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## Historic Avenue of Trees Heritage Listed

ON 27TH JULY, Kuranda's 'avenue' of mature fig trees was added to the State Heritage Register on the following criteria:

**Criterion A:** The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.

The Kuranda Fig Tree Avenue (established 1931) is important in demonstrating the development of tourism in Far North Queensland in the interwar period. Planted to beautify the main street of the town, the avenue illustrates the intention of the local authorities to enhance the tourist experience in Kuranda, which was a major attraction at both a state and national level.

The avenue of fig trees are [sic] a good representative example of a civic tree planting scheme of the interwar period, a time when town planning principles were being adopted throughout Queensland by local and state government authorities, in particular the beautification of civic spaces.

**Criterion E:** The place is important because of its aesthetic significance.

Kuranda Fig Tree Avenue, an avenue of mature fig trees lining the main street of Kuranda, is important for its contribution to the streetscape and for creating a sense of shaded tropical beauty. Intentionally connected to the celebrated tropical gardens of the Kuranda Railway Station, the canopies of the trees create a physical and visual tunnelling effect along many parts of the street and contribute to Kuranda's distinctive tropical character. The expansive trunks of many of the trees and the extensive aerial roots which stretch from the branches to the ground are often photographed by visiting tourists. The avenue of trees are [sic] significant for their scenic and landmark qualities.

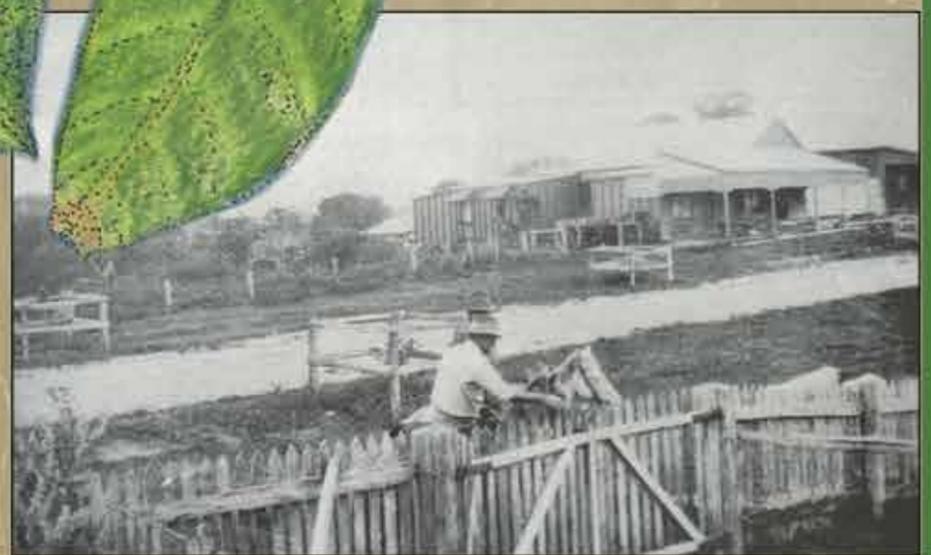
**Criterion G:** The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

Planted in the early 1930s through the efforts of local council and community benefactors, the avenue of fig trees is valued by residents throughout the Atherton Tablelands and Cairns districts and by the large numbers of visitors to the town as an important signature of the Kuranda townscape. The trees have been valued by the community and visitors since the 1930s.

There are 27 mature fig trees of the varieties: *Ficus Microcarpa*, the Small-fruited Fig (9); and *Ficus Obliqua*, the Small-leaved Fig (18). Both varieties are strangler figs and. The trees range in height from 13m to 30m, with the majority reaching close to 20m and above. Many of the trees have extensive aerial roots which stretch from the branches to the ground creating a curtaining effect. The circumferences of the trunks vary, from 2.7m to 19.6m. The canopies of the trees spread out over the street creating a shaded passageway over many sections of the street. The spread of the canopies vary in size from 9m to 26.5m with the majority stretching over 16m.

(Source: Queensland Heritage Register)

**For more history and background see back page.**



Circa 1931: "George Veivers closes his gate on Kuranda's main street."

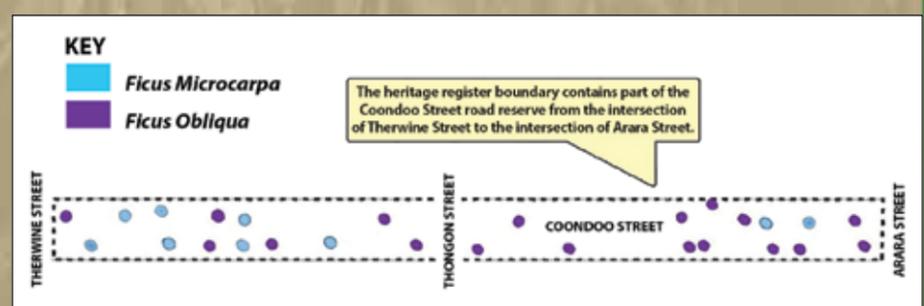
Note the small, recently planted fig trees.

Photo courtesy of George Austin.

From 'Kuranda: The Village in the Rainforest 1988-1988' by Shep Humston (and the Centenary Book Committee).



Same view as above, current day. In the early 1990s, as part of the Kuranda Village Vision project funded by the Kuranda Tourist levy, which won a Royal Institute of Planners award for Community Consultation, Kuranda's fig trees were identified by locals and visitors as being of great importance to the unique character of Kuranda, and in 1997-8 a number of "teenage" fig trees were added to the existing mature trees planted in 1931. These trees are also covered by the 2018 heritage listing.



BANNER ARTWORK: "*Ficus virgata*"

Watercolour and finepoint pen illustration by Gayle Hannah  
This fig is currently in fruit in Centenary Park

Kuranda Fig Tree Avenue Species Map, showing the 27 mature fig trees added to Queensland Heritage Register on 27 July 2018

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### New Cultural Arts Centre For Kuranda?

I would like to thank Henri Hunsinger for his article "Let's talk about a Cultural Arts Centre in Kuranda" on page 13 of last month's *Kuranda Paper*.

Given the right location in the Village centre (and Henri has highlighted several land parcels and buildings currently vacant in the village), with the assistance of perhaps two years of Kuranda Infrastructure Levy income to Mareeba Shire Council, some State and Federal funding, there is no reason why this dream for the many Kuranda artists could not come to fruition. Kuranda is certainly the jewel in the Shire's arts crown, however, there is no exhibition or performance facility.

During the years of amalgamation with the TRC, a fine venue was built beside the Atherton library. I was on the Tableland Regional Gallery Advisory Committee for a number of years, however, when de-amalgamation took place; Mareeba Shire was lost to this facility in the carve up. For an individual artist or Kuranda group to exhibit in that gallery now, it requires an application a minimum of two years ahead and if successful, approximately 800 kilometres in travel for the initial inspection of the gallery space, installation, opening, perhaps an artist talk during the exhibiting period, and deinstallation. Although this venue itself is most desirable, 'foot traffic' is at a minimum. However, in a good year, Kuranda welcomes 750,000 to one million tourists to the village.

I have canvassed MSC for such a facility for over 10 years. I have spoken at a full Council meeting, at Chamber of Commerce meetings, directly to the Mayor, the CEO, I have written, emailed and begged.

I applaud Henri for his article and interest for such a multipurpose venue. But greater local numbers and a continuing combined loud voice is needed.

Artists in Kuranda UNITE. Express your initial interest and support to [artscentrekuranda@gmail.com](mailto:artscentrekuranda@gmail.com). We need your help.

Currently, Kuranda voices continue to fall on deaf ears.

*Toni Rogers, Cantata Studio, Kuranda*

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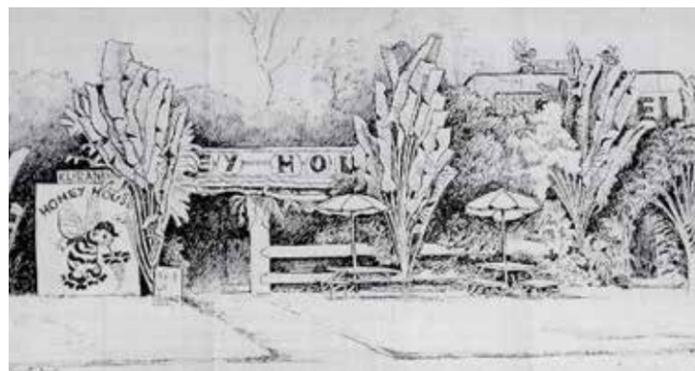
As part of our celebrations, we are compiling a "Looking back over 60 years" publication. We are hoping that some Kuranda-ites may have some old photos, articles, or interesting memories of Honey House Kuranda to share. Originals can be scanned and returned immediately to you. Of course, your details will be recorded in the credits if you wish.

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The Honey House Motel circa 1970

Vintage sketch by Joan Cairns (via late Jim Mealing)

### "The View From Here" and Beyond

I'm really enjoying "The View From Here" page, clearly carefully composed/crafted by a very talented and insightful author, Michelle Murray-Beckman. She is obviously a long time local!

Her profiles of Kuranda residents/artists are illuminating, inspiring and creative...such a joy to read. The two I have read so far: Peter Potter (August) and Brian Clarke (July) remind me of the Kuranda community's base roots and ethos which so often gets lost these days as Kuranda gets more and more commercial and touristy and society in general more and more selfish, impersonal and fractured. Her articles are a great reminder that the essence of community is still there: underpinning the Kuranda community...but sadly it comes to the fore less and less these days...usually when something tragic happens or someone is sick or dies.

I would be very interested and curious to read more about the "history of conflict between residents and Council over building regulations and approvals, which is the subject of another column", which Michelle alludes to in her column/s. I hope someone will write that column one day, as I have never been able to find out from any reliable/verifiable source/s exactly when the Council of the day (MSC/Strike 1) began to require building approvals for Kuranda dwellings and whether there is any truth or not in the rumour that Council records were destroyed in a fire sometime in the 1980s etc etc.

While Michelle does wonders in print, Pete McCabe keeps this sense of community alive via his radio station, Gecko 88 FM. Ever since I've known him (late 80s) he has always done fantastic interviews and documented many Kuranda personalities/icons on video and now on air and encourages KDSS students and others to follow suit.

Love it! Thanks Guys!

*Elaine Cushman*

### A Grinter's Tale

I want to congratulate Suzy Grinter on her column in *The Kuranda Paper* last month, about all the products not made in Australia to be found on your desk.

This message should be displayed across every billboard in the country. Our local Chamber of Commerce keeps preaching the message of "smart industry" – moving away from actually producing items to producing web content, and it just doesn't chime with reality, to me.

In the real world we all eat, need education and healthcare, and our cars need a service, houses need repairing, and none of those functions are truly supplied by the internet (perhaps an exception for education, of sorts!).

Keep up the excellent work.

*Pauline Stewart, Upper Barron*

### The KUR-World Jobs Bonanza Myth

I noticed the recent approval of a Development Application by Reeve and Ocean (KUR-World) to Mareeba Shire Council for the establishment of Rural Workers accommodation. According to the application, the rural workers are required for cattle operations and maintaining infrastructure along with crop picking in their organic garden. Obviously, there aren't any people in the Kuranda region, where there are more than 1000 unemployed, who have the high level skills required. We know this because Ken Lee has maintained that locals would always be hired first, not foreign workers.

Surprisingly MSC, which one would think would put the interests of locals first, have approved accommodation for 12 backpackers, above and beyond their own maximum limit of 10 per property. Apparently there is no problem with this application even though this number is arrived at by grossly exaggerating the permissible number of workers based on the total property area of 650 hectares rather than the 80 hectares which even KUR-World's consultant admits is the true area of rural based activity.

Although this application and approval is small scale in the scheme of things, I really think it epitomizes the reason people are so cynical about what they hear from this developer and the authorities, at many levels, which once we might have believed were there to see the right thing was done. Nowadays we are just completely ignored.

*Name supplied*

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**AROUND 100 PEOPLE** turned up to a meeting held by the local Kuranda Region Planning Group (KRPNG) last Friday night, at the Fallon Road Recreation Centre, about local planning issues. Key topics discussed were; the differences between 'Code Assessable' and 'Impact Assessable' development applications (DAs); the overuse of 'Code Assessable' DAs and an update on the release of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the KUR-World 'Coordinated Project' managed by the State's office of the Coordinator General.

The overuse of Code Assessable DAs locally and statewide, was discussed by guest speakers and from the floor and considered to be against community interest and participation. The process does not require public advertising and appeals are not granted access to the planning courts. The KUR-World development site was also found to have two planning processes running concurrently; one through the local Mareeba Shire Council and the other through the State 'Coordinated Project' process. This was viewed to be confusing and an unreasonable burden on the community, and further, likely to hinder a good community/developer result in the end.

Steven Nowakowski from KUR-Alert Inc., announced to the meeting that the group will seek to have the Myola KUR-World site and adjacent Leila's Way combined 239 lot Code Assessable subdivisions 'Called-In' for assessment by the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP). The community will then be able to concentrate its efforts on the public release of the project's Environmental Impact Statement that is far more comprehensive and is appealable through the courts.

The meeting concluded with a call for more face to face meetings with Mareeba Shire councillors and staff to be held in Kuranda to discuss these important matters.

Guest speakers included: Sarah Isaacs re the private Koah Airstrip approvals, Prof. Allan Dale from Cairns Institute and Chair of Regional Development of FNQ, Kirstiana Ward, Naim Santoso from Cairns Environmental Defenders Office, Steven Nowakowski KUR-Alert Inc. and Jax Bergersen, of Kuranda Conservation.

The pasta was enjoyed by all – a big thank you to Julie and Peter for the preparation and service. Thank you to the KUR-Alert Team for the organisation. See you at the next one!

For further information please contact:-

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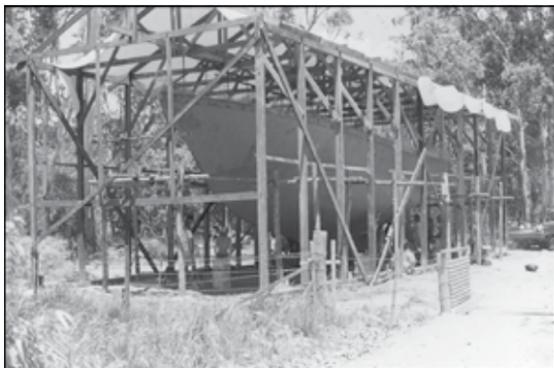
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# Time Travelling With Big Mama



Under construction, early 1970s



At Speewah, bedecked with flowers and ready to go, 7th August 1978



At the Speewah turnoff



On the 'straight' between Speewah and Kuranda



Entering Kuranda on the Old Kennedy Highway (now Rob Veivers Drive) with the Centenary Park ahead. Barang Street turnoff and Wilson's service station on the right. This was before the highway bypass when the road to Cairns ran between the two markets.

FROM 1971 TO AUGUST 1978, travellers passing the Speewah turnoff were met by the surprising sight of a 57 foot ferro-cement boat under construction. This apparition was reported in several newspapers and magazines at the time including the old Australasian Post magazine. Usually with a caption along the lines of "Do they know something we don't know?". This was before talk about "global warming" became common so most jokes were biblical in nature.

The "Big Mama" was built by various tradespeople as well as residents and (often roped in guests) of Rosebud Farm at Speewah, under the skipper's ship of owner builder Kim Haskell, with the dream of one day taking it down the mountain and eventually sailing it to its intended home port of Bloomfield for fishing adventures.

On August 7th 1978, Big Mama left Speewah, and on August 8th she was lifted into the water at the main Cairns wharves. It had travelled from the Speewah turnoff, where it had been constructed on a dusty, sometimes muddy, road verge near the old timber bridge, along the Old Kennedy Highway through the middle of Kuranda (this being previous to the highway bypass) and down the much narrower Range Road, recording a time and landscape much changed over the past forty years. At 40 tons she was quite a challenge for the old narrow roads and obstacles such as branches and powerlines had to be negotiated.

Big Mama made it safely to Bloomfield but was later replaced by Big Mama 2, a steel vessel. Big Mama 1 changed hands several times and now resides in the inlet at Port Douglas.

This gallery of photos courtesy of Kim and Anni Haskell, Wyalla Gardens, Bloomfield.



Travelling the Old Kennedy Highway with the Kuranda Valley ahead



Passing the Orange Grove (now Rainforestation)



About to be lifted into the sea at Cairns, 8th August 1978



Rounding a tight corner on the Kuranda Range Road

## Kuranda Historical Society

**Objective: "To receive and preserve historical items from, or relevant to, the Kuranda region and display them appropriately to as wide an audience as possible."**

The Kuranda Historical Society has just signed an agreement with the Mareeba Shire Council to occupy the old Visitors Information Centre in Centenary Park, for 12 months, and we hope to move into our "home" within the month of September. Having finally ticked all the boxes involved in setting up this not for profit community group we are now pleased to be able to say...COME JOIN US.

We now have our membership cards (made from 100% recycled cotton t-shirt fabric). One side features a vintage colourshell postcard image and the other a beautiful image by Kuranda photographer, Helen Douglas, of one of Kuranda's iconic fig trees (now State heritage listed).

Annual membership fees for the Kuranda Historical Society (INC) are: \$15.00 single, \$10.00 concession and \$20.00 family. To join and be added to our mailing list please email us at [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com) or contact us by post c/- PO Box 66 Kuranda 4881.

Our bank details are: Kuranda Historical Society Inc.

BSB: 633000 ACC:163016926 (Bendigo Bank Kuranda).

Our last hurdle in securing a "home" was to become appropriately insured. We were fortunate to have been offered a loan by a generous local resident but we will need to repay that money (\$1500) over time.

There has been a very encouraging, enthusiastic response to the idea of a historical society for the Kuranda region. We have been warmly welcomed into the "family" of historical society by our like-purpose regional groups and the Australian Federation of Historical Societies. We have a growing membership and mailing list of interested locals. And a recent post on our Facebook page (Kuranda Historical Society) attracted over 8,000 views and more than 4,000 interactions. We know that every person living in in this region, and everyone who has ever lived here over time, have stories to tell. And we hope to be able to provide a place to collect, record and share as many of those stories as we possibly can.

Our first public meeting, and membership drive, is planned be held on the last Sunday of September (please check next month's Kuranda Paper for details of venue and time, or join our mailing list by emailing us) and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to be a member of the society, especially those who would be willing to assist in the many jobs necessary for a volunteer group. We know there is a great pool of talent in this community and we know we are going to need to draw on that pool to cover all the tasks involved in running an effective historical society.

Please contact KHS at either [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com) or by post c/- PO Box 66 Kuranda 4881.

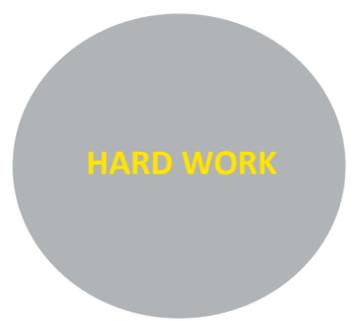
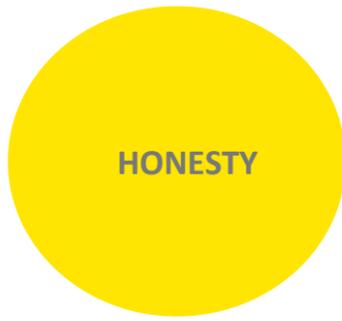
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**is a not for profit community group.**

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# “The view from here”

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

**MARGARET HUMPHREY** is not what she appears. At first glance she is a petite, articulate, well-dressed woman with a clear direct gaze and purposeful step.

She is many things – an entomologist (study of insects), arachnologist (PhD awarded for the discovery and description of nine species of platform weaving spiders in Australia and New Guinea), teacher, lecturer, research scientist, inventor and mother. That is not the full list of her credentials. As you can imagine, I was quite daunted at the thought of meeting her.

She greets me by introducing Puck her rescue dog and tells me that he has been named after Puck, the mischievous sprite from Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Her explanation is as you would expect from a scientist – thorough and to the point. If I wasn't familiar with Puck and his role in the play before, I am now. I appreciate that attention to detail, even if it is simply to introduce the family canine.

We move out onto the deck which overlooks the extensive garden, conservatory and pool. I comment on how large the pool is and Margaret explains that she had the pool built that way because she likes to swim laps. Add athletic to my initial description. Margaret also had the pool builder dig her a small pond to house her water lilies – which after the earthworks began ended up being a 2m deep pond which is nearly as big as the pool. The pond is adjacent to the conservatory which is Victorian in style and quite spectacular.

The house is large and airy with high ceilings, lots of glass and extremely large rooms. There are animal references everywhere. Wooden carvings of horses and turtles, baskets of collected shells, multiple fish tanks and even a grotto with a small waterfall that holds brown guppies swimming merrily. Margaret tells me that she couldn't bear to do away with them just because they were plain and not colourful like the Platys that occupy the extensive ponds that flank the front of the house.

One thing becomes clear – Margaret and her husband Max do things on a large scale. When I share this observation with her she replies – we need a large house – we are a five microscope family! There is a microscope for her and one for Max and then there are the three travelling microscopes. Margaret and Max each have a study the size of a living room and as you would expect books and more books lining the walls.

I asked Margaret why she chose Kuranda to retire. For her brief, she wanted to escape Sydney's water restrictions and find somewhere green with more nature, but not isolated. She didn't want to have close neighbours and as I've already noted – a house with lots of space. She further explained that Max had been coming here each wet season since he was a teenager to collect insects. Margaret estimates that approximately 30% of the population of Kuranda is comprised of retired Biologists. When you consider the biodiversity of our surrounds, and the access to nature within one's own back garden it makes sense.

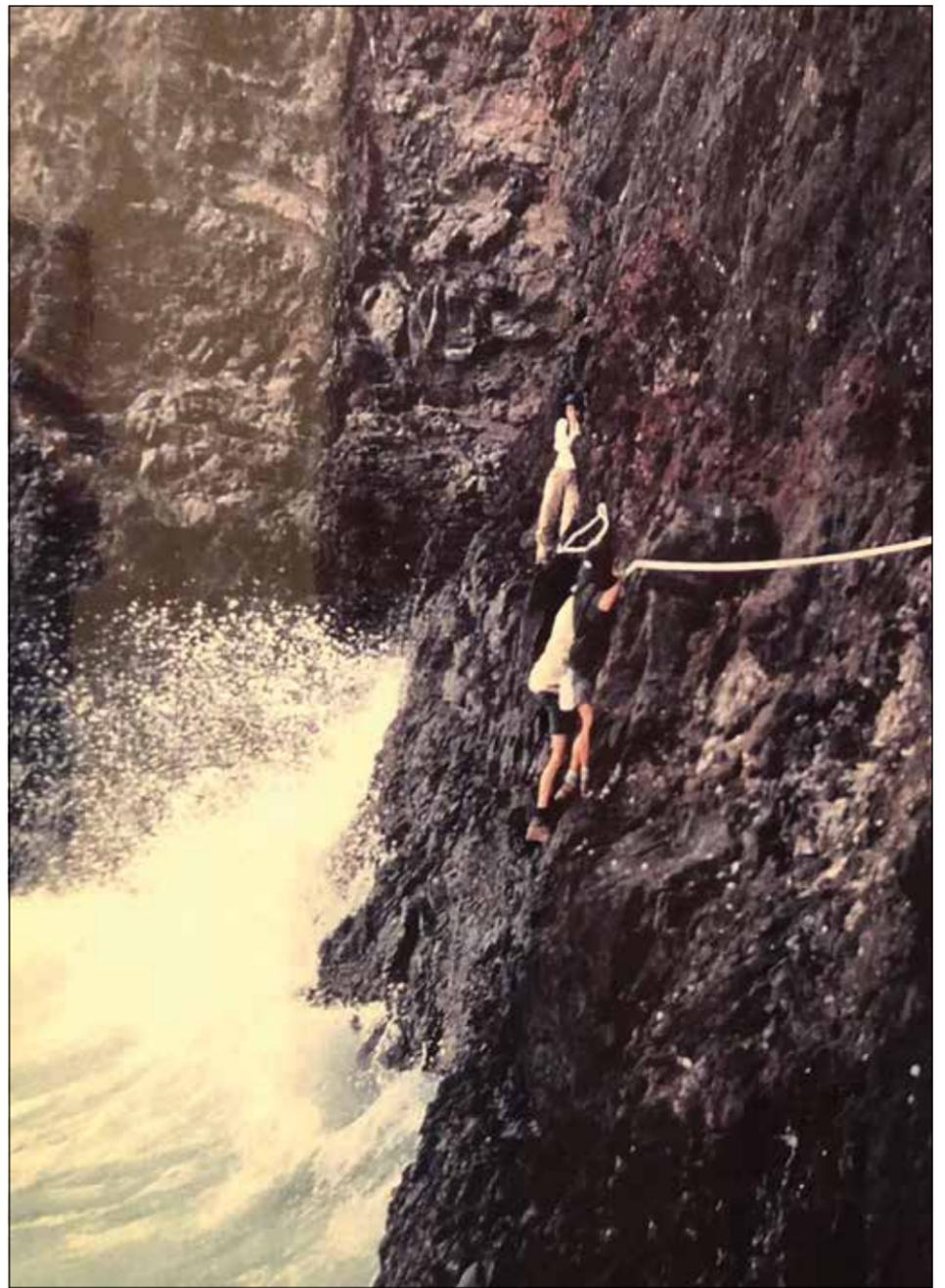
With that established, we began discussing Margaret's many careers. I would like to share a few stories which are really quite extraordinary (and one which is really quite funny).

Margaret graduated from Sydney University with a BSc in Zoology and Genetics in 1971. As a female scientist Margaret was discriminated against. CSIRO advised her that they do not interview women, National Parks and Wildlife had no female rangers and McMasters Laboratory at Sydney University told Margaret that they could not employ her because she may get bitten by a bandicoot or a tick. As she could not even get an interview for a scientific job, she completed a Diploma of Education at UNSW in 1972 which enabled her to teach – an acceptable profession for a woman at the time (accent on the irony).

This led to her spending a year in 1971 teaching science at a Mission school in the Solomon Islands with Australian Volunteers Abroad (so much safer than working with small Australian mammals in a research laboratory). Banga Island is a remote island located in the North of the Solomons. The nearest town is Munda on the island of New Georgia. The island consisted of a coconut plantation and a school.

Margaret was the first science teacher to teach at the school and therefore was to establish the school science laboratory. Just prior to arriving on the island the school burnt down. Not to be daunted, Margaret describes the opportunity to make do as “absolutely wonderful”. She set about conducting experiments in a grass hut using a bucket of water, coral, charcoal, a lighter and lime juice for acid. Crushed red hibiscus flowers provided the medium to test pH. To provide a little scientific magic Margaret lit magnesium strips which brought a flash of flames after which she floated large, heavy rocks in mercury. This made such an impact on the local children that they returned to school with their families to witness the spectacle.

Following this, the local elders made Margaret an honorary “man” because of her ability to conduct such feats of magic. The Islanders of the North Solomons are superstitious and quite war like and the elders shared stories with her of their cultural practice of cannibalism telling of seasonal raiding trips to the South to capture prized blonde-haired Islanders. As a result of her privileged status she was permitted to visit Skull Island which was taboo for women. It lived up to its name and Margaret speaks of piles of skulls all over the island. It is to be noted that the story tellers were at that time still in the habit of practising cannibalism and that this was Margaret's first exposure to Island culture. She took it all in her stride and when I ask her about culture shock she tells me that she experienced that when she returned to Sydney a year later to take up a job at Kambala School in Rose Bay. This made me smile as I know both Kambala and Rose Bay very well and I must say I concur.



Margaret Humphrey on Balls Pyramid

Margaret then moved to research work at her alma mater Sydney University and began work on her PhD. This involved both field work in Australia and New Guinea and work in the lab. Margaret gleefully recalls a particular day when she needed to transport live spiders that she had collected in New Guinea on the local train from Asquith to Central Station in Sydney, NSW. They were carefully quarantined in jars and placed in a small polystyrene esky – not dissimilar to the type one would take on a picnic. Margaret dutifully secured them under the seat in front of her and began the crossword.

After she hopped off the train and arrived at the laboratory she realised that she had left her precious cargo behind! She rang the station and the first question of course was “Are they venomous?” To which Margaret replied “I don't know – no-one's ever been bitten!”

All Sydney trains were stopped to search for the innocent esky full of spiders. The story ends well with the esky located and all spiders accounted for.

My final story is perhaps where, to me, Margaret's intrepid spirit shines brightest. Margaret was the consulting Entomologist and representative of the Australian Museum on the expedition to Balls Pyramid on Lord Howe Island that in 2001, rediscovered the Lord Howe Island stick insect which had previously been declared extinct. This is in itself is important, but it is not the intrepid part. Getting to Balls Pyramid and searching for evidence of the stick insect is.

Balls Pyramid is the tallest volcanic stack in the world (562m high), located 20km SE of Lord Howe Island. It is steep, sheer and the landfall is perilous. First, you must wait for good weather. Then you must decide to either leap from a lurching dinghy before it crashes onto the rocks, or, you can swim to the rocks hoping the sharks don't get you first. Margaret took the leap – and made it. That was the easy part. The team then had to scale the pyramid – professional climbers had attempted the climb and been turned back – not Margaret. She had never climbed before and to prepare for this she spent an afternoon the week before the trip departed learning to abseil in Galston Gorge with her adult son. She made two climbs to the shrub line in two days camping overnight on a rock platform and found the evidence required to establish that the creature may be what they were looking for.

As a bonus, she even found eggs buried in the sand which was behaviour not known about the insect previously. I would like to point out that she wasn't the first choice of entomologist, that fellow didn't have the physical grit to complete the job and was afraid of heights. Margaret was 51 at the time of the expedition.

During the course of our two lovely afternoons that we spent together we traversed many topics and spoke of many things, most of which I cannot share because of the sensitivity of the material.

Suffice to say, Margaret is so much more than what she first appears – and I have only scratched the surface of this intrepid, engaging and funny woman.

Post script – Margaret has never throughout her extensive field work including trips to remote New Guinea collecting insects in the dense, thick jungle and far north Queensland rainforest ever been bitten by a bandicoot. ■





**Is your child starting Prep in 2019?**  
Come along to one of our transition events and see all the fun learning we do here at Kuranda District State College!



Day, Dates and Times	Notes
<p><b>Prepare for Prep</b> 1:50 – 2:50pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p><i>Parents or carer to be in attendance.</i></p>	<p>KDSC invites you and your child to attend afternoons exploring age-appropriate pedagogy learning activities.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> Community Open Fun Day 11:30am – 1:00pm</p> <p><i>Parents or carer to be in attendance.</i></p>	<p>Join the Prep teachers and staff for 'lunch and play' in the Prep playground. Bring along your morning tea, hat and please wear closed in shoes. This will be followed by an example of a PE lesson from our Prep teachers. Meet – Prep playground.</p>
<p><b>Prep Information Sessions</b> 9:00 – 10:30am Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><i>Morning tea will be provided</i></p>	<p>Everything you need to know about starting Prep at Kuranda District State College. Our information sessions will include displays for P&amp;C and the services they offer. Children are welcome to attend and join the Prep classroom and will get to know the teachers and classroom. Parents will engage in a workshop, topics will include routines, essential information and some learning opportunities.</p>
<p><b>Learning Walks</b> 1:00 – 1:30pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p><i>Bookings via Primary Campus Office.</i></p>	<p>Learning walks are an informal opportunity for small groups of parents/carers to walk through a number of classrooms from Prep – Year 6. It provides you with an opportunity to see the types of teaching that occurs in our school and to talk to a member of the Leadership team about what you have seen. This is an excellent opportunity to see how Kuranda District State College teachers sequence the learning of a child as they move through the year levels in our school.</p>
<p><b>Enrolment Meetings and Prep Stay &amp; Play dates for October, November and December TBA</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the interview is to go through the information you have submitted on your enrolment form and prep questionnaire and to clarify any details regarding these forms. It is also a chance for you to ask any questions you have regarding your child's enrolment.</p>



# Focus on Kuranda

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

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

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

The Moderator of the page has advised *The Kuranda Paper* that the photograph that has received the most 'likes' this month from 25 July to 28 August was Gerhard Hillmann's Cassowary, taken on 16th August. "One of the locals from Black Mountain Road area. Beautiful bird."



## Nicole Lee Market Birthday

**HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY** to the longest operating marketeer in the Original Kuranda Rainforest Market, Nicole Lee (*sixth diva from the left*). Pictured here on Friday 17th celebrating the big day with just some of the gorgeous women who make up part of the community of Kuranda. Photo courtesy of the Original Kuranda Rainforest Market.



### Annual General Meeting

for  
**The Kuranda Local Ambulance Committee**

11th September 2018

Kuranda Ambulance Station

7.30 pm

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### Trivia Night

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## Jazz Under the Stars

**the annual concert held as part of Cairns Festival, will take place on Saturday 1st September on the Botanic Gardens back lawn.**

Entrance is via the McDonnell Street gate which opens at 4.30pm.

The concert, organised by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens, starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 9.30pm.

Musicians involved include Bernard Lee Long Trio, Captain Jazz and the Bandicoots, Di Queen, Django in the Djungle, Tommy See Poy Band and special guest artist Wilma Reading.

Tickets are \$15 cash at the gate (children free) or book online at [www.trybooking.com/XEIZ](http://www.trybooking.com/XEIZ).

Bring a picnic, rug and chair and sit back and enjoy the evening. Two food vans and a coffee van will be on site as well.



# Tech Talk

WITH THOMAS

**TOP OF THE RANGE  
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**DELAYED UNTIL  
JANUARY 2019**

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RESIDENTS**

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Apologies for such an abbreviated column this month, if you need any help please contact me, Thomas, at Cairns Computer Support in Speewah on 07 4222-1111.

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The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation advises that it has obtained a one-lane road closure of the Kuranda Range on **Saturday, September 22, 2018.**

To enable cyclists in the fundraising Mt Franklin Cardiac Challenge to safely traverse the range, the up-lane will be closed from 6am-8.45am on that date.

The closure will be from Canopy's Edge to RainForestation Nature Park.

Any cyclists who have not been able to reach the top of the Range by 8.00am, will be removed from the road.

All emergency vehicles will be able to traverse the Range in either direction during the closure.

The Foundation thanks all road users for their support of this local fundraising event where all funds raised stay local.

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**Thanks For Support**

A big thank you to the Kuranda and Mareeba communities for the support we received for the Mareeba Dog Refuge. Especially the generosity of businesses and individuals who donated fabulous vouchers for the silent auction, which was so successful (and lots of fun).

Thanks also to the brilliant musicians who made the night magic with so much beautiful music.

The bar was busy and everyone was well fed by Nathan Sutherland, who orchestrated the fundraiser with enthusiasm and energy.

To everyone: a big thank you. You are an amazing community – let's make 2019 even bigger! Still collecting donations but close to \$1,700.00 raised.

**Thanks from Tony, President MDR, Committee member Jennifer, Manager MDR and Belinda, Fundraising Committee**

**Computer Course for Older Persons**

Message to the many very interested persons, who requested that their names be added to the Computer Course list. I am sorry to advise you that I have been unable to gain a funding Grant to enable my suggested Course go ahead. Please accept my apologies for raising your hopes, it is easier for Organisations to obtain funding. I will continue to pursue alternatives, but don't hold your breath.

Many thanks, *Yvonne Thomson*

**Final Update Koah Airstrip**

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the campaign to stop the increase in flights from 52 a year to 365 a year from the Koah Airstrip. Donations to the Koah Airstrip Stage 1 Appeal raised \$1911 in total but the target of \$4,800 was unfortunately not reached. This meant there were not sufficient funds to pay for legal fees to determine if there was a winnable case (nor to pay for an acoustic engineer's report) so that no appeal was lodged.

However, the money donated did pay for an aviation expert's report (cost \$1,204.50), that concluded that the take off flight paths submitted 'did not comply with Civil Aviation Regulations and should not inform a condition of approval' – and we believe this report helped stop MSCouncil allowing a maximum of three flights a day in the June council meeting.

So the final result was a partial win: 365 flights a year with a maximum of one a day.

Please see <http://kurandaregion.org/koah-aircraft-facility-update-24may-2018/> for the full report by Keith Tonkin, Managing Director and Aviation Expert of Aviation Projects. (Please note highlighting in the summary has been added by KRPG to aid clarity – not by the expert).

For more details on Keith Tonkin's experience and qualifications, as requested by Richard Rudd in a previous edition of this paper, please see <http://www.aviationprojects.com.au/people-view/keith-tonkin-4>

The surplus \$706.50 raised was donated to EDO NQ in gratitude for the free legal advice given.

Regards, *Sarah Isaacs*

## GOLDEN ACRES

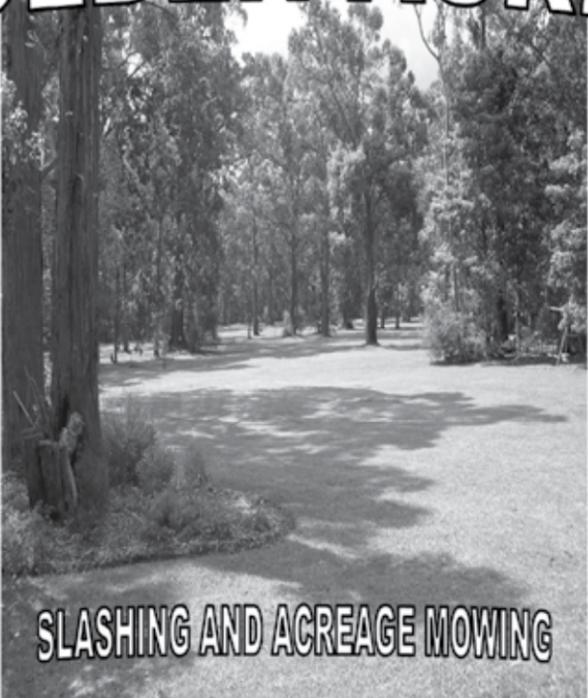
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**Support for Farmers**

Our farmers are in peril, the drought is killing in more ways than one, and the Australian government is getting flogged on social media, but here's a way MPs individually across the country can show a united front in supporting our farmers, the backbone of our country. There's no room for the words 'Not my problem' next to the words 'Advance Australia'.

IF FEDERAL AND STATE MPs ACROSS AUSTRALIA OPTED TO FLY ECONOMY CLASS INSTEAD OF BUSINESS CLASS to even three Parliamentary sittings, the savings would be tremendous, and could be funnelled instead to our drought farmers. For example, savings from Cairns to Brisbane for a State MP, approximately \$400. For a Federal MP to Canberra from Cairns approximately \$600. This is just an example.

We would hope that politicians could see fit to 'suffer' economy class travel to Parliament and that Federal and State governments would channel this into a fund to support our farmers, the country's backbone.

We request the Prime Minister and State Premiers and Opposition Leaders consider encouraging their Members to make a little sacrifice in consideration of their fellow Australians. What goes around, comes around and it will be interesting to see which of our MPs are in it for the people.

Please sign in support, and lobby your local MPs and let's hear who's going to support their farmers without even having to put their hands in their pockets.

Copy this link into your browser and sign, and share, especially to your friends in affected areas. Thank you.

*Suzy Grinter*



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## Guardians of the Wet Tropics Edges: Learning from the Elders

In the 1970s a wave of local people had their eyes opened to the awesomeness of the Wet Tropics. It had the greatest diversity in the whole world, of different species, diversity of creatures and plants, resulting in terrific beauty. Paradise.

People who looked closely saw that this awesomeness was in danger of imminent collapse. Over-logging, weeds, proposed dams, land-clearing. Remnant bush were now islands bordered by roads and farms and fences. Feral animals – pigs, cats, dogs – were roaming along the many edges, moving in, stealing precious wildlife.

People moved north to help local people who were already trying to halt the tide of destruction. Forming themselves into formal and informal groups, they bought land and started to replant ruined dairy paddocks, redesign corridors for wildlife movement and fight for remnant patches. They experimented with citizen science to identify endangered species, collecting seeds and information to support scientific arguments. They prevented unnecessary developments in sensitive areas such as the Daintree Road or the offensive Red Peak Skyrail restaurant.

Many of those people are still here now, living among us, next to this wonderland Bio Region, in paddocks filled with mature trees, watching cassowaries walking by.

We, at Friends of the Earth FNQ, have been wondering about the values that drove these people to sustain their work for so long. We wonder if they are the same values that allowed Aboriginal people to live here and look after the country for thousands of years maintaining an extraordinary biodiversity.

What does it mean to have sustained this work for many years? But then to have a neighbour move next door who adds unnecessary fencing, blocking wildlife, and has two dogs that roam.

How do we let people know about these values so that people joining our communities learn about the importance of containing their dogs, re-vegetating their property, removing unnecessary fences?

We think it's time for the next round of people around the edges to declare themselves openly as Guardians of the Wet Tropics. We are not sure what this means for the next generation yet, but we know that they will stand on the shoulders of the people who are already doing it, being it. We imagine them working together, learning the seed collection and planting techniques, challenging unnecessary fencing and unrestrained dogs.

What do you think it means to be a "Guardian of the Wet Tropics"? Friends of the Earth is looking to develop

a project that links new land owners and renters in the Wet Tropics with the practices that have rebuilt and cared for the Land. We hope to acknowledge and involve the many small LandCare and Environment groups already doing this work.

We start with thanking them for every tree they've planted and every cassowary they have saved.

**Action: Join FOE FNQ at our next meeting to discuss the values of the Wet Tropics and related campaigns.**

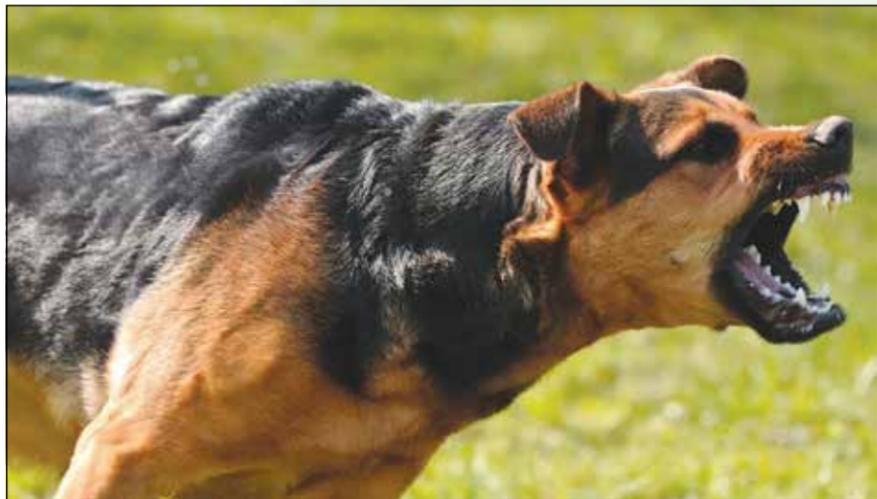


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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Wednesday 12th September 7.00pm**  
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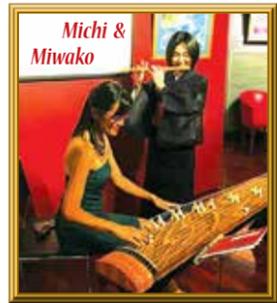




ALL IS ART

Humans have been making music for about as long as they have been making anything, and in Kuranda, and the Tablelands, we are fortunate to have many musicians to entertain and enlighten us. Whether they be indigenous, local, or just visiting, they provide us with the opportunity of gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of other cultures through the universal language of music. Miwako Murai and Michi Matsuda (see left) will be bringing us the sounds of Japan, while Ben brings us its tastes with his traditional food. Will the rest of the world ever lay down its anger and come and party with us? I don't know, but I do know that with all the creative people around here we should be able to create our own world of peace and partying, and celebrate the wondrous diversity of life, human and otherwise, that surrounds us. It's September, the time for creating, so let's get creating our art and music, and build us a nicer world, thanks art lovers, seren.

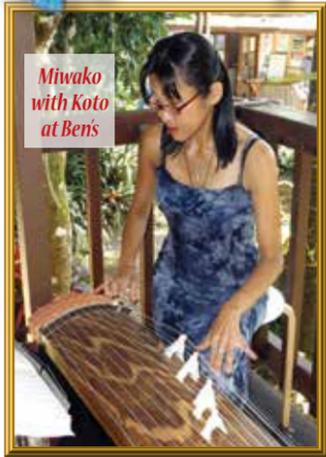
## Traditional Japanese Music



Michi & Miwako

### comes to Kuranda

Traditional Japanese Music comes to Kuranda with Miwako Murai, Koto, and Michi Matsuda, Shinobue or Japanese flute, at Ben's Hayabusa (sweet shop).



Miwako with Koto at Ben's

Miwako, Atherton resident for the past 12 years, arrived in Australia 23 years ago. Originally from Kobe, Japan, "Miwa" started playing the Koto at age 11. After studying for 15 years she became a "sub-master" qualified to teach Koto.

As well as being a fulltime mum, Miwa studies accounting and runs marathons! Miwa says that even in Japan ordinary people rarely had the chance to hear the Koto live, so she now takes great pleasure in bringing this traditional music of Japan to her community. She has performed at many local community venues, schools, play groups, etc. Miwa met Shinobue player Michi about one year ago at a "Japan Day of Hope" event to support Fukushima disaster relief. They last played together at the recent Mareeba Multi-Cultural Festival in August.

Now Kuranda residents and visitors will be able to hear these traditional Japanese instruments, the Koto and Shinobue, at Ben's Hayabusha - traditional sweets, food, and culture, at the Japanese end of the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets. Miwako and Michi will be performing there on Sunday, 16th September, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Traditional Japanese sweets, green tea, and vegetarian lunch will also be available. See you at the Hayabusha!



Miwako



Ben's "Hayabusha" - Traditional Japanese sweets, food, and culture.



Koto

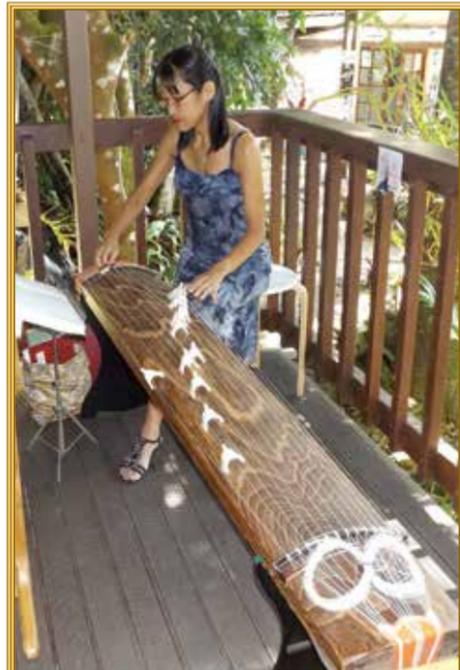
The **Koto** is known throughout Asia in its different forms. The Japanese Koto originated in about 200 BCE as a popular instrument in Northern China. The Japanese Koto is a harp-like zither about two metres long, made of wood from the Kiri tree. According to Japanese legend, the original Koto was formed in the shape of a crouching dragon. Popular among aristocrats the Koto was a romantic instrument, according to ancient Japanese literature, and one rich with imagery and extra-musical significance.

The Koto is played with three plectra, or picks, fitted into leather bands which are placed on the right hand's index finger, middle finger, and thumb. Traditionally the Koto scale is pentatonic, and the most popular traditional tuning is called "hirajoshi", literally "tranquil" tuning - D Eb G A Bb D.



The **Shinobue** is a traditional Japanese bamboo flute. Unlike the Shankuhachi, it is held horizontally. It is usually played in festivals and Kabuki theatres.

Michi started learning the Shinobue in 2014 when she played with a drum club in Cairns. Since 2015, she has been studying under Mr. Hyakutaka Fukuhara of the Fukuhara-ryu style. She loves getting together with Miwa and making traditional Japanese music.



## Amphitheatre News September

Dear members and friends!  
**WORKING BEE**  
Sunday 9th September  
Start - 10:30am  
Lunch Provided

We endeavour to have a Working Bee every 2nd Sunday of the month.

It is important that the venue can be maintained by our membership base and community volunteers. Please come along, if only for an hour or two. It is amazing what half a dozen people can do in a few hours. Even if you can make one Working Bee it's a big help to the few that regularly come along.



Bernard Matehaere

At each Working Bee, the Amphitheatre is trying to focus on one area at a time.

As we all know it is a big venue to maintain and upgrade on a community level and we all love to use the facility. So, if you can do your bit we would love to see you on Sunday the 9th!!

It's been a quiet year for concerts but a good opportunity to focus on the grounds.

We have recently had an upgrade of the electricity in the



Tim Gronwold and Pete Billam

Understage, with a bit more to go!

There is always something that needs doing in a 30 something year old venue, but each year there is an improvement.

The Amphitheatre is currently working on filling the bank in front of the Gatehouse with flowering plants and shrubs, etc, to attract birds and add some colour to the entrance.

A big thank you to Cairns Hardware, who provided new roof sheeting for the middle toilets and some of

the Gatehouse, which both were in dire need of repair.

Thank you to Chris Darvall who did all the repairs. It is greatly appreciated, especially knowing that Chris is the son of one of the originals from the very first meeting to discuss ideas for KAS, Jeremy Darvall.

Thank you also to Linda Davis for her accountancy expertise and keeping the books in order throughout the year. As everyone has such little time to spare for the administration of the Amphitheatre, this service saves a lot of stress.

The Management Committee is currently focused on grant applications both big and small for such things as new chairs, office equipment and weatherproof sails for around the Top Pavilion. All this equipment and upgrading will help to decrease the workload on our active volunteers and committee, and streamline the way the Amphitheatre operates.

Streamlining is a crucial process as the years go on, as people have less and less time to give.

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

Have a Great September and hope to see you at the Amphitheatre

### ALL ENQUIRIES & SUPPORT

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Click on **Contact Us** or send an email to [support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com](mailto:support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com)

Support enquiries are accessed by the admin team on a daily basis. A reminder that as we are a voluntarily run organisation our onsite office is unattended most of the time.

So as not to disrupt the regular groups utilising the space please make an enquiry with the Amphitheatre before using the venue. All you have to do is go to the website. Thank you

2018 Membership Forms are available from the Honey House. The form and fee can be left at the Honey House for KAS collection.

WE ARE STILL POWERING AHEAD ALMOST 40 YEARS LATER!

KAS Admin



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

Membership Forms available from:

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## Artisans' Fair, Atherton

Friends of the Tableland Regional Gallery, Atherton, celebrated their annual Fair in the Gallery and Library grounds. Members of the Arts Co-op were invited to have a few tables and promote their artwork. Marcia Bird, Lieselotte Edwards, Toni Rogers and Kate Prynne (pictured) swelled the ranks and greatly enjoyed the day.



## "The Nature of Blue"

Mollie Bosworth's major solo exhibition "The Nature of Blue", at the Cairns Art Gallery, demonstrates her unique ability to manipulate the absorption and reflection of light playing with layering and creating translucency in the clay body. The exhibition explores three major key areas of her ceramics practice – materiality, surface and light.

Mollie has created new wheel thrown vessels to further explore the spectrum of the colour blue. She has transformed imagery from her tropical garden into delicate botanical designs.

Given her fascination with light, Mollie has also exposed freshly harvested

rainforest leaves on delicate fabrics and paper substrates using the cyanotype process.

"The Nature of Blue" celebrates Mollie Bosworth's sensitive approach to ceramics and surface design and reveals her expertise in working with light on paper, silk and porcelain.

## "Mollie Bosworth: The Nature of Blue"

Opens at 6pm, 28th September, Cairns Art Gallery  
Exhibition continues until 18th November

## Buck Richardson does it by "Air Mail"

Arts Co-op member and photographer, Buck Richardson, has his digital artwork "Air Mail" included in Flying Arts Alliance Inc, Queensland Regional Art Awards 2018.

This annual visual art prize and exhibition is for established and emerging artists living in regional and remote Queensland. It is open to all artists in the State. This year artists were asked to embrace a spirit of adventure, to discover something unique about their own community or one that they visited within the State.

Buck submitted his "Air Mail" (pictured). This imagery, a set of Queensland stamps, depicts many of our beautiful birds while indicating the precise location each bird posed for him.



*Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card,  
how you leave others feeling after having an experience  
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Jay Danzie

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## Kuranda Community Kindergarten invites you to Open Week 2018

C&K's Open Week is a celebration of love and learning for all children. This is your opportunity to visit us and:

- Meet our caring, professional educators
- See how we nurture play and extend your child's curiosity and imagination
- Explore our natural, outdoor play areas.

Founded in 1993, the Kuranda Community Kindergarten has been providing a professional and successful pre-school service to the Kuranda community for the past 25 years.

Our beautiful Centre was hand built by Kuranda community members and aims to give local children and their families affordable access to quality early childhood education.

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Open Week this year runs from 3rd to 8th September. Interested families are invited to visit the Kindergarten during session times to see firsthand what our wonderful Kindy has to offer.

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## KURANDA UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Koah Hall Markets  
++ KOAHLITION UNPLUGGED ++  
9.00am - 12noon

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SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

CAFE MANDALA  
++ WIND & WOOD ++  
10.00am - 1.00pm

THE BILLABONG

++ JEANETTE WORMALD TRIO ++  
1.00 - 4.00pm

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SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

CAFE MANDALA  
++ SUNNY RAY ++  
10.00am - 1.00pm

THE BILLABONG

++ WIND & WOOD ++  
1.00 - 4.00pm

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SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

KOAH HALL  
++ DANCE YOUR SOUL ++  
with Davini  
From 6.00pm

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SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

CAFE MANDALA  
++ MARIE HELENE ++  
10.00am - 1.00pm

THE BILLABONG

++ THE BLUESMAN ++  
1.00 - 4.00pm

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SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

MANDALA CAFE  
++ THE BLUESMAN ++  
10.00am - 1.00pm

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SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

CAFE MANDALA  
++ BEC DROLLINGER ++  
10.00am - 1.00pm

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FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

KOAH HALL  
DUBS MEETS REGGAE  
KING B FINE (AFRICA/AUS)  
AND AFRIKAYA BAND  
++ CHARLIE P (UK) ++  
DUB TERMINATOR (NZ) &  
RAS STONE (Ghana-Africa)  
See Article for more Info.  
From 2.00pm  
Earlybird tickets available  
through Eventbrite.

# Music in Kuranda

## Jeanette Wormald Trio

The Two Turtles Restaurant, The Billabong  
Sunday 2nd September, 1.00 - 4.00pm

**B**ack by popular demand to celebrate Fathers' Day on Sunday 2nd September at the picturesque Billabong, the Jeanette Wormald Trio will entertain patrons over tapas and drinks.

The trio includes well loved locals **Dave Hart** on bass and **Paul Vandesar** on sound together with songbird **Jeanette Wormald**. Since moving to Koah three summers ago **Jeanette** has formed a trio line-up featuring these wonderful musos, and the **Jeanette Wormald Trio** has begun to attract a growing local fan base.

With five albums to her credit, **Jeanette Wormald** has won national and international radio airplay and critical acclaim for her original songs, inspired by the Australian landscape. **Jeanette** is a story-teller. Her original songs, powerful stage presence, and the skilled musicians combine to take listeners on a musical journey through shades of folk, roots, jazz and blues into Australia's heartland.



**A**fter a string of recent performances at Far North Queensland festivals, including Coalescence Festival, Kuranda Roots, and Palm Creek Festival, **Secret Tuesdays** are set to perform at the iconic Wallaby Creek Festival on 28-30th September. Band member **Leah Kelly** was chuffed to share that the **Secrets** are one of two Kuranda bands to be invited to play at the wonderful family focused event, held annually at the Home Rule Rainforest Lodge. The other band to be invited are **Gudju Gudju**, the indigenous and multi-cultural band, of which **Leah** is also a band member! KC

## DUB MEETS REGGAE

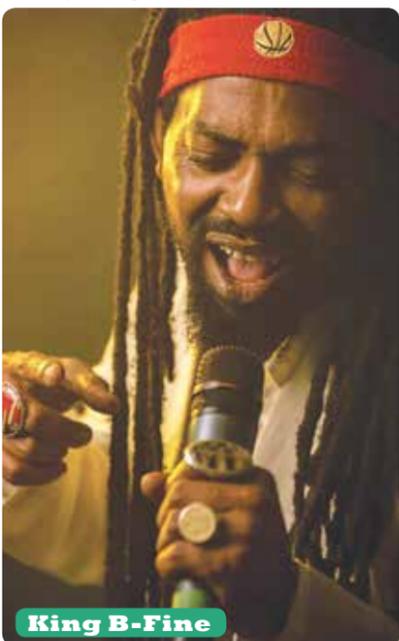
Friday 12th October 2018  
Koah Hall

**I**nternational artists **King B-Fine** and **Afrikaya band (Africa/Aus)**, **Charlie P (UK)**, and **Dub Terminator (NZ) & Ras Stone (Ghana/Africa)** will be headlining **Dub Meets Reggae at the Koah Hall on Friday 12th October 2018**.

Originating from West Africa, Reggae artist; AAMMA Award winner and Professional Excellence Award winner, **King B-Fine** has based his career in Sydney, Australia since 2010, performing at concerts and festivals throughout Australia, including as headlining artist at the 2015 Music and Colour Festival at the Kuranda Amphitheatre.

**King B Fine and Afrikaya Band** is a 7 piece Original Roots, Reggae, Dancehall, Afrobeat band, presenting powerful, energetic, and uplifting live performances. Starting the year with massive shows at the Sydney 2018 Africulture Festival, the Spot Festival 2018 NSW, and headlining on tour alongside Jamaica/UK super star Macka B and the Roots Ragga Band, they are heading to Koah for the **Dub Meets Reggae** event, as part of their **Larger than Life - Mama Tour 2018**, which includes performances at The Orb, Atherton, as well as Bellengen, Byron Bay and Townsville.

**Charlie P**, hailing from Southend, Essex, has been singing since the young age of 5, starting as a Motown/Blues singer before quickly learning a love of Reggae music. **Charlie's** most recent LP, released in 2015, was the



King B-Fine

## Koahlition Rainforest Reggae

**H**ot off the Press is the news that Koahlition Reggae band are releasing their new single 'Rastaman Inside' this week. It's a tribute song to Bob Marley, about when **Rohan Rusch** first heard about Marley and Reggae in Australia in the late 70's.

The single was produced by Cairns based Jamaican producer and musician, **Stephen Maxwell**, who also features on the song. Check it out on Koahlition Reggae band on Bandcamp.

**Koahlition** are rising from strength to strength as support act for the Melbourne Ska Orchestra performing at the Tanks on Saturday, 15th September. Locals can also catch a special **Koahlition Unplugged** set at the **Koah Market** on Saturday 1st September from 9.00am till 12noon.



result of his collaboration with **Mungo's Hi Fi** of Glasgow since 2010. The release of his album 'You See Me Star' further showcases **Charlie P's** talent as a recording artiste, and brings together the best tracks across the styles that he loves, from Roots, Reggae and Dancehall to modern bass music.

**Dub Terminator & Ras Stone** are no strangers to FNQ. their performances have included co-headlining at the Kuranda Roots Festival in 2014. The duo perform as a live 2 piece, **Dub Terminator** on the live dub toys and **Ras Stone** on the M.I.C. bringing the full rasta MC vibes. The sound is a digital future dub style with lots of bass in a big freestyle performance.

Check out their new tune, **Crypto Dub** off the forthcoming **Dub Terminator 'Dubmental'** album. The track is also to be included on the **Echo Chamber 'Around The World In Dub'** album. Check it out at [https://soundcloud.com/madsickill/crypto-dub?utm\\_source=soundcloud&utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=facebook](https://soundcloud.com/madsickill/crypto-dub?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=facebook)

With a mighty line-up of local and national artists, **Dub Meets Reggae** is set to be a fabulous drawcard for reggae and dub lovers. The line-up includes **Dj Mistickal Dubmaker**, **Ian Bass**, **Diggis**, **Molecule v's Tyrone**, **Elementary Hifi**, **King David**, **Dj Vixen** (Melb), and **Tinderbox**.

**Dub Meets Reggae** is an all-aged event and with camping available for all at the Koah Hall. Proudly presented by **Jungle Beats Productions** and the beautiful vibes from Kuranda community and Far North Queensland. Earlybird tickets are available through Eventbrite till 6.00pm on 22 September at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2078993915700894>



Dub Terminator & Ras Stone



# Kuranda recreation centre

Connecting our Community

## FUN was had, for a worthwhile cause!

In August the KRC held a FUNdraiser in support of the Mareeba Animal Refuge, with food and bar, music, silent auction and giant raffle.

Thank you to all who came along to enjoy a relaxed fun evening under the stars, by the fire, listening to great local musicians, and tucking into a fabulous meal prepared once again by Nathan and his team. Thank you to the musos who donated their time and talents for our enjoyment—*Maggie Helena, Lunar Sun, Waking Ugly and Harmonique*. It was great to see some of our Mareeba neighbours venture over our neck of the woods as well! KRC family events are often held in support of local community groups, as well as other causes, and are very successful in helping to raise much-needed funds. Keep up the great support, Kuranda!

Meanwhile, our hirers of the Centre continue to support us, week in, week out. We'd like to give a big shout-out to the **Pilates crew**, who hire the Centre five days out of seven, with classes for beginners to more advanced. If you're new to town, or new to Pilates, why not give Davini (0414 994 123) or Jaide (0488 229 700) a call to find out more?

## WHAT'S ON AT THE KRC

**EIGHT BALL** - Tuesday Team Comp - kuranda8ball@gmail.com  
**KURANDA RANGERS** - Training Thursday 4.30-5.30pm  
**PILATES** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday  
 - Jaide 0488 229 700 and Davini 0414 994 123  
**TAI CHI** - Monday 6pm - Les 4093 8276  
**TENNIS (KIDS)** - Friday 4.30pm (Term 2) - Nathan 0430 080 090  
**TENNIS (SOCIAL)** - Aileen 0419 726 955  
**WING CHUN KUNG FU** - Wednesday 7.30pm - Grant 0414 966 823  
**YOGA FOR ALL** - Wednesday & Sunday - Aileen 0419 726 955

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

## CONTACT US

 [www.krc.org.au](http://www.krc.org.au)  
 Kuranda Recreation Centre  
 krc4881@gmail.com  
 **VENUE BOOKINGS - Janet 0405 092 957**

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 Contact Sophie

Please email Sophie or see our website  
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EVERY TUESDAY - During Term Time

### Dream Big! Circus Workshops

brought to you by Dream State Circus  
 Family Circus All ages welcome 3.45pm till 5.00  
 Aerial Kids Trapeze (age 8+) 5.00pm-6.15pm  
 Circus Ninja's Boys Club (age 8+) 5.00pm-6.15pm

- Taught by Jacob McGrath!  
 Under 8s FOR ALL CLASSES  
 must be accompanied by an adult.

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**Mankind Project MENS GROUP** - Open to all Men.  
 7.00pm Contact Simon 0459 755 553

**KOAH MARKETS SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 8.00am**  
 till 12.00pm. KOAHLITION playing live!! There will of course be an eclectic mix of market stalls including a BBQ and the new awesome #wastenotwantnot fruit and veggie stall.

For expressions of interest for market stalls contact Nicky on 0488 961 660.

**SOCIAL SESSION** Friday 14th SEPTEMBER from 5.00pm. Regular mid-month social get-together. Free to attend. Basic bar and food.

**DANCE YOUR SOUL** 15th SEPTEMBER 6pm - 9pm. Dance off the week then spiral deeper. Reconnect with the alive and dynamic soul which resides within you. Dance your dance. Contact Davini for information 0414 994 123

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## Community Calendar

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

**First Saturday** March-December, Monthly Markets at Koah Hall

**Every Saturday**

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

**Kuranda Envirocare** Tree Planting, Ph 4093 9926 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)

**Kuranda Men's Shed** every Wednesday 8.30-11.30am

**Every Sunday**

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

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

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

**Every Monday**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

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

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

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

**Every Tuesday**

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

**Family Circus** 4.00pm-5.30pm. All welcome. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Sophie 0409 333 404

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

**General Yoga Class** at Koah Hall 6.00pm. Ph Tanya 0428 590 203.

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

**8 Ball** 7.00pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre

**First Tuesday Kuranda Interagency Network** Meeting venue rotates. 4093 8933



**Second Tuesday Kuranda SES Training**, 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. Ph John Baskerville 4093 7246, 0407 144 213

**Second & Fourth Tuesday**

**Mareeba Toastmasters** meets 7.30-9.30pm, Mareeba RSL.

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

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

**Every Wednesday**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Yoga for kids.** Limited places. Please phone 4093 8283

**Kuranda Men's Shed** every Saturday 1.00-4.00pm

**Second Wednesday**

**Financial and Gambling Counselling** by Salvation Army. Appts 4093 8933

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

**Every Thursday**

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

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

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

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

**Yoga** at the Kuranda Amphitheatre 9.00-11.00am

**Second Thursday Ambulance** 7.30pm Ambulance Centre, Fallon Road

**Every Friday**

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

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

**Fourth Friday**

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

CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES



# Nurture Your Cold

By Sarah Dobbs

The sniffles are still well and truly alive in Kuranda! I'm seeing so many with seasonal colds and there's still a few flu victims coming through too.

In the past I've written about how to eat to boost your immune system and prevent getting that cold or flu. It is inevitable that sooner or later we will fall victim to the dreaded cold but hopefully it will be short lived due to a well fed and rested body! Believe it or not it is healthy to get sick occasionally. Provided we can throw it off quickly and easily there is nothing to fear.

This month I want to give you a few tools to deal with the days you or your kids or friends and family are sniffy and miserable. I have 3 cracking recipes for you! All of them straight from the kitchen. If you can't do them yourself hand them over to someone close to do them for you. Ask for help. Being sick is not a crime!

## Onion syrup

This is too easy! Honey is anti-bacterial and oh so soothing on a sore throat and the onion is anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory and immune boosting.

1 cup of raw honey and one thinly sliced onion (red is yummy but brown is works just as well). Pop it all in a jar with the lid on and leave for 1-2 days on the bench. Strain and store in the fridge.

Take 1 tsp every couple of hours until you are feeling a little better.

## Chicken stock or bone broth

Yummy and so versatile! Add this stuff to any soup or stew you are having or drink it straight. It's known as Jewish Penicillin for a reason. Studies show that it has an anti-inflammatory effect and may, indeed, have a medicinal effect. I eat it 'cause it's yummy but there you go!

One whole chicken or about a 1.5 kg of chicken bones (organic is most definitely preferable here)\* an onion\* 3-4 cloves of garlic\* ¼ cup of apple cider vinegar\* 2 carrots\* 3 sticks of celery\*a bunch of parsley\* a bay leaf\*a tbs of dried thyme or what ever fresh or dried herbs you fancy.

I pop the whole lot into the slow cooker with about 2L of water and simmer for 8-12 hours. If you are using the whole chicken take it out and remove the flesh after about 2hrs (or when tender) to prevent it going tough. Pop the bones back in for the remainder of the cooking time. You can add the flesh back in later for a drool worthy chicken noodle soup with some sweet corn. Strain when done, maybe skim if there's too much fat for your liking and away you go!

## Honey, lemon, ginger and garlic drink

This is another easy one. My instructions are loose as people have very different taste preferences! Basically, we are concocting an immune boosting, anti-bacterial, throat soothing, nose clearing potion!

Add the juice of one lemon, 3-4 slices of fresh ginger, a sliced clove of garlic (not just to keep the vampires away) and honey to taste. Throw it all in a cup and pour hot (not necessarily boiling) water over the lot and let it steep for 3-5min. Sit back, inhale the steam and enjoy!

NB Do NOT give raw honey to infants under 12 months and take care with honey recipes if you are diabetic. If your symptoms persist, please contact your chosen health care provider for further assistance.

References: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11035691>  
The Nutrient Bible, Henry Osiecki

The Kuranda Paper recently had an article on mother and son karate duo, Kuranda residents Dianne and Sam Long. Both returned victorious from the Queensland State Karate titles as gold medal winners and crowned State Champions. To achieve State honours in any sport is a great achievement but that wasn't enough for Dianne who has now gone one step further. Dianne was part of a two member team from Cairns based club Fudoshin Shitoryu Karate who attended the Australian National Karate titles held in Caloundra in early August. The two competitors returned with three silver and one gold medal between them, Dianne having won one of her events taking out a National Title. Club owner and Chief Instructor Sensei Chris Long said: "The results were amazing. It was our dojo's first year in State and National level competition. We sent small numbers away to two qualifying tournaments then two members to the Nationals. No one even knew us; we came in under the radar. Our results for the year were seventeen medals of which six were gold, two State Champions and one National Champion. That's not bad for a small North Queensland Club. Next year we are affiliating with a strong southern based club and there will be plenty of opportunity for students who wish to train hard. Karate will be in the 2020 Olympics and now is a great time to discover this dynamic and life changing martial art. As Kuranda community members we would be interested in teaching small numbers in our home dojo in Warril Drive. Ideally I would love to get a small group together twice a week after school." Anyone interested can contact Chris and Dianne on 0437 485 600.



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# Because Of Her We Can

## Acknowledging the Indigenous Women of Kuranda

On 27th July the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School held a day of NAIDOC celebrations and events



Helen Hunter

Judi Enoch

Rhonda Brim

Rhonda Duffin

Rose Richards

Sandra Levers

There are many strong Indigenous women in our little community of Kuranda that have made significant contributions to the community. Cairns Hinterland Steiner school was fortunate enough to be able to interview a handful of these ladies and film six short biographies to share these achievements with the whole school community.

The students and parents were able to listen to how Helen Hunter, Judi Enoch and Sandra Levers have made significant contributions to education. By providing a warm mothering relationship, including providing food, to support children and, as a member on the high school steering committee, and then being a teacher aide for 14 years, Helen encouraged children and helped make them feel supported while at school.

Judi Enoch co-ordinates "Bibi Yungan" a Ngoonbi-run program which provides an alternative government funded learning model for children and families who require support to engage in formal learning opportunities or transition to employment or further education.

Sandra is involved in working with Indigenous leadership and has lectured and supported Indigenous university students in the area of Health and Aboriginal studies, including those attending James Cook University in Cairns.

The school community heard how Rhonda Brim, Rhonda Duffin and Rose Richards were activists to improve the rights and conditions for Indigenous people, not only in Kuranda, but around the Cape. Outraged at the substandard living conditions which her people had to put up with, Rhonda Brim was instrumental in lobbying the State government to secure the connection of water and power for the houses in the Mantaka community in the 1980s.

When Rhonda Duffin moved out to Mona Mona and was told she had to ask for permission from the State government to live there, along with other residents, she challenged the State government and succeeded in getting Steve Wettenhall to overturn a cabinet decision to remove Aboriginal residents from Mona Mona and stopped it from being rezoned as national park.

Rose Richards grew up at Mona Mona and got a job as a health worker at Cairns Base Hospital. When she saw that the young pregnant teenagers who came from Aurukun, Pomparrow, Kowanyama and Weipa had no money or a place to stay, she began taking them home with her and cooked for them and gave them somewhere to sleep while they received their medical treatment. She shared how this was not a problem when there were only five of them but when numbers grew to about ten girls it became too much for her. She lobbied the Federal government to support these girls from remote communities while they received the necessary medical treatment required before returning to their communities. As a result, "Mookai Rosie Bi Bayan" (Aunt Rose's house) for young mothers was born and has been in operation for over 30 years. Over the years it has grown to provide a purpose-built, short term residence for young mothers and their children in Earlville, including health education, as well as transport to and from medical appointments while they are in Cairns.

These ladies really represent the NAIDOC theme this year "Because of Her, We Can!" Not only are they an inspiration to our young Indigenous women but all of our young women in Kuranda. A few of our younger Indigenous women – Sonya Richardson, Brianna Enoch, Tahalani Hunter and Cheralee Duffin were also interviewed and their stories were included in a book gifted to the Kuranda District State College.

All of these ladies show strength in the face of adversity and using their difficult circumstances as a motivation to move forward and show that with determination you can achieve whatever you want. Unfortunately, we were only able to highlight a fraction of the contributions and achievements that Indigenous women of Kuranda make in both our community and other communities. There is a wealth of strength in Kuranda that needs to be acknowledged.

As part of our celebrations we were honoured with the presence of some of our local Elders. The high school students and teachers shared morning tea in a yarning circle with them and were transfixed by the shared stories. One particular story was shared by one of the elders, who spoke of her childhood coming from Georgetown and showed the scars from her shackles. She also shared difficult stories of life on the mission. It is so important for all of us, including the younger generation, to recognise the struggle that some Indigenous people had to endure and the strength that they now offer to the community, both because of it and in spite of it.

Some of the Indigenous primary school girls from Yarrabah State School joined us and performed a contemporary dance routine for the school with the assistance of their teacher James Daly and then independently for the elders. The courage that they displayed is a wonderful sign of the potential future strength of Indigenous women in the Cairns region.

It is from these small challenges that resilience and strength is built, and we were proud to see these young girls rise to the challenge, considering they travelled out of the security of their community to do so.

We were also joined by the Bulmba rangers, who ran sessions with children to teach them about the history of Kuranda, told traditional stories and made a seasonal calendar with them. They also educated them about traditional tools, food and medicine and building "bayu" traditional shelters. The children also were shown how to weave traditional baskets out of lomandra with Linda Leftwich and pandanus bracelets with Wally Brim.

We would like to thank the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for funding, Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation, Ngoonbi/HACC and elders, James Daly and Yarrabah State School, Linda Leftwich and Wally Brim, Peter McCabe for filming interviews, Mayi Wunba dancers and of course the Indigenous women named above, who so kindly shared their stories and make this community a much richer place.



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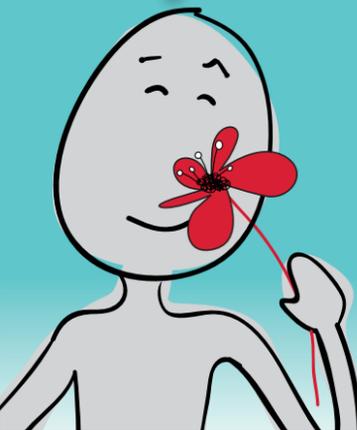
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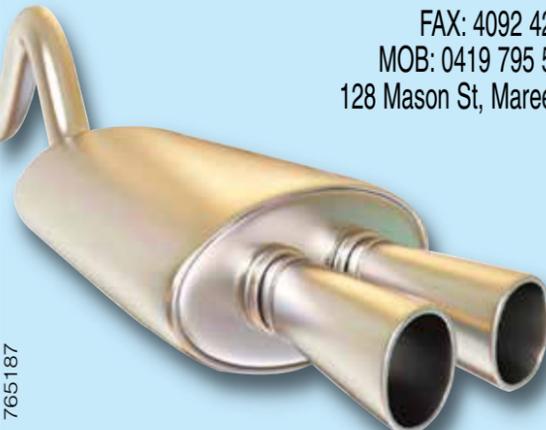
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*A Green Diving beetle resting on water weed.*



*Whirligig beetles have divided eyes that allow them to see above and below the surface at the same time.*

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**BEETLES** make you may not expect to find aquatic insects are

Diving beetles (*Dytiscidae*) adults growing to a likely to be preyed upon they feed on a wide range of scavengers and are their prey and can breathe through their mouth, but feed through

The adults have a ventral act like a paddle. They which they do at night. To breathe, beetles store the air in a chamber breathe through the acts as a snorkel to

Another group of aquatic Diving Beetles, the hence their name. surface of the water. of the most amazing eyes – each eye has

These and many other water indicates a habitat also play an important and algae material collecting tiny float our wetland ecosystems

# Scuba Beetles

One of the largest groups of insects in the world and they are found in almost every habitat on earth. One place you find them is in water, but in fact there are many beetles that spend their entire lives in and around water. These are perfectly adapted to their way of life, just as their land-based cousins are.

One such group is the Dytiscidae and one of the largest local species is the Green Diving Beetle (*Cybister sp.*), with a length of 35 mm. Green Diving Beetles generally prefer still water, particularly temporary pools as they are less populated by fish and other large aquatic predators. Both the larvae and adults of these beetles are predaceous, and feed on a variety of small aquatic organisms, sometimes including tadpoles and small fish. The adults are also excellent swimmers, very quick to find any dead animals within the water. They have powerful mandibles (jaws) that will lock onto and tear into larger dead animals like insect piranhas. The beetle larvae (also known as water tigers) don't have a mouth, but they have a long sickle-shaped jaw that sucks fluids out of their prey.

They have a very distinctive body shape, with a hard, smooth oval body and the hind legs flattened with a fringe of hairs to help them move through the water by beating these hind legs simultaneously, like oars. Adult beetles are able to fly, allowing them to populate remote bodies of water and increasing their habitat range throughout Australia. They will swim to the surface and collect air by breaking the water surface with the tip of their abdomen. They then hold their breath beneath their elytra (wing covers) to increase the amount of time they can stay submerged. They don't breathe through their mouths as we do, but through small holes in their abdomen called spiracles. The larvae have a siphon which they use to collect air with, and they stick this siphon out of the water to breathe.

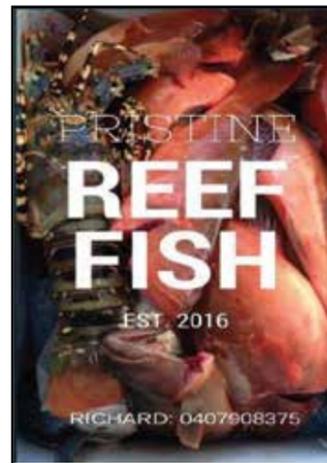
Another kind of aquatic beetle which are very often seen are the Whirligig Beetles. While these beetles can dive just like the Green Diving Beetles, Whirligigs spend much of their time zipping around on the surface. They move rapidly and often in whirly loops. They are opportunistic predators and scavengers, often feeding on insects that have become trapped on the surface. Whirligigs favour flowing water and often occupy small eddies in streams where food is most abundant. One of the adaptations that these beetles have to their aquatic habitat is their unique eyes. Whirligig beetles have divided eyes, with an upper and lower section allowing them to see beneath the water and above them at the same time.

Other kinds of aquatic invertebrates are very important to the fresh water ecology. Their presence in a healthy ecosystem. Not only do they provide food for larger animals such as fish, frogs and waterbirds, but they also play an important part in maintaining water quality. As well as the predatory beetles, there are grazers feeding on live plant matter and encouraging new growth, detritivores breaking down dead plant and animal matter, and filter feeders that catch particles. Understanding the importance of these aquatic invertebrates is essential in the conservation of our waterways.

*Deanna Henderson  
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The foot of a Green Diving Beetle – the brushes of hairs enable the foot to act as a paddle.



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# Biri Bulmba – Fire Country

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN SKIES ARE HAZY.** There is the distinct smell of burning and billowing whiffs of puffs of smoke. It's bush fire season, when reduction burns are occurring in large tracts throughout this wide brown country. And yes, there is fire here in the beautiful region we call home.

So inevitably there are then the cries from sections of the community that fire is bad and it impacts upon environment and animals negatively. That it causes damage to ecosystems that don't recover. That fire is a killer.

Well this can be true, in some circumstances, but consider that fire is also a necessary part of the environment: that some plants, insects and animals may be directly or indirectly reliant on fire.

So what about fire and its effects on country? Well, we know that these effects can be both good and bad. In a good way fire can rejuvenate country clearing smothering leaf litter, encouraging new growth of important diversity. Bad fire can kill canopies, opening country, killing seeds in soil and stressing remaining trees for years. Bad fire can also encourage mono-forest where one type of tree dominates to the detriment of others and therefore smothering the level of diversity in the undergrowth. These systems have no food for animals as insects are not encouraged to live there and birds, lizards and small mammals are also missing from these ecosystems as a result.

Fire has been a part of the Australian landscape for millions of years. Indeed, fire has been used as a tool for management of country for millennia going back thousands of years. In that time landscapes have evolved. What we have seen in the past one hundred and fifty years is a disconnect from traditional approaches to fire, and country has suffered accordingly.

## Good Fire versus Bad Fire

How do we tell the difference between good fire and bad fire?

Well let's start with the fire triangle. Oxygen, Heat and Fuel are required to make a successful fire. Variables of one of these three ingredients can affect the makeup of a fire. For example, burning in summer versus in the cooler months of the year can obviously affect the heat intensity. Fuel or vegetation types are also factors because fire can move significantly faster through grass than through tall eucalyptus country so the thickness of vegetation can affect fire.



Leaf litter can smother native grass growth and inhibit fire. Wind and terrain are also key factors with wind providing the oxygen for a fire. The variables are numerous and complex but the key point about these examples is that the understanding and interpretation of these variables provide us with an understanding of how fire may react on certain country. There has been a knowledge based system that is thousands of years old which has captured this but unfortunately this is being lost, and its relevance to managing country and fire is not being recognised strongly enough in regards to the value it could provide.

So how do we identify good fire versus bad fire? Good fire will move at a reasonable pace depending on vegetation type. Good fire won't touch the canopy, it will burn around small dominant trees of that forest type while killing trees that don't belong

to that area (invasive natives). A good fire will have white to blue smoke.

A bad fire will burn canopy, leaping from the crown of one tree to the next. Crown fires spot, they throw off spots hundreds of metres ahead and create a weather pattern of their own, becoming mini intense low pressure systems. Bad fire will have intense black smoke as it burns the oils and chemicals incinerated from the vegetation. Bad fire as result of the heat can kill seeds which are incubating in the soil, leaving little opportunity for diverse ecosystems to return and indeed encouraging mono-culture in some extreme cases. In the aftermath of a bad fire, tree systems will be under stress for years leading to some, such as eucalyptus species, spouting epicormic nodules along their stem, meaning that instead of branches they have leaves coming out of their trunks. With no canopy, germination of seeds in the soil is not favourable leading to lack of grasses and as a result weeds will become first colonisers, and possibly dominate for years. Lack of diversity in new growth vegetation will then have a flow on effect on the insects, reptiles and mammals that may seek to return to an area.

## Country with No Fire

So, with all these factors, why don't we just let country sit and not burn at all? Well, as I outlined earlier, fire has been part of the Australian landscape for a long time and there are aspects of the environment that are reliant on fire. Every time we don't burn a particular part of the landscape, the more it builds to an intense fire event and that results in a big bad fire. This will put a system into stress for years and then the circle just commences again: build up, lack of diversity and intense fire again.

A key point to understand when you are looking at our amazing landscapes: there may be areas where trees that are green and look healthy. But pay attention to the detail. In that country there may be only two or three types of trees and there may be little to no native grasses, and as a consequence of this, little to no diversity in the animals that inhabit that country. This is country without fire and affected by the wrong kind of fire.

So getting this right is the important balancing act that we need to achieve.

**Barry Hunter, Bulmba Rangers**



Speewah Rural Fire Brigade 17/08/18

# Kreatures of Kuranda

Text David Gormley  
Photo Helen Douglas

## Double-eyed Fig Parrot

At times when one is strolling around downtown Kuranda, one encounters what seems to be a cloud of sawdust floating down from the fig trees. On very close inspection you may see a flock of Double-Eyed Fig Parrots lurking amongst the foliage.

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.



# A Grinter's Tale

**I HAVE A LITTLE FITBIT ACTIVITY MONITOR THINGUMMYJIG CALLED ROCKY.** He died a week or so ago. I found that most disconcerting considering he was, in essence, my personal trainer.

I keep checking my heartbeat. The day before, together we clocked around 16,500 steps, and I must admit, I was pretty tired myself, but wasn't this little gadget my mentor, my hero, the little blue legend that cheered me on by vibrating on my wrist every time I hit 1,000 steps?

I called 'him' Rocky because every time I felt my 1,000th step reverberate in his enthusiastic applause, the theme music to the movie Rocky would reverberate in my head. I'll bet you're humming it right now, because it's hidden somewhere in the deep recesses of your brain. It was there as you were showing off on your kids' skateboards, or in my case, jumping a half blind horse over a sizeable jump on an angle, challenging the blind eye, resulting in falling heavily on a drought induced concrete paddock and a dislocated shoulder.

The kids laughed as I rode home in front of them like an injured John Wayne. I know, I know, and yes, I have been told, and no, I never learn and I don't really want to. Life's so much more enriching when you take risks, step out of your comfort zone, do something rash in public, the exception being the Man with the Golden Lid residing in the White House, who should have stuck with ownership of the Miss Universe Pageant.

In the first few days of owning Rocky, I achieved the Sneakers award for walking 10,000 steps. As Rocky had come home with me from Singapore, I just presumed something was lost in the translation, so I ate the Snickers Bar as instructed, even though I really didn't want it, I mean, who wants chocolate? It worked though, it must have been something to do with the exercise or the guilt free award, because I enjoyed it.

I was secretly looking forward to more 'Sneakers' awards, but a few days on, I was suddenly rewarded with the Happy Hill badge. Sadly, I didn't know where I could acquire a happy hill, although I'm sure I would have liked a happy hill. It seems I had climbed the equivalent of ten floors. Mmm. I've only got four steps onto the verandah, so I figure this must equate to several dog walks up steep inclines. So proud, so very proud. Rocky theme music.

Just one week later, I received an email, yes an email, saying I was a beacon of inspiration, yoodly hoodly, and I was the recipient of the Lighthouse Award. I should have got that at Byron Bay years ago when I walked all the way to the lighthouse in unsuitable footwear, sporting a mild hangover as a result of a friend's birthday celebrations in downtown

BB the previous night.

On an average day, mostly spent sitting working in my office at home, Fitbit accumulates nearly 10,000 steps. This could be because I walk about 3 kilometres with my dogs every single morning, come rain, hail (well, you know, it's just a saying, isn't it?) or shine. When you have four horses and two working dogs, and you spend an extra half hour or more feeding, filling water troughs, throwing a ball ad nauseum, and picking up horse poo on a few acres – and that's just in the morning – you're walking a lot of steps. There are almost goat tracks through the paddock.



Just a fortnight ago, by lunchtime, I had achieved 24,000 steps. I thought I must have been sleepwalking. It took a while for me to catch on to the fact that my horse ride of several kilometres that morning had provided me with bonus points. After all, my horse has four legs! He did all the work and I got the Brownie points. There must be some kind of life lesson there.

Well, I thought Fitbit liked all that. He seemed to like me, and he was my hero. He egged me along as if I was a geriatric contender for the Tokyo Olympics. And then he carked it. Right there on my desk. I connected him to a Fitbit defibrillator, but nothing. I wiggled the connection, which I figured was the equivalent of applying the defibrillator paddles as seen on Gray's Anatomy. I even yelled 'Clear!', which woke the dogs up and sent them scurrying outside to check for intruders, but no go. There was nothing on the monitor, not even a pulse, not even a straight line and continuous beep.

My little exercise buddy had expired without notice. His little face was black as the Ace of Spades.

On a side note, I only learned recently that in fact a defibrillator doesn't actually start a heart that's stopped, the electrical current created shocks the heart out of an abnormal rhythm. So there you go, I bet all my nursing friends are cringing at my innocence, but you can only go on what you see in the movies. I'm glad I'm not on Facebook, the comments would drive me to agoraphobia.

Phone a friend? I phoned a friend in the shape of the Fitbit Emergency Centre. They proffered online support and I tried to resuscitate in vain. This wasn't right! He was only young, in Fitbit years, probably younger than a teenager. In human years, just three months old. The charming customer service officer was sympathetic, and I warmed to him. I knew in my heart he had owned a Fitbit.

I walked the dogs the next morning, but it wasn't the same. No little paddle of tiny feet on my wrist, no hearts on the screen, no Rocky.

Exercise isn't all it's cracked up to be. I've walked several kilometres every morning for as long as I can remember, but I'm still not the stick insect I would like to be. They say walking prevents Alzheimer's and Dementia, but I can't remember why.

This time of the year is just perfect for walking; you walk a lot faster just to prevent rigor mortis. I get my kicks from that challenge. This morning I wore gardening gloves to prevent frostbite, and I'm a Pom for God's sake. This is easy. Beats standing waiting for a bus in the snow in long grey socks with blue bare knees because the nuns at school forbade the wearing of panty hose. Alright for them in their floor length habits under which I'm sure they sported Ugh boots and 250 denier tights. Now you know why I left the mother country at 21.

I'm very lucky I work from home, and I walk my dogs every morning because I start work at the same time as those of you who have to drive to the office. I did that for many years, but now I walk every morning and it clears my brain for a day of creative writing, exercises me and my dogs, which also prevents many behavioural problems (yes, dogs and myself), and it keeps Rocky happy.

Yes, he's back on form. I rang the helpline again, no, not Lifeline, I mean the Fitbit support team. They said it could well be the defibrillator and offered to send me a new one. A week later, paddles clamped to his chest, Rocky opened his eyes and a little heart blinked once more on his screen. It seems defibrillators do work on dead Fitbits, so hopefully our time will come. ■

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Hello everyone. August started with our Annual Meeting and the election of a new (and not so new) executive committee.

Thank you to the visitors from other branches for coming along and supporting us. The executive committee for 2019 is President Carol Jeanes, Vice Presidents Christine Ritchie and Sarah MacPherson, Secretary Colleen Blunt, Treasurer Sandra McCorry and Hall Convenor Sarah MacPherson. Thank you ladies for putting your hands up (again) and supporting this branch.

We would also like to welcome new members Colleen Blunt and Jax Bergersen.

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to our dear friend and member, Marion Hubbard who has moved south to be near family. We wish you much happiness in your new home.

Upcoming events in the CWA hall include **LAC Trivia Night on 15th September**. Come along for some fun, lots of prizes, food and raffles. Show your support; only \$10 per person.

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## Tales From The Crypt Shed

G'day everyone. This month's update comes from the 10 year celebration of the Australian Men's Shed Association; it is a poem by one of the members from down south.

### THE MEN'S SHED by Noel Findley

Let me relate a little lament  
About an old man's life in retirement.  
I finished work some time ago  
and since that time, it's been rather slow.  
I mowed the lawn from dusk 'til dawn  
The firewood was duly sawn  
I fixed the house, I washed the car,  
but things like that don't take you far  
I looked around and I did see  
The life I knew did promptly flee.  
I wondered then about the years I spent,  
about the many jobs that came and went  
My health went off, the black dog came  
I felt as though I was quite insane.  
I didn't want to fall in a heap  
or spend all day in a wasteful sleep  
Somewhere after retirement  
I wondered where all the good blokes went  
Then I heard about this Men's Shed thing  
"Do you think, dear wife, should I give it a fling?"  
"yes!" she agreed in sympathy  
Dancing about with obvious glee  
"I have aerobics and coffee and shopping to do.  
All the things that I did before I had you"  
The first time I entered that gate with a tremor  
with a feeling like being an apprentice, I remember  
But I was greeted with friendship and "sit down please do"  
And asked if I took one lump or two.  
"You can spend your day reading a paper" said he  
"or join yourself in to a building spree.  
But whatever it is that you choose to do  
The decision is simply up to you".  
"If a nice long chat is to be your thing,  
there is nothing here to give you a sting.  
Some blokes just need to have a talk  
Or maybe to take a simple walk  
So if your talent is a bit short  
Then let me make to you a simple report.  
We're here to support you and give you some will  
To stand right beside you even when you are ill.  
In friendship and mateship we will stand,  
always willing to help and to lend you a hand  
So start with a walk through the front gate  
And spend time with us at the Men's Shed

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If anyone would like to come along to one of our open days, our hours are as follows:  
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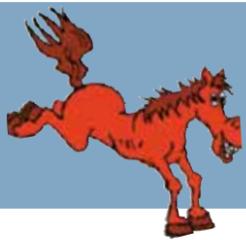
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# Kuranda Horse and Pony Club

**Great news for the future of our club.** We have been successful in our request for funds to upgrade facilities at the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club grounds.

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This advancement will help in the training of our young, up-and-coming riders as well as riders from all over our Zone.

This room when completed will also be used for admin, storage, meetings and on-going development of adult riders through seminars and training programs.

This will be a great asset for instructors, parents and anyone involved in the Pony Club and the wider community.

We would like to make special mention of our local MP Craig Crawford and our local builder, Project Manager Taranga of Kalios Constructions who has been an awesome support to our club.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors, club members, families and many helpers who keep our club going.



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## I Miss My Friends!

I seem to rarely see my friends anymore. I have close friends who I like to spend time with, but I seldom see them. (Actually, I do see one of my friends on a regular basis and we have a wonderful time and I'm grateful we both make the effort. I must note though, she is retired).

Gone are the days when you just popped over for a visit, un-announced and someone was always at home. Now everyone is out, busy or hiding. Putting aside questions of personal charisma...what is the reason for this growing inability for friends to get together more regularly?

**Everyone's just too busy!** Busy holding down a job, two jobs, family activities, extra activities of their own like yoga or gym or volunteering. Any spare time is spent with the family ('cause your spouse is always complaining they never see you either) or on your own (because alone time has become as precious as gold). Kids take a lot of time and energy, but the strange thing is this doesn't seem to lesson the older they get. With all the extra-curricular activities and driving around older children these days, parents seem to be on an endless cycle of taxi trips rather than socialising in their own age groups.

**Are depression and anxiety causing anti-social behaviours?** Anxiety the silent, indiscriminate, lingering epidemic in Australia is growing...15% of the Australian population now has reported anxiety. Whether it is for reasons of deteriorating health or the struggle to just live in society with ease or whether it's because of the alarming way our world is going, as Hugh Mackay points out in his book *Australia Reimagined: towards a more compassionate, less anxious society*. Climate change, asylum seeker treatment, the growing rich and poor gap, the cost of living, the rise of extremism in religion and politics, the polluting and poisoning of the planet, whether our children will have a viable future? etc etc. Each one of these a cause for anxiety and all together cause for extreme anxiety. Platforms like Facebook while ironically there to help you connect can work against connecting by ramping up anxiety levels depending on the feed loop you're in. This in turn can make you too weary to go out in the apparently doomed world or just keen to hide at home watching Netflix.

**The wider why and what it might mean.** Is it the fragmentation of society due to too rapid change; looking outward for satisfaction rather than inward; the erosion of community and a more connected way of life by commercial interests and emphasis? Is this lack of real connection seeing loneliness and isolation growing, accelerated by our use of devices rather than real interactions? Why really meet your friends if you can message them on Facebook or just check your phone? Is knowing what they are up to in a few simplistic words enough? Is that really a meaningful friendship? And is it satisfying our human need for deep connections and seeing human faces to pick up signals and gain understanding and empathy for others?

**So, solutions?** Put aside a dedicated specific time for meaningful interaction – because you need to put energy into what you believe to be important. Open up your veranda one afternoon on the weekend to anyone who wants to stop over. Be doing something anyway so if no one comes over that's perfectly fine.

Join a community centre, weekly class or workshop with a current friend and get together there – or go alone and open up your friend circle to include new people and new energies. Spread the friends and friendship around – maybe through a "I miss



my friends" support group!

Find the Great Good Place or third place in your area. The Great Good Place is a book by Ray Oldenburg and it argues that "third places" - where people can gather, put aside the concerns of work and home, and hang out simply for the pleasures of good company and lively conversation - are the heart of a community's social vitality and the grassroots of democracy. Oldenburg suggests that for a healthy existence, citizens must live in a balance of three realms: home life, the workplace, and the inclusively sociable places. Think about where your third place might be?



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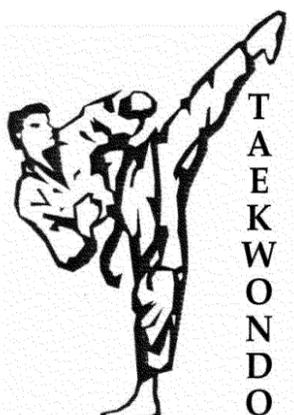
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# Far Out Brussels Sprouts

**BACK IN THE DAYS** when children were forced to eat food even their parents found hard to pretend were enjoyable, Brussels sprouts surely were for most a trial rather than a treat. At an early age I decided if I HAD to eat them I would so raw rather than boiled to grey and covered in white sauce, and negotiated a dinner deal while my brothers resorted to tears and covert operations. They are a valuable vegetable if cooked well or even served finely shredded raw in salads and slaws. They also are delicious in stir fries, curries or bbq-ed so unlike this bloke, in poem quoted, be open the power of the sprouts. Enjoy! – **Queenobears**

*“O, Brussels sprout sae green and round,  
Ye sit upon ma plate,  
So innocently mystifying,  
The cause o’ much debate.*

*Some say ye taste like camel droppings,  
While others think you great,  
I’m sure your sitting there a wonderin’,  
Whit’s goin’ tae be your fate.*

*So let me tell you o’ so quick,  
As nervously you wait,  
That I find you e’er so loathsome,  
So you definitely won’t be ate.” – Stuart McLean  
(From No’ Rabbie Burns)*

## Lemony Shredded Brussels Sprouts

(vegan, gluten free) via [thekitchen.com](http://thekitchen.com)  
Serves 4 (can be easily doubled)

### Ingredients:

500 gm Brussels sprouts  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon smoked sweet paprika  
Zest of 1/2 lemon  
2 teaspoons lemon juice (or more, to taste)  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (optional)  
Sea salt to taste  
Freshly ground black pepper



### Method:

Trim the ends off the Brussels sprouts. Peel off and discard any blemished outer leaves. Cut each Brussels sprout in half from top to bottom. Lay it flat and slice into fine shreds (or use a mandoline or food processor with a slicing blade). Separate out the shreds.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet on moderate heat. Add garlic, paprika, thyme and cook, stirring, until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds, being careful not to burn. Add shredded sprouts and lemon zest and sauté until crisp-tender. Remove from heat and stir in the lemon juice and thyme. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Best served immediately, but may also be served at room temperature and make good leftovers as well.

## Brussels Sprouts Bhaji

(vegan, gluten free) via [fullofplants.com](http://fullofplants.com)  
Makes 7

### Ingredients:

2 cups shaved Brussels Sprouts  
3/4 cup chickpea (besan) flour  
1/2 tsp turmeric  
1/2 tsp garam masala  
1/2 tsp chili powder  
1/2 tsp fenugreek leaves  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/3 cup water  
1 tsp maple syrup  
about 2 cups oil for frying

### Mint Yogurt Sauce:

1 cup non-dairy yogurt eg coconut  
1/4 cup fresh mint  
1/4 tsp salt (or more to taste)  
1/4 tsp maple syrup  
1/2 tsp ground coriander

### Method:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Once boiling, blanch

the shaved Brussels sprouts for 3 minutes. Drain well and set aside. Combine the chickpea flour, spices, baking powder, and salt in a mixing bowl. Add the water, maple syrup, and mix using a wooden spoon until well combined. You will get a thick batter. If it looks too thin, add a bit more chickpea flour. Stir in the shaved Brussels sprouts. Mix well. Using your hands, shape 6-7 balls (about 2 tbsp of batter per ball). Place them on a plate lined with parchment paper. In a medium-size saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Once hot, carefully drop the balls into the oil and fry until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Turn the balls from time to time for even cooking. Once golden brown, transfer to a plate lined with paper kitchen towel to drain excess oil. Serve immediately with the mint yogurt sauce.

**Mint Yogurt Sauce:** Combine all the ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Taste and adjust salt if needed.

## Raw Brussels Sprouts & Apple Salad

(vegan, gluten free) via [vegiessavetheday.com](http://vegiessavetheday.com)  
Serves 4 as side or 2 as meal

### Ingredients:

4 cups shaved Brussels sprouts  
2 apples cored and chopped  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup walnuts coarsely chopped  
1 Tbsp olive oil  
1 Tbsp pure maple syrup  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
salt to taste

### Method:

Combine the shaved Brussels sprouts, apples, cranberries, and walnuts in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk the olive oil, maple syrup, lemon juice, and salt together with a fork. Before serving, pour the dressing over

the salad and toss well to coat.

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### Kuranda Family Day:

The next Kuranda Family Day in the park will be on Tuesday October 2nd. This is an opportunity for families to connect and have fun as well as find out about some of the services and programs available in and to Kuranda. This is a totally free community event, and everyone is welcome.

If you wish to showcase your program or services and deliver an activity on the day or contribute in any way, please let the Interagency Network know via [coordinator@kurandanc.org.au](mailto:coordinator@kurandanc.org.au).

### KNC Food Program and Pantry:

KNC is still requesting donations of nonperishable food items for our food program and for distribution through a 'food pantry'. This is for those individuals and families in Kuranda who don't have enough food. KNC is partnering with OZ Harvest <http://www.ozharvest.org/news-location/cairns/> to distribute food to those in need in the District and so there will be items for people to take when available from the Centre.

This will usually be on the table in reception or labelled items in the fridge in the kitchen. Items available will be determined by those that either are delivered by Oz Harvest or by other donations (from the community or surplus from farmers etc).

### Furniture Exchange:

We want to thank all those who have thought of our program and donated much needed items. The items have been of a very high standard and have greatly assisted many disadvantaged families and individuals.

There is an ongoing need in the community for double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs, dressing tables and cupboards.

Any items in good, working condition can be picked up on a Wednesday morning or they can be dropped to the Centre.

Please note we are unable to take full size fridges due to the risk of injury to volunteers who assist with this program. We can accept smaller bar fridges, and these are much appreciated. Please contact Tricia or Margaret on 4093 8933 – Thanks!



### QuIHN Counsellor:

A counsellor is at KNC on Mondays. Peter works as a psychologist for the Cairns Therapeutic Service offering a counseling service, providing support around drug use and mental health concerns, relapse prevention and management, referral to specialist services such as detox and rehab, self-care, stress management and enhancing motivation to change.

There may also be some group sessions if there is demand. Referrals and appointments can be made directly to QuIHN on 40321463.

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**Do you know how to identify a Yellow Crazy Ant?**

YCA or scientifically *Anoplolepis gracilipes*, are refined to a small infestation area at Russett Park near Kuranda and a much larger infestation in the Edmonton area in Cairns. There are some native ants which look quite similar to YCA and have been confused even by experts, so below are a few tips on how to successfully identify Yellow Crazy Ants. YCA are a huge threat to our local wet tropics biodiversity and are in the top world's worst invasive species. Currently the YCA eradication program is progressing successfully with very few YCA found on any sites in the Kuranda and Cairns infestation areas.

**Yellow Crazy Ants *Anoplolepis gracilipes* key features:**

- 4mm length
- Antennae very long, as long as the legs
- Long legs & antennae
- Golden-yellow head and body
- Small head in relation to body/gaster size
- Brown gaster
- Move in an erratic 'crazy' manner
- Spray acid from gaster
- Do not bite.

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

**DATE CLAIMERS – UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- First week in September – Treatment
- Tuesday 4th October – Monitoring (every six weeks)

For more information or to get a check on a suspected YCA, email [yca@envirocare.org.au](mailto:yca@envirocare.org.au) or call project coordinator Mikhaila Jacoby 0400 018 332



**Kuranda Garden Club**

**Our August meeting was at the Envirocare Nursery, Myola Road.**

Thank you to Cathy and the team. What a great place, a well organised nursery with over 300 native species.

Cathy gave us a guided tour with plenty of information about plants, the trials, successes and the problems faced. Also info about the many tree planting/revegetation projects that the Envirocare team does.

Our AGM was held, **Rita was voted in as President and Deb as Secretary/Treasurer** with some new faces on the committee.

*It was decided our September meeting could support the Tully Flower Show Saturday 1 Sept and possible meet up at Carnival on Collins on Sunday 2nd. It will be an early start due to the Range closure.*

Information on Asian Honey Bees is coming. There have been several swarms in Kuranda over the last few months and Bio Security have given up.

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can be done when funds can be sourced. However, a number of smaller projects, which require little or no funding, have been identified and the committee is working with Council and community groups on a plan which will see these being delivered. The committee is looking forward to presenting the master plan to the public in the near future.

**CONTAINER REFUND SCHEME:** The Container Refund Scheme will commence 1st November 2018. The introduction of a state-wide scheme will give people an incentive to collect and return containers for recycling, in exchange for a refund payment.

Under the scheme, a 10 cent refund will be provided for eligible, empty drink containers between 150ml and 3L in size that are returned to a participating container refund point.

This scheme is being introduced by the Queensland Government and your Council does not have a role in this process. As more information becomes available to us, we will let the community know.

**RECYCLING:** Thank you to everyone who uses the recycling bins correctly and helps keep the place tidy. A gentle reminder to keep the recycling areas tidy and don't bag recyclables, put them straight into the appropriate bins.

**RATES:** The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 31st December 2018 have been issued. The discount period closes on Friday 14th September 2018. If you have not received your Rate Notice, please contact the Rates Department.

**CRAZY ANTS:** Following a rumour circulating, Council arranged for the Department to undertake an

additional inspection at the Kuranda Transfer Station and it has confirmed that there were no crazy ants on site.

I am in Kuranda most Mondays doing the recycling and am available to chat with residents about any concerns they have.

Have a good month.

*Nipper Brown*



**From 1st November this year there will be a small depot located next to the recycling rubbish bins off the end of Arara Street. Eligible soft drink containers taken there will attract a cash refund of ten cents per item. Cans and bottles may be delivered in bulk. Note: beer cans and bottles are OK but plastic milk bottles are not. Any inquiries please call 0400 063 765.**

Last month I attended the Koah Christmas in the July function at the hall. It was a wonderful night and congratulations to the committee. Well done also to the Kuranda District Horse and Pony Club on a successful gymkhana.

**THERWINE STREET:** Work has commenced on the upgrade of Therwine Street in Kuranda. The project will start on the lower Therwine Street, with works expected to continue for a period of 12 weeks, weather dependent. Once the works in the lower section are completed works on upper Therwine Street will commence. We appreciate the patience and ongoing support of businesses, residents and visitors in delivering the project.

**KURANDA COMMUNITY PRECINCT:** The committee has been working towards presenting a masterplan to Council before the end of the year. While funding is not currently available to implement the plan, it will provide a framework and guidance of what

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## Community Out of The Loop!!

The Kuranda Community has a long history of standing up to protect the lifestyle and environment that makes this place special. This Community has stated over and over that it does not want to join the long list of 'lost' special places up and down the Queensland coast and become just another generic suburbia.

Mareeba Shire Councillors (MSC) and State/Federal politicians know and expect us to demand proper planning with effective community engagement. Developers have always been cautious of 'making waves' in Kuranda.

So when the largest single development application was planned for Kuranda, the local and state power brokers had meetings in Brisbane with the developer eight months before the project was announced to the Community via the front page of *The Cairns Post*? (Ref. KUR-Alert Right to Information documents).

All stitched up?? There is a question to ask. Were plans then put in place to keep our community 'out of the loop'?

Did you know that:

1. It is understood that the MSC Mayor and MSC CEO instructed our representative Councillors to not discuss KUR-World's \$650m development with the community.
2. Although the State EIS is not complete, MSC have now approved an enormous tourist attraction 'under the radar' by allowing the developer to submit multiple small development applications which have locked out any public input under the MSC Planning Scheme. Impacts on our water supply (creeks, underground water for domestic use); native wildlife; sediment to creeks and the Great Barrier Reef have not been Impact Assessable under the planning scheme. If all these development applications were submitted together, it would have been open to public scrutiny on the impacts. It appears to be an orchestrated assault on proper process.
3. In a few weeks' time a large tourist attraction will open for the bused in Chinese visitor market. Locals will not be welcome. Yet, we the community, will be impacted. Take a drive up Barnwell Road and see for yourself – Trespassers Prosecuted, Keep Out!

**Steven Nowakowski**

## Kuranda Swimming Pool or Aquatic Centre...

### What's the Problem?

Kuranda ratepayers pay an extra levy of \$36 per property per year on top of MSC rates to maintain the community swimming pool. However, the service levels from our Council leave much to be desired. The first lessees, after the pool initially opened, worked very hard providing a fabulous service and well run facility. Unfortunately they did not seem to receive support from our shire Council.

Kuranda Swimming Pool has just been closed for two months over July/August for repair and maintenance. This is scheduled every year, although it appears that maintenance is often not done at all. The pool opened a few weeks late this year and it seems that the heating, although installed, is not working. So the pool is too cold for use. This maintenance issue appears to be the norm after most closure periods.

Compare Council's library, another local service facility, receives much support and is well supported by the community.

	LIBRARY	POOL
Cooling in summer	Yes	No
Heating in winter	Yes	No
Open 12 months per year	Yes	No
Equipment maintained	Yes	No
Extra rates subsidy by Kuranda ratepayers	No	Yes

Learning to swim and the opportunity for sport, recreation and exercise for all ages must be supported by our Council. Be aware that services can be withdrawn if they are not supported by the public, however, organisations have been known to reduce service quality to encourage such outcomes.

A full review of the service levels and operating times for the pool may be needed. It might be time again to complain loudly to Mareeba Shire Council and to remind them that Kuranda residents are paying but not receiving the service (a bit like the banks?) that we are charged.

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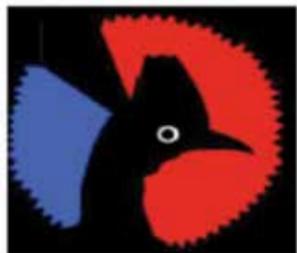
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The avenue continues to be an important element of the streetscape, valued by the local residents and visitors alike. The trees contribute to the character and tropical beauty of the street and are often photographed by visiting tourists.

Under the inspiring leadership of Sylvia Walker, KCons' Graham Bell and Jax had an active part in identifying the trees for their heritage registration.

**Growing number of properties seeking covenants**

One by one applications are coming in from landholders seeking to protect good forest on large blocks from future destruction. This is what will save our forests into the future.

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**One good turn deserves another**

We received a lovely gift of poo from cassowary Jimmy following his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at Birdworld. We donated some fruit for his birthday cake and, in return, received some processed quandongs ready for sowing. Thanks Emma.

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**KUR-World EIS 'have your say'**

Contact [eiskuranda@gmail.com](mailto:eiskuranda@gmail.com) if you need more information, visit <http://kurandaregion.org/eis/> or Google 'EIS submission'. Call Jax if you want person-to-person assistance.

**THIS IS YOUR BEST CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR POINT**

BELOW: Hercules still not fully recovered, but walking and feeding well. His casque is badly scratched and he's lost the sight of his left eye. His head still shows bruising from his altercation with the vehicle on Kennedy Highway.



Kuranda Conservation has contributed to Hercules' rehabilitation by donating \$5000 to Rainforest Reserves, the organisation running the Garner's Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre. It's thanks to Rainforest Reserves' Ingrid Marker that Hercules was nursed back to health. Also thanks to Dr Graham Laurindsen for his attendance on Hercules. Graham is THE vet for cassowaries. The professional and capable assistance of the D.E.S. (Dept Environment & Science) team in the initial rescue, transportation to Garner's Beach Rehab and final return to Kuranda of this bird is very much appreciated.

The funds we donated came from the sale of plants from the nursery and the hire of trailers .... so, thank you!

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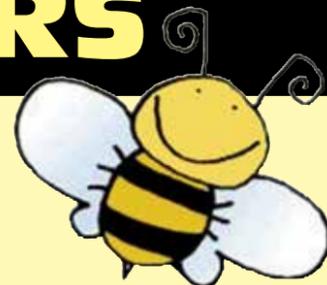
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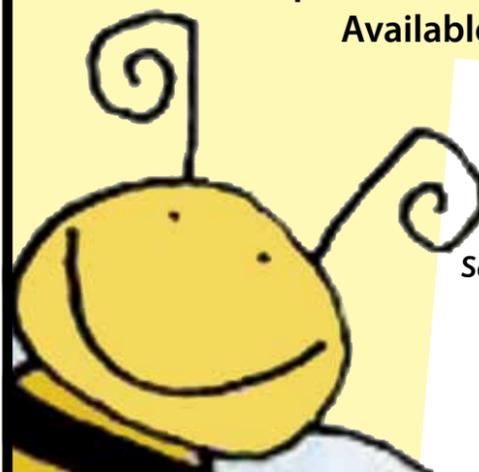
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Wallabies and cassowaries wander past our verandas. Frogs and birds share our homes. Our children camp in the yard, swim in creeks and bushwalk in the rainforest. We create a compromise between carving out a niche for ourselves and doing as little damage to the natural environment as possible. We can socialise or sink into private peace. We have built our worlds around us.

### **This low-impact living is potentially at risk**

The KUR-World proposal, a massive 650-million-dollar development threatening to drop into our lives via Myola, seems to have dipped below the radar over the past few months. Initial community outrage has settled to a simmer, and community protests, letter-writing and rallies have slowed. Although the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not yet been produced, work is continuing behind the gates on Barnwell Road. Additional development applications are being submitted – for residential subdivisions, nature-based tourism (four-wheelers crashing around the property), a farm-based tourist attraction and now rural workers' accommodation. Each of these seems to be a small step toward the ultimate goal – an inappropriate and mammoth development that could double, then triple, our population and rob us of our freedom to live as we have chosen. These applications have all been done in such a way as to avoid an assessment of their overall impact and without our community having a legal right to comment on them.

### **It's time to pay attention again**

In 2016, we all had the opportunity to register our concerns about the proponent's proposal for KUR-World when we were invited to comment on the Terms of Reference for the EIS. Many offered concerns about the effects on our community, natural environment, infrastructure and general quality of life when a small population suddenly explodes in the form of a tourist development. The final Terms of Reference are the points which the KUR-World developers are required to answer in their EIS response statement.

The EIS response is expected to be released by the end of September. The good news? We will have an opportunity to have our say. The bad news? The document promises to be massive (possibly 5000 pages plus, judging by AQIS Cairns response), and we will have very little time to respond. It's important that we are all prepared, informed and aware for the next steps.

### **Be reminded – what is proposed**

- a 5-star, 200-room eco-resort
- an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse
- a 3 or 4-star, 270-room resort
- a central hub precinct, including retail, dining and amphitheatre
- approximately 380 residential villas
- a tertiary education campus and sport facilities, with accommodation for up to 500 students
- a medical centre with up to 60 rooms
- an adventure park with zip lines, suspended bridges and rope ladders
- a rainforest education centre including 14 cabins with up to 300 beds
- an equestrian centre and farm theme park

This totals over 4000 people, when fully occupied.

### **Be informed**

If KUR-World goes ahead, it will affect all of us. How can it not? Even without concerns for the endangered species on the property, we understand twice to three times the population could be tapping into water, creating sewerage, using roads and other infrastructure which has been paid for by the current ratepayers. Thousands more could be living and working in and around Kuranda.

If KUR-World is approved, Kuranda will never again be as it is now, even if the development fails. And if it fails, as many resort developments have in the Far North, the minimum we can expect is an additional 323 residential lots. This means more population, stress on infrastructure, higher rates, fewer jobs even the possibility of a failed sewerage system polluting local waterways, like the failed Hinchinbrook development at Cardwell, now relying on ratepayers to fix.

Protect your families and your homes by asking the right questions. Be prepared to see the answers clearly.

### **More jobs for locals?**

An application for rural workers' accommodation on the Barnwell Property has just been approved, when there are hundreds of local unemployed workers right now. Hundreds of contractors and sub-contractors will be needed in the development phases of this project, and the vast majority will come from outside of Kuranda. They will likely work and live here, creating even more pressure on the existing infrastructure and unemployment rates for lo-cals.

### **Better for businesses in town?**

Kuranda offers shopping, restaurants, exhibits and so will KUR-World, we understand. They are even proposing an amphitheatre. Few of those tourists and residents of KUR-World are likely to bypass their shopping hub next door to venture into the Kuranda village.

### **Improved infrastructure and better services?**

Even if KUR-World is responsible for the development of some internal roads, water and sewerage facilities, who will ultimately pay for maintenance and continuation of services?

### **Higher valuation of your land?**

Maybe. But the monetary value of your land means little if you've moved your family here to live quietly, and unobtrusively in a friendly, safe community.

Maybe not. If KUR-World fails, and the masses do not come, we may be left to pick up the pieces, pay our new higher rates and could have lost the unique beauty that is Kuranda. Or we could be faced with the more likely scenario of depressed property prices from an over-supply of residential lots.

However you feel about the KUR-World proposal, take the time to back your opinions with facts of what's been happening to date from reputable and varied sources:

- Kuranda Region Planning Group [www.kurandaregion.org](http://www.kurandaregion.org)
- KUR-alert Facebook page
- Kuranda Envirocare (position statement) [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)
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This potential major change for all of us is worth talking about, even if we don't agree. Ask the hard questions. If you aren't getting the answers you want, maybe it's time to take a new stand.

### **Be motivated**

KUR-World will change all of our lives and not just those who live on Myola Road. As well as the threat to the natural environment and stress on infrastructure, as well as the increased traffic on the Range Road and population and rates, we may also feel a threat closer to home. In 2008 State government, with strong community input, decided that further residential development in Myola was not desirable or necessary until at least 2031 (Regional Plan 2009-2031). It is 2018 and a 650-million-dollar development is being considered in this very same area.

If the KUR-World proposal or the proposed high-density residential development goes ahead in Myola, what's to stop another wealthy developer building an inappropriate project in that block beside you?

### **Be present**

*How you can exercise your choice:*

- Respond to the EIS. As our time will be limited, once the EIS has been released, and summary responses from credible experts have been prepared, response workshops planned to run for two weeks. These will concentrate on streamlining the information and offering it to the community in smaller, more easily understood bites. Individuals can write their own responses, or choose to use templates or form letters that will be offered, developed from responses by credible experts.
- To register to receive information about the EIS, contact [eiskuran-da@gmail.com](mailto:eiskuran-da@gmail.com).
- Send emails/letters to Mareeba Shire Council and MP Craig Crawford asking questions and stating your concerns about the KUR-World proposal generally.
- Send emails/letters to Mareeba Shire Council at [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au) and MP Craig Crawford at [barron.river@parliament.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.gov.au), specifically questioning the need for rural workers accommodation on the proposed KUR-World site, given how many people in the area are looking for casual work.
- Donate what you can to the cause to help pay for legal representation.
- Stay in touch. Sign up for newsletters at [kurandaregion.org](http://kurandaregion.org) and attend meetings (last one was 24th August, see Kuranda TV for video footage if you couldn't attend).

One thing is certain. If the KUR-World proposal is approved, the development may quickly change the lives of over 2000 people. The choices that brought us here will not matter. How will this affect your children? Grandchildren? The more land we sacrifice to concrete and golf courses, the less we have to hand over to our kids.

The love of unsustainable development for the short-term economic gain of a few seems to be growing in epidemic proportions all over the country.

You have chosen to live in Kuranda and soak up all that it offers. Get the facts, make your decision and take a stand. Once our chosen lifestyle is gone, it's gone forever.



## **Annual General Meeting Thursday September 6th**

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

### **7.00pm Guest Speaker**

The Origins and Global Significance of our Wet Tropics World Heritage Area  
by Terry Carmichael, Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)  
*Should be an inspiring talk by Terry Carmichael, who was a wildlife guide, before his time with WTMA*

### **8.00pm Official AGM**

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# BAMA

## people and relationships, kinship

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### Word Search

(Please note: some words may share letters)

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 BANDJIL  
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 BAWI  
 BIBUNBAY  
 BIWUL  
 BURRIBURRI  
 DAYAL  
 DJABUL  
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 YABAL  
 YABANI  
 YABURU  
 YILAALA

— TRANSLATION —

### PEOPLE AND RELATIONSHIPS, KINSHIP

BAMA: Aboriginal person/people  
 BANDJIL: Female/ girl/woman  
 BARNDIL: Baby  
 BARRINI: Sister/daughters of father's brothers and mother's sisters  
 BAWI: Father's mother  
 BIBUNBAY: Children  
 BIWUL: Mother-in-law  
 BURRIBURRI: Mature man  
 DAYAL: Male/boy/man  
 DJABUL: Promised One  
 DJADJA: Child: male/female  
 DJURRAY: Younger sister  
 DUNYU: Husband  
 GALNGA: Mother's brother  
 GALNGGIRR: Daughter  
 GAMI: Father's father/Mother's mother  
 GAMINDJARR: Grandchildren  
 GANANGGIRRAY: Younger brother  
 GARGUN: Son  
 GUMBA: Young girl  
 MAGUMAGU: Daughters of Mother's Mother's Brother's Daughter \*  
 MANGA: Cross-cousin: sons, daughters of father's sister, mother's brother  
 MAYI: Father's sister  
 NGADJI: Mother's father  
 NGAMA: Mother/Mother's sister  
 NGAMANI: Mother's sisters  
 NYUBI: Father-in-law  
 NYUMBU: Father/Father's brother  
 NYUMBUNI: Father and his brothers  
 WAGAL: Wife  
 WANGARRI: Adolescent boy  
 WARRNGU: Mature woman  
 WARRUWARRU: Male youths  
 YABA: Brother/sons of father's brother, sons of mother's sisters  
 YABAL: Nephew/Niece  
 YABANI: Brothers  
 YABURU: Mature girl  
 YILAALA: Married couple

\* A boy should avoid contact with those classified as MAGUMAGU as one will become his WAGAL (wife).

### Wordsearch explanation and dedication

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

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

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

BAMA in this area, Bulwanydji and Djabuganydji, had a moiety\* system of social organisation. Meaning the people belonged to one of two sides: Gurrabana, the Wet Side Moiety or Gurramina, the Dry Side Moiety. A person always belonged to the opposite moiety to his or her mother. In other words one belonged to the same moiety as one's father. A person had to marry someone from the opposite moiety to themselves.

The moieties reflected the contrast between areas in the rain-shadow of the coastal range and those more exposed to the rainfall.

\* MOIETY (anthropology): each of two social or ritual groups into which a people is divided, especially among Australian Aborigines and some Native Americans.

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

— Michael Quinn

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## A Thought for September

**T**HIS month we read from St Mark's Gospel Chapter 7. verses 31-37

There is utter simplicity about this healing. One cannot probe the text for possible ways in which it was accomplished. There are no mysterious techniques to be examined. Two figures are slipping away from the crowd. Eventually they turn and face one another as we look from a distance. Jesus gently takes the man's head between his hands, adopting the timeless stance of what to this day we call the laying on of hands. Fingers probe the blocked ears. A hand touches the extended and partially imprisoned tongue. A prayer is offered, a word is spoken, and the world changes for one human being.

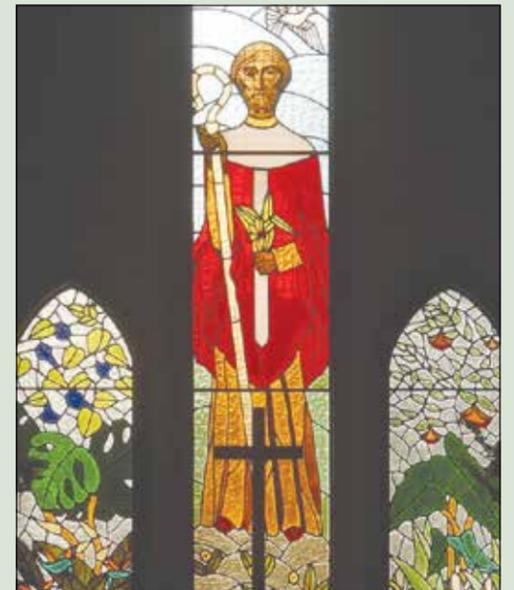
What is it that speaks to us across the centuries? The presence of Jesus heals. We discover this in prayer, in meditation, in worship, in sacrament. Countless Christians have found a sense of release when they have felt the sacred bread on their tongues as they receive Jesus in the form of that bread. They may not have gained freedom from actual inability to speak, but rather from many other ways of being dumb, being unable to say certain things that should be said.

There are all sorts of reasons why men and women may need their ears opened and their tongues released by the grace of Christ. We may need our ears opened to hear things which at the moment we are incapable of hearing. Perhaps a spouse is telling us something about our relationship, something to which we are completely deaf. Perhaps people are saying things to us in connection with our job. If we could hear them, we might respond by improving our performance and our professional relationships, but we are incapable of hearing. Perhaps Our Lord himself is trying to get us to hear his voice in our spiritual experience. But we are deaf to him because of busyness or the illusion that we have achieved a high spiritual level.

Likewise there are many reasons why we may need our tongues released. We may need our tongue freed to say certain things that must and should be said. We may need to say simply that we are deeply sorry. Many are not able to say that most precious and necessary word. We may need to tell someone else that we love them. We may need our tongue released from certain things as well as for certain things. We may need to be freed from filthy language, from the tendency to gossip, from a need to pull others down. In all such ways we can become the figure slipping away from the crowd with Jesus, standing before him, being touched by his hands of grace, and being healed. There are many ways in which we have need of Jesus grace to open our ears and free our tongues.

## NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S

On the weekend of August fourth and fifth, we had a very important occasion to celebrate. **The Patronal Festival**, the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on the Holy Mountain. St Saviour' is dedicated to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (St Saviour). We had had a wonderful service with some great singing. The service on Saturday Evening was followed by a delicious High Tea. On Sunday we had another inspiring service, again the singing was marvellous. St Saviour's is gearing up for the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday 7th of October, the service will be held in the area at the back of the Church and all creatures great and small are welcome with their minders.



## Baha'i Thought for the Month

"A new life is, in this age, stirring within all the peoples of the earth; and yet none hath discovered its cause or perceived its motive. Consider the peoples of the West. Witness how, in their pursuit of that which is vain and trivial, they have sacrificed, and are still sacrificing, countless lives for the sake of its establishment and promotion. The peoples of Persia, on the other hand, though the repository of a perspicuous and luminous Revelation, the glory of whose loftiness and renown hath encompassed the whole earth, are dispirited and sunk in deep lethargy.

O friends! Be not careless of the virtues with which ye have been endowed, neither be neglectful of your high destiny. Suffer not your labors to be wasted through the vain imaginations which certain hearts have devised. Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft-flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men, the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll. With the utmost unity, and in a spirit of perfect fellowship, exert yourselves, that ye may be enabled to achieve that which beseemeth this Day of God. Verily I say, strife and dissension, and whatsoever the mind of man abhorreth are entirely unworthy of his station."

(Baha'u'llah)

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Wendy Pritchard



## The Stars in September

September always seems to be a very interesting; potential-packed month when we look at the planetary alignments. Maybe the Libran Equinox, when the pull to the centre and the polarity-balancing focus on the earthly and celestial equators is at its most intense, has a stronger pull than we realise. Maybe. But if we look at an overview of the zodiac this month we find that **all** the planets (except for Uranus – the nonconformist) are contained in the Virgo to Pisces hemisphere, half the zodiac circle. And it tightens as the month goes on. Squeezed into a 120° trine between Libra and Aquarius at the end of the month. A compression of all aspects of life and experiences into a highly-exciting air trine. Think of the energy potential in compressed air – you can move, push and expand just about anything with it. Here we have the cosmos doing it for us (or to us for the paranoid).

The element air, representing ideas, communication, interaction, consciousness and information all compressed to the point where the most volatile of the air planets Uranus (ruling uranium) in Taurus is set to trigger-off the mother of all inspired revelations.

An in-breath as the Sun sits in perfect balance right over the Equator and the butterfly-effect is primed and potent. Mercury sits with the Sun over the Equator at the Equinox, 23rd September, squaring off to Saturn, well-earthed in Capricorn and trining Mars in Aquarius.

There's more, but just that little aspect pattern is enough to indicate that we are heading into a spectacular balancing act and the release of some outstanding ideas and inspired agreements. While this is the global perspective, there is no doubt that, as individuals, if we can identify and relate to our own uniqueness and discover what's there and waiting to be activated, we discover some amazing treasure. Then this can be shared... but first we find it within our own being.

This is a quite unusual compression of zodiac potentials and we are part of it – not acted on, but acting with...

There's a Virgo New Moon on 10th September coinciding with Venus moving into Scorpio and Mars into Aquarius. That's brilliant! No limits here to what could be conceived; created; perfected and offered... Also there is a Jupiter-Pluto alignment the next day which blows the whole thing into a huge, spectacular show of grandiose, transformation power. Sorry, got carried away... it's a Jupiter-Pluto thing. But still, with a Saturn-Uranus trine in the earth signs Capricorn and Taurus pretty much all month, the nuclear-like potential to activate  $E=mc^2$  in releasing the energy, is really potent.

The Moon, traditionally seen as the trigger for events, is full on 25th September at 1° Aries. There's a trigger if you like! The two equinoctial points now activated 0° by the Full Moon. The energy is converging on the Centre under the auspices of the great stars Denebola "the tail of the lion", and Thuban, "the heart of the dragon" – treasure seekers and guardians of the treasure... both stars align with the 0° Libra point and now the Sun brings a golden light onto what we seek and what we treasure. Conflict or cooperation? That's the Libran choice. May your choices bring you harmony.

Blessings



**Rob Hart**

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### Kuranda Branch Library and Council Office

Arara Street • Phone 4093 9185  
www.library.muc.qld.gov.au

#### LIBRARY

Monday to Friday  
10.00am-5.00 (5.30 Tuesday)  
Saturday 9.00-12.00

#### COUNCIL SERVICES

Monday to Friday  
10.00am- 4.30  
Saturday closed

## Rainfall Last Month

Total July: 60.0mm  
Total August to 28th 4.0mm  
Year to date: 2330.0mm  
Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station

### Words of Wisdom from my Grandmother



*I haven't even gone  
to bed yet and I  
already can't wait  
to come home from  
work tomorrow.*

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FIRE or other emergencies – please phone 000  
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Koah 4232 5468  
Kuranda 0408 077 746  
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Speewah 4093 0211

**Permits required for ALL fires**

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To:	Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol
Speewah				
Koah	*1530	*1530	1300	
	1750	1750	1750	1645
Ex: Koah	#0705	#0705	#0705	#0705
	#1315	#1315	#1315	
	*1550	*1550	*1550	
Ex: Speewah	#0710	#0710	#0710	#0710
	#1320	#1320	#1320	
	*1540	*1540	*1540	

\*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
#0720	#0720	#0720	0720
1330	1330	1530	1530
1530	1530		

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

Monday To Friday	Sat	Sun	P/Hol
**0825	0825	0825	0825
1645	1645	**1615	1615

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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### CAIRNS TO KURANDA SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	6.45am	8.45am	11.30am	1.30pm	*3.00pm
CAIRNS 79 Abbott Street	6.50am	8.50am	11.35am	1.35pm	3.05pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	7.05am	9.05am	11.50am	1.50pm	3.30pm
KURANDA	7.25am	9.25am	12.10pm	2.10pm	3.55pm

### KURANDA TO CAIRNS SHUTTLE

Departs From	Shuttle Runs Daily (Except Christmas Day)				
KURANDA	*7.30am	9.30am	12.30pm	2.15pm	4.10pm
RAINFORESTATION	7.35am	9.35am	12.35pm	2.20pm	4.15pm
CAIRNS Central Rail Station	8.30am	10.15am	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	6.00am	9.00am	3.30pm	6.00am	9.00am	9.00am	3.30pm
MAREEBA	6.30am	9.30am	4.00pm	6.30am	9.30am	9.30am	4.00pm
SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
KURANDA	7.15am	10.05am	4.35pm	7.15am	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	3.30pm	5.45pm	8.45am	3.30pm	3.30pm	5.45pm
SMITHFIELD Bus Shelter	9.00am	3.45pm	6.00pm	9.00am	3.45pm	3.45pm	6.00pm
KURANDA	9.20am	4.15pm	6.25pm	9.20am	4.15pm	4.15pm	6.25pm
SPEEWAH	9.25am	4.20pm	6.30pm	9.25am	4.20pm	4.20pm	6.30pm
MAREEBA	9.55am	4.50pm	6.55pm	9.55am	4.50pm	4.50pm	6.55pm
ATHERTON Service Terminates	10.30am	5.25pm	7.30pm	10.30am	5.25pm	5.25pm	7.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS operate on Sunday Service \*1\* Timetable  
No Sunday 4.35pm or 6.25pm Services departing KURANDA on LONG WEEKENDS  
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Timetable effective as of 01.01.2016



# Our Heritage – Our Responsibility

*“Part of the traditional land of the Djabugay speaking people, Kuranda was surveyed in 1888 in anticipation of development which would accompany the arrival of the railway. Kuranda, situated at the top of the Macalister Range, became the principal station after Cairns when the line opened in 1891... The line encouraged agricultural development and by the 1890s several farms had been established in the area. Large amounts of timber were hewn and provided the early settlers with an income; coffee was grown for a time and there was also dairying and cattle grazing. A small township began to develop close to the railway station and by 1895 was described in the Post Office Directories as the ‘centre of a large agricultural district with rich alluvial scrub soil. A favourite resort for tourists and others visiting the Barron Falls.’”*

*“The Kuranda railway station stood between the Barron River and the small settlement of Kuranda at the rise of the hill and by 1888 the road from the railway station up to the township was called Coondoo Street. This street swiftly became the town’s high street. By 1895 Kuranda could boast the railway station, provisional school, butcher, stores and the Kuranda Hotel. In 1910 the small community opened the School of Arts hall in Coondoo Street. From 1920 Kuranda was part of the Woothakata Shire.”*

*“In the 1920s and 30s a series of promotional booklets were published by the Queensland Government’s Tourist Bureau, encouraging southern and overseas visitors to North Queensland. Titles such as ‘North Queensland: Australia’s Richest Territory’, ‘North Queensland: The Cream of the Continent’, ‘Winter Tours in Queensland’ and ‘Queensland is Different’, celebrated the major attractions in the region. As one of the region’s most popular tourist destinations at this time, Kuranda was featured widely in these publications. Evocative descriptions of the village included phrases such as ‘the gardens glitter with colour and brilliancy’ and ‘the varied beauty of the little tourist township among the clouds ... offers a charming introduction to the magnificent scenery on the ... Tablelands’.”*

*“Adding to this experience was the Kuranda Railway Station which featured award winning gardens. By 1931 it had won the annual Railway Department’s station garden competition nine times. The station’s reputation as a regular winner also contributed to the town’s appeal as a tourist attraction and in 1931 it was stated in the Brisbane Courier ‘that is why Kuranda railway station is winning for itself a world-wide reputation, which ultimately must benefit Queensland’.”*

*“Amid this activity, a local councillor, Robert James Bartley, recognised the potential for the main street of Kuranda, Coondoo Street, to be one of the most attractive in the Cairns region. When tourists arrived at Kuranda they were greeted by the stunning gardens of the railway station. As they walked up the hill to Coondoo Street, it was envisaged that this scenic greenery be continued through the small town.”*

*“In 1995 a major attraction, the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, was completed, travelling from Cairns to Kuranda over the rainforest*

*and Barron Falls. The Kuranda terminal is located close by the railway station, ensuring the thousands of visitors to the town continue to walk up the hill and into Coondoo Street via Bartley’s tree-lined streetscape.”*

*“The avenue continues to be an important element of the streetscape, valued by the local residents and visitors alike. The trees contribute to the character and tropical beauty of the street and are often photographed by visiting tourists.”*

**Source: Queensland Heritage Register, 2018**

*“Mr J Bartley, Councillor Woolkata Shire, has finalised arrangements for the planting of a row of trees each side of the main street in Kuranda. Weeping figs and tulip trees are to be planted, the tulip trees being donated by Mr Dodd. Tree guards will be placed around them until fully grown. Mr Bartley must be complimented on his action and foresight. Kuranda has many beauties for the tourist and this avenue of trees will be an addition. Perhaps it may be possible to alter the name of the street to avenue at a later date.”*

**The Cairns Post Tuesday 2nd June 1931**

*The African ‘tulip’ trees, unlike the figs, did not weather the cyclones well and were later declared a weed species and removed from within the Village. However, the fig trees quickly grew to provide shade and, in the manner of some tropical trees, an obstacle to pedestrians. So much so that in 1935 Council was being asked to prune them back along the footpath from the railway station to the Fitzpatrick. ‘The pruning of the shade trees in Coondoo Street, which were planted at the instigation of Cr. J. B. Bartley some years ago, has been completed by Mr. W.G.Bell.’*

**The Cairns Post Friday 13th August 1937**

*Over the years, the tenacity of the fig trees has been matched both by concerted efforts to remove or severely chop them back, and determination of many residents that that not happen. In the 1990s when large tourist buses were permitted on the main street, some companies lobbied Council to prune the street-side branches back to stop them damaging paintwork. Then in 1997 residents were alarmed to find that Ergon had arrived with cherry pickers and chainsaws to cut the fig trees back from the powerlines. A standoff ensued until Ergon acknowledged that the lines were due to be undergrounded in the next six months as part of the Village upgrade and they agreed to give them a ‘shave’ instead of a ‘haircut’.*

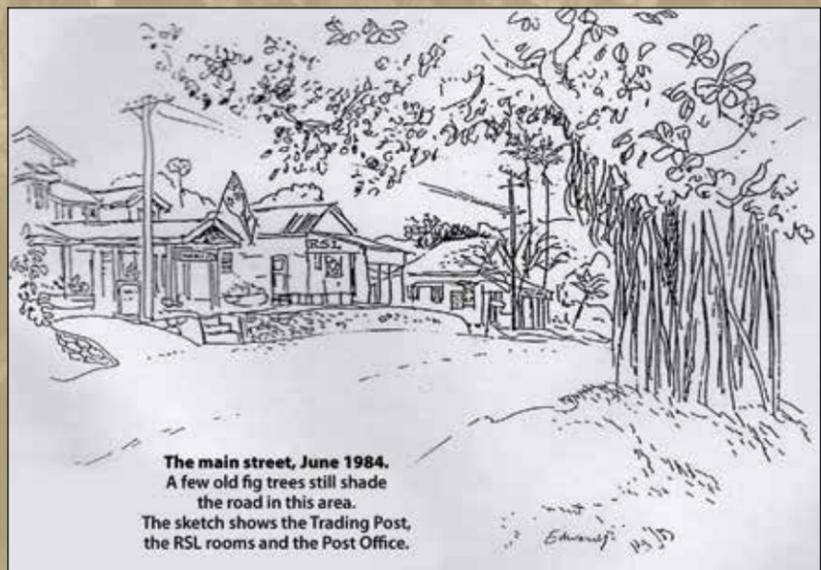
*In 2011, when Kuranda was within the amalgamated Tablelands Regional Council, concerns were raised about the condition of the oldest fig trees. The response by TRC was to allocate funding to assess the trees and establish a care program for them. After de-amalgamation in 2014, Kuranda came back as the responsibility of the Mareeba Shire Council. It is to this council we now look to help preserve our heritage.*

*These magnificent trees are not just great welcoming arms, nor a cool green canopy on what would otherwise be just another street. They are part of our history, an inspiration for photographers and artists. And a place for the wild things above the bustle of Kuranda: The Village in the Rainforest.*



*Double-eyed fig parrots are frequent visitors to Kuranda’s main street fig trees. For more see Kuranda Kritters page 20*

PHOTOGRAPH BY SHAUN MCDOWELL



**The main street, June 1984.**  
A few old fig trees still shade the road in this area.  
The sketch shows the Trading Post, the RSL rooms and the Post Office.

*Sketch of Coondoo Street by the late Ron Edwards OAM from his ‘Kuranda Guidebook’ (1986). Looking towards Thongon Street intersection. With kind permission of the Edwards family and Rams Skull Press ([www.ramsskullpress.com](http://www.ramsskullpress.com)).*