

Trees in History

is the talk internationally renowned forester **Peter Hitchcock AM** will give to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens on **Wednesday August 8**. His presentation will cover five tree species that have played distinctive roles in human history. They are laurel, tamarind, cinchona, Brazil wood and ginkgo. Laurel appears in mythology and for culminated purposes. Tamarind is an ingredient in Asian cuisine and played a role in the history of migration to Australia. Cinchona is the source of quinine used to treat malaria. Brazil wood is a source of red dye and used to make musical instruments. Ginkgo is one of the living fossils or 'green dinosaurs'. The event, to be held in the Botanic Gardens visitor centre, starts at 6.00pm with a light supper. Cost: \$5 for FOBG members. \$10 for visitors.

Community Nursery and Landcare

"Kuranda: a place where the environment is valued and protected"

Nursery: 284 Myola Road, Mon & Thur 9.00-1.00pm; Sat 10.00-1.00; Phone: 4093 8989/0419 624 940

Kuranda Region Voluntary Conservation Agreements

Sorry if you missed the public meeting 19th July. About 40 residents learned the potential of the forest and wildlife in our Wet Tropics Kuranda area and how you might protect any part of your block for now and future generations with a management plan, defined by you. Some of you may have received a document about your block and its values. If you didn't, don't feel left out, we simply could not get to everyone in the area. You'll receive information in the months to come. Please contact us if you want to chat, need advice or need assistance. We're here to support your vision of the supportive environment of the future.

Below: Protecting the places we love – Ganyan creek, Speewah



It's not about the Plants, it's about the Ants. Ring 132523 for a FREE Yard check

Good on those of you who made the call for a FREE yard check for the pesky electric ant. Calls are a bit patchy, there are still lots of landowners who haven't called for a yard check. It'll take a few months to check all properties so please be patient for that checkup. And we're going for all yards to be checked.

Just so you know, the yard check is just that: a check of your cleared yard area, where you might have brought material such



as pot plants and soil. The yard checkers are not interested in your "PLANTS" (different department!) just interested in the ANTS. So your weeds are of no interest.

We now have maps of the current infestation. Ring Cathy on 0419 624 940 if you'd like to check how close you are to the current infestation zones or if you have any concerns about people coming onto your block.

Photo above: Life sized electric ants on pencil lead

Plant of the month *Memecylon pauciflorum* – Poor flower

Named poor flower for the size of the small purple blue tinged white flower, this little shrub is an ideal garden sized plant which grows fairly slowly to 1.5 m high.

Flowers in its second or third year, has an erect central stem, many short side branches, tolerates full sun or part shade.

At first glance quite similar to *Eugenia reinwardtiana*, the beach cherry, but the ripe fruits are fleshy, purple-black, instead of red, and up to about 8mm long. They produce a purple stain.



Date Claimers

- 2nd August 7.00pm. Speaker meeting Mia Conway, Children R Change after school environmental experience program for school kids. Kuranda Recreation centre, Fallon Road. Speaker on Children for Change. Light supper provided
- Frog Monitoring week 13th to 20th August – monitoring days vary. Check FB page or text Cathy 0419 624 940
- Saturday morning conservation activities – Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 8.00am or Call Cathy on 0419 624 940 for details .

**Become a member, borrow the Box Trailer and receive mate's rates:
Ring Garth on 0428 914 380 or Cathy on 0419 624 940**

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Kuranda Garden Club

A very informative meeting was held in July at 'The Kuranda Precinct'. Thank you to *John Baskerville* for bringing us up to date with all the perseverance needed and hard work that has been done thus far. What a great project and use of public space by locals for locals. More news to come.

Thanks also to *Cathy Retter* for information on 'Electric Ants'. They are spreading and it is up to us to take responsibility to save our lifestyle and our beautiful environment.

If you are giving or accepting plants (even bromeliads can harbour electric ants) think twice ...are they ant free? By plant swapping we are helping Electric ants to spread and thrive. *Have you had your garden checked yet?*

August Meeting: Saturday 4th 2.00pm to 4.00pm
to be held at Kuranda Envirocare Nursery
284 Myola Road (not far past the school & pool)

We will have a tour of the nursery, learn about propagation, why it's important to grow natives and what grows well where. Plants will be available for sale.

The AGM will follow
Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

New members welcome, come and enjoy a cuppa and chat about anything "gardening"
Contact: Deb Maslowski 0488 215747



RANGERS r e p o r t

Only five games to go!

Hard to believe there are only five games left in the 2018 season! We're now planning our end of year presentations.

We are also seeking volunteers to run the club in 2019 and to set up a small committee so the club can continue to prosper. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, please let Nettie O'Connell know on 0416 120 852. A small group is all that is needed and it's very important for the community and our kids that this great club continues.



U11 Heath in action. Photo: Steven Nowkowski

Kuranda Rangers Football Club 

