



# **BULUWAI CULTURAL HERITAGE SURVEY**

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### We are pleased to be involved in the Barron Walls Walking Trail project

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 was a significant step in changing the way we all view First Nations People on the Australian continent. The well overdue change of narrative from Terra nullius *empty land* to the true history that native tribes inhabited this vast continent, from corner to corner, in every micro-climate habitat, has taken well over 200 years of struggling to survive.

The First Nation's Tribes were flourishing at the time of British contact. Vibrant, diverse ceremonial ancient cultures featuring language, art, food gardening from wild forests, seafood caught from beaches and outrigger canoes, river foods harvested by inland tribes, kinship ties with neighbouring tribes, oral catalogues (dreamtime stories), bread bakers, stone buildings, water divining, astronomy, navigation, trade networks, medicines, landscape management (fire), and the list goes on of *civilised* technologies.

There were no savages on the land before "Australia" (prehistoric Sahul). There were only people and families and tribes defending their homelands from invasion, and then, when that was no longer possible against the guns, saving themselves from starvation where their native habitats had been deforested, fenced and their tribes massacred. The removal of old-growth timbers, many hundreds and thousands of years old, was a culture-wide catastrophic "gold rush" for the gentle small-statured Bama.

Traditional Owners are an important piece of the conservation puzzle. TO's are intrinsically drawn to working on the land of their ancestors and are conservationists and naturalists at heart.

Therefore, we ask for the vital inclusion of Buluwai Traditional Owners in the project plan:

- 1) development phase (retrieving cultural heritage, current)
- 2) deployment, maintenance and
- 3) presentation of the Barron Falls Walking Trail tourism attraction

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	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING
1	CULTURAL HERITAGE SURVEY	Walk the TRAIL alignment and record any place, object, natural feature, relevance and location.	Funded, complete, this report

Pre massacre-times, the entire STUDY AREA and landscape to Stoney Creek were central to the bustling communities of Buluwandji Bama going about their daily affairs.

Given the locale of both STUDY AREA A (ROAD RESERVE) and STUDY AREA B (NATIONAL PARK) these are prime locations for Buluwandji campsites, work areas and, immediately above the Barron Falls, sacred ceremonial sites. Due to minimum ground disturbances in both STUDY AREAS the likelihood of finding Cultural Heritage is very high.

The walking surveys on the STUDY AREAS found nine (9) contiguous campsites along the trail alignment. The intervening five (5) creeks flowing to the Barron River provided ideal living and working areas for Bama communities. Heading east on the trail after CREEK 5, while not identified at this time due to thicker vegetation, additional campsites may be found when scraping the earth.

BIC Cultural Heritage consultants are required to be present for every metre of trail building phase. The consultants will collect and catalogue any items of interest as the machines scrape the ground. If cultural artefacts such as hearths or stone structures are found, which cannot immediately be moved, the site must be flagged for archaeologists with specialist cultural experience to excavate the site, as instructed by Willie Brim. This work is required to record and date the artefact before work continues in that area.

Where any ground drilling for pylons or footings is required, the spoil material is to be processed / filtered at the site for cultural material.

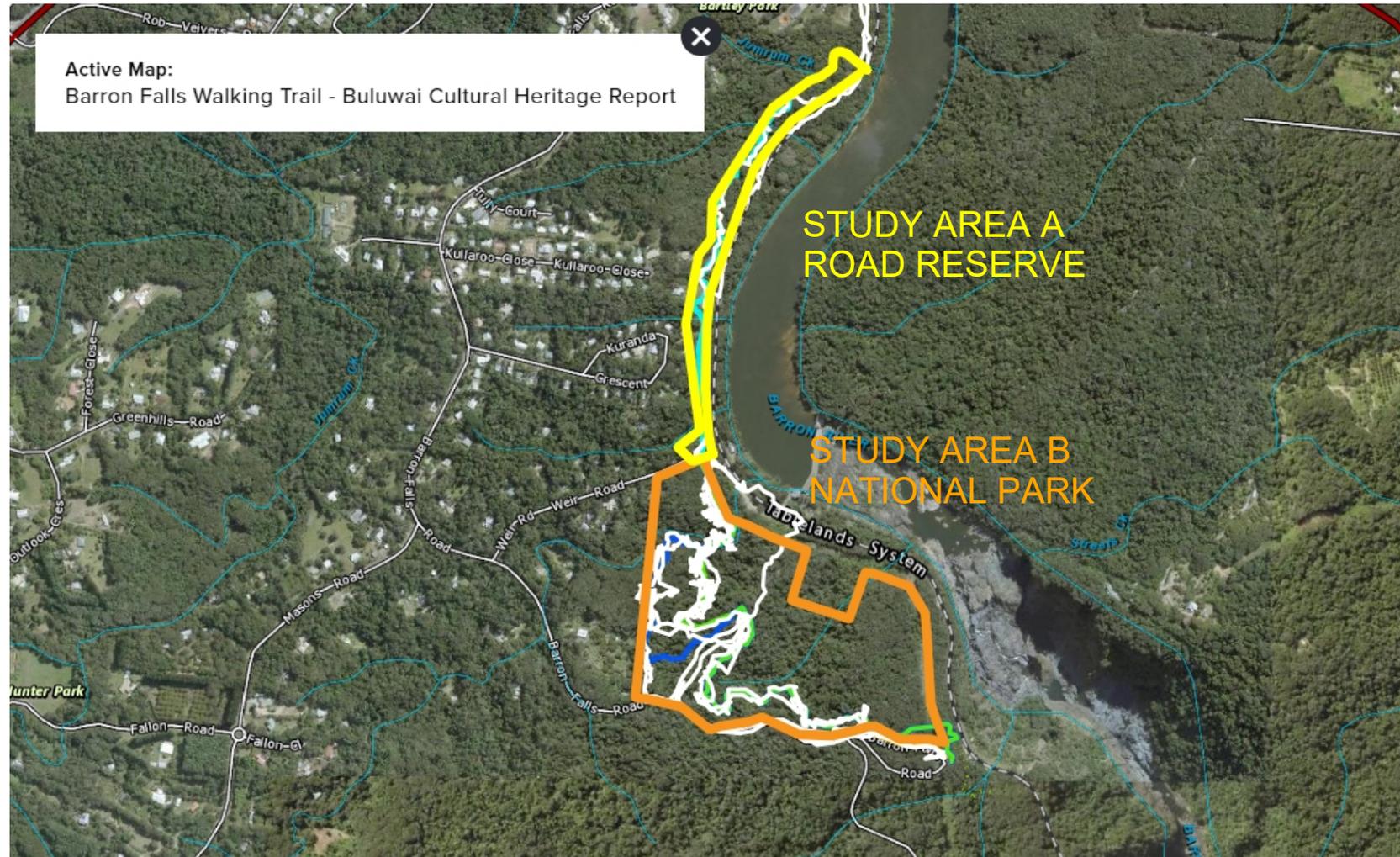
It is necessary for the PROJECT to fully fund any archaeological cataloguing required from these ground disturbances made during the trail building process. Preferred partners for these services are provided at the end of this document.

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### Buluwai Cultural Heritage Surveys - Walking

Survey meanderings are white lines on map right.



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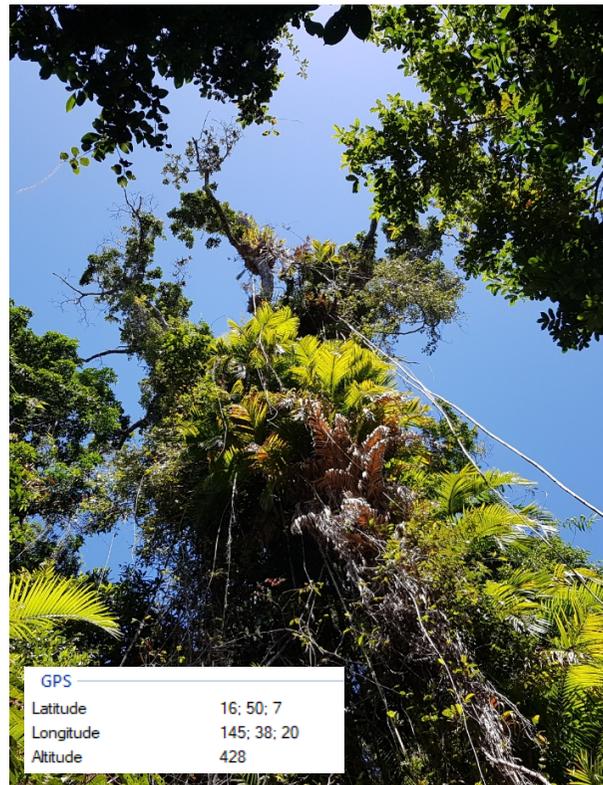
	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING
1	<b>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b> <b>Elder Trees Project</b> Catalogue mature seed trees on the trail alignment prior to build	Elder trees along the trail flagged by BIC consultants to be properly identified in professional flora report. These mature seed trees will be preserved in place, checked for cultural heritage, their stories used for visitor experiences and signage, seed collection for research, conservation and cultural purposes.	Required, flora survey and report, BIC catalogue and project management

**ELDER TREES**

This tree, pictured right, and the biodiversity of plant and animals it supports will require a flora expert present to negotiate with trail builders which plant specimens can or need to be preserved.

Best outcome is least disturbance to any plants on the host tree and trail disturbance is kept away from tree roots and aerial plants.

Not to be cut for *safety* under any circumstances.



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ELDER TREE (SCAR TREE)



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT : Elder Trees Project

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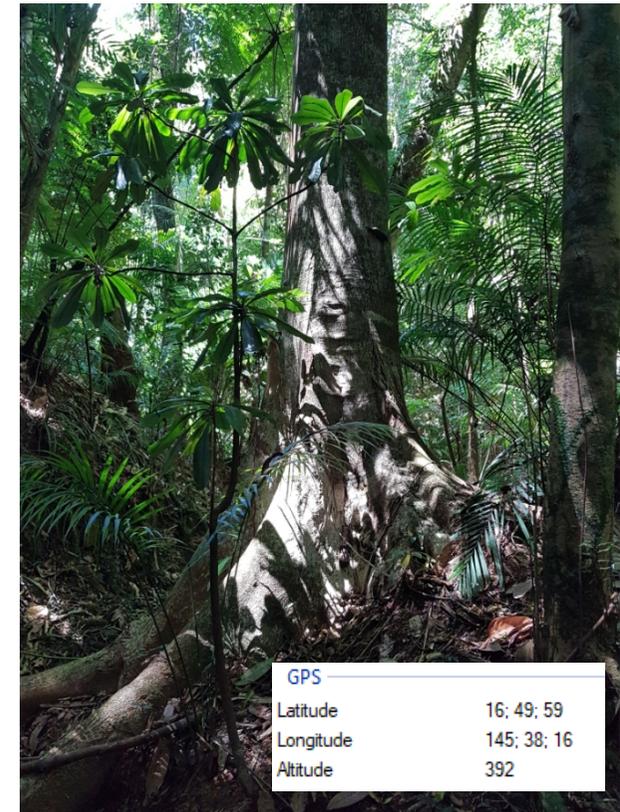
STUDY AREA B has many elder tree specimens of mixed rainforest species. These trees can tell us a story from the past.

In Bama habitat, a scarred tree like this (pictured left) might mean resin was collected from it (species dependent) or another type of human made trail marker. Very old trees in the area have been found with carved inscriptions. A skilled botanist is required for a flora survey for Cultural Heritage assessment.

Prior to trail building, we will walk with a suitably qualified person through STUDY AREA B to identify flagged tree specimens. These specimens will be catalogued with species, location, height, girth, approximate age, health and physical condition, diseases, other observations, eg. cultural markings.



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1	<b>CULTURAL HERITAGE RETRIEVAL</b> <i>Trail Building</i> <i>Catalogue Cultural Heritage Finds on STUDY AREAS</i>	The site's prime location at the top of the Barron Falls gives it extraordinary significance for the Buluwandji people. The entire site represents the cultural grounds (centre of activity) of the Buluwandji Bama pre massacre-times. The locations of interest including Bora grounds, creek crossings, stone structures, hearths or fire places, soil compactions from continual use.	Required, BIC consultant roster, project management and project equipment

FEATURES : BAMA CAMPSITES ON TRAIL ALIGNMENT

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BUL-BG-008



BUL-BG-009



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**CULTURAL HERITAGE RETRIEVAL : Trail Building**  
Catalogue Cultural Heritage Finds on the STUDY AREAS

**FEATURES : BAMA CAMPSITES ON TRAIL ALIGNMENT, PERMANENT CREEKS**

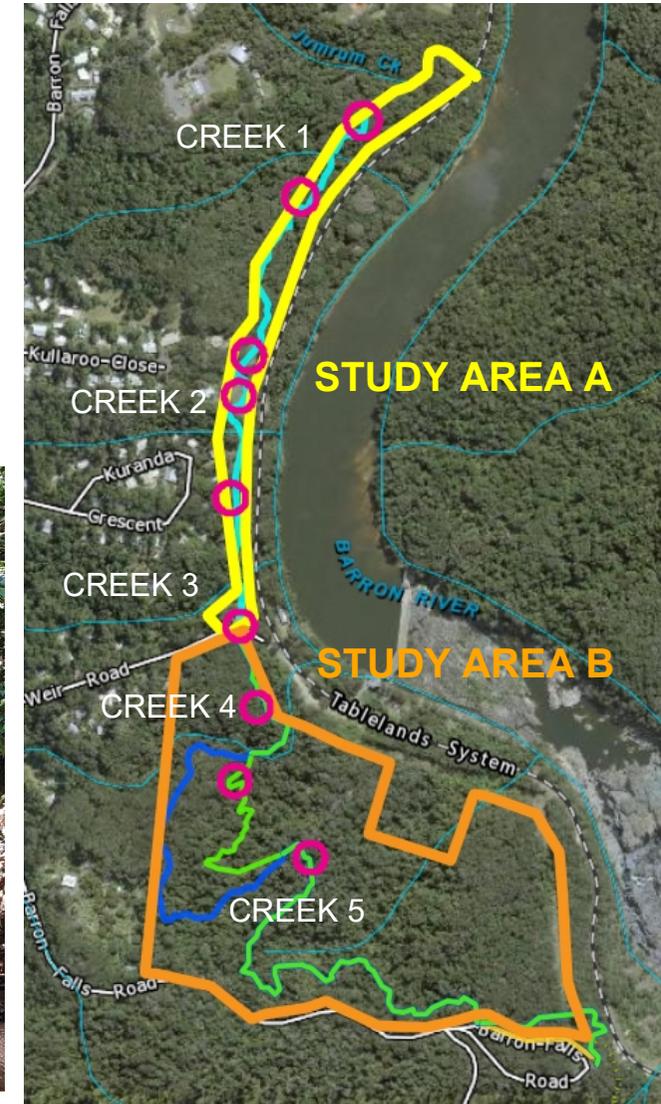
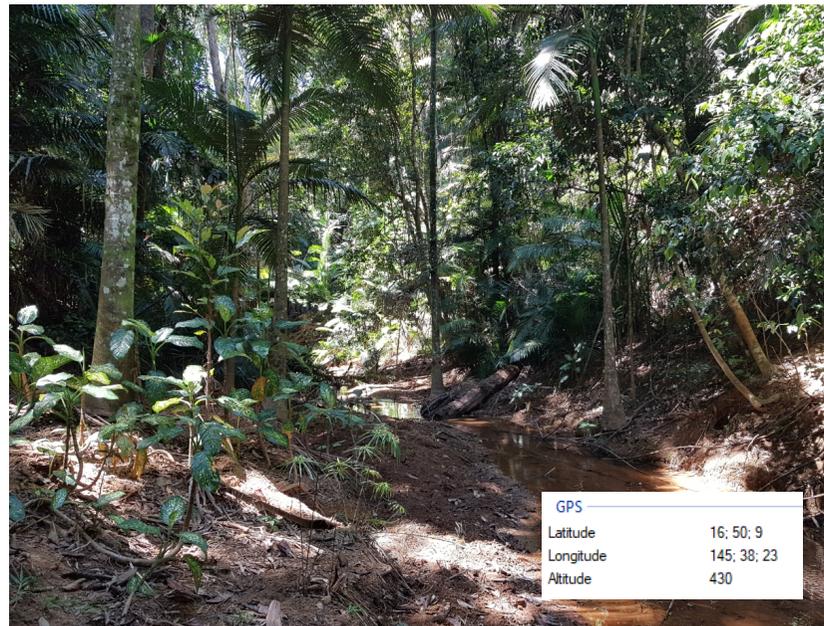
Mapping tools show three (3) permanent creeks in STUDY AREA A and two (2) permanent creeks in STUDY AREA B. The gully pictured right is one of the three catchment gullies for CREEK 5. Health of downstream waterbodies require least disturbance in these gullies. Please use high boardwalks above these gullies where they cross the trail to allow unrestricted movement of wildlife.

The high banks of creeks are a common place to find cultural artefacts as they were places of intensive Bama activity. Footing drill spoil will be processed for cultural material on site.

CREEK 5



CREEK 4



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**CULTURAL HERITAGE RETRIEVAL : Trail Building**  
**Catalogue Cultural Heritage Finds on the STUDY AREAS**

**FEATURES : BAMA CAMPSITES ON TRAIL ALIGNMENT | PERMANENT CREEKS | STONES**

Stones obviously placed by humans on top of the ground, like those pictured below, may be a sign of Bama activities and are of cultural interest. Some may have been placed post massacre-times by ancestors, new settlers or later.

Closer cultural investigation and documentation of **any stones of interest** will be required for cultural heritage work on the PROJECT.



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2	<p><b>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b> <i>Bird &amp; Butterfly Forage Landscapes Project</i> Integrated designs through revegetation, community project</p>	<p>There are significant opportunities to species-enrich STUDY AREA A for visitor experiences and environmental education.</p> <p>Partner – Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc. (\$2-\$3/ native plant) in association with their visiting students involved in environmental studies for plants and planting sessions.</p>	<p>Required, BIC project management including scoping, design, species selection, catalogue</p>

**Outstanding Values of the Wet Tropics**

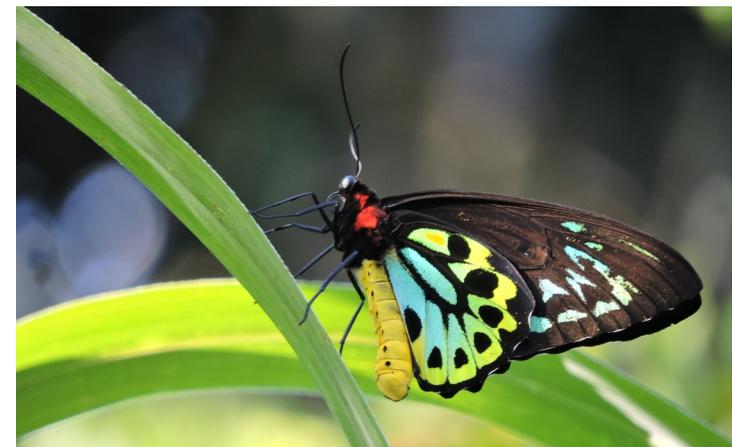
As a percentage of Australia’s species, the Wet Tropics contains:

- 35% of all mammals
- 30% of all marsupials
- 100% of all monotremes
- 58% of all bats
- 25% of all rodents
- 40% of all birds
- 20% of all reptiles
- 29% of all frogs
- 58% of all butterflies
- 42% of all freshwater fish
- 65% of all ferns
- 30% of all orchids
- 37% of all conifers
- 12 out of 19 primitive flowering plant families (the Angiosperms) are found in the Wet Tropics

The Wet Tropics is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Today, this means Kuranda has many more threatened species than other places. In Buluwandji times, prior to massacre-times, the forests, creeks and rivers were stocked full of wildlife.

The forests were active with the bright colours and sounds of landscapes steeped with biodiversity and abundance. The Wet Tropics is where flowering plants started their evolution and where the first songbirds evolved in the Eocene rainforest - and since radiated species throughout the world.

**Buluwandji Cultural Custodian Willie Brim says the home of his ancestors was *The Garden of Eden*.**



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**VEGETATION MANAGEMENT : Bird & Butterfly Forage Landscapes Project**  
**Integrated designs through revegetation**

In Kuranda Region, we are delighted daily by a vast array of bird and butterfly species that could be amplified in these selected reveg landscapes with the right planning and care over the coming years. Our local nurseries have the expertise and plant stock to take care of these landscapes – to select varieties based on animal species we want to amplify in those landscapes.

Most of these plants are flowering and fruiting and quite spectacular in their own right. The Kuranda resident songbirds will find these landscapes over time and include them in regular yearly foraging providing a spectacular experience for the trail visitors as well as excellent photo opportunities.

STUDY AREA A has six (6) small reveg opportunities to enrich visitor’s nature experiences. These “patches” are currently over-run clearing from freehold land adjoining the road reserve at the back of residential properties and are on a slope to the rail corridor and Barron River.

Most of the flowering and fruiting action happens high in the rainforest canopy. These specially landscaped areas will bring the birds and butterflies closer to the ground for visitors enjoyment.

<http://www.kurandaconservation.org/plant-me-instead/>

With weed species removed, these areas can be returned to native vegetation concentrating on bird and butterfly (and moth, bats, etc) forage species to attract wildlife to the landscaped viewing / rest area on the trail at these locations.

Many nocturnal mammals feed on the same foods and may provide a future night-time wildlife tour opportunity for the nature trail. Selected species properly landscaped can provide a rich visitor experience of native wildlife and the fruits of the rainforest.



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<p><b>2 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b> <b>Wet Tropics Biodiversity Plantings</b> Restoration of non-woody plant species, "Wet Tropics Ark"</p>	<p>Historic deforestation and selective felling of the greater Kuranda Region, including the STUDY AREAS, caused a massive drop in biodiversity with key habitats destroyed. The project area would benefit revegetation of non-woody plants, many are "primitive plants", some rare and threatened, and would ultimately be visually appealing and interesting for trail users in the future.</p>	<p>Required, BIC project management including scoping, design, species selection, catalogue, led by students integrated into the programs</p>

Non-woody plants includes vines, orchids, ferns, palms, shrubs, eg. gardenias, mosses, lichen, herbs, eg. native ginger, sedges, fungus, pandanus. These plants also support a large contingent of native wildlife and would improve the overall functioning of the forest.



Global rainforests are long understood to be places of scientific discovery and veritable 'genetic arks' as the world evolved. We anticipate the TRAIL will not only attract visitors who need to get from Kuranda Village to Barron Falls but also those with a keen interest for closer examination of the ancient biodiversity.

- Species identification and cataloguing are an important part of learning for young people. This project would be an asset for visitation not only local but regional school groups. What better place to learn than in nature under the rainforest canopy!
- An appreciation of natural or wild environments like the TRAIL will attract "students" of all ages from all around the world for species identification (especially photographers, birdwatchers)
- Partnerships with JCU for scientific discovery and sharing cultural knowledge (new medicines)
- Citizen science program through the APP – share photos of specimens, timestamps, weather info – every walk visitors can catalogue vegetation, eg. flowering, fruiting, etc. which is then added to the TRAILS database.
- Conservation - import rare and threatened species from other parts of the WHA to preserve in the project area (Wet Tropics Ark).

From 2020, local Kuranda District State College is offering Year 11/12 'Certificate II Conservation and Land Management' which will fit this project year on year. The program outline:

- Professional flora and fauna survey (students can see and work with a professional, mentor)
- Research and analysis of the plant specimens that are absent from the project area (students)
- Species selection, planning and placement on trail for required micro-climate and maximum visitor impact (students design)

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1	<b>NAMING</b>	In respect to our ancestors the original name should be used. In this case <b>Din Din Nature Trail</b> (Kuranda Village to Barron Falls). Din Din is our 'land monument' much as Uluru is to our desert cousins, or the Eiffel Tower to our Parisian brothers and sisters. Din Din is a culturally significant sacred site and the land surrounding it - including the TRAIL.	Free
1	<b>NAMING</b>	CREEK 4 in STUDY AREA B appears to be unnamed. The creek is known locally as 'Platypus Creek'. The language name for <i>platypus</i> is Ngunba. We would like the creek to be officially named <b>Ngunba Creek</b> for the TRAIL experience.	Free
2	<b>SIGNAGE</b>	Signage at TRAIL entrances to include list of potentially hazardous flora and fauna, historical significance, cultural information, recognition of Traditional Owners, as well as visitor expectations/ rules on the TRAIL reflecting the follow points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No dog walking in conservation area</li> <li>▪ Visitors are encouraged to move quietly along the trail - noise scares wildlife away and stops them from feeding</li> <li>▪ Visitors must never approach or interact with wildlife and remain on the designated trail at all times</li> <li>▪ Visitors should never feed wildlife under any circumstances as this can be harmful to wildlife</li> <li>▪ Visitors can be afraid of creatures they don't understand. Keep moving along the trail if wildlife makes you feel uncomfortable, eg. flapping noisy birds, snakes, spiders or cassowary</li> <li>▪ Visitors should never take risks to get better photographs</li> <li>▪ No camping in conservation areas</li> </ul>	Included in this project

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2	<b>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b> <i>Bana Waruu Conservation Area</i> STUDY AREA A / ROAD RESERVE moved to conservation status	File paperwork to move STUDY AREA A / ROAD RESERVE to conservation status, in perpetuity.	MSC, Unknown
2	<b>INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)</b>	We would like to formalise our partnerships in this PROJECT using the ILUA framework – see below.	TBC

**About Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)**

An ILUA is a voluntary agreement between a native title group and others about the use of land and waters. These agreements allow people to negotiate flexible, pragmatic agreements to suit their particular circumstances.

An ILUA can be:

- over areas where native title has, or has not yet, been determined
- entered into regardless of whether there is a native title claim over the area or not
- part of a native title determination or settled separately from a native title claim.

ILUAs can cover topics such as:

- native title holders agreeing to a future development
- how native title rights coexist with the rights of other people
- access to an area
- extinguishment of native title
- compensation
- employment and economic opportunities for native title groups
- cultural heritage
- Mining.

When registered, ILUAs bind all parties and all native title holders to the terms of the agreement.

The revegetation projects *Bird & Butterfly Forage Landscapes* form part of a larger program to move the recovered STUDY AREA A (ROAD RESERVE) land parcel into an appropriate conservation area status.

This would result in a significant increase to the Barron River ecological buffer and further preserve the wildlife corridor.



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1	<b>LAND MANAGEMENT</b> <i>Feral species</i>	Evidence of feral pig activity on STUDY AREA B. Management of feral animals on the TRAIL area will be required to keep the visitors safe from marauding feral pigs. BIC prefers working with partners to ensure proper ongoing tracking of feral animal movements through greater Buluwai lands. Other problem species include domestic cats and dogs. Local Partner: Blane Richards	Required, BIC management of ongoing program
2	<b>WATER MANAGEMENT</b> <i>Wet Tropics Aquatic Species Collection</i>	Ngoonbi <i>platypus</i> is the cultural name for 'Kuranda'. Where once the platypus were commonplace in most streams in the area, today there are few sightings due to extensive habitat disturbances. The TRAIL offers visitors a very unique opportunity to see a globally rare monotreme in the wild. CREEK 4 on STUDY AREA B is called 'Platypus Creek'.  Platypus are the Wet Tropics rainforest aquatic keystone species. Their presence demonstrates the water quality is good and there's enough biodiversity for them to survive. Survey for platypus in CREEKS on the STUDY AREAS and planned revegetation of all creek buffers with biodiverse aquatic plant species to restock the CREEKS with lost species. Partner: Kuranda Envirocare Inc	Required, BIC development & management of program



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3	<p><b>MARKETING/ PROMOTION</b></p> <p>Orientation to <b>DESTINATION KURANDA – Short Walks &amp; Nature Trails</b></p>	<p>Extend the Kuranda brand as Short Walks &amp; Nature Trail destination:  <b>WET TROPICS WORLD HERITAGE NATURE TRAILS : Biodiversity Hotspot in Kuranda, Village in the Rainforest</b></p> <p>Consider developing marketing material (Kuranda 5 year tourism plan) with nearby Nature Trail options.</p> <p><b>Kuranda Short Walks &amp; Nature Trails</b> – easy access from Kuranda Village, walking only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Circuit - Jumrum Walk (30 mins), Market Walk (10 mins), River Walk (30 mins), Jungle Walk (10 mins)</li> <li>o Return – Din Din Nature Trail (1.5 hours, plus time spent at Barron Falls lookout)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speewah Nature Trails</b> – transport required from Kuranda to trailheads (15 mins by car), walking only, half-day, full-day and multi-day walks, campsites</p> <p><b>Davies Creek Nature Trails</b> – transport required from Kuranda to trailheads (25 mins by car), walking only, half-day, full-day and multi-day walks, Aboriginal Rock Art Galleries, campsites, mountain bikes accepted at safe ‘family’ pace, ie. not beat-the-clock racing.</p>	<p>MSC, in progress</p>

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MARKETING / PROMOTION : DESTINATION KURANDA Short Walks & Nature Trails

Kuranda Short Walks brochure

**Kuranda Nature Tracks**  
a self-guided experience

**The Village on the Edge**  
Kuranda is the 'Village on the Edge' is perched on the edge of the coastal escarpment. The steeply forested reaches of the Great Dividing Range are behind it.

**Discover Kuranda**  
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**JUMRUM WALK** 10 MINUTES

**MARKET WALK** 10 MINUTES

**RIVER WALK** 30 MINUTES

**JUNGLE WALK** 10 MINUTES

**The beauty of figs**  
Ficus is a diverse genus, found in all lowland tropical rainforests. Over 1,200 species feed on figs, because a fig is always fruiting somewhere and so are critically important to wildlife when other fruits are not available. Many are also pioneers and play a significant role in forest succession in the tropics. See 17-18

**1 Bush tucker\* Aboriginal (Bama) foods (ma:) from the forest**  
A feature of Aboriginal rainforest (bagarra) food use is the unusually large number of toxic plants eaten as staples. Treatments with heat or water were used. Here are a few non-toxic ones with their aboriginal (Djabugay) name.

**1 Brown apple (Wanggabal) - Syzygium kuranda**  
Dense fruit clusters on branches. Fruit tastes like old, dry, floury apples and was used as a medicine for diarrhoea. Dropping May to August.

**2 Wait-a-while/Lawyer cane (Yabulam) - Calamus australis**  
Don't tangle with this or you will 'wait a while' to get untangled. Berries and cane were roasted and eaten. Water is obtained from cut cane.

**3 See Fungi below**

**4 Alexandra palm (Bibiy) - Archontophoenix alexandrae**  
The heart of these and other tall rainforest palms were eaten raw or cooked. Sheaths used to make water containers.

**5 Cadaghi - Corymbia torelliana**  
Eucalypt of the rainforest. Smooth greyish-green bark on the upper trunk. White flower clusters September to October.

**6 Sour plum (Munumba) - Davidsonia pruriens**  
Taste is tart and juicy, makes wonderful jam available commercially. Feel the very distinctive hairy leaf. Dropping June to December.

**7 8 9 10 See Clever Leaves below right**

**11 Perching epiphytes - basket fern - Drynaria rigidula**  
Look up to the tree tops. Basket and Birds' Nest ferns, pencil orchids and vines seek the light in different ways.

**12 Coral berry - Amlisia crenata**  
What's a weed? The wrong plant in the wrong place maybe. This non-local gradually shades out all other understorey plants and is spread by birds.

**13 Weeping paper barks (Dhwiri) - Melaleuca leucadendria**  
Sweet smelling white flowers attract masses of bird life around August and September. Stop, look and listen, you can hear them call.

**14 Red bead seed - Adenhatz pavinonia**  
Seeds are toxic but were used as inflammation treatment. Leaves and bark used for diarrhoea.

**15 Black bean (Yiwurra) - Costenospermum australe**  
Kids play boat races with the hard sharp-ended seed pods. Seeds are toxic but were eaten after 3 days preparation.

**16 Quandong (Murrigan) - Elaeocarpus grandis**  
Shiny blue seed, this greenish flesh is eaten. Nutty flavoured seeds inside hard casing, bright red old leaves. Food for pigeons, cassowaries, fruit bats and other birds.

**17 Fig at Heritage Markets entrance - Ficus virens**

**18 Fig in Centenary Park - Ficus benjamina**  
"Queen of the Djabugay" Grandma Nywarri used to sit on the rocks to the right of this tree.

**19 No bushwalking experience required. Track surface is hardened or compacted and may have gentle hill sections and occasional steps.**

**Brush turkey (Wawun) - Alecyura lathami**

**Orange footed scrub fowl (Djarruga) - Megapodius reinwardt**

**Southern cassowary (Bundarra) - Casuarina casuarina endangered**

**Green catbird - Ailuroedus crassirostris**

**What's so special about fungi?**  
Some fungi are annoying - like those that spoil your loaf of bread. However, fungi are critical to life in the rainforests. Most live in wood and soil, recycling nutrients to be reused by other plants and animals. Many only live with certain plants in beneficial symbioses. We usually notice them when they reproduce by spores as mushrooms, puffballs, jelly fungi and many other diverse forms.

**Fungi are different from plants in two ways:**

- No chlorophyll (green pigment in plant cells that converts sunlight into food);
- Cell walls of chitin, so nearest relatives are animals.

**How many different fungi can you find?**  
There are at least 15 on this walkway. See 3

**Clever leaves!**  
**Greedy leaves**  
For a young sapling, the bigger its leaves, the better its chances of gathering light. Some trees produce young leaves that are very different from mature leaves.

**How many different leaf shapes can you find?**  
There are at least 20 in this regenerating rainforest. See 7 8 9 10

**Blushing leaves**  
New leaves are often red, pink or white, but the reason is a long-standing puzzle. Red leaves are not ready to photosynthesise and they come as a flush, like fruits and seeds. What's the survival value in that? Perhaps this helps protect young, vulnerable leaves by confusing leaf predators with choice. Maybe the color warns leaf-eaters there are distasteful compounds.

<https://www.kuranda.org/wp-content/uploads/KurandaWalkingTrailmapassecondpage.pdf>

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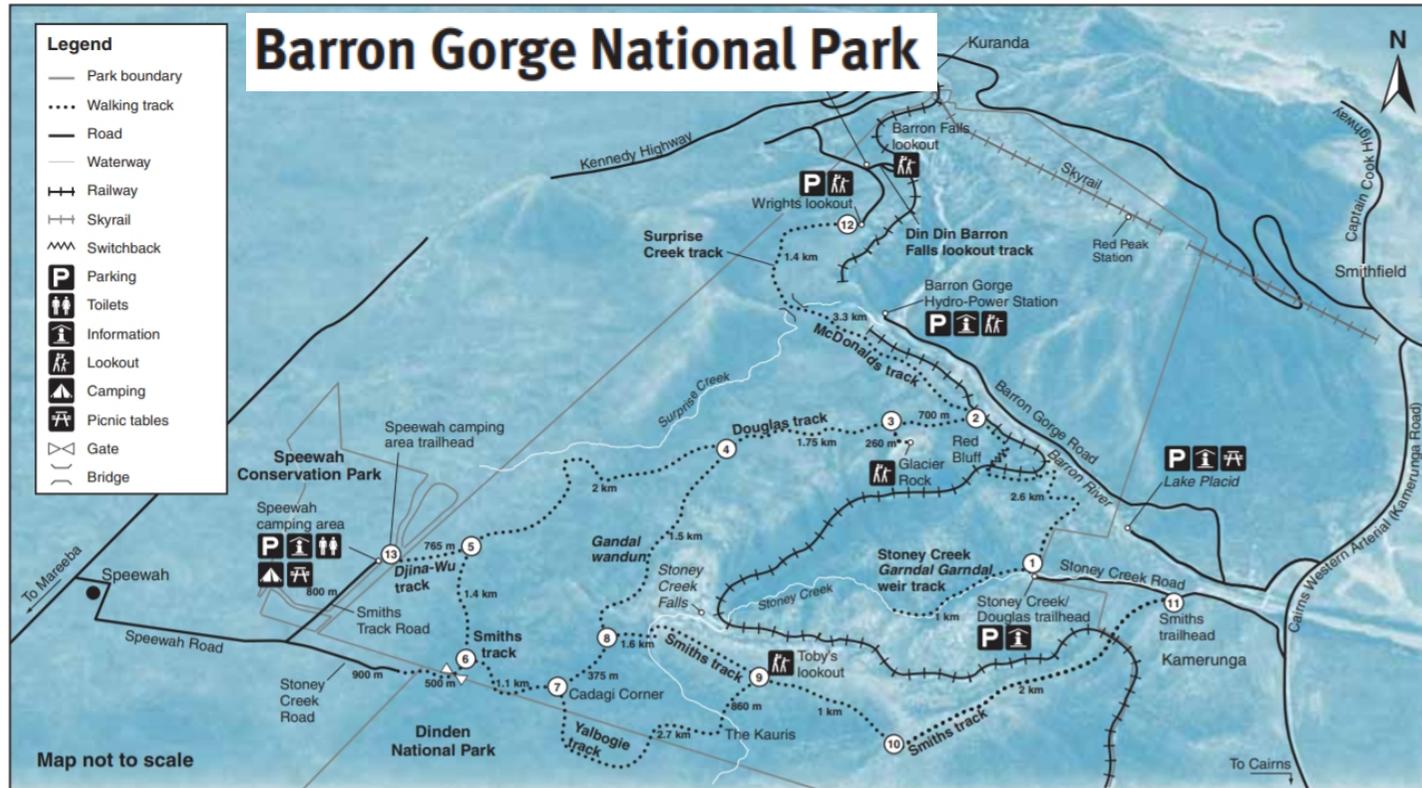
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MARKETING / PROMOTION : DESTINATION KURANDA

Short Walks & Nature Trails

Speewah Nature Trails Map / Locations



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From	To	Via	Distance	Time	Grade
Speewah camping area trailhead Map location: thirteen (13)	Stoney Creek/Douglas trailheads, Kamerunga	Djina-Wu/Douglas tracks Track junctions 5,4,3,2 (can be walked in reverse)	7.8km	4-6 hrs	Easy-moderate
Speewah camping area trailhead Map location: thirteen (13)	Smiths trailhead, Kamerunga	Djina-Wu/Smiths tracks* Track junctions 5,6,7,8,9,10	8.25km	6-7 hrs	Easy-difficult
Speewah camping area trailhead Map location: thirteen (13)	Smiths trailhead, Kamerunga	Djina-Wu/Smiths/Yalbugie/Smiths tracks* Track junctions 5,6,7,9,10	9.8km	6-7 hrs	Easy-difficult
Speewah camping area trailhead Map location: thirteen (13)	Wrights lookout, Kuranda	Djina-Wu / Douglas / McDonalds tracks Track junctions 5,4,3,2 (can be walked in reverse)	9.8km	6-8 hrs	Easy-moderate
Wrights lookout Kuranda Map location: twelve (12)	Stoney Creek/Douglas trailheads, Kamerunga	McDonalds/Douglas tracks Track junctions 2 (can be walked in reverse)	7.3km	4-6 hrs	Easy-moderate
Speewah camping area trailhead Map location: thirteen (13)	Speewah camping area trailhead	Djina-Wu/Douglas/Gandal Wandun/Smiths tracks Track junctions 5,4,8,7,6	7.9km	5-7 hrs	Easy-moderate

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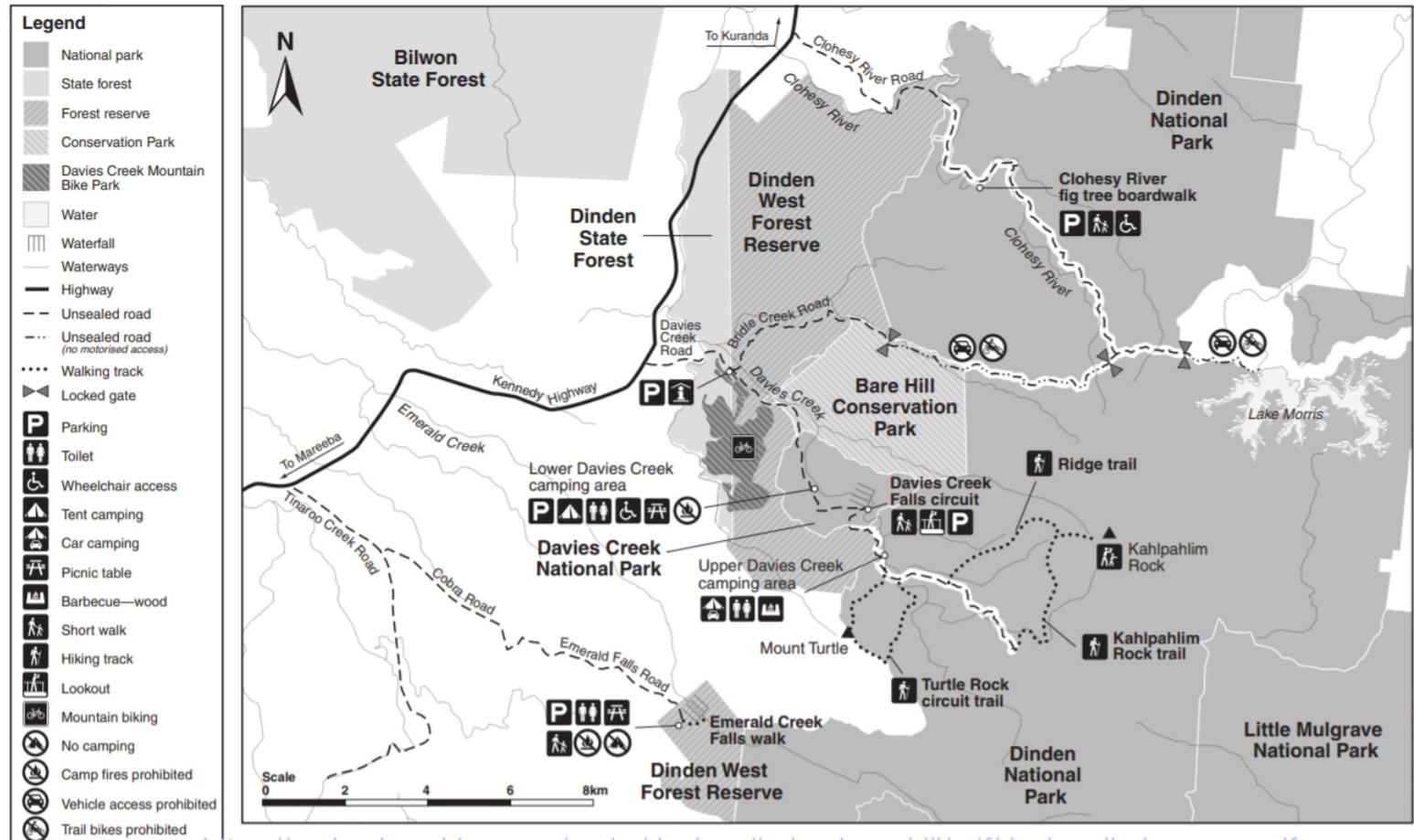
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Short Walks & Nature Trails

Davies Creek National Park and Dinden National Park map



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3	<p><b>MARKETING/ PROMOTION</b></p> <p><i>MARKET POSITIONING, ACCOMMODATION &amp; PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA</i></p> <p><i>When one day in Kuranda just isn't enough!</i></p>	<p>Increasing overnight for Independent Traveller Short Stays in Kuranda requires only careful management by Mareeba Shire Council.</p> <p>Key insights might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stimulate “real-world” small-scale rainforest eco-cabins for short stay tourism</li> <li>- support residents and landowners to list properties on accommodation platforms such as airbnb</li> <li>- tourist buses, trains and gondolas aside, there is a burgeoning Independent Traveller market looking for Short Stays and unique low impact nature experiences in communities like Kuranda</li> </ul> <p>** Kuranda is currently hosting Independent Travellers on accommodation platforms such as airbnb. Many residents have exceptional guest accommodation in the rainforest and accessible to the village, retail and local tourism offerings, including Nature Trails.</p> <p>*** Cultural Custodian, Buluwandji Elder Willie Brim would be delighted to participate in the development of marketing material that promotes his hometown Kuranda to the world.</p>	Required

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**MARKETING / PROMOTION : DESTINATION KURANDA**

**Promotional Videos for Social Media Campaign**

Willie Brim is a Cultural Custodian, Bush Doctor and Songman of the Buluwai people of Kuranda in Far North Queensland.

Willie is a self taught, multiskilled instrumentalist and conscious songwriter. He is a musician responsible for the cultural heritage of his people and revival of their language, music and dance. He writes about spirituality, cultural values and dreaming, the love and connection to his country and the struggle and resilience of his people.

Willie’s performance career, political, public and community life spans decades; each chapter building on the last to bring about real change, in his lifetime, for the coming generations.

Affordable film-making and experienced local creators (drone photographers, landscape photographers, video production, talent) provides a unique, creative opportunity to present DESTINATION KURANDA in a series of short promotional video pieces made for Social Media platforms, eg. Youtube, Facebook..

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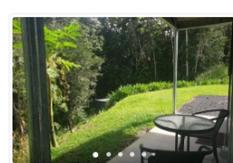
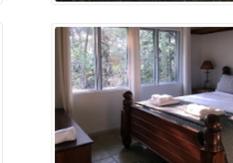
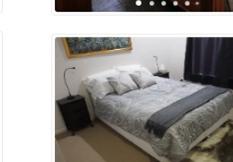
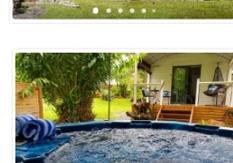
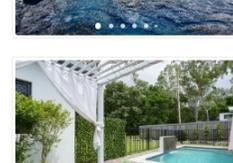
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MARKETING / PROMOTION : DESTINATION KURANDA  
Online Accommodation & Hosting for Independent Travellers

Right, a selection of Kuranda Region accommodation options listed on airbnb.

Kuranda residents are naturally enthusiastic about Wet Tropics nature.

By supporting local hosts and equipping them with tourism info - hosts can further enhance visitor experiences, longer stays and greater spend in Kuranda Region.

 <p><b>ENTIRE BUNGALOW</b> <b>Bush Turkey Bungalow</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Kitchen</p> <p>★4.92 (150) · Superhost</p> <p>\$116 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>ENTIRE GUEST SUITE</b> <b>Casa Kuranda in the Rainforest</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Wi-Fi</p> <p>★4.93 (71) · Superhost</p> <p>\$72 AUD/night</p>
 <p><b>ENTIRE GUESTHOUSE</b> <b>Freedom County Retreat</b> 4 guests · 1 bedroom · 2 beds · 1 bath Kitchen</p> <p>★4.86 (21) · Superhost</p> <p>\$85 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>ENTIRE GUESTHOUSE</b> <b>Cairns Tablelands - Luxury Rainforest Cottage</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 2 beds · 1 bath Kitchen · Wi-Fi · Air conditioning</p> <p>★4.87 (60) · Superhost</p> <p>\$116 AUD/night</p>
 <p><b>ENTIRE HOUSE</b> <b>Three Palms Kuranda</b> 4 guests · 2 bedrooms · 2 beds · 1 bath Kitchen · Wi-Fi</p> <p>★4.86 (43) · Superhost</p> <p>\$88 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>ENTIRE GUEST SUITE</b> <b>Hilltop House, Kuranda - Cool Tropical Rainforest</b> 4 guests · 2 bedrooms · 3 beds · 1 bath Kitchen · Wi-Fi</p> <p>★5.0 (14) · Superhost</p> <p>\$105 AUD/night</p>
 <p><b>ENTIRE CABIN</b> <b>Rainforest Cottage</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Kitchen · Pool · Wi-Fi · Air conditioning</p> <p>★4.85 (26) · Superhost</p> <p>\$70 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>PRIVATE ROOM IN HOUSE</b> <b>Quiet and peaceful retreat.</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 2 shared baths Kitchen · Wi-Fi · Air conditioning</p> <p>★4.74 (27) · Superhost</p> <p>\$38 AUD/night</p>
 <p><b>ENTIRE CABIN</b> <b>Cabin on Acreage with Spa.Creek.Rainforest.Amazing</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Kitchen · Pool · Air conditioning</p> <p>★4.99 (67) · Superhost</p> <p>\$105 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>ENTIRE GUESTHOUSE</b> <b>Dreamcatcher: Hampton Style Rainforest Guesthouse</b> 4 guests · 1 bedroom · 4 beds · 1 bath Kitchen · Wi-Fi · Air conditioning</p> <p>★5.0 (40) · Superhost</p> <p>\$130 AUD/night</p>
 <p><b>ENTIRE COTTAGE</b> <b>Bird &amp; Bush Bed &amp; Breakfast</b> 2 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Kitchen · Pool · Wi-Fi · Air conditioning</p> <p>★5.0 (24) · Superhost</p> <p>\$95 AUD/night</p>	 <p><b>ENTIRE GUESTHOUSE</b> <b>Freedom County Retreat</b> 4 guests · 1 bedroom · 1 bed · 1 bath Kitchen · Wi-Fi</p> <p>★4.80 (5) · Superhost</p> <p>\$85 AUD/night</p>

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3	<b>BULUWAI NATURE TRAILS SMART DEVICE APP</b> Trail presentation	Buluwai Indigenous Corporation reserves the right to develop Nature Trail content on Buluwai lands to enrich visitor experience of the natural environment and cultural knowledge. The optional visitor APP would be available for purchase by trail visitors via the usual channels.  The proceeds will employ rangers to monitor the trail, meet and greet visitors and keep the APP content updated ensuring optimum presentation year round of the TRAIL.	Required, seed funding for APP development
3	<b>BULUWAI NATURE TRAILS ACCREDITATION</b> Regional tourism	Develop induction material for Buluwai Nature Trails for cooperating small-tour operators in the region and maintain database for twice yearly newsletters	TBA / Future project
3	<b>GREEN LOCOMOTIVE</b> Fun visitor activity	Activity for visitors Kuranda to Barron Falls one way or return in the mid section of the day outside the usual train timetable. This “green” transport option will take visitors through the canopy corridor for a stunning rainforest journey 2.3km (30 mins @ ~5km/h). The ride will be available through the APP for additional charge. Rangers will lead the locomotive journeys and therefore a fully supervised cultural experience.	Required, seed funding for HARDWARE purchase / business development
3	<b>RESTORATION PROJECT Bora Ground</b> - rainforest pocket / sacred ceremonial site recovery	Future project option to recover a sacred ceremonial site on Buluwai land atop Din Din Falls. This site does not fall on the current trail alignment. This area could feature as presentation space for cultural performances, education and outdoor artspace.	TBA / Future project

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Green Locomotive

Right, a selection of pedal tours in different locations around the world. The experience is excellent active outdoor fun for all generations.

Adaptable all weather designs will be developed to increase seasonal usage of this visitor activity.



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**Buluwai Nature Trails App for Smart Devices**

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**FOR NATURE TRAIL VISITORS**

- Notify when rangers are on / off site and their live location on the trail (in case of emergencies)
- APP tracks visitor’s location on trail and can alert them to potentially hazardous locations, eg. cassowary with chicks, snakes, wild pigs, etc on the trail as input and maintained daily by the rangers
- Advise ‘special events’ and ‘trail highlights’ to guide visitors to different nature trail experiences, eg. experience the cacophony of tropical frogs in the breeding season (only in the rainy season), spectacular orchid is flowering at another location, orange footed scrub fowl are foraging in another location, fig birds foraging on fruit, Hercules moth hatching, etc.
- Flora and fauna species ID catalogues, including frog and bird sound audio
- Elder trees along the trail catalogued and added to ‘special events’ when flowering and fruiting
- Photograph species through the APP to catalogue sightings on database to share with other visitors and universities
- Poncho pick up / drop off points tagged to visitor’s app to encourage convenient visitation in the wet season when the rainforest is at it’s most lively!

**FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- Instil pride for local rangers working on country with specialist training for nature trails tourism
- Put Bama *Rainforest Aboriginal People* and cultural knowledge on the FNQ tourism map
- Meet and Greet Ranger Service on the TRAIL between hours of 10am – 2pm, greeting trail users, questions, information, photo opportunities with tourists
- Updating the APP with seasonal changes, special events and trail highlights as they gather information moving along the trail multiple times each day
- Ranger presence on the trail during the heavy use period will ensure wildlife is not pressured and best outcomes for TRAIL visitors
- Future opportunities for guided nocturnal tours, eg. rare frogs and mammals, glowing fungus, bats, etc
- Future opportunities for presentation of cultural heritage, eg. dancing, storytelling, artefact making
- Collaboration with visiting universities and schools
- Rangers can watch the forest changing and alert to dead or dying trees near the trail to ensure greater safety for trail visitors.

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**PREFERRED PARTNERS**

**Buluwai Traditional Owners have the following partner relationships**

Role	Preferred Partner/s
Feral animal control	Blane Richards, Mason Road.
Flora, fauna and Cultural Heritage specialist	Nigel Tucker, Biotropica for rainforest ecology report
Cassowary Habitats	Kuranda Conservation Inc
Aquatic Habitats	Kuranda Envirocare Inc
Archaeology	Alice Buhrich, James Cook University, Archaeology <i>Please note: Material artefacts may or may not require removal from the site. The artefacts that require removal will be catalogued along the TRAIL by BIC consultants, however hearths (fireplaces) will require archaeological excavation and dating. Samples will need to be removed from the PROJECT AREA professionally and sent to a lab for dating. Each hearth will cost around AUD4000 for logistics to process from find - samples - transport - analysis.</i>
Trail building	Prefer employment of local workers to instil community-wide pride for the project (not welfare program – real contract jobs)

