

Kuranda update				
#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
3.12.1 Appropriate housing				
1	(i) Link training of local workers with construction of housing to create new opportunities for apprenticeships and jobs	2012-13	Registered Training Organisations,	Council works with local labour hire companies to provide employment within the Kuranda community which may lead to full-time jobs.
2	(ii) Review sewerage connection fees for low income residents of top Kowrowa.	2012 - 2013	Council	Council's sewerage charges are set annually on a cost recovery basis and discounts do not apply on these charges throughout the region.
3	(iii) Housing design to take into account local lifestyle, environmental factors, Indigenous culture, ageing in place principles and special needs.	2012 - 2013	Council,Developers, Queensland Government	a) The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme commenced on 1 July 2016. The planning scheme includes multiple elements and objectives in support of this community priority.
				b) Council constructed six new accommodation units in Kuranda for seniors with Commonwealth and Queensland Government funding for social housing. The units are built according to Dept of Housing design, construction and maintenance standards which cover a broad range of housing types, regional variations and needs, environmental sustainability including achieving six star building energy rating and cost-effectiveness. Minimum universal design standards are included in all dwellings to make the properties more accessible to people who are ageing or live with disabilities.
4	(iv) Develop infrastructure using low carbon options: • Use rail to transport building products • Higher density housing closer to services and facilities	2012 - 2013	Council, Developers, Queensland Government	a) The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme commenced on 1 July 2016. The planning scheme provides for higher density housing in the centre of Kuranda. b) Through FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNOROC), Council is investigating different types of energy efficient lights and cost effective ways to install these.
5	(viii) Develop a water management plan for top Kowrowa and Mantaka • Clean out swimming hole at the weir • Install power points and street lights in front of hall.	2013 - 2016	Council, Queensland Government	This is not a council responsibility and the matter will be referred to the Queensland Government
6	x) Sell or lease portion of Kuranda Community Precinct for the development of high density low care housing for elderly residents and use revenue to develop the community precinct.	2013 - 2016	Council,Community	Council has conducted comprehensive community consultations to involve community members in determining the future use of the Precinct. A key outcome was the relocation of the Kuranda Library to the Precinct, and the new library was opened in November 2015. The Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to Council and acts as a connection to community for two way communication about the Precinct. The Advisory Committee is working on a strategic plan for priority future uses.
3.12.2 Public transport				
7	(i) Community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of Council roads identified to inform Council decision-making.	2012 - 2021	Council	a) Essential infrastructure for roads is a Council priority. Road works have included the renewal of bridges on Black Mountain Road; road upgrades at Morton Street; Intersection upgrades at High Chapparral Rd and Monaro Close.
				b) Priorities for 2016/17 include road reseals at Bangalow Place, Greene Lane, Gregory Terrace, Salamone Drive and Williamson Drive. Sections of Myola Rd and Rob Veivers Drive will be widened & sealed. Two helcor culverts on Wrights Lookout Road will be relined.
				c) Future road works are planned for Kuranda and district, subject to future budget approval. The bridge on Jeffrey Road has had a Level 3 inspection by consultants & will be prioritised in the Prioject Prioritisation Tool after further load testing is carried out this year. Fallon Road intersection will be upgraded when further development works are carried out.
8	(ii) Inform Department of Transport and Main Roads of identified community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of state controlled roads especially widening with more slow lanes for the Kuranda Range road.	2013 - 2016	Council Dept of Transport & Main Roads	a) Council prepared a submission of community priorities for the maintenance and upgrade of state controlled road infrastructure that was sent to Department of Transport and Main Roads for consideration. b) Council has advocated for upgrades to the Kuranda Range road and supports ongoing advocacy by the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce and other groups.
9	(iii) Investigate options for improving public transport from Kuranda to Cairns, Kowrowa, Mantaka, Mona Mona, Koah, Myola and Speewah: • Hold community meetings in each community to address transport issues • Campaign for competitive tendering of local taxi service and enforcement of good practices by taxi services • Regular bus services • Liaise with Community Transport Service Providers Network • Investigate feasibility of a fast rail passenger service between Kuranda, Cairns and Mareeba.	2013 - 2016	Council Community Dept of Transport and Main Roads Private Bus Operators Taxi Service Tablelands Community Transport Service Providers Network	Council has supported numerous community-based efforts to improve public transport in the shire, including in the Kuranda district and Kuranda to Cairns. However, the distances and low passenger numbers provide a challenge for operating affordable and viable coordinated community transport in the region. E46
10	Investigate alternative waste management options to avoid trucking waste up and down the Kuranda Range.	2013 - 2016	Council	a) Council is contracted until 2026 to accept waste from the Bedminster facility at Portsmith, Cairns, so is not in a position to investigate other options at this stage.
				b) Council has installed recycling bins at the Kuranda Community Precinct for public use.
				c) Council is developing a Waste Management Strategy which will include recycling. Community input is being sought as part of a community engagement activity.
3.12.3 Natural environment				
11	(i) Improve Barron River water quality by reinstating Water Watch program.	2012 - 2013	Council, Barron River Catchment Management, Dept of Environment and Resource Management	MSC is a Reef Guardian Council. The program involves Council's working together to protect and conserve the Marine Park through activities that improve the health and resilience of the Reef. Each year MSC prepare a plan outlining a number of actions to protect the water quality flowing to the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon.
12	(i) Continue to care for the river with chemical free riparian restoration including facilitating public access.	2012 - 2013	Council, Envirocare	The Land Protection Unit is engaged in several long running woody weed, high biomass grasses and aquatic pest removal programs on the Barron catchment. Examples are Rubbervine, Chinese apple, Gamba grass, Salvinia and Water lettuce. If these plants are left unchecked, they can outcompete remnant bushland in the riparian zone, this can lead to river bank slumping into the waterway causing bed and bank erosion which in turn leads to silt run off to the reef. These invasive plants create a weed mass that can choke the free flow of water leading to water diversion and further moving of silt and soil out to the reef
13	(iii) Install flood level monitoring devices.	2012 - 2013	Council, QLD Govt	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme includes a Flood Hazard Overlay. The mapping for this overlay identifies the flood hazard risk associated with the Barron River at Kuranda. Future development will need to consider any flood hazard risk and avoid/mitigate the risk.
14	(v) Protect wildlife from impacts of development by creating buffer zones around creeks and waterways in new planning scheme.	2012 - 2013	Council	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme includes an Environmental Significance Overlay. The mapping for this overlay identifies waterway buffers and applies performance/acceptable outcomes for development within the waterway buffer.
15	(v) Protect steep slopes by re-planting and eradicating weeds using methods with minimal negative environmental impact Council supports Kuranda Envirocare's efforts to protect steep slopes	2012 - 2013	Council	Council supports Kuranda Envirocare's efforts to protect steep slopes with in-kind and financial assistance.
16	(vi) Greater control of domestic animals and regulations to be enforced.	2012 - 2013	Council	a) Penalties increase each year when the penalty unit is increased by the State.
				b) There is currently an Approved Inspection Program (AIPs) approved for Mareeba and Council is considering extending the program to other areas including Kuranda.
				c) Council is developing an Animal Management Strategy to detail how Council will promote and enhance responsible pet ownership in the community and advise of Council's role in animal management.
17	(viii) New planning scheme to allow higher density developments within existing village to avoid further clearing and cutting down of trees	2012 - 2013	Council	The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme commenced on 1 July 2016. The planning scheme provides for higher density housing in the centre of Kuranda.
18	(ix) Use environmentally friendly methods to clean the main street.	2012 - 2013	Council	Council uses biodegradable chemicals for street cleaning and limited herbicide use for weed control. Council has recently purchases a steam weeder for use in parks to limit the application of herbicides where possible.
19	(ix) Save the fig trees in the main street.	2012 - 2013	Council	Council continues to maintain and manage the fig trees in the main street to promote continued healthy growth
20	(xii) Plant local native plants in village centre to improve shaded areas and village amenity to reduce "concrete jungle" image.	2012 - 2013	Council	a) Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee (KIAC) conducted planning with businesses and community input to upgrade Thewine St and the green theme was a priority and is reflected in the design plans.
				b) Council installed the \$700,000 KIAC initiated project of walkway pods to link the Kuranda Transport Interchange to the shopping precinct and maintained existing vegetation.
21	(xiv) Create designated camping areas along Barron River with amenities.	2013 - 2016	Council, Indigenous Community, Traditional Owner Groups, Dept of Environment and Resource Management	This is state land and Council will referred the matter to the Queensland Government
22	(xv) Re-open walking track from Barron River Bridge to railway station.	2016 -2021	Council, Community, Dept of Environment and Resource Management Dept of Transport and Main Roads	This needs to be driven by the community with an approach made to the state government .
23	(xvi) Install more seating and beautification works along the River walk including signage for distance and time taken for the walk.	2016 -2021	Council	The river walk land is a shared responsibility between Council and the State Government. Two sets of steps have been constructed. One at the Ofcal station & the other at the western end of the River Walk below the Old Kuranda Markets. The concrete pathway was extended & a decomposed granite path was provided from the end of the concrete path to the steps below the Old Kuranda Markets.
3.12.5 Culture, arts and heritage				
24	(iii) Encourage more busking in the streets.	2012 - 2013	Council Buskers	Council reviewed the busking registration process. Buskers can submit an application at the Kuranda Library for processing by Council Regulatory Support Officers. Buskers are provided with a copy of the Busking Guidelines. Applications can be processed for 12 months \$110 or 3 months \$30. If the busker does not hold their own public liability insurance they can purchase Council's policy for \$15.
25	(vi) Install more street art displaying the spirit of the forest and wildlife.	2013 - 2016	Council, Artists, Kuranda Arts Co-op	Council administers the Regional Arts Development Fund and under Cultural Tourism, encourages applications for street art promoting local community characteristics. See item 26 (b) below.
26	(xii) Develop an arts and artists trail through Kuranda and beyond.	2013 - 2016	Council, Kuranda Arts Co-op, Tourism Kuranda	a) Council administers the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) which supports initiatives and activities such as this under Cultural Tourism, and will consider an application from the Kuranda community.
				b) The RADF program has provided recent support to a range of community organisations in Kuranda including Youth Link Kuranda, Kuranda Art House, Kuranda Envirocare, Youth Arts Kuranda and Kuranda Creative Arthouse.
27	(xv) Investigate feasibility of establishing an arts and cultural precinct.	2016 - 2021	Council, Kuranda Arts Co-op Recharge Kuranda, Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Tourism Kuranda QLD Government, Community	a) In 2011 Council engaged a consultant to conduct community consultations to identify future uses for the Kuranda Community Precinct (KCP) and there was community support for arts and cultural activities to be included in the Precinct. The KCP Advisory Committee has led two projects with a community arts focus: re-installing the tiled wall and installing interpretative signage about the history of the site. Further cultural interpretative signage is planned. b) Establishing an arts and cultural precinct in another location will need to be driven by the Kuranda community.
3.13.1 Appropriate housing				
28	(i) Investigate options for building new housing in Kuranda, Kowrowa, Mantaka, Koah, Mona Mona and Speewah: •Local organisations to access government funds to purchase land and build houses or purchase existing houses •Local organisations acquire Crown or Council reserve land for housing •Queensland Government to build more public housing: •Construct homes on Nyuwani Estate and address planning scheme issues •Culturally appropriate accommodation for elderly Indigenous residents	2012 - 2021	Council Queensland Government Australian Government Ngporbi Cooperative Society	Any new development will be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme and relevant State legislation.
3.13.2 Public transport				
29	Investigate options for improving public transport from Kuranda to Kowrowa, Mantaka, Mona Mona, Koah, Myola and Speewah: • Hold community meetings in each community to address transport issues • Lobby for competitive tendering of taxi services • Enforce good practices by taxi services • Regular bus services • Liaise with Community Transport Service Providers Network	2012 - 2013	Council Private Bus Operators Community Dept of Transport and Main Roads Taxi Services Tablelands Community Transport Service Providers Network	Council has supported numerous community-based efforts to improve public transport in the shire, including in the Kuranda district and Kuranda to Cairns. However, the distances and low passenger numbers provide a challenge for operating affordable and viable coordinated community transport in the region.
3.13.4 Culture arts and heritage				
30	(ii) Promote Djabugay as Traditional Owners: • Signage • Inclusion in Council decision-making.	2012 - 2013	Council Djabugay Traditional Owners	a) Council has written to Djabugay Traditional Owners advising of the steps they need to undertake with the North Queensland Land Council regarding the development of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with Council.
				b) Council recognises Djabugay Traditional Owners in Welcome to Country and Acknowledging Traditional Owner ceremonies, for example, at the opening of the new Visitor Information Centre and new Library and consults with Djabugay Traditional Owners on community projects such as the proposed redevelopment of Thewine Street.
31	(iv) Raise awareness with Council and Government decision-makers of two distinct cultural heritages: • Djabugay as Traditional Owners • Historical association under government Aboriginal Acts of forced removal of Indigenous people.	2012 - 2013	Council, Australian Government Djabugay Traditional Owners Indigenous Community Queensland Government	a)Refer Item 30 above. b)Council takes a very open and inclusive approach to consulting with Indigenous communities so that Traditional Owners, Indigenous services and groups as well as people with historical association have the opportunity to participate in community engagement events and activities.
32	(iv) Celebrate NAIDOC Week as a whole of community celebration.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community, Indigenous Community Queensland Government	Council supports the celebration of NAIDOC week through the Community Partnerships Program, providing in-kind and cash donations to community organisations.