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KURANDA YCA COMMUNITY TASKFORCE



Ready set...survey

This month the volunteer taskforce completed a delimitation survey to determine the boundary area and ant density of the infestation. A huge thank you to the volunteers and WTMA team who showed up on the day to support the Taskforce. After lining up we then placed jam and cat food lures on the ground every 10m and returned an hour later to mark on a GPS the presence or absence of YCA. Data from the most recent monitoring results has shown a huge decline in crazy ant numbers and we hope to see a similar trend with the next treatment round coming up 12 May. I hope you can make it along to help out. No experience is necessary and morning tea/ cuppas supplied. If you would like to see the survey map when it is ready stay tuned for next month's story or sign up to the Taskforce by going to the website (details below). Join us on any of our upcoming activities or contact the coordinator below for more details.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead-

Date Claimers - Upcoming Activities

- **Sat 12 May** – Treatment Field Day, meet 9am @ Cadagi Dr
- **Tues 15 May** – Monitoring (every 3 weeks)
8.30 am at 60 Cadagi Drive

For more information or to get a check on a suspected YCA, email yca@envirocare.org.au or call project coordinator Sylvia Conway 0409 647 714



RANGERS r e p o r t

And we're off!

What a superb start to the 2018 soccer season for the Kuranda Rangers! Six teams took the field at Endeavour Park on 21 April and pulled out all the stops.

Playing multiple games for the first two Saturdays of competition for division grading, our U9s-U11s showed great skills and sportsmanship in very hot conditions.

Across the board we have some great little players and it's wonderful to see them having fun and enjoying the game – particularly our new recruits. The focus for our teams is to have fun whilst learning some new skills and keeping fit.

We are lucky to have dedicated coaches who volunteer to help develop our kids! Thank you.

Kuranda Rangers Football Club



Under 6 Team.
Ambar, Neeka, Malakai, Ozias, Jack (plus a photo bomber)



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"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

Bending with the Flow

We were very sorry to hear the stories of part and complete destruction of some people's homes in the rain event of late March. The Kuranda community rallied around those families most badly affected; what a great community we live in.

This show of the power of concentrated water lends support to the flood overlay mapping showing a fantastical 100 year flood line which some of us felt to be an exaggeration. Maybe not.



Warril Creek downstream of Little Road

Our river planting assessment revealed that new plantings had fared quite well. The flexible stems of less than two year old trees bent with the flow. Those 3 to 10 year trees were in the danger zone, with bushy ones pushed over in the direction of the flow. Larger trees stood tall with some limbs down; direct hits from loose logs caused most damage. Individual species are starting to bounce back, showing the value of planting the right trees in the right place, with new stools sprouting from any trunk which is not vertical.



Mantaka downstream of Russet Park bridge

Sustainable Community Grant

to enhance the riparian corridors in Russet Park. Starting soon and in conjunction with Bulmba Rangers, we'll be planting on a number of landholders' properties over the next three years. Watch out for community planting day events on Kuranda Envirocare facebook page. Join our planters mailing list by emailing info@envirocare.org.au or call Cathy on 0419 624 940/4093 9926.

Kuranda Tree Frog Community Action Plan

Draft review Workshop meeting – Thursday 3rd May 7.00pm

Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Led by the Action plan working group, advised by previously developed recovery planners. Come along and join in the review. Very few of these community action plans have been developed in Australia. All welcome.

We'll also show a short movie of the September workshop and an extract of Dr Conrad Hoskin's talk on the Myola frog. Light supper provided.

Date Claimers

- 3rd May, 7.00pm. Review workshop for Kuranda Tree Frog Action plan. Review of the draft Kuranda Tree Frog Action plan
- Frog Monitoring week 20th to 26th May – monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Sylvia 0409 647 714
- Saturday morning activities/plantings – Change to 8.00am start time Various infill planting sites. Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 8am or Call Cathy on 0419 624 940 or 4093 9926 for details
- Nursery opening now Monday and Thursday mornings and Saturdays from 10.00am to 1.00pm or by appointment ring 0419 624 940

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