

KURANDA YCA COMMUNITY TASKFORCE

Community Tree Planting & BBQ Street Party

NOTE: Last month's tree planting was postponed until 1st December

Creating Better Riparian Access for Yellow Crazy Ant (YCA) Eradication and Kuranda Tree Frog Habitat Restoration

Bulmba Rangers and Kuranda Envirocare will be hosting a tree planting and BBQ Street Party, made possible through a State Community Sustainability grant. Join us for this fun community tree planting on **Saturday 1st December @ 4.00pm on the Barron River banks in Russett Park, Kuranda**. Signs will be out in Cadagi Drive to indicate access to the exact planting location.

This will be followed by a BBQ and street party at 6.00pm to celebrate the push back on the Yellow Crazy Ants at Russett Park. We are winning but it's not over yet!



The Bulmba Ranger group have been undertaking downstream delimitation surveys and to this date no YCA have been detected. The survey is still underway and I will keep you informed next month of the results.

A warm welcome to Jimmy Richards, the new Bulmba Rangers Coordinator who was successfully appointed to the new position by the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation. We look forward to continuing the great work with you and the ranger team.

Monitoring of YCA continues with a new technique on the horizon – sticky traps will be used to lure, trap and therefore detect YCA density in an area. We are calling on volunteers to help with the construction of some 12,000 sticky traps. See below for upcoming activity.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has – Margaret Mead

Date Claimers – Upcoming Activities

- **Saturday 1st December, 4pm, Cadagi Drive** – Community Tree Planting and BBQ Street Party
- **Saturday 8th December, 9am-11am, Kuranda Envirocare Nursery** – YCA Sticky Trap Construction & Morning Tea

For more information or to get a check on a suspected YCA, email yca@envirocare.org.au or call project coordinator Sylvia Conway 0409 647 714.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Kuranda Rangers would like to wish our soccer family and supporters a safe and happy festive season.

See you in 2019!

Kuranda Rangers Football Club

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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

Kur World EIS submissions extended to 14 January

Need assistance making valid submissions? Try online website kurandaregion.org/eis "Have your Say page, or paper copies at Kuranda Conservation nursery, or drop in to Envirocare nursery on Mon or Thur 9 till 1pm or Sat. 10 till noon to endorse the expert peer review submissions.

Kuranda Envirocare's membership stance is that this project is too large scale for so sensitive an area environmentally and socially. For further information, please contact Cathy on 0419 624 940.

Kuranda Tree Frog Community led Action Plan launched

Above L to R Error Hunter T/O, MSC Cr Lenore Wyatt, Prof. Peter Valentine, Scott Buchanan CEO WTMA, Keith Smith D.E.S., Warren Entsch Fed. MP Leichhardt, Barry Hunter Project Manager DAC, David Leyden QPWS, Cathy Retter Kuranda Envirocare

Tropical biologist Dr Conrad Hoskin said that despite the Kuranda Tree frog (KTF) living up against the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, very little of its distribution is formally protected.

"The Kuranda Tree Frog is a highly localised species that needs urgent conservation attention. Impacts to a single creek population impacts the species as a whole. Actions to ensure stable and healthy waterways and increase stream buffers and surrounding forest will also benefit other local species like the Cassowary, Myola Palm, and Lacelid Frog".

Kuranda Envirocare would like to thank community members, government agencies and private consultants who took part in the workshop, especially the members of the working group who wrangled the outputs into a coherent plan. Special thanks to Sarah Gibson for line drawing, Rhys Sharry, Steven Nowakowski and Dr Conrad Hoskin for photos, along with Nettie O'Connell's graphics skills to produce a stand out printed product. All made possible with support from Landcare Australia's Habitat Grants and Rainforest frogs of the Wet Tropics book sales.



Right: Endangered Lacelid frog female, Warril Creek frog monitoring this month by Andy Crabb, CVA, eyes half shut revealing the lacy eye lid

Celebration BBQ

20 years Kuranda Envirocare incorporation
 30 Years World Heritage Wet Tropics
1st December at Cadagi Drive 5:30pm
RSVP for catering by 30 November Cathy 0419 624 940

- Date Claimers**
- 1st December (Sat) 4.00pm Community Tree Planting and celebration BBQ Cadagi Drive, Russett Park. Followed by free BBQ. Frog habitat project and YCA push back. Meet at site or call Sylvia Conway on 0409 647 714 for more information
 - 1st December Sat. Free BBQ Cadagi Drive, after tree planting Xmas party and celebration cake 20 years of Kuranda Envirocare incorporation and 30 years World Heritage Wet Tropics. Please RSVP for catering Sylvia Conway on 0409 647 714 or Cathy 0419 624 940
 - Frog Monitoring week 10th–16 Dec. To confirm text Cathy 0419 624 940 or Simone on 0432 216 816
 - Every 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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