

Email thread with Mareeba Shire Council

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----- Email 1 -----

On 25/11/2025 9:12 am, Jo Martin wrote:

Hi Councillors,

I find it very difficult to believe the reason Mark Riley was told we can't have cameras in Centenary Park is because MSC can't afford it?

See below.

Please tell me that is not true.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin

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19.11.2025 *Language warnings

What would you do if your young grand daughter had an old pervert expose himself to her in the children's playground?

This is only a part of the abuse her grandmother copped when she reported him to the Police and stood up to the angry mob who were supporting their paedophile friend/family member.

Imagine having dozens of angry and more than likely drunk indigenous people out the front of your house abusing you supporting a person who had just been taken away by the Police for exposing himself to a minor?

This woman and her family have been coping retribution for it ever since - much like we and others have who have dared to speak up about what is really going on in Kuranda and Centenary Park around our children's playground each day and night.

How many known paedophiles are hanging around the children's playground in Centenary Park, how many incidents are going unreported and how many people are protecting these scumbags?

Centenary Park needs to have warning signs placed around it.

Once again the Kuranda Police have taken their 'foot off the pedal' and the filth slowly creeps back...

Large groups of youths roaming the streets after dark smashing bottles and whatever else they can find...

What has happened to Kuranda Kuranda?

Anybody want to try and defend the indefensible?

Mareeba Shire Council remain steadfast that Centenary Park doesn't need security cameras and they 'can't afford them'.

We beg to differ for all the reasons we've been sharing with YOU for these past 2+ years.

Just who are Mareeba Shire Council really protecting?

We don't know everything that goes on in Kuranda nor do we pretend that we do however, how much do you know about what's going on in our community?

Did you hear about the young guy who was glassed in the shoulder outside the chemist awhile back?

What about the young indigenous guy who pulled a knife on some tourists a couple of weeks ago?

What we hear publicly is the tip of the iceberg and we'll once again take a punt and state that 90% of the crime in Kuranda is committed by indigenous offenders.

Prove us wrong.

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From: Jo Martin

Sent: Wednesday, 3 December 2025 2:23 PM

To: Cr Lenore Wyatt; Cr Mary Graham; Cr Nipper Brown; Cr Amy Braes; Cr Angela Toppin; 'Kuranda Region Planning Group'; Cr Mladen Bosnic

Subject: Re: Centenary Park P-----

Hi Councillors,

By way of follow-up - please see new post below.

It seems like it is true.

Do we have a quote for how much it will cost to install cameras in the park?

Kind regards,


Jo Martin

Resident, Ratepayer of Mareeba Shire Council

for Kuranda Region Planning Group

[email]

[phone]

**Kuranda Ratepayers & Residents Working Group**

Mark Riley · 1h · 🌐

3.12.2025 **What's it going to take?**

The majority of us here in Kuranda know what goes on in and around our two public parks and on the streets of the CBD each day and night and who is responsible.

We also know who is failing in their duty of care to keep the Kuranda community safe – to the point where they are ignoring our long publicised efforts and the Kuranda Police's recent request for them to install CCTV in and around Centenary Park to help keep our community, and those that have chosen to visit Kuranda safe.

They have requested the cameras to help them do their job – keeping the community safe.

How many of you remember Barry Smith gaining that \$70,000 grant to have cameras installed in Kuranda many years ago and then losing it after Jenny Jensen, our elected representative at the time on Mareeba Shire Council, stood up in the Council meeting and stated that they couldn't afford to maintain them?

Despite the \$70,000 grant won then lost, the emails, nearly three years of public posts and over 300 videos on the subject, which have had over 200,000 combined views, the Council are steadfast in their denial.

Despite the public drunkenness, the abusive language and violent behaviour towards locals and tourists alike, despite the evidence regarding certain people that choose to hang around the children's playground that don't have any children whilst harassing and intimidating others who try to use the playground with their children, despite the ongoing break-ins and damage to public infrastructure and seemingly almost out of spite, Mareeba Shire Council still steadfastly deny that Centenary and Anzac Parks in Kuranda have a problem bad enough to warrant CCTV. As the Mayor once told us herself, 'we're not in the habit of putting lighting and cameras in every park Mark'.

Nobody asked you to Mayor Toppin.

We're in the middle of our take on their Annual Report (which is truly mindbogglingly boring and somewhat misleading in our opinion)... One of the points of interest so far is how they proudly state how much money they've spent on 'Capital Expenditure' over the past financial year and lists a range of 'key' projects.

Page 41/38 they state they've spent **\$28,893,000.00**.

Now bare with us, we're not mathematicians so if we're wrong, please let us know.

If one adds up the figures they've given for these 'key' projects it comes to **\$25,800,000.00**.

That leaves **\$3,093,000.00**.

Then let's minus the capital expenses which were **\$1,458,000.00**

That leaves **\$1,635,000.00**

Have they spent that yet or is it going towards another uncompleted project in Mareeba?

You'll notice that they list one project in Kuranda which was the Upper Coondoo Street refurbishment **at \$1,000,000.00**

The money they had to do this project came out of what was left in the infrastructure Fund and was added to with the Building Bush Tourism Grant wasn't it?

Swapping and changing, combining projects so nobody knows how much you've really spent or what you've spent it on...

We're pretty sure it was which means last financial year Mareeba Shire Council had no capital expenditure and therefore **NO** capital works in Kuranda period.

All that money, nearly \$29M was spent elsewhere in the Shire while Kuranda has been falling apart.

Everything they've done around Kuranda has been done with disaster relief funding.

Prove us wrong.

Last we were told was they got a one off infrastructure payment of \$2,722,944.00 – what's happened to that?

Mareeba Shire Council can miraculously 'find' the money for almost anything they want to do in Mareeba but when it comes to Kuranda they drip feed us just enough to stop us from complaining about the state of our community - think Kuranda Community Precinct, 11 years and they are finally going to build a playground...

What will it take for Mareeba Shire Council to do what needs to done – put in the four CCTV the Police have asked them to install and put improved lighting right the way around Centenary Park so the Police and other members of the community can see who is lurking in the shadows?

They have plenty of money, they just don't want to spend it in Kuranda - as we've shown in the past.

Spend some of it and install the bloody cameras - for everybody's safety!

Even if you're not a member of this group and just watching from outside it's more than likely you have had direct experiences yourselves involving the minority of the 12% minority in Kuranda.

Who do these people think they are and does that give them the right to behave the way they do?

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----- Email 3 -----

From: Cr Angela Toppin

Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 10:53 AM

To: Jo Martin

Cc: Cr Lenore Wyatt; Cr Mary Graham; Cr Nipper Brown; Cr Amy Braes; 'Kuranda Region Planning Group'; Cr Mladen Bosnic; Peter Franks

Subject: Re: Centenary Park P-----

Dear Jo

Thanks for your email. As explained in my previous email, having unmonitored CCTV cameras is pointless and the cost of monitoring cameras is simply something the ratepayers of our Shire cannot afford. This statement is based on quotes we have previously sought and report was tabled at our June 2023 Council meeting.

We are steadfast in our view that the State Government should provide this resource directly to the police for them to do their job of keeping our communities safe.

Regards

Cr Angela Toppin AM

Mayor



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----- Email 4 -----

From: Jo Martin

Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 11:19 AM

To: Cr Angela Toppin; Cr Lenore Wyatt; Cr Mary Graham; Cr Nipper Brown; Cr Amy Braes; 'Kuranda Region Planning Group'; Cr Mladen Bosnic

Cc: Peter Franks

Subject: Re: Centenary Park P-----

Hi Angela,

Thanks for getting back :-)

Perfect! Good to know:

We are steadfast in our view that the State Government should provide this resource directly to the police for them to do their job of keeping our communities safe.

We need to get onto lobbying the State Government. Oh goodness one of the hardest things is to know where to direct our campaign - do you know which department /people we need to write to?

See list below.

Would appreciate any advice / direction you can offer.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin

Maybe this list?

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----- Email 5 -----

From: Cr Angela Toppin

Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 11:32 AM

To: Jo Martin

Cc: #Councillors; Peter Franks

Subject: Re: Centenary Park P-----

Perhaps the first person to contact to discuss your concerns is Bree James MP, your local member.

Kind regards,

Cr Angela Toppin AM

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