



**KEEP YELLOW CRAZY ANT ERADICATION ON TARGET**

Yellow crazy ants are a threat to the biodiversity and lifestyle of our Wet Tropics

**KURANDA YCA COMMUNITY TASKFORCE FOCUS ON**

- : Monitoring
- : Surveys
- : Treatment
- : Weed control
- : Revegetation

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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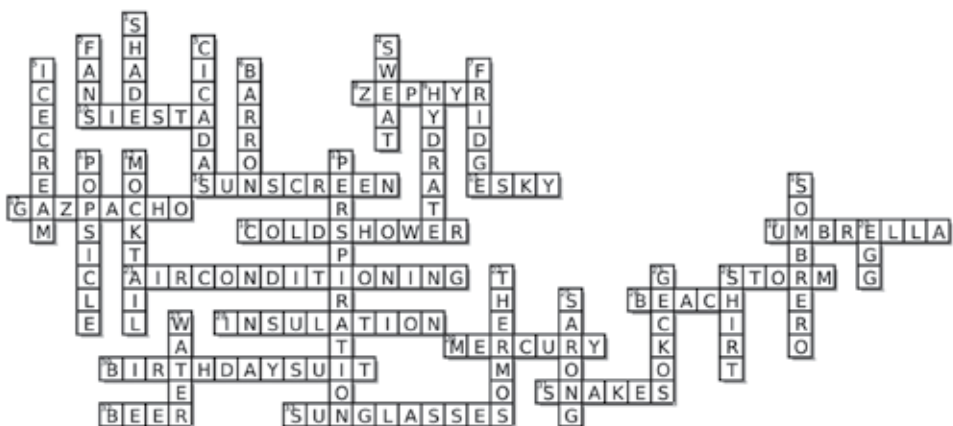
by Sylvia Conway- taskforce coordinator

**Date Claimers - Upcoming Activities**

**Tuesday 13 February** - Monitoring  
Volunteers welcome (every 3 weeks)  
8:30 am meet 60 Cadagi Dr

For more information or to get a check on a suspected YCA, email [yca@envirocare.org.au](mailto:yca@envirocare.org.au) or call Sylvia on 0409647714

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**kuranda. envirocare inc.**

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**Frogs are the "canaries" in our creek lines**

Rainforest frogs are indicating the health of our local waterways and, in general, frogs indicate the health of our ecosystems, just as canaries were used in the past to test the health of the air to support human life in our underground mines.

Our frog monitoring project over the last four years has shown that the number of our targetted species, particularly the Kuranda tree frog, are steady but being in such a restricted range, many threats to their survival are present in our rural residential mosaic.

Back in September more than 40 people from our community, government departments, terrain and private conservation groups meet at the Kuranda Recreation Centre for a Kuranda Tree Frog Action Planning day. Led by terrain's Penny Scott, with Athol Brim giving a warm "Welcome to Country", an inspiring day produced a list of solid goals and objectives towards the creation of a plan to enhance the survival chances of this endemic (local) critically endangered species.

Using the adage "Think global, Act local" and knowing that we are facing mass extinctions of species around the world, we now believe that Kuranda might showcase how it's possible to live with a wildlife species that lives nowhere else. There is nowhere else for it to "go away to" than this Myola Valley. So my question to you, will we all make the allowances necessary to ensure their survival, and ultimately our own, by working with the environmental values of this area, rather than against. The workshop participants believe we can - now our Action plan working group have been forming a draft plan to show us how it can be done.



**Plant of the month - Melicope elleryana**

Another spectacular flowering with lolly pink blossoms with white stamens festooning the branches of these medium sized rainforest trees. There's a great example on Barron Falls road near the pedestrian crossing for the Jum Rum



Conservation Park and the entrance to Tully Court. Their three leaflets leaf grouping at the end of stems is distinctive and noticeable as we have a few Melicope species around Kuranda area. Both elleryana and the smaller rubra are host plants for the Ulysses butterfly. Visit Envirocare nursery now as we have both in stock plus other bird and butterfly attracting natives.

**Speaker meeting - 1st February 7.00pm**

Speaker: Bruce Wannan - Cape York Tenure Resolution Program  
Bruce has a wealth of knowledge and experience over 20 plus years of the Cape York values and will outline the work being done, that he is a part of, to return traditional homelands to the local Aboriginal people, protecting areas of cultural and conservation significance on Cape York and providing economic development opportunities.

**Date Claimers**

- AGM 1st February 7.00pm Speaker: Bruce Wannan - Returning homelands to Cape York Aboriginal people followed by elections and supper, Kuranda Rec. Centre, Fallon Road
- Frog Monitoring week 19th Feb. 25th - monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Sylvia 0409647714
- Saturday morning activities/plantings - above Owen creek 7:45am till 9.00am. Park past near Monaro Close or meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7:30am.
- Saturday morning Plantings 7:30 am-9:00am Meet at the nursery. Email [info@envirocare.org.au](mailto:info@envirocare.org.au) for reminder or call Cathy on 0419 624 940

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