

What a year and what's in store

Envirocare celebrated ten years of incorporation with a party at Big Sands – back where it all started 10 years ago when the first funding for the Envirolink Corridor was received by Kuranda Landcare.

This year our volunteers have achieved our goal of planting over 5000 trees in the Envirolink corridor. We also helped plant over 2400 trees at three Green Corridor project community plantings, and ran two 3 day revegetation workshops.

Nursery stock at our temporary nursery site has grown from 5,000 to 13,000 seedlings, mostly ready for planting out by Envirocare and the Green Corridor team this wet season. Trees are also available for local residents; just give us a call to make sure we're around to help with your selection.

Envirocare has succeeded in having conditions imposed on a major development in cassowary habitat at Speewah, and led community opposition to the urbanization of Myola. We have also greatly improved our website – visit us at envirocare.org.au

Myola Plan – update

Kuranda Envirocare has been very busy with planning issues, particularly since Mareeba Shire released the new Myola Plan in September. Community opposition to the urbanisation of Myola has led us to work together with other environment groups under the Save Myola banner to oppose the proposed plan. Over 750 signatures have been collected on our petition.

John Beasley and Cathy Retter attended the Mareeba Shire Council meeting of 4th December on behalf of Kuranda Envirocare and the Save Myola working group, presenting the case for not proceeding with the Myola Plan. Since then the Council has sent a survey to Myola land owners. Concerned and confused survey recipients phoned council and Save Myola group members to voice their concerns about the two limited options being provided. A third option was devised by the Save Myola group and suggested in a survey form, hand delivered to Myola residents. Council did not make a decision at their January 15th meeting as anticipated, and are studying submissions.

Rainforest tree identification workshop

Kuranda Envirocare will be running a couple of free rainforest tree identification workshops this year, one on a weekend and one during the week. These will be small groups with plenty of hands-on exercises. Please let us know which you'd prefer when you ring Margaret on 4093 8393, so we can note your interest and arrange dates to suit.

Myola plan petition – a big thank you

Thanks to all those who helped organise forms and signatures and to all of you who signed the petition. A petition on its own will not win the day but goes a long way towards backing up the words of those lobbying to have this zoning plan reconsidered under the FNQ2025 planning process.

Seeds we'd love to get

Bring in seeds for identification (some leaves as well if you can reach them). Watch out for Candlenut, Damson Plum and Northern Silky Oak seeds. We'd love to propagate more in the nursery so bring them in or we'll come and collect them. Remember we'll always swap seeds we need now for plants whenever you're ready to plant.

Plant of the month

[Druce's article here]

Saturday Tree Planting

Come along from 8am for an hour or so to plant or maintain sites, and have an excellent morning tea and chat about things green. We're back in the Kowrova area. Watch for the Tree Planting signs on Oakforest Rd as reminders.

GREEN CORRIDOR PLANTING

Australia Day - Sat. 26 Jan - 8am

BRICMA Green Corridor project held a successful, if a little damp, planting morning at the Mantaka Pony Club area, adjacent to the railway line. Community members turned out despite the rain and planted into holes dug by international volunteers from the Better

Earth program. Over 1200 trees were planted in short order and a scrumptious morning tea finished off the satisfying effort. Volunteers took home their choice from three showy native seedlings as a memento of the planting. Well done everyone.