

Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's environment
"by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before"

Box trailers for hire.
Pick up and return, 19 Kullaroo Close, Kuranda. All plugs catered for.
Text or call Cathy 0419 624 940 to book.

Our latest planting at Owen Creek

Our latest planting at Owen Creek was a fun afternoon, kicking off with talks at the Envirocare shed, then 45 adults and a dozen kids planting nearly 1100 seedlings! Mayor Angela Toppin put in a few too. Every tree counts and every volunteer counts – thank you to our amazing volunteers. People came from Townsville, Edmonton, North Cairns and Koah. Planting progressed at pace.

Thank you also to our setup volunteers Harry, Cheryl, Cathy, Jack, Ed, Sanne and Lorenzo behind camera.

This project was made possible by the Queensland State Government through the Community Sustainability Action grant funding for Threatened Species. The event was organised by Kuranda Envirocare volunteers.



Far left: Young environmentalists enjoying nature based activities with Mermaid Amy while parents plant

Left: Mum and daughter fun time planting

Above left: Lorenzo Bertola (presented a great talk on Kuranda Tree frog genetics)

Above: Lyn applying mulching carefully after planting

Above right: Rachael enjoying her afternoon

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Saturday 20–27 May – Monthly frog monitoring fun starts at new time 6.45pm. Check Facebook or text Cathy 0419 624 940 to join the group texts and emails.

Nursery volunteering – Mondays and Thursdays 9am till noon and Saturdays 10am till noon.

We are the invasive resist-ants



Wet Tropics Management Authority staff putting down a lure of jam and cat food to attract ants at Russett Park. Photo: Alishamay

Kuranda Infestations update

The recent survey at Russett Park in March, discovered a small patch of yellow crazy ants in the centre of the infestation area. Two years ago, yellow crazy ants were detected in the same location and spot treatments were applied to the site. Small, remnant populations detected during the eradication process are neither uncommon nor unexpected and these are targeted for detailed spot treatments. Yellow crazy ants were not detected at the site in 2022. This demonstrates the need for ongoing surveys.

When yellow crazy ants are in very low numbers, they become difficult to detect. The Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program uses multiple tools to improve the probability of detecting persistent populations including the use of odour detection dogs. Before declaring eradication, there must be several consecutive surveys over a period of several years.

The annual survey at Green Forest has again shown no sign of yellow crazy ants, with both lure survey and odour detection dogs only producing negative results.

Yellow crazy ants were first detected in Green Forest in 2017 and the same intensive management as Russett Park has been underway. Thanks to the splendid work of the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program, this site is also in the later stages of eradication.



The infestation at Myola has had its third broad scale hand treatment indicating early stages of eradication and that is to be expected as this infestation was more recently discovered in 2021.

The yellow crazy ants were active with the warm weather and treatment was successful with conditions dry enough to treat.

Thank you to residents in all infestation areas for your patience and understanding. The weather did change plans, so your cooperation and flexibility made it easy to reschedule survey dates. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FREE Toolbox talk

Learn about the risks and impacts invasive ants have in your community.

WHERE: In your workplace or school

WHEN: Get in touch to make a time

Kuranda Tree frog habitat (KTF) monthly survey

Volunteers wanted for our survey crew

WHERE: Queen Creek, Oak Forest Rd., Kuranda

WHEN: Saturday 29 April 2023 – 8am-12pm

Moderate level of fitness required. No experience necessary – all training provided on the day. Lunch included

Rotary FNQ Field Days

Volunteers wanted for Thursday and Friday shifts, lunch included.

WHERE: Kerribee Park, Mareeba Rodeo Grounds

WHEN: Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 May 2023

Ecofiesta

Volunteers wanted, lunch included.

WHERE: Munro Martin Parklands, Cairns

WHEN: Sunday 4 June 2023 – 10am-6pm

Join the invasive resist-ants

 Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce

 communitytaskforce.org.au

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Biosecurity Queensland officer Liz with Taskforce Volunteer Jacinta, getting ready to check the lure for invasive ants near a bamboo patch. Bamboo is an attractive nesting area for yellow crazy ants.