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6.30pm

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Welcome to the July issue of What's On!



Welcome to our July issue. Winter is well and truly here on the Atherton Tablelands, and there is plenty happening across the region over the coming months.

This month, we bring you the 2026 Schools and Education Guide. For a small region, the Tablelands is fortunate to have access to a diverse range of educational opportunities, and this guide offers a glimpse into some of the schools, programs and pathways available to local families.

We're also excited to feature Connect Her Tablelands on this month's cover. Proudly supported by the Malanda Chamber of Commerce, Connect Her is a new group bringing local women in business together to connect, collaborate and support one another through events, friendships and shared opportunities. Be sure to read more about the group and what's planned inside this issue.

You'll also find plenty of other interesting reads, community stories and upcoming events from across the Tablelands.

Thank you for supporting local and being part of our community. Happy reading!

Mia Bain

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Connect Her Tablelands



Community, Chambers and, Connection

Connect Her Tablelands was created for one reason: to bring women in business together in a way that actually means something. Not just a room full of business cards and small talk, but real connection, the kind where you leave feeling seen, supported and a little more energised than when you walked in.

Through our events, conversations and shared opportunities, we're building a network where collaboration comes naturally and everyone genuinely has a place at the table. Our group is led by a small committee of women:

- Toni Bourne – Virtually Done Business Support
- Janelle Moses – Janelle Moses Massage Therapist
- Billie Merchant – Merchant Financial

We are all living the reality of running businesses, raising families and juggling all the things – so we understand firsthand how much connection and community matter.

Our Partnership with Malanda Chamber of Commerce

We wouldn't have Connect Her without the support of the Malanda Chamber of Commerce. Their belief in the value of connection, collaboration and community has helped us create a space where women can come together, grow and support one another. Together, we share a commitment to seeing both local businesses and our community flourish.

We love amplifying their events alongside ours, because when we all show up for each other, the whole community is stronger for it.

Groups like ours and strong local Chambers don't just benefit their members – they contribute to stronger local economies and more vibrant communities. Chamber Membership is about much more than networking. It's about having your seat at the table, contributing to the future of our region, accessing support and opportunities, and being part of a collective voice that can achieve far more together than any business can alone.

About Connect Her Tablelands

Although our group is supported by the Malanda Chamber, we have set out to bring together women from across all towns in the Tablelands. We are creating a space for women to connect, grow and thrive – and we're excited about what's still to come.

Connect Her is still evolving, and that's part of what makes it exciting. We're always open to ideas, feedback and fresh energy. We hope to see you at our next event!

To learn more about Connect Her Tablelands, visit connecther.com.au or find **Connect Her Tablelands** on Facebook.



What's Coming Up – Save These Dates 2026

15 July | Promote Her, Malanda Lodge (AI-focused evening, one not to miss)

21 July | Malanda Chamber of Commerce Retail Evening, The Big Pub, Malanda (business networking opportunity)

19 August | Promote Her – Dance4Life FNQ, Mareeba

4 September | Nourish Her Luncheon – Top Rail, Malanda (women's health and wellbeing)

16 September | Promote Her – Tablelands Community Link, Atherton

14 October | Promote Her – Rested Minds, Malanda

19 November | Malanda Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Street Festival

December | Connect Her – Christmas Progressive Dinner, Yungaburra

Community Focus

The Rotary International Club of Atherton

The Rotary International Club of Atherton has long been a quiet but powerful force for good across the Tablelands and beyond. Built on the enduring Rotary values of “Service Above Self,” integrity, fellowship, and diversity, the club brings together local people committed to making a meaningful difference.

Within the community, Atherton Rotarians support a wide range of initiatives that strengthen essential services and community wellbeing. Their hands-on approach ensures support reaches those who need it most.

Beyond the region, the club plays an active role in international projects, contributing to life-changing work in areas such as education, health, and community development. These efforts reflect Rotary’s global vision of creating lasting change across borders.

Through dedication and compassion, the Atherton Rotary Club continues to demonstrate how local action, guided by strong values, can have a truly global impact.



The rewards of being part of Rotary go beyond service. It’s about friendship, leadership, and the joy of seeing real results from your efforts. Meetings are held twice a month at the Atherton International Club from 6pm, and there’s always a seat waiting for you.

Find out more at rotarytnq.org.au/personnel/atherton or on Facebook: **Atherton Rotary Club North Queensland Australia**.



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Funds raised will contribute to brain cancer research, helping advance treatment options and improve outcomes for those affected by this devastating disease. The fundraiser will also support vital medical training programs in Nepal, assisting healthcare workers to develop skills that improve community health in remote regions. In addition, proceeds will benefit Days for Girls Mareeba, an international initiative providing menstrual health education and resources to girls and women, helping break barriers to education and opportunity.

Atherton Rotary is proud to support projects that create lasting local and global impact and encourages everyone to attend this special afternoon in support of these worthy causes. Book now on at Trybooking:

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Adventure Trails

A journey through stone and wood, with **Paul Curtis**

New locations for photographic adventures keep presenting themselves to me. I doubt that I will ever run out of great new places that I haven't known about or seen. A while ago, a few images from a Facebook feed popped up and led to some investigation and inquiry. An area I thought I knew pretty well had some secrets to be uncovered.

The hills west of the Silver Valley Road between Herberton and Mt Garnet have always been a great drive through boulders and wonderful vegetation. Hairy Oak, Cypress and grass trees, lemon-scented and pumpkin gums, and blue skies add lots of colour, and the 1,000-metre elevation can keep things cool and damp.

I have visited the area many times over the last 30 years. It's promoted as a tourist drive by the council, hence the big brown direction signs scattered around the area, although the road can vary in quality quite a bit. It's best to consider a 4WD during or immediately after the wet season, though

the road is decomposed granite and not boggy, but it can be badly rutted.

"...it was the big views and small details that attracted me on this short wander off the 'main' road."

Any visitor to Irvinebank will have seen the big sign to "Mt Misery" and wondered how miserable it might be. This is an entrance to one of my favourite drives on the Tablelands and an area known as Top Nettle. There are a few bumpy creek crossings down in

the valley, but once you start ascending, the road improves. Other entrances are from Mt Garnet and Innot Hot Springs, and along the Silver Valley Road (two accesses). Though a lot of the countryside has been turned over by miners decades ago, it is barely noticeable in most places except for the presence of many old dams that provide moments of reflection and birdlife.

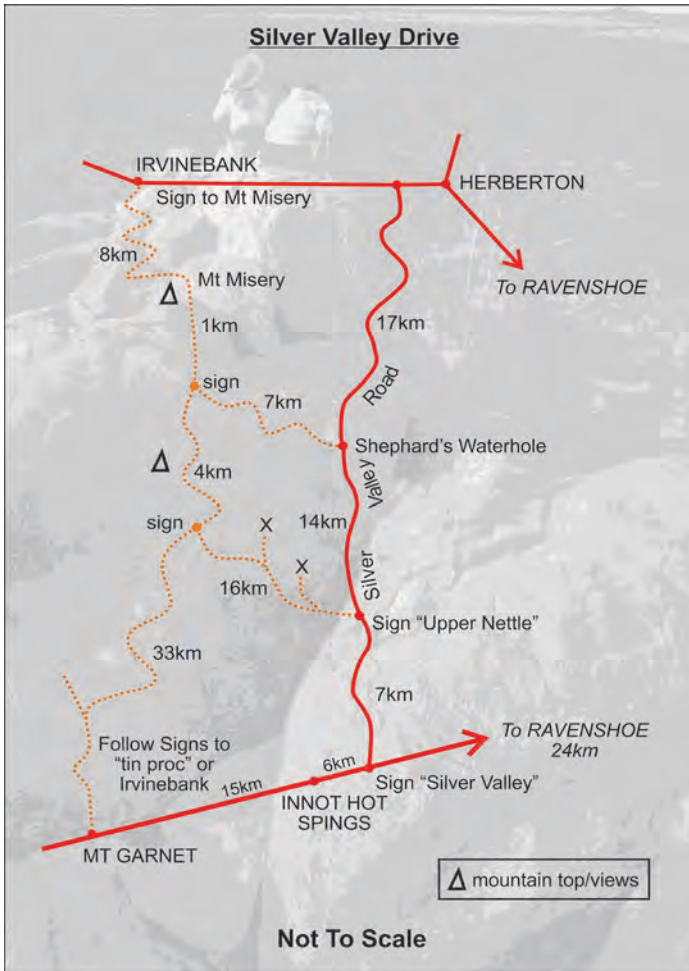
The western road to Mt Garnet takes you over the high point in the area of 1,055 metres and down through the old tin mining area of Coolgarra where mining and township remains may be found. This is a good route to Mt Garnet,



Roadside Eucalypt, top of Nettle Road



View down Mowbray Creek



but it's a longish drive, so make sure you have plenty of fuel.

Late afternoon and early morning drives in Autumn and Winter through the scenic Top Nettle area will tempt you out of the car on a regular basis to wander among the granite boulders and colourful vegetation. The road runs along a high ridge with views from the road or after a short walk. It also turns out that there is a great wet-season waterfall here that, even when dry, presents some great vistas and wonderful small details. It's easy to find on Google Earth, and there are a couple of rough tracks that will take you to or near the falls. It's probably better to walk in than drive, as it can be pretty harsh on a car!

Even with no water, as is the case most of the year, it was the big views and small details that attracted me on this short wander off the "main" road. One of the many botanical highlights is the presence of a rare local bottlebrush, *Leptospermum anfractum*, with beautiful smooth and colourful bark. From the great campsite at the top of the falls, short cross-country walks lead to many great subjects. Subjects of stone and wood—here are some of the small scenes and big overviews.

Paul Curtis is a wildlife/nature photographer and writer based on the Atherton Tablelands. To view more of his work, or to take a tour with Paul, visit www.nqwildscapes.com

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Monday 15th June 2026, 10 - 10.30am

Friday 24th July 2026, 10 - 10.30am

PREP OPEN DAY

Bring your child to meet our Prep Teachers, get familiar with the classrooms and join some fun activities. Please bring a hat and closed in shoes. Meet in the Prep classroom, enter from Catherine St.

Wednesday 5th August 2026, 9 - 10.30am

UNDER 8'S DAY

Join in with our Prep - Year 2 students in a range of activities. There will be animals, emergency services and lots of fun activities. Sign in at the Main Street or Catherine Street gates.

Wednesday 16th September 2026, 9 - 10:30am

MEET THE TEACHER/PARENT INFORMATION

Children can spend time in their future classroom with their teacher and new friends. Enrolments must be finalised to place your child into their 2027 class. Parents can attend a parent information session while children are participating in activities.

Friday 20th November 2026, 9 - 10.30am meet in the Prep classroom.


MORNING IN PREP/PARENT INFORMATION

Children join our current Preps to experience a morning in Prep. Parents can attend the second instalment of parent information sessions while children are participating in activities.

Wednesday 2nd December 2026, 9 - 10.30am in your child's classroom.



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 Tolga State School



School & Education

2026 Guide

Your 2026 guide to finding outstanding educational opportunities on the Tablelands. From schools to adult learning centres, there are plenty of options.



Tolga State School – Belinda Grose, Principal

What are you most proud of about your school?

I am immensely proud of our school's inclusive and nurturing environment. We're cultivating a culture where every student feels valued and supported. Our commitment to personalised learning ensures that each child can thrive academically and personally. The dedication of our staff and the active involvement of our community have been pivotal in creating a space where students are not only educated but also empowered.

How do you encourage positive behaviours?

We believe in the power of positive reinforcement. Our approach includes recognising and celebrating students' achievements and good behaviours through Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). By setting clear expectations and modelling respectful interactions, we foster an environment where positive behaviour is the norm. Additionally, we involve students in creating classroom expectations, giving them ownership and accountability.

What extra support do you offer?

Understanding that each student has unique needs, we offer a range of support services. This includes access to school counsellors and guidance officers, specialist education programs, and tailored intervention strategies. We have an outstanding Student Support team that works closely with classroom teachers to monitor student progress as well as provide any necessary interventions required.

What do you think your students will remember about your school in years to come?

I believe our students will fondly remember the strong sense of community and the relationships they built here. They'll recall the encouragement they received, the opportunities they had to lead and make a difference, and the safe space that allowed them to explore and grow. Our goal is for them to carry forward the values of safety, respect, responsibility and lifelong learning.



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Jubilee Christian College – Dr. Chris Radcliffe, Principal

How do you foster culture?

At Jubilee, fostering a positive and connected school culture continues to be a strong focus through our “Character Matters” program. Students are encouraged to develop important character qualities including kindness, honesty, empathy, integrity, and gratitude. These values are embedded across daily school life through meaningful conversations, practical experiences, and opportunities for students to demonstrate them in their interactions with others.

What exciting happenings are on the horizon for your school?

We are very excited about the near completion of our new multipurpose hall, which will provide a fantastic space for students to utilise throughout the year, especially on those drizzly days. We are also looking forward to using the hall to bring our wider community together for special events such as our Father’s Day Breakfast. In addition, we have recently opened a brand-new outdoor play kitchen for our Prep to Year 3 students. The children have absolutely loved exploring the space, with imaginative and creative play already flourishing each day. It has been wonderful to see these engaging and inspiring spaces emerging across our school.

What else would you like everyone to know about your school?

Jubilee has been described as the “best kept secret on the Tablelands”, a place where every child is genuinely known, valued, and supported. If you haven’t yet discovered our wonderful school community, we warmly invite you to book a tour and experience Jubilee for yourself.



St Stephen's Catholic College – Gary Conwell, Principal

What are you most proud of about your school?

This year marks a significant milestone for St Stephen’s Catholic College as we celebrate 20 years of education in Mareeba. What we are most proud of is the strong sense of community that has grown alongside the College. Established to meet the needs of local families seeking a Catholic education close to home, St Stephen’s began as a small school focused on building its own values and traditions. Over two decades, our foundations of faith, service and courage have remained at the heart of everything we do. Supported by dedicated staff, families and students, the College has grown steadily while staying true to its purpose of nurturing confident, compassionate and community-minded young people.

How does your school support student wellbeing and mental health?

Student wellbeing has always been a priority at St Stephen’s Catholic College. Our approach is grounded in a strong culture of care, connection and belonging, where students are known, supported and encouraged to flourish. Faith-based values guide how we support students emotionally, socially and spiritually, ensuring they feel safe and valued throughout their schooling journey.

Looking ahead, planning is underway for a purpose-built Wellbeing Centre that will further enhance the support available to students. Designed to support students with complex learning profiles and neurodiversity, the Centre will provide a calm, inclusive space offering privacy, dignity and coordinated care, helping students feel supported and ready to learn.

We are seeking community support to fund this important project. Donations to the College’s tax-deductible Building Fund are a meaningful investment in student wellbeing and the strength of our school community. More information is available at <http://www.sccc.qld.edu.au/news-and-events/college-building-fund>.

What unique activities are available at your school?

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, with opportunities to suit many interests. The College offers an instrumental music program with expert small-group tuition, a choir (Una Voce) and a Liturgy Band. Students can also take part in chess club, debating teams, sporting activities, wellness and wellbeing lunchtime activities facilitated by counsellors, and various student-led initiatives.

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In addition, students have access to a broad curriculum that includes subjects such as aquatic practices, robotics, furnishing skills, food technology and French, supporting diverse talents and pathways.

What opportunities do students have to develop leadership and voice?

St Stephen's Catholic College has a well-developed pathway to leadership, with opportunities beginning in Year 7 through the Student Agency Team (SAT). The SAT provides a platform for students to share ideas, raise concerns and participate in regular student-led meetings. Feedback is presented to the College Leadership Team, the College Board, and College Family Connect, leading to real outcomes, such as improvements to facilities and student resources.

What would you like everyone to know about your school?

St Stephen's Catholic College is built on strong connections to faith, learning and the wider Mareeba community. As we celebrate 20 years, we warmly invite everyone who has been part of our journey to attend the 20th Year Celebration Evening on Saturday, 21 November. Past and present staff, students, families, friends and community members are welcome to enjoy an evening of great food, live music and shared memories.

Tickets are available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/1519056> or via the QR code (in the advertisement opposite).



Herberton State School – David King, Principal

What are you most proud of about your school?

Herberton P-10 boasts over 140 years of dedication to student care. Our vision of achieving a "World's Best" school is realised through unwavering commitment, focus, and hard work. We believe in our exceptional children and staff. Grounded in GEM principles (Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness), our school culture ensures every student, parent/carer, and staff member feels valued and supported.

How do you encourage positive behaviours?

Positive Behaviour for Learning is central to our approach, nurturing safe, respectful, and resilient learners. Students actively learn and practise a broad range of essential social skills. Our daily commitment to GEM practices reinforces our supportive and positive school environment.

What unique activities are available at your school?

We are a 'Resilience Project' school. Students, staff, and parents/carers are offered a range of activities and professional development—in and out of school hours—designed to 'grow' resilience and positive relationships. Happy, resilient students learn more than just academic lessons, they learn about life, and they make parents/carers and staff very happy indeed!

We were the first school on the Tablelands to introduce Virtual Reality as part of our Year 7 to 10 program. Students are immersed in the subject matter—whether that be building an engine, visiting ancient civilisations, or learning about the amazing forces within our universe.

With access to both 'The Arts' and an Instrumental Music program, students are encouraged to enjoy and develop their artistic and musical abilities. Cost-free access is currently provided for students to hire a musical instrument and to access lessons within the Instrumental Music Program. This is part of our commitment to ensuring a world-class education for every student, and keeping financial burdens to a minimum for our families.

We believe in the whole-child, life-long learning, and community connection. As such, our Secondary Health and Physical Education includes bushwalking. Not only does this enhance physical fitness, but students also learn skills associated with moving safely through, and caring for, our beautiful natural environment. The stunning local countryside makes for a unique classroom.

What do class numbers look like, at present?

Currently, we educate 150 students from Prep to Year 10 across our two campuses. The Australian Curriculum is taught across all year levels, with our Junior Secondary students being able to tailor their learning by selecting a range of subjects of interest to them.



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What extra supports do you offer?

Each student receives personalised attention within our close-knit school community. Alongside the standard resources and expertise that every state school in Queensland can access, we have a dedicated Student Wellbeing Officer to provide holistic student and family support.

What do you think your students will remember about your school, in years to come?

We aim for every student to cherish memories of friendship, personal growth, and the nurturing guidance of our dedicated staff. At Herberton, we empower every child to carry forward a legacy of pride and achievement, ensuring they are well-prepared for a bright future. We want our students to always be proud 'Herberton kids'!

What else would you like everyone to know about your school?

Herberton P-10 stands as a hidden gem in the mountains, offering picturesque campuses and a vibrant and friendly educational experience that prepares students for success in life and learning.



Atherton State Primary School – Jacqui Green, Prep Teacher

What is your role at the school?

I am a Prep teacher at Atherton Primary School,

What are you most proud of about your school?

One thing we are especially proud of at our school is our amazing new playground and nature area. It has created a fun, welcoming space where students can play, explore, be creative, and connect with nature. The area encourages active play, teamwork, and curiosity, while also giving students a calm outdoor environment to learn and grow in.

How do you encourage positive behaviours?

We encourage positive behaviours through our strong whole-school wellbeing approach and the implementation of The Resilience Project. Students are explicitly taught strategies to build resilience, empathy, gratitude, and emotional wellbeing. We promote positive relationships, respectful communication, and a growth mindset, while recognising and celebrating students who demonstrate our school values in everyday situations.

What unique activities are available at your school?

Our school provides a supportive learning environment through the use of consistent low-variance routines across all classrooms. Students benefit from clear expectations, structured learning experiences, and predictable daily routines that help build confidence, independence, and positive learning behaviours.

What do your classrooms look like?

Our Prep classrooms are warm, welcoming, and fun learning spaces where students feel safe, supported, and excited to learn each day. Classrooms are filled with engaging hands-on activities that encourage creativity, exploration, and active learning. With our beautiful nature playground located just outside the classroom, students also have opportunities to connect with the outdoors through play, discovery, and imaginative experiences.

What extra supports do you offer?

We offer a range of extra supports to ensure every student feels included, supported, and able to succeed. Our school has access to guidance officers, speech support, and inclusion teachers who work closely with students, families, and classroom teachers. In our Prep classrooms, students are further supported by a full-time teacher aide who helps create a nurturing, engaging, and supportive learning environment for all learners.

What do you think your students will remember about your school in years to come?

In years to come, we hope our students will remember the amazing, friendly staff who made them feel supported, valued, and cared for every day. Our school community is built on positive relationships, encouragement, and a strong commitment to helping every student grow in confidence, wellbeing, and learning.



Listening in the Classroom

More than just hearing, with **Nadine Vielle**

When the end of the school term comes around and it's time for parent-teacher interviews again, you may start readying yourself to hear those familiar phrases:

"...knows the work but needs to focus more."

"...often zoning out and not listening to instructions."

"...quick to put their hand up to answer questions but often answers with something a little off topic."

If your child is in Prep or Year 1 it might sound more like:

"...very popular... leads all the games at playtime but stops playing or gets very angry/upset when the rules are decided by another child." Or the opposite: *"They prefer playing alone and free creative activities"* (where there isn't a need to understand verbal rules or instructions).

Difficulties with auditory processing are often an overlooked factor in learning difficulties from Prep to Year 12 and beyond. Our children's little ears may be perfectly capable of collecting all the sounds around them, but once that information is sent to the brain, it may get a bit muddled up. Auditory processing is about what

the brain does with the information it receives from the ears – listening – more than simply hearing sounds. It's about the brain's ability to make sense of those sounds and put them in some sort of order that enables us to easily and effectively make sense of what is being said to us. When learning difficulties are identified by teachers or school guidance officers, parents are often directed to get their child's hearing and/or vision tested, only to find that the reports come back fine. While these tests may show that the physical structures of the ears and eyes are working perfectly well, they very rarely assess how the brain is processing the information it is receiving from the ears and eyes.

Difficulties with auditory processing can very often lead to poor concentration and difficulties with spelling, pronunciation, and reading. Auditory processing issues can also have an impact on social skills, as it can make it more difficult to easily follow conversations. A child's energy levels and their ability to emotionally regulate can also be affected – that 3:15pm after-school crash and burn...

But why doesn't my child's brain perceive sounds clearly and easily? Our brain is a wondrously complex and needy organ. From its mushy state at birth, the brain is constantly seeking the stimuli it needs and wants to develop towards perfection. And "perfection" isn't always perfect. Environmental factors, sinus issues, ear infections, and even seemingly minimal stress during early development can all have an impact on the developmental path the brain takes when learning to process sound and other sensory stimuli.

At home and in the classroom, there are various things that we can do to make it all a little easier for our kids who struggle with auditory processing. Have a short, written list or picture charts (e.g. Getting ready for school picture chart), which creates less of a need to remember verbal instructions. When your child is off task or can't remember the next step, redirect their attention with visual cues and



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no added verbal instruction, e.g., put the spoon in their hand at the dining table when they are doing everything except eating the breakfast that is in front of them. Put your hand on their shoulder or make eye contact with them before giving an instruction.

As well as these accommodations to support our children, we can also focus on improving their ability to process auditory stimuli. Various auditory stimulation programs are available through trained practitioners in our region.

Through individualised music or sounds, these programs provide specific auditory stimuli to the brain, so that new neural pathways can be created. This essentially retrains the brain, making it possible to easily and calmly ignore background sounds, while happily making sense of the words and conversations around them.

To find out more about Nadine's work in Kinesiology and Neuro-Developmental Therapy for all ages, visit integratedkinesiology.au or call 0426 997 410.





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What's Really on Your Plate?

Karen Miller explores Australia's new seafood country of origin labelling laws and what they mean for diners and local industry

For many people, a dream home involves a wrap-around veranda, a modern designer kitchen, and a sleek cinema room. But for Mick and Kim Forde, their dream looked a little less like a floor plan and a lot more like a feat of engineering.

When Mick and Kim decided to make the move to the Tablelands, they definitely weren't looking for a project. "We fell in love with the green rolling hills whilst marshalling for the Targa rally." It was fate when they saw a for-sale sign – right in front of the Kairi Maize Silos. It wasn't love at first sight, but a curiosity about the quiriness and opportunity. For those who know Mick and Kim, it was a perfect match! "They were these weathered, towering sentinels of the region's agricultural past, unloved and overlooked." Today, they aren't just landmarks of our town's history – they are one of the Tablelands' most unique residences. They're heritage-listed due to their significance in our cultural and agricultural history, showing a high degree of creative and technical achievement as well as aesthetic significance.

Built in 1924 and constructed using sliding form concreting (later known as slip-form concreting), they are one of the earliest applications of this technique in the construction of maize silos in Australia.

When they moved in, their first priority was making the house safe to live in. Mick's Navy career with final rank as

Warrant Officer placed him in excellent stead to not only feel comfortable scaling and navigating the structure, but also to assess the risks of the work to be done. He set about having floor grates installed to cover voids that fell into the depths of the tunnel beneath ground level, and repaired the internal elevator to working condition.

Approaching the house, a beautifully sculpted timber deck hugs the silos and glides to the entrance. I had a feeling of being tucked beside a city high-rise alfresco café. My eye was immediately led up the textured concrete walls of the silos, still in their original slip-form concrete condition, revealing not only the texture but various coloured drips of concrete slurry ranging from brown to cream with subtle hues of purple and blue.

For years, Australians have been able to check the country of origin of seafood at the supermarket and retail stores, but not when dining out. That is finally changing!

From 1 July 2026, mandatory Country of Origin Labelling (CoOL) laws will apply to seafood sold in hospitality venues across Australia, including restaurants, cafés, pubs, clubs, takeaways and food trucks. Menus and display boards will need to clearly identify whether seafood is Australian (A), Imported (I) or Mixed Origin (M) using the new AIM labelling system.

It is a simple change – but an important one.



The Sea Witch



Prawns and scallops

For many consumers, seafood is one of the last proteins where the origin often remains unclear once it reaches their plate. Australians are increasingly interested in supporting local industries, understanding where their food comes from, and making informed choices about quality, sustainability and freshness. These new laws finally provide that transparency. The changes also recognise the enormous difference between Australia's seafood standards and many imported supply chains. Australian commercial fishers operate under some of the strictest environmental management, food safety and workplace regulations in the world. Yet consumers have often unknowingly been served imported seafood without clear disclosure.

The new rules are not about telling people what they should buy. They are about allowing consumers to decide for themselves – and to understand exactly what they are paying for. Seafood is often one of the more premium-priced items on a menu. When customers order seafood like barramundi, coral trout or prawns, they should have confidence that the product matches both the description and the price being charged. Clear labelling helps prevent confusion and allows diners to make informed decisions about whether they are purchasing Australian seafood or imported alternatives that may be sold at similar price points.

If someone wants to support Australian seafood producers, regional jobs and local coastal communities, they deserve the ability to easily identify Australian seafood on a menu. Likewise, businesses proudly serving Australian seafood now have a clearer way to communicate that value to customers.

Importantly, the AIM system has been designed to be straightforward and practical for hospitality businesses. A simple letter beside a menu item is all that is required:

- A = Australian
- I = Imported
- M = Mixed Origin

The seafood industry has advocated for these reforms for many years, arguing that transparency builds trust between businesses and consumers. Clear menu labelling benefits everyone – from fishers and retailers, through to restaurants and the customers they serve.

Karen Miller from Malanda Seafood, local seafood specialist since 2012. She also runs Queensland Catch for Queensland's peak seafood industry body, QSIA, where her passion lies in supporting amazing quality Australian seafood. She believes consumers deserve transparent menu labelling so they can make informed decisions about the seafood they choose to eat and the seafood they are paying for. Read more about the new Country of Origin Labelling changes on Queensland Catch's new website: queenslandcatch.com.au/cool



Examples of seafood caught by Malanda Seafood



Fresh prawns and scallops



The Dirt

The unexpected benefits of keeping chickens

There's something quietly satisfying about stepping into the backyard in the morning and hearing the soft clucking of chickens scratching around in the garden. For many people, keeping chickens begins with the simple idea of collecting fresh eggs, but it often turns into much more than that.

Across the Tablelands, more families are adding a small flock to their backyard and discovering that chickens bring a surprising range of benefits beyond breakfast.

Fresh eggs are usually the main motivation, and understandably so. Backyard eggs are hard to beat – rich yolks, bright colour, and often far fresher than supermarket cartons. Many chicken owners also enjoy knowing exactly how their hens are raised and fed.

Of course, if you're getting chickens purely to save money on eggs, you may be in for a surprise. Between feed, fencing, coops, bedding, treats, and the inevitable urge to buy 'just a couple more', chickens have a funny way of becoming far more of a hobby than a budget strategy.

But one of the biggest surprises for new chicken owners is how entertaining chickens actually are. They each develop their own personalities and routines. Some are bold and curious, others are shy and gentle. They'll follow you around the yard, investigate anything new, and happily turn

garden maintenance into a group activity.

It also tends to start innocently enough. A couple of hens for fresh eggs. Then suddenly you're researching chicken breeds at 10 pm, building larger coops, and explaining to confused visitors why you now know far too much about laying habits and feather patterns.

For children, chickens can also be a valuable way to learn responsibility and connection to where food comes from. Feeding hens, collecting eggs, topping up water, and helping care for animals can become part of a healthy daily routine. Chickens are often far more interactive and personable than people expect.

They can also play a surprisingly useful role in the garden. Chickens love scratching through soil searching for bugs, weeds, seeds, and scraps. Many gardeners use chickens to help clean up garden beds at the end of a season or reduce kitchen waste that would otherwise end up in the bin.





Chicken manure, when composted properly, is also highly valued in vegetable gardens. Rich in nutrients, it can help improve soil health and support productive growing. Combined with food scraps, fallen leaves, and garden waste, chickens can become part of a simple backyard cycle that reduces waste while benefiting the garden.

Of course, keeping chickens does come with responsibility. They need secure housing, clean water, regular feeding, and protection from predators. In tropical and wet climates like the Tablelands, good coop ventilation and dry shelter are especially important.

People are often surprised to discover how little space is needed for a small backyard flock. Even a few hens can provide a steady supply of eggs for a household. Before getting chickens, it's important to check local council regulations and consider nearby neighbours. A well-maintained coop is far less likely to create noise or odour issues.

Some breeds are particularly well suited to Tablelands conditions. Australorps are a long-time favourite thanks to their calm nature, hardiness, and reliable egg production. Isa Browns are popular for families wanting plenty of eggs, while Plymouth Rocks and Sussex chickens are known for being friendly, adaptable birds. Pekins and Silkies are often chosen as pets due to their gentle temperament and smaller size, making them a favourite with children.

Before purchasing chicks, it is also worth checking local

chicken rescue and rehoming groups. Many healthy hens need new homes each year due to changing circumstances, downsizing, or flocks becoming too large. Rehoming can be an affordable way to start your backyard flock while giving birds a second chance.

For some people, chickens become part of a broader interest in growing food and living a little more sustainably. For others, they simply become much-loved backyard companions.

Either way, chickens have a way of slowing the pace of a busy day. Watching hens scratch through the grass, dust bathe in the sun, or gather in the coop at dusk brings a simple rhythm to backyard life.

And yes – the fresh eggs are still a pretty great bonus.



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Tales of the Tablelands

A rich life in focus: the story of **John De Rooy**, by **Annette McKinley**



Photographs capture moments of life through a lens, but the richness of life can only be experienced through living. My conversation with John showed evidence that he has been able to master both. A rich path of photography, volunteering, family, and community.

Immigrants from the Netherlands, John's parents and two older siblings settled in Queensland in 1956. John was born two years later, followed by three siblings. Growing up in the Redland Bay area, childhood involved simple pursuits of football and bush cubby-houses. Completing school at 15, he joined the Police for a 3-year cadetship. Initially, John jokes, he didn't meet the physical requirements, being a little short at only 5'6". His mother promptly wrote to the Police Commissioner explaining his older brothers were over 6 feet and that at 15, he still had a few years of growth. John was permitted to join, and his mother was right. At the Academy, an English teacher sparked John's interest in photography, showing him how to use a camera and develop film. As a uniformed Constable, John started his policing journey in Charleville, before transferring to Brisbane, studying forensics and qualifying as a Scenes of Crime Officer. Working in Townsville, Mt Isa, and Cairns, John describes forensics as 'the best job in the police service' and enjoyed using analytical skills and collecting evidence to present in court.

Developing expertise, John graduated with a Diploma in Arts (Photography) and, with his wife Pam, opened a

professional photography studio in Townsville. Busy taking portraits, weddings and corporate images, as well as the hectic life of raising four boys, John and Pam gave up policing. Pursuing his passion, John started the North Queensland chapter of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP), opening up opportunities for photographers in NQ to collaborate and learn skills through workshops. These were especially beneficial during the transition from film to digital. John then started organising advanced art workshops for photographers from all over the world in remote JCU research stations such as Orpheus Island and Cape Tribulation. Likened to preparing for battle, everything had to be transported in, including large format printers, food, and chefs. He laughingly tells the story of very expensive eggs that had been forgotten and needed to be helicoptered in to feed 50 participants.

If that wasn't already a rich life, John has contributed his skills by managing perhaps the largest photographic project in Australia. The Reflections Project documents WWII veterans, photographically capturing them as living history, before it is lost. With 6,500 portrait shots taken by 450 photographers, this three-year project culminated in a permanent display at the Australian War Memorial and a two-volume book set at the National Library of Australia. John mentions that the veterans were very open with their stories, many of which had never been shared before. Truly a gift to our nation.

Moving to Malanda in 2017, John was introduced to the Tablelands' beauty by undertaking a Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) project, capturing 65 locations for Screen Queensland to entice filmmakers worldwide.

John's current worthy project is curating 650 images for Stan Breeden's autobiographical memoir. A natural history of Australia told in pictures. John is working through images from the last 50 years, one photograph at a time, scanning and retouching dust and scratches while keeping the work true to Stan's photographic artistry.

Asking how he came to be involved in so many projects, he chuckles, 'The path falls in front of you, and you end up attacking it.' Serving for many years on the AIPP board, John's contributions to the photography profession were formally acknowledged when he was awarded

Honorary Fellow of the AIPP in 2012.

At home, John and Pam share *Sharlynn by the River* with guests, a successful and luxurious B&B. Community-minded, John volunteers as Secretary for Malanda Chamber of Commerce, as Deputy Coordinator for the Malanda Emergency Team, and as a member of the RADF working group. Commercially, he captures photos of people and places, and undertakes restoration work. You may have seen some of John's restored historical images on the bins in Malanda. Finally, asking what he likes to photograph, John describes the rolling hills with mist-settled valleys of the Tablelands as being hard to beat.

Know of a local person with an interesting story to share for *Tales of the Tablelands*? Email info@whatsontablelands.com.au



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- 8 Maize Festival High Tea, Yungaburra
- 15 Maize Festival Ball, Atherton
- 22 Yungaburra Book Fair
- 29 Maize Festival Main Street Parade, Atherton

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- 5-6 Herberton's 80th Annual Flower & Craft Show
- 6 Spring Art & Craft Fair, Atherton Showgrounds
- 18-27 Mt Garnet 125th Anniversary, Mt Garnet
- 19-20 Bushy Creek Makers' Fair, Julatten
- 25-27 Tinaroo Barra Bash, Tinaroo Foreshore

OCTOBER

- 4 Gem Festival, Tolga
- 8-11 Savannah in the Round
- 8 Great Northern Bull riding Series, Mareeba
- 10 Malanda Bullride
- 10-24 Torimba Festival, Ravenshoe
- 17 Jacaranda Festival, Herberton
- 23-25 Tablelands Folk Festival, Yungaburra
- 31 Halloween, Malanda

NOVEMBER

- 7 Great Northern Bullriding Series, Atherton
- 19 Malanda Christmas Festival, Malanda

DECEMBER

- 5 Carols by Candlelight, Atherton Showgrounds
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Indoor Bowls Atherton – 8:30am (Thu)

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Meditation & Discussion – 2pm (1st Sun of the month)

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Sound Meditation – 6pm (every 2nd Wed of the month)

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Tableland Bush Walking Club – (every 2nd Wed

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Annette 0427 581 482

Tai Chi Yungaburra – 4:30pm (Mon),

Yungaburra Community Club, 8:30am (Fri).
Yungaburra Rec Shed. Maria 0414 302 759

Walking Group – 9am (Mon/Wed/Fri) ECHO,

13 Eacham Pl, Malanda. Free. All welcome.
4096 6634

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Yoga/Qigong with Lyndel – Malanda, 5pm (Tue)

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8:30am. Yungaburra Hotel Ballroom. Proceeds
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Bingo – 9am (Sun) Anthill Motel, 79 Byrnes St,

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Learn to Play Canasta – 12pm-4pm (Mon)

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Malanda Bridge Club – 1pm (Mon & Wed).

Bridge sessions at Malanda Bowls Club. All visitors
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Tableland Bridge Club – 9am (Thu) & 1pm

(Sat). Room 14, Community Centre, 42 Mabel
St, Atherton. Visitors and new players welcome,
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Tableland Country Music Club – Last Sun of

the month. Different venues, contact for details,
free entry, new entertainers welcome.
0400 885 586

Tableland Music Lovers – 2-6pm (Sun)

Fortnightly. Open mic night, Grainger Lane,
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Tableland Social Dancers – 6:15pm Lesson,

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Tableland Ukulele Group – 1-4pm (1st &

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tablelandukulelegroup@gmail.com
Dale 0407 651 090

YBI Concert – 4pm (2nd Sun of the month), live

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Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:30pm (Mon) CWA Hall, Wilkes St, Mareeba. 6:30pm (Tue) CWA Hall, Malanda. 7pm (Sat) CWA Hall, Jack St, Atherton. Support group for people wanting to stop drinking. 0419 757 035

Alliance Française d'Atherton – 4-6:30pm (Tue) & 4:30-6:45pm (Thu). Atherton Community Centre, 42 Mabel St. French conversation and language classes. French themed events. alliancefrancaise.atherton@gmail.com 0407 708 435

Atherton Tableland Mineral & Lapidary Club 5:30-9:30pm (Mon), 8-4pm (Wed), 8am-12pm (Sat). Racecourse Rd, Tolga. 0417 746 630 atmlc679@gmail.com

Board/Cards Games Group – 9am (Thu), ECHO, 13 Eacham Place, Malanda. All welcome. Free. 4096 6634

Family Drug Support – 5:30-7:30pm (4th Thu of month), Atherton Community Hall, Jack St, Atherton. Shammah 0490 799 180

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Highland Restorers Club – 7-9am (Sun), Yungaburra Pit Stop Servo. Vintage and classic motorcycles and cars. Don 0417 707 693

Atherton Lions Club – 6pm for a 6:30pm start. (2nd & 4th Tue of the month). Atherton International Club. 0419 547 146

Malanda Lions Club – 6:30pm (1st & 3rd Wed of the month). The Top Rail, Malanda. 0456 368 245

Mareeba Lions Club – 6:30pm (1st & 3rd Tue of the month). Mareeba Leagues Club. 0488 591 318

MAS Choir – 3:30-4:30pm (Thu). Accompanied, non-audition group performing several times a year around Herberton. Free to participate. Chapel at Herberton Historic Village. Mary 0418 182 197

Tolga Lions Club – 7pm (3rd Tue of the month). Tolga Tennis Courts Clubhouse. 0459 088 059

Men's Shed Atherton – 8am-12pm (Mon-Fri). 1 Railway Ln, Atherton. 0403 560 440

Men's Shed Herberton – 7am-2pm (Tue & Thu). Herberton Railway Station, John St, Herberton. Judy 0411 279 152

Men's Shed Malanda – 9am-12pm (Mon, Wed, Fri). 21-23 Mary St, Malanda. Clem 0457 885 737 or Mike 0436 360 044

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QCWA Malanda Craft Group – 9am (Thu) Catherine St, Malanda. Morning tea provided. All welcome. Daune 0458 499 129

QCWA Ravenshoe – 12pm (every 1st Tue of the month) 15 Herbert St, Ravenshoe. ravenshoebranch@qcwa.org.au

Rotary Club of Atherton – 6pm (every 2nd & 4th Tue of the month), Atherton International Club. 0448 750 353

Seniors Group – Meet twice monthly. Various social activities. Singles and couples welcome. Heather 0458 316 081

Soroptomist International – 5:30pm (2nd & 4th Tue of the month), Atherton Hotel, Main St, Atherton. Elspeth 0418 728 614

SWELL (Senior Women Enjoying Later Life) 9:30am (Fri) Baptist Church Hall, Cnr Gibson and Lloyd St, Atherton. Guest speakers, excursions, laughter. Rene 0400 675 729

The Grove Activities Centre – 9am-2pm (weekdays), 11 Grove St, Atherton. See calendar: tclink.org.au/thegrove/

U3A Atherton Tablelands – 9:30am (Mon). Room 22, Community Centre, 42 Mabel St, Atherton. Check website for event details. 0400 660 026 or athtablends.u3anet.org.au

Women's Survivor Group – Meet fortnightly at Atherton CWA. For women of all ages impacted by violence or harm. Coffee, connection, craft. Free. Tablelands Sexual Assault Service 4091 4036



INGREDIENTS

1 cup plain flour	To Serve:
2 eggs	– Blueberries
1 1/2 cups milk	– Banana, sliced
1 Tbs melted butter	– Fresh cream
1 Tbs sugar	– Honey
A pinch of salt	
Butter, for cooking	

Recipe of the month

Easy Homemade Crepes

METHOD

1. In a bowl, add the plain flour, eggs, milk, melted butter, sugar, and salt. Whisk until the batter is smooth and runny.
2. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat and add a small amount of butter.
3. Pour a small amount of batter into the pan and quickly swirl it around to create a thin crepe.
4. Cook for 1-2 minutes until the edges begin to lift and the underside is lightly golden. Flip and cook the other side for another 30 seconds to 1 minute.
5. Repeat with the remaining batter, then serve the crepes warm with blueberries, sliced banana, fresh cream, and a drizzle of honey.



Recipe of the month courtesy of Tablelands to Tabletop

what's happening, when & where!



KIDS • YOUTH

Atherton Basketball Assoc – from 4pm (Tue, during school terms). Atherton State High School Hall, Maunds Rd, Atherton. athertonbasketballassociation@gmail.com

Atherton District Girl Guides – from 3:30pm (Mon during school terms), ages 5+, Girl Guide Hall, Robert St, Atherton. 0428 914 758

Atherton Junior Golf – 8-11:30am (Sun) competition day, 4-5:15pm (Wed & Thu) practice. Ages 5-17yrs, Atherton Golf Club. athertonjunorgolf@outlook.com
FB/web: atherton golf club

Atherton Mainly Music – 9:30-11am (Mon) Atherton Baptist Church Hall, Gibson St. Early childhood educational playtime and activities. Morning tea. \$6 per family. Coral 0414 380 263

Tablelands Home Education – Gatherings for homeschooling families (every Thu). Times and locations vary. FB: Tablelands Home Education tablelandshomeed@gmail.com

Early Years Place (EYP) Playgroup – 9:30-11:30am Tues, Wed (fortnightly) & Thurs. Ages 0-8, all welcome. Dimbulah Community Centre, 16C Raleigh St, Dimbulah. FREE. Find us on FB or 4093 5444

NATURE • PLANTS

Atherton Seedsavers & Gardening Group – Meet every 2nd month, various locations. athseedsavers@urbanfox.com.au

Let's Grow Julatten & Molloy Garden Club – 8am (Tues), Ahoy Mt. Molloy Coffee Shop or a member's garden. Ying Tee: eatgrowlove75@gmail.com

Malanda Community Garden – 9am (Mon), ECHO, 13 Eacham Place, Malanda. All welcome. Free. 4096 6634

Millaa Millaa Garden Group – 8am (Mon), Meet to maintain gardens and finish at 10am for coffee/cake at Rumours Cafe.

Ravenshoe Seed Savers 9:30am (1st Sat of the month, excluding Jan). Various locations. FB for updates.

Tableland Branch of Native Plants Qld – 7:30pm (4th Wed of the month), Tolga CWA Hall. Bush excursion following Sun of the month. Peter 0418 719 748 or Chris 4091 3082

TREAT Rainforest Tree Nursery & Revegetation – 8-11am (Fri) QPWS Nursery, McLeish Rd. Lake Eacham.

Yungaburra Landcare – 8-10am (Fri), Allumbah entrance, Penda St. Morning tea afterwards. David 0400 005 085 or Paul 0419 716 196

Tableland Garden Group – 2pm (2nd Sat of the month), tablelandgardengroup@outlook.com

ART • CRAFT

Handwork Craft Group – 9am-12pm (Tue) Old Post Office, Herberton Rd, Atherton. Karen 0427 698 267

Mareeba Craft on the Fringe – 9:30am-12pm (Tue) Centenary Park, Byrnes St, Mareeba. pederulla@hotmail.com

Mareeba Art Society – 10am-2pm (daily) MAS Gallery 58 and shop open. 345b Byrnes St, Mareeba. 0415 852 744

–9am-12pm (Mon) Painters in the Park
–9am-12pm (Tue) Craft & Cuppa, Craft Share
–9:30am-12pm (3rd Sun of the month)
–Beginners Painting 5pm (every 3rd Tue of the month). MAS monthly meeting, all welcome.

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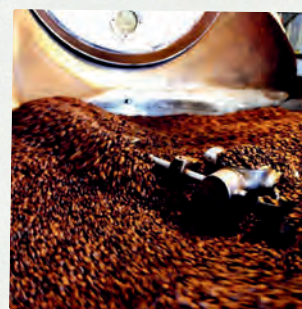
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Archer Creek Rest Area,
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Atherton Markets

1st Saturday of the month
6am-12noon
Lutheran Church, Golf Links Drv

Atherton Undercover Markets - Atherton Lions Club

2nd Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Atherton Showgrounds

Dimbulah QCWA Markets

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until further notice
Dimbulah QCWA Grounds

Julatten Markets

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Geraghty Park Hall

Koah Monthly Market

1st Saturday of the month
8am-12noon
Koah Hall, 322 Koah Road

Kuranda Community Market

2nd Sunday of the month
9am-1pm
Kuranda Amphitheatre

Kuranda Markets

Original Rainforest Market:
Daily, 10am-3pm

Kuranda Heritage Markets:
Wed-Sun, 10am-3:30pm

Malanda Markets - Malanda Lions Club

3rd Saturday of the month
7am-12noon
Malanda Showgrounds

Mareeba Markets - Mareeba Lions Club

Every 2nd & 5th Saturday
of the month, 7am-12:30pm
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Millaa Millaa Market Day

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Mt Molloy Markets

1st Saturday of the month
(Mar-Dec), 8am-12noon
Fraser Road, Mt Molloy

Tolga Markets

1st Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Morrow Park Racecourse

Tumoulin Country Markets

4th Sunday of the month
(Jan-Nov), 8am-1pm
Tumoulin Railway Station

Wondecla Markets

3rd Sunday of the month
7am-12noon
Wondecla Sports Ground

Yungaburra Markets

4th Saturday of the month
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