

Wild about Conservation Lunch with International Conservationists Tammie and Andy

Is the claim true that there are more biological scientists – entomologists, botanists, zoologists, environmentalists – living with a 10km radius of Kuranda than anywhere else on Earth?

Certainly many with biological science backgrounds have been attracted to retire here after illustrious careers elsewhere, because living surrounded by the listed World Heritage Wet Tropics fulfils a lifelong dream, to be in the midst of it. Nature photographers, and other residents with strong conservation values, are equally attracted to live here, forming a strong foundation for our common community values and identity.

Tropical Writers Inc., as the non-profit umbrella group interested in authors and publishers across all of FNQ as well as people who read, have invited both international conservationists Tammie Matson and Andy Ridley to speak at a lunch within the Cairns Festival program at noon on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Cairns.

A lifelong passion for conservation has led to some wild escapades across the globe for this adventurous couple who will be guest speakers at the Writers on the Waterfront luncheon.

Dr Tammie Matson, originally from north Queensland, fell in love with Africa where she travelled as a 15 year old. This led to her becoming an Australian zoologist, environmental consultant and spokesperson on threatened species conservation worldwide.

Specialising as a global expert in human-wildlife conflict, she is co-producer and co-star of the National Geographic documentary Let Elephants be Elephants, and the author of three award-winning books on African wildlife. Recognised as a world expert on elephants, she has worked with local people to reduce human-elephant conflict in Africa and in India, while investigating the dangerous and dark heart of the illegal rhino horn and ivory trade from poachers to presidential palaces in Asia.

Husband Andy Ridley fought for reef protection when he worked for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Sydney prior to his role as CEO and co-founder of Earth Hour Global, and later as an Ambassador for Tourism Australia. After living abroad in Asia and Europe in recent years, Tammie and Andy have recently decided to return to live in Cairns to raise their two young sons.

Andy has taken up the role of CEO of a ground-breaking new foundation, Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef, due to make major announcements in September.


Both are involved in leading ethical tours. Matson & Ridley Safaris go to a choice of destinations, such as South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Namibia and Botswana.

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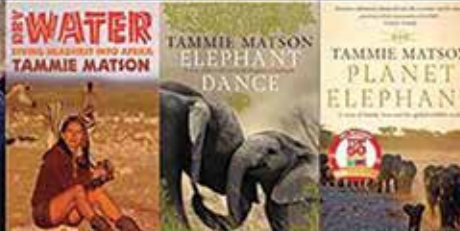
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WILD ABOUT CONSERVATION



Writers on the Waterfront Lunch
WITH TAMMIE MATSON AND ANDY RIDLEY

Lunch at 12 noon at Shangri-La Hotel, Cairns
Part of Cairns Festival - hosted by Tropical Writers Inc

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WAR on WEEDS – Turbina corymbosa

Several Envirocare members have been waging a "war" on the extremely invasive vine Turbina corymbosa currently growing within the Barron Catchment, native to tropical Americas. It has the ability to grow in various conditions and can smother a canopy. It poses a huge threat to both remnant rainforest, regenerating forest, garden plots and revegetation projects. You may have noticed the vine smothering



trees upstream when crossing the Barron river bridge as you approach Mareeba from Kuranda. Trees are either pulled down from vine weight, will die from lack of light to their leaves in the canopy or



constriction of their trunk caused by the vine. The seedlings germinate densely and spread across the forest floor, blocking any potential native seedlings from emerging. The vine flowers between June and August.

What you can do: A number of vines have been spotted around Kuranda on private properties and now is the time to check out any vigorous, white flowering vine which has suddenly appeared in your backyard tree tops or your neighbour's.

Photos from top: Turbina vine smothering a small tree; Turbina vine stems can be as thick as your arm; Turbina distinctive white flowers and heart shaped leaves.

Yellow Crazy Ants – Baiting weekend 29/30 July 8:30am

To join in and for more information

ring Kuranda community task force coordinator Sylvia Conway on 0409 647 714

**plant
sale**

Tree Sale continues

All trees \$1.50 and further discount for purchases over 50 trees. We also have boxes from our germination shed not potted, free to a good home.

Date Claimers

- Thursday 3 August, General Meeting – 7.00pm @ KRC, Fallon Road.
- Saturday/Sunday 29/30 July Yellow Crazy Ant baiting – 8:30 am @ Cagadi Drive, Russet Park
- Frog Monitoring: 3rd week of every month. Check Kuranda's-Frog-Friendly-Neighbourhood FB page

Saturday Morning Plantings 8am-9.30am. Meet at the Nursery.

Email info@envirocare.org.au for reminder or call **Cathy on 0419 624 940**

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