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## LATE RAIN A BLESSING

Just as we were starting to think that our Wet Season might be over, April delivered enough to get us well over our January to April mean ( average) of 1495mm with 1619mm recorded as we go to press with three days left of the month.

To 27 April, the Kuranda Railway Station (which has been keeping rainfall records since 1896) recorded 666.5mm for the month, which while well above the mean (average) of 225mm is a very long way off the highest April total of 1840.7mm recorded in 1911, but still the fourth highest April total in 125 years. And our highest daily rainfall for April 2021 (168mm on 21 April) is a mere drop in the bucket compared to the record of 731.5mm set on 2 April 2011. The year 1911 is also the highest yearly total recorded at 4921.9mm, more than twice the annual average of 2142.4mm.

Late as it has been this rain will be most welcome for those with dams and water tanks, as well as topping up the water tables it will sustain gardens, orchards, crops and community tree plantings as we enter the drier months.



Corn field at Koah after rain. Photo: Marc Jaschok 19 April 2021

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### TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE: RESPONSES TO SURVEY SOUGHT

Amid these COVID-19 times, we need more than ever to implement innovative ways to market Queensland's tourism destinations. Is it feasible for the tourism industry and universities to work together to add new dimensions to the tourism experience? I am a PhD researcher from James Cook University investigating the possibility of linking the tourism industry and environmental science, focussed specifically on Queensland.

The tourism and environmental science sectors are both important to Queensland. Nature-based tourism is a key industry in the region, and its success depends on pristine environments. Environmental science is directly relevant to the preservation of nature and sustainable use of resources. A unique feature of environmental assets (compared to human-made attractions) is their dynamic, living nature. In other words, natural environments constantly change, but this fundamental quality of nature is often not taken into consideration by tourism offerings.

My idea is to use the latest environmental science findings about the state of natural assets, as well as research on human impacts on the environment and biological and biodiversity-related information, to add knowledge-intensive value to Queensland tourism sites.

This exclusive information will give tourism professionals an opportunity to gain knowledge themselves, or to share it directly with their visitors. As natural environments are constantly changing, so would the information prepared by scientists. This enhancement of the tourist experience would give visitors a unique opportunity to learn about natural wonders at a certain point in time rather than seeing them once as timeless and static. This could potentially yield repeat visits from those who have already seen a particular attraction in the past, as different information is shared with them.

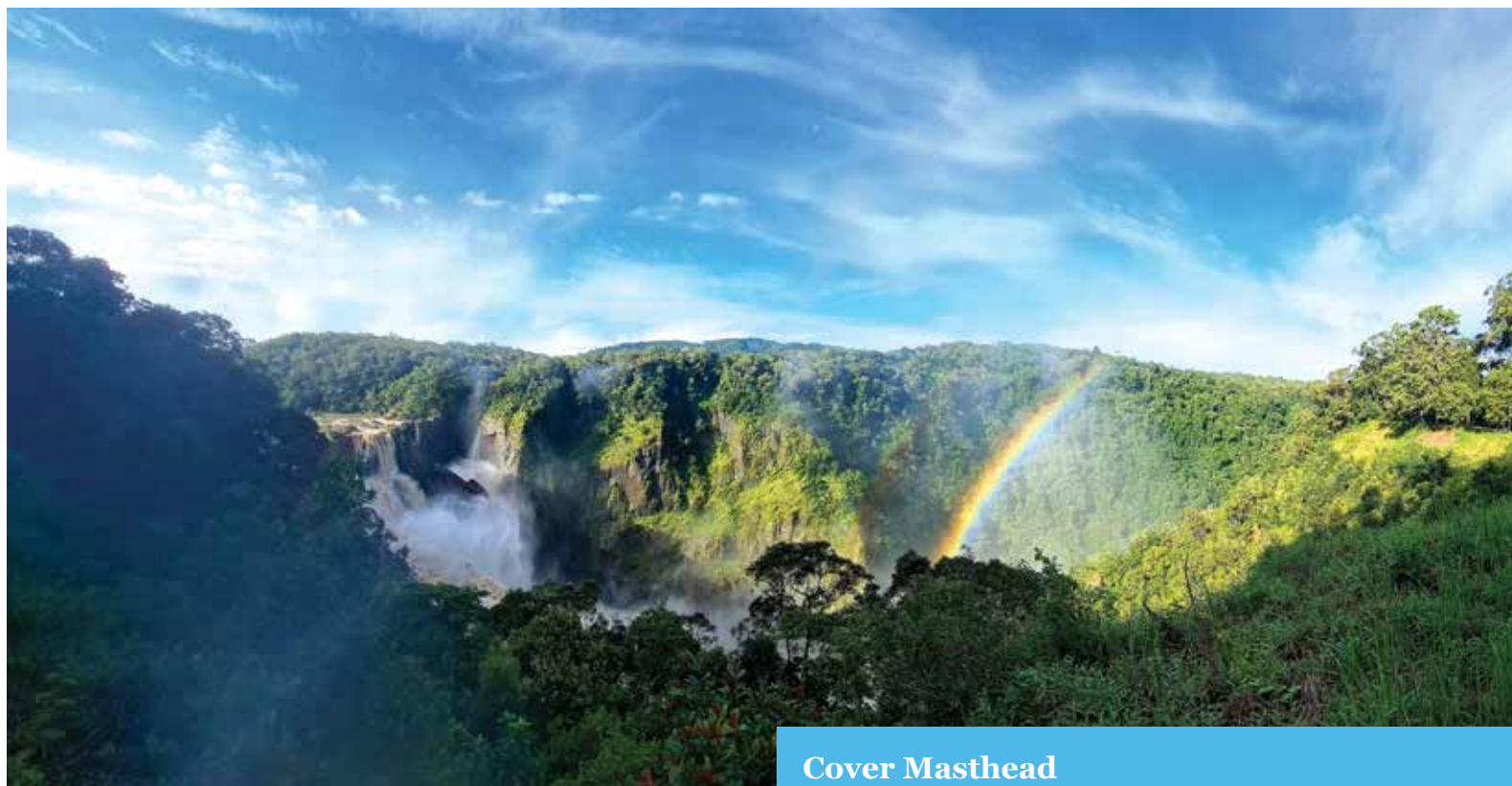
Environmental scientists can explain their research through short videos that are shared directly with tourism businesses. However, at present we do not know what is important to the tourism professionals. Getting a perspective from tourism professionals is rare and tourism professionals sometimes say that they are not being considered by academia. So, this is the opportunity to have their voices heard.

The researchers understand that the tourism industry has suffered severely since the last year due to COVID-19. This survey is not about the pandemic; however, it studies a possibility to move tourism beyond the current situation. As one of the survey respondents who has already contributed to the study put it: "Now is the time to make sure [the] study is completed so all results can help the industry when the COVID pandemic starts to slow down or this study may even help pull tourism through the other side of COVID!"

The study focuses on the tour operators, agencies and accommodation providers. However, all Queensland-based tourism professionals are welcome to participate. You can take the survey by visiting this link: [www.karmensphdresearch.wordpress.com](http://www.karmensphdresearch.wordpress.com)

The tourism industry bodies and associations are encouraged to share the link to the survey website. I can also be contacted at [karmen.luzar@my.jcu.edu.au](mailto:karmen.luzar@my.jcu.edu.au)

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### Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is from a stunning photo of Din Din (Barron Falls) by Myola resident Julie Hanger. Taken on the afternoon of 21 April, about 4.15pm, the changing weather conditions created a magical scene. Julie says "It was the prettiest I have ever seen the Falls".

Thank you Julie for sharing with our readers.

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# TRADERS THANK YOU



A massive THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our Kuranda Rocks Easter Event on 3 April! It was a huge success! So many beautiful smiles and positive community energy around town. To all of the volunteers who helped bring the event together, your energy and commitment was outstanding! There are so many of you who worked tirelessly for months before, during and after the party finished ... and in the rain too!

Special mention goes to the following who created the magic in our beautiful Village of Kuranda:

- Brioni McGrath – aka Bugzy Bumblebee.
- Jenny Lane – Fairy Extraordinaire and Easter Quest Creator.
- Nettie O'Connell – branding and artwork specialist.
- Melissa Pancirov – who went a bit crazy over the rocks and then more rocks, did I mention rocks?
- Satya the Body Whisperer – mover and shaker of rocks.
- Jill Melody – the Music Maestro.
- Liz Tonkin – for social media post after post, then share!
- Dave Masters from Solid Sound Solutions – lit up our world with Jodie, Mac and Matt on the tools and in the trees. Thank you to Mareeba Shire Council for donating money towards the purchase of decorative lights to create the beautiful illumination of the trees around town on the night.
- Luke and Dylan – for setting up dozens of detour, road closed and other signs, and Rimei for putting up the parking signs.
- Eirian Jane – COVID QR code creator and general doer of many jobs.
- Maree Kerr – Market stall coordinator
- Gayle Hannah – Quest Hen knitter extraordinaire.
- Special thanks to the amazing SES, Kuranda Police and Kuranda Ambulance for keeping our event safe.

Thank you to all of the entrants in our junk parade, and for Mayor Angela Toppin and David Stacey for judging the parade!

The bands rocked our Coondoo Street dance floor, all spectacularly showcased with lights and sound by Mark Williams and his team from Pacific Music. Thanks to the Joker Pokers, Muddy Barron Shakers, Blue Reed, Koahlition, Howlin' Dingoos, and The Blues Healers, and all the other musicians in the Village on the day. Thank you to our fabulous emcee Melina Clark and Djagubay Elder Errol Hunter for welcoming us all to Country.

Special thanks to Sinclair Jamie (aka Tony) for keeping things clean and tidy, his job was over and above any normal day, and has provided us with some great feedback and suggestions for future events. Thanks to Gary Crawford the Volunteer Coordinator on the day, big effort being thrown in the deep end and was up for anything to help.

All the KTA team and their long-suffering families who stepped up and helped. So many names, you all know who you are! So lovely to see so many young people donating their time to help.

Thanks to Kuranda Landscaping Supplies for donating the rocks



Mayor Angela Toppin co-judging the Junk Parade.



Top centre photo by Nettie O'Connell. Other photos by Holly Rochelle Reade



and Speewah Farmall for donating the hay bales for the kids activities. Thanks to The Kuranda Paper for an extraordinary amount of free advertising over the planning months.

And finally, all the Kuranda businesses and markets that went above and beyond their normal day to support the KTA and organised special effects, entertainment and a general feeling of bonhomie around the village. United as a town means united in our future! You all ROCK! We had so many businesses contribute prizes for events on the day and for that we are very grateful:

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If by chance we have omitted your name please know that we appreciated each and every person's support and contribution.

From the KTA Committee: Dei, Melissa, Liz, Maggie, Nettie, Jill, Sandy, Sarah, Eirian, Jake, Renae, Norman, and Angela

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**Michele Waldron**  
**1957–2021**

Through the power of technology, friends of Michele learned of her passing on Monday 12 April and many tributes and condolences were shared on local social media. Michele's sister Gayle has kindly offered to share her tribute to her sister with this community which Michele loved and which loved her. She was a teacher to many, many Kuranda children over many years with skills that ranged from maths to magic. She will be deeply missed and not forgotten.

*This is the story of Michele ...*

*A lover of mystery, the mystical, the unexplained, the secrets of the universe. Her curiosity and often quirky interpretation of her beliefs in these sometimes ancient and unfathomable discoveries, led to some interesting discussion – read debate – over the years. She was passionate in researching these fascinating occurrences. She spent her 50th birthday travelling to Mexico with her sisters in tow – happily! – with her ultimate destination the Chichen Itza archeological site, a series of pyramids which had captured her imagination and curiosity. She wanted to see the rare occurrence of sunrays creating a shadow across the Kukulcan Pyramid that gives the appearance of a serpent slithering down the staircase, and other astronomical features of this site. It was obviously meant to be as she embraced the life and culture and found what she felt at the time to be her partner in life, Quetzal.*

*Born in 1957, she lived the typically sheltered life of that era way before TV, mobile phones, computers, etc ... changed our existences.*

*It was an often idyllic life, apart from the regular and predictable scrapes and trouble she (we) seemed to find ourselves in, and to us we seemed to be eternally on holidays. Living at Margate Beach helped that along! The only rule we were given was make sure we were home by dark – or look out!! Not beware of strangers ... ?*

*We were part of a family miraculously blessed with academic prowess (much to Mum and Dad's delight and astonishment) but that also came with high expectations! Woe betide a mark below that legendary A or A+! However, Michele was a hard worker and even the occasional low mark and dressing down did not deter her and made her more determined to succeed and so she did, graduating with her Teachers Certificate (after working all holidays at the Golden Circle Cannery earning her the obligatory allergic reaction on her hands from the pineapple juice).*

*Her indenture of service meant she needed to complete a few years' country service and spent time in quite a few Sunshine Coast, and Central Coast environs before finally settling in Kuranda. Before she departed to this distant location that she ended up calling home for many years, we had plenty of raucous and memorable adventures – few that could be mentioned here! We always thoroughly enjoyed these 'outing' However, she had terrible control over wearing heels and frequently came to grief.*

*Michele danced with abandonment and needed a lot of space to do so – like the whole dance floor! But far from being annoyed or ridiculed, people were captivated by her sheer enjoyment and whimsical, floaty moves and total absorption in what she was doing... getting the picture? She was a free spirit in more ways than one!*

*As a teacher she encouraged her students to follow her creed – follow your heart, be your own free spirit, tap into your inner self, find your way – to express and get in touch with their inner selves wholeheartedly.*

*Michele was involved completely in her students and their creative side. She wrote plays, music, lyrics, choreography, produced and directed and created large scale productions and rock eisteddfods – you name it – ensuring every child she taught was involved in some shape or form in every production she ever put on – from sets to sound to performing to bump out. She found a role for each child to make their own and feel that they were special and important to the whole show. She said one time that she rarely had a failure with a child this way. And whether the show was a success or a fun flop... it was the journey and camaraderie along the way!*



Michele Waldron. Photo: supplied by family

*Some days you could not walk down the streets in Kuranda without children calling out to her Miss Waldron, Miss Waldron – hello! Can you come to our place today?? She was like a modern day Pied Piper! The kids believed in the magic Miss Waldron wove.*

*On reflection, after viewing all the wonderful praise and fond memories from people in Kuranda for our Michele, even I knowing her so well and for so long and knowing of her pride in her community and that obvious reciprocation, had no idea of the imprint and impressions she left on so many. It humbles me immensely. Making a mark on a community such as this, to me, is extraordinary. Thank you for your reminiscences. I think I cried at each one. One of the comments mentioned they had as a student 'fond recollections of 'shooting the breeze' over lunch of quantum physics, the Doors of Perception, and the Mayan calendar! That was Michele all right!!*

*Her personal life was quite magical at times as well. Through a chance meeting while on a holiday with me in Singapore she embarked on the adventure of a lifetime with the Bollywood people she met there and led her to a magical time travelling throughout India and Sri Lanka with her new and exotic friends and their entourage making movies and having the experiences that others only dream of! And these relationships lasted her lifetime.*

*After contracting brain cancer, Michele made Magnetic Island her home. She loved her second home 'Maggie' as much as her other homes of Kuranda and Margate, and there are many friends that she has now left behind who will be equally sad to hear of her passing. And she will miss her beloved curls! And her garden and herb garden. She and I took great pride in swapping seeds and tips. She provided me with many cuttings of bromeliads and other exotics when she departed Kuranda.*

*We will miss you Michele, because you were the sister, teacher, friend that people dream of having. Generous to a fault and always seeing the best in everyone. Prepared to give anyone a chance. Our memories of you cannot ever be taken away, and they are so many.*

Gayle Waldron

*From The Kuranda Paper October 1992 edition covering the Kuranda State School Centenary celebrations*



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Michele Waldron, centenary co-ordinator, shares a rare relaxed moment.







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Steiner education provides a social and emotional foundation for children through nurturing a sense of reverence for life, feelings of wonder and awe, and a love of learning. Ms Shelley Bowen, Education Director at Cairns Hinterland Steiner School explains “students know and understand the content, but as their feelings have been touched by the learning process, they also care about what they are learning.”

With a child-focused approach at the heart of the curriculum, Steiner education equips students to meet the complex needs of the 21st century, developing skills in creativity, curiosity, lifelong learning, critical thinking, innovation, connectedness and positivity. To meet this need, digital devices are not introduced in the primary years as they typically are in mainstream schools.

An important principle of Steiner education is that young children need to communicate and learn without digital technology. This ‘unplugged’ experience is seen as crucial for children to develop an uncluttered self-image and self-worth. “Digital technologies are shaping our world and we want our children to master them, not be shaped by them” says Ms. Bowen, “In Steiner education it is a question of when to introduce digital technologies, not to avoid them altogether.”

Research shows that children are having greater difficulty focusing on educational tasks, have interrupted sleep patterns, lack resilience and have increased mental health issues. Ms Bowen explains “It’s worrying but half of all mental illnesses begin by age 14, with cyber-bullying, screen addiction and social media peer pressure being recognised as playing a major role.” The Steiner early childhood and primary curriculum are transferable to the digital world, but without the adverse impact that technology can have on children.

Once students enter high school, they are able to embrace digital technologies effectively, creatively and ethically. “Our high school students see it as a tool, like a hammer, and recognise that it is a useful tool that can facilitate human creativity but does not replace it.” explains Ms. Bowen.

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School’s Open Day is on Saturday 15 May from 9am–12noon. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet our educators, tour the classrooms and facilities, see students’ work and to learn how the national curriculum is delivered using the Steiner approach.

Waitlists do currently apply in Early Childhood with some remaining places available in the lower Primary. All are welcome. Contact the school for more information [admin@chss.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@chss.qld.edu.au) or 4093 8809.



Jenny The Fairy's magic wings, Kuranda Rocks Easter. Photo: Holly Rochelle Reade

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## RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SURGING AMONG FNQ CHILDREN

Parents are being urged to help prevent the spread of a serious respiratory illness that has been surging among Far Northern children. The Cairns and Hinterland region has recorded a massive spike in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases since the start of the year, in line with other regions across Australia. There have been 378 confirmed cases of RSV in the region since January 1, compared to just 88 for the whole of 2019 and 70 during 2020. More than 70 per cent of the total cases recorded in the region from January to the start of April this year have been in children under 10 years of age.

Cairns Hospital clinical director of paediatrics, Dr Neil Archer, said RSV was a common virus that generally caused a minor cold-like illness in older children and adults, but in younger children, it was a common cause of bronchiolitis. Dr Archer said although this was frequently a mild illness, it could cause severe respiratory illness, particularly in infants under 3 months or in children who already had a significant medical diagnosis.

He said there were particular increases in cases of RSV in settings such as childcare centres, as it was easy to transmit.

“The symptoms of RSV may include a runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat, and headache but in infants they also may not feed as well, breathe more quickly or with more effort. A person with RSV is normally infectious from when they start to show symptoms to 7-10 days after symptoms develop. Good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are important measures to prevent RSV,” he said.

“It’s particularly important not to send your child to day-care if they are unwell, to protect the other children.”

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services executive director of medical services, Dr Don Mackie, said the RSV outbreaks had led to record amounts of presentations at the hospital’s Emergency Department in recent weeks.

If you have an emergency, please come to the ED – that’s what it’s there for, but if you have a non-urgent medical issue, please consider calling 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or seeing your local GP,” he said.

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services

## WARNING AFTER SOIL AND WATER-BORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Far North Queenslanders are being urged to take care with flooded water and mud, following a spike in soil and water-borne disease cases across the region. Cairns-based Tropical Public Health Services (TPHS) has received increased notifications of melioidosis and leptospirosis in recent months.

TPHS Cairns Public Health Medical Officer, Dr Annie Preston-Thomas said while there were usually more cases of both infections during the wet season and first months of the year, this year the average amount of cases had nearly doubled.

“There have been 17 cases of melioidosis across the Cairns and Hinterland region since January 1, including two deaths and four people requiring intensive care management,” she said.

“Most of these cases occurred in people aged 40-75 years of age living in Cairns.

“There have also been 25 cases of leptospirosis in the region since the start of the year, with most occurring in the Cassowary Coast and Tablelands areas.”

Dr Preston-Thomas said both melioidosis and leptospirosis were potentially fatal bacterial diseases, found in contaminated water and soil, with their outbreaks documented worldwide following extreme weather events.

“Melioidosis is caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, which is typically found in muddy surface waters,” she said.

“Most infections occur when skin abrasions or wounds come into contact with wet soil or water contaminated with the organism.”

Symptoms of acute melioidosis include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. Sometimes the disease may present as superficial skin infection or abscesses. It always requires hospitalisation and intravenous antibiotics. Melioidosis can sometimes have a long incubation period and present months or years after exposure.

Dr Preston-Thomas said leptospirosis occurred throughout mainland Australia but was more common in the tropics, especially after flooding.

Symptoms of leptospirosis may include fever, severe headache, muscle aches, vomiting and red/ bloodshot eyes. There may also be cough, abdominal pain and/ or a rash. People can become severely unwell with involvement of their lungs, liver, kidneys, heart and brain.

Preventive measures

Wear protective footwear; avoid walking barefoot on muddy surfaces or in muddy water, particularly if you have cuts or abrasions on your feet or legs, wear gloves while working in the garden, farm etc, wash hands before eating, cover cuts and sores with waterproof dressings, wash thoroughly (preferably shower) after exposure to soil or muddy water, and after working outdoors. To prevent leptospirosis, also clean up rubbish, long grass, food scraps and junk to keep rodents away.

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service



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# Women's Health Corner

by Jaunita May

## DIY Herbal Beauty gifts for Mother's Day

Spoil your mum with a special hand-made gift that will encourage her to indulge in self-care and relaxation. Below are some delightful DIY herbal beauty treatments to help your mum look and feel radiant. All are natural and will nourish her body, mind and spirit.

Cut out the recipe cards and include the ingredients together in a beautiful gift basket or box decorated for your special mum.

For all the wonderful Mothers or women and men who carry out nurturing roles for their loved ones, I hope you all find some peace and serenity and enjoy precious time for self-care and relaxation this Mother's Day.

Take care of you, love and light,  
 Jaunita ~ Your Family Naturopath

### Herbal Wheat Bag Eye Mask

A lovely way to release tension in your face is to take a few minutes daily (perhaps when you meditate) to lie down with the mask over your eyes and meditate. The herbs and oils will also help you unwind and relax.

**What you need:**  
 Sew a pocket made from a 15-28cm piece of fabric (leave a short end open for filling ingredients)  
 1-1.5 cups of rice or whole wheat grains  
 2 tablespoons of lavender  
 2 tablespoons of chamomile flowers  
 10 drops of geranium essential oil  
 5 drops of lavender essential oil

**Instructions:**  
 Mix all ingredients in a large pouring jug and pour into the eye mask pouch. Sew to seal and ready to use. This can be heated also and used on your neck and back or tummy. The herbs are anti-inflammatory, calming and soothing to help relieve aches, pains and tension.

### Magnesium Foot Bath Soak

Rest your weary feet and give your body and mind a good boost of magnesium with this relaxing and nourishing herbal foot soak recipe. Magnesium chloride is a natural muscle relaxant, chamomile and calendula are soothing for the skin, rose petals are nourishing and calming.

**What you need:**  
 1 cup of magnesium chloride flakes  
 1 tablespoon of chamomile flowers  
 1 tablespoon of rose petals  
 1 tablespoon of calendula flowers  
 5 drops chamomile essential oil  
 5 drops of lavender essential oil  
 Large plastic tub, large enough for your feet and a towel

**Instructions:**  
 Mix ingredients in a large plastic tub, fill with hot to warm water and stir. Place towel on the floor beside tub and check the temperature, then submerge your feet into your blissful foot bath.

### Nourishing Avocado Face Mask

Your skin will look amazing after this mask, it's even good enough to eat! Avocado is high in good fats and Vitamin E, which are beneficial for healthy glowing skin. Calendula and chamomile are deeply nourishing, calming irritated, dry and acne prone skin. Coconut yoghurt or Greek yoghurt is a delicious addition to this mask as it will feed and nourish your skin microbiome. An extra treat- make a batch of this and use the magnesium foot soak recipe as a bath soak, apply the mask, plunge into your nice warm bath and go to your happy place.

**What you need:**  
 ½ ripe avocado  
 Sprinkle of chamomile flowers  
 Sprinkle of calendula  
 1 tablespoon of coconut yoghurt

**Instructions:**  
 Blend all ingredients in a food processor to get a smooth paste. Apply the mask generously to your face and décolletage and relax. Rinse. The ingredients will be enough for 2-3 masks. Add a squeeze of lemon to last another few days or share with a friend or family member.

### Heavenly Herbal Face Steam

Invigorating for the skin and calming for the mind this little ritual will elevate the spirit in no time. Rose is rich in vitamin C, great for collagen formation, lavender is antimicrobial (good for acne) and calming for the mind and spirit, rosemary is also uplifting and reduces inflammation.

**What you need:**  
 2 tablespoons of dried or fresh rose petals  
 ½ tablespoon of dried or fresh lavender  
 ½ tablespoon of dried or fresh rosemary  
 5 drops of rose otto essential oil  
 5 drops geranium essential oil  
 1.5L of boiled water in a large bowl and a towel

**Instructions:**  
 Add ingredients to a large bowl of boiled water, find a quiet, safe place at a table. Ensure your hair is tied back and lean into the steam, you can drape the towel over your head for more intense steam but only for short intervals so as not to burn your skin. Steam for 15-20 minutes, then cleanse or rinse your face with warm water. A hydrosol of witch hazel/and or rose water sprayed over your face afterwards is gorgeous too!



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# Crawford's Corner

Kuranda residents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter and have managed to stay safe and dry during the recent downpours! Please do not risk driving through flood water. Did you know that firefighters across the State rescue more people from water each year than they do from fires?

I will be visiting Kuranda in May for an "on-site" meeting (trail walk) with some members of the Kuranda Conservation group and Djabugay rangers to visit the wildlife corridors and specifically Elvis' territory. The aim of this meeting is to receive a firsthand update about our Cassowaries, the restoration project and work on State-wide Biodiversity Corridors for the Kuranda region and discuss ways in which the State Government can continue to support the protection of our beautiful Cassowaries, wildlife corridors, land restoration and conservation. I look forward to this meeting and will provide an update following the visit.

As always, if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact my local office by emailing [barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au) or call 4229 0100.



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## BE CASS-O-WARY AND STOP FEEDING CASSOWARIES

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is reminding people in cassowary country to be Cass-O-Wary and stop deliberately feeding the endangered birds.

Director of Northern Wildlife Operations, Lindsay Delzoppo, said wildlife officers are disappointed by reports that people around Kuranda have been deliberately enticing and feeding non-native fruit to cassowaries.

"Some people genuinely believe they are helping cassowaries and contributing to cassowary conservation by feeding them, but this is not the case," Mr Delzoppo said.

"The birds need to be foraging for their own food in the rainforest and not in urban areas around Kuranda and Mission Beach waiting for a feed of chopped fruit.

"In the past two years, 45 cassowaries, including 24 chicks and juvenile animals have been killed or injured by vehicle strikes near Kuranda and Mission Beach.

"Wildlife officers believe many of these vehicle strikes were due to the cassowaries hanging around urban areas because people were deliberately feeding them.

"The maximum penalty for deliberately feeding a cassowary is \$5,222 and we're asking people to report deliberate cassowary feeding by calling 1300 130 372."

Dr Graham Lauridsen from Tropical Vets said six recent necropsies of deceased cassowaries provided evidence that humans were having an impact on local populations of these birds.

"A deceased bird from the Mission Beach area was full of passionfruit, chopped up mango and pear, and the deceased birds from the Kuranda area also had cut up fruit in their stomachs," Dr Lauridsen said.

"Those six deceased cassowaries had clearly been encouraged to come into urban areas when they have no reason to be there, and then they'd been fed by locals.

"Local landcare groups, wildlife organisations and the Department are putting a lot of effort into cassowary conservation and it's being undone by locals who think the cassowaries need feeding."

Mr Delzoppo said feeding cassowaries in urban and semi-urban areas can habituate the birds and cause them to approach people with the expectation of receiving food.

"This places cassowaries in danger by leaving them vulnerable to vehicle strikes and dog attacks, and they can also behave in an unpredictable way.

"Several years ago, a large cassowary began kicking at the doors and windows of a man's house at Mission Beach, and knocked him down an embankment.

"The man had just moved into the house and it was clear that the previous inhabitant had been feeding the bird, which was captured by wildlife officers and transferred to a national park.

"The species is classified as endangered in the Wet Tropics and we're asking people to leave cassowaries alone and let them live their natural lives in the rainforest, as they have done for millions of years."

Source: Queensland Department of Environment and Science



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### TREE REMOVAL COONDOO STREET KURANDA

Council received approval from the Department of Environment and Science to remove a fig tree which was in poor condition. The large fig tree on lower Coondoo Street will be replaced with a semi-mature fig of the same species. Works to remove the old tree and the surrounding garden bed commenced on Tuesday 27 April. Council needs to undertake these works to ensure community safety for pedestrians and road users.

Lower Coondoo Street fig tree 23 April 2021. Photo: Gayle Hannah



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#### How long have you been in business in Kuranda?

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We were living down the hill and looking for a tranquil life in paradise surrounded by rainforest, wildlife and beautiful people with a more relaxed lifestyle to raise our two beautiful girls.

Jamie has been building pools for over 20 years. He previously worked for other pool building companies before starting up his own company. He loves what he does and takes pride in his work. We are a small family-owned and operated business. You talk to the people who actually build your pool – Jamie and Heidi!

#### What do you enjoy about running your Kuranda business?

We do a lot of work down the hill and on the Tablelands, but we love running our business up here and building pools in Kuranda, especially freshwater ones to suit the atmosphere. For locals, we are just around the corner and love building new friendships along the way.

#### What community endeavours/causes are you involved in or have a passion for?

We donate and support a lot of local charities/fundraisers. Heidi also volunteers her time at events and is a member of



Heidi Madsen and Jamie Johns with their young family. Photo supplied.

the local SES and RFS, although she has taken some time out from these for the moment due to a very busy schedule and family demands, including a three-year-old, and new baby just two months old. We also take in refuge animals and have a mini farm of much loved animals.

#### How have you found the challenge of COVID-19 and what are you doing differently?

COVID-19 did affect us when our local suppliers were closed

and we had customers who needed their projects to go on hold due to their personal situations changing, but being a family run business, we were happy to assist where we could and get their projects to a position where they could safely wait until their situations changed. As we work for ourselves we could do this safely following COVID-19 guidelines. The toughest challenge for us with COVID-19 was the price increases in materials/freight and the delays in receiving materials due to all the closures and new policies/procedures in place.



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### GET INVOLVED WITH THE CWA

COVID has been for many people, a time where the value of connecting with family and community is deeply recognised as important. This too has been the vision of QCWA

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The Association is Queensland's most widespread and largest women's group, with thousands of members and over 240 branches, across our cities and in our remote communities. It's about meeting new people, making new friends, learning new skills or getting involved locally.

You can view the QCWA website without being a member, gaining information to meet personal, community and international concerns. The Kuranda Branch offers the local membership fee of only \$50 per year – this enables you to be an active volunteer and also access the QCWA motels etc at a cheaper rate.

For new membership enquiries contact Colleen Blunt 0448 434 186. Our AGM will be held in June – details will be advertised in the June Kuranda Paper.

Congratulations to our CWA Kuranda Rocks Easter raffle winner, Lee Edwards with ticket #61E Black, drawn at 8pm Saturday 3 April. The surprised and happy winner was delighted with the crocheted Dream Catcher (pictured) which was part of the raffle. Altogether with the trading table, \$310 was raised for the upkeep of the CWA Hall. Many thanks to all who bought tickets, donated and contributed, including the Kuranda Pharmacy and Kuranda FoodWorks. The Easter event held in the main street with twinkling lights and heartfelt music was a great success.

Craft mornings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with the next one at 9am 19 May. Zen Tangles are being explored in 'Creative Art Therapy' led by Tristan. Come and join in or bring your own craft work to share. ALL WELCOME to drop in and buy from the fundraising Trade Table.

There is now a QR code at front entrance for all those using the hall, alternatively please continue to record names on forms provided.



CWA raffle winner Lee Edwards.  
Photo: Rudi Homberger

# LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE

## TROPICAL PRESTIGE POOLS

As part of an ongoing series profiling our local advertisers, *The Kuranda Paper* asked Jamie Johns and Heidi Madsen how their local business began and how they've found the past year.

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### Guardians of the Wet Tropics: Strengthening Community & Protecting Wildlife

We are all busy people doing our part to make a positive difference to our community and the environment. As the challenges grow, our knowledge of where to go to get help or find resources, how to reach out to get support for projects or how to develop strategies for a campaign can be a struggle. Maybe the Guardians of the Wet Tropics project could help you.

The aims of this Friends of the Earth FNQ project include:

- Connecting neighbours across the Wet Tropics bioregion to build healthy community relationships, including engaging with local Indigenous peoples and listening to people's stories.
- Collectively upskilling Wet Tropics neighbours with best practices to protect the Wet Tropics World Heritage bioregional boundaries from the many threats including land clearing, weeds and pests.
- Assisting neighbours to work together to revegetate, protect and enhance this Wet Tropics World Heritage buffer zone.

We are organising community-lead gatherings to brainstorm and solve issues. This helps develop a strong and healthy community with shared values. It results in boots on the ground working bees, particularly after natural disasters.

Our first gathering for 2021 consisted of different grassroots groups and members of the community in the Mission Beach region. We listened to everyone's core values and shared common interests – and what people would like to learn. We made new contacts/friends and discussed a wide range of subjects. We plan to do it again on 8 May with Kuranda Envirocare as a guest speaker.

Co-host CAFNEC discussed their Core trainers program. We heard from:

- Brett with his tree planting efforts to link critical corridors,
- Sue's interest for greater signage on beaches near shorebirds,
- C4 community engagement,



- people who see future food security concerns and
- people showing an interest in recycling, reusing and creating environmentally educational art projects.

We also discussed:

- the many benefits of Voluntary Declaration Covenants on private land,
- river rights,
- being spray free in public spaces,
- how we can learn to speak to each other through Non Violent Communication as developed by Marshall Rosenberg. To find out more go to [www.cnvc.org](http://www.cnvc.org), and
- the value of signing up as a member to the Humane Society International Wildlife Land Trust. Go to [www.wildlifelandtrust.org.au](http://www.wildlifelandtrust.org.au) for details.

Perhaps you may like to host a relational gathering in your home or within the Kuranda community to discuss any of these subjects or interests. If you wish to do so, or to learn more about Wildlife Land Trust or the Guardians of the Wet Tropics project, please contact Ingrid Marker, FoE FNQ member and community organiser on 0438 688 229 or email [cassowarykeystoneconservation@gmail.com](mailto:cassowarykeystoneconservation@gmail.com)

### NEXT FoE FNQ MEETING:

**Wednesday 5 May @ 6pm via Zoom or phone. All welcome.**

**Your voice is powerful- help us to protect this special area. To find out how to join the meeting, please contact Margaret on 0403 214 422 or email [pestoriusm@gmail.com](mailto:pestoriusm@gmail.com)**



A Kuranda steam weeding trial day was recently completed by local business Steam Weed Australia who provide consulting to councils and environmentally responsible organisations around Australia, and commercial contract services within North Queensland. Their steam weeding equipment sales branch Blue Hand Steam sells machines throughout Australia.

In March 2016, Steam Weed introduced steam weeding technology to several councils including Mareeba Shire Council who utilise their machine for some land management. Cassowary Coast Regional Council use their machine in their nursery operation and land care, and Douglas Shire Council have used their services to use steam as a non-chemical weed control method to manage the parks and playgrounds in Mossman and Port Douglas over a three-and-a-half-year period. Since then, Cook Shire, Mackay Regional and Rockhampton Regional Councils have also purchased steam weeders.

The purpose of the trial steam weeding day in Kuranda was to determine a productivity and costing benchmark to provide council with an assessment for the potential of an ongoing program within the Kuranda CBD.

During the trial day, the two-person steam weeding team was able to treat the majority of areas within the Kuranda CBD such as kerb and channels, footpaths, paved areas and some garden beds. On this basis it has been presented to council that a full day treatment every four weeks would be sufficient to manage these areas without the use of chemical herbicides.

Council representatives have indicated that the cost of this program would be more than the current cost to manage these areas. Council managers do not routinely assess the full range of factors involved such as human or environmental health, but rather are working within their allocated budgets. It is the community that needs to support council managers in making these decisions by bringing the other hidden costs and factors associated with chemical weed control into the equation. See [www.steamweedaustralia.com.au/councils/](http://www.steamweedaustralia.com.au/councils/) for the eight hidden costs of chemical weed control.

**Now is the time for local residents to communicate to Council their preferences for weed management within Kuranda. Only a significant response from the Kuranda community in support of this program is likely to have an impact in influencing management decisions.**

**Please email Mareeba Shire Council [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au) if you would like to see the Kuranda CBD managed with only non-chemical weed control methods.**

You may also wish to sign the Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland petition for a Spray Free FNQ at [www.sprayfreefnq.com.au](http://www.sprayfreefnq.com.au)



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We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the community groups who use the venue on a regular basis, including Fusion Dance, Kuranda Choir, TRACQS KOCA group, Kuranda Tribal Belly Dance, and Alpha Omega Dogs. Thank you for your continuing support – your financial contributions are the Amphitheatre's bread and butter.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ARE YOU A KURANDA AMPHITHEATRE MEMBER? WE NEED YOU! We require volunteers for our Working Bees which are held on the second Sunday of every month.

Also be on the look out for upcoming Expressions of Interest to participate in and contribute to our 40th celebrations in the coming weeks and months. This will be a great community event with many volunteers and networking needed to make it a success. We look forward to honouring our unique venue.

#### NAIDOC WEEK

Unfortunately due to the work required to produce our 40th Anniversary, and other festivals happening throughout the month of July, Kuranda NAIDOC 2021 will not be held at the Amphitheatre this year. This was a difficult decision to make, however we hope there will be other celebrations for NAIDOC within the Kuranda community. NAIDOC week is on 4–11 July 2021. The Kuranda Amphitheatre wishes everyone well for NAIDOC week.

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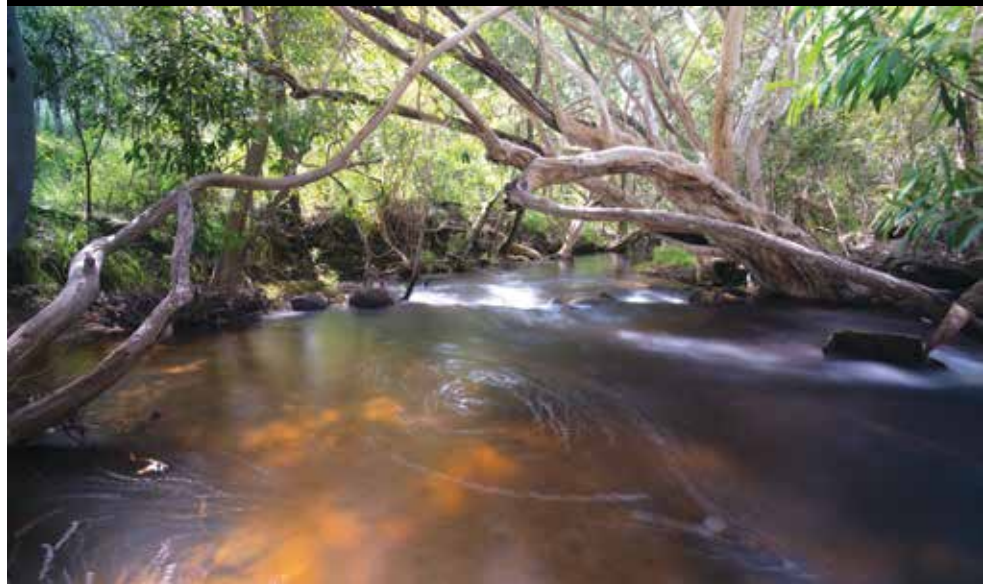


Left: Kaliia of Fusion Dance

A great turn out for the Loony Poets Born Again night Saturday 24 April 2021. Photo: Ian Whittaker

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## Buluwai Indigenous Corporation News



Davies Creek, Campsite 2. Photo: Buluwai Digital Library

Buluwai Rangers have been learning about setting up camera survey equipment with ecologists from Cairns. The crew set out dozens of cameras in remote areas of Davies Creek with the aim to capture nocturnal Northern Quolls over a two week period. The data collected will be used for conservation of the species and to measure impacts in regional quoll habitats.

Cultural Fire Season 2021 is starting this month with key areas identified for cool burns. Cultural fire has been used by Indigenous people across Australia to manage landscapes for thousands of years. Now the practise is fast being recognised as critical in the land management toolkit, with Indigenous rangers ideally positioned to deliver the ongoing service.

The Buluwai Country Plan has been developed and submitted to support the EOI for a permanent Buluwai Ranger team. The plan includes Burning country, Healthy waters, Bush resources, Recording and looking after cultural places, Healing damaged country and planning for old-growth forests which will deliver positive outcomes in landcare, tourism and education.

If you would like to find out more about the corporation's activities, Cairns Regional Claim (CRC) Buluwai areas of responsibility or any other matter relating to the Buluwai tribe, Dianne Brim can be reached on 0459 062 784.

#### Meetings

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## KURANDA ROOTS FESTIVAL

3 Day Festival, Returning 16-18 July 2021

Emerald Creek, Kanjini Qld

Kuranda Roots Festival is the longest running outdoor roots and reggae event in Australia. Since 2003 Kuranda Roots has been a mainstay of the North Queensland events calendar and has played host to scores of Australian and international acts, from UK dub pioneer Mad Professor, dancehall legends Mungos Hifi and Soom T, ragamuffin king Tippa Irie, NZ's Dub Terminator, Cornerstone Roots as well as Australia's very own Kingfisha, Kooii, King Tide, The Bird, Zennith and many more.

Amplifying First Nations voices, culture and connecting with country will be at the forefront of this year's event. As well as hosting a mad selection of live acts including **OKA, Solua, The 4'20 Sound, Koahlition, Dancing Water, Rikaela, R.E.B, Water Streets** (and many more to be announced) there will be an exciting range of workshops presented by the Buluwai and Djabugay Bama (original people of the Kuranda area). From fire stick making, traditional rainforest bayus (huts), weaving, spear throwing and traditional dance – there will be many opportunities to learn and culturally participate with the traditional owners.

Kuranda Roots Festival will take place from 16-18 July at Kanjini located at the foot of lush Emerald Creek Falls in Buluwai Country, Far North Queensland.

Kanjini is a breathtaking site at the base of the Emerald Creek Falls, approximately 35km from Kuranda Village and 15 minutes from Mareeba. Emerald Creek tumbles out of the rainforest mountains of the Great Dividing Range and into the sclerophyll savannah landscape below. It is a biodiversity hot-spot and of extremely high cultural importance. We urge everyone to respect the land and take all waste away with them.

We will be running bush re-generation workshops around the festival site, so instead of leaving no trace, we hope to leave a positive impact on the land. Kuranda Roots is encouraging an alcohol free/family friendly event out of respect for the Buluwai/Djabugay elders in attendance.

### CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB MOTHER'S DAY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Come along to the annual Cairns Potters Club Mother's Day Arts and Crafts Fair. Unique locally made pottery, sculpture, Arts and Crafts, there's gifts for all the family. For the younger family members we have Kids Clay Play on the day.

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### MASTER CLASSES WITH DAVID STACEY

Renowned Kuranda artist, David Stacey, is preparing to share his extensive painting and drawing skills, and experience through a series of hands-on workshops.

The May workshops are already booked out, but expressions of interest for June workshops are invited. Classes will be three hours, one night a week for six weeks.

Contact David on 0428 595 516 or email  
[david@davidhstacey.com](mailto:david@davidhstacey.com)





The Kuranda Arts Co-op gallery has entered a new phase with the opening in late March of a refurbished space on the corner of Thongon and Coondoo Streets, opposite the pharmacy and diagonally opposite the Top Pub.

Our regular artisans always have new and diverse work to display. Our artists all live in Kuranda and surrounds. Our rotating roster of artists means a local artist attends the gallery every day of the week. Clients love to meet the artists and gain a better understanding of the work and use of techniques. Likewise, the artists love to know who buys their creations and where they end up going.

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## "Artists of the North" exhibition at the Tanks

Our artists were grateful for the opportunity to again exhibit at the Tanks in Cairns Art Society's annual exhibition "Artists of the North" during the month of April.

- Buck Richardson won 1st Prize in the Digital Art section with his work "Cattana Wetlands".
- Toni Rogers also won 1st Prize in the Wearable Art section with "The Renaissance" (heirloom lace and feathers collar).
- Peter Brown won 1st Prize in the sculpture section.



"Cattana Wetlands" Photo: Buck Richardson

## WORKSHOPS

Interested in Ceramics ... and playing with clay?

Sandy Beach (Hablethwaite) is holding two ceramic workshops in May:

- For beginners: Learn to make bowls, cups and platters using pinch pot, slab and mold methods. These are 5 week workshops starting in May, dates TBA. Walk away with an array of handmade pieces.
- For the more experienced artisan, an intermediate course of 4 week workshops to extend your sculptural techniques, also starting in May dates TBA. Choose what you would like to make with the method of your choice.



Above: New gallery. Photo: Mollie Bosworth

Left: Local aboriginal artists at Arts Co-op opening day wishing us a "friendly warrma and welcome to being part of the bulmba, the country, this place Ngunbay, platypus place and to raise our inner-spirit, our mundu."

All workshops include the use of tools, two types of clay, underglazes, glazes, firings and morning tea. For more information and to book a space (limited numbers), contact Sandy on 0439 773 039 or email [misshab57@gmail.com](mailto:misshab57@gmail.com)

## InkFest21 workshops at InkMasters

A reminder to artists in the region that InkFest 2021 is underway! InkMasters bring you a number of workshops in the lead-up to the main events in June-July, and you are invited to register. Thanks to the generous support of Arts Queensland and the Cairns Regional Council, workshop fees are heavily discounted. Arts Co-op member Mollie Bosworth will be conducting a workshop "Cyanotype and Wet Cyanotype sun printing" on Saturday and Sunday 22-23 May. Bookings are essential.

For full details of other popular workshops and to book a place in any of the InkFest21 workshops, go to [www.inkmasterscairns.com/workshops](http://www.inkmasterscairns.com/workshops)

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"By the River"  
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So, where did all this rain come from? It has really put a damper on the storage shed construction and we have found a new leak in the shed roof. The new cooling fans are in and could blow the feathers off a Scrub turkey. We've also got a couple of new members this month, one local and one each from Mareeba and Yorkeys Knob, so things are still chugging along well in that area as our infamy continues to grow across the wider community.

The Shed is just about at capacity as far as tools and benches go, but we do still need a metal work lathe, so if anyone out there has one laying around gathering dust, we could put it to some good use.

Come on down sometime and have a look around. Guaranteed you will make some new friends (or catch up with old ones) and join us for a cuppa on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or with the She-Shedders on Sundays.

The next mixed event will be on Saturday 1 May. We will be having a market stall at the Koah Market followed by a mixed General Meeting and Shed session starting at 1pm.

For those people interested in the Men's Shed organisation you can find lots of information and news at [www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380](http://www.podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-shed-wireless/id1510493380) or visit the AMSA website at [www.mensshed.org/theshedonline](http://www.mensshed.org/theshedonline). The Queensland Men's Shed Association also has a new website [www.qmsa.org.au](http://www.qmsa.org.au)

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 Kuranda Men's Shed



### The Speewah District Residents Association

The Speewah District Residents Association would like to welcome members old and new to our next meeting on 17 May, from 6–7pm. This Association has been operating as a conduit between the Speewah community, the Council, and other stakeholders for nearly 30 years.

We meet at the Speewah Rural Fire Brigade's (RFB) training room at Roscommon Park, Speewah on a Monday evening at 6pm, every three months to discuss matters pertaining to the Speewah neighbourhood. These range from service provision by Council, landscape and community planning, and issues related to the Speewah RFB with our Mareeba Shire Council representatives and members.

We are grateful to be well represented by our Councillors and Mayor Angela Toppin, with Councillor Danny Bird liaising between the Association members and Council. This is a great opportunity for community-driven people to bring their ideas and energy to the table and, if inclined, to support or commit to any proposed ventures to enhance the Speewah neighbourhood.

The cost of joining and being involved in this process is \$5 per individual per annum. If you want to discuss something new at the meeting, please contact our secretary, Jo Garbellini on 0423 314 361 a few days prior to the meeting to add it to the meeting's agenda.

This is a very consultative process and an effective way to deliver positive outcomes for Speewah. The meetings run for one hour, but Councillor Danny Bird is usually there early and helps us set up for the meeting, which provides an opportunity for a chat. We look forward to engaging with interested people at our next meeting.

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## CONFIDENCE IN RURAL LAND VALUES CONTINUES

Landowners in 25 Queensland local government areas can access their new land valuations from today.

Queensland's Valuer-General said around 261,000 landowners were issued with new land valuations, which come in to affect from June 30, 2021.

"Queensland's property market has been influenced by a variety of factors with increases in land value in a number of regional areas during the period these land valuations took place," the Valuer-General said.

"In the past 12 months, Queensland has seen significant increases in values for grazing and broad-acre farming properties despite large areas of the state remaining drought declared.

"As with previous years, confidence remains in Queensland's rural sector with continued strength in beef and commodity prices and historically low interest rates, leading to a high volume of sales across the state.

"Low interest rates have been a big driver with finance available for farm aggregation and business expansion, supported by strong beef and rural commodity prices."

The 25 areas include Balonne, Banana, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Bulloo, Burdekin, Central Highlands, Charters Towers, Cook, Diamantina, Gladstone, Gympie, Isaac, Longreach, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, Somerset, Southern Downs, Atherton Tablelands, Toowoomba, Western Downs and Whitsunday.

The Valuer-General said the volume of title transactions recorded by the Registrar of Titles in the first half of the

2020/21 financial year were up by 10 per cent on the same period the previous year – averaging around 2,950 dealings lodged each day.

"Despite drought conditions, the weight of available rural sales evidence, particularly in South West and Central Queensland, indicate positive market conditions attributed to favourable seasonal conditions, low interest rates and high rural commodity prices," he said.

"It was recognised that market volatility and uncertainty was expected as a result of COVID-19, with governments responding with a range of stimulus packages including relief from state fees and land rents, targeted support for industry and small business and cost of living relief for households.

"We will continue to closely monitor the market as Queensland recovers from the pandemic, and a decision will be made on the 2022 program in the last quarter of 2021."

Some areas of the state have not been re-valued in 2021 due to market information indicating no certainty in sustainable land values since the previous valuation period.

In areas where new valuations have not been issued, the most recent annual valuation will remain effective for rating, land tax and state land rental purposes until the next valuation is undertaken.

For specific information on market movements in the 25 local government areas revalued in 2021 refer to information on the Land valuations website.

Source: Queensland Department of Resources

### Additional information:

- Landowners can access the latest valuation information using the Find your land valuation search available on the Land valuations website.
- Queensland Globe gives landowners access to more detailed valuation information, and from this year the Globe will display information on Land valuation, Freehold valuation, and State land rental valuation notices. Landowners can access the Queensland Globe year-round on the Land valuations website.
- A rural sales map showing larger rural property sales is also available online and at selected locations allowing landowners to compare their valuations with others in their area.
- Hard copies of the valuation listing can be viewed at Department of Resources business centres and local government offices during normal business hours until 30 June 2021.
- Landowners who disagree with their valuation, and can provide supporting information, can lodge their objection online or at the address shown at the top of their valuation notice by 31 May 2021.
- Landowners without internet access can call 1300 664 217 to request an objection kit.



# A Grinter's Tale

As you can imagine, I love words. I'll edit that last statement; I love words used properly and spelt properly. Yes I'm a word snob.

Being a writer, I've spent my life putting words together in such a way as to be appropriate to the intended audience of the finished work, and any word or sentence that makes me hesitate in reading a paragraph with fluency gives me apoplexy.

It's the same when I am editing books for clients. If I have to read a sentence twice, it gets the flick or a revamp.

What prompted today's rantings was my reply to a client email this morning, a really lovely gentleman for whom it was a pleasure to work. He wrote out of the blue today to give me an update on his employment status, a cheery, very friendly email. I replied with a bit of humour, following the sentence with "LOL" in the sound knowledge he knew what that meant, as he had used the abbreviation himself.

Many years ago, a prominent Cairns businessman took to emailing me regularly, this being before the days of Messenger and after the days of pigeon post. I began to think his intentions were more than business, and the wording of his emails seemed to imply that I had encouraged him in his quest to extend his assets.

Not wanting to pursue this path particularly, I finally bit the bullet and told him I hadn't intended to indicate interest in a love match, relayed as diplomatically as a bull in a china shop in my usual Taurean fashion. He replied, "So why do you keep saying LOL in your messages". It didn't take long to realise that he had put the wrong interpretation on the acronym, reading my 'Laughing out Loud' as 'Lots of Love'. It put me off acronyms for ever.

There are some words I've never taken to. I've never liked the word 'lunch', or any word ending in 'ch'. I hate the way the 'ch' gets stuck behind your teeth and just won't come out until forced. You're safe to try this at home.

Maybe that's why I never accept invitations to lunch unless I am offered gold bullion. There's nothing better than being outside and active after sitting in an office all week in front of a computer, so why would I want to eat food I don't need and drink alcohol or otherwise bang slap in the middle of a day off, unless I'm on holiday and can seek a sun lounge to sleep it off under a palm tree in the aftermath of overindulgence? And even then I'll wake up groggy and disoriented.

Another reason why lunch is not my favourite word is the memory of taking my young teenager shopping, who, usually just ten minutes into the shopping excursion, would suggest we buy lunch.

"We just had breakfast?"

"I know, but I'm getting hungry."

"I'm not going to spend \$30 on two sandwiches and drinks when we are taking a home a fridgeful of food in half an hour."

"But..."

"Okay, you're right. What a lovely offer. Your shout. I forgot, you've got a job now!" Winning smile ensued.

That always fixed it, tout suite.

I do like French words stuck randomly into text and I don't mean swear words. But it spoils it completely when you have to explain.

"He has a certain 'je ne sais quoi', I said once to a client. I've got no idea who I was talking

about, but he must have been pretty okay to get that sort of praise from yours truly. It must have been Brad Pitt or Donald Trump, or perhaps Bart Simpson. It would apply to all of them really, depending on which way you looked at it.

In any event, I was met with, "Uhh?"

The elegant romance of that French phrase falls into a long drop dunny when you find yourself translating thus:

"Je ne sais quoi. It means he's got a certain something you can't put a finger on. No, perhaps not. You know... he's got charisma, look... he's a good bloke, okay?"

This next one sticks in my head from a few years ago.

"My neighbours have very kindly given me carte blanche to use their paddock for my horses," I said to a friend.

"What's carblange?"

"Carte blanche. White Card."

"Are you going to build a stable in there then?"

"No, not that white card. It just means free rein."

"Free rein?"

"It's okay, never mind."

There are words and phrases you never imagined yourself saying if you were over 50 but now I find myself saying 'Cool' a fair bit, but you will never catch me saying 'Awesome!' unless whatever I am describing is truly awe inspiring like a friend climbing Everest or my daughter eating prawns. I would award myself with the word if I ever managed to write this column and stay on topic.

There are words that were designed purely to make a parent's blood boil. You've guessed one straight away. Yes, it is 'whatever', which has to be said it did when Jess was a teenager, I would have cut off her inheritance. As it was, I hid my car keys for a fortnight. It's a long walk from Clifton Beach to town.

'Just saying...' appears to be the phrase to use if you instantly regret something you just said or posted on Facebook. It's at the end of that comment, that oops moment when you should have deleted it, but you're braver or sillier than that, or you went to bed, or because you thought no-one on that page knows you. Well, they do now, and maybe deleting it would have been a better option.

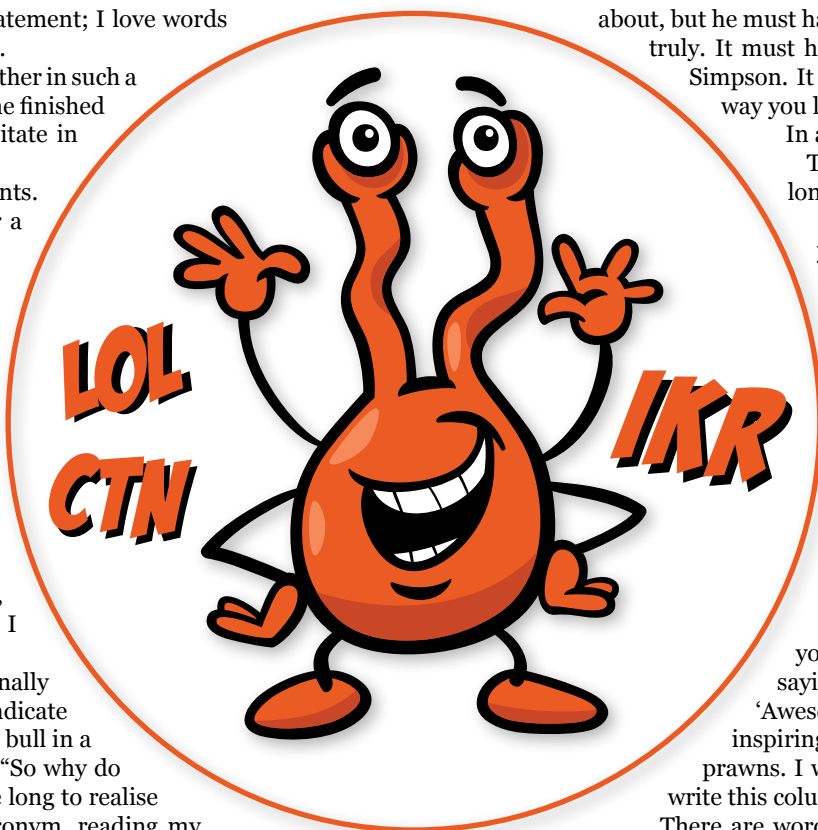
Then of course there are our teens, and beyond, on social media using abbreviated words, the original versions of which they may never actually know, like 'rad' and 'amaz'. You can tell the mothers of teenagers in a flash.

I've never quite worked out what 'Bae' means, but I think it is short for Babe. If we gradually take one letter off every single word we use for the next few years, it will greatly help our time management in an increasingly frenetic world.

I finally printed out a list of abbreviations so I could interpret IKR ('I know, right?'). I've murmured them to myself like times tables or positive affirmations, and I'm beginning to talk like a Martian, although come to think of it, I've never heard a Martian, so maybe an outsourced Telstra representative.

I managed to interpret ATM all by myself, but that one threw me when a friend texted, "CTN at the Bank ATM". She was actually inside the bank with the teller. "Can't talk now. At the bank at the moment", not at the Automatic Teller Machine as I assumed. Oh no. Just when I thought I had broken the code.

So, B4N, HAN(GR8)D, and have a great month. LOL.



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## LANDHOLDERS SEEK OUT VOLUNTARY DECLARATIONS TO BETTER PROTECT RAINFOREST LAND

Far Northern landholders who love their patch of rainforest are signing up to better protect it in the future.

Long-time Kuranda resident Susan Doherty is one of them – she recently sold her land with “peace of mind” after placing a conservation agreement over it after help from Kuranda Envirocare and Terrain NRM.

“I’ve been surrounded by beautiful regenerating rainforest for 28 years and during that time I’ve constantly seen people buying blocks in this area and dropping trees,” Ms Doherty said.

“I want to make sure that doesn’t happen on this piece of land. It’s well worth preserving.”

Kuranda Envirocare is helping landowners to apply for voluntary declarations – agreements under the Queensland Government’s Vegetation Management Act that protect areas of privately-owned native vegetation with high conservation values.

The organisation’s Cathy Retter said the movement was gaining momentum.

“We’ve helped with five voluntary declaration applications recently and we have interest now from another six landholders,” she said. “Kuranda is at a bottleneck in the world heritage area, with just a narrow corridor connecting the northern and southern parts. Every piece of habitat counts.”

“A lot of freehold land here has the same values as the world heritage listed rainforest, but it’s not protected in the same way. Through this project, we’ve already found one of the best examples in the area of a kauri forest ecosystem.”

Kuranda Envirocare received a grant from Terrain NRM through its Building Rainforest Resilience project to work on the voluntary conservation agreements with interested landholders and an independent botanist. The Building Rainforest Resilience project focuses on habitat protection, revegetation and weed management work in priority areas for cassowaries, Mabi forest and littoral rainforest.

Kuranda Envirocare’s work complements an earlier grant for Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery to cover the cost of rainforest assessments for landholders seeking higher-level nature refuge status.

Terrain’s Tony O’Malley said blocks that had been better protected through both projects ranged from rural residential size to large tracts of rainforest land.

“These two types of conservation agreements are protecting more areas of rainforest and cassowary habitat in Kuranda’s Black Mountain Corridor and this seed project is



L-R: Kuranda Envirocare’s Cathy Retter with landholders Hans Zehntner, Judy Andrews, Sue Robertson and Margaret Zehntner.

now generating interest in other areas of the Wet Tropics as landholders get to see what’s possible,” he said.

The Building Rainforest Resilience project is supported by Terrain NRM through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program.

For more information about voluntary conservation agreements, download an information pack at [www.terrain.org.au/new-factsheets-for-landholders/](http://www.terrain.org.au/new-factsheets-for-landholders/). Landholders can also contact Tony O’Malley 0437 728 190.

### Voluntary Declarations – Fast Facts

- Protect vegetation from broadscale land clearing
- For land considered a high value conservation area or vulnerable to land degradation
- Include a customised management plan
- Strike a balance between protecting an area and leaving room for some land uses.

For further information please contact Julie Lightfoot, Communications, Terrain NRM, 0427 039 117 [julie.lightfoot@terrain.org.au](mailto:julie.lightfoot@terrain.org.au)

### About Terrain NRM

Terrain NRM is one of 56 regional natural resource management bodies around Australia. Terrain is a community-based not-for-profit organisation that works with local partners in the Wet Tropics region so that our soil, water, landscapes, plants and animals remain healthy and continue to support great communities.

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### FRIENDS OF CAIRNS BOTANIC GARDENS ORCHID TALK

Australia’s Orchid Diversity, Threats and Conservation is the title of the talk Dr Katharina Nargar will give to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 12 May.

In her talk Katharina, research scientist at the Australian Tropical Herbarium, will look at the evolutionary time scale over which these orchids diversified and how they evolved specialised traits such as sexual deception. She will also discuss major threats they face and the challenge of orchid conservation.

The event, to be held in the Garden’s Visitor Centre, starts at 6pm with a light supper.

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# BUG CHAT



## Communication in the invertebrate world



The background noises we hear coming from our gardens and local rainforest are not made by small animals buzzing, whirring and croaking just for the sake of it. All the sounds emitted are for an important purpose – survival. Whether it is to attract a mate, defend a territory or entice food, calling is an effective way of communicating for minibeasts. But by no means is it the only way. Like ourselves, these small animals have a variety of methods of sending messages to communicate with their own species and others within the animal kingdom.

Sound is an obvious way for animals to communicate. Small vertebrates such as frogs use audible calls to attract mates, and it is the male frogs that call to attract the attention of females. Each frog species has its own distinct call, and many only have the ability to hear the sound frequency that matches their own call, in order to block out other sounds. Some frog species even have a distinct territorial component in their calls to warn off other males. Many insects use sound in a similar manner, but it is created and received in different ways. Crickets and katydids rub small structures on their wings together to create their sounds. Again, the males perform the calls and the females select their mate based on his ability to 'sing a good song'. These insects hear through a simple ear called a tympanum located on their front legs just below their knees. These calls range from low buzzing sounds through to ultra-high pitched tunes which are beyond our scope of hearing. Some species like the Mole Crickets even go so far as to construct highly engineered audio chambers in the ground to project their sounds over greater distance.

With so much sound flying about at night, it's not surprising that some animals have evolved other strategies for communication to avoid the busy airwaves. One of the

most commonly used tools of the silent communicators are pheromones. Pheromones are airborne chemicals used to convey messages. Invertebrates use these extensively, with some pheromones able to be detected from kilometres away. Insects use their antennae to detect pheromones, and in most cases it is the females that release them and the males follow the signals. For this reason, males often have much larger and more elaborate antennae than the females.

Visual communication is another means to get messages across in the minibeast world. A large number of species use movement and patterns to identify one another. Butterflies have distinctive patterns which make visual identification easy. The use of colour is another way of sending messages – bright vivid colours such as red are universally symbolic of danger in the animal world. Many minibeasts use this to their advantage – even if they have no bite to back up their 'bark'. Some praying mantids and stick insects flash patches of bright red to announce to would-be predators that perhaps they should be trying something else.

Tactile forms of communication are also commonly used. Tapping the ground, vibrating leaves or even plucking at silken threads are all common ways in which minibeasts send messages directly to each other. Male orb-weaving spiders identify themselves to females using special 'codes' plucked on the threads of the females' web. Getting the code wrong could mean that the male is wrongly identified and eaten.

As with any communication method, there are always hackers who will crack the codes and use the information for devious means. The Spotted Predatory Katydid mimics the call of cicadas to lure them in. The Bird-dropping Spider releases a replica pheromone of a species of moth to attract male moths to their waiting jaws. White-tailed spiders impersonate mates of other species of spiders by plucking particular sequences of vibrations on their webs. They wait for the misled spider to emerge expecting to find a mate, and then eat them.

Just like in our human world, communication at this micro-level is incredibly important. To these creatures, communication is absolutely critical, and it is often a matter of life and death that they get it right – and know who they are actually dealing with!

### Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: The antennae of a male Northern Emperor Moth (*Syntherata escarlata*) are large to pick up the chemical signals released by females.

Bottom: Katydids and crickets hear sounds through a tympanum located just below their 'knees'.

Photos: Alan Henderson



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Right: Rob and Ginny, two of our wonderful volunteers.



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## Kuranda District State College Under 8s Day in June

Save the date for the Kuranda District State College Community Under 8s morning on 24 June 2021, 9–am.

All families with children under 8 years of age are invited to a fun and interactive morning in the junior playground area on the Primary campus.

## Where Are They Now?

At Kuranda District State College (KDSC) we are proud of our graduates and their achievements. Their personal stories are inspiring for our current students, their families and our community, and it highlights the remarkable things that can be achieved with an education. Here is an update on two graduating KDSC students and where they are now.

### Roma Gabrang

*Graduated KDSC in 2013 with an OP3*



Graduating from Kuranda District State College and growing up in this small and vibrant community has become one of the key milestones I cherish when appreciating where I am in life today. I enjoyed undertaking subjects such as Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Maths B throughout my senior year at KDSC, in which I had the opportunity to have been a recipient of the Caltex Best All Rounder Award as well as the Learning Dux Award in 2013. Receiving an OP ranking of 3 from KDSC provided me the opportunity to achieve a Bachelor of Architectural Design degree at the University of Queensland. I am currently working at an architectural firm in Brisbane who specialises in education and residential projects. Whilst working at the firm, I am also undertaking my master's degree in architecture and aiming to become a registered architect in the near future.

### Sarah Andreassend

*Graduated KDSC in 2010 with an OP1*



I grew up in Kuranda and attended the local primary school, before it moved out to Myola. It was at KDSC that one teacher in particular really inspired my love of chemistry, and I then graduated from KDSC in 2010 and went on to university. I have completed a Bachelor of Science, followed by a Masters in Chemistry at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Currently, I'm still at the same university, where I've been working as a chemistry research assistant for several different academic groups across the chemistry and biology departments. Most of my work has been towards discovering new drugs, from making compounds in the lab, to purifying biologically active compounds from natural sources like plants and marine sponges. I'm working at the forefront of chemistry and no two days are the same for me. I've also had the privilege of working on collaboration projects that have been published in science journals. From humble beginnings at KDSC, I've ended up in a place I never thought was possible for me, but that the teachers at school nurtured and helped me achieve. You don't need to attend to a high school in Cairns to do your best. If you set your mind to it and work hard, there's nothing stopping you from achieving OP1 in little old Kuranda town.

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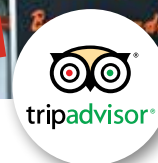
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### Loving this late rain – Cain Creek milestone

A milestone on the way to restoring Cain Creek as a wildlife corridor for cassowary and linking populations of Kuranda Tree frog. Just on 3,000 trees have been planted to complete the .7Ha area on Charles and Jackie Clarke's property on Monaro Close. Starting in August last year with a couple of well attended community plantings and with a number of Saturday morning planting bees we've done it!

#### How tricky is that? Rainforest plant ID



Some of the many volunteers involved: Tregan, Sue, Andrew, Amy, Emma, Beau and Tim

Our rainforest workshop day saw 25 people join Dr Bruce Wannan to start the sleuthing journey of rainforest tree identification. And even with the help of the online rainforest key, now converted to an app, its not quite as straight forward as the experts make it look! We all enthusiastically considered

ratios of length and breadth of leaves, whether simple or compound leaves and how many, learned some botanical terms we never knew existed and that having flowers or fruit in particular gave a whole lot more clues to what is a forensic search to narrow down on the recognised name for the plant. All mystery "who done it" lovers should try it. A sometimes frustrating but fun, time was had by all. And thanks to Denise we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch.

### Plant of the month – Pink Fruited Lime Berry (*Glycosmis trifoliata*) Available now



A bushy small tree, with sweet, juicy berries, glossy leaves, in the garden to 4m, can prune to 2m. It's hardy, needing little watering, bears fruit at a fairly early age and almost all year long. Tiny white flowers followed by large clusters of translucent small pink berries. Berries are best eaten, fresh, straight off the bush. From the Rutaceae family it is the host plant for the Swallowtail butterfly *Papilio fuscus capaneus*, so grow a few if you want both fruit and butterflies.

### • Date Claimers •

**Saturdays 8–9.30am. Tree Planting at 77 Monaro Close (new site).** Yummy morning tea. Carpool from KEC nursery 8am. Call Andrew 0407 161 175. We'll text you if we're postponing due to weather. Check Facebook also.

**21–27 May. Frog monitoring fun starts after 7pm.** Check our Facebook page for dates and sites, call or email on 0419 624 940 or info@envirocare.org.au

Workshops for kids and adults – see below.

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

##### How do I grow this seed?

**Sunday 16 May**

3 hours fun with local horticulturalist Mike Gaier and the Envirocare seed team learning about the various seed types and how to get those tricky ones to grow.

##### What's in my Backyard?

**Saturday 29 May**

A fun-filled nature day for kids with lots of different activities from bird watching in the morning to frog listening in the early evening. Activities you can pick and choose from, come and go throughout the day.

Register for more information and book via email info@envirocare.org.au

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### We are the invasive resist-ants



#### Russett Park infestation survey

Wet Tropics Management Authority's field teams have started surveying properties for yellow crazy ants at the Russett Park infestation area. Seven properties have been surveyed in April 2021 and no yellow crazy ants have been detected to date.



Yellow crazy ant surveys at Russett Park April 2021

#### Extended surveys on Green Forest Road

No new properties were surveyed on Green Forest Road for the month of April 2021. Extended surveys search for yellow crazy ants outside known infestation areas. Five properties at Green Forest Road have been surveyed since February 1, 2021 and no yellow crazy ants have been detected. Extended surveys at Green Forest and Oak Forest Roads are ongoing.

#### The Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce and Biosecurity Queensland deliver invasive ant presentation

On 14 April, Taskforce volunteer Tim Brown, myself and Mike Greasley from Biosecurity Queensland's National Electric Ant Eradication Program, delivered a presentation about yellow crazy ants and electric ants to Cairns Regional Council's Green Space Our Place volunteers.



Mike Greasley from the National Electric Ant Program presenting electric ants.

The presentations took place at the Cairns Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre where 21 Green Space Our Place volunteers attended. Volunteers learnt about the two different invasive ants, their impacts, how to recognise each ant species and how to report a sighting. During the break, Taskforce volunteer Tim Brown demonstrated to the group how we survey for invasive ants and



Taskforce volunteer Tim helping volunteers with the invasive ant survey.

volunteers participated in a survey by placing lures and flags in gardens nearby. The lures were later checked for yellow crazy ants and electric ants and some ant specimens were taken for identification.

The presentations were well received with some volunteers signing up for free back yard checks. People also asked about joining the Taskforce.

Thank you Cairns Regional Council Green Space Our Place Volunteer Program for giving us the opportunity to inform volunteers who have their eyes on the ground.

#### Upcoming Activities

**Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce (not Community Taskforce) – 17 to 21 May 2021**

The Wet Tropics Management Authority and Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils are hosting the annual Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce on 17–21 May 2021.

Taskforce volunteers are welcome to come along and participate in surveying for yellow crazy ants in sugarcane farming areas near Cairns to ensure a high level of confidence that all yellow crazy ants in the southern Cairns district have been identified. Come and receive valuable training in survey methods and network with state and local government departments, traditional owners and NRM groups. Contact Ciara at coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au to get involved.

#### Rotary FNQ Field Days – 26, 27 & 28 May 2021

The Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce will host an information stall at this year's Rotary FNQ Field Days at Kerribee Park Rodeo Grounds, Mareeba on 26, 27 & 28 May 2021. Taskforce volunteers are welcome to join me in talking with visitors about yellow crazy ants. Carpooling can be arranged. Contact Ciara at coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au to join.

**Ciara**

### Join the invasive resist-ants

**Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce**  
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## Neighbourhood Centre News



Photo: Catherine (Dawn) Donahue

**Grandma's Cuppa:** This group meets on Monday mornings in the NEST at KNC. The photo shows Cecilia Riley, Roslyn Newbury, Noela Donahue and Dawn Donahue who with others have been meeting regularly since 2019. They had a break over COVID-19 but are back each week.

**Oz Harvest Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Project:** From 27 April for nine weeks a delivery of fresh fruit and produce will be delivered to KNC through a Government funded program through Oz Harvest. If you are a bit short on fresh food in these difficult financial times, please drop by and see what is on offer. We also accept any donations of fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Street Pantry:** The Street Pantry located at the front of the KNC also provides food relief to people in need and is accessible 24/7. **We desperately need non-perishable items** that can be put in any time day or night. Thanks for those who have already made generous and kind contributions.

**COVID-19 Masks:** Following the recent health guidelines regarding the wearing of masks: we no longer are required to do so – a relief to all! The airport still requires masks and anywhere you cannot socially distance. We took delivery of a supply of disposable masks from the Qld Government and so if anyone requires masks, please ask at reception. Hopefully another outbreak does not happen.



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**NILS for Skip Bins:** Recent rains and cyclone risks during the Monsoon identified a need for preparation including cleaning up yards. People in Kuranda on low incomes (up to \$45K) or on Centrelink payments can apply for a No Interest Loan for a Skip Bin to be delivered and picked up to get rid of unwanted items. Please inquire at the Centre. NILS remains available for the other usual items such as furniture, whitegoods, car registration, computers etc. It cannot be used for car repairs, bills or rent.

**Furniture Exchange:** We want to thank all those who have thought of our program and donated much needed items. There is an ongoing need in the community for double, single and queen mattresses and frames/bases, lounges, coffee and dining tables, chairs and cupboards. Any items in good, working condition can be picked up on a Tuesday morning. Please note we are unable to take full size fridges due to the risk of injury to volunteers who assist with this program. We can accept smaller bar fridges, and these are much appreciated. Please contact Heidi or Margaret on 4093 8933 – Thanks!

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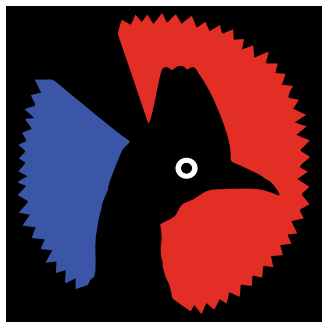
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*The KCons Community Nursery is nearly always open!*

## Get involved in Kuranda Region's Cassowary Families!

### Do you have cassowaries visiting your place?

This new community program will set you up to collect cassowary sighting data that will help us protect Kuranda Region's critical wildlife corridors, now and into the future.

Cassowaries can live for up to 60 years and local birds will normally stay within their home range; mating and raising their chicks year on year.

You can help us by collecting a log book and getting started.

> Visit us at Kuranda Conservation, 1 Pademelon Lane. Kuranda



The nursery is **NEARLY ALWAYS OPEN**. The Wet Season isn't over yet. Now is a good time to clear out that corner and plant that favourite (native) tree or low growing bushes.

The large Cairns Birdwing butterfly caterpillars are still munching away on the Aristolochia vines. It's been an excellent season for this species. This butterfly is so large, there can be a stand-off between them and the smaller birds for nectar.

Saturday mornings are our busiest times in the nursery. If you would like to join us, please come along. Morning tea at 11am.

**\*\* Two sturdy box trailers available  
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### Kuranda Region Cassowary Families

*A Cassowary Friendly Neighbourhood Program*

#### How to use this log book

Fill in your details on the back cover. Add your cassowary sightings by filling in date, bird/s and description. Include any behaviours you see like accessing water, species they are eating, tending chicks, mating, etc. If you have a male with chicks, note the number of chicks on each visit. If you have birds daily over a period of time you can generalise the log entry and note for example "Visited daily over the next 4 weeks".

#### Cassowary safety

It is critical that you never feed wild birds otherwise they will become domesticated and reliant on you for their food. Instead, come along to the Kuranda Conservation native plant nursery and choose from a wide range of cassowary food plants to plant at your place. Providing wild food is an ideal way to support cassowaries and other wildlife in Kuranda Region.

#### What happens to my log book cassowary data?

Your cassowary sighting data will be used by Kuranda Conservation and combined into your whole community area. The overall data picture of cassowary movements through Kuranda Region will assist in proper planning for our region.

#### What to do if you need advice or assistance

Kuranda Conservation is available 24/7 for all cassowary information, assistance or advice and can be reached on 4093 8834.



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## KURANDA RANGE ROAD ALTERNATIVE ROUTE COMMITTEE FORMED

With the problems plaguing both the Kuranda Range Road and the bridge over the Barron River at Kuranda, a new committee has been formed to support an alternative road between the coast and the Tablelands.

Representative for the group, Davies Creek resident, Ron Reddicliffe said the exact location of the suggested road (a Kuranda Range bypass road) given to Main Roads had not altered but some motorists were confusing the new suggested route with the existing Bridle Track Road, which begins on Davies Creek Road.

"A Kuranda Range Bypass Road has nothing to do with the Bridle Track which was excluded as an alternative road to Cairns years ago because it climbs to 800 metres or more

and is too steep for a highway," Mr Reddicliffe said.

"The new road is suggested to start on the Cairns side of the Davies Creek Bridge on the Kennedy Highway. We should be bypassing the Kuranda Range as soon as possible before more cars or trucks go over the edge and give transport companies some relief knowing something is actually being done to go around the dangerous Range Road," he said.

A public meeting in Mareeba is planned for the near future, with the aim of involving Tablelands residents, government agencies and local councils.

**For more information contact Ron Reddicliffe on 0428 937 954**





# TEMPEH

Nutritionally speaking, tempeh is to tofu what Superman is to Clark Kent.

Because of the fermentation process it undergoes, and its retention of the whole bean, the amount of available protein is far greater and easier to digest, as are dietary fibre and vitamins. Tempeh has a firm texture and an earthy flavour. It is easy to cook and versatile.

Tempeh (pronounced tempay) is a traditional Javanese food made most often from fermented soybeans. It is made by a natural culturing and controlled fermentation process that binds plant substrates into a 'cake' form. A mould, *Rhizopus oligosporus*, is used in the fermentation process and is also known as tempeh starter. The invention of tempeh cannot be separated from the origin of this mould, consisting of mycelium that grow on teakwood and sea hibiscus leaves, which native Javanese people often used (and still do) as food wrappings. In fact, in traditional tempeh making, an usar (a mycelium-filled leaf) is still used, instead of store bought ragi (or starter) in Indonesia.

The type of soybean originally used to make tempeh in Indonesia is the black soybean. This later changed with the importation of white/yellow soybeans and the rise of the tofu industry, through the influence of trading with China and Japan. The earliest known written record of soybeans in Indonesia is by the Dutch botanist Rumphius (1747) but soybeans may well have been introduced to Indonesia when regular trade started with south China in about 1000 A.D. The well-traveled Indonesian Dr. Sastroamijoyo (1971) feels that tempeh may have originated over 2,000 years ago. He has pointed out that even before that time the Chinese were making a similar product, the soybean koji for soy sauce, produced by inoculating cooked dehulled soybeans with wild moulds such as *Aspergillus oryzae*. This method could have been brought to Java from China by early traders and modified to suit Javanese tastes; the use of *Rhizopus* may have been due to its better adaptation to the Indonesian climate.

Tempeh is known in even the most remote rural areas throughout most of Java, is an integral part of the cuisine served in a wide variety of around 90 popular dishes, and by the mid-1970s it was being made from at least 17 indigenous seeds by more than 41,000 shops, using simple, traditional methods.

As Indonesia (formerly the Dutch or Netherlands East Indies) had been a Dutch colony since the late 1600s, the first Westerners to study tempeh came from Holland. The earliest known reference to tempeh by a European appeared in 1875 in a Javanese-Dutch dictionary. In 1896 the Dutch microbiologist and chemist H.C Prinsen Geerligs identified the tempeh mould as *Rhizopus oligosporus*. The first English-language information about tempeh appeared in 1931 in J.J. Ochse's *Vegetables of the Dutch East Indies*.

During World War II almost the entire Malay archipelago was brought under Japanese control. Tempeh served as an important food in Indonesia and surrounding countries during the war, both for the native population and for foreigners in Japanese prisoner of war (POW) camps there.

Roelofsen, a Dutchman, was a POW in Japanese camps in Indonesia, where many Europeans were starving. Roelofsen made soybeans into tempeh there and in 1946 reported the important role played by tempeh in reducing deaths. Van Veen, another POW, reported that even POWs suffering from dysentery and oedema, who could not digest cooked whole soybeans, were able to assimilate tempeh and concluded that many POWs owed their very survival to tempeh.

A new wave of worldwide interest in tempeh began in the early 1960s, sparked by an increase in research. All of the first tempeh companies in Europe and America were started by post war immigrants from Indonesia. The main forces spurring increased production and consumption of tempeh after 1970 were natural food, meatless and vegetarian diet, and soyfood trends. By the early 1980s the growing mainstream concern with cholesterol and saturated fats also become a significant factor.

Australian interest in tempeh began in about 1977. The earliest known Australian tempeh companies were started in about 1980, and by March 1981 there were three small ones, all run by young 'New Age' people. The first two were Dharma, part of Earth Foods in Waverley,

run by Swami Veetdharma, and a small shop at Bodhi Farm in Channon, New South Wales, run by John Seed. Cyril and Elly Cain founded Beancoast Soyfoods in Eumundi, Queensland in July 1982. By 1984 there were five tempeh companies in Australia. Today, Australian made tempeh is quite widely available and in all kinds of forms, original 'natural' flavour and many other different ones. Because the tempeh process is so adaptable there has been since earliest times tempeh based on beans, seeds and grains other than soy, and these are also available though take a bit of hunting and gathering to find. Tempeh starter is also available in Australia, and you might consider making your own at home. Our mild temperature in Kuranda is ideal for tempeh fermentation I am told.

If you buy natural or original flavour tempeh it benefits from either marinating your slices and draining before frying or baking, or drizzling soy or other sauces over them afterwards. Or look out for the many pre-flavoured versions. I am especially fond of 'The Mighty Bean' organic brand (I source mine through the Atherton IGA and stock up the freezer once a month). I especially enjoy the Mediterranean version, as well as the Oriental Stir Fry and Turmeric and Ginger versions. As always look for certified organic tempeh which will have been made with the best ingredients and manufactured according to the highest standards. Don't be put off by the look of the tempeh when you open it, the outside is often coloured white and sometimes grey-black due to the fermentation but you use the whole food- inside you will see pale pinkish soybeans. Tempeh once opened will keep in the fridge for a week or so and in the freezer for months.

Tempeh can be used in many different ways; fried, baked, steamed, minced, in curries, soups, satays, stir fries. Next month we will explore some of those many delicious options. But if you are a newcomer to tempeh the easiest way to try it out is to simply cut slices from your tempeh 'cake' and deep or shallow fry them. Thin slices are crunchy and nutty, slightly thicker slices are chewier. A quick, tasty and satisfying healthy low fat, protein hit (you can also bake your slices on an oiled tray, flipping halfway through, for even lower fat). Try on a sandwich, in a wrap, with a dipping sauce or in a salad.

Enjoy! *Queenobeans*



*Traditional tempeh cake Indonesian style.  
Photo: Food'n Road*



# seedsavers

step-by-step to saving your own seeds...

## "The Regeneration" gathering

Seedsavers came together in March to contribute to the World Premiere of "The Regeneration" documentary, held at Bulmba-Ja Art Centre, Cairns. Created by young, local film-makers, passionate creative human beings who care deeply about what is happening on our beautiful Planet Earth, "The Regeneration" celebrates projects that are changing the paradigm by their very nature. Local permaculturists Tonielle Christensen of EarthMumma.Co, Organic Motion, Gary McKenna, the Reef Restoration Foundation, and ReGen-Wall, recycling and re-using plastics, are just a few of the positively transformational activities featured in the documentary. Seedsavers was invited to participate in the opening celebrations...

Seedsavers created seed-packs of food and pollinator plants, with the assistance of the local home-school group, who enthusiastically packed the seeds after hearing what the documentary was about. It was truly amazing how many seed-packs the children made to contribute to the special event of the World Premiere – many thanks to the home-school families. The packing was done at Koah Hall, and the families enjoyed the wonderful Nature Playground there after all the packs were done, and no more seeds or packets could be found!

Seedsavers co-created a beautiful seed mandala before the event, under the screen of the documentary, with drums and flute playing and singing, the introduction of the film happened around this splendourous seed creation. A Q&A session was held after the film, and the audience that remained were photographed beside the mandala to celebrate the event.

While gathering seeds and pods and cuttings for the seed mandala, seed-pods were gathered from a Moringa tree at Trinity Park. That same tree, a few weeks back, had had a blanket of seed-pods gathered for a budding moringa farm on the Tablelands, and yet there were still pods dripping from the tree, and popping easily when they were gently taken from the branches. Just so ready to burst into life into its next succession, its next generation, from originally only one seed.

Other common names for the **Moringa** are Horseradish Tree, Drumstick Tree, Ben Tree, Miracle Tree and Tree of Life. Its Latin name is *Moringa oleifera* and it originates in India.

The 'Miracle Tree' reputation has come from it being one of the most useful and nutritious trees in the world. All parts of the tree are edible, and the flowers are a good source of nectar for



"The Regeneration" documentary attendees pictured with a seed mandala.

pollinators. The tree provides fuel, and a raw material for cellophane and textile production. The Tree can be pruned into living fences, and the seeds can be used to purify water—by being crushed and added to turbid water to attract bacteria and particles over a couple of hours, leaving the purified water on top. Other qualities are excellent fodder, excellent nitrogen fixer for soil, and lovely dappled shade.

The Miracle Tree has high acclaim as a medicinal nutrient, with C. Gopalan et al claiming in "Nutritive Value of Indian Foods" that the leaves contain "seven times the vitamin C of oranges, four times the vitamin A of carrots, four times the calcium of milk, three times the potassium of bananas, and two times the protein of yoghurt". They are also reported to contain good amounts of B12, B6, iron, magnesium, vitamin E and more. The list of benefits is too extensive to include here, so feel free to look it up and learn more about this miraculous plant.

Pods can be cut while small for stir-fries and other meals, and leaves added to salads, meals and smoothies, or eaten straight from the tree, with a fresh, slightly peppery taste. Leaves are also dried and powdered, and a popular 'superfood'. Buds and flowers can also be eaten in salads or other culinary creations. The root can be peeled and cut and has a horseradish taste and can be used as a vegetable, in pickles, or kimchi etc. The young seeds can be added to meals also, with mature seeds being roasted to eat like peanuts. Edible 'Ben Oil' is made from the seeds and can be used in salads and meals, and also for oiling machinery and tools.

Propagation is by woody cuttings between 2.5–4cm thick, and 20–30cm long, with at least three buds per cutting. Water well, until root-growth sets in. If the trees are nurtured for the first three years, they will be hardier and last well. Trees can be pruned to a couple of metres for easy foraging, and the trees produce leaves, flowers and fruit freely throughout the year. Growing from seeds, they are not always 100 per cent viable, so plant a number of seeds to ensure success, and give away the excess seedlings to a happy friend. By pre-soaking the seeds and adding to moist soil the pot doesn't need to be watered again until germination, seeds can rot if over-watered. Seedsavers has seeds for Moringa, and often someone brings cuttings to the meetings.

Next meeting Sunday 9 May Bibbohra. Contact seedsavers@kurandaregion.org to ask questions, access the seedbanks or request meeting notices and mail outs.



## To Winter Garden or not to Winter Garden?

This is the time of year I would say get your winter vegetables in, but this year has been quite strange. Climate change has really been evident, with our normal summer wet season deciding to head off down south where it has caused mass flooding. The poor weather predictors are looking incompetent and gardeners are back to guess work with their planting schedules. But this is what has been predicted for the Wet Tropics as a result of climate change – drier weather patterns overall with less frequent, but more intense storms and increasing variability of rain is to be expected, particularly in the shoulder seasons of October/November and March/April.

Still the nights are cooler now, so I say let's get those delicious winter veggies in anyway. Particularly get your cabbage, cauliflowers and broccoli in now as they take awhile to grow. However, I find I have better success if I pick these three veggies quite young, otherwise the pests eat them in one night just when they've got to a good size. If you go into your garden and think, "Wow my cabbage is looking amazing" then pick it immediately!

Ulla Melchiorson has provided a wonderful 'What to Plant each Month' list for tropical gardeners. Here are some of her suggestions for May: arrowroot, basil, beans, beetroot, bok choy and other Chinese greens, celery, chives and spring onions, coriander, cranberry hibiscus, cucumbers, endive, kales, leek, lettuces, mustards, nasturtium, parsley, pigeon pea, radish, rocket, shallots, silver beet, snow peas, spinach (any type), sweet leaf, tomato, zucchini. Find her at [www.acreativewriter.com/what-to-plant-sow-when-in-mareeba-region](http://www.acreativewriter.com/what-to-plant-sow-when-in-mareeba-region)

If you want local, hardy, tried and tested seeds for your winter garden, contact your local Seed Savers. Joining is super cheap and you go home with packets of exciting seeds to plant and a head full of knowledge. They are in Mareeba, Cairns and Kuranda, and can be contacted at seedsavers@kurandaregion.org

Meanwhile, have a go at carrots and potatoes this winter. I have grown nice crops of potatoes in big pots very well in Kuranda. Just buy some nice organic potatoes from Louisa at Wholesome Kuranda in the Heritage Markets, wait till they grow some eyes and pop into the soil. Mound or cover them with soil each fortnight and harvest in July sometime. Easy as that. Happy growing!

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# Tall Tales (Mostly) and True of Kuranda Wet Seasons

A short story by Rob Hart

Din Din (Barron Falls) 21 April 2021.  
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“Wet seasons come to Kuranda. We sit on our verandah, and let 'em wash away all our cares and woes”, to paraphrase the vagabond minstrel of Dismal Creek. He's gone now, but the mighty Gonzo's words live on. No gutters on the verandah roof so we're sitting behind the waterfall. Silver streams cascading and the high-hat drummers drumming on the ol' tin roof.

And if there's one thing that sets Kuranda apart in the wild, wild wet, it's the waterfalls. The Barron Falls: roaring, pounding, spraying and shaking the earth along Kullaroo, Kuranda Crescent, Weird Road and all. The river high and wide, mud brown and growling, rainbow mists spreading over all the devil-dragon pool deep below now. The devil went down to Georgia, got out-fiddled, and came back to Kuranda, looking to pluck a stray soul or two out of the Gorge, calling young men to enter the dragon. Who is this crazy climbing over exposed rocks out onto an outcrop in the middle of the falls? It's a healer-man come to drag the life-force back into the paralysed limbs of one young man who dared the dragon. Calling on the River Spirit to give back what it had taken.

Barefoot, bare chested, he settled on the bare rock, overwhelmed by the roar, the spray and the sheer vulnerability of it all. Eyes closed, into deep meditation, he offered himself to the falls, "If you ask for another sacrifice in payment for the healing, I'm here."

Water pulled, air pushed, earth rocked and ... lifting, floating above the falls, time dissolving. Oh my... hours passed it seemed, afloat.

Bump ! The rock again beneath him and the roaring river rushing over the edge. Going over, the final moments of explosive ... whoosh ! But no. Opening his eyes, looking up and there's three big, beautiful eagles circling above the spray. He knows, absolutely, that he has been circling with them, and that they'd held him afloat. The eagles made a final passing circle and flew away over the gorge. He sat ...

So the river has declined your offer of sacrifice-in-payment little man, but surely something has shifted. He climbed, weak-kneed and wobbly-legged back to the bank, walked the rail back to Kullaroo and went to work. For an hour he toned and stroked and sweated, but the river takes more than it gives, and he could not draw the life-force back into the dormant limbs.

And the river roared, the falls thundered, the ground trembled and the air was rainbow spray.

Little people, look on my mighty power and be in awe ! if you would cross me, you will pay

the ferryman. When the creeks are in full flood out in the valley, we sometimes send a floating log down Hurleys, knowing it would hurtle along into the Ganyan, into the Clohesy, through Koah into the Barron, past Kuranda and over the Falls, Yee-ha ! Down the Gorge through Lake Not-So-Placid, the crocodile country, out the mouth of the Barron and then? Riding a log on that journey, you might end up out at the Barrier Reef. The odd log is seen out there after a big wet. Or, into the great ocean current doing the Nemo trip. From Hidden Valley to Sydney Harbour.

One crazy-man, Rick, years ago, did the wild log ride, grabbing onto a big old log whooshing down the Ganyan into the Clohesy, ducking under low-hanging tree branches, banging over rocks and dodging other gnarly logs. He bailed out in the Barron before the falls though. A bit of a thrill-seeker was Rick. He's gone now

The kids love the flood times, leaping into the surging creek and being swept downstream, someone waiting around the bend to grab as they come hurtling past, or a rope tied across that they can grab onto. Ah, the excitement! The danger! The wonderful wet and we ain't lost one yet.

A childhood full of creeks and rivers, in the forest, in the floods. And sometimes a flooded-out platypus swimming the bank, waiting for the water to subside to get home again. Hey, little guy. You'll be good.

Then there's the cyclones! Howling, screaming wind all night ripping down the branches and trees. Chest-high debris all around next day. Big trees on the roof and across the driveway and a little dingo puppy who bolted and went to ground somewhere. Came trotting back next afternoon. Cleaning up for the next month. Thanks Steve!

The old timers say that the wet seasons are nothing like they used to be. What is? But if we did get another classic, old school, cyclone-inclusive wet, we'd probably agree that they were right. Six weeks of solid monsoon rain? That would float our boat, or leave us wishing we had one ...

Nowhere quite like Kuranda in the wet. We love it! Respect it, live it!

*This ode to the power and mystery of a great wet season comes courtesy of our resident astrologer Rob Hart, and was an entry in the KMA Short Story competition in 2018 – now THAT was a wet to remember!*

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# RANGERS r e p o r t

The 2021 soccer season has begun and is now in full swing. The Kuranda Rangers are training every Thursday (weather permitting). Skills training is also available on Tuesdays with Adric and Rohan Rusch. The cost of the skills training is \$5 a session with all money going towards a new set of goals for training.

A big congratulations to our Under 12 team and coach Adric Rusch. The team completed a series of grading games last month and have been allocated to Division 1 of the Cairns competition. A huge achievement for our small club and an inspiration for the younger age groups.

The start of the season is a good time to thank all of the dedicated coaches and managers who volunteer their time each week to help our kids enjoy this great game—there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. And let's not forget the parents who get their children to training each week and to games in Cairns each weekend. We are lucky in Kuranda to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of kids, parents and coaches who make our club great.

Don't forget to follow the KRFC Facebook page for all the latest updates and soccer news.



Coach David Lyons with our U11 team at recent grading games held at Marlin Coast Rangers Football Club, Trinity Beach.  
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## KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

This month it was all steam ahead for the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club, as the club was successful in gaining a grant with the Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund. The successful quote submitted was from J&R Grego Group. It was great to have a local team win the grant and do a fantastic job. We do thank the other local companies that were able to also give us quotes, sorry you couldn't all be winners.

In March, our club had new driveway earthworks done so we now have great access for all-sized horse floats to enter the grounds. This is very important and more inviting for other clubs to come and hire our grounds. It will also stop the issue of the driveway becoming very boggy in the wet and the bouncing over of tree roots. A new gate was also installed. Some of the trees that needed to be removed were turned into cross country jumps for the kids to have some fun to jump over.

These works could not be possible without the grants for which we are very grateful.

The Club had its second rally day for the year on 18 April with another great turnout of 13 riders. Some of our riders even had a sleepover the night before for some extra fun. We were lucky to get the riding in before the heavens decided to open up. Suzanne held another interesting theory session on saddles and what each part is called. These lessons go towards certificates and badges the kids can attain.

The next rally will be held on 16 May (rallies are training days to learn new things and to improve your riding). On 23 May the Club will be down at Bunnings at Smithfield running the fundraising sausage sizzle so make sure if you are down that way to stop in say hi and grab a sausage.

If you have your own horse and would like to join the Club contact us for more information by email at [kurandahpc@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahpc@gmail.com) or leave a message on our Facebook page.

Till next time, happy riding. Di Curtis, Club Instructor.



Left: Driveway and new gate at the Kuranda Horse and Pony Club



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# A VIEW FROM THE UNDERSTOREY

by Paul Devine  
FNQ Natural Bushcare

## The future's uncertain and the end is always near

So where do you sit on the doom to hope scale? Do you find it easier to imagine the end of the world than to see humans change our behaviour, turn the ship around, save our civilisation and all that sails within her? Or do you think that human ingenuity, optimism and technology will save the day?

Whatever personal stance you take, it is true to say that more so now than ever before, the future will be an exercise in living with ambiguity and unpredictability. Not only do these conditions make many humans highly uncomfortable, but this outcome is ironic given the prevailing conditions of the geologic age in which were living up until forty or so years ago.

We now live in the Anthropocene, but let's focus on the Holocene Epoch. This period began about 11,600 years ago at the end of the last ice-age. During this Holocene period we have enjoyed exceedingly warm, damp and stable climatic conditions not experienced at any other time in the last 400,000 years.

Indeed it was this climatic stability and the unique ability of the human species to alter their behaviour and the world around them, that saw the spontaneous evolution of hunter-gatherer cultures into farming settlements across the great river deltas of the world and ultimately to the conditions that—for the first time—saw the human population surge into the billions.

It ultimately led to the Great Acceleration in the affairs of humans post-Second World War. During this period of extraordinary economic growth, driven by increased industrialisation and resource use, human population trebled and the real world GDP increased seven-fold seeing both burgeoning middle classes and millions of people escape poverty, and at last gain access to clean water, enough food, education, homes and disposable income to make life comfortable and safe. Yes, an era of plenty!

Of course there have been winners and losers and there has been a price to pay. The unbridled nature of this surge

in human activity led to massive environmental harm culminating, as we now know, in the collapse of ecological systems including the acidification of our oceans, increase in greenhouse gas emissions leading to climate change and biodiversity loss, leading to a cataclysm of mass species extinctions. It would be impossible to underplay the impact that humans have effected on planet earth and the other species we share (sic) it with.

Whilst many of us grieve for this dreadful loss, some of us it seems, plunder on oblivious or uncaring of the carnage, seemingly driven by that human trait of capitalising during times of plenty, only one step away from greed. More positively however, scientists point to two other human traits. Most importantly we have self-awareness of the impact of our activities. And secondly it seems that the mind is not a slave to lessons it learnt in the past, but is instead constantly using those memories or dreams to imagine future possibilities. The art of collective awakening and focused prospection may yet save us.

So the stable conditions of the Holocene period, before the disruption of the Anthropocene, were set to continue for another 50,000 years. How can we stave off disaster and actualise as good global citizens just in time? Spoiler alert—it probably won't include any valuable input from our present gaggle of political leaders and it will certainly mean that we will need to dramatically change our present greedy behaviour for our children's sake.

Here are some questions that the Smithsonian Institute suggest that we need to answer to craft the future journey:

- What do we want the future to look like?
- Who makes decisions anyway?
- How do we make sure our future is inclusive?
- How do we shape a global social project?
- Which are the critical issues to address first?
- How do we come together collectively?
- How can we act as individuals to get the ball rolling?
- How do we begin?

If you have some answers start sharing. Thank you Paul.

# Astrology

## THE STARS IN MAY

by  
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The month of May begins with something that rocks the world! On 1 May, the Sun forms an exact conjunction with Uranus. Both at 10 degrees Taurus: fire, air and earth – rigid, fixed and explosive! Solar bursts? Subterranean upheavals? Atmospheric and electromagnetic bursts of wild energies? Whatever, it's a kick-ass start to the Merry Month. One way or another, this will impact on your own life, depending on where 10 degrees Taurus sits in your birth chart, and if your birthday happens to be 1 May ... well! what an exciting time you're in for.

For me, my natal Mercury is at that degree and so I play the Messenger ... and so on.

Venus moves into Gemini on 9 May as the Moon goes into the magical "darks" before the New Moon on 12 May. That's just classic for working love-spells, playful teasing and being a child again. Love unlimited by any restraints of fidelity, age, gender or convention. Then as Venus aligns with the Moon's north node (Sun-Moon-Earth-Venus in a straight line) on 17 and 18 May, your future path is revealed. But, as with oracles, it offers alternatives, choices and a few little surprises. The challenge is to have fun.

Jupiter, the ancient ruler of Pisces, enters that water sign on 14 May so... go fishing – into the mystic: the depths and the submarine source of creativity and compassion and divine perception. A very lucky time for those with zero degrees Pisces prominent in their birth charts. I'm excited, as my natal Mars is right there. Sounds like a deep dive!

Mars itself is travelling through Cancer, the cardinal water sign, during May so protection of home, family and tribe will be a high priority.

The Sun moves into Gemini (lots of changing signs this month) on 21 May with Saturn, ancient ruler of Aquarius, becoming stationary at 13 degrees 31 minutes Aquarius (a nice little numerical palindrome there) – something serious to research, investigate and gain understanding of, as time stands still to allow for thorough analysis. And with the Sun now in Gemini many flashes of insight will occur with an emphasis on the reality of duality: no up without down, light without dark, positive without negative and so the Universe evolves. Subtle, solid insights.

Then the next eclipse season begins on the Full Moon at 9.20pm our time, 26 May, there is a total lunar eclipse at 5 degrees Sagittarius. A surge of optimism, emotional relief and general sense of well-being begins to flow and, for no obvious reason, life becomes full of hopes and plans that CAN manifest. Don't hold back and look for the 5 degrees Sagittarius point in your own birth chart to see where to aim ...

A most interesting month...

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# Wet Tropics gets its climate change report card

A new report identifies climate change as the most significant threat to the rainforests of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area (the Area), and climate change is already impacting parts of the region.

The **State of the Wet Tropics Report 2019-2020**, released by the Wet Tropics Management Authority, outlines the latest research about what is happening now, what will occur in the future and also what is needed to address it. Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon said the Queensland Government welcomed the report.

"Our rainforests are famous the world over and we need to protect them not just for future generations but for the health of our economy. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, this is more important than ever," Minister Scanlon said.

"As the report tells us, climate change is the most significant threat to our rainforests and as a government we are taking strong action to combat it including setting ambitious renewable energy and emissions targets. We will take the time to consider the report fully and take a close look at the research that tells us what is already happening, what

will happen and also what is needed to address it."

The Authority's Chair, Leslie Shirreffs said: "We are all well aware of how climate change is impacting places like the Great Barrier Reef with coral bleaching, but it is important to know there is an impact of similar magnitude occurring in our rainforests. While significant global action to address climate change is critical, at the regional level emphasis must be on adapting to anticipated climate change, such as higher temperatures, the increased prevalence and intensity of extreme weather events, sea level rises and longer, more intense fire seasons."

Ms Shirreffs said the Authority's report is important to not only document the changes in the environment but also to provide a roadmap to how we can build resilience into the region. This Report builds on the Authority's *Accept, Act, Adapt: Climate Adaptation Plan for the Wet Tropics 2020-2030* launched in November 2019, and its Creating our Climate Future Forum in March 2020.

Source: WTMA



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## St Saviour's Thought for May

This month we read from St Johns Gospel chapter 20 verses 1 to 20.

The account of the resurrection of Jesus in St Johns Gospel Chapter 20 verse 17 and 18 'Jesus said to Mary, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'."

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.' John 20:17, 18. Once a prostitute, scorned by society, living beyond the fringes of respectability – now, by the grace of God, the first to accept in joyful trust the reality of the resurrection. Mary has come a long way! And God is no respecter of persons. He makes the ordinary extraordinary, the impossible possible, the unbelievable believable, the human superhuman, and the imperfect perfect. If we ask, as Mary asked, to be shown where Jesus is, he will take us at our word – and none of us will leave the empty tomb this morning as quite the people we were when we arrived.

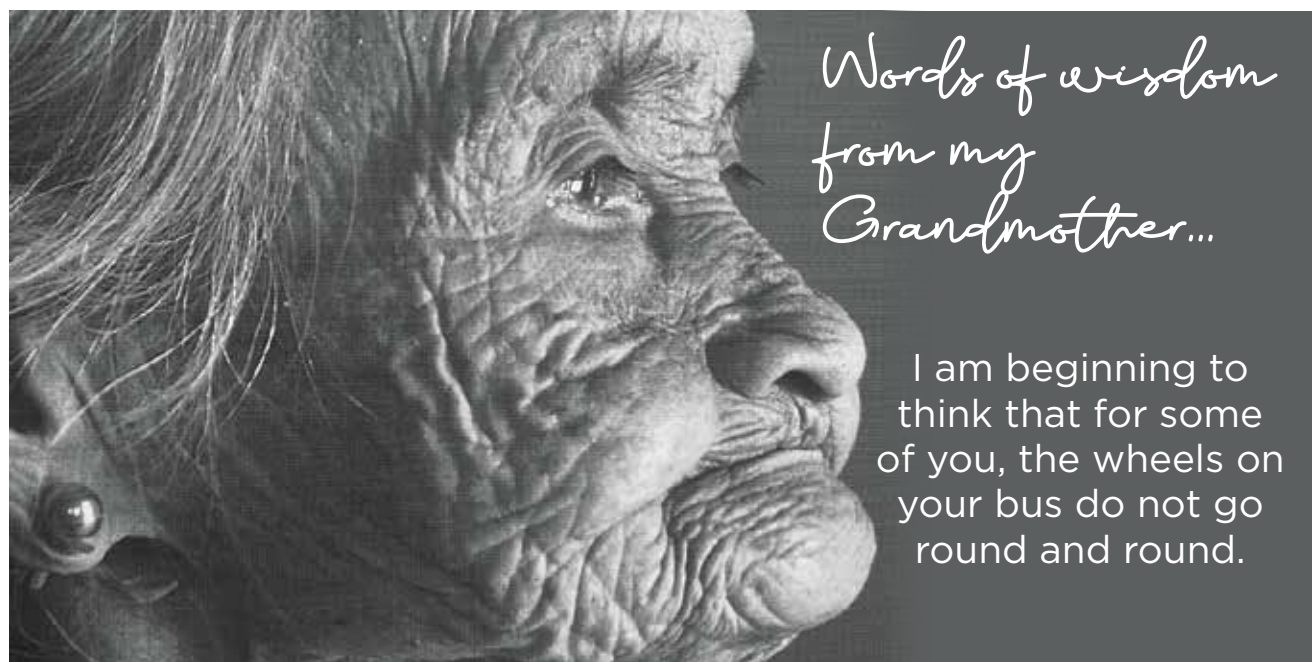
At Easter, pure life touches the world again with the absolute shock of resurrection. Were it to happen today, in Jerusalem or any other place, there would still be disbelief, antipathy and the cry that somehow it had been stage-managed. It takes no more to shock humanity today than it did two thousand years ago, but there are simply more folk around to make their views heard. Jesus meets us this morning, as he met Mary – perhaps in an unexpected form, a fellow worshipper, a child on the street, a stranger on the road, a barman, bus driver, doctor or policeman. And, as he told Mary, he tells us: 'Go – and tell my brothers and sisters, and anyone who will listen. Tell them of the Man who could not stay dead. Tell them of the wounds that survived a resurrection. Tell them, there is no one in the grave.' And will they shrug their shoulders? Will they laugh? Will they make a fuss? Or will they disdainfully walk away? Well, some will do one thing, some another. But a few will listen; and they may be encouraged to ask further about this Man who is so very much alive. They may be able to take on board the fact that he has lived for two thousand years since it all happened. He has outlived, and will outlive, any grave that has been or will be dug – for death and the grave were in the cup that he drank in Jerusalem on that fateful Passover weekend.

Can we, then, obey the Easter command, and tell folk all this – and more, if they request it? Mary obeyed her Lord's command. She probably felt very frustrated when the disciples didn't believe her – but she had fulfilled her role as the first bearer of the resurrection news. She has carried that wonderful title ever since, and no one will ever be able to take it from her. We may not seem to have a high profile, in current terms; but remember how Jesus said: 'There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents' (Luke 15:10). Can you imagine the pleasure of those angelic bands when they observe one Christian – for each one of us matters – telling the resurrection news to someone who has yet to be convinced? How the angels will wait in expectation and hope, for the commitment to be made – and how the Man who could not stay dead, and who now stands as Advocate and Mediator between humanity and its God, will plead and intercede on our behalf? Let us then be up and doing, in the joy of resurrection day.

### News from St Saviour's

April was an eventful month. The Easter preparations and services have kept us all very busy. We celebrated Palm Sunday and on Maundy Thursday we remembered Christ washing the disciples' feet and the instigation of the Last Supper then kept watch with Jesus. On Good Friday our Family service depicted in words, songs and actions the events of the day. On the Saturday before Easter Saturday, we were busy preparing the church for Easter Day. There was much cleaning and polishing. The Easter garden was set up and the beautiful flowers arranged. The Church certainly looked beautiful.

The Possum Corner 'Op Shop' continues to have wonderful bargains and is well worth a visit.



*Words of wisdom  
from my  
Grandmother...*

I am beginning to think that for some of you, the wheels on your bus do not go round and round.

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

**2021 – Commemorating 100th anniversary of Abdu'l-Baha's passing**

"Praise be to Him Who hath fashioned this new era, this age of majesty, even as an unfolding pageant where the realities of all things can be exposed to view. Now are clouds of bounty raining down and the gifts of the loving Lord are clearly manifest; for both the seen and the unseen worlds have been illumined, and the Promised One hath come to earth and the beauty of the Adored One hath shone forth.

As this human world is one household, why should its members be occupied with animosity and contention? Therefore, humanity must be looked upon with the eye of equal estimate and in the same attitude of love. The noblest of men is he who serves humankind, and he is nearest the threshold of God who is the least of His servants. The glory

and majesty of man are dependent upon his servitude to his fellow creatures and not upon the exercise of hostility and hatred."

(Abdu'l-Baha)

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Study circles are now happening in Kuranda, open to all interested, no cost.

Other functions are occurring in Kuranda. Functions in Mareeba, as well as elsewhere on the Tablelands, are open for all those interested.

All enquiries welcome.

0419 632 286 | 4093 9571 | [bahai.org.au](http://bahai.org.au)

The Baha'i Community of Mareeba/Kuranda



WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU
Going looking for words



The Bama (people) of this area (bulmba) shared a common ngirrma, language.
The Djabuganydji, Bulwanydji, Nyagali, Yirrganydji and Gulunydji have lived here for millennia. The Djabuganydji called it Djabugay. The Bulwanydji called it Bulway. The Yirrganydji on the coast called it Yirrgay. The 'ay' sound at the end of these words sounds like the archaic English word 'aye' for yes.
Some of their stories go way back in time. The Djabuganydji

believe that once their hunting grounds stretched to the Barrier Reef. At the end of the last ice age there was a rise in sea-level that pushed the people back inland and created the present shoreline. Nowhere else in the world have people been able to preside continuously in one place for so long, passing on their stories to the present day.
The actual word 'bulmba' has many meanings: home, camping ground, territory, the weather and the authority of

the elders, upholders of the Law. This bulmba is constantly changing, depending on the time of the year, the season and the weather.
Thanks to the Bulmba Rangers for help with selection of wordsearch words and to the Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporations for their work in preserving the area's linguistic inheritance.

Michael Quinn



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Street performer Kuranda Rocks Easter. Photo: Holly Rochelle Reade (Instagram hollyrochelle\_x)

WORD MEANINGS

BADA: head. Bada-malim djinaa-la. From head to feet.
BALA: calf, shin. Barndil bala-malim. Baby from the leg (from a tale where a baby grows from a man's leg).
BALGU: belly, stomach. Ngayang balgu gagal djanang. My belly's empty.
BINA: ear. Nyurran bina gurii. Your ears are good.
BINYII: mouth. Binyii budayin! Open your mouth!
BUNGGU: knee. Ngayang bunggu baygarr. My knee is sore.
BUNU: bottom. Bunu banggal. Big bottom.
BURRNYA: heart. Ngayang burrnya nyaba-nyabal. My heart is pounding.
DADAGAL: bone. Galbal, nyandji, dadagal. Blood, flesh, bone.
DIDI: eyebrows
DIMINBIN: lungs. Wayway diminbin-da. Air in the lungs.
DJARRA: thighs
DJIBA: liver

DJIBI: hair. Ngayang djibi djanang. My hair standing up.
DJIBIN: navel, belly-button
DJIDJUL: initiation cuts, down the shoulders
DJILI: eye, eyes. Djili babun. Blind.
DJINAA: foot, feet. Ngawu djinaa-la-galing. I'm going on foot.
DJUGA: heel
DJULBIDJULBI: guts. Djulbi-djulbi wururri! Take out the guts!
DJULU: cheek
DUMU: chest
GALBAL: blood
GINGI: hair on the arms. Ngayang gingi djana-djana-dang. My arm hairs are standing up together.
GULA: body
GULMBU: hair of the head
GUMUN: guts, intestines

GUNA: excrement
GUYUNGUN: breasts, breast milk
MANDI: wrist
MANU: neck
MARA: hand, hands
MUDU: back
MUNGUL: elbow. Ngayang mun.gul warrangaying. My elbow is aching.
NGAMUN: breast, nipple
NYUNGGA: beard, moustache
NUGAL: ankle
WADIRR: initiation cuts
WANGAM: kidney
WANGGIRR: rib
WUDJAL: eyelashes

DJABUGAY
A guide to the pronunciation of Djabugay words

Vowel Sounds
/a/ is pronounced as the vowel in the (English) words "some, "come" e.g. bama (person)
/a:/ is pronounced like the /a/ sound in "father" but longer e.g. buda:dji (carpet snake)
/i/ is pronounced like the /i/ in the word "bin" e.g. bina (ear)
/i:/ the vowel sound is lengthened and pronounced like the vowel sound in "heat", "beat", "feet" e.g. biri: (again)
/u/ is pronounced as the vowel sound in the English word "book" e.g. mudu (back)
/u:/ the vowel is lengthened and pronounced as the vowel sound in the words "good", "tool", "rule" e.g. djungguu: (behind)
Consonants
/dj/ The sound is like a /d/ and a /j/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. djulbin (tree)
/g/ is pronounced as in the word "gun" e.g. gindan (moon)
/rr/ a trilled, or rolled /r/ as in Scottish pronunciation of the word "sporrán" e.g. burra-y (to fly)
/r/ as in the American pronunciation of /r/ in car e.g. biri (fire)

/ny/ is like the initial /n/ in onion, like an /n/ and a /y/ pronounced simultaneously e.g. nyurra (you)
/ng/ as in the word "singer" e.g. bungan (sun)
/n.g/ when you see the n.g broken by a stop do not run the two sounds together e.g. djin.gal (sky)
/ngg/ is pronounced as the ng sound in the word "finger" e.g. nyinggarra (eel)
/ay/ is generally pronounced as in the English word "eye" e.g. Djabugay
Stress
When saying Djabugay words which syllables should we stress?
In words of two syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. bina (ear).
In words of three syllables, the first syllable is stressed e.g. ganyarra (crocodile).
However, if a long vowel occurs in the second syllable of a word of three syllables, it is stressed e.g. buda:dji (carpet snake).
In words with more than three syllables, stress falls on the first syllable and on the syllable before the last one e.g. ganyarra – nggu (crocodile).



Buwal bugan Ngirrma bulmba-barra.
Speak the language belonging to this place.
Djabugay ngirrma Windjirri bugaa.

LANGUAGE CLASSES
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Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation

Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoombi farm),
Kennedy Highway, Kuranda.

ALL WELCOME

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Facebook page

## COMMUNITY MARKETS



## Speewah Markets EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us every third Sunday of the month

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# YOUR COMMUNITY PAGES



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**Wildlife Rescue** 4053 4467 (24 hours) – recommended first to contact.

**Batreach** 4093 8858

**Cassowary sightings** Jax Bergersen 4093 8834

**Kuranda Vets** 4093 7283

### SNAKE REMOVAL

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Miss Hiss Reptiles (all reptiles) 0447 888 872

## DEFIBRILLATORS



Defibrillator locations in Kuranda region.

**Kuranda Men's Shed** end of Kuranda Heights Road

**Kuranda Pharmacy** cnr Coondoo and Thongon Sts

**Kuranda Medical Centre** cnr Thongon and Barang Sts

**Kuranda Ambulance Station**, Fallon Road

**Kuranda Swimming Pool**, Myola Road

**Steiner School**, Boyles Road

**Kuranda SES** on board vehicle

**Envirocare Nursery** 284 Myola Road

## WATER AND SEPTIC

### Water Delivery:

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**Kuranda Fish Farm** 4093 0147

### Septic Tank Emptying:

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## LAUNDROMAT

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**Caring for the region's native wildlife.**

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## RECYCLE

**Kuranda Transfer Station** 2186 Kennedy Hwy, Koah  
**MSC Recycle Station** – Arara Street

RECYCLE

Donate your aluminium cans to **COUCH** (Committee for Oncology Unit at Cairns Hospital).

Recycle bin located at the Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road.

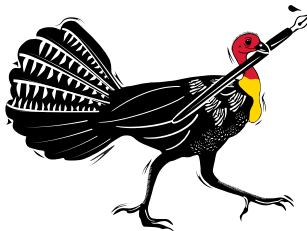





## ROAD REPORTS

**Council EMERGENCY number for local roads**  
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**Kuranda Range/Kennedy Highway Report an Incident**  
13 19 40 (24/7)



Queensland Justices of the Peace (JPs) volunteer to serve the public by signing documents that need a qualified witness.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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## HELPFUL FACEBOOK GROUPS

**KURANDA RANGE UPDATES** (21,000 + members)

On the spot traffic reports, in real time, for the Kuranda Range Road.

**KURANDA NOTICE BOARD GROUP** (6,000 + members)

Information sharing, discussion, advertising. Open group.

**ALL THINGS KURANDA** (1,000 + members)

Discussion group for Kuranda district residents only. Some restrictions on sale of items.

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**KOAH COMMUNITY** (1,000 + members)

A group for Koah Community to advise, ask questions, barter, lost/found animals, hazards etc in Koah area.

## HELP GROUPS



## RAINFALL

**April 2021**  
**666.5mm (to 27 April 2021)**

**Annual total to 27 April: 1619mm**

*Courtesy of Kuranda Railway Station*



**Kids Helpline**  
**1800 55 1800**

[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.



**Need help with a drinking problem?**

**1300 222 222**

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Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

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**Al-Anon can help you!**

Meetings in Kuranda, Smithfield and Cairns.  
Contact **Kate 4093 9668** or **1300 ALANON**





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SHIRE COUNCIL

## Community Services

**SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY**

### KURANDA LIBRARY and COUNCIL OFFICE

#### OPENING HOURS

**Monday to Friday: 10am–5pm**

**Saturday: not open**

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Kuranda Community Precinct

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4093 9185

[kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:kurandal@msc.qld.gov.au)

[msc.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://msc.qld.gov.au/libraries)

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

Mareeba Shire Council's online Emergency Management Dashboard provides real time emergency information. The Dashboard provides live emergency news, information about road closures, power outages and river heights, weather warnings and fire feeds, emergency contact phone numbers and social media links. Notifications can also be viewed via an interactive map. Mareeba Shire residents can register for the Early Warning Network to receive email and SMS alerts for potential emergencies and severe natural disasters and weather events.

The Dashboard is accessible on Council's website [www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.emergency.msc.qld.gov.au)



Atherton Tablelands to Cairns					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Atherton	6.00am	9.15am	1.00pm	8.00am	1.30pm
Departs Mareeba	6.30am	9.45am	1.30pm	8.30am	2.00pm
Departs Speewah	6.50am	10.05am	1.50pm	8.50am	2.20pm
Departs Kuranda	*7.15am	10.25am	2.10pm	9.10am	2.40pm
Departs rainforest	-	10.30am	2.15pm	-	2.45pm
Arrives Cairns	8.50am	11.15am	3.00pm	10.00am	3.30pm

Cairns to Atherton Tablelands					
Route 850	Monday to Friday			Saturday, Sunday and Pub Holidays	
Departs Cairns	7.00am	9.25am	3.30pm	10.30am	4.00pm
Departs Smithfield	7.20am	9.45am	3.50pm	10.50am	4.20pm
Departs Kuranda	7.40am	10.05am	4.10pm	11.10am	4.40pm
Departs Speewah	8.00am	10.25am	4.30pm	11.20am	5.00pm
Departs Mareeba	8.20am	10.45am	4.50pm	11.40am	5.20pm
Arrives Atherton	8.50am	11.15am	5.20pm	12.10am	5.50pm

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Kuranda – 15 Therwine Street – opposite Visitor Information Centre

Speewah – Speewah Road bus shelter in front of tavern

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Atherton – 54 Main Street

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Ergon Energy – Report Dangerous Electrical Emergencies	<b>131 670</b>
Mareeba Shire Council	<b>1300 308 461</b>
Poisons Information	<b>131 126</b>
13HEALTH – Health and Hospital Information	<b>134 325</b>

## RURAL FIRE BRIGADE WARDENS



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First Officer Speewah	Mick Dub 0428 820 631
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Warden Speewah	John Thomson 0488 988 481
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Koah	4232 5468
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## Permits required for ALL fires

**FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED**

**Kuranda Station**

Your local Queensland Emergency Services Fire station is looking for Auxiliary Firefighters

If you are interested contact your local station:

**Kuranda Fire & Rescue Station**

Please visit: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/jobs/auxiliary-firefighter.html>

**Are you driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?**



## Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

Route 851	Monday to Friday
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm
Departs Rainforest	4.05pm
Arrives Cairns	4.45pm

\*These services travel via Caravonica, Trinity Bay High and TAFE school days only  
Current as at 6 November 2020

## TRANSPORT

**Kuranda Taxi** 4093 7119  
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**John's Kuranda Bus** 0418 772 953  
**Trans North** 3036 2070

## JOHN'S KURANDA BUS *The local bus!*

Please note due to COVID-19 this service is currently not operating.

**For more information or other routes contact  
John 0418 772 953**



### The return of Friday night socials

Commencing in May, we will be getting back to our Friday Family nights with various performers, plus eight ball competitions that will be open to all. Bar snacks will be available to complement the evenings. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

### Activities back in full swing!

Kuranda 8 Ball competition is again on every Tuesday night. We welcome all players new and old. Contact Janet on 0405 092 957 for more information.

Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi and Wing Chun Kung Fu are also back to having regular classes at the KRC. It's great to see our hirers offering Kuranda residents a range of different health and fitness choices on a local level.

Kids are not forgotten and it's wonderful



**Kuranda Recreation Centre**  
krc4881@gmail.com  
**JUMRUM BAR OPEN TUESDAY 6.30 PM**



Pilates class

seeing our young Kuranda Rangers training hard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hunter Park.

### COVID-19 Compliance

From 1 May 2021, all Queensland hospitality businesses must use the Check In Qld app when signing in patrons to their premises.

All guests must register on entering the KRC. The Check In Qld app is required to be downloaded at

[www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld)



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Contact Simon 0459 755 553

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### KOAH MONTHLY MARKETS MAY

**8am till noon Saturday 1 May**

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**Mondays** – Adult Circus LOVE! 10.30am-1pm  
Little Cyclone Circus Class 3.45pm for 6 months to 5 years.  
Circus 1: 4.45-5.45pm Age 6 to 7 years.

**Tuesdays** – Circus 2: 3.45-5pm Age 7 to 9. Show Class 5-6.30pm. Prepare to turn your skills into a show ready piece.

**Wednesdays** – Circus Family 3.45-5pm All ages. Kids Aerial – Intermediate 5-6.30pm. Age 8 to adult.

**Thursdays** – Beginner Aerial



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Contributors please advise of any changes via email [mail@kurandapaper.com](mailto:mail@kurandapaper.com)

For events at the Kuranda Recreation Centre or the Koah Hall please see details in their columns above.

### EVERY MONDAY

**Al-Anon** Family Groups 11am-12pm hall under St Saviour's Church. Kate 4093 9668 or 1300ALANON

**Yoga in the Rainforest** with Aileen 8.15am (for 8.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 4093 7401

**Yoga with Katelyn** CWA Hall 5:30-6:30pm 0428 865 636

### EVERY SECOND MONDAY

**Financial Counselling** (from UCC) Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

### EVERY TUESDAY

**Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30-8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

**KMVactive/Bootcamp** 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda Kirstin 0497 479 606

### SECOND TUESDAY

**Kuranda SES Training** 7.30pm sharp at Fallon Road. John Baskerville 4093 7246/0427 037 054

**Emergency Relief Help** from Mareeba Community Support Centre at Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Social Tennis** 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200

**Mah Jong** 1pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

**Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am-11.30am. Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

### THIRD WEDNESDAY

**Craft and Social** Morning 9am Kuranda QCWA Hall. Carol 4093 7187 or Sandra 0447 737 415

### EVERY THURSDAY

**Tae Kwon Do & Self Defence** 6.30-8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196

**Group Fitness Class** 5.30-6.30pm Kuranda Community Precinct

**Kuranda Dance: Tribal Bellydance with Lisa.** 6-7pm Kuranda Amphitheatre. 0409 367 967

**Domestic Violence Help** Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933

**Kuranda Rangers soccer training** 4.30-5.30pm. Simone 0402 003 164

### EVERY FRIDAY

**KMVactive/Bootcamp** 6.15-7pm Bartley Park, Kuranda Kirstin 0497 479 606

**Kuranda Story Time** 10.30am, Kuranda Library. Every Friday, during school term.

### EVERY SATURDAY

**Tree Planting** Kuranda Envirocare 0419 624 940 for details or check website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)

**Men's Shed** Kuranda 2-5pm. Call Daryl 4093 9421 or Richard 4093 0457

**Koah Farmers Market** – 9-10.30am (resuming March) Contact Sal 0421 710 474

### EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

**Women Connection Circle** 3-4.30pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Call Anastasia 0413 217 028 to confirm the Saturday dates.

### THIRD SATURDAY

**Meditation with Horses** 10am Koah. Kaya 0429 756 701

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Social Tennis** 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200

**AA Group** Kuranda QCWA Hall 9.30am 1300 222 222

**She-Shed Kuranda** 2-5pm. Cathy 0419 624 940 or Peta 0405 944 515

### THIRD SUNDAY

**Speewah Markets** 7am-12noon. Speewah Tavern carpark. Suzy 4093 0449