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## ANZAC PARK A NEGLECTED JEWEL IN THE VILLAGE

On Thursday 27 July, Mareeba Shire CEO Peter Franks, Councillors Lenore Wyatt and Danny Bird, Council staff and consultants met onsite with interested members of the Kuranda community to discuss the future of 'Anzac Park' in Kuranda. Concerns were expressed in regards to the possibility raised by Council during the consultation process undertaken in July, that mature trees might be removed to provide more car parking spaces on lower Therwine Street, opposite the Kuranda Rainforest Original Markets. The minimum number of car parks to be created was stated as four. This would require the removal of trees planted some 30 plus years ago. In addition, these trees were specifically chosen (at the time of planting) to showcase native and endemic rainforest species, and were planted using Federal government funding as part of a compensation scheme for timber workers and local government areas affected by the World Heritage listing of the Wet Tropics.

Further concerns were that, because Centenary Park has had so much energy and money put into its development, this smaller park might be seen as a 'poor cousin' and not of as great value. Although under-utilised, poorly resourced and frankly poorly maintained for years now, Anzac Park is far from being without value or use, or 'up for grabs' to be turned into car parking. Decades of previous community efforts have created a quiet, green gem of a park which simply requires some long overdue polishing to shine again.

### A brief (gathered) history of Anzac Park

Until the late 1980s when a bypass was built, the Old Kennedy Highway ran straight off the bridge, between the markets, and along what is now Rob Veivers Drive. When the new highway was completed and the land became available, it was proposed to put car parking in between the markets. Jim Mealing, then Kuranda RSL President also proposed that a green area at the end of the carpark would be a good place to locate an RSL memorial — the car

park being a good place to muster and the Markets supplying power for lighting and speakers. Kuranda Rotary was also involved in creating amenities for the park area including a shelter, benches, water fountain and electric BBQ — this is why 'Anzac Park' is also known as 'Rotary Park' yet this park area has never been officially named. When Kuranda underwent a major redevelopment in the mid-1990s the park was identified as Anzac Park to differentiate it from Centenary Park. RSL services continued in the smaller park until around 2005, when the flagpoles and memorial rock were moved to Centenary Park.

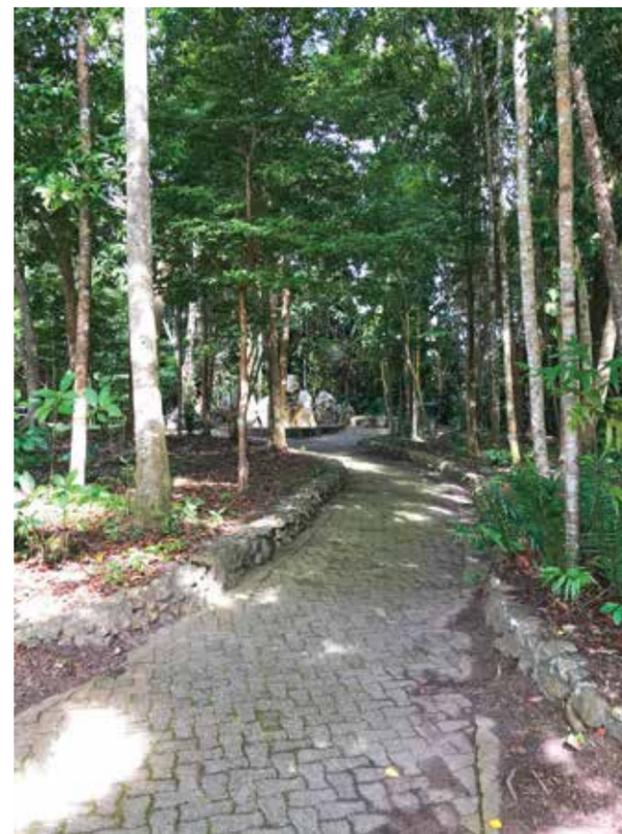
Without a dedicated purpose, Anzac Park has languished and been allowed to become overgrown and poorly maintained. It is welcomed that Council is now looking to give it some much needed attention. However, it would be a terrible shame, if the \$300,000 budget allocated simply resulted in a few more car parks, but fewer mature native trees, when the same amount could be used to build on the already significant asset the park represents.

### What could the future of Anzac Park look like?

A shady, inviting refuge with public seating, with public art (perhaps the much missed ironworks by Hans Pehl removed from our streets could be relocated there?), opportunities for historic interpretation of the area, and as some of these mature trees are uncommon in existing street plantings, a botanic walk.

Of course car parks are a premium when Kuranda is busy. However, other locations have been identified as possible options and those do not come at the expense of our natural environment or community facilities. Most especially the end of lower Therwine Street which is a very sad sight for those catching their first glimpse of Kuranda as they cross the bridge.

Council has stated that nothing as yet has been decided, but time is ticking. If you wish to share your thoughts with Council please email [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au)



Left: Residents meet with Council in 'Anzac Park' on 27 July 2023 to discuss proposed changes to the park. Photos: Gayle Hannah

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Being a Buluwai Traditional Owner, Elderess stakeholder, I can't see cutting down trees to justify bitumen and cement. When do we actually start 'leaving no footprints?' Have we forgotten why the village in the rainforest is titled this way? It's disappointing to see trees being cut down for a car park. People come to Kuranda to see the trees in the rainforest not more bitumen and concrete.

Dianne Brim, Buluwai Traditional Owner

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As a community we need to preserve our green spaces. Rather than gaining four parking spaces, this is an opportunity to protect a community asset, and highlight the importance of the park as an educational representation of tropical rainforest species, including Indigenous traditional knowledge. There is a lot of potential to develop the park into a significant botanical attraction. The park could provide a wonderful opportunity for visitors to have a more accessible educational experience of Wet Tropics rainforest.

Sarah Arrowsmith, long-term community member

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25+ years on and the botanical garden planted by the last generation of Kuranda-ites is looking amazing – buttresses pushing through the ground, flowers and fruits are falling. It would be a shame to encroach on this community project for four new car parks. Kuranda CBD doesn't need four new car parks – we need 40! There are better places in Kuranda to put parking.

Jo Martin, Kuranda Region Planning Group

## DEADLINES

September

Edition 357/2023

All copy and advertisements due by 10am

**Thursday 24 August**

Paper published

**Thursday 31 August 2023**

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Please keep letters to under 250 words. All letters are subject to editing. Anonymous letters or those of doubtful origin may not be published. Correct name, address and phone numbers are to be submitted with your letter. Submissions by group email will be treated as spam.

We welcome your letters via email or post

### Cover Masthead

Our masthead this month is a detail from a painting on metal sheeting by Kuranda wildlife artist/carer Rebecca Koller. The painting features a Green Ring-tailed possum and a Boyd's Forest dragon. The work has been designed to be suitable as an outdoor mural. It is in the artist's collection, but is available to purchase. Rebecca is also available for commission art.

How Rebecca manages to get any art done, let alone be so prolific, is a wonder, as she devotes so much time to the care of native wildlife, most especially bats and flying-foxes. You will also recognise Rebecca as the artist responsible for the colourful 'bin stickers' featuring our wonderful wildlife (available through Kuranda Conservation).

You can view Rebecca's art on her Facebook page Rebecca Koller (artist) and at @reptileartist on Instagram.



### LET'S GET THE KURANDA PARTY STARTED!

Last year a bunch of Kuranda locals decided to do something fun and create a Kuranda float for the Cairns Festival Grand Parade. We had a blast building the float and as Kuranda arrived in their costumes with lights, the music was pumping and the party started. We laughed and danced and played as the procession led the party down the street. I'll never forget the faces of our people lit up with the brightest happiness, reflected in the faces of the crowd as we flowed. The comradeship after such an experience was through the roof! And our float won the Best Float award!

Please come join in with us this year on Saturday 26 August at 4.30pm in Cairns, as we again showcase/dance with the diverse colourful characters of Kuranda. Dress as an exaggerated version of you, lights and all or something Kuranda – butterflies, trees, cassowary...fairy. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Come and be the fun!

If you're not into standing out, please come help with the float build. Join the Kuranda Spectacular Parade group on Facebook or contact Fairy Jenny on 0405 414 438 or themagicallane@gmail.com

*Fairy Jenny, Kuranda*

*Cairns Festival float 2022. Photo: Kerri Jenkins*



### THE VOICE

We are part of the grass roots referendum campaign for the Voice to Parliament.

We are holding 'kitchen conversations' on our veranda over a cuppa to share information, encourage questions, and discuss. If you'd like to be part of a small group session which would run for 2-3 hours, please get in touch via a text message to Keila 0428 893 680 or Sarah-Jane 0416 488 908 if you're interested. We are also happy to come to any interested groups.

*Keila Waksvik and Sarah-Jane Hart, Kuranda*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE KURANDA PAPER

Hello to everyone at *The Kuranda Paper*. Happy 32nd birthday! Wow. I am so happy for you all. I was a volunteer for years when I lived in Kuranda, and loved it. I very much wish I was still living in Kuranda and still feel like I am a Kuranda-ite. Hugs and love to all.

*Sandy Kelly OAM, Mareeba*

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**Stockists** – A free copy is delivered to every postal box and street mail delivery in the Kuranda district (post-code 4881). If you don't receive a copy please contact the Kuranda Post Office.

The current edition of *The Kuranda Paper* can be viewed online at kurandapaper.com, along with back issues. In addition you can pick up a hard copy of *The Kuranda Paper* at the following outlets:

**KURANDA:** Kuranda Post Office (Thoree St), Sprout Café (Coondoo St), Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (Centenary Park), Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (Rob Veivers Dr), Kuranda Discount Drugstore (Coondoo

St), Kuranda Arts Co-op (Coondoo St), Cornetts IGA (Thongon St), BP Service Station, Annabel's Pies (Therwine St).

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**MAREEBA:** Piagno's News (Byrnes St), Mareeba Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre (Byrnes St), Mareeba News (Byrnes St)

**TOLGA:** The Humpty

**ATHERTON:** Atherton IGA (Silo Shopping Centre)

**SMITHFIELD:** Totem Clothing (Smithfield Shopping Centre), Smithfield Library

**CAIRNS:** Cairns Library



# MEMBERS' NIGHT, REBRANDING INPUT

Kuranda Traders Association

Our special Member's Night on **5-7pm Wednesday 9 August at Firefly @ The Billabong – Vinyl & Pizza Night** to thank our members for their ongoing support and to welcome any new traders who are considering joining the KTA. **RSVP to [kta@kuranda.org](mailto:kta@kuranda.org)**

*You are invited to the KTA*

## MEMBER THANK YOU MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

plus 2023-24

Where: Firefly @ The Billabong – Vinyl & Pizza Night  
When: 5-7pm Wednesday 9 August 2023  
Food and drinks provided by the KTA



For Members & New Members



This gathering is to say thank you to existing KTA members for their support and to invite and welcome new members who are traders in the Kuranda area.

Some of our recent achievements:

- Kuranda Village website [kuranda.org](http://kuranda.org)
- Kuranda Village Facebook 20.3k followers
- Kuranda Village Instagram 6.7k followers
- Community Engagement Events
  - Twilight Trading
  - Kuranda Colour Fest & Cassowary Art Trail launch
  - Kuranda Art Prize
  - Support for Kuranda LOVE BOMB event
- Key partner in newly formed Mareeba Shire Tourism Local Tourism Organisation
- Regular lobbyist and media spokesperson for Kuranda businesses

**Memberships** – We have commenced sending out reminders for membership and we invite all Kuranda businesses to become a member or renew their memberships. Please email [kta@kuranda.org](mailto:kta@kuranda.org) if you would like a membership form sent to you.

Did you know that if you are a member of the KTA you are automatically a member of the Mareeba Shire Local Tourism Organisation?

**VOTE – Kuranda Village logo** – As per previous updates, the Kuranda Village branding and logo will be receiving a little refresh – not a big change, but a more simplified version.

The community now has the opportunity to vote on one of three new logos – see right.

Cast your vote using the QR code or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/737w78x9UE>. There is also a comments section where you can provide specific feedback. The colours in the samples are not set in stone, so please use the comments section if you have any feedback about colour choices.



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**KURANDA Colour Fest**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
10am – 2pm Saturday 9 September 2023

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Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

### SAVE THE DATE – Kuranda Colour Fest – Saturday 9 September 2023

The KTA will once again host the Kuranda Colour Fest in Centenary Park including a bouncy slide, DJ music, facepainting, t-shirt painting and community stalls! This will again be followed by a Colour Run along the banks of the Barron River. If you would like to book a community stall for the event, please contact Maree 0412 311 403 — not-for-profits stalls free or \$25 for retail stalls. More program details in the September edition of *The Kuranda Paper*.

**Kuranda DOES Accept Cash!** There's been a very bizarre rumour doing the rounds. Some of our visitors to Kuranda Village have been told that Kuranda does not accept cash as a form of payment. Well, we'd like to set the record straight and let you all know that an overwhelming MAJORITY of our Kuranda businesses accept cash! Please don't believe everything you hear! We have and will continue to post such updates on the Kuranda Village socials, to ensure our visitors are aware that we DO accept cash.

**KURANDA ACCEPTS CASH!**

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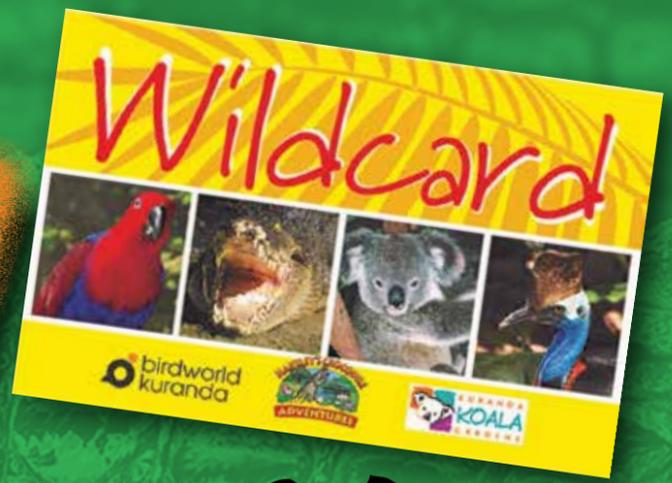
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\*Closed Christmas Day - check other dates on our website.



Welcome  
little  
Kauri!

Kauri with parents Sticks and Poppy

Kuranda Koala Gardens is proud to announce the arrival of a very special little creature – a male Northern Bettong joey, born to proud parents Sticks and Poppy in May. He was named 'Kauri' in honour of the Kauri Pine found in the bettong's native range.

Northern Bettongs are an endangered species, found locally in the Davies Creek/Lamb Range area and at Mt Spurgeon. They are very restricted in their range and it is believed that there are less than 1000 left in the wild. They are an essential species to their habitat as they spread spores of truffle fungi, which grow on the roots of trees and harbour high volumes of water that the trees leech to survive through long, dry periods. There are very few Northern Bettongs in human care, so this addition is very important!

In addition to the Northern Bettong, over the last 12 months Kuranda Koala Gardens has been lucky enough to welcome babies from two more endangered species as part of breeding programs. In July 2022 we had twin female Bilbies, and in August 2022 we had twin female Mahogany gliders.

Kuranda Koala Gardens is a proud member of the Northern Bettong Recovery Team.



## LOCAL JOBS ANNOUNCEMENT AT DJABUGAY FAMILY DAY

Djabugay family members attending the recent Djabugay Family Day at the Nyuwarri Estate were challenged by cold and wet weather, but were quickly warmed by the presence of family, cups of tea and Aunt Rita's scones.

Thirty elders, Traditional Owners, Board Directors, family members and corporation staff braved the weather and welcomed representatives from many of Djabugay's key partners including TRACQS, Kuranda Justice Group, Kuranda Women's Group, Many Rivers, Kuranda Envirocare, Department of Environment and Science and Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training.

All program team leaders reported on the progress of their projects. Cultural Development Officer, Dennis Hunter, provided information to the family about the culture and language project he is working on with Skyrail. This project will see Djabugay stories and language incorporated into the Skyrail visitors APP with Djabugay culture highlighted to most domestic and international visitors to our region.

Dennis also introduced CLEANCO's community engagement specialist Jann Crase, who updated the family on work that she has been doing developing key signage for the Kuranda and Redlynch sections of their infrastructure. As an indication of the new world paradigm, it is heartening to see that the views and voice of Traditional Owners are now sought early in any planning process.

Dameon Hunter, Bulmba Ranger Coordinator, updated the family on recent Ranger activities with particular emphasis on their time spent preparing for the joint Firesticks

L-R: Errol Hunter, Barry Hunter Snr and Vince Mathieson. Three Elders listening to the good stories at the Djabugay Family Day



Alliance/Djabugay National Custodians of Country Gathering 2023 in August. Dameon also spoke about the three-year partnership with WWF Australia where Djabugay Bulmba Rangers will work with neighbouring Land and Sea Ranger groups and Rainforest Bama to return 'right fire' back to country and monitor the impacts of this intervention on local and regional biodiversity. To the delight of the Rangers, WWF plan to bring some high-tech remote sensing devices into the project through their "eyes on country" platform.

However, the big moment of the day was the announcement by Djabugay Operations Manager, Michelle Wenden, of the release of 21 jobs for local Djabugay people to work on-country over the next 15 months. Djabugay Corporation staff have worked closely with local Kuranda TRACQS General Manager, Michael Phillips, and Program Manager, Francis Loban, to secure CDP Community Project funding for a joint TRACQS/Djabugay community employment project that has been nick-named "Project-14" after the 14 opportunities identified in the Djabugay Bulmba Bama Plan. This project will see 10 positions over 59 weeks available for Djabugay people registered and on TRACQS case load. Djabugay has also brokered a 12-month Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, funded through the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training that will see 11 people employed.

Both projects, based in Kuranda and working in Mona Mona, Din Din, Flaggy Creek and Mantaka will start soon. Participants will learn to care for country from Elders and Traditional Owners, develop skills in language, dance, tool making and food harvesting, participate in cultural burning, carry out landscape maintenance using chainsaws, mowers and brush cutters, learn how to record and protect 'nut-cracking' sites, scar trees and cultural trails and much more.

For any Djabugay people interested in working with family and caring for country and who wish to hear more about these positions are invited to attend an Information Session at Nyuwarri Estate, on Wednesday 9 August 12.30–2.30pm.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Caring for Country



Calling out to all Djabugay bama interested in working with family and Caring for Country. The Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with DESBT Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Program and NIAA/TRACQS is excited to launch two programs deeply based in culture and run by our mob.

The SQW "Works Skill Traineeship" is a six months, 4-days per week traineeship and the NIAA TRACQS "Community Project" is a fourteen month, 3-days per week activity-based employment program.

Both programs, starting soon, will be based in Kuranda and work on projects at Mona Mona, Din Din, Flaggy Creek, Kuranda and Smithfield

You will be involved in a large range of work activities and training experiences building confidence and skills and preparing you for an ongoing career in caring for country, cultural heritage or tourism

Come to the Information Session to hear more about the programs. You can talk to an adviser and fill out the Expression of Interest form. The information collected will be used to short-list for interviews.

**When:** Wednesday 9th August, 12.30 – 2.30 pm.

**Where:** Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation, Nyuwarri Estate, 1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda

For more information ring Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation on 40938 116.



**Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre (KNC)**

Operated by Kuranda Information & Support Centre Assoc. Inc.

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**The successful candidate must:**

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- Possess tertiary qualifications and a high level of demonstrated experience.
- Possess an open current Queensland drivers' licence, current Advanced First Aid, COVID-19 vaccination/exemption certificate.
- Possess the ability to obtain a Suitability for Working with Children Card and a National Police Check.

This is not an Indigenous-specified position, however Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

To obtain a position description please email [manager@kurandanc.org.au](mailto:manager@kurandanc.org.au)

**Applications close 5pm on Friday 25 August 2023.**

### Councillor Column



MAREEBA SHIRE MAYOR ANGELA TOPPIN

#### 2023/2024 Budget

Mareeba Shire Council's 2023/24 Annual Budget was handed down at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

I am proud to present my fourth budget as Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council and I am confident that Council will continue to operate within its means while being cognisant of the financial pressures faced by our ratepayers.

As a Council, financial sustainability remains one of our cornerstones, and the decisions made have a direct impact on the financial sustainability of our Shire in the future. Visit Council's website for more information.

#### Kuranda Cemetery

I am pleased to advise that the tender has been awarded for the new Kuranda Cemetery. The existing Kuranda Cemetery is close to reaching capacity and Council has purchased an adjacent property on Kuranda Heights Road for the expansion of the cemetery.

Stage One of the new Kuranda Cemetery will have space for 100 monumental memorials and 250 lawn-level memorials which should secure enough space to meet the needs for the community for the next 25 years. The tendered scope of works includes earthworks, roadworks, stormwater drainage, water supply and carparking as well as a toilet block and concrete works.

I am looking forward to this important project going ahead to ensure the long-term needs of the Kuranda community are met.

#### Community Events

July and August are significant months in our Shire with the re-emergence of some of our treasured long-standing community events. Events include the Mareeba Rodeo, Christmas in July, and the Kuranda Roots Festival.

The Kuranda Roots Festival returned for its fourteenth year and this annual celebration of music and creative culture was once again a tremendous success. In August we will see the return of the Cairns Italian Festival and the Mareeba Multicultural Festival, and I invite residents to go out and support both these events.

In closing, I would like to remind residents that my fellow Councillors and I are always available to talk to you if there is ever a Council matter you would like to discuss. I welcome your contact.

Mayor Angela Toppin  
07 4086 4606 | mayor@msc.qld.gov.au

### capital spend



### operational highlights

**ROADS AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**  
\$3.14M Road maintenance  
\$500k Bridge maintenance

**HEALTH AND REGULATORY SERVICES**  
\$918k Local laws and environmental health  
\$320K Planning  
\$234K Building and plumbing

**PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT**  
\$2.91M Parks, gardens and reserve maintenance  
\$559K Biodiversity protection

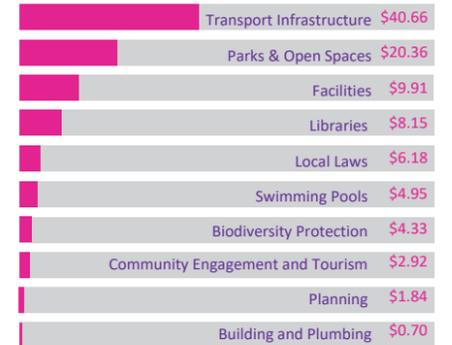
**COMMUNITY FACILITIES, CULTURE AND LIBRARIES**  
\$2.04M Community facilities and Council buildings  
\$1.02M Library operations  
\$804K Swimming pools operation and maintenance  
\$625K Community partnerships and events  
\$236K Community development and engagement

**WASTE, WASTEWATER AND WATER**  
\$5.43M Waste  
\$2.60M Wastewater  
\$4.73M Water

**OPERATING BUDGET**  
\$52.5M

**CAPITAL BUDGET**  
\$22.8M

### how every \$100 in general rates is spent



## REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Mareeba Shire Council continues to take a strategic and regional approach to waste management in a bid to ensure that our practices are leading the way into the future, at the lowest possible cost to residents and ratepayers.

Mayor Angela Toppin explains, "This strategy will see us moving towards a circular economy as we cannot rely on landfills any longer. The cost of waste management continues to rise, and we must as a Council and as a community focus on reducing waste, reusing waste products and recycling."

"I urge all members of the community to do the right thing, to protect our environment and, if they see any illegal dumping activity, that they report it to Council immediately. Dumping waste in the environment, rather than disposing of it in the correct way is illegal and unsightly and can be harmful to our environment. Transfer Stations are conveniently located for disposal of waste. Visit Council's website for more information."

Mayor Toppin said those caught doing the wrong thing can be faced with hefty fines. "Illegal dumping is against the law and there are penalties in place for those found to be doing the wrong thing. We are very proud of our communities, and we want to look after our natural assets and wildlife," Mayor Toppin concluded.

You can help to keep our Shire clean by reporting illegal dumping to Council on **1300 308 461** or call **13 QGOV** (13 74 68). Reports can also be lodged online at the Department's website or sent to [illegaldumping@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:illegaldumping@des.qld.gov.au).

*This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.*



### PROPOSAL TO NAME UNNAMED CEMETERY

Council is proposing to name the new cemetery being established in Kuranda as the Kuranda Heights Cemetery.

The new cemetery is located on Kuranda Heights Road.

The name Kuranda and New Kuranda Cemetery cannot be used as they are already in use.

Council is required to provide thirty (30) business days notice to residents if they choose to respond with a submission in support or opposition of this proposal before a recommendation is put before Council.

You can email correspondence to [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au) or via post using the address listed below.

**Peter Franks**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**PO Box 154**  
**MAREEBA QLD 4880**



### FREE DOMESTIC GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Council advises Mareeba Shire residents of the upcoming free domestic green waste disposal days at the Kuranda Transfer Station.

**Saturday, 12 August and Sunday, 13 August 2023**

For more information please phone 1300 308 461 or visit: [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au)

\$25 per sticker 350x600mm

BIN STICKERS



8 DESIGNS AVAILABLE

**KURANDA conservation COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc**

Contact Jax at Kuranda Conservation 4093 8834 or [kurandaconservation@hotmail.com](mailto:kurandaconservation@hotmail.com) to purchase your bin stickers.

# Crawford's Corner

Dear Kuranda residents,

The Queensland government has made influenza vaccines free until 31 August as we approach the peak of flu season. Queenslanders can get vaccinated at their local GP, community health clinic or pharmacy. The vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age of six months.

Closer to home you'll notice the long awaited ITS variable messaging signs (VMS) going up on the Kuranda Range Road – these enable a variable speed limit or message to account for conditions or obstructions, such as a crossing cassowary, broken-down vehicle, rockslide, or accident. This is the same technology and concept used in many parts of the country for tunnels and bridges. The camera on each VMS will enable operators to monitor traffic, and they do not have the capacity to identify individual vehicles, number plates, or people.

Additionally, there are two proposed speed cameras, these will respond to the speed limit displayed by the VMS at any given time.

Meanwhile ongoing inspection and maintenance will be undertaken on the Barron River bridge through to September. \$8.89 million has been committed for an options analysis and evaluation, with a business case due in 2024. I'd like to thank road users for their patience while we carry out these important testing and maintenance works.

Information on Queensland's state-controlled road network is available via QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au or 13 19 40.

To sign up to our newsletter, please visit [craigcrawford.com.au](http://craigcrawford.com.au). You can also follow daily updates on Facebook.

As always, if you need anything from me, please contact my local office at 4229 0100 or email [barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au).



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## Jumrum Development Update

*The Kuranda Paper* has been advised by Craig Crawford's office that there has been no formal update on the Jumrum development on Fallon Road, Kuranda at the State government level. However, they have confirmed that a query has been put to the office of Senator Nita Green, who represents Queensland in the Senate, regarding whether or not it meets with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Craig Crawford has confirmed that he will provide *The Kuranda Paper* and the community when he has any news, and would appreciate any updates on the development as noticed by locals.

## KURANDA POLICE UPDATE

### AUGUST 2023

Greetings from the Kuranda Police.

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable school holidays. It is good to see tourists still flowing through the town on a daily basis and the weather has been lovely.

I have started to see some businesses leaving lights on at night which is great to see. This will help to deter property offenders and give patrolling Police half a chance to see what is happening and identify offenders. I have seen some businesses upgrading their security which is great. Unfortunately this was after being the victim of property offences. You will remember in previous articles I have stated don't wait to be a victim of crime before you take action. I will reiterate that if you don't have sufficient security it's only a matter of when, not if, you become a victim of crime. Glass windows, locked doors and aluminium security mesh/roller doors offer minimal protection. If you would like a free security audit done at your premises please get in touch with us.

We are still getting daily traffic complaints from motorists on the range. The main complaint is motorists travelling too close to other vehicles and driving dangerously. Please slow down and be patient and also utilise the slow vehicle lanes. Even if you are travelling the speed limit and an aggressive driver is tailgating, it is better to pull over and let them pass instead of being a victim. You can record their licence plate number and make a complaint to Police.

I don't have any other news to report besides a steady stream of domestic related violence and disturbances usually involving large numbers of intoxicated persons. Please be kind to each other and consume alcohol in responsible and moderate amounts.

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## Kuranda District State College 25th Anniversary Celebration and Donations Required

With only three months until our 25-year celebration at Kuranda District State College on 13 October, we are reaching out to the community to support this event. It is shaping up to be a night you won't forget! The carnival will be huge, with games, rides, entertainment, food, raffles, stalls, and the whole community is welcome. Be sure to save the date!

We are now looking for any local businesses that would like to book a market stall. We only ask for a donation towards our Cent Sale in exchange for your spot. Please email us at [kdscpandc4881@gmail.com](mailto:kdscpandc4881@gmail.com) for more information, or to secure your spot, to discuss if your stall is suitable and tell us your requirements.

We are also looking for donations for prizes, raffles etc. All donations will help us reach our fundraising goals. So if you have anything you would like to give and cannot deliver or post to the school, please email us at the above address and we can arrange collection. See the list below for donation items required.

Thank you in advance to the Kuranda community for supporting this event. We hope to see everyone there for what will be a fantastic night!!



### Kuranda Carnival is coming soon! WE NEED YOUR HELP! CALLING FOR DONATIONS OF...

- **Food items** – chocolates (individual and blocks), biscuits, cake & brownie mixes, cake decorations, patty papers, icing sugar, choc chips, wrapped lollies
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- **Art items** - pencils, textas, decorative easers, glitter, crayons, small notebooks, stickers, stamps, jewellery making items
- **Pamper items** - hair combs, brushes, bands, bows, hand creams, face masks, loofah, nail care, bathsalts or bombs
- **Sewing supplies** - beads, buttons, ribbon, fabric squares
- **Random items** - face paints, plastic ornaments, marbles, wooden pegs, playdough (or materials to make it), cookie cutters, colourful socks, balloons (helium & regular)
- **Pet supplies** - collars, leads, toys
- **Second hand items** - such as clothes, blocks (small), balls, toys, but please only if in great condition
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Maypole dancing  
Spring Fair 2020



## Leadership changes

It is with sadness that the school is saying farewell to Kelly Ferguson next month, who brought her experience in all areas of leadership – teacher and student support, parent and community engagement and improving our school policies and processes plus her tireless energy, strength, kindness, and warmth. Kelly is moving to be closer to her family and we wish her well with her next endeavours.

And as the seasons change around us, the school welcomes Scott Whitters (as Head of School) and his wife Leah.

Scott is an experienced and passionate school leader with over thirty years in education, primarily within the Catholic Education system. He comes from Mount St Bernard College (MSB), Herberton, where he is Deputy Principal – Residential. Scott has a strong pastoral care focus and has developed environmental and outdoor education programs, including the development of an award-winning environmental centre at a previous school.

Kelly leaves big shoes for Scott to fill, and Scott is looking forward to the challenge of bringing ongoing stability to the school, and maturity to his role as of Head of School and seeks to explore broader connections and opportunities with the wider community.

Scott and Leah are currently relocating to Kuranda and are excited to join the Kuranda community and a perfect place to meet them is at the school's annual Spring Fair!

## CHSS Spring Fair - Bringing together our community! Saturday 2 September from 10am. All welcome!

Seasonal rhythms are a vital part of Steiner Education, and the school has established traditions that reflect and celebrate the mood of the season, that mark the passing of time and that bring the community together in meaningful ways.

In July and August, as the days grow longer and Spring draws near, there is a sense of anticipation in the air as preparation for our CHSS Spring Fair commences. Spring is a season of rebirth, transformation, and renewal. Our students and staff are looking forward to sharing this joyful and vibrant celebration with all!

## What's on at the Spring Fair?

The CHSS Spring Fair brings together our school families and welcomes the surrounding community in a genuine homegrown event that showcases our students' music programme with choir and music ensembles performing throughout the day. There will be a range of delicious and healthy culinary options to choose from, including barista coffee and cakes, to hot food and cold juices. Games and activities will run during the day for both children and adults which, of course, includes the opening ceremony of 'dancing the Maypole'; a popular highlight.

Local stallholders are welcome to apply to run a stall on the day for a nominal fee. Please contact CHSS by email [admin@chss.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@chss.qld.edu.au) or phone 0439 312 243 to complete the registration process.

The staff and families of the CHSS invite our wider community to join us for this year's Spring Festival on Saturday 2 September from 10am. Come and experience our community spirit for yourself!



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 Kuranda Amphitheatre

### What's Happening at the Amphitheatre

From the heart of winter, we're already looking forward to Spring arriving with promises of a fancy dress Fair, brilliant music, and theatre. More details coming soon...

### K.A.S.T. Community Theatre

The Amphitheatre Community Theatre project is still casting, so if you have ever had a desire to be on stage, this is your chance!

*In the Nature of Things* is a futuristic parable. Set in 2059, a Kuranda resistance movement supported by the original custodians and a plethora of mystical characters fight to defend the last of the planet's rainforests from destruction for the development of a massive recreational facility, the Kuranda Kursino.

Being Kuranda of course it's quite a force, with all the beings of lore, from fairies to quinkans, witches and more. There are still some roles yet to be cast. Also crew and extras required. All welcome! Thursdays, 6pm, MainStage.

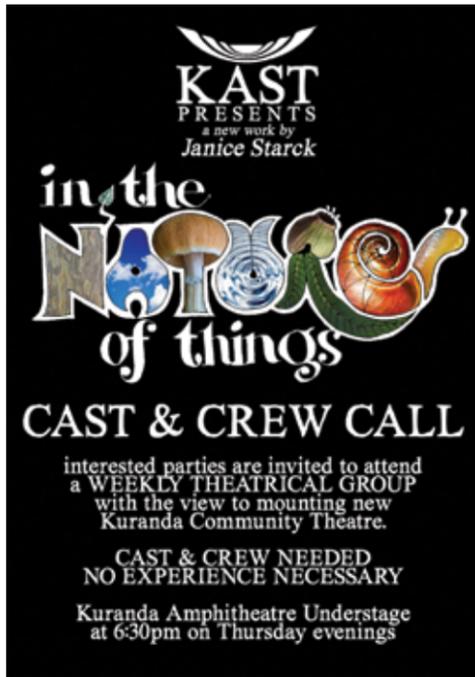
### The Amphitheatre has a new caretaker!

We are so happy to welcome Maree Gray as our new caretaker. Maree is a local artist, film maker, and arts worker, a long-term Amphitheatre member, and a core member of the K.A.S.T. Community Theatre group. Maree has been actively involved in many Kuranda Amphitheatre activities, including working with the Djabugay Weavers for a number of years.

### Last month's events

Thanks so much to community members who keep bringing events to the Amphitheatre. The secret of this venue is its unbeatable vibe. You are bound to have a brilliant gig at the Amphi!

**Kuranda Roots Afterparty** was another beautiful night of music in the Understage, big thanks to the Kuranda Roots crew for keeping the amazing vibe of the festival going for



*Kuranda Roots Afterparty at the Understage.*

one more night. Delicious food from Cantina, delectable cocktails from the KASBar, and soundsystem renegades Diggis, Quinzalez, Funkdafied, Ali Basta and Tastey DJ kept the dancefloor jumping all night. The Understage warms up a bit more with each gig!

**Funkdafied** (JC Cawley) brought a beautiful *Sunday Sessions* to the Top Pavilion, with a great turnout enjoying a super chill afternoon on the terraces, delicious food from the KAS Kitchen, tasty cocktails and even tastier tunes from locals Diggis & Jimmy Flypshit, Funkdafied, and Skippy.

### Volunteers Please!

We'd really love some help! The Amphitheatre committee and support team are looking for help in several areas. We are currently building a sponsorship and grants team, need to get more people and skills on our event promotions and marketing, and we are always looking for more people to help with events.

The Amphitheatre is a social enterprise – owned by the membership and community, and it's as big as YOU want it to be. If we all bring a plate to the party, we end up with a sumptuous feast. It's heaps of fun, a way to contribute to and connect with community, and have a great time doing it. Please reach out via our email below and let us know what you are keen to offer.

*The Kuranda Amphitheatre Management Committee*



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### Anzac Park – our Green jewel

Kuranda's Anzac Park, a valuable green space right in the Village, is up for a facelift and it does need one, having had minimal maintenance for years. But there are maturing rainforest trees there, planted to create a botanical park, now planned to make way for a bit more car parking. This chopping away at the edges of our green spaces is why we have few green spaces left. Let's take a longer look for more car parking elsewhere and how we can restore this little park with 'good bones' to its original intention as a botanical walk and contemplation park.

### Volunteers are Gold

A big shout out to all our volunteers who have helped out with our activities during school holidays. We've had a fun time with the 170 plus students and teachers from southern schools, providing them with a tree planting experience and a walk and talk about our local environment. The morning tea scones are always a big hit with students and we hope the new trees will be a big hit for the Kuranda Tree frog.

### Weeds are not Gold

Its been fantastic weather for plant growth with constant showers during this winter, but the weeds are also enjoying the same conditions. Turbina vine (pictured right) is in full flower with its white flowers and its heart shaped leaves. Do you have this on your property? Small plants are easy to pull out. Let us know, mark it with flagging tape and we'll be round to get rid of it with a cut and paste method if it's too much for you to manage.



Kuranda Tree frog male on White-lipped tree frog and Stony Creek male on Kuranda Tree frog. Photo: Cathy Retter

### Records are Gold

We're busy cross-checking our records from over nine years of frog monitoring and preparing to analyse them for trends over time to determine if the Kuranda Tree frog and other frog numbers are increasing, stable or declining significantly in the Myola valley. Record gathering over a decade, like our project in Kuranda, is a rarity, so a big shout out to all the volunteer citizen scientists who have come along on frogging nights to create a record and contributed to our understanding of this frog population. Occasionally we see some mating mistakes. Can you spot what's wrong in these photos.



Turbina flowers and leaves. Photo: Cathy Retter

### Plant of the Month Swamp Orchid – *Phaius tankervilleae*

Endangered in the wild. Receive a plant with tag, propagated under license, and an instruction sheet for their care. Flowering in August for a month, 14-15 flowers per stem, perfumed. Orchids now available at the nursery – some with one or two flower stalks, ready to flower \$25 (plants flowering next year \$20).



Swamp orchids in full bloom in August. Photo: Denise Donald

### • Date Claimers •

**Friday 21–29 August** – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.30pm. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.

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The Kuranda tree frog is found in many local creeks. Checking for invasive ants will ensure the protection of this endemic and critically endangered species.

We are the invasive resist-ants

# Vale

WAYNE LETTOW  
5 AUGUST 1966 – 25 JUNE 2023

Wayne Lettow was a long-term Kuranda local. He worked as a cook in many restaurants and cafes in the village including Monkeys, The Honey House, the Top Pub and Café Suzie. He was highly regarded as a hard worker and friendly team member.

A quiet man, Wayne certainly maintained his privacy but was always open to a conversation with anyone – young, old, and from any walk of life. He was a true gentleman.

A wicked sense of humour and a man generous with his time and skills, Wayne would happily give assistance to anyone.

Wayne's passions were horse riding, fishing and camping – in fact, anything involving outdoor adventure.

He is survived by his daughter, Jess who would like to thank Wayne's Kuranda 'family' for their support and assistance at this sad time.



There is always plenty to do and explore at Kuranda Library!

**Need a little help with your iPad, tablets and phones?** Our staff is available to help at our Tech Savvy sessions on Thursday afternoons. Bookings are required.

**Need to get out and about with your children?** We have Baby Rhyme Time on Wednesday mornings 10.30–11am and Story Time on Friday mornings 10am–12pm.

**Kuranda Writers Group.** Come and join Kuranda Writers' Group who meet the second Thursday of the month 10am–12pm.

Bring a friend and play boardgames any time! We have a variety of games available both for adults and children.

And of course, you can always just grab a book and find a cosy corner to curl up and read!

## August Book Review – *Willowman* by Inga Simpson

Award-winning author Inga Simpson writes exquisitely about a national sport you will never view the same way again.

Reader Cricket Bats, one of the last traditional bat-makers back in England, has a contemporary home in the Antipodes, with Allan Reader keeping the family business alive in a small workshop in Melbourne.

When Todd Harrow, a gifted young batter, catches Allan's eye, a spark is lit and Allan decides to make a Reader bat for him, selecting the best piece of willow he's harvested in years to do so.

### Review

You do not need to be a follower of cricket to enjoy this novel. It could apply to any person of talent coping with fame and fortune and the loss of it, the highs and the lows, the risk of injury. It shows how much the support of family and friends means to a person over many, many years of perseverance and dedication trying to get to the top and when they inevitably have to stop.

Inga Simpson is renown as a nature writer so this seems somewhat of a departure from her usual novels. However, she has also woven in the story of the white willow which is the only source of the traditionally made cricket bat. For Allan Reader, it is an art form to find the right tree, the right bit of wood and then craft it with a sweet spot designed to give the batter a perfect instrument. His story and that of his daughter is a delightful part of this novel. His musings, his knowledge of cricket and the way he builds his life around it, is captivating.

Inga Simpson writes with incredible depth and knowledge of the game of cricket (you should see the books she read beforehand!) I found myself totally absorbed in the games she described, to the point where my heart was racing awaiting a result!

Also woven into the story is the story of Todd's sister who, it could be said, is even better than he is, but faces the struggle of women and women's cricket to be acknowledged as sportspersons in their own right and worthy of being backed.

I'm in awe of these men and women for whom cricket is a way of life and ache for the injuries, the failures and the repercussions that befall them. I also feel their joy and will never see a game of cricket in the same light again.

Happy Reading! Anne B, Mareeba Library Service



The Kuranda Writers Group meets 10am to 12 noon on the second Thursday of the month at the Kuranda Library.

All who write or aspire to write are welcome.

Each month a theme is set as a helpful prompt, but any writing, prose or poem, to be shared would be great. The group is casual, friendly, helpful and aims to support local writers and writing through sharing and discussion.

The next meeting is set for **10am Thursday 10 August** and the theme is **'TIME'**. Write in any format, any style.

Check out the Kuranda Writers Group on Facebook for more information, helpful prompts and join to stay informed.

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# A Grinter's Tale

My first paid employment was in Brighton on the south coast of England, in a big manufacturing company. I can't remember if they made sausages or car parts to be honest. However, I do remember that our waste paper bins were checked every few days to see how many pieces of Tippex correction paper we used a week to correct our manual typing errors.

Now 90% or more of you will be asking yourself what Tippex was. Well, Tippex correction paper was a very valuable tool. On your manual typewriter, you backspaced to your error and stuck the little piece of white paper against it and hit the same key, whitening it away like magic. If only life's errors could be fixed with Tippex.

Desperate to stay employed, we used the same piece over and over, until the white outs became grey outs and anxiety attacks abounded as we were called into the manager's office to be chastised for wasting company resources.

We traded Tippex sheets (6 x 2.5cm) for a workmate's more appealing packed lunch, or when really desperate, for cash.

Those were the days of economy, conservation and self-preservation and you worked your butt off, whether you were a road labourer, a priest or in flight operations. I treasure a reference I got from one of my favourite bosses, who funnily enough resided in Speewah but sadly passed on.

"Suzy Grinter could do anything, and frequently did... a very competent lady and works like three drover's dogs. She is also as funny as a circus and supplies a lot of laughs. We all think she is a great tart and miss her very much." It went on.

I'll treasure that reference until the day I die and get to have a beer with him in some aircraft hangar in heaven where I can see him managing angel flight operations and the repair of wing ailerons. That was a cracker, and although he gave me a sensible reference too, I liked that one the best.

Anyway, back to the distant past. When half my wage went on Tippex, I moved on to more appealing work in a public relations firm, and I discovered there was more to life than trading your cheese sandwich for a little piece of white paper.

When I first came to Cairns in 1979, I went to work at a large privately owned professional firm where we clocked in and out, and were reprimanded for stopping to talk to our fellow employees as we passed their desk. It was so tempting to defy this type of gravity by holding up hand written signs up as we walked past our workmates, "Did you go to Nighthawks on Saturday night?" or "Geez, what a dork ----- looks in his too-short pants", but it would have been a very one sided conversation.

That was my second most forgettable employment. I think the third was a spell in body corporate management, but we won't go there. I find it hard that a company should advertise customer service excellence but reprimand employees for over servicing its customers. At

least Tippex had long been replaced by computer technology by that time, but that was little consolation.

I've always had a strong work ethic in employment. Maybe that's inherent, having a father who worked tirelessly in his pharmacies and health store six days a week, 8am to 6pm, counselled at Alcoholics Anonymous, delivered oxygen to customers bedridden with emphysema, then home to paperwork every night. His staff and customers respected and in fact, adored him, as I did. A tall man with presence, a wicked sense of humour and a big heart, and his staff were his extended family.

I take after him in a lot of ways: big feet (metaphoric and physical), small ears, love of nature, gardening and animals and a strong work ethic, but probably not the counselling at Alcoholics Anonymous. After all, you can't hold with the hare and run with the hounds. I'd get the sack for saying "Just stick to a couple of Chardonnays and you'll be right, mate".

His heart was broken though, when one of his long term employees was found to be shoplifting on a regular basis. I couldn't believe someone who was almost taken into our family would use and abuse their employer in such a way. I felt a little the same way when I discovered a young single mum I employed, mentored and counselled and to whom I paid a pretty awesome wage, was found to spend most of her employed time outside smoking when I was out of the office.

Cyberslacking or cyberloafing is rife these days. I don't know what the statistics are in Australia, and anyway, how the heck can you calculate such a phenomenon, but in 2020, statistics suggested employers in the U.S.A. lost up to \$85 billion per year through cyberloafing.

Recently, I read that cyberloafing can actually help employees cope with stressful work environments. "Social media use at work has been linked to higher levels of employee engagement and job satisfaction... empirical research suggests that employees surf the web as a response to boredom and unclear instructions."

To be honest, I personally consider working reduces boredom, and if you have nothing to do, go help a team mate, and a clear instruction is "Stop shopping for high heels in my time".

In so saying, I can do whatever I like. While the great employed of Australia can waste hundreds of dollars of employers' or taxpayers' money shopping for cheap flights to Timbuktu, it's all my own fault if I lose income being sidetracked by "Add this to your toothpaste to regrow gums in a few days" or "One teaspoon before bed can burn belly fat like never before" or "Doctors can't explain this, but it can vanish toenail fungus."

I'm going to point out that I use this as mere examples, and that the above choices are not indicative of my current health status. I would have finished this an hour ago, but had to check the radar and post something on Marketplace.



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For more information on Rose Rigley and her art visit her website [www.roserigley.com](http://www.roserigley.com)

Rose will also be exhibiting at the Tablelands Regional Gallery in Atherton in September.

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The wash of emotion lost on the blur as the cat sprang  
from the bag on a tongue soaked on the absurd.

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Emotions hit the bend, as a can of worms gets turn up on end.

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I got to try to keep it together.

I really don't understand why this mouth of mine can be so blind.  
There are times I would like to cut out this tongue of mine.

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Three of our Arts Co-op members participated in the Mareeba Arts Society 60th Anniversary Exhibition in July. Lieselotte Edwards received a Commended mention and Cathy Harvey received a Highly Commended. Also a mention to Magnolia Brooks who won two First prizes, one for the fibre art category and one for soft sculpture.



Above: "Under His Wings" by Lieselotte Edwards.



Right: "Everlasting Alliums" by Cathy Harvey.



Alexander Palm Sheath bag by Jennifer Walton.

### New Artist

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Walton to our Gallery. Jennifer is currently working with palm sheaths, soaking and manipulating to create an array of unique shaped vessels, embellished with seeds from the palm inflorescence and other natural fibres from her garden. Jennifer also works with natural fibres and textiles, recycling materials wherever possible.

### And...An occasion to meet Otiose Limner

A few weeks ago, Hunsinger, in a sudden mid-life crisis (at 85), decided to create another alias. Tired of his other alias TEVAL, he decided to use the name of Otiose Limner, an alias he used years ago, a name that fit his feelings.

"Why?" you may ask.

"Why not?" he replies.

"Why Otiose?" you ask again. Well, look it up in the dictionary or take him for a coffee...

What does he want to do with it? Another interesting question. It's a matter of distribution of tasks and responsibilities. If Hunsinger is not happy with the paintings by Otiose, well, they can discuss their differences easily.

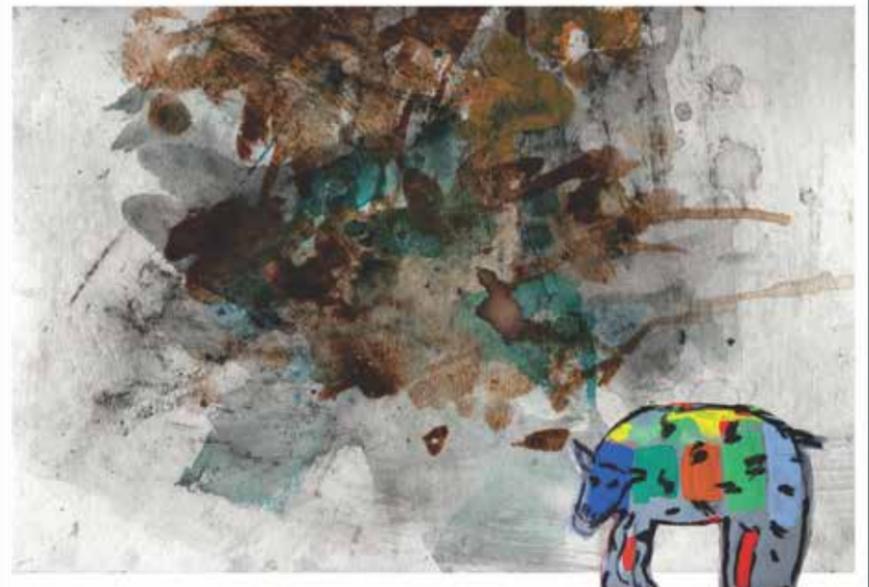
A number of abstract works by Otiose Limner will be on display from August 2023 on the white wall of Café Mandala.

In the meantime, artificial intelligence is working on his biography, which will be available soon for those who want to know more.



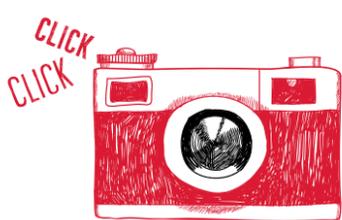
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## FOCUS ON KURANDA

The **Focus on Kuranda Photography Group** is a Facebook group for photographers of all levels. Photos featured here have received the most 'likes' for the previous month (at the time of going to print).

JULY "Goanna basking in the sun - Speewah"  
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## KURANDA'S HISTORIC ANZAC PARK – RECOGNISE ITS PAST AND HELP SHAPE ITS FUTURE

Do you know where Kuranda's historic 'Anzac Park' (also known as 'Rotary Park') is located? It's the shady park on Therwine Street across the road from the Kuranda Original Rainforest Markets and Honey House Kuranda, and adjacent to the Heritage Markets. Nearby is the original Kuranda graveyard established over a century ago (see photo of single remaining gravestone).

The grave of JWH Keating (Kuranda pioneer) located on the edge of Anzac Park.



View from lower Therwine Street, looking up towards Centenary Park. Anzac Park is located on the right in this photo and is between the two markets on land which was once the Old Kennedy Highway before the bypass was built in the late-1980s.

This park was created in 1988 after the Kuranda bypass road was built (late-1980s) and left it as unallocated public land. In the same year, Kuranda Rotary and Kuranda RSL put together a comprehensive community amenity plan for the area with the intent of providing an easily accessible 'green space' where both visitors and locals could rest and cool off. Anzac services were observed there and later these services moved to Centenary Park.

A botanical park of local rainforest trees was planted, and a water bubbler, waterfall and wishing pool was installed, as well as a barbeque and shelter shed.

The park has provided an important shady place for locals and tourists. Importantly, it provides an area for Kuranda's First Nations people to gather comfortably in town, on what has been their land for thousands of years.

Sadly, this area has been neglected for several years. Common pioneer tree species have sprung up creating a dark and tangled feel to the well laid out rainforest garden. The paths are buckled and uneven with bulging root systems. The Rotary Club's water feature has been disconnected and left to accumulate dirt, rainwater and garbage. The barbeques and water bubbler have been removed reducing the public amenity of the area.

Driven by complaints about the now neglected and perceived 'unsafe' nature of the park, Council has released plans to refurbish the park i.e. to open the park for more natural light and airflow, removal of 'hiding places', and reconfiguring the park to include a minimum of four more car parks on Therwine Street. The shelter shed and the defunct water feature are slated to be removed after consultation with Mareeba Rotary, who, in the absence of an active Kuranda Rotary, were not opposed to the idea. The cost of the proposed changes is recorded in the Council budget as \$300,000.

On 25 July, Kuranda Historical Society (KHS) representatives met with the Mareeba Shire Council Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to present ideas that would preserve and enhance the historic and natural amenity of the park. We offered to work with Council to create a History Walk through the park and would like to include this area in

a proposed Kuranda History Trail app.

We were informed that the plans for the park are out for consultation and they are not a 'done deal'. It was agreed that any proposal to preserve and enhance the park put forward by Kuranda residents would be looked at.

The Council's proposed plans for Anzac Park can be found at [www.msc.qld.gov.au/current-community-consultation](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au/current-community-consultation). If you feel strongly about protecting and improving the park's historical aspects and would like to feed into our re-design process, please provide comments to KHS at [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com) to include in our submission to Council. Get involved to make the best of the proposed changes!

If anyone has more information about the park and its history please contact us at [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com).

### Planning for the Future Workshop – Saturday 13 August

We invite all members and community supporters to a planning meeting in August ahead of our AGM in September. We would like to review the KHS Strategic Plan for ideas, historical projects of any kind, brain-storm options for displaying historical artefacts and discuss options for a Record Management System.

### AGM 17 September – Committee members needed

Kuranda Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the KHS Offices in Centenary Park on 17 September 2023. We have a good committee, a Strategic Plan that we are solidly working through, and very practical administrative systems in place, but we need a secretary.

### Membership Reminder

Your Kuranda Historical Society Membership is due in September of each year. It's only \$15, but across the community it adds up to be enough for us to keep plugging away at bringing Kuranda's history together. If you wish to pay your 2023 memberships now or join the Kuranda Historical Society, please send an email to [kurandahistory@gmail.com](mailto:kurandahistory@gmail.com).

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# WHAT MAKES A SPECIES?



Species is a word we use regularly in our nature articles, yet people are not always clear on its meaning. Most simply defined, a group of organisms belong to the same species if they are capable of interbreeding to produce fertile offspring. This, however, has many exceptions and does not fit all organisms perfectly; such is nature with all its complexity. It is the best method we humans have come up with so far to classify the living things around us. We shouldn't be surprised that we cannot define a species perfectly, as it is a concept which we have made up ourselves to organise and make sense of the complex living things around us.

A species is the end point of our biological classification system. The system has seven major divisions: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus and Species. The scientific name given to animals and plants is the *genus* and *species* name they have been assigned and is often referred to as the binomial name. Closely related organisms may share the same genus, but have a different species name – e.g. the Agile Wallaby *Macropus agilis*, and the Red Kangaroo, *Macropus rufus*. Both belong to the same genus *Macropus*, but are different species.

In the past, classifying animals into a species has been done by a group of scientists called taxonomists who look at a combination of the animal's physical features, along with some knowledge of where they are found in relation to other known species. Fine measurements and a great deal of attention to detail is required, but sometimes it is a very difficult task – particularly when it comes to classifying tiny invertebrates. Today DNA technology is becoming a useful tool in classification and can not only determine how closely animals are related to each other, but which common ancestors they share. In some cases, this has changed some of our previous classifications which were based purely on physical characteristics.

Naming a species is big job and requires the scientist to not only study the particular organism in minute detail, but also to ensure that no one else has done so already. This includes examining specimens and publications held by museums and universities all around the country (and overseas in some cases) to cross reference and check the identity of the 'new' animal or plant. New species are discovered and named regularly, particularly in the invertebrate world, and it is not surprising. Estimates of the number of invertebrate species in the world range from 1.5 million to 10 million, compared with 36,000 vertebrate animals – most of which have already been classified.

Here in Kuranda, we are lucky enough to have many great

scientists that have chosen to reside in this incredibly biodiverse region. One of which is world renowned insect taxonomist Dr David Rentz. David's life-long work has involved classifying insects, particularly katydids, crickets, grasshoppers and cockroaches. He has described a significant number of species from around Kuranda alone. Spotting these 'new' species usually takes a trained eye and microscopic examination as they are often very similar to others closely related to them. Over the years David has spent countless hours looking through microscopes at the minute details of insect specimens to document and classify these critically important animals.

On occasions however, undescribed species turn up and they are so obvious it is hard to imagine how they managed to go unnoticed this long. In 2006, while doing field work for Melbourne Museum, we were fortunate enough to discover a spectacular huntsman spider in this region which had yet to be scientifically classified. From the moment we saw it we knew it hadn't been documented. We didn't recognise the spider at all. It was large, bright orange/yellow with black markings. We photographed it and sent it to a specialist huntsman spider taxonomist. It didn't match any of the almost 150 huntsman spiders already classified, but was physically similar in some respects to those in the genus *Tytopstola*. DNA work on this animal had reinforced its place in the genus. Unfortunately, due to the lack of taxonomists working on huntsman spiders in Australia, nearly 20 years later, it still hasn't been officially described. This isn't unusual though, as due to the sheer number of invertebrates, there is a huge number of undescribed species with specimens lodged in scientific collections around the world just waiting for the limited number of taxonomists to work their magic and publish their findings.

## Alan Henderson, Minibeast Wildlife

Top: A local species yet to be described by scientists and given an official species name. For the moment we can only refer to it by its common name, the 'Tiger Huntsman'.

Photo: Alan Henderson

Above: The Kuranda Katydid (*Caedicia kuranda*), a species described by Dr David Rentz. It is one of many species of green coloured katydids found locally.

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# Rare opportunity at the Queensland Museum

# Kuranda's Butterfly Man



In a truly exceptional event, one of the rarest treasures from the Queensland Museum collection was unveiled when *The Butterfly Man of Kuranda: The Dodd Collection* opened at Queensland Museum South Bank in Brisbane on Friday 28 July. It is the historic F.P. and A.P. Dodd Collection of Tropical Insects from Australia and New Guinea.

This unrivalled display includes meticulously arranged showcases dating from the early 1900s to the 1960s – it is a rare opportunity to witness an extraordinarily biodiverse display of insects and visitors will discover a world brimming with these mesmerising creatures.

The exhibition will run until 14 April 2024 and features nine display cases at a time, alternating in intervals. This rotational approach ensures the long-term preservation of one of the state's premier collections under carefully controlled environmental conditions, ensuring safeguarding for future generations.

Each display captures the essence and allure of these rare specimens, reigniting a deep appreciation for the art and science of collecting.



## THE ROTATIONS

### Rotation 1: Jewelled Grandeur

28 July – 22 October 22 2023

In 1884 Frederick Parkhurst Dodd was a 23-year-old bank clerk who, after being unwillingly transferred from Victoria to Townsville in remote, tropical Queensland, took up butterfly collecting, and soon became so engrossed in natural history that he left the bank in 1895, determined to make an independent living from insects. The first suite of cases from the Dodd Collection on display includes the 'Grand Parade', featuring beautiful metallic Christmas beetles, flower chafers and stag beetles artfully arranged in mesmerising concentric circles.

### Rotation 2: The Ghosts of Kuranda

23 October 2023 – 28 January 2024

After a violent cyclone devastated his house in Townsville, Dodd and his growing family moved to Kuranda in the heart of the rich and unexplored rainforests of the Cairns region. As Kuranda became a popular tourist destination, Dodd developed a show collection of spectacular insects in his home. These striking display cases allowed him to share the beauty of rainforest insects with the general public. The second rotation of the Dodd Collection includes a showcase of nocturnal moths in beautiful muted, pastel shades, including the rare ghost moths of the genus *Aenetus*.

### Rotation 3: A Brilliant Family

29 January 29 – 14 April 2024

All six children of F.P. Dodd were steeped in insect lore from an early age and played a vital role in the family's insect enterprises. Displaying the collection became a tradition among the Dodd family. Dodd's son, Alan, had a brilliant career as a professional entomologist. He made three visits to New Guinea to pursue moths and butterflies, arranging them into striking showcases to complement his father's older cases and form an important part of the Dodd collection. This final showing of the Dodd collection includes some of Alan Dodd's cases of striking New Guinea jezebel butterflies and blue birdwing butterflies from the Solomon Islands.

Visit [www.museum.qld.gov.au](http://www.museum.qld.gov.au) for more information.

Left: Frederick Parkhurst Dodd c. 1930. Photo courtesy State Library of Queensland

Below: *Ulysses Butterflies* – Dodd Collection of Tropical Insects; *Phalacrognathus muelleri* (Coleoptera: Lucanidae); New Guinea butterflies. © Queensland Museum, Peter Waddington.



## Wet Tropics Management Authority Board supports an

## Indigenous Voice to Parliament

The Board of the Wet Tropics Management Authority has released its latest position statement supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart, in particular, a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

The Authority's Chair, Chrissy Grant, said the Board recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are best placed to shape the solutions that will help their communities to overcome the systemic disparities and disadvantage.

"The Authority acknowledges the significant contribution that Indigenous Peoples have made, and continue to make, in the stewardship of the World Heritage Area, and we are privileged to partner with Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples to manage the cultural and natural heritage values within the Area," Ms Grant said.

"In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge our dark past. When the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area of Queensland (the Area) was listed, without the consent of Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, in 1988, it was only the region's environmental values that were recognised, and not the rich cultural history of Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples."

However, the Authority has made significant headway in righting this wrong, since the signing in 2005 of the Regional Agreement with Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, an agreement we are currently working to refresh.

Ms Grant said that liaising with the Traditional Custodians of the Wet Tropics is now central to all the work the Authority conducts as part of its responsibility for protecting and managing the environment, biodiversity and heritage values of the Area.

"The Area is home to the world's oldest continuously surviving tropical rainforests and the traditional lands of one of the world's oldest cultures.

In making its position known, the Board recognises and respects that there are a range of opinions and diversity of views from Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians regarding the Uluru Statement.

"We do not purport to speak for any sector of the community, but as an organisation that has the responsibility of protecting and presenting the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area for the benefit of all humanity, we respectfully offer our perspective to be included in the national conversation," Ms Grant said.

"We acknowledge that everyone is entitled to reach their own decision come the referendum, and we encourage all Australians to consider the invitation and opportunity with an open heart and an open mind as we move forward to this historic referendum."

Source: Wet Tropics Management Authority

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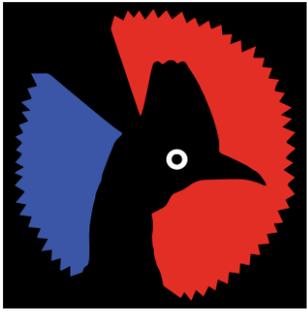
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Want advice on what to plant at your place? Give us a call.

Two **BOX TRAILERS** available for you to borrow - 4093 8834

## PAVE PARADISE, PUT UP A PARKING LOT

**Car parking in Kuranda** is permanently on the agenda. Visitors won't visit our town if they can't find somewhere to park. We need carparks for our town to survive and thrive. The pressing question is where. Mareeba Shire Council presented us with a draft plan to take out a number of mature native trees so that Therwine Street can be widened to make about four new car spaces. A list of suggested replacement plants was presented, claimed to be native, of which about two-thirds were not native.

**We think there is a better way.** Our team visited the site on Saturday 22 July and attempted to identify the existing trees under threat and to search for a more appropriate site where there are no trees to remove and might even allow for more carparks. The register we produced (thanks to Jo Martin) will form the basis of discussions with Council. Jo has also produced a map with suggestions of other places which might be considered appropriate for car parking. Win/Win? Let us know if you have any suggestions you'd like Council or the participating community to take into account. Watch this space.

### WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS?

When you plant non-native plants, you are denying the local critters habitat - a place to live and food.

You might be glad that nothing is eating the plants in your garden, but that's a bad sign. You've created a barren place. It might be pretty to your eye but it is, in fact, selfish. We take so much from the environment when we build our houses and roads, the least we could do is keep or restore some of the natural environment. Even replacing one of your non-native trees with something native, would help.

### CASSOWARY ART TRAIL

The Cassowary Art Trail is celebrating its first birthday at the Kuranda Colour Fest on 9 September. It's always a fun event and a casual time to catch up with friends who you only see once a year. We plan to have one of the famous painted cassowaries on show.

For more information check the Cassowary Trail Facebook or Instagram pages.

If you would like to support the Cassowary Art Trail, donations can be given at via the website at [www.cassowarytrail.com.au](http://www.cassowarytrail.com.au). Thank you!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CASSOWARIES AT THE MOMENT

Many male cassowaries are now sitting on eggs. It won't be fun in the wet weather and this may even affect the success of this year's eggs hatching. The

eggs are usually laid in a little bit of a hollow. While this keeps the eggs together and stops them rolling away, the hollow may fill with water and cause temperature and humidity problems for the chick's survival. We don't usually have as much rain at this time of the year.

Food's been scarce in the past month or two and will be until the spring fruit start to ripen in a month or so. Might as well stay home and sit on eggs!

### PROTECTING THE JUMRUM VALLEY

Responses from government departments and politicians have been slow or non-existent as we try to ensure an improved environmental outcome for what could be an outrageously damaging subdivision without safeguards to wildlife habitat and water ways. We refer to the subdivision of Fallon Road, pushing into good forest extending up to the Kuranda Springs area. Hopefully, next month we'll have more promising information to publish.

### A PERFECT TIME TO PLANT RIGHT NOW

With more good rain and low temperatures, just about anything you plant now will get a good head start for a harsher summer season to come. Trees will help to keep us and the soil cool, so some good advice - plant a tree. We have some good stock needing a permanent home. Drop by.

## JUMRUM SUBDIVISION UPDATE

Kur-Alert Inc. has been observing activity including forest clearing, earthmoving and civil construction at the proposed 83-block subdivision on Fallon Road, Kuranda.

Many in the community have written to local members of parliament and compliance agencies. Kur-Alert Inc. were notified by mail on 28 July 2023 that the Compliance and Enforcement Branch of Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is investigating the matter of alleged non-compliance.

Kur-Alert Inc. will give a further update in the next edition of *The Kuranda Paper*.

**Kur-Alert Inc.**



## Batreach - Recent Arrivals

Flynn is a Common Brushtail possum that came into care at Batreach several months ago after he was found clinging to his dead mother. Flynn was fully furred and of a size that suggested he had left mum's pouch and would have been riding on her back. On arrival, he started lapping possum milk formula and has now graduated to a mixture of vegetables, fruits and eucalypt leaves. Flynn is now a big healthy boy we hope to release in the near future.

Vlad, a Little Bentwing-bat, was found by a member of the public near Mareeba. He was found on the ground with a wing injury as a result of a dog attack. Vlad is an adult male weighing in at 7 grams and would normally be living in a cave or a tunnel. He is thriving on a diet of mealworms. In the wild he would be munching between 50 and 70 mosquitoes and other flying insects per night.

*Peter Blyth (volunteer)*

*Left: Flynn the Common Brushtail possum. Photo: Peter Blyth. Right: Vlad the Little Bentwing-bat. Photo: Ros Peric.*



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# KURANDA MEN'S SHED

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**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Best times are busy times, a wise person once said. That means that the best times are heading towards the Kuranda Men's Shed!

We begin on Saturday 12 August with our next Community BBQ outside the IGA – with a twist! Of course we will have some good ole' Aussie snags on the BBQ, but we will also be serving up slow cooked brisket and gravy rolls... 16 hour slow cooked pulled meat, drenched in gravy on fresh rolls... MMM-mmmmm. Oooh-yeah that's my style!

On Saturday 16 September, we will proudly host an Open Community Event. We have the fabulous Pat Woodcock visiting us for a discussion on the "Transition from Working to Retired Life". This will be the first event where we will invite public speakers or practical workshops on a variety of issues affecting men (and women) in our area. We hope to make this a regular monthly event. Plans in the future include hosting our local Aged Care Advocate, as well as a nutritionist who will speak on what is needed to sustain an older body. If you have suggestions for (or are) a relevant speaker to the Men's Shed demographic, please email mensshedkuranda@gmail.com.

Moving on from upcoming events, we here at the Shed thought you might like to hear from some current members. Why did they join? Why does the Shed formula work? What are they making? Over the next months, we will introduce several of our members, and hopefully you can relate to at least some of them. We decided to start with John Todd, our current (long-serving) Vice President.

John has been a member of the Shed since before it was officially formed! He was one of the inaugural founding members. When I asked him why he became involved in the Kuranda Men's Shed project, he stated that he believed that it was needed in the local community – he saw a gap in the community i.e. a group addressing men's mental health. "It helps men – keeping their hands busy. Once that happens, it becomes much easier for us to talk to each other about what's on our minds. Talking over the top of a workbench is much easier than sitting at a table, and the easier it is to engage, the more likely men are to confide, ask for support, and to accept it." John isn't all talk either, he has been a hands-on member of the Shed the entire time. He has used it to learn and upgrade skills, source materials and then build his own personal projects – no less than, get this, four boats – actual boats! and all are functional (including a speedboat!). He is currently building a 16-foot canoe. Goodness only knows where he intends to paddle it – John and his wife are intrepid travellers, but you can be assured this canoe will be used.

When I asked John to sum up the Kuranda Men's Shed in a short sentence, he gave me a very short sentence indeed. "Camaraderie", he said. The Oxford dictionary defines this as "Mutual trust and friendship...". And you know what, I completely agree. It certainly is simple, plain and honest camaraderie.

Julia (President)



Above: Fancy a tune? Ukulele fashioned by John Todd.

Above right: Boat nearing completion – built and launched by John Todd.

## Session Times

Men's Shed • Wed & Sat 8.30am–11.30am

She Shed • Friday 8am–1pm (until normal days resume soon)

116 Kuranda Heights Road

Contact: Julia (President) mensshedkuranda@gmail.com

Kuranda Men's Shed



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President: Vicki Donovan 0400 791 345

*Kuranda CWA Branch works within the QCWA Strategic Plan framework – Focusing beyond: overcoming isolation, healthy QLD women and our local community needs.*

## NEW KURANDA CWA COMMITTEE

**AGM** – Our AGM was held on Friday 28 July with guests Mareeba Shire Council Mayor, Angela Toppin, the QCWA Far Northern District President, Meg Trimble and Vice President of Northern QCWA, Jeanette Weston attending. Thanks were extended to dedicated Committee Office Bearers who have completed their two year and four year terms – Vicki Donovan as President, Krishna Buhler as Treasurer, and Carol Jeans as Vice President. Officer Bearers appointed in new positions are – Carol Jeans (President), Sandra McCorry (Vice President), Krishna Buhler (Secretary) and Liza Soenario (Treasurer). New memberships are available through QCWA online.



*QCWA State Northern Vice President Jeanette Weston, congratulates Liza Soenario newly appointed Treasurer for the Kuranda Branch. Photo: Krishna Buhler.*

**Country Kitchens** – Our recipe this month – **PUMPKIN SCONES** (gluten free) and can be found at [www.qcwacountrykitchens.com.au/recipe/pumpkin-scones-gluten-free/](http://www.qcwacountrykitchens.com.au/recipe/pumpkin-scones-gluten-free/)

Recipe courtesy of Fiona McKenzie, Brisbane City Nights QCWA Branch

**Serves:** 10. **Prep time:** 15 minutes. **Cook time:** 15–20 minutes.

**Ingredients:** 250g pumpkin, peeled and cut into chunks, 250g gluten free self-raising flour, 50g coconut flour, 20g butter or margarine, 1 egg (lightly beaten), ¼ cup milk (reduced fat).

### Method:

PREHEAT the oven to 200°C. Place baking paper on a biscuit tray. STEAM pumpkin until soft then puree. SIFT flours into a large bowl then rub in the butter or margarine. Add the pumpkin puree. MIX egg through the mixture and slowly add the milk until a soft dough forms.

Turn out onto a floured or lined baking tray. FLOUR hands (in coconut flour) and pat dough forming a round 3 cm thick piece. Using the back of the knife to mark into wedges or squares (10 pieces). BRUSH dough with milk and bake in oven until golden, and firm when tapped. COOL, then split and serve with onion jam and low-fat cream cheese or top with ricotta and fresh spinach.

**CWA monthly Members' meeting** – will be held on Wednesday 9 August 9–11am.

**Social Gathering** – Every third Wednesday of the month for socialising opportunities. Wednesday 16 August 9am–12noon at the Kuranda CWA Hall. All welcome.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE CWA?

Contact the following hirers for any enquiries regarding their activities:

Yoga in Rainforest – Aileen 0419 726 955

Yoga with Tina – 0499 593 119

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*Vicki Donovan our Country Kitchens Facilitator presenting her first 'tasting' of Pumpkin scones with CWA member Sonja Soenario. Photo: Krishna Buhler.*

## I'm here to hear R U OK? Day 2023

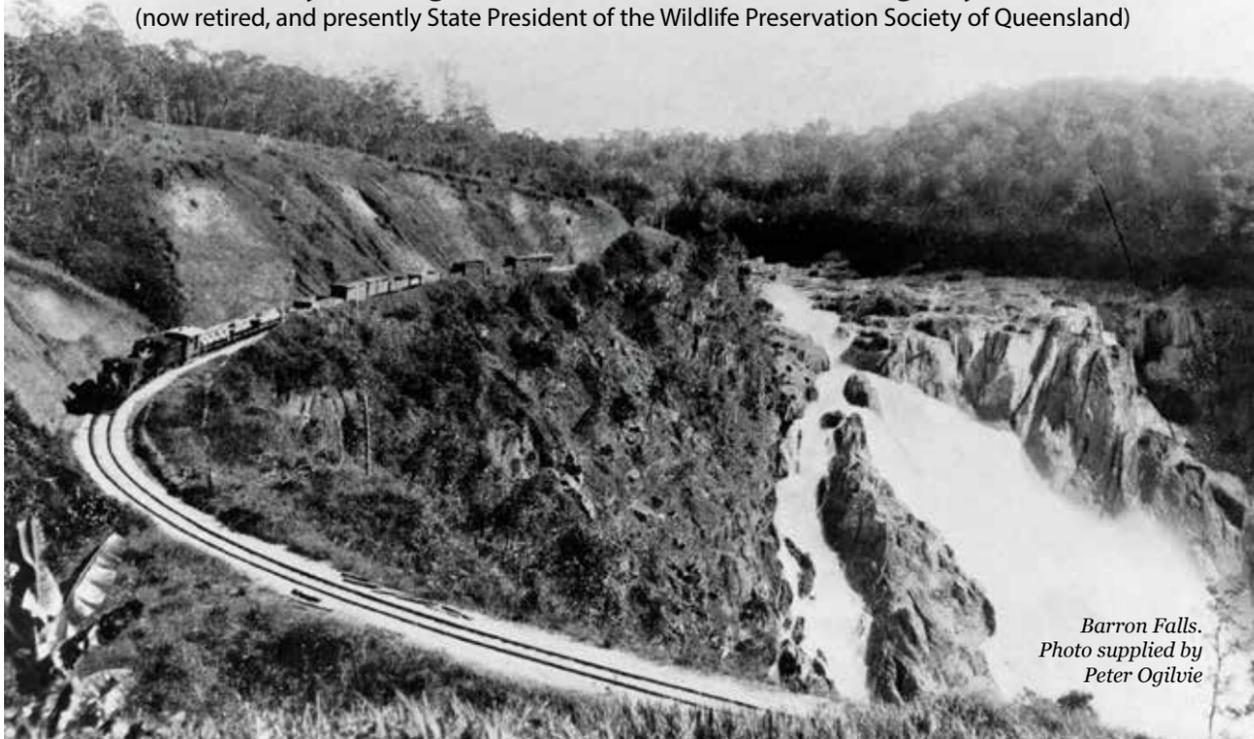
**R U OK? Day** is on 14 September 2023 and **R U OK?** are calling on Australians to let the people they care about know; "I'm here to hear" every day of the year.



# A Most Unexpected National Park

by Peter Ogilvie, Environmental Protection Agency

(now retired, and presently State President of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland)



Barron Falls.  
Photo supplied by  
Peter Ogilvie

The earliest national parks in Queensland are reasonably well known. Witches Falls (now part of Tamborine National Park) started the ball rolling in March 1908, followed closely the same year by Bunya Mountains, Blackfellows Knob (now part of Main Range) and Fairy Bower (which was revoked in 1951). The following year saw Cunninghams Gap (now part of Main Range) and Millstream Falls national parks come into existence.

And that's where the history of national parks in Queensland starts — or so we thought. In the process of searching old editions of the Government Gazette for early timber reserves and State forests, a most unusual and totally unexpected national park came to light.

Many timber reserves and several State forest reserves existed well before 1906 when *The State Forests and National Parks Act of 1906* was enacted. These were established as special purpose reserves under the relevant Land Act of the day. The first timber reserve was published in the Government Gazette in 1870. By December 1904, the total area of timber reserves throughout the state stood at 3.67 million acres (nearly 1.5 million hectares).

When the new legislation for creating State forests and national parks came into force on 1 January 1907, there were many existing candidates ready to be proclaimed as State forests under its more protective provisions. The first five — Mount Me, Baracula, Burncluith, Mount Mistake and Blackdown Tableland — were proclaimed on 6 June 1907. The very first national park established under that legislation was the 324-acre Witches Falls (131 hectares) proclaimed on 26 March 1908.

What wasn't known, or expected, was that a reserve for national park purposes, similar to the early reserves for timber and State forest, had been proclaimed under *The Land Act 1897* on 19 September 1900. It was published in the Government Gazette on 22 September 1900. The proclamation referred to a (temporary) Reserve for National Park of about 7500 acres (3035 hectares). It was given the name Barron Falls.

## How did it happen?

There is no clear indication why national park status was chosen, particularly when there was no legislation providing for such status and, as far as can be ascertained, no area in Queensland had previously been given that title.

Nevertheless there was a desire in the north to keep the land next to Barron Falls in a reasonably untouched state. On 12 February 1898 the mayor of Cairns, Karl Aumuller, sent a telegram to the Minister for Public Lands regarding an "influential meeting of citizens" which carried a resolution that land near the falls should not be alienated and should be reserved for water supply and other purposes for the town of Cairns. A letter dated the same day from the town clerk to the Minister stated the same case in more detail.

A railway line had been built from Cairns to Kuranda and the Railway Department was keen to obtain reserve status over a large portion of land either side of the line. That part of the line, originally designed to terminate at Herberton, was opened in 1891. The train journey terminated in full view of Barron Falls which, at the time, was an unconstrained and spectacular waterfall.

A request had been made for this land to be given railway reserve status. However, a letter to the Commissioner for Railways dated 24 December 1898 notes that the Minister for Public Lands "does not see the necessity for the large reserve for Railway purposes, in the locality referred to, nor does he consider it expedient to grant same". A strip of land one chain (20 metres) wide on either side of the line was considered

sufficient for railway purposes.

The Commissioner for Railways had issued leases from 1 January 1900 to a company called Chillagoe Railways and Mines Limited for two areas next to Barron Falls "to construct and maintain a drain conduit or pipe". The company was keen to harness Barron Falls to generate electricity for the electrolytic treatment of copper and other ores produced in the Chillagoe district and had sought two leases over land above and below Barron Falls in December 1897.

However, the Crown Solicitor determined that the Commissioner for Railways did not have authority to issue such leases. In addition, the Land Commissioner for the area opposed the lease applications, arguing that "the erection of all reducing works in the immediate neighbourhood of the falls would greatly impair the beauty of the place, and spoil the reserve as a public park for which it was no doubt intended".

These works did not proceed, but the proposal did highlight the potential value of Barron Falls for hydroelectric power generation. (A power station was destined to be built there, but not for another 35 years.)

That left the way open for some form of reservation to safeguard the land near the falls. Some of the area was already a Reserve for Public Purposes. Nevertheless, the call for a national park appears to have come from the Railway Departments district engineer in Cairns. Railways and tourism were strongly linked at that time. The Land Commissioner for Cairns, Mr T White, was in agreement and referred the proposal to the Under Secretary for Public Lands on 7 April 1900 with the following support: "With reference to the suggestion by the Railway Department that a large area in the neighbourhood of the Barron Falls should be reserved for a National Park, I beg to state that I consider this suggestion a very good one, and recommend that it be adopted".

The recommendation did not stop there. On 8 May 1900 it was referred to the Under Secretary of the Chief Secretary's Department with the request that the matter be laid before the Premier for his consideration. The approval by Premier Robert Philp to proceed with the reserve for national park was dated 11 May 1900.

Now this was much more than the normal process for establishing a reserve under the Land Act. It is possible that national park status was something totally new that needed to be cleared at the top; or it may have been that the land next to Barron Falls was considered important enough to need the Premier's agreement before it was removed from the 'selection' process. In other words, before it was no longer available for private ownership and development.

Either way, the Government Gazette of 22 September 1900 published a Proclamation by the Governor, Baron Lamington, stating that about 7500 acres had been temporarily reserved as a Reserve for National Park, Barron Falls, under the provisions of *The Land Act 1897* — and that is how Queensland's very first piece of land with the title of national park came about.

The proclamation under the Land Act did not confer any special protection on those 7500 acres, and the status could easily have been cancelled. In this sense it was no different from Royal National Park, established in 1879 as a NSW Land Act reserve and regarded as Australia's first National Park. It too had no legal protection or special management provisions.

## The next step

When *The State Forests and National Parks Act of 1906* (SF&NP Act) came into force on 1 January 1907, a likely course of action might have been to contemplate making the Barron

Falls area a national park under the new legislation. After all, both Acts were administered by the same department (Public Lands).

Such a move was seriously contemplated seven years later. In February 1914 the Land Commissioner for the area wrote to the Under Secretary for Lands in Brisbane stating that the Barron Falls area had become a popular tourist resort, and recommending that "to protect the beautiful native fauna, the whole of the reserve, inclusive of unalienated surveyed land, be permanently reserved under *The State Forests and National Parks Act of 1906*".

The recommendation was not accepted by the Under Secretary based on a file note stating that "the Railway Department is interested in the Park and it may be thought wise some day for them to have control". This was a strange decision, particularly in view of the 1898 action to limit the amount of land under Railway Department control and the fact that the original national park recommendation came from the Railway Department.

Another opportunity for the area to be permanently reserved came in 1919. Once again it was decided not to place the reserve under legislation for national parks. In that year Barron Falls National Park underwent an area change and a name change. On 7 June 1919 the Government Gazette announced that the area was reduced from 7500 acres to 6700 acres and was no longer a Reserve for National Park, but was now designated as "Reserve for Park, Barron Falls". Thereby, the first national park disappeared as enigmatically as it appeared.

Dropping the word "national" clearly acknowledged the fact that national parks were now established under *The State Forests and National Parks Act of 1906*. There was obviously no intention to upgrade Barron Falls to National Park status under that Act at that time. Given that a power station was being considered, proclamation as a National Park under the SF&NP Act would mean any revocations could be carried out only by passing an Act in Parliament. As Barron Falls was a Land Act reserve, any area changes, such as occurred in 1919 and 1933 (to facilitate power station construction), did not require the scrutiny of Parliament.

The Government Gazette notice for the new Barron Falls Reserve for Park placed the area "under the control of Charles James Francis Miller as trustee". No details of Mr Miller's provenance were provided in the proclamation. However, the Government Gazette of 19 May 1917 revealed that Charles James Francis Miller was appointed from 1 June 1917 as Land Commissioner for the Cairns, Port Douglas, Cooktown, Innisfail and Ingham land agents' districts, and Acting Land Commissioner for the Atherton and Herberton land agents' districts.

But why appoint the Cairns Land Commissioner as a trustee when he was legally responsible for the reserve anyway? The answer lies in the powers available to the Commissioner to prosecute people for taking such things as orchids, ferns and other valuable plant material. The Commissioner relied on existing legal provisions, but these were not particularly helpful. As trustee he could introduce specific bylaws — and that is exactly what he did. Later in 1919 the following bylaw came into force:

*Any person who, without lawful excuse, removes, damages, or otherwise interferes with the flora, fauna, or anything in or upon the Reserve, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.*

That was a particularly strong an all-encompassing provision, as it effectively protected everything. It was far broader than the protection offered to national parks established under the SF&NP Act at that time.

## A National Park finally

Harnessing Barron Falls for electric power generation had been seriously contemplated since 1897. The initial hydroelectric power station was an underground facility at the base of the falls. It had a long gestation period and a difficult construction phase but was eventually opened by Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Queensland, in November 1935.

With that achieved, there was no longer any impediment to giving the reserve full national park status. In 1940, the Barron Falls Reserve for Park (R 167) was cancelled and Barron Gorge National Park (R 880), with an area of 7000 acres (2833 hectares), was proclaimed under the provisions of *The State Forests and National Parks Act of 1906*. It finally became part of the expanding state-wide conservation estate.

The 1900 Barron Falls Reserve for National Park has a truly unique place in the history of Queensland national parks. It can lay claim to being the first national park in the state, certainly in name if not in substance.

It was not, however, the first of many. As far as can be ascertained, no other Land Act reserve before or since has been proclaimed for national park purposes. For this reason, the honour of the first Queensland national park in name, substance, and legislative status, not to mention the first in a dynasty, still resides indisputably with Witches Falls National Park.

Story originally published in the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service *Bush Telegraph* in Autumn 2008 to commemorate 100 years of Queensland National Parks 1908–2008.



### Local seeds sprouting abundantly...

The Seedsavers groups in Far North Queensland have been getting around the ridges recently, and sowing the seeds of love, (just like the Tears for Fears song).

The wonderful Maria from Mareeba Seedsavers presented talks and shared seeds at the recent Regen permaculture weekend up at Wallaby Creek, which was well attended, and informative, with attendees leaving new food-forests in their wake.

Elf and Monika from Cairns Seedsavers were at the Family Project gathering at Koah Hall, giving away food seedlings, cuttings and seeds, sharing abundance out to local gardens. Why not become more resilient and self-sufficient in our region? It's a perfect place to grow so many varieties of food all year round.

Kuranda-Sprouts Seedsavers made their way to near Mareeba to enjoy and appreciate Ye and her family's amazing, abundant, organic multi-variety food garden. As is our usual format, firstly we sat around yarning while packing seeds to go into the local seedbank. Seedsaving friends Peter and Heather, from Mount Molloy Seedsavers, popped in to join us and share their excess seeds with our local seedbank, and we also had a wonderful gift-package from the prodigious Jane ManyLeaves, who with Annie Jenkins, brought Seedsavers to FNQ many years ago. Jane and her family grow most of their required food in their home garden near Babinda, and Jane has saved and shared an extraordinary amount of food seeds over the years as well as an extensive range of tropical food plants at Gordonvale markets and others. Her seeds will keep us busy packing for some time.

Ye and her family shared some jicama (yam-bean) seeds, and also some delectable sticky rice for us to enjoy. On asking, we discovered that Ye grows enough rice to feed her

family for a year, out around Malanda, and so we asked lots of questions, and were so grateful that they shared planting and threshing and seedsaving wisdom, and also seeds of both sticky-rice varieties and sticky-corn, which none of us had heard of, for our seedbank. What a great gift for our community! They are dry land, or 'upland' rice varieties too, so do not require the water that rice varieties we are familiar with do. In fact, Ye tells us traditionally in Laos, the rice and other crops are planted with the rains, when the time is right, and then do not get watered for the duration, just utilising the seasonal rains, and harvested also when the time is right, before the rice can drop to seed.

It is all in the timing and the intergenerational seasonal knowledge and the connected and interconnected awareness of these moments which over time have taught the Lao natural farmers to grow their abundant crops for their families and communities. In less abundant harvest seasons, the rice is mixed with the corn to increase the yield, though, we hear, is not as tasty mixed. Ye also shared with us several sticky-corn varieties, black, purple and white, which all of us are keen to plant and enjoy, save the seeds and share out further. These are wonderful seedsaving moments when these kinds of treasures make their way to the local seedbanks, together with the stories of the living heritage of the seeds.

We all decided the rice was the most delicious we had ever tasted! A beautiful nutty nutritious taste and enjoyable texture.

How lucky are we that we can begin to learn these skills which have stood the test of time to feed people without any chemical inputs for all these generations? Ye uses only horse-manure, which she spreads out in the sun and turns and covers at various times depending on the sun and rain,

and when the time is right, applies it to her soil, to provide all that is needed for the next season's crops. Simple and effective, and everyone was simply astounded at the quality of the food growing, amazed there were no grasshoppers etc. Ye said, once again, she plants at the right time to avoid the grasshopper time, intrinsic seasonal knowledge that is learnt by keen observation and experience, not by reading books.

For more information on Seedsavers meetings please email [seedsavers@kurandaregion.org](mailto:seedsavers@kurandaregion.org) and check out [kuranda.tv](http://kuranda.tv) (on Youtube) for videos on gardening, permaculture, syntropic regenerative agriculture and many other topics. *Seedsavers FNQ*

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### Want to publish your videos on kuranda.tv?

Share your content on the community channel, [hello@kuranda.tv](mailto:hello@kuranda.tv)

### Budding Journalist?

kuranda.tv is missing a hard-hitting local current affairs podcaster! Also a life-style podcaster, to capture stories of all our amazing Kuranda-region characters making the world a more beautiful place, sharing and caring, and doing good works to take our community in the right direction – so many stories to share. If this is you, email [hello@kuranda.tv](mailto:hello@kuranda.tv)

### A good deed, anyone?

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# THE VOICE REFERENDUM

Later this year Australians will vote in a nation-wide referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Referendums in Australia are rare. Only a few times in a lifetime do citizens get such a direct say, so it comes with some obligations on citizens to actively seek whatever they need to make an informed vote.

In 1999 our last referendum proposed Australia become a republic. That was defeated, which is why we still have the King of England as our head of state.

Known as Federation, Australia became a nation in 1901 when six British colonies—NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and TAS—united to form the Commonwealth of Australia. Also in 1901, the White Australia policy was passed into law, legislating that only white (males) would be counted or vote. This was not dismantled until renounced by Whitlam in 1973 and replaced with the Racial Discrimination Act in 1975.

In the over 120 years since 1901, successful referendum proposals to alter the Constitution occurred on only five dates—1906, 1910, 1928, 1946—and then in 1967, it was 90.77 per cent of Australians who voted YES to count Aboriginal people as Australians for the first time.

We all regularly vote for candidates in local, state and federal elections towards determining which political party or team will govern to make all decisions for us until the next election.

But referendums are different. Because changing the Constitution has long-lasting effects, the vote must go directly to the people, who may cast their vote freely. That is, political parties have less influence (although they do try), with yes and no votes coming from all over the political spectrum. However, approval for Constitutional change is helped if there is cross-party support, as happened in 1967.

## How the Voice referendum came about

At Federation in 1901, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people were not mentioned in the Australian Constitution. Indigenous Australians have always sought to address this, particularly since the success of 1967 referendum.

More recently at the 2007 federal election, our major parties made a bipartisan commitment to recognise First Nations people in the Constitution.

In 2010 the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition was established, delivering their report setting out options for Constitutional change in 2012. In 2015, The Kirribilli

Statement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution as the first peoples of Australia was presented to then Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten. This resulted in the appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition to report on steps towards a successful referendum. More at [www.referendumcouncil.org.au](http://www.referendumcouncil.org.au)

This also came with bipartisan support for nation-wide grassroots consultation. The Referendum Council embarked upon First Nation Regional Dialogues in 2016–2017 across the country, with places reserved for First Nations/ Traditional Owner Groups to be included to have a say.

These Regional Dialogues culminated in the National Convention over four days at Uluru in mid-2017, which gave birth to the joint statement known as The Uluru Statement from the Heart (see below). This is what has led directly to the upcoming referendum. To succeed requires a majority of voters to vote YES nationally, plus it requires a majority in a majority of states, so four out of the six states must have a majority YES vote.

## How to become an informed voter?

Given our history as a nation to date, the underlying question is, what sort of nation do you want Australia to be in the future?

Some may have already made up their minds which way to vote persuaded by politicians, colleagues, family and friends, the media or polls. But to cast an informed vote, this referendum comes with some obligations on citizens to actively seek more knowledge for themselves.

It's important to maintain mutual respect in the lead up to the vote later this year. Debate can get heated, rancorous or even life-threatening as it did in the lead up to the same-sex marriage vote in 2017. Since that passed, has the sky fallen in?

How much do we really know about Australia's past among the almost 30 per cent of Australians born overseas, or 50 per cent with one or both parents born overseas? It's an understatement to say that contemporary Australia has changed dramatically in recent years. The last Census captured the extent of diversity across Australia, with over 250 ancestries and 350 languages. Not that a true history was ever taught in Aussie schools for those born here anyway.

Only by actively seeking the facts can one learn more.

When ordinary citizens do so it strengthens our shared democracy. A multitude of resources is available online and in books in our libraries. Here are a few.

I am contributing this article and resource list because I feel compelled to draw attention to the importance of the few referendums we ever get in our lifetimes, the obligation for citizens to actively inform themselves before voting, and how to access 'the detail' to become an informed voter in time for the vote.

Eve Stafford OAM, Kuranda

*This year Australians will vote in a nation-wide referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.*

## Resources online:

- <https://voice.gov.au/referendum-2023/referendum-question-and-constitutional-amendment>
- <https://ulurustatement.org> (Check Resources page too.)
- <https://www.reconciliation.org.au>
- <https://shorturl.at/hGTX8>
- <https://shorturl.at/uSY17> (Official Yes and No pamphlet)

## Books:

- *The Voice to Parliament Handbook: all the detail you will need* <https://shorturl.at/forGM> (\$12 at Kmart or BigW)
- Any books by historian Prof. Henry Reynolds (available at local libraries)
- *Cairns City of the South Pacific: a history 1770-1995* (available at local libraries)
- *Everything You Need to Know About the Uluru Statement from the Heart* <https://shorturl.at/rGWZ8>

## ADVERTISEMENT

### ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

**We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:**

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because

we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.



## Kuranda Kindy Open Day 25 August!

Kuranda Kindy is having an Open Day on Friday 25 August.

We would like to welcome all families with young children to come along and enjoy a fun morning with us. The morning will start at 10am and finish at 12 noon. We will have lots to do including the slime tray, dinosaurs and volcanos in the sandpit, mud kitchen, painting and craft, bubbles, playdough and fresh fruit to enjoy.

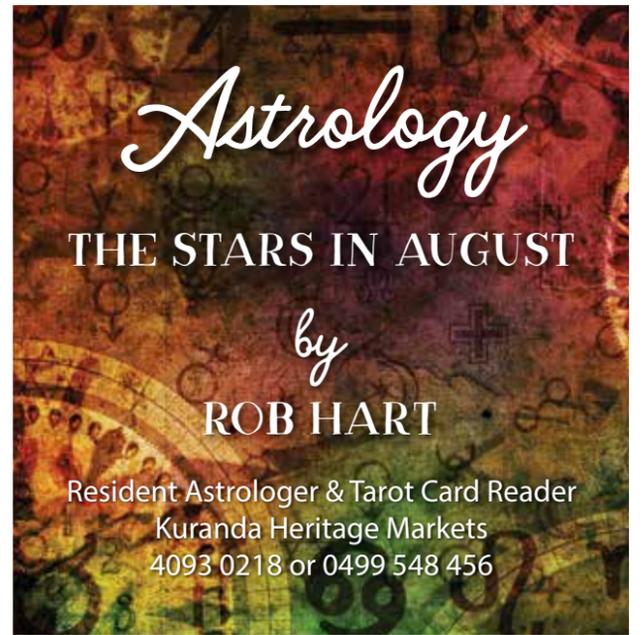
We will have raffle tickets available to buy for our big bike raffle and children can create lasting memories with picture plates if parents wish to purchase them.

We are excited to let families know that we will be able to offer FREE KINDY for target age children in 2024! Target age is children born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020. This is very exciting so please contact us or drop into the Open Day if you have any enquires about starting your child in Kuranda Kindy in 2024.

If you have a child you would like to start this year and they are kindergarten age (children born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019) please contact us on 07 4093 8087 or via email [kcka@westnet.com.au](mailto:kcka@westnet.com.au) or for any enrolment inquiries.



Clockwise from top right: Process art, painting and crafts, risky play in the garden, and mud kitchen fun.



The month of August begins with a full moon in Aquarius, the Sun in Leo and an earth trine between Mars in Virgo and Jupiter in Taurus. A wonderful wake-up call to leaders, technocrats and the rest of us earthbound humans.

The classic 60s rock musical *Hair* which celebrated the coming Aquarian Age gave us these very astrological lyrics "When the moon is in the seventh house (*i.e. full*) and Jupiter aligns with Mars, then peace will guide the planet and love will steer the stars". OK, a bit trippy, but exact astrologically for this August. Let's see how it plays out. We can at least put it into practice in our own lives and our village community, with Leo pride and Aquarian future-orientation. Mars and Jupiter contacts are always indicative of 'winning' and getting that little bit extra energy, motivation and desire.

Here are some specific points – if you have 13 degrees of Virgo or Taurus in your birth chart, or if 9 degrees of Leo or Aquarius are highlighted, then you're on! Their position in your chart will indicate the area of life that's being activated, and as they sang in *Hair*, "this is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius". One more sign of this reality. We're all in this together and the vision of peace and love as the prime motivators of our involvement coming to fruition.

Not surprisingly, the month of August also ends with a full moon, with the Moon in Pisces and the Sun in Virgo. That takes our theme to another level – all which is sacred, compassionate, purifying and healing, with an emphasis on service and dedication, is contained in the energy fields of Pisces and Virgo. With the Sun and Moon our vitality, light, emotions and sensitivities, so there will be major shifts in our direction as individuals and communities obvious during August. I'm looking forward to see how this all unfolds.

You might also consider 7 degrees Pisces and Virgo as points of light and see where they put a focus in your birth chart and indeed in your life now.

By the way, sometimes with two full moons in the same calendar month, the second one is called a 'blue moon'. This is not astrologically correct. Calendar months are a human fabrication. A 'blue moon' is so designated if two full moons fall in the same astrological sign. The second moon is the true 'blue moon', this can only occur if a full moon falls on one of the first two degrees of the sign, say for example at 1 degree Pisces, then the next full moon will fall on 29 degrees Pisces and is a true 'blue moon'. Nothing to do with a calendar months. Just to clear up a popular misconception.

And a new lightning-strike on 17-18 August – Mars and the Moon align with Uranus, kapow! in another earth trine. The gods are getting impatient and strike hard with the 'wake-up' calls. "Look what can happen" they say loud and clear as the Sun in Leo squares up to Uranus and nudges Mars and Moon. These are big-time action calls for all aspects of humanity and just as impactful on our own personal lives. 23 degrees Taurus, Virgo and Leo are the hot spots here.

Have an amazing month I'm really looking forward to it.

Blessings



## Surge in FNQ flu cases prompts public health warning

Public health officials are warning people to take precautions against respiratory viruses, following a surge in Far North Queenslanders being hospitalised for the flu.

With major events such as the recent Cairns Show, Tropical Public Health Services (TPHS) is concerned that viruses such as influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and COVID-19 may spread further in the community.

TPHS Director, Dr Richard Gair, said 2,042 people had been diagnosed with lab-confirmed influenza since the start of the year across the Cairns and Hinterland region. He said children aged 0-5 years accounted for 11 per cent of flu cases since the start of the year across the region.

"Influenza is a highly contagious disease that can infect a person's upper airways and lungs," he said. "Flu cases are increasing in our region, and this is quite a concern because we are currently in our peak tourist season. There is potential for flu and other respiratory viruses such as COVID-19 and RSV to spread rapidly and widely with the larger seasonal numbers of visitors in our region, particularly at large gatherings such as agricultural shows, festivals, concerts and markets."

He strongly advised people to protect themselves and others against all acute respiratory illnesses by getting the free (until 31 August) vaccination for the flu and, if eligible, COVID-19.

The most effective precaution that people can take is to get vaccinated, he said. "Regular hand washing with soap and water, staying home when unwell, and keeping sick children at home are also important in preventing the spread," he said.

"Face masks can help to stop the spread of respiratory disease, especially in places where it is difficult to socially distance."

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services Executive Director Cairns Services, Sue Henderson, said



Cairns Hospital was managing the surge in patients being admitted with influenza and other infectious diseases.

"This time of the year, traditionally, is the busiest for Cairns Hospital as we experience seasonal influxes in infectious disease," she said.

"All we are asking is for the public to do their part to help ease the pressure on our hard-working staff by doing the best things possible: getting vaccinated and staying away from work, school, or large social gatherings if you are unwell.

"Being vaccinated not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones."

Until 31 August, influenza vaccines are provided for free for all Queenslanders of all ages, via pharmacies and GPs.

There are no changes for people already eligible under the National Immunisation program. People eligible under the National Immunisation Program should continue to access influenza vaccine from their usual vaccination providers.

For more information go to the Queensland Health website [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au).

Source: Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service



# RANGERS report



Above: Ember. Photo: Andy Baker.

The Kuranda Rangers have had an eventful month with plenty of action on the soccer field and a great fundraiser held at the Kuranda Recreation Centre.

## Women's World Cup

Special shout out this month goes to one of our active volunteers with the Club – Niamh Murray. Niamh a passionate Irish woman, who was delighted to find out one of the first Women's World Cup games was Australia versus Ireland, so she decided to organise a 'watch party'. The Club pulled together and organised a BBQ, beers and a big screen to raise some funds for the Club!

The night started straight after training and I think our young Rangers got four hours of training that night instead of the usual one, and then the game kicked off at 8pm! It was a late night for some of our young Rangers as we all cheered on our girls (and the Irish in the crowd cheered on their girls) to see Australia take the win 1-0.

Some of our Kuranda Rangers had never seen a World Cup match before, but the takeaway from the kids was that "it was the best soccer night ever." From all of us at the Rangers, thanks Niamh for organising such a fun local night – and for some lifelong World Cup memories.



Above: Jodi, Christian, Andy, Niamh and Val. Photo: Lisa Still-Baker.

## Player Profiles

In the following months we are going to highlight some of our young players who have scored player awards in their matches. This month we have Ember from the Under 8s, and Max from the Under 9s.

**Name:** Ember **Age:** 8

**How long have you played soccer?** About a year.  
**What is the best thing about playing for the Kuranda Rangers?** They are a good team.

**What position do you usually play?** Depends, goalie, defence, midfielder.

**Do you have any other sports or hobbies?** Hip-hop, ballet and painting!

**Name:** Max **Age:** 10

**How long have you played soccer?** About 2 years.

**What is the best thing about playing for the Kuranda Rangers?**

Teamwork, getting to know how to play as a team player better, kicking goals, dribbling, and smashing it!

**What position do you usually play?** Usually midfield or attack.

**Do you have any other sports or hobbies?** Karate and guitar



Above: Max. Photo: Lisa Still-Baker.

Big thanks again to all the Rangers volunteers, coaches, support from our local community, our sponsors and our mums, dads, and supporters!

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## KURANDA HORSE & PONY CLUB NEWS

**MARKETS** – Mark in your calendar every second Saturday – when there will be markets on the Pony Club grounds. The markets are not organised by the Club, however, the stall fees are being donated to the Club. For more information or to book a stall please call Deb 0420 879 788. **The next Market will be on 12 August.**

**ANNUAL GYMKHANA** – By the time you read this, we will have hosted the Club's Annual Gymkhana on 29 July. We would like to thank the following businesses who sponsored trophies and donated prizes for raffles for this event. Thank you to Mareeba Shire Council, Mayor Angela Toppin, Kuranda Vets, Brazen FNQ, Narellan Pools, Kuranda Pet Resort, Sundance Vets, Casali's, NQ Stockfeed Smithfield, Mindfulness with Horses, Mareeba Leagues Club, Roc Stockfeed Atherton, Trinity Petroleum, Plumtack Clothing, Impulsion Elite Equine Wear, Equine Wellness Services.

Another huge shout out to local businesses who took up our new fundraising offer of new signage along the fence at the Club – we truly appreciate you supporting the Club. Thanks to Inspired Signs who have done a great job making these signs for Kuranda Vets, Narellan Pools, Casali's, Central Vets, and Mindfulness With Horses.

### ROOM FOR HIRE

The Club has an air conditioned room available for casual hire at great rates. It would suit a variety of uses e.g. meeting room, massage or yoga classes. If you are interested in viewing the space or need any more information please email kurandahpc@gmail.com

Keep up to date with what is happening at the Club on our Facebook page. If you have your own horse and would like to join the Pony Club in 2023, contact us for more information by email at kurandahpc@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

Till next time, Happy Riding! Di Curtis, Club Instructor

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# WAYGAL-A-GALING BUWAL-WU

## Going looking for words



The Bama (people) of this area (bulmba) shared a common ngirrama, 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 reside 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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Photo: David Clode

### WORD MEANINGS

**BAYU:** dome-shaped shelter.

**BIDA:** bark tray/bark canoe.

**BIRRBIBIRBIBI:** small axe.

**DABUL:** a septum stick, nose peg worn by men and women.

**DJILNGAR:** shell headband for men, necklace for women.

**DJIMAMAN:** bush turkey trap, a long tunnel of lawyer cane arches.

**DJIMBARU:** throwing sticks, with a knob at one end, used for entertainment and hunting.

**DJIMURRU:** large wet-season house.

**DJINIL:** spearhead.

**DJUBU:** fighting boomerang.

**DJULGIL:** resin of euodia species and kauri pines, for attaching spearheads to shafts.

**DJURRBAL:** round-based dillybag made from dalmba grass.

**DUBAL:** bark water container.

**DUGUBIL:** cylindrical bark water container.

**GALGA:** spear, also gulu.

**GANDA:** digging-stick.

**GIDI:** paperbark.

**GIMALA:** firesticks.

**GIRRNGGIRR:** blue kauri. Its gum was used to make lights.

**GUGAL:** the drill part of gimala firesticks.

**GUNAMBALA:** hair belts worn by the men.

**GUNDJI:** nut-cracking rock.

**GUNDJINGARR:** the nut-cracking slab with little indentations for the nuts to sit in.

**MADJAY:** shield made from buttress roots of fig trees.

**MANDAL:** gum from bulnyan grasstree used to adhere axe and spear heads to their shafts.

**MILAY:** a spear-thrower.

**MIRRIMBAL:** a cockatoo feather headdress.

**MIRUU:** a club, thrown underarm to stun prey.

**MUGAY:** oval stone for grinding cycad nuts etc.

**MURRANGGAL:** large fighting spear.

**NIDA:** a barb on a spear, also ngadil, set into the spear head.

**NALAN:** the hearth-stick of a pair of gimala, the stick that lies on the ground.

**WAGAY:** sword, dubal wagay curved sword, gulwarra wagay straight sword.

**WANGAL:** boomerang.

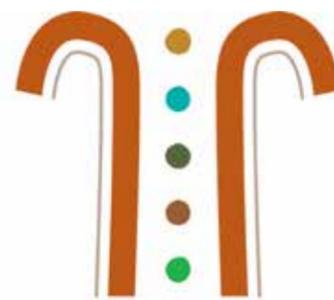
**WAYMBIL:** double-headed axe.

**YALMA:** cross-boomerang.

**YALNGGI:** rock with grooves for grinding axe heads.

**YIMBI:** bicornual lawyer cane basket.

**YIRRMBA:** fishing spear.



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### 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. **mu**du (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 "sporran" 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) 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. **gan**yurra (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. **gan**yurra – **nggu** (crocodile).

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## St Saviour's Thought for August

This month we read from St Matthews's Gospel Chapter 15 verse 21 to 28

Perhaps at some time someone forced us to do some painful growing. Probably at the time we didn't appreciate it, but afterwards we realised they were pushing us precisely because they knew we were capable of being more than we ourselves realised.

That happens to Jesus in this passage. He is travelling outside his own country. A woman comes to him with a request. An approach like hers is perfectly familiar to him but this particular encounter is to be different.

Jesus has withdrawn because he wishes to detach himself for a while from the unrelenting demands of the public role he had chosen. When the woman turns up; the fact that she deliberately calls him "Son of David- signals to him that she has heard of him and of his healing gifts. Her request is that Jesus heal her child.

Notice how very humanly Jesus reacts. In his tiredness and wish to escape he simply does not respond at all. That should come to us as assurance that Jesus understands and forgives our own times of failing to respond to this or that demand because we are simply worn out.

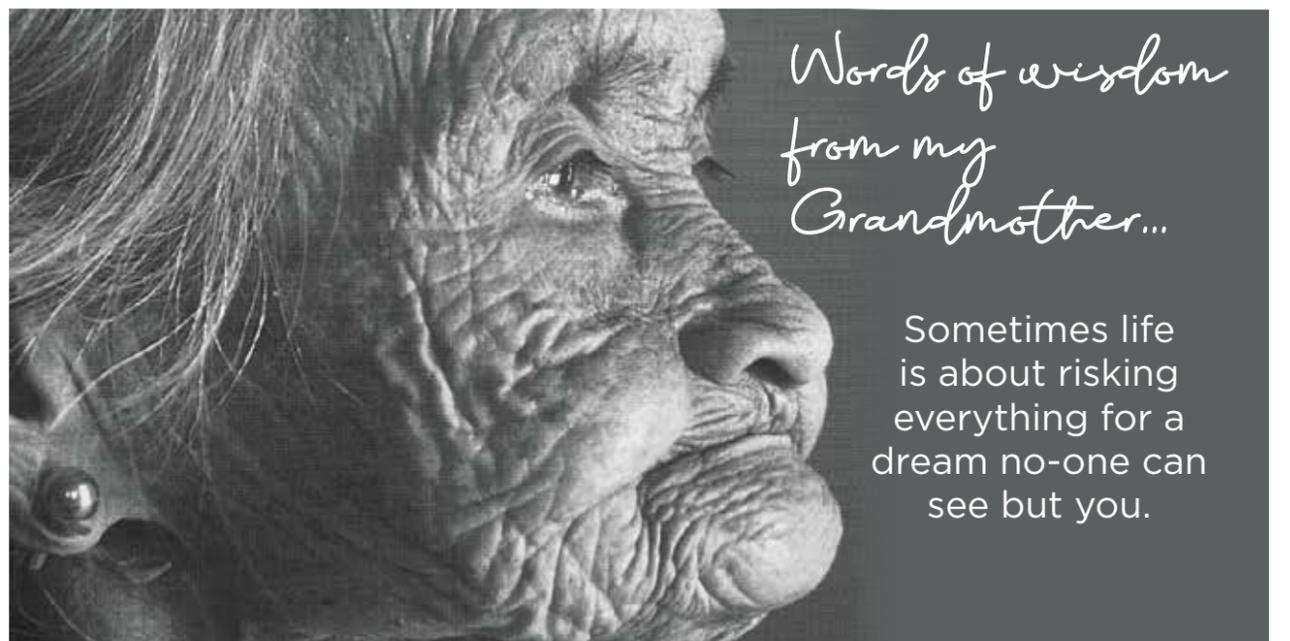
The disciples try once again to get rid of her, but the woman asks again. This time Jesus actually refuses her. He seems to feel that his public role is possible only within his own country and people. He is limiting himself. What we are seeing very clearly is the humanity of Jesus. Far from disappointing us it should assure us of the genuineness of his humanity.

But the woman does not give up. Once again she asks. Once again she is refused by Jesus, this time hurtfully. The reply she gets draws a very definite circle and shuts her out. But once again this courageous woman approaches. She takes Jesus' hurtful image of throwing crumbs to dogs and shows

him that for the love of her child and because of her trust in him she is prepared to beg if that is necessary. It is this that breaks through Jesus' resistance. Amazed by the sheer magnificence of this woman, he grants her request.

What we have seen is a person forcing the humanity of Jesus to realize that he is called to be what he really is, a spiritual resource for the world. What the episode says to us is that we may need to do a great deal of growing to become what God intends us to be. We need to be open to those with whom we come in contact who may force us, even if we do not want to, to grow.

Sometimes God may use someone or some circumstances in our lives to force us to grow towards what he really intends us to be.



*Words of wisdom  
from my  
Grandmother...*

Sometimes life  
is about risking  
everything for a  
dream no-one can  
see but you.

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHAI FAITH

"The conception of annihilation is a factor in human degradation, a cause of human debasement and lowliness, a source of human fear and abjection. It has been conducive to the dispersion and weakening of human thought whereas the realization of existence and continuity has upraised man to sublimity of ideals, established the foundations of human progress and stimulated the development of heavenly virtues; therefore it behoves man to abandon thoughts of non-existence and death which are absolutely imaginary and see himself ever living, everlasting in the divine purpose of his creation. He must turn away from ideas which degrade the human soul, so that day by day and hour by hour he may advance upward and higher to spiritual perception of the continuity of the human reality. If he dwells upon the thought of non-existence he will become utterly incompetent; with weakened will-power his ambition for progress will be lessened and the acquisition of human virtues will cease.

... When man is not endowed with inner perception he is not informed of these important mysteries. The retina of outer vision though sensitive and delicate may nevertheless be a

hindrance to the inner eye which alone can perceive. The bestowals of God which are manifest in all phenomenal life are sometimes hidden by intervening veils of mental and mortal vision which render man spiritually blind and incapable but when those scales are removed and the veils rent asunder, then the great signs of God will become visible and he will witness the eternal light filling the world. The bestowals of God are all and always manifest. The promises of heaven are ever present. (Abdu'l-Baha)

**Meditations/Reflections:** all welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions, also discussion evenings, by arrangement.

**Morning prayers:** each Thursday at 8am, in Centenary Park, Kuranda followed by coffee.

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**Voice to Parliament information session.** Sunday 6 August 6–8pm. Kuranda CWA Hall.

**Women's Sexual Assault Survivors Group** Alternative fortnights at Atherton and Mareeba. Contact 4091 4036.

## Heads Up!

The Kuranda Paper deadline for September 2023 is **Thursday 24 August 2023**. Please send all submissions and advertising to... [mail@kurandapaper.com](mailto:mail@kurandapaper.com)



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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

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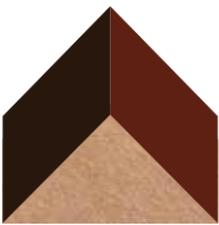
## Expanding the container refund scheme from 1 November 2023



From 1 November 2023, the container refund scheme will be expanded to include glass wine and pure spirit bottles. From this date, all glass wine and pure spirit bottles will be eligible for a 10 cent refund when returned to a container refund point in Queensland.

For more information go to [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) > waste > proposed-expansion

## KURANDA MEN'S SHED RECYCLING



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

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- plastic soft drink bottles
- aluminium cans
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(to 1 August 2023)

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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

## Cairns – Kuranda - Cairns

Route 851	Monday to Friday
Departs Cairns	*3.00pm
Departs Smithfield	3.30pm
Arrives Kuranda	3.50pm
Departs Kuranda	4.00pm
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YOGA 5.30–6.30pm. Eileen Short 0417 073 223

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DANCE FUN (Term time). 4 pm. 8+ years to adult. Contact Samantha 0438 780 279

*THANK YOU! The Big Bright Bubbly Bash last month was a super success. Bugzy Bumblebee and Dandy Man Dan made us all laugh so much our faces hurt! The Dream BIG! Circus troupe wowed us with their skills and aerial prowess.*

*The Koah Sports and Social Club committee would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and efforts towards this event. It was a highly successful night of community engagement and fundraising at Koah Hall.*

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Koah Hall

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**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. See page 20 for CWA listings for this month.

**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 9.15am (for 9.30 start) Kuranda QCWA Hall. Aileen 0419 726 955  
**Ashtanga Yoga** 5.30am & 6pm. Biannka 0407 634 116  
**Adult Children of Alcoholics and other Dysfunctional Families.** 7B Hort Street, Mareeba (through red gate). Priscilla 0439 080 874  
**Kuranda Envirocare** Nursery volunteering. 9am–12noon. Cathy 0419 624 940  
**Djabugay Language Classes** 6–8pm Nyuwarri Estate (old Ngoonbi farm), 1496 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda. 40938 116

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**Taekwon-Do & Self Defence** 6.30–8pm Kuranda QCWA Hall. Jeff 0437 438 196  
**Kuranda Choir** 6–7.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage. Trish 0428 284 305

**SECOND TUESDAY**

**Kuranda SES Training** 7pm sharp at Fallon Road. Paul 0448 008 087  
**She Shed Kuranda** 1–5pm. [kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandaSHeshed@gmail.com)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Ashtanga Yoga** 5.30am. Biannka 0407 634 116  
**Social Tennis** 5pm Wednesdays and Sundays at the Kuranda Recreation Centre. Gidi 0448 480 200  
**Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am. [mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)  
**Mah Jong** 1–4pm Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre.  
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**Domestic Violence Help** Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre by appointment 4093 8933  
**Kuranda Rangers soccer.** Simone 0402 003 164 for any queries.  
**K.A.S.T.** (Kuranda Amphitheatre Stage Troupe) 6.30pm Kuranda Amphitheatre Understage.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH**

**Kuranda Writers Group** 10am–12noon, Kuranda Library. Rachael 0435 001 156

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**Ashtanga Yoga** 6am. Biannka 0407 634 116  
**Kuranda Story Time** 10.30am, Kuranda Library. Every Friday, during school term.  
**She Shed Kuranda** 8am–1pm. [kurandasheshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandasheshed@gmail.com)

**EVERY SECOND FRIDAY**

**Trauma Tension Release Exercise Class** 11am Kuranda CWA Hall. Sabine 0415 959 195

**EVERY SATURDAY**

**Tree Planting** Kuranda Envirocare. Contact 0419 624 940 or check Facebook or website [www.envirocare.org.au](http://www.envirocare.org.au)  
**Men's Shed** Kuranda 8.30am–11.30am. [mensshedkuranda@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedkuranda@gmail.com)

**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** 1–5pm. [kurandasheshed@gmail.com](mailto:kurandasheshed@gmail.com)

**EVERY SECOND SUNDAY**

**Kuranda Amphitheatre Working Bee** 9am–1pm. Email [volunteers@kurandaamphitheatre.org](mailto:volunteers@kurandaamphitheatre.org)