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**Malanda
Christmas
Festival**

Malanda Christmas Festival, 19 November

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Malanda Christmas Festival

4pm ~ 8pm Malanda Town Centre

THURSDAY
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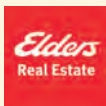
Christmas is coming to Malanda!

The 2026 Malanda Christmas Street Festival is back, and it's set to be our best yet! Join us on **Thursday 19th November, from 4pm to 8pm**, for an evening of festive fun, community spirit, and Christmas cheer. Once again, the area in front of Eacham Memorial Gates will come alive, with sections of Catherine Street and the entire length of English Street closed to traffic.

Enjoy live music, local entertainment, and face painting for the kids, and don't miss the moment everyone's been waiting for: a photo with Santa!

Then there's the late-night shopping. More than 60 market stalls and food vendors will line the streets, and plenty of local businesses will stay open late to join in. The Malanda Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring you this much-loved annual event, which also kicks off our Shop Local Campaign. Running right up to Christmas Eve, the campaign gives you the chance to win from more than 20 prizes donated by generous Chamber member businesses, with a \$1000 SPAR Malanda voucher as the top prize.

This is a night for the whole community to come together and to make Christmas memories that last. See you there!



Welcome to NOVEMBER

The festive season is almost here and our November issue is bursting with Christmas markets, festivals and celebrations across the Tablelands! It's the perfect time to embrace the Christmas spirit and shop local, supporting all our wonderful local businesses.

Inside, discover inspiring local stories, community highlights and the people, places and events that make the Tablelands so special.

Enjoy the issue!



We love showcasing local people and businesses. If you have a great story, ideas, or would like to be featured, we'd love to hear from you!

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Malanda Seafood

14 years of Malanda Seafood – more than we ever imagined!

When we opened Malanda Seafood in 2012, we had a simple idea: bring quality Australian seafood from our fishing life to the community we call home.

Mark has been fishing commercially since he was 14, with 36 years of experience on the water. Mark loves catching the fish, and Karen loves selling it! Together, we wanted to share our own catch and the incredible seafood we had access to through years of industry connections.

What we never imagined was just how much our little seafood shop in an inland country town would grow, or the incredible following it would build.

14 years later, Malanda Seafood has become so much more than we ever expected. We often joke that we've developed a bit of a cult following, with customers travelling hundreds of kilometres, stocking their freezers and spreading the word about our seafood. But our customers have always been the most important part of our business. Their loyalty, trust and genuine enthusiasm

for what we do have shaped Malanda Seafood into what it is today.

Along the way, we've introduced people to species they'd never heard of, shared cooking tips, connected customers with the fishers behind their food and watched seafood become part of family traditions.

We've also been fortunate to win multiple local customer service awards, and both Queensland and National Seafood Industry Business Awards in 2022. Recognition we never imagined when we first opened our doors.

We're incredibly proud of what we've built, but even more grateful for the people who've supported us along the way.

Karen and Mark are the proud proprietors of Malanda Seafood at Shop 2, 34-36 James Street, Malanda. Phone 4096 6844 for enquiries, find them on Facebook and Instagram, or visit malandaseafood.com.au







Christmas Gift Giving Tree

- ★ Find the tree at Silo Shopping Centre
- ★ Bring your unwrapped gift + tag into Shane Knuth's office
- ★ Atherton Rotarians will deliver the gifts to those in our community who need some extra joy this Christmas

Wet Tropics Soilcare

Peer-to-peer hands-on learning and sharing is rewarding



Wet Tropics Soilcare, or WETS, as it is affectionately known by its cohort of dedicated regenerative farming members, includes farmers, small landholders, gardeners and others who are interested in soil health.

The formation of WETS as an incorporated association was back in 2014 following a very successful farm training program presented by Terrain NRM, "Digging Deeper". When the course finished, a group of attendees got together to maintain the collaboration. They saw a need to have an ongoing connection of peers who would work together going forward.

WETS is essentially all about soil health. Gut health is well known; soil health is the gut health of the planet. When you look through a microscope at the microbiology of the soil, it is amazingly like the human biome. There is a symbiotic relationship between healthy soil and healthy people.

Peer-to-peer sharing and learning is very tribal as it allows for old rituals, old knowings, and sacred information handed down through generations. What does the

appearance of certain weeds tell you? What is the soil type in different areas? What birds arrive to indicate it's time to plant? The list goes on. All this wonderful generational information, combined with modern technology, is revolutionary.

Our farm field days are a big favourite with members, an opportunity to meet and learn from others. Typically held on a Sunday, the field days see everyone bring lunch to share, giving a smorgasbord of fresh home-prepared delights. New members are very welcome.

For ways to get involved with WETS, email wetsoilcare@gmail.com for details.



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Tablelands Kids

A kid's guide to shopping local

Hey kiddos! This one's for you. Christmas is getting closer, so if you're helping choose presents this year, here's a little challenge: can you find some of them right here on the Tablelands?

You might have heard grown-ups say "shop local". But what does that actually mean?

It simply means buying things from shops, markets and people who live and work in your local area. Maybe you buy a book from a shop in town, choose a present from a market stall, grab a treat from a local bakery, or spend your pocket money somewhere close to home.

Why does that matter? Because when you spend money at a local business, you are helping real people in your own community. You might be helping someone keep their shop open, pay their workers, or keep making the things they sell. It can also make shopping way more fun!

Local shops and markets often have things you will not see everywhere else. You might find handmade jewellery, toys, art, plants, books, lollies, cakes, craft kits or something

made by someone who lives nearby. Christmas is a great time to give it a go.

If you need to buy a present for a friend, brother, sister, teacher or family member, see if you can find at least one gift locally.

It does not have to cost much. Even spending \$5 or \$10 at a local shop can help. You can also make it into a challenge. Give yourself a budget and see what you can find. Maybe something handmade. Something tasty. Something useful. Or something you have never seen before.

And no, shopping local does not mean you have to buy everything nearby. Sometimes the thing you want just is not available here, and that is okay. The idea is simply to have a look around your own town first. There are lots of clever people making, growing, baking and selling things all across the Tablelands.

So next time you have some pocket money to spend, or a present to buy, have a look close to home. You might find something pretty cool!

The Local Shopping Challenge

Next time you're out Christmas shopping, see how many of these you can tick off:

- ☐ Find a gift made by someone on the Tablelands.
- ☐ Buy something from a local market.
- ☐ Find a present for \$10 or less.
- ☐ Find a gift that was grown on the Tablelands.
- ☐ Buy a locally made treat.
- ☐ Find a gift that does not need batteries.
- ☐ Spend some of your own pocket money locally.
- ☐ Ask a shop owner or maker about something they sell.
- ☐ Find a present made from natural or recycled materials.
- ☐ Choose one local business to tell a friend about.



- ☐ **Bonus challenge:** Set yourself a \$20 budget and see who in your family can find the most interesting local Christmas gift.



A Taste of the Tablelands

The Cheese Trail!



Dairy country and cheese go rather well together, and on the Atherton Tablelands you don't have to travel far to find cheese made locally, imported from Europe, sliced fresh at the deli, or waiting to be packed into a picnic hamper.

For a cheese-lover's day out, start among the green hills of the southern Tablelands at Mungalli Creek Dairy, near Millaa Millaa. The Watson family has been farming biodynamically for more than 30 years, and the dairy sources its milk from local family farms on the Atherton Tablelands. Its current cheese range includes Mungallio farmhouse cheese, quark, ricotta and fetta, with flavoured Mungallio varieties also produced. The Farmhouse Café, "Out of the Whey", sits in the family's original farmhouse, with viewing windows into the adjoining production area. The café serves meals featuring its biodynamic dairy products, as well as scones, cheesecakes, and ice cream, and other goodies.

From there, head to Barbagallo's Delicatessen near Yungaburra, which is tucked inside The Gillies Café at the top of the Gillies Range. This stop takes the trail beyond local dairy production and into the world of the deli counter, with both Australian and imported cheeses, cured meats, house-marinated olives, Italian pastas and antipasto boxes. It is a particularly handy place to pick up the extras that turn a few wedges of cheese into a proper grazing board. They also make up delicious cheese platters, perfect for taking to one of the many local picnic spots.

From there, make your way to Gallo Dairyland at East Barron. The Gallo family's farming history on the property dates back to 1937, and today its cheese is produced on site using traditional European cheesemaking techniques. The range covers soft, blue and aged styles, including

Camembert, Gallozola, a Gorgonzola-style blue, and Heritage aged cheddar. Gallo also produces a selection of lactose-free cheeses, as well as handcrafted chocolates. BB's Café at the dairy also serves cheese platters, making this an easy place to sample the local produce.

In Atherton, Fresh St. Market IGA is another worthwhile stop, with some seriously impressive cheese cabinets featuring more than 250 options, from local artisan cheeses to international varieties. Their deli is also packed with antipasto, cured meats and other grazing-board essentials, making it an easy one-stop shop for putting together a very decent spread.

Finish in Mareeba, where there are two good options in town. Dino's Europa Deli & Cafe is a European-style deli and café on Byrnes Street, with cheese, smallgoods and continental products among its offerings. A little further along Byrnes Street, Harvest Lane adds another international angle, stocking continental cheeses, halloumi, parmigiano, cured meats and Mungalli dairy products alongside its broader range of imported foods.

There is no need to tackle every stop in one day – this is the kind of trail that works just as well broken up over a couple of weekends. Pick a section of the Tablelands, add a waterfall, lake or picnic spot, and build your cheeseboard as you travel. Just keep an insulated bag or esky in the car and check current opening hours before setting out. By the end of the trail, the only difficult part should be deciding which cheese to open first!



Malanda Emergency Team

Malanda Community Disaster Team volunteers are training for the 2026-27 disaster season

A core group operates the Malanda Disaster Communications Centre before, during and after emergencies. They maintain direct contact with the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) in Atherton, providing situation reports and requesting assistance when needed.

A wider network of local business owners, community organisations and volunteer groups supports this work. This team assists with emergency planning and community recovery, and operates a Place of Refuge when required. Residents can prepare by getting to know their neighbours and building a local contact network. Checking on neighbours, particularly those who are elderly or vulnerable, can make a real difference during an emergency.

The Malanda Community Disaster Team has secured Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) funding to construct a communications tower. It will provide VHF radio links with Atherton and UHF CB radio coverage on Channel 10, keeping communications open when power, phones and internet fail.

Community members are encouraged to purchase a UHF CB radio and become familiar with its use before an emergency occurs.

For the latest weather warnings, evacuation centre locations, road closures and sandbag collection points, visit the **Tablelands Regional Council Disaster Dashboard: dashboard.trc.qld.gov.au**. The team has also negotiated a 20% discount on Oricom UHF CB radios, with free Australia-wide delivery. Use the code **MALANDA20** at checkout when purchasing from **oricom.com.au**

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nbn is upgrading thousands of eligible homes and businesses from older copper-based connections to full fibre via Fibre to the Premises. For eligible premises, moving to full fibre can provide access to higher-speed plans through participating internet providers.

Full fibre is designed to support modern household and business needs, where multiple people and devices are often online at the same time. It can help support smoother video calls, streaming, gaming, cloud-based tools and smart home technology.

Regional Queensland communities are also benefiting from major improvements to the nbn Fixed Wireless network. The nbn Fixed Wireless and Satellite Upgrade Program, delivered through a \$750 million investment from the Australian Government and nbn, has expanded coverage, boosted capacity and introduced higher-speed

Fixed Wireless plans for eligible premises across regional and remote Australia.

For regional households and businesses, improved connectivity can make it easier to access telehealth, support online learning, run a business, use digital tools and stay connected with family, friends and community.

With wet season and severe weather events a regular consideration across Queensland, reliable connectivity also helps people stay informed, communicate with customers, staff and loved ones, and access important services when they are needed most.

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The Dirt

Rebuilding ecosystems while we grow food, with **Kate Martignier**

Let's say my family and I want to grow pumpkins. For that we need fertile soil and water, which we could arrange by applying fertiliser from a bag and setting up an irrigation system – right?

Is there anything else we need to grow pumpkins?

Healthy food comes from healthy ecosystems

For really healthy pumpkins, we need more than a patch of dirt, some fertiliser, and a hose.

Let's start with the teeming masses of small life forms we'll need, from pollinating insects down to the microscopic soil organisms that healthy plants depend on (unless we want to pollinate the flowers ourselves and eat pumpkins fed purely on synthetic fertilisers).

For these little critters, we need:

- shelter for pollinators and other food sources for them when the pumpkins are not flowering;
- constantly replenished plant matter on the top of the soil for the soil critters to pull down into the soil and put to use; and
- a variety of living plant roots in the soil, since soil microorganisms rely on living plant roots as much as the plants rely on them.

How many of these basic needs – pollination, soil nourishment, and water – can we meet without having to import them? The answer depends on how many other life forms we can bring into the picture in harmonious ways.

Who else can fit into this space?

Pumpkins take up more space above the soil than under it. Sweet potatoes can co-exist with them. And pumpkins and sweet potatoes can serve as a living ground cover under young fruit trees.

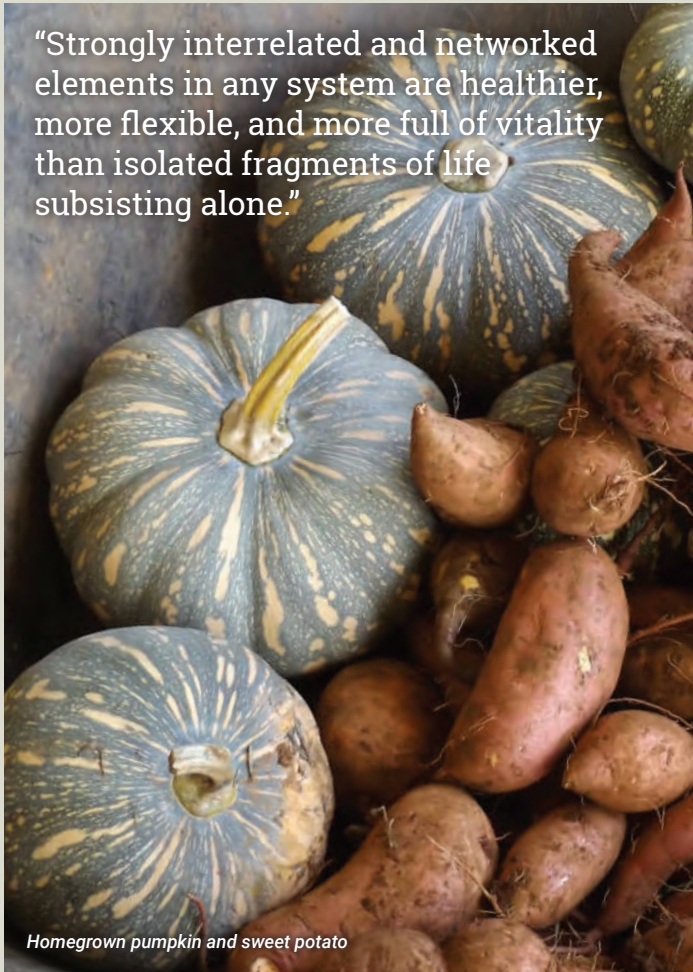
Fruit (obviously) would fill the space above our pumpkin vines. They will also fill the space below them with their deep roots, which offer all sorts of benefits from the drawing up of nutrients from deeper down to the stabilisation of groundwater.

Now, in the same space, we have three different types of food plants, a varied network of living roots in the soil, and shelter and additional food sources for the pollinating insects when the fruit trees flower.

Can we have more?

Growing mulch and "planting" water

Between our fruit trees grow sugarcane and large gingers that provide wind shelter to the young fruit trees and can be chopped and dropped as needed for more mulch. We can also plant chop-and-drop legumes like leucaena and pigeon peas, for nitrogen fixation in the soil and to add nitrogen to the mulch layer.



"Strongly interrelated and networked elements in any system are healthier, more flexible, and more full of vitality than isolated fragments of life subsisting alone."

Homegrown pumpkin and sweet potato

And we can “plant water” in the form of bananas, Queensland arrowroot, and taros. These are food and mulch providers which also take up and hold lots of water to help keep the system hydrated in dry times. And we can “plant fertiliser” by growing comfrey under our fruit trees for its abundant large leaves that are a highly nutritious addition to the mulch layer.

The connections make the magic

We started with pumpkin vines and now we have the beginnings of an ecosystem that:

- provides pumpkins and sweet potatoes (which will fade out as the trees get bigger, and will be replaced with fruit, so in that sense they're occupying a niche in time as well as in space);
- provides food and shelter for pollinating insects, predatory insects that eat pests, birds, small reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals; and
- is somewhat self-mulching, self-feeding, and drought-tolerant.

It's the connections between all these elements that build holistic well-being into the equation. Strongly interrelated and networked elements in any system are healthier, more flexible, and more full of vitality than isolated fragments of life subsisting alone.



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Kate writes about making a difference to our own,



our family's, and our planet's health. Her ebook *One Small Serve* is about homegrown food on a scale anyone can manage. Scan the QR code, or visit

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Saturday 12th December
Atherton International Club

Christmas Party

Buffet Dinner

Hot & Cold Buffet 5:00 & 7:30pm - Two sittings
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Tales of the Tablelands

The technicolour adventures of Chantal “the Fairy” Munro by **Katrina Chapman**

Chantal Munro has enjoyed a colourful career in face painting and performance, entertaining thousands of people from outback Australia to Miami, Florida.

In 2000, Chantal was nominated for an NT Citizenship Award for contributions to the children's entertainment industry and *Businesswoman of the Year* in 2005. Today, she lives in Julatten, and while still in demand as an entertainer, she has written four books and built an ecologically sustainable sanctuary in a quiet valley where she grows medicinal foods.

As a school kid in Adelaide, Chantal's report cards showed no indication of her future as a winner at life. In fact, for the most part, they said FAIL. She was a quirky kid who had

trouble fitting in and was bullied. Teachers told her she was stupid because she had undiagnosed dyslexia.

Chantal matriculated and trained as a makeup artist, but found the rigid structure of cosmetics companies stifling. After a period of travelling and working in a variety of professions, she moved to Darwin, where she spent the next 20 years. She met her partner, Gordon, at a sign-writing course he was teaching. “On my way up the west coast to Darwin, I had written a list of what I wanted in my perfect man. Kind, a noble gentleman, an honourable man.” As fate would have it, Gordon had been looking for someone artistic and free-spirited. Chantal jokes, “He didn’t know what he was calling!” Gordon was a widower with



Chantal with some of her books



Chantal as Fairy Red Nose

four children, and their joint creation, baby boy Corin, made a family of seven. Up to this point, Chantal describes herself as being “easy to catch, hard to hold”. Once she had her son, “there was nowhere to run.” She and Gordon rode the waves of raising five children, and today they’re still ticking each other’s boxes.

It was during this period that Chantal started face painting and invented Chantal the Fairy, whose wardrobe of “fairy wings, feathers, showy hats, tutus and fishnet stockings” made her a Darwin icon. She took over a friend’s gig at a shopping centre when face painting was still in its infancy. She was a natural, and simple designs quickly became

“I was a pioneer, and sometimes you’re very successful when you come into a new industry.”

works of art. The children were thrilled and Chantal fed off the buzz of their excitement. It didn’t take long for her to recognise that there was a commercial opportunity knocking, and she started her own entertainment business before anyone was doing

private engagements. “I was a pioneer, and sometimes you’re very successful when you come into a new industry.”

Chantal’s drive to keep growing kept her repertoire fresh and demand high. She continued to grow her skill base, incorporating body painting, comedy, magic, juggling, balloon modelling, rope tricks, singing, dancing, unicycling and spinning plates. Many skills she taught herself from books and YouTube, and others she learned working in performance ensembles.

Chantal’s face and body painting was featured in publications at home and abroad. When her website went live in the 1990s, it was the first face painting site in the world, and her self-published book *Face Art* is still one of the most comprehensive books on the subject. Now in its 9th edition, it has sold over 80,000 copies.

Chantal came to the attention of artists in the USA who were amazed by her groundbreaking painting techniques. “The Americans went off their trolley!” She was invited to the US International Face and Body Painting Convention in 2003 and demonstrated her skills in venues across Florida. Opportunities to work in the highly lucrative US scene arose, but “the money was irrelevant. I couldn’t give up time with my son and my life in Australia.”

Many adventures awaited her at home. Her performances were always fun, but they were also a means of communicating important messages. Obtaining a grant for educational kids’ shows addressing numeracy, literacy and bullying, Chantal toured schools in outback NT in a rainbow-coloured caravan with her friend Debbie Hyder, a world champion unicyclist.



They achieved amazing results working with children that the school system had failed to help. Debbie was a magical performance partner. “We moved in harmony. Each knew what the other was thinking and we were completely confident in each other’s skill set.”

After living a very big life in the NT, Chantal and Gordon wanted to simplify. In 2013, they found their forever home, five acres in a little valley in Julatten. Gordon reforested the main block, and Chantal cultivated food. She has self-published another three books: *TickleTouch: An Environmental Fairy Tale*, *Garden Cookbook: My First Edible and Medicinal Garden*, and *Surviving the Change: and the Secret Society of Sweaty Sisters*. Now she carefully budgets her time between entertaining, writing, book tours, and growing medicinal foods.

To learn more about Chantal, her books and her work, visit chantalfairy.com.

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



November calendar highlights

Please be advised that event details are subject to change. Confirm details with organisers prior to event.

FRIDAY 6 NOV	Artisan Farmers Night Markets Monthly Friday night market showcasing local stallholders 5-8:30pm Priors Creek Parklands, Atherton	SATURDAY 14 NOV	Christmas at the Village Twilight Christmas markets, local handcrafted gifts, festive shopping, food tastings. Coffee, wine and cheese. 4pm-8pm Historic Village Herberton Treasure Island – Youth Theatre Production Atherton Performing Arts 14-22 November, on selected dates Silo Road Theatre, Atherton Tickets at athertonperformingarts.com.au Or trybooking.com Creekside Family Cinema Family movie night under the stars featuring E.T. The Extra Terrestrial 7pm Priors Creek Parklands Amphitheatre FREE EVENT
SATURDAY 7 NOV	Great Northern Bullriding Series 2026 Finals in Atherton Bullriding, food and drinks, giveaways, family entertainment Gates open 5pm, show starts 7pm Atherton Showgrounds Tickets: events.humanitix.com/2026gnbsfinals Music at the Mount Live music & food truck 2pm-8pm Mt Uncle Distillery, Walkamin		
SUNDAY 8 NOV	Art Workshop – Introduction to Botanical Art Learn realistic botanical drawing and painting techniques using pencil and acrylics with John Rainbird. The Old Post Office Gallery, Atherton Tickets \$50, on Eventbrite	THURSDAY 19 NOV	Malanda Christmas Festival Market stalls, food, music, photos with Santa, jumping castle and more! Malanda Town Centre 4pm-8pm FREE EVENT
WEDNESDAY 11 NOV	Remembrance Day Lest we forget Follow our social media for local services and commemorative events Atherton Christmas Super Shopper Night Christmas shopping night with handmade gifts, gourmet food and drinks, toys, pampering products, fashion and more. 5-9pm Atherton International Club	FRIDAY 20 NOV	Tablelands Toy Run 30th Anniversary Highland Restorers Club charity toy run, supporting the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, 9am start Tinaroo Rural Fire Brigade
THURSDAY 12 NOV	Trivia at Billycart Brewing Co Atherton Team trivia, locally brewed beer, food truck, prizes, 6.30pm FREE EVENT	SATURDAY 21 NOV	Elders Growers Race Day Racing, Fashions on the Field, pony rides, food and drink, entertainment and kids' activities. Gates open from 11am Atherton Turf Club at Tolga Tickets: trybooking.com/DMGMR Herberton Sunset Stories Cemetery walk bringing Herberton's past residents and their stories to life through local actors. Food and refreshments available. Complimentary tea and coffee. 5.30-9.30pm Herberton Cemetary \$5-\$14
FRIDAY 13 NOV	Musical theatre production – The Rocky Horror Picture Show by Malanda Theatre Company 13-29 November, on selected dates Majestic Theatre Malanda Tickets at malandatheatre.org or Tableland Books Ladies Shopping Night Special offers and a relaxing, stress-free Christmas shopping night! Main St, Atherton From 5pm		

FRIDAY 27 NOV	Roller Disco 6pm-7pm under 10's & Beginners 7pm-9pm over 10's & Intermediate Atherton High School FB: Tableland Roller Derby League \$10 entry \$5 skate hire
SATURDAY 28 NOV	Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park Relaunch 28-29 Nov Events all weekend All riders welcome For details visit FB: Atherton Forest Mountain Bike Park
MONDAY 30 NOV	Trivia Night at Yungaburra Hotel Team Trivia, games and prizes 7pm Yungaburra Hotel, Yungaburra

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Atherton parkrun – 7am (Sat)
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Awareness Through Movement (Feldenkrais)
6:15pm (Tue), online, 1:30pm & 5:30pm (Wed),
8:45am (Thu). Malanda Men's Shed Hall, Mary St,
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AYA YOGA (As You Are) – Tolga: CWA Hall,
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Main Street, Fri 6-7am. All levels, incorporating
stretch, strength, breathwork and meditation.
FB: AYA Yoga. Call Gillian 0407 171 537

Indoor Bowls Atherton – 8:30am (Thu)
Masonic Hall, Golf Links Rd, Atherton. 4091 1381

Meditation & Discussion – 2pm (1st Sun of the
month). Meditation, followed by discussion on a
spiritual theme. Free. 4095 4689

Pickleball – New players welcome. Malanda High
School Hall. Various session times. Equipment
provided. Frances 0419 792 786

QiGong Halloran's Hill – 9:30am (Thu).
A U3A class. Lesley 0447 825 554

Sound Meditation – 6pm (every 2nd Wed of
the month) at Hallorans Hill, Atherton.
FB: [debbiesavaetherapies](https://facebook.com/debbiesavaetherapies) Debbie 0427 559 142

Tableland Bush Walking Club – (every 2nd Wed
& Sun). New Members welcome. View program
online: tablelandsbushwalkingclub.org

**Tableland Dog Obedience Club Dog Training
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Enrolments 1st Wed of the month. Check FB or
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Taekwondo/Self Defence – 4pm & 5:45pm
(Tue & Thu) Merriland Hall, Atherton Showgrounds.
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

Yoga/Qigong with Lyndel – Malanda, 5pm (Tue)
Uniting Church Hall, 10am (Wed) Chair Yoga,
CWA Hall. \$15 per class. Lyndel 0488 559 281

Yoga with Carina
9am (Wed) Stretch Yoga Seniors Class @ CWA
Millaa Millaa, \$5 per class. 9am (Fri). General class
\$10. 82 Sheehan Rd, Tarzali. 0402 208 377

Zumba Gold – 9am (Mon), 9am (Fri) @ Tolga
CWA Hall. Dance fitness suitable for beginners and
older participants. \$11 class. Ann 0418 826 168
or anniemc9@gmail.com

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Bingo – 9:15am (Tue), doors open at 8:45am.
Atherton International Club. Proceeds go to
Atherton Hospital FNQHF. 4091 4970

Bingo – 9:30am-12pm (Wed), doors open at
8:30am. Yungaburra Hotel Ballroom. Proceeds
go to Yungaburra Beautification.

Bingo – 9am (Sun) Anthill Motel, 79 Byrnes St,
Mareeba. Proceeds go to Friends of Mareeba
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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
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Tableland Music Lovers – 2-6pm (Sun)
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Tableland Social Dancers – 6:15pm Lesson,
7pm Social Dancing (Wed). Merrilands Hall,
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Tableland Ukulele Group – 1-4pm (1st &
3rd Sat), Carinya Wellness Centre, 1 Mazlin St,
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Atherton-Herberton Rd, Atherton. All welcome.
tablelandukulelegroup@gmail.com
Dale 0407 651 090

YBI Concert – 4pm (2nd Sun of the month), live
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Access Place/Treasurers Op Shop – Tue-Fri 9:30am-2pm, 72 Main St, Atherton. Community op shop raising funds locally. Free cuppa, street library and monthly Cuppa, Craft & Chat. All welcome. 0468 794 110

Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:30pm (Mon) CWA Hall, Wilkes St, Mareeba. 6:30pm (Tue) CWA Hall, Malanda. 10am (Thu) & 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

FNQ Community Exchange (Tablelands LETS) – Meet regularly to barter and exchange skills and knowledge. Find out more at fnqces.org

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. John 0418 428 418

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

Men's Shed Mareeba – 8:30am-12pm (Mon, Wed, Thu). 26 Lloyd St, Mareeba. 0499 229 986

Men's Shed Ravenshoe – 9am-3pm (Wed-Fri). 52-56 Herbert St, Ravenshoe. G.Rae 0467 960 362

Men's Shed Yungaburra – 2-6pm (Tue & Thu). Yungaburra Memorial Shed, 7 Barrine Rd. Jeff 0448 168 674

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 athtablelands.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

1kg Moreton Bay bugs	1 tsp crushed garlic
1 tbsp butter	¼ cup cheese
¼ cup cream	

Recipe of the month

Cheesy Garlic Bugs

METHOD

1. Wash and clean the Moreton Bay bugs, then carefully cut them in half with a sharp knife.
2. Place the bugs, flesh-side up, in a baking dish.
3. Spoon the butter and garlic over the flesh, pour over the cream, then sprinkle with cheese.
4. Bake at 220°C for 15-20 minutes, or until the bugs are cooked through and the cheese is golden.
5. Transfer to serving plates, season with salt and pepper, and finish with a sprinkle of garlic chives.



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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Atherton Markets

1st Saturday of the month
7am-12noon
Lutheran Church, Golf Links Drv

Atherton Undercover Markets

- Atherton Lions Club

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

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
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Mt Molloy Markets

1st Saturday of the month
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Fraser Road, Mt Molloy

Priors Creek Artisan & Farmers Night Market

1st Friday of the month
5pm-8pm
Priors Creek Parklands, Atherton

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
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NOVEMBER MOVIE UPDATE

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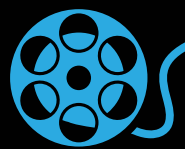
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Bold flowers, energetic growth and the experience of being in and around the garden are vividly rendered in Boon's paintings through a combination of observation and imagination. These new paintings and mixed media works celebrate springtime and the beauty of the region at this time of year.

On display until Saturday 28 November

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The Garden Inside by Rachael Boon. © Chrissie Cosgrove



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