

Community Nursery and Landcare

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

Nursery: 284 Myola Rd, Mon & Thu 9am–12 noon Sat 10–12 noon • 4093 8989 or 0419 624 940

Exciting times - local cassowary and frogs

Wildlife on Cain Creek is set to receive a boost as we revegetate about ¾ of a hectare of private land to provide a wide buffer to the creek. Wildlife such as Southern Cassowary and our critically endangered Kuranda tree frog will have more suitable habitat and

connection along the creek. A long-term goal is to re-establish a strong population of frogs along this creek. There'll be a few community plantings, workshop talks to explain the project and hints and tips about growing and living in our local environment.

Leap into our Leap year day planting

If you only go planting once every four years—this is your day! Join us this Leap Year on Saturday 29 February as we kick off our 2020 planting in line with our late wet season at our *Keeping the Tracks Open for YCA* eradication project in Russet Park. Call or text Cathy 0419 624 940 and we'll put a few more plants into the planting basket for Saturday. Can't make it to this one? Then still contact us and we'll add you to our mailing list.



Introducing The Spear Animal Reserve

Marjorie Spear, a very well known local identity, very generously left some land in trust, to be named the Spear Animal Reserve, for the study of flora and fauna for the benefit of the public of Australia. Surveys will start this year at the reserve, corner of Kennedy Highway and Black Mountain Road, after a successful Federal grant commended by Hon. Warren Entsch. There'll be community workshops on various topics and a chance to learn more specifics about rainforest, weeds and revegetation, including hands on techniques for your own block.

Plants of the month – Everlasting Daisies



Golden Everlasting Daisy (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*) can grow to 2m and is common in the Herberton area. It likes partial shade to full sun, is perennial with tiny hairy leaves and tolerates poor soil and drier areas. These daisies have been used extensively in dried flower arrangements.



Yellow Button Everlasting (*Coronidium rupicola*) Grows to 1m in and around rainforest and drier areas. It likes partial shade to full sun, is perennial, and ideal in the garden as it tolerates a wide variety of soils. Tube stock now available at the Envirocare nursery.



Speaker topic – Exploring the flora and fauna of Far East

Gary Wilson, member of Birdlife Australia North Australia, is a local resident spending a fascinating life, studying plants and animals. He will speak and show his amazing photos on the flora and fauna of the Far East with an emphasis on the endangered Spoon-bill Sandpiper.

Photo: Michelle & Peter Wong

Borrow the Box trailer

Trailers for hire. Members discount. All plugs catered for
Contact Hans on 0459 978 842 to book.

• Date Claimers •

29th February Leap Year day planting and all through March. Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 7.30am. Call Margaret on 0478 676 122. Email info@envirocare.org.au to be placed on the regular email list.

5th March Speaker meeting "Far East Flora and Fauna" 7–8pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre (see above for details).

12th March Meet the Council Candidates 7.15 (sharp)–9pm at Kuranda Recreation Centre followed by light supper.



Treatment at Green Forest

The Green Forest yellow crazy ant infestation area received its third treatment by hand using insecticide Fipronil on 13 January 2020. With the help of landholders, all of the infestation area was treated except for a horse paddock at the request of the owner. The weather on the day was dry and good for treatment. Post treatment, yellow crazy ants were still found in the area. Seeing ants after treatment is normal and was expected given the high concentration of ants that were originally detected in February 2019.

The monitoring team from YCA Eradication Program continue to keep a close eye on the site with eradication on track for Green Forest.

T-shirt Raffle

Last chance to buy a raffle ticket! There are seven draws to win reef trips with Reef Magic, SNUBA, Compass Cruises and a wine package. Total prize value is \$2000. Contact Ciara at coordinator@communitytaskforce.org.au before 10 March to get your tickets.

Blitz results second chapter

A large scale surveillance blitz to detect electric ants took place on 18 and 19 January 2020 along the streets of Kuranda. The blitz was led by the National Electric Ant Eradication Program (NEAEP) and the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce assisted and searched for yellow crazy ants as well. Sausage and a cat-food-jam mix was used to lure the ants and all samples were collected along nature strips.

To date, 80% of all ant samples collected have been identified by the NEAEP and the remaining 20% still have to be processed. So far, zero yellow crazy ants and two new infestations of electric ants were detected. This is a great indicator the weekend blitz was a success.

The results of the blitz reinforce how important it is for people in Kuranda to get their backyards checked and to check any pot plants before they are swapped or moved from your property to potentially infest someone else's backyard. Let's continue to be electric ant aware, call 13 25 23 for a free backyard check.

Ciara

TESS Seminars (James Cook University) and the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce present

INVASIVE SPECIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MANAGING THE RISK OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

4.00PM – 5.00PM followed by 30 min Q&A
WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020

James Cook University
Crowther Theatre A003-003
1/14-88 McGregor Road, Smithfield QLD 4878



Keynote speaker:
Dr Cath Moran
(Ecologist consultant/CSIRO)

How we manage for biosecurity in the Wet Tropics with a changing climate



Speaker:
A/Prof Lori Lach
(JCU)

Invasive ants and climate change—what we know and what we need to know to understand future threats



Speaker:
Mr Andrew Robinson
(Earth Guardians)

What does a bio-economy look like? Earth Guardians leading an economic market with biodiversity, citizen science, tech ethics and paid experts

Discussion Panel

Dr Cath Moran (Ecologist consultant/CSIRO)
A/Prof Lori Lach (JCU)
Mr Andrew Robinson (Earth Guardians)
Mr Gary Morton (DAF) – Electric Ants
Dr David Westcott (CSIRO) – Zoologist

4:00pm–5:00pm Seminar talks

5:00pm–5:30pm Discussion panel and Q&A

5:30pm onwards Drinks and nibbles



Join the invasive resist-ants

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