



Rates Notices Issued DUE DATE 17 MARCH 2017

The half-yearly Rate Notices for the six-month period ending 30 June, 2017 have been issued. The discount period closes on **Friday 17 March, 2017**. If you have not received your Rate Notice, please contact the Rates Department.

HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

You can pay your Rates in a number of ways. This includes BPay, Australia Post Billpay, MyPost Digital Mail, EFTPOS including debit and credit card, cash, cheque and money orders. Change or cash out is not given on credit card payments. To receive the discount, you need to ensure that any transactions are processed and funds cleared into Council's bank account on or before the discount date.

WHERE CAN I PAY MY RATES?

- You can pay at any of the Council's two (2) Service Centres or at any Council's agencies:
- Australia Post: Pay safely and securely in person at any Australia Post Office, pay by cash, cheque or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only).
 - By Phone: Call 13 18 16 at any time of the day for the cost of a local call (within Australia). Visa and MasterCard are accepted, normal call charges apply from public phones, mobile phones and overseas phones.
 - By Cheque: Post a cheque to Mareeba Shire Council, PO Box 154, MAREEBA QLD 4880.
 - Australia Post Billpay: Visit www.paypaperbills.postbillpay.com.au. Use the BillPay Code (4068) and use your BillPay Reference Number (found on your most current Rate Notice).
 - MyPost Digital Mail: Sign up for free at digitalmailbox.com.au to receive and pay your rate notices.
 - Direct Deposit/BPay: Call your financial institution (or logging onto their website) to pay your rates by cheque or savings account, BPAY Biller Code 228171 and your customer reference number that is found on the bottom of your rate notice in the BPAY box.
 - In Person Mareeba: 65 Rankin Street. Open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm (Thursday opening 9.00am). Phone 1300 308 461. Kuranda – Block C, 18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda. Council business conducted Monday to Friday, 10.00am–4.30pm.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS?

To help ease the financial burden, Council has a payment arrangement scheme available provided the total amount outstanding is paid by 30 June, 2017. This allows you to pay a nominated weekly, fortnightly or monthly amount towards the Rates and other charges. You will only receive the 10 per cent discount, if the full amount of Rates and Charges is paid by Friday 17 March, 2017. Contact Council's Rates Department for further information.

Discount will not be allowed under any circumstances if payment is not received at Council's Service Centres at the above times by the due date.

A Pensioner Rebate may also apply to those holders of a State Government Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card.

Peter Franks
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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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

An Outstanding Community Effort

We joined Barron Catchment Care to help plant 460 trees along the banks of the Barron River near Mareeba. A dedicated bunch of 40 volunteers from various community groups such as Mareeba Scouts, Kuranda Envirocare and Conservation Volunteers Australia, showed up to support this active 18 year old landcare group.

The planting is part of Barron Catchment Care's 'Green Corridor Project'. Through the generous support of the Cairns Airport Authority, BCC has been running this project for over ten years, planting over 110,000 native trees, covering 91 ha in the Barron catchment. These continued partnerships are vital for community groups such as ours to continue the great work of protecting our land and waterways for our future and for all life.

Below: Volunteers mulching trees after 460 trees went in the ground in less than two hours.



Abundance of Blue Ginger and Flax Lily – all \$2 each

The native ginger is an edible perennial herb, and is a well known bush tucker plant. The fragrant white flowers are followed by blue berries. The new leaf shoots and berries have a mild ginger flavour and can be used in cooking, or eaten fresh from the plant. It forms a clump to 2 metres tall, and is hardy. Likes a lightly shaded to full shade spot, and can be used indoors. Likes water in dry spells. Grows from an underground rhizome, so the plant can be cut back hard if it looks untidy.

Dianella caerulea 'Breeze' Native Flax – featured last month is also in abundance. Lots to choose from.



Yellow Crazy Ant News

Congratulations YCA Community Taskforce members for your 'Highly Commended' in the Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Date Claimers

- Thursday 2 March 2017, AGM- 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road followed by a discussion on the KUR-World proposal
- Monday 6 March, Small World Journeys, Tree Planting Activity 9.00am
- Frog Monitoring, 3rd week of every month. Check Kuranda's-Frog-Friendly-Neighbourhood FB page or ring Sylvia 0409 647 714 or email info@envirocare.org.au

Every Saturday Morning: Tree Plantings

7.30am Meet at the KEC Nursery, Myola Road

Email info@envirocare.org.au for reminder or call Sylvia on 0409 647 714

If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't hesitate to drop in for a chat. See above for opening hours. Our trees are all a \$2 donation.

BOX TRAILER HIRE: Contact Hans 4093 8393

Give a gift that keeps growing, through our local Grow Project.

www.envirocare.org.au www.facebook.com/KurandaEnvirocare/info



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