

Great Northern Clean Up Australia



A short notice experiment – a usual 15 minute walk took 7 people 1 hour to collect over 500 items of rubbish from a river flood zone.

A big thank you to those who responded to the very short notice cleanup. Our ages ranged from 8 to 80. It would be great to have a concerted effort next year to clean up

our favourite wild places away from and near to the river. Please register your favourite place for a cleanup, even your local roadside or join one planned. Could you organise your neighbours/friends so we could have at least 10 teams out next year in Mareeba Shire. Register by Googling Clean Up Australia Day 2020. It's their 30th year next year.



Native Swamp Hibiscus

Heterophyllus diversifolia

Budding strongly and blooming daily, usually has white blooms but this colour sport is deep mauve. Flowering now. Loves damp spots. Plants can become sparse with age but prune back by about one-third to maintain a bushy shape. Prefers full sun or light shade. Height 1-2m. A few available at Myola road nursery.

Special Speaker meeting

Tuesday 5th November 7.00

Edward Bell, Bat Surveying Cape York 2019

Cathy Retter, Biosecurity risks facing Australia at Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road, followed by light supper

Edward Bell has recently returned from bat surveying in Cape York. He'll talk about the techniques they used for surveying and his observations aided by his recent photos.

Cathy Retter was sponsored to a national Biosecurity Forum in August. She reports on some of the key environmental risks facing Australia and how we, the public, play an important role in the frontline defence of our lifestyles and our livelihoods.



Cain Creek Restoration Project commencing

The small Kuranda tree frog population on Cain creek is set to get a boost through the generosity of a State government Community Sustainability Action Round 3 grant. We'll commence with restoration of forest buffers and investigate further rehabilitation of the creek, starting with our first private landholder and expanding from there. Workshops and community plantings are planned over 3 years. Any landholders adjoining Cain creek or Owen creek who are interested in discussing what is planned and how they could benefit from being involved please contact Cathy on 0419 624 940.

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Majority of councillors approve 46 lot subdivision at 112 Barnwell Road

without the developer providing or making reference to any ecological study. It seems 467 pages on site Flora and Fauna of available in the Kur World EIS with 44 pages dedicated to the survey of the Kuranda Tree frog was not relevant? Council have conditioned that an ecological report be provided before any Operational Works permit is granted. Covenants are also in the conditions (but no master plan showing detail was provided). The Developer must now satisfy the Federal Government EPBC Act for threatened species in particular for Kuranda Tree Frog and Southern Cassowary. Meanwhile a Chuffed fundraising campaign by Kur Alert plans to obtain a legal opinion regarding opportunities to challenge the approval.

Date Claimers

- Tuesday 5th November 7.00pm Speaker meeting Kuranda Rec Centre – Edward Bell on Cape York Bat Surveys and Cathy Retter on Australian Biosecurity risks from a National Forum.
- Friday 8th to 17th November. National Frog week. Download the Frog Id app and get those frog call recordings rolling in.
- Saturday 16th November 4pm to 8pm FREE Frog Call Identification and Monitoring Workshop. Pizza and salad provided! To book your spot and obtain more details email info@envirocare.org.au.
- Saturday Conservation activities – Watering and Maintenance for this month. Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7.30am. Call Cathy on 0419 624 940. Email info@envirocare.org.au to be placed on the regular email list.

Become a Member, Borrow the Box Trailer. All plugs catered for. Ring Hans on 0459 978 842 to book

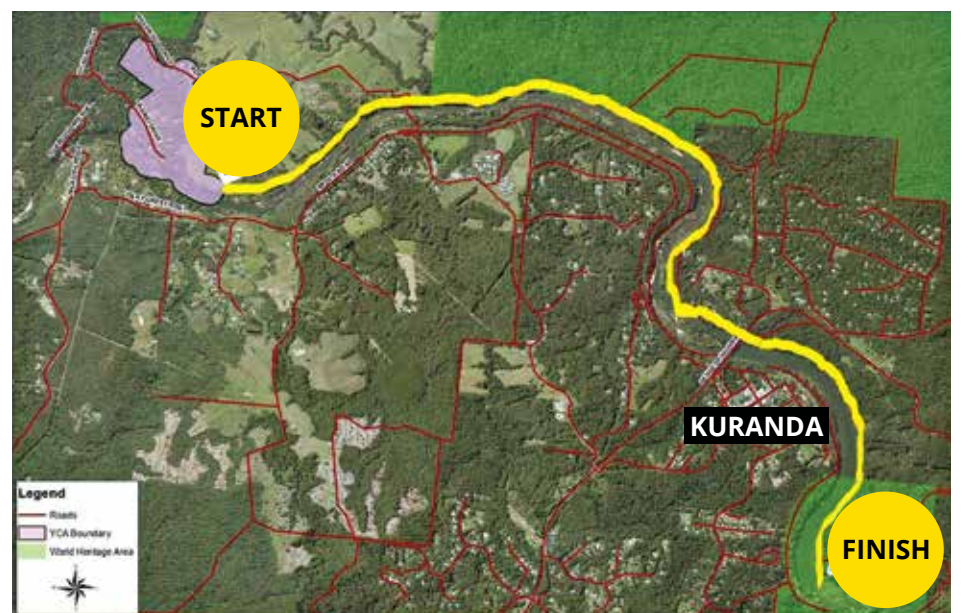
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Luring for yellow crazy ants along the Barron River

Field officers from the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program and the Bulmba Rangers are teaming up to survey the north side of the Barron River from Russett Park to the weir in early to mid-November. The purpose of the survey is to detect any yellow crazy ants that may have washed downstream from the infestation site at Russett Park during this year's flood.



Survey of the north side of the Barron River from Russett Park to the weir. Note: The yellow line is not to scale.

The field survey will place lures of cat food and jam along the river bank to attract foraging ants and collect them an hour later. Survey teams will traverse the river esplanade by foot and in canoes. Any suspect ants will be sampled for identification by the program's monitoring team.

The survey will be conducted in early to mid-November and the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce will notify Black Mountain Road residents living downstream along the Barron River a few days beforehand.

Taskforce members are welcome to participate in this event and can notify the YCA Community Taskforce coordinator Ciara Bridgland on **0411 194 720** or email yca.ciara@gmail.com to join in.



Lure survey using cat food and jam.

Join the resist-ants

- Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce
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