

## Biosecurity Queensland Electric Ant Program

We have so far surveyed 218 properties in the Saddle Mountain/Black Mountain area with only 10 properties outstanding – no further electric ants have been found here apart from the existing area.

There have been 143 other free yard checks booked, almost all have now been surveyed and two new infestations found: Koah/Kuranda #2 and Kuranda #18. Kuranda #18 is a single property that has already been treated. Koah/Kuranda #2 is still being delineated but should be treated sometime this week, weather permitting.

We are still encouraging people to book their properties in for a free yard check and will be recommencing our Facebook campaign shortly. We will also soon be moving to the next area of Kuranda to continue our targeted surveillance and we ask residents to continue allowing our staff access; it has been great so far.



## KURANDA RANGERS REPORT

Hooray for our Most Improved players!



Another season done and dusted. Congratulations to our Most Improved players for 2018 (L-R): U9 Malcolm James, U10 Levi Thomas, U6 Ozias Joubert, U7B Leo Madden, U11 Sheena Jacobi, U7A Sami Abdalla.

Kuranda Rangers Football Club



## Kuranda Garden Club

There was no meeting in September. Some of us supported The Tully Flower Show on the Saturday and Carnival on Collins on Sunday. Bogdan even made the TV carrying plants for me.

**Saturday 6th October 2.00pm to 4.00pm** will be a "Garden Planning" at 19 Kullaroo Close.

Garth and Cathy would love some inspiration for their new gardens.

Please come with some ideas and maybe a plant (if you have been declared 'ANT FREE') same for the swap table. Something yummy to share for afternoon tea, remember that a cuppa and anything from the swap table is a gold coin donation.

New members are welcome, come and take away great knowledge from our many experienced gardeners.

More info: ph Deb Maslowski 0488 215747



Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's Environment

*"by standing on the shoulders of those who've gone before"*

Nursery: 284 Myola Road, Mon & Thur 9.00–1.00pm; Sat 10.00–noon; Phone: 4093 8989/4093 8393

## With much sadness – thanks for the life of Rudi and Ann Husek

It was with much disbelief and sadness that we heard on Tuesday 19th of the fatal crash in Nepal which took the lives of Rudi and Ann Husek from Russet Park. Rudi was a regular planter with Envirocare and over the years put in thousands of trees in the corridors around Kuranda. He took on an area by the river near Russet Park, making it his own. He continued to maintain and plant more after some initial planting by the Saturday morning crew. That's quiet dedication for you. Rudi won the Helen Adams Memorial Barron River Catchment Management Association award in 2015, after reaching the 2000 tree mark, all on his own. We conspired with his wife Ann to trick Rudi into coming to morning tea to receive the award. He was a good humoured, humble, gentle, man who didn't like any fuss. Rudi also volunteered with the Yellow Crazy Ant task force, turning up regularly for baiting and monitoring activities when he was not away helping out with the grandchildren or trekking in his beloved Nepalese mountains. He and Ann were both very fit through tennis and walking and Ann was accompanying Rudi this time on a journey to the Himalayas. Sadly to be their last. Our hearts and thoughts are with their family.

Envirocare invited the community to a quiet contemplation of Rudi's life on the banks of the Barron River, on Saturday 22nd, at "his site" where we fulfilled his last words to us, "please water my plants", laid a small tribute of rainforest flowers and fruit, and shared stories of his and Ann's lives with us in Kuranda.

Photo below: Ann looks on while Rudi receives his award from BRICMA members



## "What's in a Name"

a talk by John Clarkson, principal botanist with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service  
**October 4th (Thu) see Date Claimers below**

John was responsible for establishing the FNQ node of the Queensland Herbarium and with 40 years' experience in flora survey and mapping across northern Australia, particularly on Cape York Peninsula, he has discovered at least 200 unnamed species. John worked to promote the ecologically responsible use of introduced plants and the response to environmental weeds, starting with Olive Hymenachne, one of our pet hate weeds at Envirocare. In his talk, John will explain the importance of correctly naming plants, and describe the process botanists must follow when doing so.

## Date Claimers

- 4th October (Thursday) 7.00pm. "What's in a Name". John Clarkson will explain the importance of correctly naming plants and describe the process botanists must follow when naming plants. Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road. Light supper provided
- **20th October (Saturday) 4.00pm-8.00pm Frog monitoring call training – two hours training, light meal and one hour field trip after dark to practise your newly acquired listening skills. Kuranda recreation centre. Fallon Road. Please bring your listening ears and a sense of humour. FREE**
- 3rd November 8.00am Community Planting Russet Park. Meet at 7:30am at nursery to carpool to site or call Mikhaila Jacoby on 0400 018 332 for more information
- Frog Monitoring week 15th to 20th October – monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Cathy 0419 624 940
- Regular Saturday morning conservation activities – Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7.30am or call Cathy on 0419 624 940 for details. Text info@envirocare.org.au to be placed on the regular email list.

**Become a member, borrow the Box Trailer; all plugs catered for.  
Ring Garth on 0428 914 380 or Cathy on 0419 624 940**

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