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<p>Anneke Bayer Boonooloo Psychology & Cairns Equine Therapy</p> 	<p>Anneke works as a clinical psychologist in her private practice in Speewah, close to Kuranda. She has a dual focus on helping people with psychological difficulties and on enhancing health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Anneke has more than 30 years experience as a health professional. She completed a Bachelor of Nursing (General and Mental Health) in 1989 in the Netherlands and worked as a clinical mental health nurse in a forensic facility, supervising rehabilitative care and complex psychiatric problems. Immigrating to Australia in 1993, she continued her career as a registered nurse with Queensland Health. She studied a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and graduated as a provisional psychologist in 2014 and continued with postgraduate study. She has worked as an intern psychologist in the Health Centre at James Cook University (Townsville), Cairns Hospital and Cairns Sexual Health Services.</p> <p>Anneke graduated her Masters of Psychology (Clinical) in 2017. Working over the next four years as a private clinical psychologist at Cairns Doctors on Barr St, and filling in as a lecturer/tutor for the psychology department at James Cook University.</p> <p>In addition to being committed to helping individuals, couples and families reducing distress, Anneke also works extensively with people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, including people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent and the LGBTIQ+ community.</p> <p>Her goal is to help others cultivate empowerment, compassion, and self-compassion in their lives. Her practice is continually enlivened by regular participation in professional development that keeps her up to date with the most relevant advances in psychology today.</p>
<p>Dr Dan Caines</p> 	<p>Dan grew up in Cairns and pursued his medical education at JCU in Townsville. After completing medical school, Dan underwent postgraduate training in Townsville, focusing on the rural generalist pathway with a specialization in Obstetrics. He obtained his GP fellowship and RANZCOG Adv Dip in Ayr. In late 2014, Dan and his family moved to Tablelands where he took on a partnership role at Alice Street Medical Centre. This year, Dan established and opened Atherton Health Hub with a vision to expand and enhance GP, specialist outreach, and allied health services in the region, aiming to provide comprehensive healthcare to the local community.</p>
<p>Lauren Caines Practice Nurse</p> 	<p>Lauren grew up in Townsville and pursued various endeavours in her life. In 2007, She met Dan (Dr Dan Caines), and in 2008, she enrolled in Nursing at JCU. After completing her training in Townsville, she worked at a hospital in Ayr. However, at the end of 2014, Lauren and her family moved to the Tablelands. For the past eight years, Lauren has been juggling her roles as a mum and a general practice nurse. Recently, she became the proud owner and operator of Atherton Health Hub. She also have a keen interest in diabetes management and plans to obtain Diabetes Educator qualifications in the near future. Her and her husband, Dan, have three young children - Emily (10), Thomas (8), and Lucy (5). They reside on a small acreage property with an assortment of farm animals, and all share a passion for camping, fishing, and cooking.</p>




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<p>Cultural Activity Kazi's Coconut</p> 	<p>Kaizi's Traditional Coconut Oil is an indigenous owned family business based in Mareeba that has been operating for the last 18 years. Kaizi's family has grown up with coconuts and the coconut tree, making traditional coconut oil, household items including brooms, garden baskets and serving bowls as well as traditional dance instruments and ceremonial adornments. In recent years we have been able to use the coconut tree as a medium to exchange traditional knowledge and philosophy of working practices and ideas around leadership and how it can be actualised. The sharespace attempts to cultivate reasonings, dexterity, geometrics, patterns, shapes, hand-eye coordination and most importantly an intimate space to capture storytelling. The cultural facilitation is aimed at a reciprocal approach to breaking down ideologies, challenging our individual conditioning and finding solutions through shared dialogue.</p>
<p>Sarah Dean Tablelands Regional Council Coordination Centre</p> 	<p>Sarah Dean is the Senior Advisor Emergency Management for Tablelands Regional Council. Sarah has a Master of Emergency Management (MEmergMgt), a Post-Graduate Certificate in Resilience and a BSC (Honours) in Development & Health in Disaster Management. She has almost 25 years worldwide emergency management experience having worked for local government in Queensland and the UK, the National Emergency Management Office in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Response Agency in Barbados. Sarah adopts an all-hazards approach to emergency management across all four emergency management phases of prevention, preparation, response and recovery. Sarah has significant experience across the entire spectrum of emergency management including risk assessment, emergency plan development, training, exercising, warning and informing, community development and engagement, community recovery and resilience and business continuity management. Sarah has spent a significant part of her career working with local governments and has coordinated the response and recovery from significant events such as Tropical Cyclone Yasi, Malanda flooding and the Ravenshoe Café Explosion.</p>
<p>Ainsley Hoogland Clinical Nurse Atherton Community Health</p>	<p>Hi guys, I am Ainsley a Clinical Nurse, immunisation endorsed practice nurse and wound management consultant currently working in Atherton Community Health.</p> <p>Before this I have a post grad in Emergency and rural area nurse qualifications (RAN) where I was able to work in many ED departments and in rural and remote facilities around Australia. I have started studying again and tackling a masters in wound management with the hopes in pursuing Nurse Practitioner. A fun fact I also was a strength and conditioning coach in the national Olympic lifting team for a few years when we lived in Brisbane. I have two kids, two dogs and a wonderful husband who works in the local police department here in Atherton.</p> <p>I love working rurally and especially with my team in community health to promote primary health care. I look forward to meeting you all and I hope you all have a great experience up FNQ.</p>

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<p>Dr Diana House The Doctor House</p> 	<p>Diana is passionate about providing a quality health service to the local community. Practicing on the Tablelands since 1994, Diana brings over 25 years of clinical experience and skills to the practice and is dedicated to training and mentoring of doctors and clinical staff as a way to continuously improve and support the delivery of healthcare. Diana has a passion for skin care, women's health, palliative care and ultrasound diagnostics. During Diana's free time, she likes to get out and about, pursuing sports and staying fit.</p>
<p>Siale Jenkins Mareeba Shire Council</p> 	<p>Siale Jenkins is the Community Recovery Connect Worker (CRCW) for the Mareeba Shire. Her background is predominantly in the sector of Early Childhood Education and Care. After 27 years in the industry, she decided a change was on the cards. She has worked across various programs within Mareeba Community Centre and commenced with the CRCW in January this year. This position is State funded through Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts. It was originally for a period of three months; however, has just been extended another three months due to the demand. Siale's role entails, providing support, information and referral for individuals and families experiencing significant vulnerabilities and complex needs. This can include, Triage, information sharing, assessment and referral, Care coordination, Coordination of psychosocial support, financial and material assistance, and Service coordination.</p>
<p>Dr Tony McLellan Alice Street Medical</p> 	<p>Born and raised in Mackay, Dr McLellan has spent the majority of his formative years in North Queensland.</p> <p>He obtained his medical degree from The University Of Queensland in 1981, and undertook his postgraduate medical training at Cairns Base Hospital including advanced training in Obstetrics and Neonatology. Following completion of his postgraduate training, Dr McLellan spent a year sailing before settling in to work as a public medical officer at the Atherton Hospital.</p> <p>In 1994 he commenced private practice at Alice Street Medical Centre, providing private obstetric and anaesthetic service. Prior to Atherton obtaining any ultrasound services, Dr McLellan routinely provided ultrasound services to the community through his private practice and the hospital. He was strongly influential with the formation of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the advent of the Rural Generalist Program throughout Queensland. He has remained at Alice Street for 27 years. He is passionate about continuity of care and enjoys caring for his long term patient list often spanning multiple generations. He remains invaluable as a resource to junior doctors.</p>
<p>Laura Rutherford Physiotherapist</p> 	<p>Laura was part of the inaugural GROW Rural program in 2017-2019 and loved it so much she wanted to come back. She is currently working in Cairns as a Private Practice Physiotherapist, predominantly Musculoskeletal but occasionally an exciting cardiorespiratory or neurological case presents itself. She is also developing her skillset as a specialist aerialist and dance Physio based off her background as an aerialist and coach.</p>

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<p>Angela Toppin Mayor Mareeba Shire Council</p> 	<p>Angela Toppin was recently reappointed as Mayor of Mareeba Shire after running unopposed in the recent 2024 local government elections. This was following two terms in Council, including one term as Mayor.</p> <p>Mayor Toppin retired in 2016 as Principal, Cairns State High School after an accomplished career in education in Far North Queensland.</p> <p>In 2023, Mayor Toppin appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to local government and secondary education.</p> <p>An awarded leader in education and community engagement, Mayor Toppin was also appointed as a member of the James Cook University Council and was elected as the Deputy Chair of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils.</p> <p>Mayor Toppin is passionate about leading Mareeba Shire Council to support a thriving regional economy.</p>
<p>Adam Wallace Nurse Educator, Mareeba Hospital</p> 	<p>Adam began his career in the Army as a soldier in 1996. Around 2000, he applied for a Nursing Military Scholarship and became a Nursing Officer in the Regular Army, specializing in Intensive Care. Over nine years, he served in various humanitarian aid deployments overseas, as well as deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently a Major in the Army Reserve, Adam has dedicated 26 years to the military.</p> <p>Transitioning from the Regular Army, Adam worked as an ICU Nurse at Royal Darwin Hospital before joining the Northern Territory Police force as a police officer for a decade. After leaving the police, he moved to Cairns and worked as a clinical nurse in the Emergency Department at Mareeba District Hospital for five years. Currently, Adam serves as the Nurse Educator at Mareeba Hospital.</p>
<p>Lenore Wyatt Deputy Mayor Mareeba Shire Council</p> 	<p>Recently elected Deputy Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council, Lenore Wyatt is a very community oriented leader with a strong focus on Community spirit and Community Pride.</p> <p>Born and raised in the Mareeba area, Lenore is deeply connected with the community and actively involved in various non for profit groups and organizations. She advocates for the Mareeba Shire at local, state, and federal levels, building strong relationships with constituents, ministers, and business leaders. Lenore is also passionate about the environment and sustainability championing initiatives such as the Reef Guardian Program and solar initiatives.</p> <p>She also loves promoting the area that she grew up in and where she raised her three sons as well! As Chair of the Mareeba Shire Local Tourism Organisation, Lenore loves to promote the area's natural beauty, community spirit and liveability.</p>