016. Beyond that, no-one knows about funding. What we do know is we face the real

possibility of loss of our tourist industry as the rainforest becomes impossible to visit and live near and our World heritage listing is withdrawn.

What YOU can do:

Ask your local councillors what they are doing (elections in three weeks), ask your local Queensland State MP what they are doing, ask your Federal MP what they are doing (elections later this year)

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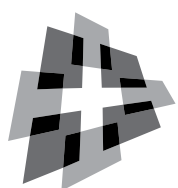
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We have seen tourists and locals alike standing under a particular fig outside St Saviour's, staring intently into the foliage, vainly attempting to see what creatures are gnawing silently into the figs and causing the sawdust remnants to drift gently to the footpath.

They are a bird of 'fleeting glimpse'. With their camouflage and unexpectedly small size they are extremely difficult to see, blending amongst dense foliage. They are also 'here today, gone tomorrow' following the fruiting fig trail.

One day a tourist festooned with cameras and lenses approached me as I was leaving the Paper office and asked if I could direct him to a likely haunt of the Double-eyed Fig Parrot. He had especially journeyed up to Kuranda to photograph them, as he was told that this was the time of year for them to arrive. I pointed to one of their favourite trees and its surrounding footpath coated in sawdust, and honestly told him that he 'should have been here yesterday'.

This is our smallest Australian Parrot (yes, smaller than a budgie), at about 15cm including tail. They are predominantly green with red, yellow and blue markings. The 'Double-eyed' part of their name comes from someone in the misty past declaring that the markings under the eye looked like a second eye. I leave it to the reader to judge that assessment.

They like to nest in existing tree cavities, although there are plenty of recorded observations of them digging their own hole in decaying branches or trunks.

The three Australian sub-species are found mainly in rainforest areas, i.e. the eastern tip of the Cape (*Marshalli*), around the Cairns general area (*Macleayana*) and (*Coxeni*) a coastal region north of Brisbane. This latter sub-species is on both State and Federal endangered lists, with only about 200 sightings in the last 150 years). The other two sub-species are reportedly relatively common throughout their limited ranges. Of course the clearing of rainforest areas is the main concern for the long-term future of the species.



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The Velvet Assassin

There is a kind of local animal that looks much like a caterpillar with a dozen or so extra legs. However, this animal will not pupate into a butterfly or moth, and it is not the harmless leaf-eating larva that we are so familiar with. This is a stone-cold killer – if you're an arthropod. A deadly hunter, the animal in question is a key species in the evolution of the arthropod (but itself is not one). It appeared on Earth around half a billion years ago, which is no mean feat, making it one of the first invertebrate animal species to evolve. It is known as the Velvet worm (phylum Onychophora), and though described in 1826 as a slug, it is neither worm, slug nor caterpillar.

In Australia, the adult Velvet worm is between 20 and 40mm in length (depending on species). The local Kuranda species is at the upper end of this size scale. Pigmentation can vary depending on species, but is generally a brown or grey base colour with intricate patterning over the top. It appears to have up to 14-16 caterpillar-like legs, but these contain no actual joints or muscles. They achieve motion by the body's water pressure (hydrostatic) pressing against them and keeping them extended, and then by the contraction of inner-body muscles. The head can be identified by the presence of two stumpy precursors to antennae.

Unlike today's arthropods, the Velvet worm has no hardened exoskeleton. Its skin is composed of a membrane of dead cells covered in tiny hairs, which are in themselves covered in tiny scales that give it the appearance and feeling of velvet. These hairs function in a sensory capacity and respond to touch. This covering is also water-repellent, which makes it perfect for living in a very moist environment – seconded by its inability to regulate water loss. It is therefore very easy for a Velvet worm to succumb to desiccation, and as such, it is only found in Australia's tropical and temperate rainforests.

The Velvet worm is interesting to science not only for its evolutionary status, but also for a sticky, glue-like secretion it produces. This 'glue' is made up almost entirely of water, but also contains a few key proteins. Originally, these proteins are kept from chemically interacting by the water acting as a shield. However, this 'sticky' property is present for a reason, and the Velvet worm's prey of small arthropods get to find out first hand. After locating prey, the Velvet worm shoots this sticky liquid from tubes near its face. It lands on the prey quite harmlessly, but after a few moments, the arthropod's water-repellent exoskeleton causes the water in the secretion to evaporate and the proteins interact, stopping the victim in its tracks with an impossibly sticky web.

The Velvet worm's mouth is located on the underside of its body and is composed of outer lips with internal teeth. As the worm begins to feed on its immobilised prey, it covers the food with saliva which contains enzymes that cause the prey to break down outside the body, before it has even been chewed. As a result, the worm ingests a semi-liquid concoction that is easier for the simple digestive system to cope with.

Mating in Velvet worms is largely unstudied, but can be supposed to consist of, in most species, depositing of the spermatophore by the male to the female for fertilisation. Curiously, the males of studied species carry the spermatophore on their faces in a set of ever-present dimples. It has been likened by researchers to a kind of crown, or trophy.

After mating, eggs are often laid, but some species keep the eggs internally and give birth to live young, like a mammal. The babies are miniature versions of the adults, and they will continue to shed their skin every 14 or so days into adulthood.

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The Velvet worm could easily be mistaken for an odd-looking caterpillar – but don't be fooled!
PHOTO BY ALAN HENDERSON

Minibeast Story Time at the Kuranda Library March 11th

Join Kuranda author **Deanna Henderson** from Minibeast Wildlife at the Kuranda Library for Storytime on Friday 11th March at 10.30am as she reads her children's picture book *There's a Zoo in my Backyard!* There will also be a range of amazing live bugs on display on the day, so come and meet some of Minibeast Wildlife's 'biggest' little stars!



Tablelands Wildlife Rescue Inc. are holding a **Snake Awareness Workshop** on Sunday the 20th March at Merrilands Hall, Robert Street, Atherton from 10am until 3pm.

The workshop is to be conducted by Ranger Dan and Jackie from Hands On Wildlife Townsville. Both Ranger Dan and Jackie have spent years working with snakes & the wildlife in Australia. Born and raised in Townsville, Ranger Dan is a born entertainer, charismatic and totally dedicated to sharing his passion for snakes & the wildlife. Jackie focuses on educating children of all ages. Admission \$5.00 includes tea & coffee. Please bring a plate to share. NO NEED TO BOOK. Just turn up for a great time & increase your knowledge on snakes.

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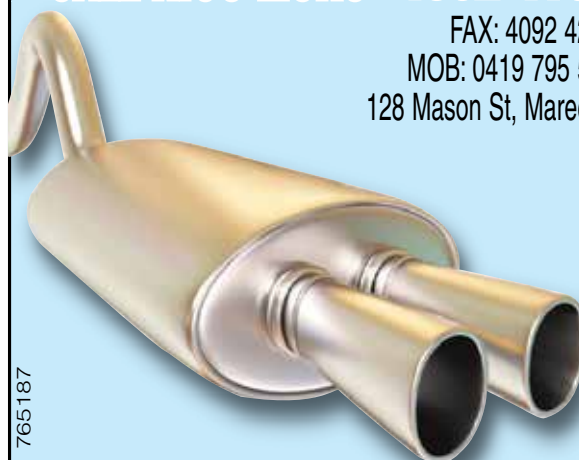
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Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

Welcome all riders and horse owners to 2016 from Kuranda Horse and Pony Club. The year has started off already with a jump clinic at the end of January which coincided with the club's AGM and sign on.

So I would like to welcome our members for this year and thank James Lake for accepting the position as President, Christine Hewitt as Vice President, Di Curtis as Secretary, Fionna Lane as Chief Instructor. So the position of Treasurer is yet to be filled.

Our first rally was held on Saturday 13th February where we had a small group of riders taking part in some warm-up exercises and grid work. We also took the opportunity to surprise one of our up-and-coming riders, Charity Lake, with presenting her the trophy of Instructors' Choice for 2015, so congratulations Charity. In December the club held its 2015 presentation and break-up at the Speewah tavern as seen in the photo.



The club is looking forward to a year with lots of different types of riding on offer. Here are some dates to mark on your calendar.

27th February the club will be holding a Freshman's jump day for some fun training and a fundraiser for the club at \$5.00 a round starting at 40 cm.

12th and 13th March the club is bringing up from the south Becky Jenkins for a jumping school which is already booked out but will be a great weekend to come and watch.

20th March the club is holding another Freshman's Jump day as a fundraiser to help two of the club's youngest members to get over to London to compete in the Face of the Globe competition.

That's just the first couple of months so we look forward to some fun riding events coming up.

If you're new to Kuranda and have a horse why not come along and find out what pony club has to offer. It's open to all ages including adults and offers a variety of riding areas from how to look after your horse to sporting, dressage, jumping, trail rides.

The club has a Facebook page where you can see what's coming up or been

happening, or feel free to contact myself, Di Curtis, on 0400 930 379 for any more details.

The club will also be at Bunnings on Thursday 17th March for their Easter Family Fun Night from 6pm-8pm. It's going to be a great night for all clubs and groups to showcase what they have to offer. There will also be lots of fun activities for all the kids.

Till next time Happy Riding

Di Curtis

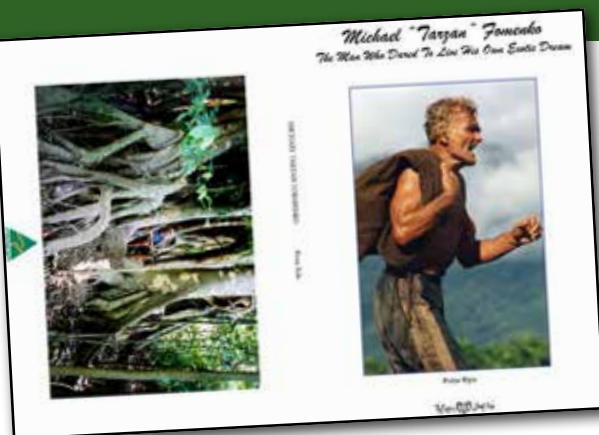
Club instructor/Secretary



Charity receiving her Instructors Choice trophy for 2015.



First rally day for 2016.



A book on the life of Michael "Tarzan" Fomenko will be launched at the German Club in Winkworth Street in Cairns on Sunday 28th February. Time of launch is 2.00-4.00pm. The book was written by local historian Peter Ryle, who was given access to a collection of information and photographs collected by the late Harold Jung of Cairns. Anyone who is interested in Tarzan's story is welcome to attend.

Michael Fomenko roamed the area between Innisfail and Cape York for over fifty years, living rough in the bush. He became famous in the late 1950s and early 1960s when he paddled a dugout canoe from Cooktown to Merauke in what was then Dutch New Guinea – now Irian Jaya. He was arrested by police in 1964 near Laura and spent several years in mental asylums, although he was later proved quite sane. In his later years he could be seen regularly jogging along the highway between Cairns and Innisfail with his bag over his shoulder. His story is one of endurance, rugged determination and persecution by the authorities.



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Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

Speewah's 14-year-old **Evie Clinton** is taking her exercise and dance to new heights with her aerial silks.

Aerial silks began in the circus and is a beautiful combination of circus and dance. Sophisticated and elegant, the combination of strength, flexibility and artistry has Evie floating on air in her studio while toning her entire body.

This performance is not for the faint-hearted or the weak of limb, but the lithe, confident and competent Evie Clinton, performing her energetic aerial skills, is a joy to watch.

Where is your current studio?

My aerial silk hangs under the roof of my 'studio' on the deck beside the pool at my home in Speewah. It was in my bedroom for a while but as I grew my legs got too long and I hit the wall. I needed more space to perform. This covered area out here where my silk hangs now is perfect for my art.

Do you work alone or with others?

I work alone at home, however, I train with others at Aerial Dynamics, which is operated by Louise Kiiver, once a week at the Tanks Art Centre in Cairns. I started with Louise six years ago. I perform solo on occasions but mostly I perform with the Aerial Dynamics group and Louise calls us "Air Cats".

What are the essential features your studio has to have?

I need height and a wide space of 4-5 metres. When we train as a group we have crash mats but we do not use them during performances. I do not use one at home. A three-metre length of material is essential. I would have chosen a black silk but one of my teachers gave me the bright red 'rope' and I love it.

Describe your work pattern – hours/days/weeks.

At home I train a few hours each week. With the group and my teacher I train on the weekends sometimes. I have my school commitments and I play volleyball and that all takes time.

Describe the works you do in your studio.

I practice my aerial tricks and my stretch exercises if there has been a few lay days between practices. But most importantly, I have fun.



List three things you listen to while working.

I listen to my breath and my heartbeat while I am on my aerial silk. We are taught this and it is something that is in the back of my mind while I am working. It is automatic now. I like to listen to the sounds in the trees surrounding our property. It is one of the good things about working outside. Also, I have a passion for rap music – loud!!!

Your favourite tool?

My aerial silk. Apart from my body it is my only other tool.

How do you identify your work?

I have a signature trick called 'hip hop, tick tock'. It is a falling trick and I incorporate it in my performance.

How do you sell your work?

This sort of art is not something that can be sold and my group does not get paid for performances. Sometimes our expenses are covered for public events.

Do you teach from your studio?

I have been to Tully with my teacher and group to teach other students but I have not taught alone, only under supervision. It would be great to teach at a later stage and it is something I look forward to.

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

I would like to have my aerial silk higher so that I could do more advanced tricks with more controlled fall space. There are a couple of places in the garden, which I would prefer. [Evie points enviously to a very tall straight hickory tree in the garden with a fork at approximately 15 metres. My mind boggles as the top of this tree is not visible under the roof line of the covered deck where Evie currently works. TR]

If you were not working with Aerial Dynamics what would you be doing?

I would still be doing circus performing or modelling. I have just started and signed with a modelling agency. While I don't have any formal experience yet, a visiting overseas photographer and a make-up artist asked me to take part in a photo shoot recently and so I have received some photos to add to my portfolio. I guess it is what every young girl dreams about.



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Counselling Options: There are several counsellors using rooms at the Centre. There is a psychologist and a social worker who can both provide counselling with no cost to the client under a Mental Health Plan through a GP/Doctor utilising Medicare. There is also a new psychoanalyst using process work (in training and with insurance) who can provide free counselling – information is available from Marg or Ceri at KNC.

Gambling/Financial Counselling: Susan Cook from the Salvation Army is coming to Kuranda every second Wednesday to assist people with gambling and financial issues. If you require any information, advice or advocacy, Susan provides a strictly confidential service – please phone KNC to make a booking.

Computer Support and Equipment: Tracey is still available at KNC each morning until 1.00pm providing assistance with computer repairs and issues (including virus removal) and also has a range of parts and re-conditioned machines that have been donated. Come in and have a chat – you never know – she might have exactly what you need.

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

No Interest Loan Scheme: Just a reminder that the Kuranda NILS program has just introduced Queensland Motor Vehicle Registration and school laptops as new NILS items. A current payment notice is required along with documentation including Centrelink Income Statements and Bank statements. The NILS is strictly no fee and no interest, up to \$1000 for essential items including fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers, bed furniture, lounges, dining and other items that are considered essential. Please phone 4093 8933 or drop in and ask for more details. Notice of specific clinics will be in future Kuranda Paper articles or available at the centre.

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

Justices of Peace at KNC: KNC is lucky to have two volunteers who are JPs. Fran is here from 1-5 on Tuesdays and Jo is here all day Wednesdays. For enquiries call KNC on 4093 8933.

The Neighbourhood Centre Team

Essentials of Succession Planning

It is inevitable that someday you will leave your business, whether you sell up, retire or leave due to health reasons.

A survey by Bond University found > 40% of family businesses are looking to transfer their operations within five years. 93% intend to transfer their business to family, only 39% have a succession plan. Research also shows that > 65% of family businesses fail in the second generation and another 20% fail in the third generation.

Common causes of business failure are:

- a lack of management skills
- failure of parents to "let go"
- failure of the parents to share knowledge with all relevant parties
- a dissatisfied family member who constantly undermines authority and management, and
- family members looking critically at what one is receiving compared to what another receives.

A simple to-do checklist for family businesses considering succession.

1. **CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR**
Think about what is best for the future of the business. Don't let emotions cloud your judgement – difficult, but vital.
2. **TRAIN THE SUCCESSOR**
Owners often make the fatal mistake of giving the business to their children with minimum training.
3. **COMPLETE A SUCCESSION PLAN**
The plan has to incorporate the core values of your business and also financial and legal issues.
4. **SHOW YOUR FAITH**
If you do not show your confidence and trust in this nominated person, your business is not likely to succeed after you're gone.
5. **CONSIDER EXTERNAL OPTIONS**
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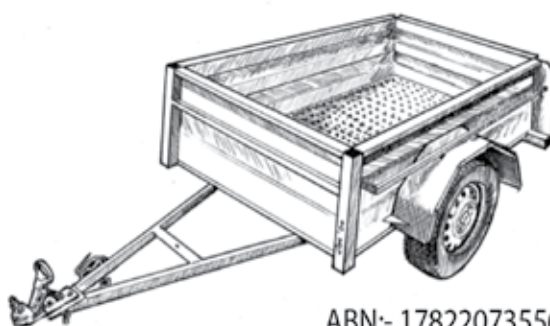
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Chapter 38

The Original Kuranda Refreshment Rooms

The Kuranda Refreshment Rooms which is part of Kuranda Railway Station was purposely built to cater for the increasing tourist traffic. Kuranda Railway Station, including the Kuranda Tea Rooms, is heritage listed. Back in the day the proprietor of nearby Kuranda Hotel operated the rooms which were not an uncommon arrangement at the time. The most popular offerings of the day were beer which proved very popular with the Tablelands to Cairns services where Kuranda Refreshment Rooms was a designated pit stop. Beer on tap was served until the late 60s after which new strict liquor licensing laws came into effect.



Chapter 40

Kuranda Scenic Railway was not part of the Queensland Railways timetable until the 1960s

During the peak tourist season in the 1930s the tourist train departed for Kuranda from Cairns Wharf and Cairns Station on Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and if required Mondays. The journey generally took two and quarter hours. A First Class single fare cost 4 shillings and one pence from Cairns Wharf. The train had consisted of unique vintage carriages which featured open end verandas, sun shades over the windows and short wheelbases on the carriages were part of their distinctive charm.



It wasn't until 1963 that the regular year round tourist services was included in the Queensland Railway timetable for the section between Cairns and Kuranda. A modern 2000 class railmotor nicknamed the 'Silver Bullet' was used. Due to phenomenal tourist growth to the region in 1981 Queensland Railway dedicated 28 carriages of similar outline to be overhauled and used exclusively for Kuranda Scenic Railway.

Chapter 39

Tourist destinations in the 1950s

Cairns high tourist season in the 1950s has been and still is one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations. The most popular attractions at the time were Green Island and its underwater observatory, Lake Placid, the Crystal Cascades, the Cook Highway to Mossman and Port Douglas, Fairyland near Kuranda, the Atherton Tableland, the Palmerston Highway and Millaa Millaa to Innisfail, the Crater Lakes and Falls on the Tablelands and also, last but not least, the train trip from Cairns to Kuranda. Not much has changed in the last 60 years apart from the addition of Skyrail Rainforest Cableway!



Chapter 41

Railmotor robbed 1973

Thursday 6th December 1973 the RM1819 Railmotor departed Cairns for Ravenshoe with 15 passengers and the payroll for the fitters who were working on the Cairns to Ravenshoe railway line.

As the railmotor exited Tunnel number 5 the driver saw a large rock on the railway track. As the guard Clive Abdy climbed out to investigate the rock he noticed it was chained to the track at about the same time two masked robber's exited Tunnel number 6 with sawn-off shotguns.

The robbers entered the railmotor and ordered all passengers to the ground as they made their way to the paymaster and demanded: "This is a holdup. Give us the money." The robbers fled by foot with the 2 payroll boxes worth—in today's value—\$50,000, through a drain beside Tunnel number 6 entrance, never to be seen again.



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Fur Coats Are Not Chic

Years ago, my business, Word Factory, was ensconced in an office in the Pentagon. Every evening I would return to the Home Office. Two very impressive addresses for a mere journo, but at the time, I could chuckle inwardly when people asked me how to find my office. The airconditioned Pentagon in Grafton Street was a far more comfortable option in the depths of summer than the sweaty interior of the home office.

I'm feeling the heat in the Home Office today, despite a breeze blowing through the back window, strong enough to have me place a pair of pruners on one pile of papers as another pile (hopefully the bills) sails like a flock of white geese out the window towards the horse paddock.

The fact is, it's hot. It's very hot. I shouldn't be surprised, after all, I live in the tropics, and one of the many reasons I've lived here since Moses was a boy, is the predictability of a preponderance of sunny days. Who needs airconditioning in the Tablelands? Well, just this afternoon, me.

I'm looking at the three black and white bodies spreadeagled within a metre's circumference of my desk. Shaved with a no. 10 blade, they are as comfortable as I can make them.

If I had airconditioning in my office, they would be shut in with me. At least without airconditioning, I have some idea how they are feeling through the day; only some idea, as I'm not wearing a thin fur coat. This leads me to my subject for this week: clipping. To do or not to do, that is some pet owners' quandary. It shouldn't be if you care about your long haired pet.

If I had just one Frequent Flyer point for every time someone has said to me, "His thick coat is insulation against the heat", I could have circumnavigated the world for free. A slight exaggeration perhaps, but I'm trying to make a point here about what a common misconception this is. Okay, let's say Wagga Wagga and back. Anyway, we're

straying from the point of my tale.

Huskies were designed to work in the snow. As a young teenager, I collapsed in sobs at the sight of a pack of huskies lying in thick snow at the very top of Jungfrauoch in Switzerland, nearly 11,400ft above sea level and with temperatures reaching minus 13 degrees Fahrenheit (centigrade only came into vogue with decimal currency).

My poor father was very near to calling security to prevent his daughter freeing the entire dog sled team.

Border collies originated from Northumberland on the Anglo/Scottish border. It's bloomin' chilly up there, I can vouch for that. It's thick socks, woolly beanie and sheepskin coat country. Dogs dress accordingly, and they never expected to take a different wardrobe overseas, as we do when we travel to a different climate.

That's just two long haired breeds, and of course there are many. When people give me the argument that the double coat is there for insulation, and that their dog is fine, I refer them to the women of the Arabian Gulf, where I lived for nearly eight years.

A black abaya over layers of clothing is no fun in 40 degrees centigrade, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

For those who won't clip their dog or even long haired cat because "It looks silly", don't even start me. I place those people whose personal vanity exceeds their compassion with the owners of show horses who double rug their poor animals in our tropical summer, and people who leave children and dogs in hot cars.

I'm not a vet, I'm not an expert. I can often tell how an animal is feeling where I can't pick what a human is feeling, as the former doesn't know how to mask their feelings.

The exception to this is when an animal is hurt physically: in the wild, to display physical weakness can mean death.

What I can tell you is, if you have never clipped your long-haired animal, give it a go, and revel in the new playful, happy, energetic animal you have unleashed.



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Grants

I read with great interest the stories of the Kuranda Australia Day Award Winners on the front page of the February issue of *The Kuranda Paper*. One point that stood out to me was the accolade given to one of these winners for being good at getting grants! I have had experience right here in Kuranda in the expenditure of two such grants. We have all heard stories of political failure coming from a bridge to nowhere!

Well I built such a bridge for another well known Kuranda identity that is clever at getting grants. This bridge is now spanning an inaccessible hidden creek mouldering in the jungle! The materials were bought at my direction with money from the grant and I proudly, singlehandedly built a splendid 8 metre all steel bridge complete with handrails and balustrade plus a number of fabricated steel step risers for the accompanying walking track at my house free of charge for the people of Kuranda! The bridge was to be installed by 'Work for the Dole' members, supervised by a presumably paid local (I was invited not to participate).

I built and disassembled the bridge under my house so it could be taken away in modules by the installation crew. Anyway the upshot was the installation was poorly done, especially the step risers which were bashed almost to death being hammered into the hard clay rather than digging them in and at the end of the day the Council condemned the whole project.

Had I been allowed (and I offered) I could have installed the whole kit and caboodle at no cost as I had previously done on my own property and as had been inspected by Council before this project was approved.

I call this grant failure number one and I have only been involved in two such grants. I will now relate grant failure number two.

Some years ago there was an advert in *The Kuranda Paper* requesting Kuranda residents lodge suggestions for a beautification project for the turnoff from the

highway into Kuranda. I sent my letter off and was duly invited to a meeting to discuss the community inputs.

In the event it turned out I was the only resident to have responded so the meeting in the Council room at the other end of the Library building was only attended by me, the same well known grant getter, a Mareeba Councillor and a paid Kuranda community facilitator.

I was quite passionate about this project and had already recruited the assistance of one Keith Green, the then proprietor of Kuranda Raw Materials who was then clearing roads and lots in the Kuranda rainforest precinct.

The plan involved transplanting 100 or so mature Licuala Fan Palms in groups on the corners of said intersection. Keith had agreed to collect these palms each with an earth ball and cart them to the site where he would stand them up in pre-dug holes over a period of time as they became available instead of pushing them into a pile and trashing them, as was the practice.

Keith, like me, thought this was a good plan and so agreed to do it for a very cheap price per palm as his gift to the people of Kuranda. These iconic and extremely slow growing palms unique to this part of the World can live for more than 400 years so I often gaze lovingly at the ones in the grove I live in and speculate which ones may have been here when Lieutenant James Cook sailed past on Trinity Sunday in 1770.

Anyway I explained myself and the costs that were well within the grant only to be told the sole idea from Kuranda was not approved as they already had an alternate idea that involved a wood carver making a sign (I wouldn't even contemplate the evolution of this arrangement).

The sign sadly can still be seen on said corner



gradually mouldering away whereas a magnificent stand of the iconic Licuala Ramsayi would be mature, growing from strength to strength and sending up seedlings! Shouting to all and sundry: "You Have Arrived – This Is the Rain Forest – This Is the Village In It – This Is Kuranda!"

Such is my experience of grants I feel any such money now would best be spent on reducing Australia's debt which costs us all more than one billion dollars a month in interest alone.

God help our children!

– **Hugh Crowther**, Kuranda

Environmental Concerns – in response to Nadine O'Brien's letter

Good question – how did it happen that a rural residential DA approval was granted on a rural zoning? Many years ago residents may not have submitted against the rezoning or they may have and lost. Too late to make any further objections to this. Be watchful of our shire planning scheme and Development applications to achieve the best environmental outcome we can. Join the Friends of Kuranda Planning group to learn how.

Do we think this is a good environmental outcome? Rather we could ask, was this the best environmental outcome we could achieve under the circumstances and within the environmental protections we have. The developer took advice from Kuranda Envirocare to refer his development to the Federal EPBC Act check. Public submissions were made against development aspects, ecology experts were consulted but in the end the EPBC officers allowed the developer his requested building envelopes but required Jum Rum creek water quality monitoring for 10 years.

The blocks are not and will never be restored rainforest unless left to regenerate for 600 years but they can become better habitat than they are now with revegetation and covenants respected by prospective new residents to Kuranda. As have many blocks which were carved up for rural residential zoning in the 70s and 80s as the farmers moved out.

– **Cathy Retter**

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Heavy School Bags!

According to chiropractors and physiotherapists, heavy bags are leading to serious backache and scoliosis ailments. The most you should carry is around 10% to 15% of your body weight. If kids (or you) are carrying more than this, STOP! Use lockers, use online text-books whenever possible, use a trolley, but stop future back problems!

Warning Signs: Headaches, backaches or tingly feelings in your arms or back.

Not Enough Outside Play!

Children are spending less time outdoors particularly with the advent of electronic devices. Research shows that playtime and walks in outdoor settings makes for kids who are better behaved in class, are more focused and have much better attention spans. Current studies say sitting for long periods whether in school or offices greatly increases poor health and even risks premature death. Think about it...most of what we do is sedentary – driving, eating, phoning, watching TV, catching up with friends, working, reading...so everyone get standing up, get playing outside!

Warning Signs: ADHD, unfocussed learning, being unfit while young.

Too Much Sugar!

Homes and schools need to provide and foster good foods so as to educate and nourish kids. Teachers know that teaching is easier and calmer if non-sugared, high nutritional food is supplied. Make sure you and the school tuck-shop serve only healthy nutritious foods. Make sure you particularly limit or eliminate sugars. Watch 'Jamie Oliver's School Dinners' programs if you need further convincing.

Warning Signs: Malnutrition, ADHD, sugar-fuelled disruptive behaviours.

Lack of Sleep!

Huge do-or-die culminative tests or final exams at the end of semesters encourage students to 'cram' all night. As do excessive school workloads. Many Grade Sevens are now pulling all-nighters and gulping down caffeine! Children need on average nine hours sleep per night for proper health. Lack of sleep leads not only to poor

academic performance but also to depression, obesity and increased accidents (and that's accidents to you too – think sleep deprived teens behind the wheel of a car)! And sleepy adolescents are significantly more likely to overeat carbohydrates, fats and sugars. Enforce bedtimes. Limit social media and devices after dark. Talk to your school if you feel this is an issue.

Warning Signs: Unable to get up in time for start of school. Kids falling asleep in class, at recess and at other untypical times. Grumpiness.

Too Much Homework!

Six hours in school + 2 doing homework = 8 hours a day! This is full-time job hours people!

Australian students are spending more hours doing after-school homework, according to a new international study. Our prep and Grade Ones are getting homework now! Australian academics Richard Walker and Mike Horsley's new book Reforming Homework say "homework's not very beneficial for primary school kids, [has] very limited benefits for junior high school kids, and reasonable benefits for senior high school kids." Free time plays a key role in fostering both creativity and emotional development, factors just as basic to long term success as academic gains." Talk to your school if you feel this is an issue. (http://www.alternet.org/story/9682/back_to_school%3A_why_homework_is_bad_for_kids)

Warning Signs: Anxiety and stress levels rising. Play time put aside for study. Sleep time put aside for study. Pulling all-nighters (once only the realm of university students).



Infrastructure work

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

"Work commenced on the Grove Creek Bridge on Speewah Road in November. Following an assessment of the bridge a number of issues were identified resulting in the immediate imposition of a 5 Tonne load limit on the bridge," Mayor Tom Gilmore said.

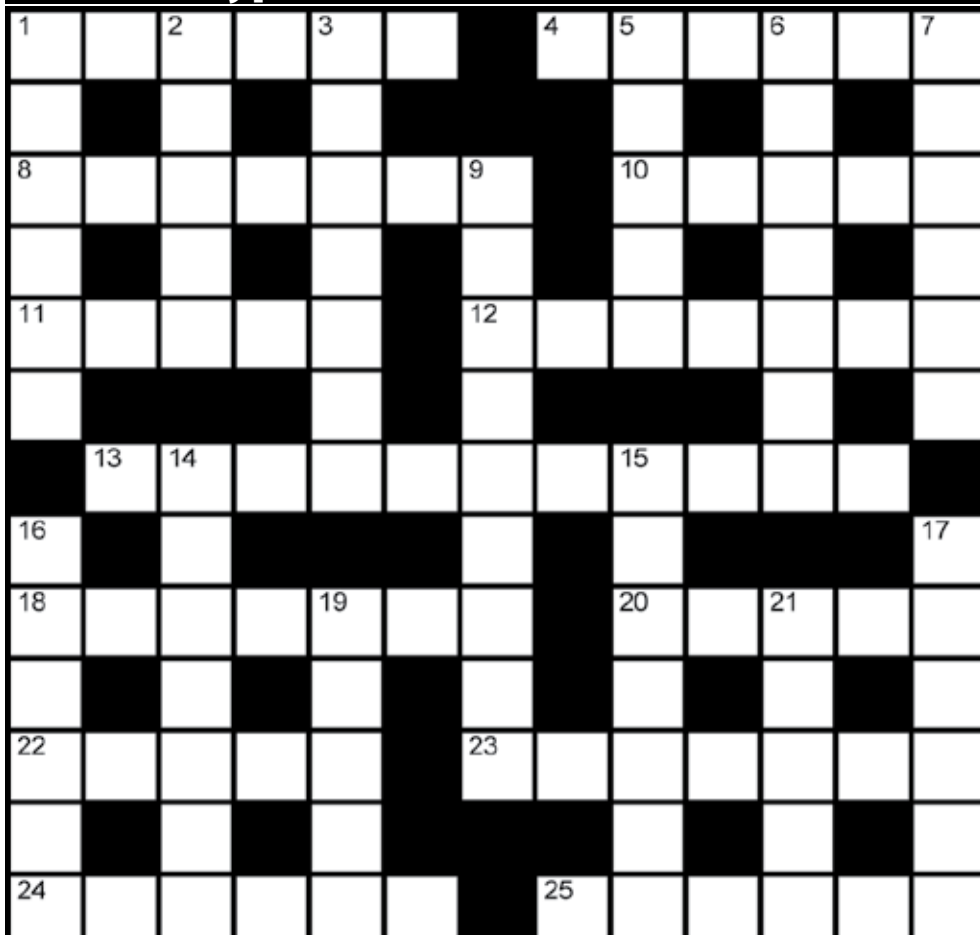
"Given that this is the only access into Speewah, urgent works had to be undertaken to enable heavier vehicles to enter Speewah. Work is progressing on schedule and the contractor will stockpile the stage one concrete girders this week, with the intention of placing them early next week," Cr Gilmore said.

"This is welcome news to everyone who uses those roads, and this upgrade has a number of benefits for residents, industry and road users. For instance, once this bridge is complete, work can begin on the installation of the 60 metre NBN tower which will service the area." he said. "This major piece of important infrastructure is being partly funded by the Commonwealth Government with a grant of \$425,000."

"Parks and Gardens has carried out general repairs and maintenance at the Bi-Centennial Lakes, Town Hall Park, Dimbulah, Centenary Park, Arnold Park, Mareeba. General repairs and maintenance has also been carried out on Kuranda Parks, Library, CBD and streets," Mayor Gilmore said.

"The installation of an underground electrical conduit at Therwine Street in preparation for the undergrounding of power commenced in November and was completed this month with minimum disruption to business and tourism in the town.. My congratulations to the council workforce for their efforts in very trying conditions. The work extends the full length of Therwine Street from the intersection of Coondoo Street to the bottom of Therwine Street.," Cr Gilmore said.

Cryptic Crossword #22 BY DAVID



Across

- 1 Saint has food for animals (6)
- 4 Pass on rogue painting (6)
- 8 Most overweight has adipose tissue assessment (7)
- 10 Bananas allergy to some degree affecting the nose (5)
- 11 Sure spades shuffled to get tricks (5)
- 12 King in power cut displays anger (7)
- 13 Emperor settled in the east (11)
- 18 Eat bird (7)
- 20 Splintered ecoterrorists make mistake (5)
- 22 Marked down battered peach (5)
- 23 Football obsession in eastern european country (7)
- 24 Make certain nurse has taken drug by mistake (6)
- 25 Vault shut on time (6)

Down

- 1 Expedition in African country has long way to go to island (6)
- 2 Swear words (5)
- 3 Poet, extra terrestrial, and rescuers work together to catch insects (7)
- 5 Painter takes maiden to Eton improperly (5)
- 6 A British saint desperate to give up something (7)
- 7 Speaker has discussion with queen (6)
- 9 Conflict in which horse is sent to Paris (6,3)
- 14 Chopped up oranges for animals (7)
- 15 King Hamlet dressed in garment (7)
- 16 Ego makes spy turn to revolutionary (6)
- 17 Erratic queen has tirade (6)
- 19 Repel hideously sick person (5)
- 21 Nurse confused symbols (5)

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

SOLUTION ON PAGE 32





This little wounded warrior, Cherie, a 260g Coppery Brushtail Possum, is lucky to be alive having been plucked from his mother's back by an owl and subsequently dropped – the most likely scenario given her injuries. She was found on the ground by a tour guide near the Platypus Viewing Platform at Yungaburra and, after a somewhat circuitous journey, arrived at Batreach.

With a build-up of congealed blood covering the right side of her face, Pam was unsure of the severity of the injury as she gently bathed the wound. She was relieved to find the eye intact. There was also an injury to the tail, to which a splint was applied. Although Cherie still looks battered and bruised she has settled well into care and is quite calm despite her ordeal.

Story and Photo by Batreach Volunteer Helen Douglas

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You can also contact any of your MSC Councillors if you would like to discuss any Council matters.*

Thank You:

This is the last ever "Jensen Jottings" as I will finish my term as a Councillor on March 19th. Thank You to everyone in the Kuranda District community for your support over the past eight years. As with any journey, there have been plenty of "twists and turns", "highs and lows", "ups and downs"... but it has certainly been an interesting ride. My very sincere thanks to the many special people who have assisted me in my role as a Councillor.

I admire the passion and spirit of Kuranda and encourage you never to let go of that. I wish the new Council well and trust that Kuranda will continue to have its voice heard at the Council table.

Best wishes to all of you.

Voting Information:

The Council elections are on Saturday March 19th. There will be a Polling Booth at the Kuranda CWA Hall AND at the shed at RosCommon at Speewah. You can vote early at the Pre-Polling which is open at Kuranda CWA or the Council office in Mareeba for ONE week prior to the election (Monday March 14th to Friday March 18th) from 9am to 5pm.

Budget 2015-16:

Council Budget deliberations are underway. The Budget will of course be subject to the discussions and approval of the newly elected Council after March 19th.

Kuranda Community Precinct:

Advisory Committee meets monthly and is now looking at the process of how the facility (particularly the top floor of the building) will be managed and used. There is a vacancy for a Community Rep on the committee. If you are interested,

please contact Council. No Council decision has been made yet regarding the use of the old Library site.

MSC Planning Scheme:

Council has voted unanimously to call for tenders for prices to update the Mapping in the Scheme. The state mapping is not sufficiently detailed and Council has decided to seek prices to undertake further work. The cost will have to be met by Council, not the state government.

Re-development of Therwine Street:

Good progress on the Therwine Street re-development. Thanks to local residents and retailers for your cooperation.

Koah Hall and Markets:

The new Committee is really making the Koah Hall into a great community hub for Koah residents. Their markets are on Saturday 5th March. All welcome.

Recycling:

The recycling drop-off bins near the Kuranda Community Precinct are going really well. Staff have reported that they are being very well used and there have been no real problems. Bins are emptied weekly, but if you ever notice that the bins are full, please report this to Council or pop in to the new Kuranda Library and let them know.

Speewah District Residents Association Meeting:

The next meeting is Monday 29th February at 6.00pm at the shed at RosCommon.

Customer Requests System:

If you have a complaint or request for Council action, you can easily and quickly log this. Call 1300 308 461 (both MSC Reception and Urgent After/Hours Service) or email info@msc.qld.gov.au. You are also welcome to contact any of your Councillors who may be able to assist.

Council Meetings:

Council Meetings for March: Wednesday March 2nd and Wednesday March 16th. Meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

Election Date:

I wish all candidates well in the Council Elections on Saturday 19th March. Voting is compulsory.

Use of Old Library Building:

Tenders for use of the former Kuranda Library and Council office will be called. It is expected that the advertisements for Tenders will be made in April. **Contacts:** My email and phone contacts will be closed after March 19th. If you have any questions, please contact the MSC office. The new Council is expected to be sworn in at the end of March.

Farewell:

Thank you again.

How Do I Contact Council?

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Library.

How Do I Contact A Councillor?

The Council website lists contact details for the Mayor and each Councillor, as well the details of their Register of Interests.

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Speewah District Residents Assoc Inc.

The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on

Monday 29th February at 6.00pm

in the Fire Brigade building, Roscommon Park, Speewah.

All Speewah residents are invited to attend.

- Our resident councillor Jenny Jensen has not nominated for in the upcoming election. We will take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Jenny for the hard work she has done as our representative for the past years.
- With the Local Government election being held on Saturday 19 March, our attention will focus on this issue. Some of the candidates for election will attend the meeting. Residents can take this opportunity to get to know them and their policies.
- An update on the progress of the construction of the new bridge will be given.
- Updates will be given on other issues effecting the Speewah area.
- Mayor Tom Gilmore and present councillors have been invited to attend.

We welcome attendance by Speewah residents. If you have any issues you want included in the agenda, contact either Margaret Butteling on 4093 0100 or Bob Madden on 4093 0169.

Boyd's Rainforest Dragon in 3D



This is a Stereo or 3D picture which can be free viewed without the need for a 3D viewer.

For those of you familiar with Stereographs, so popular in the early 1980 s you may remember that you focus on a point beyond the actual images. If you concentrate you will eventually see three images...look at the middle image. You will also see the white dot move into the white circle..when that occurs the image will be in 3D.

Image by c3d.net.au & www.kurandaecohousing.org



Library Lines

Rate notices have been issued with rates due 24th march, 2016

The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 30th June, 2016 have been issued. The discount period closes on Thursday 24th March, 2016.

If you have not received your Rate Notice, please contact the Rates Department by telephoning Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461. Rates can be paid at Kuranda Library and Council Office, located in Block C, 18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda. Please note that the Library conducts Council business from **Monday to Friday, 10.00am- 4.30pm.**

Go Digital Kuranda workshops are focused on promoting small and market style business ventures in the digital environment. If you are interested in learning about online marketing, establishing an Ebusiness or supporting the on-going growth and success of your established small business register for the "Go Digital Kuranda" workshops at the Library or by telephoning 4093 9185. With 11 workshops still to be delivered, on a Tuesday evening from 6.00-9.00pm, there are a small number of spaces left.

Better Business Processes

- Tuesday 1st March – Day to Day Digital Strategies
- Tuesday 8th March – Improving Efficiency
- Tuesday 15th March – Tying it all Together (Better Business Processes)
- Tuesday 22nd March – Mentoring Workshop

Advance Workshops

- Tuesday 28th March – Search Engine Optimisation & Analytics
- Tuesday 3rd May – Advanced Facebook
- Tuesday 10th May – Social Media Management
- Tuesday 17th May – Email Marketing Advanced
- Tuesday 24th May – Ecommerce Success
- Tuesday 31st May – Mentoring Workshop

Library Lovers Day or should we call it Library Lovers Week – was full of fun, chocolate hearts and of course a shared love of literature. Library users were very willing to select a beautifully wrapped book, with just a small clue as to what the story could possibly be about. Many returned their book and wrote a review to go in the draw to win a prize. Winners will be contacted after the 2nd of March.

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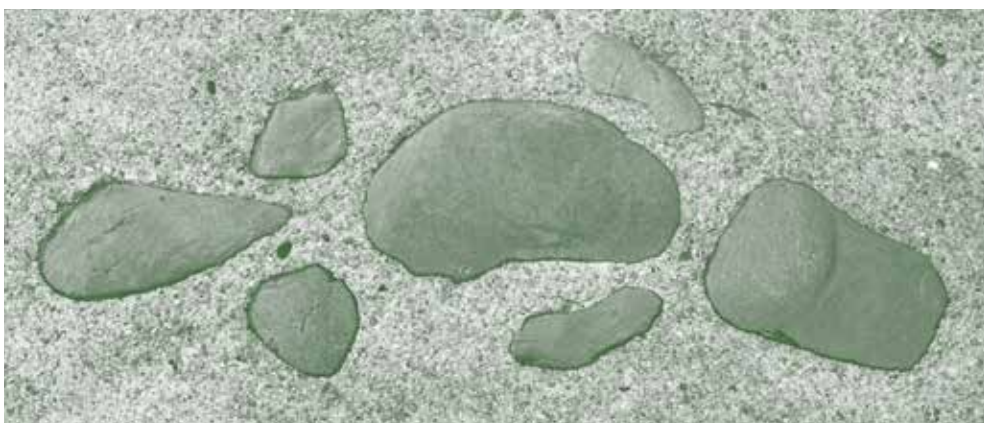
Well, we are back again after our Christmas break. Our crafters were happy to see the doors open again and have already started on their show crafts.

As our group are always prepared to assist with community projects, this time we will be supporting the Butterfly Charity Drive, which aims to supply the Sands Queensland Butterfly program with bereavement clothing for babies born too soon, items are donated to hospitals across Queensland alongside the Butterfly memory bag. In the past we have made beanies and turbans for Cancer patients, drainage bags for women recovering from breast surgery and several other programs over the years.

Members state-wide are also encouraged to continue supporting "Birthing Kits", "Kits for Kids", saving trimmed used stamps, foreign coins and spectacles for PNG. Trauma Dolls are made and used by Doctors to explain how they are going to do the operation on the child – they draw on the doll to explain the procedure so the child can see what the doctor is going to do to them to make them better.

We hold our craft and social mornings on the first, third and fourth days of the month. Please feel welcome to drop in, have a cuppa, learn various crafts – or teach a craft new to our members.

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I have also had the honour of being appointed to the position of Temporary Deputy Speaker of the 55th Parliament. I join a team of 6 MPs who under the guidance of the speaker and deputy speaker will take turns throughout each speaking day to ensure the professional and consistent operation of the parliament.

I also remain on the bipartisan Parliamentary Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) which scrutinises Bills tabled by the Premier and Treasurer. Last year one of the major roles of the FAC was travelling around the state holding public meetings to hear the views of people regarding four year and fixed terms of parliament. As a result of that work Queenslanders will be voting on a referendum to extend the terms of parliament to four years with a fixed date – in much the same way as council elections occur.

The referendum will be held March 19, the same day as the Local Government elections.

Seniors Week will be held this year from 13-21 August. Subsidies of up to \$1,000 for organisations to hold a Seniors Week event are open until 31 March – for more information go to www.qld.gov/seniors

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

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Overseen by Colin the Cassowary, The GANG GREEN shop is now stocked up with plants, handi-crafts, mini herb gardens and Bonsai made by the job seekers working at the KCons community nursery.

Swing by to see if there's anything you must have.

We're trying to create industry here, apart from the nursery. The participants are learning skills that will make them more employable or setting themselves up with their own businesses. We're building a trailer, fixing machinery, growing food, making bird nesting boxes, relocating pythons and assisting residents to deal with feral pigs, cats and weeds.

All this is over and above the ever expanding nursery and landscaping projects.



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

Sorry – no mulching hay for next few months – it's being grown now

Still no real rain as we go to print, but hopefully that will change soon. In the meantime, ensure your small plants are well watered. Protect against erosion with lomandra and native grasses. Fallen branches and leaf litter make good mulch.

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We've put "Recent Crossing" signs out on the Kuranda Range Road following reports of cassowary sightings. We'll take the signs down if we don't hear of any sightings over a period of a week or two, so please let us know if you see one on the roadside.

SNAKES

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Plant of the Month

Kuranda Quandong (*Elaeocarpus bancroftii*: *Elaeocarpaceae*)

This plant is flowering around Kuranda at present. The flowers hang upside down under the twigs and resemble cream coloured skirts. They have a very pleasant smell. The fruits are large green drupes with very dry flesh. The husk inside looks like rugby ball and has very thick walls. These giant trees can grow up to 45m tall and dominate the rainforest canopy. The Djabugandjii had special nut stones they used to crack open these delectable nuts.

There is an idea floating around to create a dwarf variety but this slow grower will surely create some shade for our grandchildren.



Date Claimers

- Thursday 3 March, AGM & General Meeting 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road.
- Saturday 12 March 5.00-8.00pm Frog identification workshop – FREE includes field trip to a monitoring site, BYO plate to share, booking essential, call Sylvia on 0409 647 714
- Yellow Crazy Ant monitoring – every 2nd Thursday, ring Mikhaila 0400 018 332
- EVERY Saturday: Tree Planting 7.30 am
- Frog Monitoring dates in the 3rd week of every month. facebook search Kuranda's-Frog-Friendly-Neighbourhood
- Saturday Morning Plantings 7.30am-9.30am. Meet at the nursery.

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GIGGLE CAVE

Q. What do you call a boy with a dictionary in his pocket?
A. Smartie Pants!

MAGIC MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

NAME AGE yrs MONTH OF BIRTH.....

TELEPHONE EMAIL SCHOOL.....

DRAGON'S CONUNDRUM

A cock lays a gold egg exactly on the border between NSW and QLD - both states argue who should have it, to put in their museum.

Q. Who do you think has the right to keep it?

Tongue Tangler - Say 3 times quickly

The sixth Sheik's sixth sheep is sick

Diets by N.E. Moore
Against the clock by Justin Thyme
Rabbit Colours by Al Bino

The Mailbag

Dear Murgatroyd, For my birthday I got a BMX bike and it was green. I turned 7. from Luke Magnuson.

Giggles

Q. What is a cyclone?
A. Mother nature doing the twist.

From Imogen Fenton

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- ★ Be a poet ... win a prize.
- ★ Make up a puzzle ... win a prize.
- ★ Send a recipe ... win a prize.
- ★ Know a joke or riddle ... win a prize.
- ★ Write a letter ... win a prize.
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- ★ Send to the address at bottom of this page - or pop in a Magic Box near you.



Aaron Cutts

Puzzlet

MUDDLED & LOST WORDS

Pegasus is confused - the words below, join with other words, to make a new word - but he needs your help to find them. Mystery Prize if you can.

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A Thought for March

THIS month we open our Bibles and read from St Luke's Gospel Chapter 6 verses 39 to 48. We are listening to the heart of Jesus' public ministry. Every word of this passage, and of what comes before and after it in this chapter, will be relevant for human life for all time. Here Jesus communicates a vision of human life and human relationships which challenges all our normal levels of acceptance.

"Love your enemies, do good... bless... pray for those who abuse you." This whole passage stands like a mountain peak in the moral and ethical imagination of humanity. It is a statement of the ultimate: it is not possible to reach above or beyond it. Perhaps that is why He repeats the challenge in image after image. Loving, doing good, blessing, praying, offering the other cheek, offering one's shirt, responding to begging – each one of these images repeats the demand for the ultimate moral response not merely to friend but also to enemy, to the attacker, the abuser, the thief.

The question we must ask ourselves is can we respond to this demand? All of us are quite safe in saying No! Then why does this seemingly impossible demand haunt us. Why does it continue to shine like a light in all the darkness of human experience? For two reasons. Jesus did not just say these things to us; He lived them among us. To give oneself totally? He did. To pray for those who abuse us? He did. To love one's enemies? He did. This is why this passage can never be dismissed as idle dreaming for human life. We cannot dismiss something as unreal and visionary if it becomes real in front of our eyes and walks among us as Jesus did.

The second reason this vision of human response will not go away is that there is something in us that responds to it even if we cannot reach its ultimate heights. That something is perhaps the most wonderful and valuable element in our human nature. Saint John once spoke of it as "the light that lightened every man that cometh into the world."

It is a light that, though it can be brought very low by our own will and our own self, can never be extinguished. It is this lesser light in our lives which reaches out for the greater light which is Christ. Jesus' light blinds us but we are attracted to it like a plant bending towards the light. As Isaiah said centuries before the time of Jesus, "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." Who are these people? We are.

Jesus shares his vision of human behaviour totally obedient to God. We cannot live this vision but it will be light and grace to us for ever.



St Saviour's Church Monster Garden Sale Saturday March 5 7.30am to 12.30pm PLANTS • PLANTS • PLANTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday March 20

Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Palm Sunday Liturgy
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Monday 21

12.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 22

9.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 23

5.30pm Christ Eucharist

Thursday 24

(Maundy Thursday)
7.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet

Friday 25

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am Family Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 27

(Easter Sunday)

6.00am Dawn Service of Light – Communion

9.30am Easter Family Eucharist

5.00pm Easter Communion

News from St Saviour's Church

Sunday School has recommenced at St Saviour's for the year under the capable supervision of Edith Audley.

It is nice to see some new faces come along and others are always welcome to join us Sunday Mornings at 9.30am.

The **First Cakes and Books Sale** for the year will be held on Saturday the 5th March. We have plenty of Books and of course we will have cakes and other delights, along with a Monster Plant sale.

Baha'i Thought for the Month

"Know thou that the soul of man is exalted above, and is independent of all infirmities of body or mind. That a sick person showeth signs of weakness is due to the hindrances that interpose themselves between his soul and his body, for the soul itself remaineth unaffected by any bodily ailments. Consider the light of the lamp. Though an external object may interfere with its radiance, the light itself continueth to shine with undiminished power. In like manner, every malady afflicting the body of man is an impediment that preventeth the soul from manifesting its inherent might and power. When it leaveth the body, however, it will evince such ascendancy, and reveal such influence as no force on earth can equal. Every pure, every refined and sanctified soul will be endowed with tremendous power, and shall rejoice with exceeding gladness." – *Baha'u'llah*

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The Stars in March

To quote Samwise Gamgee in the final sentence of *Lord of the Rings*: "Well, I'm back". A big thank you to all those people who have enquired about the astrology column, and my well-being. We're both doing ok. So let's look at what the stars and planets have to say for March.

February slides into March on a Sun-Neptune conjunction in Pisces. This activates the desire to escape, run away and plunge into the unknown. "Into the mystic". Sensitivity, sacrifice and service are highlighted. There's a dying Moon in Sagittarius, also magical, as we flow into a Solar Eclipse in Pisces on 9th March. Apparently, as the Eclipse peaks at around 11:15 am, if we view the Sun (with the appropriate safety glasses of course) we can see a "bite" of about 20% taken out of the Sun by the Moon. Small endings and sacrifices being made to serve where needed. Gentle let goes.

Mars goes into Sagittarius on 6th March and a strong determination to set and pursue long-range goals kicks in. Venus and Mars hit a square aspect in the mutable signs on 15th March, so major challenges and passions could erupt in relationships and creative endeavours. Take action now: this is all about positive change so as to be able to surf the Piscean Eclipse wave and come out transformed.

Jupiter makes an exact trine to Pluto on 16-17th March – the middle trine in a cycle of 3 occurring this year. Along with Saturn sitting square to Jupiter, this is big! The power to reform, transform, smash and restructure after the rug is pulled out by the Eclipse. Globally we should see some amazing positive changes and personally? Well, go for it!

Then comes the Equinox. The Sun into Aries beginning the Astrological year with a rising Virgo Moon heading for a Lunar Eclipse. The Equinox is on 20th March and the Lunar Eclipse, in Libra is calling out around the world, "Let's work together". Ricky and the Flash said it, and now's the time. Mercury also into Aries, so things are moving fast. Venus conjunct Neptune softens it beautifully and brings creative imagination into focus. This has a really exciting feel to it and the next year should be something quite special. The Sun trines Mars in the fire signs on 26-27th March – that's fire power to the max. Watch the old walls and boundaries tumble, and the real heroes rise from the debris. And on the last day of the month the rising Capricorn Moon sees the new foundations begin to emerge.

A very exciting month, it would seem. Enjoy the challenges and the changes. It's good to be back.

Blessings

Rob Hart

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Community Calendar

Every Month

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

Every Saturday

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First Saturday

Garden Group 2.00pm Ph Sharon 0422 213 676

Every Sunday

A.A. CWA Hall 10.30am Ph 4093 7599

Speewah Country Market 8.00am to 2.00pm 4093 0361

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

Second Sunday

Uniting Church Recreation Centre 4.30 pm, Krishna 4093 8730

Every Monday

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

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

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

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

Every Tuesday

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

8 Ball 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

Kuranda AA meeting Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre, 7.30pm

Second Tuesday

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

Second & Fourth Tuesday

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

Third Tuesday

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First Wednesday

Kuranda Interagency Network Meeting 2.00pm at KNC

Kuranda and District Chamber of Commerce 4.30pm Kuranda Hotel

Second Wednesday

QCWA meeting 9.30 at QCWA Hall Ph: President 4093 8215, Secretary 4093 8362

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

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

Yoga at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

Second Thursday

Ambulance 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

First Friday

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"The Local Bus"

To:	Speewah Koah	Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol
Ex:	Koah	*1530 1750 #0705 #1315 *1550 #0710 #1320 *1540	*1530 1750 #0705 #1315 *1550 #0710 #1320 *1540	1645	1645 #0705
Ex:	Speewah				#0710

*SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

BOOKING REQUIRED

NO SERVICE EASTER FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY & LABOUR DAY

Departs Bus Stop: Orchid Plaza, Abbott Street, Cairns

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

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

Departs Cairns	**0825 1700	0825 1700	0825 **1615	1615	0825 1615
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All services except 1000 go to Speewah & Koah if required

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Via Caravonica, Redlynch, Raintrees, Westcourt, TAFE, Cairns City

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Ph. John 0418 772 953



CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	6.45am	8.30am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
CAIRNS 79 Abbott Street	6.50am	8.35am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	8.50am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.10am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

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

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

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

ATHERTON TABLELANDS TO CAIRNS

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

CAIRNS TO ATHERTON TABLELANDS

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

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

For further information please visit
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Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*Dear Algebra,
Please stop asking me
to find your X.
She's not coming back
and don't ask Y.*



Appraisal Certificate

I am available to provide a complimentary price estimate on your property.

I require only 15 minutes of your time with no obligation.

If you have had thoughts of selling your property or would like a market update, then phone me today,

Gunther 0421 768 522 to book a time that suits you.



“ The Cairns market has been cooling in growth but is still judged to be at the ‘Rising Market’ stage of the cycle. ”

Rick Carr, Research Director Herron Todd White Cairns.

Kuranda's regions aren't very different.

To sell or not to sell, this is the question (pardon the pun). Selling at a 'High', buying at a 'Low' in a volatile market would indeed be an ideal scenario, but is it that easy?

Not to include the property markets volatility in one's mid- or long-term strategy may involve risks. In particular is this thought nourished by the fact of an undeniable cooling of the global economy, last but not least China's. Melbourne's and Sydney's property markets, traditionally the frontrunners of what is to come our way, is slowing down noticeably. Though this year may be a little bumpy, overall I trust it will be a good one.

As the key problem for markets is uncertainty, there is a realistic possibility that it is now as good as it may get for quite some time. What I am getting at is that if you are interested to sell mid or long term, you may decide to put your property on the market earlier and to take advantage of a more stable property market. A longer settlement can often be negotiated.