



# 126 Years of Kuranda Postal Services

**THIS MONTH** will mark the 126th anniversary of the first official Kuranda Post Office, which opened on 25th June 1891 at the Kuranda railway station. The 1888 telegraphic receiving office at Middle Crossing, where the first settlement was on the Barron where the road bridge is now, was discontinued. At this time Queensland was still a self-governing Colony and operated its own postal service. The postal service did not become a Commonwealth service until Federation in 1901, when all communications came under the Postmaster-General.

Kuranda, because of its gateway position to all the bounty of Tablelands and North, and through the incredible engineering feat of the Cairns to Kuranda railway, pretty much kept pace with communication developments across the State.

The first ballast trains rolled into Kuranda in May 1891 and on June 15th 1891 the line opened for goods traffic only. Just ten days later, the Cairns-Kuranda railway line was opened to passenger travel and in no small coincidence, so did the Kuranda Post Office.

Although Kuranda in 1891 was it seems well served by post, residents beyond were anxious that the roll out of rail to Granite Creek [Mareeba] and Herberton continue apace and in December 1891 a mysterious correspondent to The Cairns Post, writing under the title of "Echoes" wrote "Foster, the village blacksmith, orator and rattling good fellow is now located at Myola. Myola wants a post office badly. Koah has no post office and it wants one. Kowrowa has no post office, and languishes in consequence. A postal service is badly wanted between Kuranda and Bibbohra. Welcome Pocket has a school and energetic residents, yet has no post office. "

In 1892 the Cairns Post asserted "that the press has a direct interest in seeing people are properly supplied fairly with mail services goes without saying. More particularly this Happy New Year when newspapers must be stamped before passing through the post. The least that can be said of the new departure is that it is retrograde one but at all events the unhappy newspaper man can now say "The people pay postage on papers, they have the right to receive them". The reference to stamped newspapers refers to a Qld tax on newspapers sent through mail. If you check the masthead of this paper you will see still we have the compulsory printed "Postage Paid, Kuranda".

In 1903 when the Queensland Premier Sir S W Griffiths toured the North, he received many complaints about the lack of a mail service beyond Kuranda. "Great irritation exists amongst the residents of the town-ship on the third section of the Herbert railway between Kuranda and Bibbohra (a distance of over 20 miles) that there is no mail service.

The Premier's response was not well received. "The people were informed a mail bag was sent to Messers McKenzie and Co, the contractors for the third section and that the bag in question would or must answer all purposes. But could anything be more ridiculous than to imagine that the contractors of the railway have nothing else to do than perform Post Office work for the sheer love of the thing?"

Reports of the delights of the train to Kuranda, and beauty of both the journey and town, abounded in newspapers and magazines. A writer "Notanauta" in a piece for the Bendigo Advertiser in 1904 wrote tongue in cheek "Steam Vanquishes Electricity On A Steep Grade" saying "We reached the town at half-past 11 o'clock, an hour and a half in advance of our telegrams engaging rooms, which were therefore nearly four hours on their journey from Cairns railway station to Kuranda, where the hotel is

within 100 yards of the nation – but then the journey is uphill, which no doubt places electricity at a disadvantage."

While the Postmaster-General seemed to think all was well at Kuranda in 1906 "the supply of postage stamps at the Kuranda Post Office was found to amply meet local requirements", not everyone felt the postal service adequate for such an important resort town.

The Kuranda Railway station at the time of the first post office was not the world famous one we all know today, the buildings were recycled ones from the closing Kamerunga station. In a 1909 letter to The Cairns Post in a piece entitled "The Tin Pot Railway" it was said that "the whole of the services therein [at Kuranda] railway, telegraph, telephone, money order posts office etc are all run by one man who also has to do the bell ringing and act as a shunter. Is this the evidence of progressiveness for tourists and visitors?"

And in 1910 a writer to The Cairns Post called just "Kuranda" wrote "there is no covered platform at the railway station. No butcher or baker so bread and meat has to be brought in from Mareeba and is put out with other parcels and is a temptation to "dogs and goats, plenty of which are always about".

Still, the hard put upon railway/postmaster in Kuranda appears to have had it better than those working in the Cairns post office "a den of iniquity. In which Federal employees are sweated in two ways [heat and overwork] more than in any instance ever before beheld by the writer. Working from 8am to 2 or 3 the following morning. The writer saw 171 bags and baskets of mail thrown off one steamer, and



Colin and Cindy West, Kuranda Post Office



Kuranda Post Office 1982, Coondoo Street  
Oil painting by Ben Williams, courtesy of the Davis family

before the crew had got a fair start on them in came 57 by train, the contents of every one of them which had to be sorted in that inferno. "In 1913 Kuranda did indeed get a new railway station "a commodious building of neat design with one end for the lessee's refreshment room and the other end the station master's office and telegraph.

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Our masthead this month is derived from a first day cover, issued by the Kuranda Post Office in 1987, featuring the Kuranda 4872 postmark. The design is a combination of the work of Bruce Zielinski (frog) and Gayle Hannah (fan palm), winners of the Australia Post Competition.





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### Concerned Resident Calls for Action

I've lived in Kuranda for around 20 years, the last seven in the centre of town, which makes me an authority on what goes on in the centre of town. I've seen and heard it all and it's getting worse. This letter is an excerpt from my recent Facebook post on the "All Things Kuranda" page.

There is a bunch of indigenous people in this town, some local, some blow-ins, that believe this town is 'their town'. They show no respect for either themselves, their families, their 'country' or anybody else.

They roam the streets during the days, harassing tourists and anybody else they think they can 'get' something out of—smokes, money etc., whilst night after night they drink themselves into an oblivious stupor. They get so drunk they begin to argue abusively. Then they start fighting and smashing bottles—like clockwork, almost every night.

Most of us living in the centre of Kuranda fear for our safety after dark and many of us do not venture out due to the rise of alcohol-fuelled, racist, antisocial behaviour being a constant threat to us. The poor street and park lighting makes it easy for this scum to hide just about everywhere and literally jump out on unsuspecting victims anytime, whilst the fact that Kuranda Police can no longer be relied upon to come to anybody's assistance within an acceptable time frame, does not help either. They know this. Up to two hours if you get a response. It has become the norm now to be woken up in the dead of night by these hooligans.

How do we break this cycle?

**Mark Riley**

### KUR-Question??

I went to the KUR-World info stall last Thursday. I had some questions to ask about this new development and plans to bring 4,000 people to the village. I didn't get to ask my question. There was a local couple trying to get some answers too and this KUR-World guy kept saying "I don't know, I don't know". Well then, who the heck does know, is my question? This couple were asking about the three helicopter landing areas planned at the development. It all got a bit heated and no-one got any answers. A bit of a worry, I'd say.

**M.Zehntner**

## Speewah District Residents Assoc Inc.

The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on

**Monday 12th June**

with the

**Annual General Meeting**

followed by a General Meeting, in the

**Fire Brigade building, Roscommon Park, Speewah.**

**Speewah residents are invited to attend and**

**take part in discussions.**

The Annual General Meeting will be first on the Agenda. As announced in the March meeting, both Margaret Butteling and Bob Madden will stand down after many years. Election of office bearers will be part of the proceeding.

We are asking residents to nominate for the two management positions, Secretary/Treasurer and Chairman, to ensure that the Residents Association continues to operate. Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

**The General Meeting will include reports:**

- From Council, on the result of the choice made by residents on their preference regarding TV re-transmission in Speewah,
- Feedback to the meeting on residents' use/etc of the NBN Broadband Service
- The Rural Fire Brigade.

If residents have any matters they want included in the agenda, they may contact Margaret Butteling 4093 0100 or Bob Madden 4093 0169.

### Important Advice: NBN Fixed Wireless

An important and timely edition which I could not fit into my "TechTalk with Thomas" column for this month's Paper.

As many of you know I operate Cairns Computer Support based in Speewah. This past week I have spent several hours with two senior NBNCo employed Fixed Wireless engineers and senior NBNCo employed field technicians inspecting properties where clients had previously been told their wireless test failed. This was as a result of several complaints of residents that had failed to get an NBN signal when visited by an NBNCo contractor to install their NBN Fixed Wireless service. 100% of my clients visited resulted in a pass despite prior fails. There are a handful of 'technicians' that appear to be either too lazy to search for a suitable signal, perhaps considered some jobs 'too hard' – especially when it involved installing a mast, are inadequately trained, or in one call actually not even NBNCo accredited although working for an NBNCo accredited contractor - meaning that they will not have completed the required NBNCo training or accreditation courses, therefore likely don't know how to effectively use the equipment to detect a signal – often resulting in fails or bad installs.

All NBN contractors and installers **MUST** present identification to you in the form of an NBNCo accredited ID card stating their name, photo, and sporting the NBNCo logo. If you have a technician unable to present this info, you should not permit them to work on your site, and immediately report it to NBNCo on 1800 881 816 (make sure you also get the technician's name and company). Whilst they may indeed be legitimately there to install your service, they may likely just be working for someone else contracted by NBNCo, but not themselves accredited by NBNCo to do so, in this case you should NOT sign their work orders either! Also if you feel that your technician DID NOT make a genuine effort to detect a signal or you feel they could have done better – you are not obliged to sign off the work order they present.

It's good to see that NBN are now cracking down on technicians and getting more people online and services rectified. Hopefully this means less rogue technicians, less dodgy installs and more signal passes! If you wish to get in touch for a chat – call me anytime to discuss.

**Thomas Verfuth, Speewah**

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### Farewell to Marc Sleeman

After 7½ years in the job of Executive Officer for Tourism Kuranda, Marc Sleeman is moving on. His last day in the job will be Friday 2nd June, 2017. Marc (together with his family) is relocating to Victoria as CEO for Grampians Tourism which is one of eleven Regional Tourism Boards for Victoria.

Marc says: "It is going to be hard to say goodbye but I leave Kuranda knowing that the hard work our committee has done over the last seven and a half years will ensure our destination continues to prosper into the future. I would like to thank my dedicated committee and all of the Kuranda business owners for your support and friendship, with a special thanks to Cathy Harvey and to all the incredible volunteers in our community who have helped make our unique events possible!"

**The Kuranda Paper** thanks Marc for his past efforts for Kuranda, and wishes him the best for the future.





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Kuranda’s fame spread internationally and in 1936 it was reported “tourist traffic brings to all places in its wake various sources of revenue”. At the Post Office at Kuranda in July “there were 936 outward calls, 1890 inward calls and 232 telegrams were transmitted”.

Another 40 years of lobbying for a Kuranda Post Office in the centre of town passed. “Could the PMG Department be approached with regard to the erection of a combined suitable post office and Commonwealth Bank somewhere in centre of town. The present one is inadequate and has little privacy. It would also save people the long and tedious walk to the station for telephone”.

While the call for improvements became ever more pressing, results were slow “Member for Kennedy Mr W. J. F. Riorden advised that the railway authorities had agreed to place a suitable writing table in the public vestibule adjacent to, and between, the railway ticket office and post office window. It is also proposed to install a full length Public telephone cabinet in a corner of the passage between the ‘up’ and ‘down’ platforms”. The Cairns Post 1946.

However, in 1950 following “strong personal representations” by the Federal Member for Leichhardt Mr. T. V. Gilmore [our present Mayor’s father] the Postmaster-General Mr. H. L. Anthony advised that it was the intention of the department to remove the Post Office at Kuranda to a more suitable location and, at the same time, to convert the existing manual telephone exchange to the automatic system. The Post Office will be conducted under non-official conditions and the necessary action to obtain suitable accommodation and the services of a person to conduct the office is now taking place. It is also proposed to provide an additional trunk line from Kuranda to Cairns and this work is expected to be completed during the next few months. Mr. Gilmore went on to say that it had been arranged also, that when automatic facilities are installed, a public telephone will be provided at the new Post Office, and this will be in addition to the one already at the railway station,



Kuranda Post Office 1975. With the permission of Blake Smith (Blue-yonder).

which will remain in service at that location”. Several official visits to examine the sites were conducted (usually with an overnight stay in a lovely Kuranda hotel) and although other towns supposedly got their promised modern design in “brick and concrete”, Kuranda resident Charlie King built a timber post office/café on the corner of Coondoo and Thongon Streets, with the post office residence being supplied by the existing house adjacent which had belonged to Frederick Parkhurst Dodd, the world famous ‘Butterfly Man of Kuranda’.

On Thursday September 6th 1951, the new automatic telephone exchange at Kuranda opened with a capacity of 40 subscribers. Twenty eight subscribers were connected to it at the date of opening. It operated “entirely unattended” with continuous service throughout the day and night. Concurrently, the new Kuranda Post Office opened on Coondoo Street where it stayed until Steve Dominikovic bought it in the late 1980s, and in order to redevelop the site, sold the post office building to Dug Stratford who moved it out to his property on the Kennedy Highway, where it remains to this day.

Earlier this year, the post office was on the move again to the old library site on Thoree Street, in the building which was previously the Grogan family home.

The Kuranda Paper extends best wishes to Colin and Cindy and staff at the Kuranda Post Office. Happy 126th anniversary.

Note: this article has been constructed from various online sources most notably TROVE (the National Library’s online database), as well as from the memories of Kuranda residents. We would welcome any observations, corrections or additional memories and insights, photographs, clippings or documents to add to the brains trust. Thanks to all who have helped in this endeavour.



Kuranda Railway Station 2017. The left window was the old Kuranda Post Office. To the right of the Ticket Window was the public telephone. Photo courtesy of Dug Stratford.

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Sarah Andreassend left the KDSC in 2010 and shortly after attended Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Sarah graduated with a BSc in 2015 and is currently studying for an MSc. Her chosen field is at the intersection of chemistry, biology and physics and she has co-authored two important articles in respected scientific journals, one in the year following her BSc and another as recently as earlier this year. Sarah intends to continue studying and eventually obtain her doctorate. In the meantime she is "tutoring and demonstrating for a lot of chemistry courses" as she puts it.

The photos show Sarah in the laboratory and on her graduation day.



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## KUR-WORLD CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### \* KUR-WORLD - CHECK THE FACTS

Community volunteers have carefully assessed the KUR-World April Q&A and have tabled the results to make the points easier to understand. Please take the time to read the material in this issue of the Kuranda Paper.

### \* PUBLIC MEETING and OPEN DAY

Saturday 3rd June 2.00-5.00pm. We encourage residents to attend the open day. This will be an opportunity for you to voice your concerns and have your say.

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# ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT CREEKS IDENTIFIED ON PROJECT SITE	1	3
RAINFOREST CREEKS, WET TROPICS AQUIFER BORES & BARRON RIVER DRAWN FOR PROJECT WATER & 3.5mL POTABLE WATER USAGE PER DAY	N/A	YES
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- MEDIA RELEASE: KUR-World 2.0: More ridiculous than the first KUR-World 'Master Plan'!
- LETTER TO MSC: Dangerous pesticides used by agricultural concerns in the middle of rural residential Koah
- LETTER TO MSC: New data on cassowaries for inclusion in Mareeba Shire planning scheme
- EMAIL TO KUR-World RE: more detail please on masterplan, land clearing and area burnt and wildlife corridor
- LETTER TO MSC: Request for Matters of Local Environmental Significance steering group

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**Emily Margaret Matsen**

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## Focus on Kuranda

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

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

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

The Moderator of the page will advise *The Kuranda Paper* of the photograph that has received the most 'likes' in the previous month, and it will be published in the paper.

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# Kuranda Post Office: Memories of Sloth and Slippers

When I arrived in Kuranda in 1971 I had little reason to visit the Kuranda Post Office. As a teenage runaway my chances of receiving mail were zero until I had enough courage to tell my long suffering parents that I had followed the sun north to what had been described to me as “the prettiest little town in Australia”.

However, it turned out that hanging out at the Post Office was THE place to be on any fine morning (the cool, dark, covered footpath with long wooden benches outside the Fitzpatrick Hotel opposite was the rainy day alternative). The vacant block next to the Post Office had a slight rise just perfect for lying back and cloud watching. On ‘cheque’ days the grass was covered in ‘hippies’ and some locals too, chatting, chilling and on occasion making a little music. And after a while, watching the cloud watchers, were passersby. On foot, in cars, and over time on tour buses, slowly passing by to catch the Kuranda ‘show’.

The funky old wooden Post Office itself was far removed from the brick and glass suburban one of my childhood. There was not much room in front of the wide timber counter where Mr Sloth dispensed mail and Mrs Slippers chased up parcels. Those of course are not their real names. If I ever knew their names I have forgotten. I have recently been given the hint of Mr and Mrs Wilkinson. But in my mind they remain fondly Mr Sloth (he had the look of a kindly turtle who had left his shell hanging on the back door) and Mrs Slippers (who wore fluffy ones, especially in winter).

This elderly couple dealt so calmly with the influx of odd looking young strangers with sometimes even odder names, who often arrived at the counter after a morning in the mushroom fields. Time moved very slowly at such times, and just as well because it could take a while to be able to collect your mail. This was due in large part to Mr Sloth’s habit of dispensing general mail alphabetically. To his left along the wall were a series of wooden pigeon holes labelled A-Z. He would start at A and nothing, at least during the morning call, could induce him to skip a letter or go back to G once he had started H. It was on through 26 letters and then back around again. And again.

Fortunately, along the side of the building closest the vacant lot, were a few open windows and so it was possibly to keep track of his progress while enjoying the sun and company. If your name was Jones you had best get up at G and get close to the counter, or possibly wait on the step outside ready to cry out ‘Here’ loud enough to capture his attention and avoid another round.

I don’t know if they had always had the A-Z strategy before ‘the hippies’ or if it was a plan to deal with all the increased work. If rather dedicated to this routine they were still incredibly polite and helpful. But it was best to come back in the afternoon if you had any real business to do. After 2.00pm that is because much of North Queensland, and almost all of Kuranda, closed for lunch 1.00pm to 2.00pm back then. In Kuranda only the Shell Shop service station, now the BP, stayed open (and, unofficially, the bar at Fitzy’s).

There being no internet back then (just a few public phones in Kuranda and so few private ones that people only had to give you the last three digits of their number) letters, postcards, telegrams and aerograms were the way people communicated.

With time on our hands, and ‘enhanced’ creativity to spare, letters in highly decorated envelopes were sent and in turn received, often addressed to just one name and that often not an ‘official’ name, and ‘Kuranda, Queensland’. They were happily dispatched by S&S and as I found out also happily received. One afternoon when I went in to get stamps and check my mail, Mrs Slippers said “I just want to tell you dear how much pleasure all these letters give us. They are just like little works of art. So much better than plain old letters.”

I have just one envelope which has survived from around that time — it is from 1975. I think Sloth and Slippers had left by then. I don’t know exactly when they left or what happened to them but I still smile when I think of them. If any of their family should read this I just want to say they were part of the

reason I still live here: the kindness of strangers to strangers and even more so the kindness of strangers to the children of strangers. Thanks S&S.

In 1987 my doodles again made a Kuranda postal connection when my Licuala palm design, commonly called the Kuranda fan palm back in those days, and artist Bruce Zielinski’s iconic frog were incorporated into the Kuranda (then 4872) Postmark following an Australia Post competition where we were joint winners. I feel really honored to be just a tiny part of what will be 126 years of postal history in Kuranda on 25th June. Thanks to all the Post Office staff of the past and best wishes to Colin, Cindy and staff in our “newest” Post Office.



— Gayle Hannah, Kuranda



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If you would like to be a part of the festival by way of organisation, facilitation or having a stall, please contact James Daley on 0422 417 276 or email james\_daley@live.com.

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

### CONTACT US

 [www.krc.org.au](http://www.krc.org.au)  
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 call Beth on 0476 276 876

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**Open mike night** held on first Wednesday  
 of each month, 6.00-10.00pm  
 Contact Lunar Sun 0419 175 147.

### Every Monday

Dream big! Circus workshops brought to you by Dream State Circus. 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

### Every Tuesday

Dream big! Circus workshops brought to you by Dream State Circus; 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

### First Saturday of every month KOAH MARKETS

**9.00am-1.00pm**

**NEXT: 3th JUNE 2017**

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### WORKING BEE @ KOAH HALL June 3rd-4th

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Full day: \$60; Full day & Evening (24 hour block) \$90

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

## Community Calendar

### Every Month:

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

### Every Saturday

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

**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)

### First Saturday

**Garden Group** 2.00pm Ph Angela 0403 788 187

### 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.

**A.A.** CWA Hall 10.30am 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

### 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

**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 craft teacher 4093 7016

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

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

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

### Second Wednesday

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

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

### Every Thursday

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

**Rotary** 6.00pm Kuranda Hotel/Motel Ph 4093 7206

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

**Capoeira Training and Roda.** 7:00 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

**CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE CHECK DETAILS AND ADVISE CHANGES**





# Gardening in Kuranda with Alectura



**JUNE** and with the days drawing in, this month the Winter solstice with its least amount of daylight hours, will come and go. Meantimes, both ambient and soil temperatures continue to fall and Winter's sleep slows the garden's growth.

Again enjoying the visits of the honeyeaters to the explosion of red, orange and yellow in the metre high long-lasting floral display of *Aechmea blanchetiana*. Both the red and yellow leaved forms of this large



growing, sun loving, tough bromeliad provide sculptural form in pot or garden.

Now is a good time to source *Aristolochia tagala*, host plant of the large electric green Cairns Birdwing butterfly. This native vine is best planted near or over a tree or large shrub where the caterpillars can shelter when moulting and making their chrysalises. Given the caterpillars' voracious appetites, it is probably best to plant several vines around the garden. Plants are obtainable at local markets, plant sales at the Flecker Botanical gardens and local nurseries. Easily germinated seed if often offered on eBay.



**PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Licuala mattanensis***, the Mapu palm from Borneo is still a rather expensive, slow and sometimes difficult and challenging-to-grow small palm to 1m with exquisite mottled foliage and is somewhat of a collector's item with established specimens seldom available.

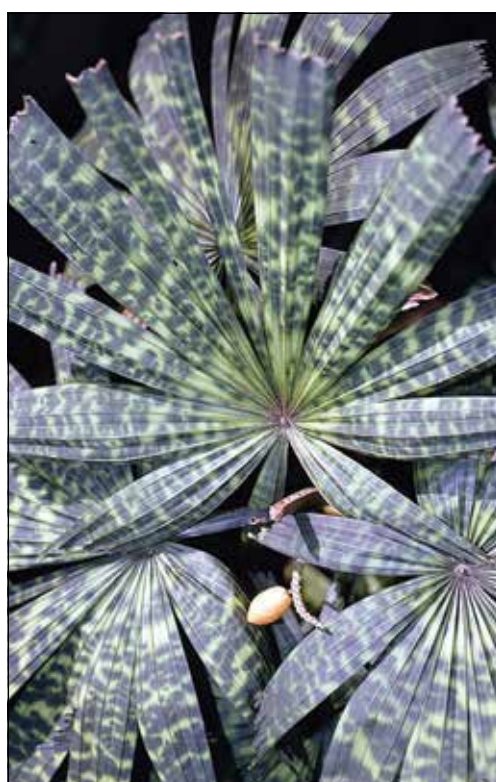


Possibly best pot grown, it must have consistently rich, moist but well drained soil, high humidity and a minimum temperature of 20°C for good growth. It is reputedly fairly sun hardy when established.

Propagated mainly from seed which is of short viability and somewhat slow to germinate and grow in the first few years, there is an extremely wide variation in the degree of tessellation and colouring. Flowering may commence from around six years and a specific pollinator may be involved in fruit set.

An easier grown substitute is *Licuala radula*, another mottled species that grows somewhat larger, sometime clumping with leaves generally not so strikingly mottled and with fewer, larger segments.

Equatorial Exotics with its extensive online catalogue carries Mapu seedlings which should be inspected for potential colouring.



**Q&A** *Dear Paul*, There is no doubt that many climbing plants produce prodigious floral displays. However, this is offset in that many in their seed set provide a great threat to our native forests. Rather than making planting recommendations as asked, I would encourage you to walk your neighbourhood or join your local garden group to learn more about what does well in your area and/or poses threat in too rampant growth and seed dispersal. I would also recommend that you carefully consider what kind of support your climber(s) of choice will need and allowing to clamber up trees is not a good long term option.

**For plant sourcing, identification or general gardening questions, contact Alectura C/- Kuranda Paper or email [alectura2015@bigpond.com](mailto:alectura2015@bigpond.com)**



## GOLDEN ACRES

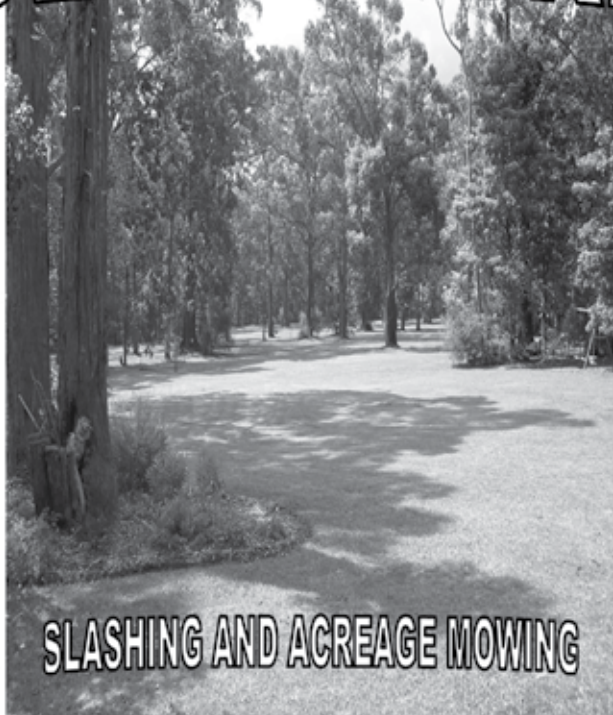
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## Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland

### Lack of Spray Drift Buffer Zones in the New MSC2016 Plan

Considering the serious dangers of many of the chemicals used in modern agriculture it follows that keeping this type of agriculture as far away as possible from populated areas and sensitive environmental areas is a safe precaution. The superseded MSC2004 plan asked for a 300 metre buffer zone between agriculture and non agricultural areas to protect from dangerous spray drift. However, the new MSC2016 plan has no such buffer provision in place.

To accommodate population growth in Koah the new MSC2016 plan rezoned land from rural to rural residential. It seems Council, however, has failed to take into consideration that some of the land was still under production using chemical farming methods in the middle of what is now rural residential zoned land.

When Council was asked to also include that protective provision in the new plan, the answer was "No". It was too restrictive and it is not Council's responsibility anyway. Under State regulation, chemical spray is not permitted to cross a boundary. In this conflict of interests where does that leave the Koah population and agriculture businesses?

What you can do: Ring MSC on 1300 308 461 or 07 4086 4500 also [email info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au) to ask them to put the old 300 metre buffer zone back into the new MSC2016 plan to protect against dangerous spray drift exposures in future.

### Basalt Gully Reserve Devastated to Remove Bats

The recent emotionally charged bat dispersal in Mareeba town saw MSC resort to clearing of Queensland Government regulated vegetation. Native trees the bats

#### NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 21st June 2017

6.30pm

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for further details

previously roosted in were cut down in Basalt Gully. Council has mutilated one of the few areas in Mareeba town that had environmental protection under the MSC2016 plan and State regulations. As a result of this MSC is now being investigated by the Queensland Government Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

To make it even worse, the whole exercise seems pointless as the bats have returned close to where it all started anyway. But many magnificent old native trees which other wildlife and local residents used to enjoy are now gone forever. Is Council going to cut down more trees in Mareeba in order to drive the bats out of town? It seems like a case of cutting off the nose to spite the face.

Ring MSC and tell them to immediately stop clearing any more native trees in Basalt Gully Reserve.

### Petition the Tourism Industry To Stand Up For The Reef

The Great Barrier Reef has been hit by its FOURTH coral bleaching disaster, but right when we need to cut pollution, the Queensland Government has committed to exporting low-quality coal from the proposed Adani Carmichael Mine. This high-risk project will result in more extreme weather and further bleaching of our Reef. Cairns and our lifestyles will suffer – an estimated 69,000 jobs depend on a healthy Reef.

Instead of calling for decisive action, the leadership of the local tourism industry remain silent on the issue, pretending it's business-as-usual in case they discourage tourists from coming. Rather, we must set an example to the world to do everything in our power to save the Great Barrier Reef.

North Queenslanders know first-hand what is really happening. Together, we must demonstrate to the world that the 'Age of Fossil Fuels' is OVER and that we are doing everything in our power to reverse global warming, ocean warming and the acidification that is killing our Reef.

Type in the link [http://www.foefnq.org.au/tourism\\_petition?recruiter\\_id=19916](http://www.foefnq.org.au/tourism_petition?recruiter_id=19916) to sign our petition to tell our local tourism leaders at Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) and Association of Marine Park Tour Operators (AMPTO), STAND UP FOR THE REEF! #StandupfortheReef.



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Is the art in the making, or in the marketing? In the case of Debbie of "Get Funked" (left), it's both. A stall full of colourful hand-made objects, which is in itself a work of art. And that's just one colourful stall in a whole market full, and that's just one of the many colourful markets that make up our artful rainforest village of Kuranda. All is Art, no matter how small, how big, how seemingly insignificant, remember the butterfly effect, art lovers, seren.

## "Get Funked" at the market with Debbie...



"I first visited North Queensland in 1984-85 while living a nomadic lifestyle with my sister and a friend. I returned to Brisbane and to family after spending several months here. The desire to return to the North has never left me and so when I met my current partner, Greg in 1999, who happened to live in Cairns, we decided to make

North Queensland home. In December 2000 my two sons (aged 10 & 6) and our dog left Hervey Bay after loving life on the coast for 11 years, to make a new life in Cairns. In 2007 we were blessed with a third son to complete our family.

I have always felt a connection to Kuranda, then finally we had the chance to make the move in December 2014.

I had been in child care for 15 years when the opportunity for a lifestyle change presented itself. I loved the idea of having a shop at the Original Rainforest Markets and with all the support and encouragement I had from amazing friends and family, my dream has become a reality.

Now a year down the road and I have made some of the most beautiful and genuine friends and feel proud to be part of the Kuranda community (family). I've discovered a creative talent that I forgot I possessed and which works

perfectly with where I am in life right now. I make a variety of decorative items using bamboo, cane, aluminium wire, wood and glass beads, feathers, and gemstones to name a few. All of my creations are original and unique, no patterns



are used and no 2 are the same. I make incense and mozzie coil hangers, mobiles, anklets and bracelets, pipes, bell strings, sun catchers and more. I have several projects in the pipeline and work towards filling my shop with more unique and funky items.

I also stock imported items such as 100% cotton tapestries from India, snuff bottles, hand carved rosewood pipes, jewellery and more. It is my aim to sell unusual and unique items you don't see everywhere." Debbie.



### KAS News June 2017

KAS Members and friends, Welcome to the new KAS members!

The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s, and always needs assistance and member input.

#### Coming up in the Understage

Saturday 24th June: A Members' Night is to be held with local legendary band **ZENNITH**. Sunday 25th June: Another polished event by local entertainment company **PITMOLE PRODUCTIONS** with **8 Ball Aitken** performing from 4pm. See the Music Page, 14, for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: A Designated Smoking Area has been established for Understage events. This will ensure guests are not being affected whilst attending an event. We ask all guests to be considerate of others and use the designated area. Smokers will still be able to enjoy the show from this area.

The Understage is once again available for daily hire as well as evenings.

#### Coming up on the Main Stage is of course

**WOLFMOTHER** on Saturday 3rd June. The Amphitheatre is once again providing the venue for Kuranda NAIDOC Day celebrations on Thursday 6th July.

There's a great team working hard to get this event happening for our community. Many thanks to you all - Kara, Beatrice, Tracey, Maria, Denise, Liza, Mandy, Taha, and Ian. The working group meet each Monday at 5:30pm in the Understage and all are welcome to attend to assist with ideas, activities, set up etc.

As you are aware the Amphitheatre is voluntarily managed and abides by member policies. The bank account doesn't allow the Society to risk members' funds to 'buy a gig', and therefore relies on hire enquiries. So to be able to keep our unique community venue we need assistance from the community and beyond.

The Amphitheatre is currently looking for voluntary



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assistance in many areas of the venue, such as:- **Understage event support** - set up, clean up, entry, bar staff, floor staff, general upkeep and maintenance.

**Attendance at General Meetings** - these are kept to a minimum time limit so it's only an hour or so at quarterly meetings. This ensures the Management Committee is continuing with work supported by the membership.

**Terraces** - weeding and planting the gardens, etc.

**Main Stage events** - set up, wrist banding, ticket sellers, clean up, etc.

If you can help with any of the above please email to the support address below.

**Discussions** regarding plans and drawings for a new gatehouse, beautification of the Volunteer Carpark venue entrance, and connection to Jum Rum Walking Track including the Kuranda Community Precinct area, are all underway and we hope to see these plans come to fruition in the near future.

Having RISE on site is a major contribution to the Society (via infrastructure upgrades), however this is separate to what membership support looks like. Always a massive thank you to the **RISE CREW**, who work tirelessly in making improvements to our community venue. The most recent projects are upgrading the fence line.

This is quite a major job as the current fencing was installed over 20 years ago with assistance from Council, and has been in a state of disrepair for some time. The upgrade to the staff areas of the Top Pavilion is a major bonus, ensuring the safety of volunteers whilst on very busy shifts for concerts.

There is now a permanent **Kup Muri pit** in the very top area of the Volunteer Car Park, with the surrounding gardens intended to be full of food plants, e.g. dwarf bananas, pumpkins, limes, etc. Everything is starting to grow and looking good.

The **Kup Muri Pit** and **KAS Kitchen** are now available for hire along with the **Top Pavilion**.

The Amphitheatre is used on a regular basis by local community hirers. To ensure minimal disruptions site works need to be completed outside of the regular hire periods and the venue may not always be available for use at this present time.

Monday pm - Kids Aerials - Mainstage  
Wednesday pm - Kuranda Amphitheatre Youth Arts  
Mon to Fri - RISE Beautification Project - Site



**KAS ADMIN TEAM**



The Amphitheatre is a multipurpose community arts venue voluntarily managed by the people of Kuranda since its inception in the late 1970s and still powering ahead over 35 years later. Volunteering your time ensures its sustainability. Membership Forms available from: [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) or "The Honey House", Therwine St. For all enquiries go to [www.kurandaamphitheatre.org](http://www.kurandaamphitheatre.org) email [support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com](mailto:support@kurandaamphitheatre.zendesk.com) Support enquiries are accessed on a daily basis.



## LIMINAL EXCHANGES

Please join us for Performance Laboratory workshops in Kuranda and Julatten, May - June.

"Liminality may perhaps be regarded as the Nay to all positive structural assertions, but as in some sense the source of them all, and, more than that, as a realm of pure possibility whence novel configurations of ideas and relations may arise" Turner, 1967.

#### Laboratory - 'Yoga for Actors'



#### Kuranda

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#### Julatten

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The Centre for Australasian Theatre (CfAT) is a collaborative company of culturally and artistically diverse artists in Queensland's Far North, creating new transcultural and interdisciplinary theatre for an emerging world.



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CfAT values freedom and equality for all people of all cultures. It promotes creative solutions for respectful collaboration, global well-being, peace and sustainability for future generations.





## A New Perspective for Raewyn Roberts

After a lifetime of painting, continuing to perfect her style (mainly in traditional subjects), local Kuranda artist Raewyn Roberts has branched out with a new series of abstracts. It is an unusual arena for Raewyn to painted in. She is enjoying this total freedom, with no rules, just the pleasure of painting and leaving the viewers free to observe what they may.

Examples of these extremely colourful new paintings are now at the Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery.

## Rise of the Machines

"The Weekend Australian" (Review, May 6/7 2017) tells us that computers are expected to achieve the speed and capacity of human brains across the next 20 years. Will they replicate the creative imagination? The geeks think so. Robots are already creating music in the style of great Masters. A program called Emmy composed 5000 pieces in a single morning.

Last year the first Robot Art contest was held. The winning compositions were an Albert Einstein portrait and a Still Life of fruit produced by a robot from Taiwan.

It looks like we (artists) could soon be redundant.

## 20th Birthday Celebrations

The Arts Co-op turns 20 years in July. Members have set aside Saturday, 22nd July for celebrating. **Watch this space next month for details.**

*Alone we can do so little,  
together we can do so much.*

*Helen Keller*

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Two Kuranda Arts Co-op artists, **Marcia Bird** (left) and **Toni Rogers**, have had their fibre artworks selected for Fringe Ephemera @ The Village, in Townsville.



This year only five artists have been offered a place in the exhibition.

Marcia will be making 100 plant fibre 'green ants' for her installation "Ant-icipation". Toni has woven a plant material sculpture "They Came in Tall Ships From Other Lands" with wool, alpaca, silk seeds and plant cord.

Marcia and Toni will be installing their sculptures on 24th July in Wes Barrett Park, Oonooaba. The exhibition runs until 7th August.

This event runs in tandem with Strand Ephemera over the same period.



PHOTOGRAPH BY COLIN HUBER



PHOTOGRAPH BY BUCK RICHARDSON

The Kuranda Arts Co-op is looking for photographs to commemorate the 20th anniversary of its opening in July 1997. If you have any photographs from that time please email scanned images to Henri at [henrihunsinger@gmail.com](mailto:henrihunsinger@gmail.com). If you are unable to scan Henri can scan and return your original with gratitude. Thank you.

## Memo

### Flutter-bys

I have seen Butterflies fly in the rain  
Are they brave and fearless, or are they insane?

Aqua crystals bomb their space  
I've heard it said that they are deaf.  
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## KURANDA GIG GUIDE

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++ CLOWNS ++

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SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE

++ WOLFMOTHER ++

Gates Open 5.30pm

See poster this page

KOAH MARKETS

++ MAGGIE SLATER ++

11.00am-12.00 noon



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SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL

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MANTAKA + MAYI WUNBA

Gates Open: 10am - 2am

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SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

THE UNDERSTAGE

++ 8 BALL AITKEN ++

Doors & Bar Open 4.00pm

Tickets: \$20 Adults

See Article for more info.



# MUSIC PAGE



## Clowns Lucid Again Aussie Tour The Billabong, Kuranda

Hardcore punk rock band **CLOWNS** kick off their Australian National tour from the Billabong Friday 2nd June 2017.

Ascending from suburban backyards to the world stage in just a few scant years, **Clowns** are as close as any Aussie punk rock band can get to a "well oiled machine", and the new album **Lucid Again** provides all the proof you could ask for.

The first single "**Dropped My Brain**" has already wormed its way in to the Nation's eager ears, and the band are stoked to show off the entire album in June.

To celebrate the release of **Lucid Again**, **Clowns** will launch the album with a 10-date National tour in June with some of their largest headline shows to date. Kicking things off in Cairns, the band will make their way across the country including stops in Darwin, Perth, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Adelaide and Hobart before wrapping up in Melbourne for a hometown party, unleashing their latest offering live for the first time and to deliver the wild and chaotic live performances they have become renowned for.

Backed by a solid Far North Queensland line-up including **Meat Bikini**, **Swamp Donkey**, **Forest** and **Bigfoot Mafia** the night will bring together all the elements of punk, proto punk, new wave, hard rock, classic rock, swamp rock and grunge, and then some more... the **Billabong** is the place to be Friday 2nd June for all you rockers! See poster for more details. **KC**

## 8 Ball Aitken

Kuranda Amphitheatre  
Sunday 25th June

Prolific singer/songwriter and ace multi-instrumentalist **8 BALL AITKEN**, brings his 9th self-titled album on the road for the **BLAZING BLUES** Australian Tour.

For more than a decade, multi-awarded, Mareeba raised global troubadour, **8 Ball Aitken**, has flown the Australian flag on the international circuit, performing more than two hundred shows a year, and is thrilled to be back in the place where his heart is.

**8 Ball** is back in the Far North and set to perform at the Kuranda Amphitheatre on Sunday 25 June, 4pm.

Impossibly dedicated to his six-string muse and absolutely devoted to his audiences, **8 Ball Aitken's** funky, foot stomping energy and infectious blend of swampy blues-rock and slide-guitar has brought the party vibe to venues, festivals and high profile music events in the USA, France, Japan, Canada and Europe.

He has garnered numerous accolades, awards, rave reviews and recognition across genres with the single, (She's Going To Mexico) I'm Going To Jail, reaching #1 on the Country and #2 on the Blues charts.

Entry is \$20 and tickets are available from <https://www.trybooking.com/270858>



8 Ball Aitken



## Kuranda Roots Festival The Billabong Saturday 17th June

**Kuranda Roots Festival** is back for its 13th year and organisers are feeling blessed to be having the festival at **The Billabong**.

Headliners **Kooryeh** will give you a "soul enriching experience with their gorgeous stage presence, impeccable rhythm and ethereal energy" (Toorak Times).

**Rudekat** himself is looking forward to one of the most diverse line ups Kuranda has seen to date; from gypsy, ska, dub, dancehall, funk, folk, swing, glitch, bass whomp to reggae roots. The latest artists to be added to the bill are **JELLY OSHEN**, **DAVY SIMONY**, **ELEMENTARY HIFI**, and **LUSCIOUS DEED**.

Many will agree that we are indeed honoured to be treated to a very special set by **MANTAKA**, led by Kuranda's star **WILLIE BRIM**. And a Kuranda Welcome to Country would not be complete without a performance by our very own **MAYI WUNBA** dancers.

Some never before seen acts in Kuranda include **THE SEA GYPSIES**, a lady power Pirate-Gypsy-Circus Band. Rowdy scallywags performing a visual and auditory feast of original songs, pirate anthems, swinging rhythms & gypsy jazz tunes with circus acts to ice the cake. Aaargh! **RIZON LIVE & ASHCATS SOUNDSYSTEM** have

melded together an Electro Swing, Steampunk, Burlesque Cabaret set with a hint of ghetto funk, a touch of balkan, a smidgen of gypsy and a splash of d'n'b.

And introducing the scintillating **ALKEMIA**. Mix in one part funky bass heavy beats with a pinch of melodic MC. Add a dash of artistic stage installation, stir it up with vibrant vixens. Drink up and Enjoy the magic!

**Kuranda Roots** welcomes back the **Funmaker Silent Disco**, where patrons hire a wireless headset and select between the 3 channels/DJ's as they like, giving the listener an opportunity to go with their friends to another stage whilst continuing to listen to the stage they choose, or simply roam around the festival and tune in, flicking between channels as they go.

With a swathe of the funkiest, and most engaging artists, musicians and performers **Kuranda Roots 2017** is set to go off!

The Festival is family friendly, with children under 12 free, and loads of entertainment for the littlies, with roving circus performers and stilt walkers, face painting and a chance to feed the turtles in the billabong.

**The Billabong** provides the ideal setting for a weekend of fun, with camping facilities available. All your festival needs are catered for from the festival markets, including delicious food and drink stalls. The venue is licenced, with Aaron's Bistro catering to patrons.

**Tickets** on sale at **Kuranda Junglist**, **The Jungle Juice Bar**, **Kuranda Healing & Tantrika** in Kuranda, and **Happy Herbs** in Cairns & on line at [www.ticketbooth.com.au](http://www.ticketbooth.com.au) Shuttle Bus enquiries please ph. 0432 160 245 **KC**





## Check the FACTS

*This fact sheet comes from a volunteer community organisation in Kuranda.  
Share this information with friends and have our community voice heard.*



<b>Check the FACTS Supplied by KUR-World</b>	
WHEN WILL KUR-World HAPPEN	<b>Check the community FACTS for yourself</b> <i>If approved in late 2017. Construction will be continuous from 2018 to 2024.</i>
WHERE IS KUR-World LOCATED?	<i>On 626ha RURAL land in Myola. Located on rural land currently protected from residential development by MSC Planning Scheme. It is located between Warri Drive off Kennedy Hwy and at the end of Barnwell Road off Myola Rd, Kuranda. It is 2-6kms from the village.</i>
How many houses?	
How big are the houses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>50 Lifestyle Villas (on 2,000m2) (half acre) – standalone housing of tropical design.</li><li>323 Premium Villas (on 400m2 to 600m2) – 1 and 2 storey configurations ranging from 1 to 3 bedrooms and 100-400m2</li></ul> <i>KUR-World proposal increases residential housing in Kuranda Myola Valley over 5-6 years despite specific exclusion in MSC planning scheme. Demand on MSC infrastructure may create problems.</i> <b>KUR-World proposal adds 373 properties + guest accommodation at the 5 star resort &amp; 3 to 4 star resort.</b>
How many people will live there?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4000 people will live there - maximum occupancy at completion of Stage 3.</li></ul> <i>KUR-World's proposed extra 4000 will more than double the current Kuranda population to 6,755 people. Kuranda currently has 2755 people (Kuranda, Myola, Mona Mona and Russett Park <sup>1</sup> Current infrastructure has been financed by the ratepayers; the KUR-World proposed 4000 new residents will immediately share the infrastructure without any inputs. Demands may rise sharply for parking? road repairs? rubbish? water? Internet? power?</i>
Where is access to the site coming from?	<i>Construction site access will be Barnwell Road, 2km past the high school. 100's of vehicles will pass the Kuranda Primary &amp; High School for 5-6 years. In 2016 the traffic count was 1400 daily <sup>2</sup> in an area of 368 residents + 2 schools. This may triple during and after construction.</i>
How are helicopters going to be managed? How many flights?	<i>Some guests are likely to arrive by helicopter. Emergency (medical) evacuation may also be by helicopter. Helipads will be located in the very south of the site so that helicopters can approach and depart from the south to avoid the main residential areas of Kuranda. KUR-Cow Farm operations.</i>
What about pressure on the range road?	<i>Some tourists may come via Skyrail / QRail but luggage and airport/treef transfers by Range Road. The road will not be upgraded by this Kur-World proposal. The range road is under huge pressure. Traffic movements in 2012 on Kuranda Range were 8000 daily to Kuranda traffic lights. KUR-World's proposed 4000 people will increase traffic, with no upgrade. Do they plan to use helicopter transport options!!</i>
<b>What happens if there is a failure of sewerage</b>	

### What happens if there is a failure of sewerage treatment system?

A number of options are being considered including emergency storage on-site, removal by tanker and/or pumping into the local sewerage network.

	<i>Current Haren and Owen Creek residents use the creek water and the endangered Myola frog will be hoping there are no emergencies. Kuranda town water intake is also downstream. After the construction maintenance period, Mareeba Shire may be responsible for maintaining the sewerage network at ratepayer's expense if this asset is "donated" to council.</i>
<b>How is water going to be supplied?</b>	<i>KUR-World proposal will access the water table first, already they added 8 bores. Current residents and creek breeding frogs access only what remains. There is no town water in Myola. KUR-World proposal controls most of Owen creek and some Warri creek catchment area. Less than 1000 households are on town water. How will Kuranda town water cope with another KUR-World proposed 4000 people? Where will the enormous water supply come from for the construction period over 5-6 years?</i>
<b>Is the habitat of the Kuranda tree frog (Litoria myola), going to be destroyed?</b>	<i>Essential frog habitat was cleared before public outcry. Unnatural stormwater runoff and sediment from urban development hardened surfaces (eg roofs and roadway) affect their breeding areas and is the greatest challenge to their survival. Rainforest frogs live and forage in the treetops and depend on the creek riffles for breeding.</i>
<b>How will young people benefit? What are the opportunities for locals?</b>	<i>800 FTE jobs may just be overstated promises as in the case of Adani Coal's 10,000 jobs which became 1,206 Qld jobs. <sup>4</sup> Hospitality jobs after construction are typically low paid jobs for local and young people. In such a large development, the Principal Construction company, who is awarded the tender contract, will decide who gets the sub contractor jobs.</i>
<b>The facilities will be staffed by international students studying at the university centre?</b>	
<i>KUR-World operates within Australia and abides by all associated local, State and Federal regulations. Any international students that are studying at the University are bound by their Visa requirements.</i>	<i>KUR-World built an illegal dam with big costs to MSC to manage the remediation. Many Australian visa restrictions <b>still allow</b> international students to work and recent changes to 457 visas do not affect working holiday visas. <sup>5</sup></i>
<b>WHAT CAN I DO?</b>	<i>Phone, email, your local state member of parliament, Craig Crawford; the Premier &amp; Environment Minister. Attend meetings. Fill in surveys. Don't be silent on changes to our village and lifestyle. DEMAND THAT OUR POLITICAL REPS HEAR THE VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY.</i> <a href="http://www.kurandaregion.org">www.kurandaregion.org</a> select shortcut KUR-World.
<b>CHECK THE FACTS AT .....</b>	<i>The Kuranda Paper online at <a href="http://www.kurandapaper.com">www.kurandapaper.com</a></i> <b>THESE ARE THE VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY</b>



<sup>1</sup> ABS 2011  
<sup>2</sup> MSC 2016  
<sup>3</sup> KUR-World Master Plan North 22/3/17 v2  
Information as at 24 May 2017. Kuranda version.

<sup>4</sup> Environmental Defenders Office 27 April 2017  
<sup>5</sup> Warren Entsch April 2017  
Information as at 24 May 2017. Kuranda version.





With cooler weather comes the best time for an abundance of cheap available local greens. And all are easily grown in the home garden. A slow cooked bowl of delicious vegetable soup or risotto hits the easy meal mark. Three recipes here feature kale, rocket and rainbow chard. Team with crusty bread and a side salad for extra goodness. **TIP : Double quantities for soups and enjoy over a few days.**

#### **BORLOTTI BEAN and KALE SOUP** via [taste.com.au](http://taste.com.au)

180g (1 cup) dried borlotti beans (which will make approx 2 cups once soaked and cooked or use cooked fresh or already cooked canned beans), 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 large brown onion, finely chopped, 2 carrots, peeled (finely chopped), 2 celery sticks (finely chopped), 2 garlic cloves (crushed), 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves, ¼ teaspoon dried chilli flakes, 1 tablespoon no-added-salt tomato paste, 400g can no-added-salt diced tomatoes, 1.25L (5 cups) water (approx.), 1 bunch kale leaves shredded or finely sliced (NO WASTE TIP: stalks can be chopped and frozen for your next soup, curry or stew). **SERVES 4.**

**Method:** If using dried beans soak them overnight and cook until tender. If using fresh borlotti (sometimes available this time of year in Mareeba or at Rustys Market) pod and cook in plain water until tender. If using dried or fresh discard the water they are cooked in as the complex sugars in the skins can cause gas. If using canned go straight to Step 2.

2. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 6-7 minutes or until soft. Add the garlic, thyme and chilli flakes and stir for 1 minute or until aromatic. Add tomato paste. Stir for 1 minute or until combined. Add the beans, tomato and water to the saucepan. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, partially covered, until all flavours are deliciously combined, adding a little more water if the soup becomes too thick. Add kale. Cook for 5 minutes or until wilted. Season with pepper.

#### **POTATO, GARLIC AND ROCKET SOUP** via [lifestyle.com.au](http://lifestyle.com.au)

1 head of garlic, 50g butter or substitute, 2 tblsp light olive oil, 1 onion, finely chopped, 1 leek, carefully washed and finely sliced, 1 large potato, finely diced, 750ml of stock, juice of a lemon (save a little zest for garnish), 75g rocket leaves, roughly chopped, 3 tblsp extra virgin olive oil, good quality, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. **SERVES 4.**

**Method:** Preheat the oven to 180c. Using a sharp knife take the very top off the garlic bulb (this will make it easier to get the roasted cloves out). Place the garlic in the oven and cook for 45 minutes, when the cloves should then be lovely and soft. Remove the garlic bulb and allow to cool enough to handle. Then squeeze out the soft cloves. Melt the butter/substitute with the olive oil in a large pan. Add the onion and leek

and cook for two to three minutes until just beginning to soften. Add the potato and stir thoroughly to ensure the potatoes are well coated in the butter/substitute. Cover the pan and cook for a further 4-5 minutes stirring occasionally. Pour in the stock, bring the soup to the boil then reduce the heat. Cover the soup and simmer for 10-12 minutes.

Season the soup with plenty of salt and pepper and stir in the lemon juice and roasted garlic. Blend in batches using a liquidiser or hand-held blender adding handfuls of rocket with each batch. Leave a few leaves to garnish. When ready to serve, finish with a drizzle of olive oil, black pepper, a few rocket leaves and a little lemon zest.

#### **BARLEY "RISOTTO" with RAINBOW CHARD** via [sbs.com.au](http://sbs.com.au)

2 tbsp vegetable oil, half medium white onion, chopped, 2 poblano or ancho chillies, seeds removed, finely chopped, 150g pearl barley, 500 mls approx vegetable stock, 1 tsp ground cumin, 1 corn cob, cooked in boiling water for 20 minutes, covered, 4 rainbow chard (silverbeet) leaves, rolled and chopped, stems cut into 3 cm (1¼ in) pieces, 3 spring onions (scallions), finely sliced, 1 small bunch coriander, chopped, ½ lemon, juiced, salt and freshly ground black pepper. **SERVES 4.**

**Method:** In a medium, lidded saucepan over medium heat, heat the oil and gently fry the onion and chillies for 5 minutes, covered with a lid, until softened. Stir in the barley and cumin and continue to fry for a minute. Add 500 ml (2 cups/18 fl oz) of stock to the pan. Bring to a gentle simmer, then cover with the lid and cook for 50-55 minutes, stirring from time to time, until the barley swells and is firm with a good bite. Check the texture, taste and season with salt and pepper. Cook for a few minutes more, if necessary. Set aside in the pan.

To finish the barley risotto, using a long knife, carefully cut the kernels off the corn cob by running a knife along the central core. Keep 4 of the biggest lengths intact to use as garnish. Set these aside then release the kernels from the rest. Add the chard stems and leaves, spring onion and loose corn kernels to the barley pan and stir. Place the pan back on medium heat and cook for 12 minutes. Add the coriander (save a little for garnish) and cook for a further minute until wilted. Finally, taste and adjust the seasoning if required, then add the lemon juice to sharpen the flavour. To serve, plate up and garnish with reserved corn lengths and a little coriander if desired.

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# Ngoonbi's New Drop-In Centre

Ngoonbi Youth at Risk has opened a drop-in centre for youth aged 12 to 25. The drop-in centre opens after school and some nights, and hours will be extended in the future. There are six laptop computers which were donated by Australia Post for use, including practising their drivers learners test before trying the real one at Main roads.

We have a pool room with pool table, electric drums, guitars and a Karaoke machine which is used daily with the singing getting quite loud and enthusiastic. In the mornings young people can access the kitchen to make lunch for school and then get a lift if they have missed the bus. In the afternoon there is a rush to be first in to make afternoon tea and use the playstation in our



movie room. We have had lots of playstation 2 games donated but do not have a console. If anyone has one they no longer want we would be very grateful if they would like to donate it.

At the moment we are trying to get 6 people interested in completing a **Certificate in Retail** and the Organisation will run the course here in Kuranda. We also have **Anger Control Training** on weekly, which runs for six sessions. Billy Ross is our facilitator for the course and is also Manager of Cairns Youth Justice Service Centre. Our first session was well attended with 12 young people and we discussed the A, B and C of Anger and talked about slowing down our breathing when we feel our anger rising. Session 4 is on 7th June from 5.00 to 6.30pm and is about thinking ahead and the consequences of our choices.

Every Wednesday the **Cairns Sexual Health** team come up to Kuranda and conduct free testing for STIs; we have been out to the Amphitheatre, Kowrowa and had a BBQ in the park. The team give out free information and condoms as well as conducting the free tests. They are usually here between 9.30-12.00 at 36 Coondoo Street Kuranda.

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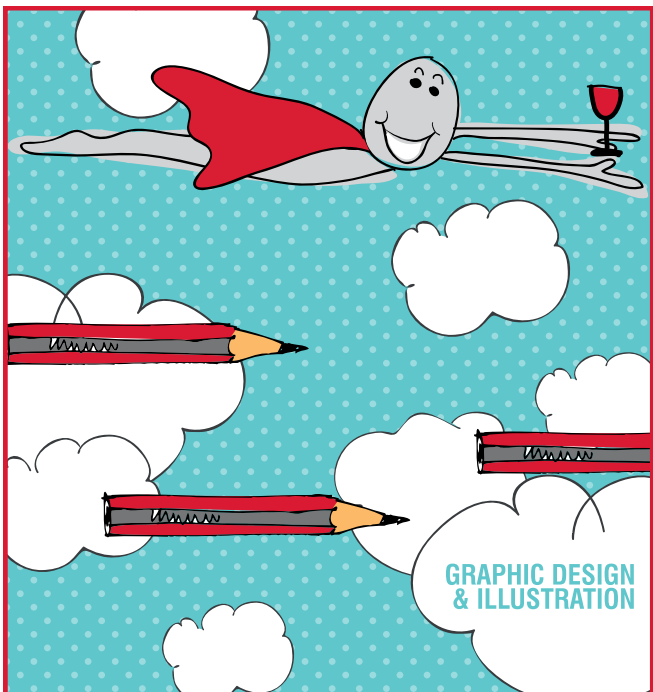
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Please feel free to come in and book an appointment with me.

See you at the Centre soon, Eslyn Wargent








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# In the Eyes



The enormous jaws of a Green Tiger Beetle (*Megacephala species*), a large ground-dweller found west of Kuranda.



A tree climber from Kuranda, *Distipsidera flavipes*.

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ur self shrunk down to a height of only 2-3cm tall, and then having to walk around with all the 'bugs' our size vie "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids!" In that film, a clumsy scorpion attempts to capture the miniature humans, at scale, there would be a minibeast far more fearsome that I would be worried about. A tiger beetle could ne in its jaws before I had time to blink!

to fast runners, tiger beetles take the crown for the fastest insects on our planet – and it is an Australian s the record. *Cicindela hudsoni* can travel at about 2.5 metres per second – equal to about 350km/hr on our beetles run so fast that they actually lose the ability to see once they start moving. They have to visually lock st, or run in short bursts to re-orient themselves as they chase their food. Either way they are so fast, their nance of getting out of the way in time!

re pure predators, and feed on any smaller insect or spider that they happen to spot. They are found rld and Australia has many species but they are strangely absent from Tasmania. We have several species In Kuranda there is an arboreal (tree climbing) species *Distipsidera flavipes* that hunts on tree trunks and : dryer scrub to our west are the rapid ground runners *Cicindela* and powerful *Megacephala*; the Cheetahs insect world.

l, tiger beetles are equipped with some serious weaponry. They have enormous jaws (mandibles) for their d for crushing and cutting prey. Their mandibles are like long curved swords with daggers sticking out of nergy for the hapless prey of a tiger beetle; on capture it is dismembered as it is consumed. As if this doesn't ough, tiger beetles 'spit' digestive juices onto their prey as they are chewing it to start the digestive process o the liquid mush.

es are highly important to them, and their eyes are very large for that reason. Like other insects, they have res made up of many lenses), and the size of their eyes gives them a wide area of view.

tiger beetles like to move around at night, many are active in the heat of the day; particularly in hot weather. on beaches where they run so quickly that they can be confused with sandflies.

ttles are called larvae and are hunters like their parents. In some ways, they are even more savage than the are grub-like, with huge heads and powerful mandibles. They construct tunnels in the ground and wait just or small animals to pass by. When they sense something close to the entrance, their head snaps upward like awed trap and drags the helpless prey into the tunnel to be eaten.

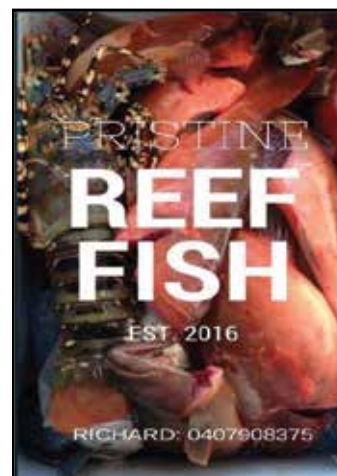
eating habits do not sound entirely endearing, many tiger beetles are quite elegant in their appearance. e patterns on their elytra (wing covers) and others are iridescent purple, blue and green, and rival butterflies l beauty.

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A Grey Tiger Beetle, *Cicindela* species, one of the speedsters.

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## Asian Black-necked Stork (Jabiru to you)

A mate of ours was really thrilled recently to see a Jabiru in her backyard; unfortunately this thrill was tempered a little by seeing it standing in her fish pond nonchalantly gobbling up her lovingly nurtured goldfish, guppies and resident frogs.

The Asian Black-necked Stork, commonly referred to as the Jabiru, is Australia's only stork, and our largest wader. On his outrageously long red legs he stands up to 1.5 metres tall with a wing span of over two metres.

With his striking black and white colouring he is an impressive looking bird; curiously enough, the Black-necked Stork does not actually have a black neck, his neck being rather a mixture of iridescent blue, purple and green. Ah well, it looks black at a distance in low light, hence the misnomer.

The male member has brown eyes, and the female yellow eyes — otherwise the sexes are pretty much identical, although some observers believe that the male is slightly larger. Unusually, they do not have any calls other than a few grunts; most communication is by way of clapping and clattering their large, straight black bills.

It is not exclusively an Australian bird, but is found across New Guinea, South-East Asia and the subcontinent. Contrary to popular belief, the name 'Jabiru' is not an Australian indigenous word, but is most likely of Portuguese origin, and refers to a similar stork species resident of South America. An Australian Aboriginal word for the bird is generally thought to be "Karinji".



His preferred diet consists mainly of water creatures such as fish, crustaceans, eels and amphibians, but when this aquatic source is unavailable or scarce he will happily consume large insects such as grasshoppers, reptiles and other birds.

The Australian population of the Black-necked Stork is estimated to be about 10,000 birds. To put this in perspective, it is estimated that there are less than a thousand remaining throughout its South-East Asia range. Despite the optimistic outlook of the Australian stock of the bird, it is still evaluated as 'near threatened' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and is extinct in much of its previously common range throughout SE Asia. Without the substantial Australian abundance of the bird, it is reported that the IUCN would have classified the species as 'Endangered'.

Come breeding season (March to May), it is stork dance time, and following their elaborate mating waltz a platform nest of sticks and branches is built in a tree preferably over water in the floodplain or wetlands, where usually four eggs are produced. Only one or two chicks will survive. The same platform nest may be maintained and used for future years. It is thought that the birds will mate for life, remaining together throughout the non-breeding season. Both birds tend to the nest and the eggs, and the care of the hatched chicks.

Of course their biggest dangers are population growth, urban spread and climate change, and the associated destruction or reduction of wetland habitat, overfishing and pollution. Attempts in some southern Asian areas at reinvigorating the species have met with limited success, and it would certainly appear that the survival of the species is very dependent on the nurturing and maintenance of the Australian stock.

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# Seventh Annual Cairns to Kuranda Train Race

This man –v– machine race begun back in 2011 after a conversation between Jenny Jensen and Race Director Alan Courtney.

Held on Sunday 21st May, five runners beat the Kuranda Scenic Rail this year, with school teacher Phil Bradshaw (photo left) taking line honours for the seventh year in a row in 1:19:18 for the 18km distance.



This year saw runners from Darwin, Melbourne, Brisbane travel to the Far North to take up the challenge.

In perfect conditions a record 97 runners finished the tough event.

Audrey Hall from Pace Project in Cairns won the Women's event in a new record time of

1:34:02, shaving 34 seconds off the old record; but this was not fast enough to beat the train, which finished its 31km journey in 1:32:18 (6th place).

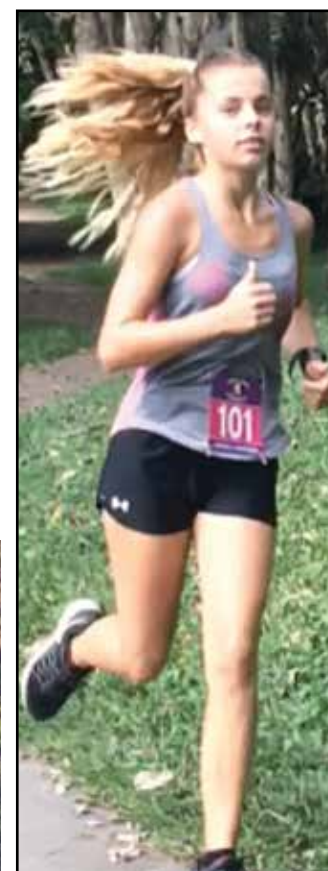
Audrey claims she will be back next year to beat the train.

Local Kuranda student, Madi Kotzur (photo right), aged 14, became the youngest person ever to complete the mountain challenge. She completed the race in 2 hours, 11 minutes.

The relay team race saw the experienced 'Tableland Trio' from Atherton hold off the two young guns teams from Pace Project.

It was the third time they have won the team race, but the KSR clipped them by just over a minute.

Some people have already entered for next year's race, to be held Sunday, 20th May 2018.



## "What was the question, again?"

Readers who are unable to hear the questions fired at politicians and other interviewees during TV newscasts may be interested in this reply one of our correspondents received from the ABC

"ABC News acknowledges how frustrating it is for its audience not to be able to clearly hear the questions from reporters at press conferences and events. While the ABC shares that frustration, regrettably there is little we can do within the limits of current technology.

"Politicians regularly call press conferences on short notice at a myriad of different locations. In this uncontrolled and uncontrollable environment, it is impossible for the venue to be miked for each and every questioner. The microphones are set up to clearly record the parliamentarian. It is rare that a venue will provide a mixed feed which includes the ability to hear the questions.

"By way of explanation, camera crews these days are usually just one person, the camera operator. Gone are the days of sending a sound recordist as a matter of course.



"They are now used only in circumstances where it would be impossible to gather the story without two people and even then they may not be able to capture all the questions.

"Because of this the camera operator is focussed on the job of getting the pictures and audio of the subject and feeding out the live signal.

"They are not physically capable of operating a boom mike which would be required to record the voices of reporters. While this is satisfactory for the main news bulletins which use edited packages containing only short "grabs", it is clearly not the best outcome for the TV News channels which all suffer from the same affliction. ABC News continues to search for a solution but so far it is not apparent."

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Hi dear readers,

I've been caught out this month regarding my article with wily time getting completely away from me... however, I have a wonderful treat to share in the form of poet, astrologer, philosopher and shaman Rob Brezsny. I have loved his humorous wisdom for many years now and his horoscope wonder stories are a highlight of my inbox each week. His book is a treasure trove of guidance, wisdom and love. *Here is his answer to those of us feeling lost at the moment:*

"I get many requests from people who are going through challenging times in their lives and would like my personal advice. Unfortunately, I can't respond due to my various lines of work being too demanding to add any other tasks to my life. But I've developed a general response to those people who seek my personal input.

I'm honored that you regard me as someone who might be able to provide answers or solace, but I don't think it would be responsible for me to fling advice your way without knowing more about the complexities of your problem. And I'm afraid I can't give the time necessary to explore those complexities.

**The only thing I'll suggest, as you seek to clarify your situation, is for you to arrange to go on a retreat.** During that time of withdrawal from the world's everyday madness, I urge you to avoid all media and to be as silent and relaxed as it's possible for you to be.

**During the first part of your retreat,** spend hours visualising in your mind's eye the entire story of your life, from the earliest memory to the present moment.

**During the second phase of your retreat,** begin your meditations by establishing contact with the highest source of wisdom and love within you. You can call this source God or Goddess or your Guardian Angel or Higher Self. Spend luxurious time in dialogue with this source, making sure to ask these questions:

1. "What is it I want more than anything else?"
2. "What is the best way to serve the mission I came to Earth to carry out? What are the very best gifts I have to offer other humans?"
3. "What path will allow me to ultimately learn the most about wise love?"
4. "How do I need to change in order to get what I want, carry out my life's mission, and learn about wise love? What influences and attitudes do I need to eliminate?"

**During the third phase of the process,** write out a mission statement: what you want to accomplish by the time you die many years hence. Then create a master plan of the actions you will take in order to make that mission statement come true. Include three actions you will take in the next month to get more serious about accomplishing your mission.

**During the fourth phase,** visualise the following scenarios in lush detail:

That God/Goddess loves you, that the entire universe is conspiring to give you the lessons and blessings and kicks in the arse and liberations you need exactly when you need them, and that you are ready to welcome that love and guidance with all your heart.

**P.S.** I'm a big believer in trusting your intuition. Even if it doesn't lead you to what your ego thinks is a successful outcome, your intuition will always guide you to the experiences that your soul needs."

His book: ***Pronoia Is the Antidote for Paranoia*** is available at Amazon and Powells. His website is at <http://www.freewillastrology.com>.

## Where will we meet?

A group of men friends, all turning 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Coffee Club in the city because the waitresses had big breasts and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Coffee Club in the city because the waitresses were attractive. The food and service was good and the beer selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Coffee Club in the city because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music, and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Coffee Club in the city because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Coffee Club in the city because they had never been there before.

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- If you can smile when things go wrong, you must have someone else in mind to blame.
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, just think of Algebra.
- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

## BEHIND THE 8 BALL



Tamsin Hoyer

We have new Representative shirts this year. We decided to go for a totally different look from previous years, and have gone with a cotton button up style shirt.

We played round 2 of Intercity on Saturday May 6th with both our teams having a convincing win.

KURANDA 1 defeated TABLELANDS 2 at home. Overall score 70 games to 58. Most wins won by Justin from the Tablelands 2 team winning 13 out of 16 games. Second was David K on 12 also from the Tablelands. Tie third with 11 wins was by our own Ben Wilks and Rob Stephenson. Top lady on the day was Zananda with 10 out of 16 wins.

TABLELANDS 1 was defeated by KURANDA 2 with an epic score of 92 to 36 in Atherton. Most wins won was by our Kuranda 2 captain Rob Shandley winning 15/16 games, only dropping one game over the day. Well done Rob. Tie second was also by our own, Bartie Simon and Mark Freeman with 13 wins for the day. Top lady up at the Grand Hotel was Cheryl Robinson.

Congratulations to all our Rep players. A great day was had by all in a friendly relaxed atmosphere at home at the Rec Centre and in Atherton at the Grand Hotel. Thanks to Janet Hoyer and Liane Barrett for volunteering on the day behind

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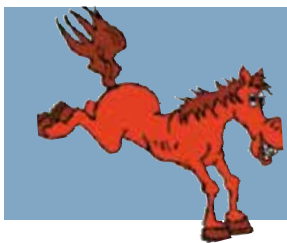
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Guests are welcome to come and watch. Our canteen will be open all weekend. Our programme of events will be on our Facebook site.

A huge "thank you" goes out to all of our sponsors for donations towards trophies and ribbons. An extra big "thank you" to our on-going sponsor, Kuranda Lions Club.

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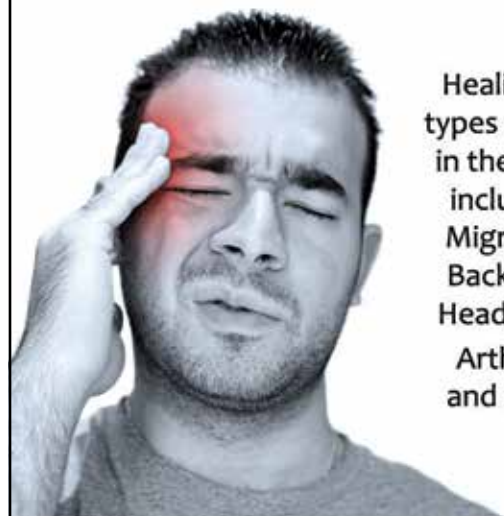
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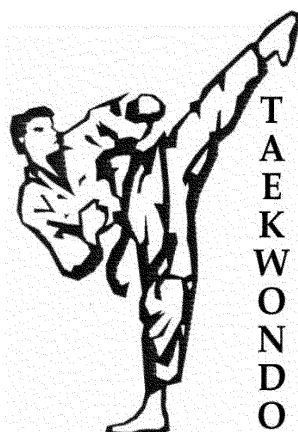
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# Inside My Studio

Interview and Photographs by Toni Rogers

**Aukje Boonstra** is a Tasmanian textile artist who recently made her second trip to Kuranda. Over each visit, Aukje has stayed in Cantata Studio, providing her artistic surroundings and studio space in which to work. She feels at home, and says "It is like coming home".

Well known for her eco-dyeing by many of the local artists, due to her workshops on her previous visit, Aukje was thrilled to be recognised in the village and greeted "Hello, you are the dyeing lady" by a stranger to her. Conversation commenced. She thanks that Kuranda resident for making her feel so at home.

In the recent two-day workshop conducted at the CWA Hall, Aukje provided a much-needed guide to adopting a less-is-more mindset, valuing quality over quantity and bringing a meaningful and thoughtful approach to textile practices, including repurposing old textiles, repiecing fabrics and building up textures with stitch. Aukje's full time studio is at her home at Ulverstone on the north-west coast of Tasmania. In fact she has two studios – one inside with her worktables and sewing machine, and one outside with her dye pots, large worktable and dye shed.

**Why are eco-dyeing, hand stitching and sewing her favourite media?**

"I am fascinated by the natural dye process. What can be achieved simmering plant materials, cloth, water, some added rusty iron, pieces of copper and other metal based items is extraordinary. It is unpredictable and that fascinates me. You can never take a result for granted. It is such an ancient craft, so simple and basic. I love working with cloth. The way it softens and fades with wearing. The essence of the people who had it before and the known and unknown stories I can sense. I add my stories to it and give it another life."

Aukje uses natural dyes from local leaves and plants (including the notorious Singapore Daisy when she is in Kuranda) to produce colours in thread and fabric



that are in harmony with the environment. Most are collected on her daily walks in Ulverstone spent gathering leaves, barks, berries, seaweed and flowers.

**If Aukje was not dyeing and stitching what would she be doing?**

"Teaching remaking, mending, repairing and other basic skills to young people as I believe we need these skills in life and it is important to pass them on."

Thanks: Peter McCabe is awarded three gold stars and grateful thanks. Aukje really appreciated the recognition and inclusion. Aukje would also like to thank Didi Labaysse for her generosity in providing the silk offcuts for workshop participants' use.



## CANTATA PERFORMANCE

Over the last twenty years or so members of the Kuranda Community have been part of a choir which performed, or part of an audience that listened to, Cantatas written by Audrey Francis and Ruth Beasley. Last year one of those, "Holy Spirit, Breath of God" was performed in Ireland to celebrate the 200th anniversary of St Brendan's Church of Ireland in Birr. A DVD of that performance will be shown in the Uniting Church, Mareeba on Saturday, 10th June at 7pm followed by a light supper. Admission is free. A basket will be available if you wish to donate towards humanitarian aid in Syria.



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**NILS:** There are changes happening with the NILS program nationally. These changes are being implemented by Good Shepherd Microfinance with the program being remodeled into 'client support providers' and 'loan providers'. The funding available has reduced and the competitive tendering process will likely bring new players into the space.

This means that KNC may no longer be able to deliver NILS or at the very least, KNC will only do the 'front end' which is the loan application interview only.

We will no longer have a loan committee assessing, approving or rejecting loans nor will KNC manage the loan repayment process or any other follow up. This will be done by a third party – we are unsure where they will be located (it will not be in Kuranda and it may be interstate).

The changes will be implemented in the coming months. There will be no new NILS processed from 1st July 2017 until we know if we are being refunded for the front end. We apologise for the impact these changes may have on the Kuranda District, however it is outside our control.

**Community Response lead by Standby Response Service:** There will be a workshop delivered by Standby Response Service to upskill community members. The workshop will be held on 15th June 11.30am-3.00pm. The workshop is called Safe TALK – a 3-hour suicide alertness training suitable for all community members ages 15+. Details can be found at <http://www.livingworks.com.au/programs/safetalk/>. If you have any questions, please contact Marg on 4093 8933 or drop into the Centre.

**Family Day 4th July:** The second family day of the year will be held at the Centennial Park on Tuesday 4th July. The plan is to collaborate activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. This is a free community event with a range of activities delivered by local and outreach services and programs. If you would like to be involved please contact Marg or Tricia on 4093 8933 or [coordinator@kurandanc.org.au](mailto:coordinator@kurandanc.org.au).

**Furniture Exchange program:** We want to thank all those who have thought of our program and donated much needed items. Currently we have people in the community who need double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs, fridges, dressing tables and cupboards. With winter creeping in, we are also looking for blankets and other warm items. Items can be picked up or they can be dropped to the Centre. Please contact Tricia or Marg on 40938933 – Thanks!

**Mahjong:** A regular group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 12.30 to play a Chinese game called Mahjong. Beginners are very welcome to come along and learn, and of course seasoned players are welcome to play and provide coaching or mentoring. There is a small afternoon tea – enquiries to Marg.

**Heirloom Seeds welcome:** We are working on the garden bed with the assistance of some volunteers and wondered if anyone has spare heirloom seeds they are willing to donate to the patch? Please contact Marg.

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# Tech Talk

WITH THOMAS

Having duplicated copies of your most important information keeps it safe in case anything goes badly wrong with your computer.

When you think about the many number of ways files can be lost unexpectedly, your view on the level of importance may change: computer crashes, virus infection, hard disk failure, physical computer damage, even theft. No matter why it is needed DATA BACKUP IS IMPORTANT!

One of the most painful experiences I have seen by far was a client regularly backing up what they thought was data to a USB drive, only to find too late they had actually only been backing up the shortcut icon of their MYOB for the past 5 years.

Thankfully, we managed to recover their files using very expensive specialist services!

**How best to backup?** It can be simple or complex, just ensure it is the most appropriate for your operational needs.

Consequential cons that go with each option to help you decide what is best for you:

**1. Local backup to another hard drive in the PC:** Whilst data is certainly duplicated, this method really only offers protection against the failure of one of those hard drives. This method, however, may not protect you from virus infection, physical damage & theft.

**2. Backup to a Network Drive or NAS within the Office:** Whilst this does offer a sense of protection against problems directly associated with the PC itself, and hard drive failure, this is a common solution for most small businesses, but there is no protection against natural disaster such as fire, it offers limited protection against theft – for example if devices are stolen during a break-in, and it is still within reach of virus & ransomware infection.

**3. External Drive with Offsite Copy:** One of the most common options we see businesses follow in recent years and that is to have multiple backup drives, swapped daily or weekly, with one or more of those backup drives kept offsite (eg: business owner's or manager's home). These are a reliable backup method, however, are still at risk of data loss or damage if they are dropped, lost or stolen. The more backup sets you create the more secure your data will be – particularly if you have a nasty virus infection or ransomware or physical loss such as a fire.

**4. Cloud Storage:** For many this is an option that has been out of reach for several years as the quality of internet speed is still evolving. Most businesses are now or will very soon be on the NBN offering greater data speeds. Cloud storage is the method of storing your data (backups) on a remote server that is then mirrored to other services owned by such storage provider. Cloud storage is the MOST effective data backup solution, offering complete redundancy, encryption of data, and you have the flexibility to create your backup sets in any fashion you like – monthly, daily, or even hourly – uploading changes to any files that have occurred since the last backup. In addition you can also specify to keep older backups from each previous month or week, so that once a month, or once weekly a whole new set of data is uploaded and the previous set archived. Cloud storage is certainly a marketable product nowadays and there are many options and features. My tips are to use one that offers encryption, unlimited storage, a friendly user interface, as well as accessibility from another source (web interface). In addition, a storage service geographically close to Australia will offer faster speeds, AND also, it is worth noting that if you run a company turning over more than \$2M

annually, you CANNOT use a cloud service outside of Australia under data retention laws. Personally I use CRASHPLAN ([www.crashplan.com](http://www.crashplan.com)). It offers a 30 day FREE trial, has Australian based servers, offers unlimited storage, it's fully encrypted, gives me unlimited backup schedules options, and costs only \$69 per year for a single PC, or \$139 for up to 5 PC's on the same account. Crash plan also offers Apps for your smartphone or Tablets to access your data anytime! As you can see, there is no reason why any business or person with important data should not be backing up. Feel free to contact me if you need any assistance with backups for your home or business.

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# “A Little Story...”

Susie Grace

There were two little kids once, born a week apart, who spent their childhood years in the same unremarkable city (except for the relentless wind which plagued the place and was always being remarked upon.)

They lived a few streets away from each other, went to the same school and hung around with the same kids. When they were 12 years old his family moved to a bigger smoke (but just as windy) and they lost touch.

The years went by and they both ended up living in a big country not far from their own little land. He became quite famous for being very clever and very funny and she remembered what a funny little kid he could be. One day she wrote him a letter.

He was delighted to hear from her and there were lots of memories shared. One in particular was very significant to them both. When they were eight they went to a birthday party at a beach and all the little kids were playing around an old shipwreck at the waterline.

The pair of them were investigating the seaward side of the wreck when a series of big waves rolled in. They were suddenly swamped and in a bit of strife as a bit of wild sea tossed them about. It could have been a very wrecked birthday party indeed but, after what felt like a very long time, they were rescued by someone's much older brother. He had been put in charge of the little kids while the grownups relaxed and had a beer back at the bach.

Kids were pretty free range back then and parents didn't confuse themselves with helicopters as a rule. The rescue, as they remembered it, was all very dramatic and their brave rescuer had a real struggle to get them out of the water.

Afterwards, when they were standing back on the beach, very shocked and shivering violently, they suddenly looked at each other and without a word just took off like two drowned rats out of hell. It was a spontaneous explosion of energy as into the wind they tore, gasping and running for the dear life they might have lost. He remembered a popular song of the time running through his head, with its refrain over and over, 'hi lily, hi lily, hi lo'. She remembered how grey it all was — the beach, the sea, the sky — and that even the knitted jersey she wore was grey.

Later, dry and warm, they were clownish in their too big borrowed clothes and

rather stole the birthday boy's thunder. But he didn't seem to mind too much and they all feasted on lots of lollies and fizzy drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls and, of course cheerios, (with lots of tomato sauce) as no birthday party was proper without them. Then there was a fabulous birthday cake before they all went home to their windy city on the plains.

A while ago, after they'd been corresponding about this and that for about ten years, he sent her a little story he'd written about that day. He said when they were in the water he felt as though “we were just bobbing along and we would be alright”. Something about the ‘bobbing along’ got her thinking. It was the day the Queen came to Palmerston North, New Zealand in 1954 when they were six.

There was huge excitement as everyone lined the street to see the Queen go by. There was a crescendo of cheering and she was trying to wave her flag and to see but was being pushed and jostled by the crowd.

She hadn't seen a thing when suddenly someone behind her lifted her up and there, bobbing along on a wild sea of waving flags, was the Queen's hat. It was her turn to write him a little story. Then the news came. It was a hefty wallop of a shock.

The extraordinary and delightful John Clarke was my little kid friend. Of late he is, oh so lamentably, ‘Late’ and I keep hoping he's just been held up somewhere and will pop up large as the life he so suddenly left.

Always a man of good ideas, I think perhaps he had such an excellent one, so very amazing and ‘out there’ that he simply had to rush off to investigate. First he had to see a man about a god at a gate and then, in the shake of a god's tail, he was through that gate and on the other side. His little Pooh song perfectly harmonizing with the music of the spheres as he wafted off into the gentle flow of the River Forever. And there he is — just bobbing along — and he's alright.

Vale

John Clarke 1948–2017

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## Speewah Event a Great Success

On 1st May, the Speewah Equestrian Centre held a beginner and green horse hack show day. There has been a lot of demand in FNQ for events for beginner riders and young, or inexperienced horses.

A show hack is judged on presentation, manners, movement and conformation of the horse.

The show was a great success with over 30 competitors attending. The judge, Vivienne Kennett from Biboorah, was fair and kind in choosing the winners. It was great to see local businesses support the event, with White collar hippies – Sustainable Financial Solutions – donating trophies to our champion and reserve champion winners.

Speewah Farmall donated all the beautiful sashes, Cairns Computer Support assisted by donating gift vouchers and Jacqueline Yong, a student at S.E.C donated the beautiful garlands awarded to our supreme champion winners.

The Speewah Equestrian Centre is currently looking at dates later in the year to put on another show. Due to the success of the show on 1st May, they expect that the next one will be an even bigger success.

Photo (Left): Judge Vivienne Kennett with champion rider of the day, Payton Kaye; (Right): Larissa



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The girls pictured are Peta, Monica, Adrienne, Emily, Sophie, Rita, Olivia, Chloe and Nina.

# Crawford's Corner

**Craig Crawford**  
MEMBER FOR BARRON RIVER



Now that the wet season is over, earthworks have commenced on the new Caravonica State School carpark. The carpark will have direct access to the school, 100 car spaces and dedicated bus stop and stop-drop-and-go area. The existing carpark on the opposite side of the Cairns Western Arterial Road will be removed along with the pedestrian lights which will increase the traffic flow before and after school.

Construction is now well underway on the new \$3.5 million Smithfield Fire and Rescue Station at Ainslie Place. The new facility will include a two-bay engine room, additional training facilities, office spaces, staff amenities, a recreation room, a covered road crash rescue training pad and ample storage space for equipment and supplies.

Following community concerns about pedestrian safety on the Captain Cook Highway at Clifton Beach I am happy to report that the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be installing traffic lights at the junction of the highway with Clifton Road. Two bus stops will also be relocated and the existing pedestrian refuge will be removed. This will provide a safer crossing for pedestrians and safer access for vehicles entering and exiting Clifton Road.

At the beginning of May I joined with the Treasurer Curtis Pitt to host a Labour Day Lawn Bowls fundraiser. Despite a light shower, we had a fantastic turn out with many touching up on their bowls skills. All funds raised went to the FNQ Suicide Prevention Taskforce.

The latest round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has resulted in a funding boost of more than a quarter of a million dollars to 10 Barron River community groups. If you belong to a not-for-profit community group you should consider applying for future rounds of the fund.

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

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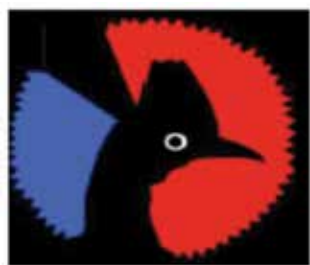
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## CASSOWARY LOVE-IN

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The females will possibly visit more than one male, mate and lay an egg for him. While she's off visiting another male, another female might sneak in and do the same. Morals are not an issue!

Who knows who's got who's eggs and who's the father of which. However, this may be Nature's way of ensuring genetic diversity.

Also, at this time, the juveniles are being sent away to seek out new home ranges and practise all the skills their fathers taught them in the preceding year. It can be a hard time for the youngsters and they can often be seen somewhat disoriented and darting, confused, across roads.

Please be aware that cassowaries, young and old, may be behaving uncharacteristically in the next few weeks. Please report distressed cassowaries.

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## SNAKES

We thought we'd get a break from snake activity, but not so. There seems to be a race on to get a good meal before it gets too cold and to find a warm, safe place to curl up in. So they are in chook houses, under cupboards and in roofs.

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## Stingless Native Bees

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Another stunning day in Kuranda with clear blue skies had over 20 volunteers out to join us in planting 700 trees at the Little Road causeway. This site marks the downstream end of the 10ha site which spans 3 km upstream to Mantaka between the railway line and the Barron River.

Our last planting for the 5-year project, which ends next month, will be at Mantaka near the Russett Park Bridge on 24th June at 8.00am.

We will have the local Sutherland boys band, 'The Geckos' playing some sets while we plant trees. This will be followed by morning tea by the river. Bring your friends, family and swimmers for a dip if you're keen.

This planting is a wildlife corridor we are connecting for our Endangered Southern Cassowary and critically endangered Myola Tree Frog. Check out our website or FB pages for more info.

*Photo Below: Community planting crew taking a break after planting 700 trees.*



### Plastic Free July — Are you up for the challenge?

With a Queensland container deposit scheme coming in from 1st July next year and a ban on single use plastic bags with handles eg supermarket bags, what will you do this July? Begin the war on plastic



waste and challenge yourself and experience what it will be like to live life A.P. (after plastic). Google Plastic Free July challenge and sign up. They have great hints and tips. You can take the challenge for July month, a week, a day—maybe the rest of your life.

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# Kuranda Community Kindergarten



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Director Jan Davies has 35 years experience as a Preschool teacher and was Director of Yorkeys Knob Kindergarten for 14 years. She went on from there to work with Early Childhood Education and Training Cairns assessing and rating early childhood services from Tully to Thursday Island, before starting as teacher at Kuranda Kindergarten in 2016.

Tracey Richardson completes the team as Teaching Assistant. Tracey is a local Kuranda girl with 26 years experience in early childhood settings and she joined the kindergarten staff in 2012.

Staff work as a team to ensure that children are supported and challenged to develop and build on the skills needed for a successful transition to school. The program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework, following National Quality Standards.

Kuranda Community Kindergarten offers an educational kindergarten/preschool program in an environment that is natural, calm and relaxing. We are situated in the rainforest, next to the Amphitheatre, with shady trees, lots of grass and an environment that encourages children to explore. Children are able to experience nature first hand as we discover and look after the various creatures and insects that live in and around the kindergarten. We even have cheeky bush turkeys that parade through the yard during the day, with one recently getting bold enough to come inside the building and cause feathered chaos until children were able to shoo him outside.

Kuranda Community Kindergarten is a not-for-profit organisation, run by a volunteer parent committee, that offers kindergarten and preschool for children aged 3.5-4.5 years. It is affiliated with Creche & Kindergarten, Qld (C&K) and has been operating in the Kuranda community for over 25 years. Enrolments are open and there are spaces available in our two groups.

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## A Thought for June

**T**HIS month we read a passage from St Matthews Gospel Chapter 9 verse 35 to Chapter 10 verse 8. Nothing we read in sacred scripture is merely about the past. The event in scripture, past though it may be, is also very much with us in the present. In scripture Jesus is speaking to us, not merely has spoken to people in the past.

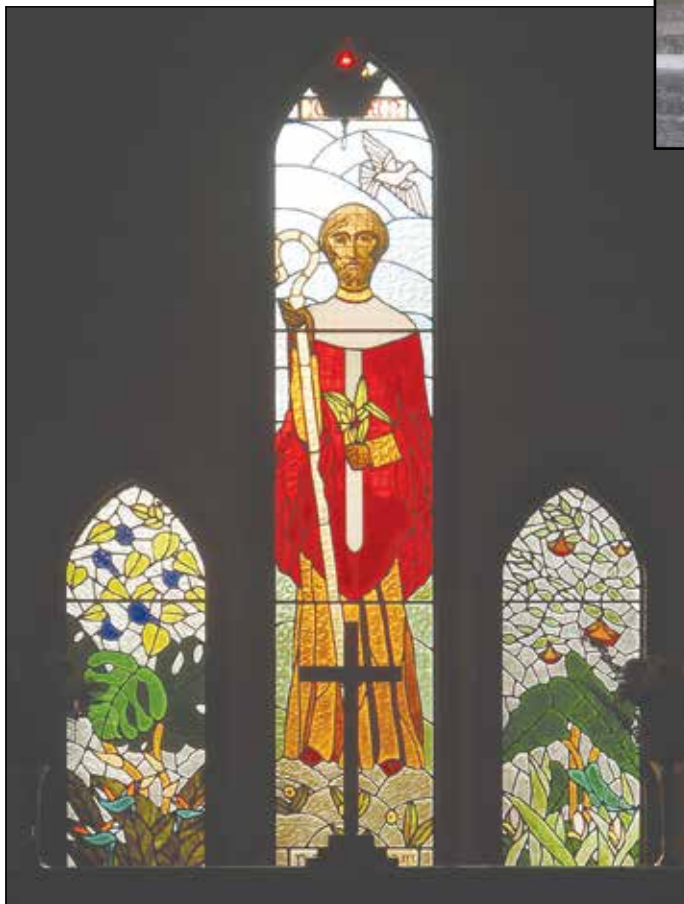
In this passage Matthew has brought us to the point where Jesus realizes that the time has come to name those whose responsibility it will be to work with him on his mission. There is a hint (v 35) that the demands of that mission are getting beyond one pair of hands, even if those hands are the most loving and gracious hands ever to touch this world.

We know that these people have already become disciples of Jesus (v 37). But now something more must be done. There needs to be an actual moment when these same disciples are given what the scripture calls authority (v 1).

This is not seen as an authority merely to give orders, which most of us like doing, but an authority to serve others, which we don't always like! Jesus then names the twelve, carefully and deliberately, and sends them out (v 51). What does this deceptively simple scene say to us?

As a Christian, each of us is part of the Body of Christ. But there must come a moment when we ourselves freely realize what this means.

We must own our baptism, and take responsibility



for it. The experience we call confirmation is meant to help us toward that, but in actual fact taking complete responsibility for our baptism may not come for a long time.

We are already disciples by our baptism, but have we fully realized what disciples do? In verse 35 we see what Our Lord's work is.

It is teaching, preaching, healing. We may not be called to do all these things. Teaching could be in many forms of handing on the faith, even if only to our own small children.

But we teach by being who we are. Healing can include any act of service to another or to society.

We are named. How? In baptism. But we need to hear Our Lord name us again. It can happen in many quiet and unexpected moments if we will only listen.

When we hear our name we will know what Our Lord wants us to do. Then, with his grace, we will be able to do it. That is the Good News for this week.

As Our Lord named his original disciples, so he names us to do his work in our time.

## Baha'i Thought for the Month

"Religion is the outer expression of the divine reality. Therefore it must be living, vitalized, moving and progressive.

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## The Stars in June

**W**ITH the Sun and Mercury now in Gemini, the big theme is duality, reflectively and a sense of subtle ambiguity. In other words, things ain't quite what they seem; everything is shifting and changing with the light and there is a frivolous lack of substantial commitment. There's the essence.

To add a little substance, Venus is now into Taurus – the pleasures of the earth, the physical, love of the tactile and indulgences. This earths the Gemini insubstantial lightness and brings a real physicality to creative and artistic inspiration. All in all, a wonderful month for the creative & artistic – music, dance, art, cooking, gardening and making things for utility of just pleasure.

Mars is going through Cancer, so much of this will be home, family and tribal based. People coming home on leave; physical jobs done around the home; tools sharpened and repaired and competitive games being played by the kids. Probably a few scuffles too!

Jupiter swings forward again in Libra and picks up momentum. As the most focussed and activating planet now, this indicates a balanced expansion of joint-venture projects and a lot of legal stuff being pushed through and resolved. Good for positive long-term objectives. Not so good for D. Trump.

Neptune slows down and goes into reverse in the middle of Pisces. Deep diving; discovery of things hidden in the mud and being brought to the surface to clear away illusions and deception. Not a great time for dodgy politicians and/or crimes. Much will be revealed. A good time to come clean on any dark little secrets you would prefer to keep hidden. They might just surface around the middle of the month.

The Full Moon is in Sagittarius around midnight on 9th/10th June is a "semi-sextile" to Pluto. Oops! More of the same, a light being shone on things hidden. **Or** a light in the darkness showing the path to a renewal and regeneration. Maybe both. Venus makes an earthy trine to Pluto on 24th June, an arousal of passions expressed in a physical way. Anything smouldering bursts into flame – almost volcanic.

Here's one more interesting little astro-drama to contemplate. The month begins with an almost exact trine between Uranus in Aries and Moon's node in Leo. A very rare event I'm thinking. Maybe even a once-in-a-lifetime.

It suggests a sudden, exciting meeting of people who fire each other up and create something new and valuable and enduring. Soul connections are indicated if you are into that kind of thing. Could happen anytime this month.

The Winter Solstice, when the Sun reaches the northern most point in 0° Cancer and our shortest day, occurs on 21st June with a magical Dark Moon in Gemini, Venus rising in the pre-dawn sky and Mercury attending the Solstice Sun. A magical dawn indeed and worthy of celebrating the return of the light, the feminine principle and the presence of magic at this time.

Blessings



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SPEEWAH	6.55am	9.55am	4.25pm	6.55am	9.55am	9.55am	4.25pm
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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
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## LATEST NEWS FROM KUR-WORLD

### Masterplan

A few weeks ago we released the revised masterplan since some community members were eager to see it. However, please keep in mind that this revised master plan was a large-scale design showing how the development has been rearranged to accommodate environmental constraints and service needs (e.g. water, sewerage). This was not the final master plan. As with any project going through an EIS, planning is an iterative process. The masterplan will continue to be refined and become more detailed as more information becomes available. As successive masterplans are developed they will be released to the public.

### Environment

Dry season fauna surveys started the last week of May. These surveys focus on the Northern Bettong (*Bettongia tropica*) and the Northern Quoll (*Dasyurus hallucatus*). Aquatic ecology surveys have been completed at sites on Haren, Owen and Warril Creeks within the property and results are being analysed. These surveys focused on sampling for aquatic invertebrates which are good indicators of the health of streams. Freshwater fish surveys will be conducted once water levels in creeks have fallen a little more.



Northern bettong, *Bettongia tropica*  
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### Water

Ground water pump tests will commence in the second week of June and if possible we would like to include monitoring of selected bores in the neighbourhood. If you are interested, please contact us so someone can visit and assess if your bore is suitable for monitoring.

### Community

We have posted over 6000 feedback forms to residents of Kuranda, Koah, Speewah and Mareeba. However, if you have a "no junk mail" sign on your postal box, Australia Post cannot deliver the form. If you would like a form posted to you, please email us your name and address.

This feedback form has been designed to capture all concerns and opportunities. This is part of our stakeholder engagement process and all answers will be recorded and analysed. This is a good opportunity for you to voice your concerns, ideas or support.

One of the members of the Community Reference Group has offered to make the letter box at his property available as a collection point for feedback forms. If you are a resident of Kuranda, the letter box is at 4 Warril Drive.

### Kuranda Pop-up Stall

Members of the project team will continue to be available at Kuranda Foodworks fortnightly on Thursday afternoons (5:00 to 7:00 pm). These events have allowed us to record questions and concerns from local residents. Some of these questions and their answers are presented below.

### Q&A

#### **Where is access to the site coming from?**

Different options are being considered, the preferred access is from the Kennedy Highway, the exact location is yet to be determined. Additional access may be provided to the site from Barnwell Road and an emergency access (gated) may be provided from Warril Drive.

#### **How will power be provided?**

Various power supply options and combinations are being investigated including solar arrays on buildings, methane production (sewerage treatment), as well as connections to Ergon's grid.

#### **How will the sewerage be treated?**

Currently, an onsite tertiary sewage treatment system is proposed, with recycled water used for non-potable applications across the site (such as irrigation of gardens).

#### **What will happen if Reever & Ocean gets approval and then walks away or sells in two years?**

The EIS approval will only permit the construction of an integrated eco-resort. No other development is possible without a new application and approval process.

### Barnwell Farm Works

Some civil works will start on the first week of June. These will involve movement of rocks to beautify and finish the dam. We apologise in advance for any inconveniences this may cause.

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