

KURANDA YCA COMMUNITY TASKFORCE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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[Kuranda-Yellow-Crazy-Ant-Community-Taskforce](https://www.facebook.com/Kuranda-Yellow-Crazy-Ant-Community-Taskforce)



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

Last month's survey activity found a huge decline in YCA numbers and density – great turn-out with 15 volunteers showing up and covering the open paddock areas. Thanks to the Wet Tropics YCA crew and Bulmba and Gimuy Ranger groups who completed the survey in the following week. Due to low densities, monitoring and survey methodology is being refined to target individual areas instead of whole site treatment schedules.

Recent funding from Department of Environment & Heritage Protection, will help to protect the Myola Tree Frog in the YCA infestation area. Kuranda Envirocare were successful in receiving the funding through Community Sustainability Action grants.

The Bulmba rangers are preparing to revegetate the banks of the Barron River and adjacent creeks at Russett Park to assist in the removal of exotic plant species and making access easier for YCA activities.

RUSSETT PARK SURVEY APRIL 2018



Red dots represent YCA presence and green dots YCA absence

DATE CLAIMERS – UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday 3rd June – Eco-fiesta

Tuesday 5th June – Monitoring (every 3 weeks)

8:30 am, 60 Cadagi Drive

NOTE: Due to potential date changes please stay connected to our Facebook page Kuranda Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce

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



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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

Back to the Past

Our Saturday morning activity, boundary planting at Dugg Strafford's place, saw another 200 trees in the ground, watered and mulched. Many thanks to Steve Hatton for his record breaking hole digging and to the volunteers who braved the rainy weather. We were rewarded with a visit to Dugg's Paradise Fan Palm Valley, the site of the original tourist attraction in Kuranda, mentioned in an early tourist booklet, and owned by Dugg's grandparents. Scones and jam, and watermelon under the fan palm canopy. What a beautiful peaceful place.



Photos: Above left: Paradise Fan Palms; above right: Riding the track in Dugg's 4WD buggy; Below: Sarah at Warril with Sticky Beak Coordinator Gulo, Casaurina, and Zanda

Frog creek mouth habitat at Warril and Owen

Our Landcare Australia project—Frog habitat for our creeks entering the Barron was boosted with a few hundred more seedlings and lomandras planted on the creeklines with students from JCU and the Sticky Beaks young conservationists group from FNQ Birdlife Australia joining in with us.



June Super sale time at our nursery

Two for one sale at our nursery, as we reduce stock to make space for our nursery make over. Come and browse and get a bargain on revegetation seedlings in particular. Boxes of unpotted, older stock to give away. Come and check it out.

Date Claimers

- 7th June, 7.00pm: Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road. Speaker Sylvia Conway on Russett Park YCA eradication progress. Light supper provided.
- 7th June, 8.00pm Special General meeting notice: Motion to change organisation year end.
- Frog Monitoring week 18th to 24th June: monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Cathy 0419 624 940.
- Saturday morning activities/plantings: Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 8.00am or Call Cathy on 0419 624 940 or 4093 9926 for details.

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Succession planning for 2019

As a new player to the U11 team—and the only girl—our Sheena is doing great for her very first season! All six teams are playing really well and improving each week. We are looking for two more U6 players to join our ranks so our little ones can have a sub on game days. Can you help?

It's time to start thinking about the management of the Kuranda Rangers moving into 2019. Nettie O'Connell will be stepping down after this season, so we are looking for a handful of individuals to



Porta and Sheena in the combined U11/U12 team. Photo: Steven Nowkowski

take on various roles to keep the club going. Nettie will provide support to new volunteers commencing later this year. Please contact us with your expression of interest.

Kuranda Rangers Football Club

