

### Should We Feed the Wildlife ?

Wildlife carers do a fantastic job nursing sick animals back to health where possible and may need to use non-native food sources. But what's the impact when wild animals are fed by us? First there's the problem of feeding them food that they might never encounter in the wild and creating a nutritional imbalance, ie too much of a good thing. Then there's the impact on the ecosystem. For example, for every mouthful of non-rainforest fruit and seeds that a cassowary consumes, it is not performing its role in the rainforest. As an umbrella species its role is distributing seeds in the ecosystem. Every meal it gets from fruit like pawpaw, bananas and mango is a meal when it is not doing its usual dispersal job. We should not be aiding with this non-native cassowary food source if we are serious about the rainforest survival. This goes for all birds and animals. They all have a role and there is an ecosystem balance. By feeding wild animals you may preference one population which surges and causes issues for other animals within the system.



My poo should be growing rainforest trees

### Plant of the Month – *Melicope rubra* For Gardens

The spectacular flowering with lolly pink blossoms and white stamens gives way to the collection of light green bells which split around this time to reveal up to four black seeds. There's a great example at the old Information Centre next to the Kuranda public toilets.

Their three leaflets leaf grouping at the end of stems is distinctive and somewhat narrower than its cousin, the large "Euodia". Both elleryana and 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.



### Fantastic Fungi Weekend – 9th,10th,11th March

Speakers: Members of the Mycological Society  
Bookings required. Google trybooking.com, select Buy Tickets, enter Fungi in the Search field and find all 3 events. Book as required but get in quick, these are popular and numbers are limited. If it's all too hard, email info@envirocare.org.au for instructions and links.

### Date Claimers

- Fungi lecture: 7.00pm till 8.00pm, Friday 9th March. Kuranda Rec. Centre, Fallon Road. Speaker: Mycological Society members from Brisbane, Victoria and Western Australia
- Fungi workshop and walk: Saturday 10th March Recreation Centre Fallon Road. 9.30am-3.00pm.
- Frog Monitoring: monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Sylvia 0409647714
- Saturday morning activities/plantings: 7.30am till 9.00am. Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7:30am to load up and car pool.

Become a member, borrow the Box Trailer: Ring Hans 4093 8393

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## 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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📌 Kuranda-Yellow-Crazy-Ant-Community-Taskforce



### Date Claimers - Upcoming Activities

#### YCA Monitoring- Tue 6 March

Volunteers welcome (every 3 weeks)  
8:30 am meet 60 Cadagi Drive, Russett Park

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 Conway on 0409647714

### Jong's Thai Massage, Kuranda

Thai or oil massage \$60 x 1 hr.  
Thai or oil massage \$100 x 2 hr.  
Hot Stone massage \$100 x 90 min

22 Kuranda Crescent, Kuranda  
Bookings: 0484345581

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