

Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's environment
"by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before"

Box trailers for hire.
Pick up and return, 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda. All plugs catered for.
Text or call Cathy 0419 624 940 to book.

Book in for Water Bugs 29 October and 12 November Water's Wonders in our Creeks

Our first water survey on 15 October was a fun activity, as we hauled debris aplenty from Warril Creek, peered into trays that revealed all manner of water bugs, dragonfly and beetle larvae, shrimps, tadpoles and more. These water bugs (macroinvertebrates) are biological indicators of the health of our waterways and especially for our stream breeding frogs. We identify and photograph what we find, with the help of local experts.

Next sessions: Sunday 29 October and 12 November from 2.30–4.30pm. All welcome! Space is limited to 10 adults per session so bookings are essential. There'll be more sessions, so please email info@envirocare.org.au to book in or get early notice of future sessions.

Plant of the Month Native mulberry – *Pipturus argenteus*



The Native Mulberry is a non-stinging nettle that produces fruit so delicious, you'll be competing with the local wildlife. This is a fast-growing species that may be pruned to shrub size or cultivated as a small tree. Suits sun to partial shade, suitable for pots, can grow 3-8m if not pruned, tolerates sandy soils and fruits from one year

Native mulberry fruit. Photo: Vern Hansen

onwards. Attracts birds, bees and insects and can be used for screening/hedging. There are male and female plants so buy one of each to keep the fruiting going! Available in nursery now for \$3 per plant.

Would you like to receive a Frog Friendly Property sign?

We are concerned with the health of our local waterways and encourage good land management practice which supports all wildlife including cassowary and stream breeding rainforest frogs of the Wet Tropics. The endemic and critically endangered Kuranda Tree frog lives here and needs your help to ensure its protection. You can show your support with a Frog Friendly Property sign.



What do you need to become a frog friendly property?

Native maturing vegetation and a bonus is running water.

We are offering:

- For you to become a Frog Friendly Property by filling in a simple assessment form, receiving a site visit from Sylvia Conway to discuss any plans or issues at your property that we might be able to help you with. You'll receive a free 'Frog Friendly Place' sign to

display at your property.

- Discussion on weed incursions and native species planting we could help with, especially near waterways.
- Help with protecting your regenerating forest through a Voluntary Declaration process under the Vegetation Management Act (VMA) to protect designated areas of native vegetation for future generations. Eight of us know the process well now and would love to help you.

Get in touch to make an appointment via email info@envirocare.org.au

• Date Claimers •

Thursday 26 October – 6–8pm – BBQ and Dr Ray Pierce who will present his findings to date on the Gouldian Finches in NE Qld. Please email for catering purposes.

Sunday 29 October & 12 November – Book for Water Bugs. Book your spot. Email to register and for more details info@envirocare.org.au

Saturday 11 November – 4–8pm – Frog monitoring and identification training at Kuranda Recreation Centre. Celebrating National Frog Week. Come to the launch of our film on frog monitoring and then training on our local frog calls and using the FrogID app.

Friday 20–29 November – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.30pm. Check Facebook or text Sylvia on 0409 647 714 to join the group texts and emails.



Calling all Indigenous artists, tour guides, craftspeople, storytellers, bush food & botanical experts, chefs, healers and creatives...

We are coming together to celebrate traditional cultures and support the proliferation of world-class Indigenous chefs, artists, producers and products from across Australia.

Would you like to:

- Showcase your Indigenous products and services in a stall in the market?
- Have your products and services featured on the web?
- Connect with tourists and the local community?

Yes? The **Kuranda Indigenous Tourism Hub** and **Bush Food Showcase** is opening soon!

You are invited to share your talents and participate in an Indigenous-run cooperative enterprise. There is no charge to participate.

Call **02 4810 0646** for more information, or fill out the form online at kuranda.org.au

*Building culture and creating economic opportunities
in Far North Queensland*



Survey: luring for yellow crazy ants in critical frog habitat

Join the monthly survey adventure in the lower reaches of Kuranda creeks

FINAL SURVEY for 2023
Sat 11 November - Dismal Ck
8 am - 12 pm

A moderate level of fitness is required due to steep terrain.
Ant recognition, training, and lunch are provided on the day. No experience necessary.
Get in touch if you would like to join.



Contact: coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au or 0409 647 714



The Kuranda tree frog is found in many local creeks. Checking for invasive ants will ensure the protection of this endemic and critically endangered species.

We are the invasive resist-ants