

**Drinking water quality monitored**  
Decades of careful testing and a battery of scientific examinations should leave residents relaxed and confident about the quality of drinking water at Kuranda and Mareeba.

Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long said concerns raised by Kuranda Friends of the Earth [*The Kuranda Paper*, September 2012, page 20] were not supported by 21 years of council testing.

“Kuranda Friends of the Earth have suggested drinking water arrangements for Kuranda and Mareeba are unsatisfactory,” Mayor Lee Long said. “This council, and its predecessors, have been running a full suite of tests on the Barron River twice a year, at two separate locations each time for more than two decades. In all that time, in all of those tests, there has never been a result that exceeded Australian Drinking Water Guidelines,” Councillor Lee Long said.

“In addition, council staff undertake other tests regarding chlorination three times a week and, when Mareeba was fluoridated, for fluoridation once a week. These tests take place at nine different locations.

“Kuranda Friends of the Earth and all other consumers can rest assured TRC understands how important clean, safe drinking water is. For Kuranda and Mareeba, decades of testing show that is exactly what they are getting.”

These tests check for heavy metals, herbicides and insecticides and are carried out by the Cairns Water laboratory.

Cr Lee Long said she was happy for TRC staff to meet with the group.

**Public liability cover vital for approval holders**

A decision on required levels of public liability insurance cover for approval holders will lead to better results for all.

The Tablelands Regional Council has adopted a report recommending public liability cover levels for activities ranging from the sale of raffle tickets on footpaths to roadside vending, from tradesmen using a footpath to busking.

“While there may be minor benefits to council in terms of any potential claim, the real winners here will be the general public, and approval holders who will both have protection from a proper level of insurance coverage should an incident occur,” Mayor Rosa Lee Long said.

**New Tourism Kuranda Advisory Committee appointed**

The appointment of a new committee to help keep Kuranda and district front and centre of the local tourism industry has been welcomed by Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Rosa Lee Long.

Councillor Lee Long said the new members, Adrian Pancirov and Cathy Flambo, are all engaged in various aspects of business and tourism in Kuranda. “This adds value to their contributions as they have hands-on experience and are personally invested in the industry and region,” Ms Lee Long said.

The committee provides advice to council on the promotion of Kuranda and its environs in order to meet Tourism Kuranda’s strategic objectives.



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**Welcome Sylvia Conway,**

**the new Coordinator you’ll be seeing around Envirocare**

Everyone has a story and you’ll agree, Sylvia’s one busy lady.

I grew up in SE QLD in the bush where my parents taught me about respecting the land and an appreciation of our natural environment grew. When I was 11 we relocated to Julatten where my family still resides. I have been working in the environmental field for the past 8 years.

Starting in 2004 in Maleny with Barung Landcare, I worked on the regeneration contracting team, moved back to FNQ to work with Conservation Volunteers Australia as part of the Bio Diversity Management Team, leading volunteers taking part in conservation projects across the far north. I’ve worked for Cairns Regional Council Natural Areas Team revegetating and maintaining

sites including Cattana Wetlands.



I’ve also volunteered as the Holloways Beach Coast Care Coordinator for the past 3 years, worked part time with Envirocare and in 2010 became Coordinator with Barron Catchment Care/Terrain NRM, to run the Barron Delta Community Engagement Project, a 2 year project. This involved working with community groups, schools, traditional owners and various project partners in conservation actions across the Delta.

I’m currently coordinator for Northern Beaches Coastal Collaboration Project, having applied for a Community Action grant which will focus on coastline rehabilitation from Yorkeys Knob to Machans Beach. I’m also working with a Marine Debris Organisation called Tangaroa Blue. The Barron Delta project has now ended and I’ve been blessed with yet another wonderful opportunity to join Envirocare and their dedicated team once again.

I’m looking forward to working with you so we can help to build stronger communities and more resilient environments. If anyone would like to get involved in conservation activities give us a call or drop in to the nursery.

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has”**

Thanks Sylvia and we look forward to working with you, taking time to enjoy our effect on our local environment, all the while having fun.

You can contact Sylvia via email : [coordinator@envirocare.org.au](mailto:coordinator@envirocare.org.au)

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