



Celebration of completed projects

More than \$400,000 of works have been completed across the Tablelands, thanks to funding from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

On the 9th September, Labor Senator Jan McLucas joined with Mayor Tom Gilmore and members of the community to celebrate the completion of the projects which included:

Community Facility (Block C)

at the Kuranda Community Precinct

\$50,000 – Funds used to commence refurbishment of the facility, including installation of new carpets and vinyl, installation of four kitchenettes, refurbishment of the roof above the stairwell, installation of safety switches, installation of a suitable parking facility and path from Arara Street to Block C to accommodate people with disabilities. Further works will be undertaken with funds received in the RLCIP Round 3 to complete the building for future use.

Roscommon Recreation Area, Speewah

\$100,000 – Funds were used to install lighting to tennis courts with a token system; clean and re-surface the basketball court and install bollards around the perimeter of the court to deter vandalism; construct and install an Adult Fitness Circuit which includes equipment for strength, cardiovascular and stretch exercises; and upgrade the horse dressage arena which included replacing the sand in the dressage area with river sand for resiliency, traction, and cushioning ability and installing a safety fence between the arena and playground and the Adult Fitness Circuit.

Speeding ticket

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

River walk

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'

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SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

September saw EnviroCare volunteers engaged in three events throughout the month.

Our first was hosting the Kuranda Garden Group at our Nursery. Our President Cathy Retter addressed the group, explaining our facilities and the volunteer work undertaken. She then took the group on a walk to our Community planting on Warril Creek and then the Wha-Hae and Myola areas, followed by afternoon tea. Our volunteers enjoyed the afternoon immensely. Thanks, Kuranda Garden Group!



Kuranda Garden Group learning significance of Warril Creek planting

Our second engagement was working our stall at the Carnival on Collins. A huge event unfortunately marred by a very wet day. The weather didn't put the crowds off and we were kept busy with a steady stream of the interested and curious. Our "seed basket" displaying the many fruits of the forest was a hit.

Then, last but not least, our table at the Kuranda District State College NAIDOC EXPO. It was a delight to have students come and identify our forest fruits and keenly want to share with us the knowledge they have of their environment. Heaps of literature and stickers hopefully have made their way home for Mums and Dads to enjoy as well.

It's that time of year again when we get the plant books out and decide what we can and would like to plant during the coming wet season, so we will feature various species which might help make the choice a little easier.

TREE OF THE MONTH



Our choice for tree of the month is the Weeping Brown Pine, Podocarpus grayae, one of the southern conifers. In the open, it is a beautiful conical feature tree with foliage to the ground.

The leaves are about 20 by 1cm, deep green, with periodic flushes of shiny light green new growth.

In fruit, the shiny green seeds (1.5cm by 0.7cm) are carried on an edible swollen red stem and are favoured food for pigeons and cassowaries.

It is a slow grower. Although it can reach 20m height, several grown by the writer grew to 7 – 10 metres in 25 years. The long period of retention of the foliage makes it ideal for a screen tree.

GENERAL MEETING Wed 5th October 7pm – 8:30pm
to plan next wet season plantings and grant opportunities

WHERE: Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Rd.
Followed by supper and a social chat

Box trailer for hire, Small Hay Bales for sale - ring 4093 9926
Good selection of **garden sized rainforest shrubs available**,

Reminder – Nursery now open 10:30 till 1pm Saturdays, & Mon & Thurs 9am till 1pm, *check us out, ring 4093 8989*

SATURDAY MORNING TREE WATERING

Due to continued dry conditions,
Warril Creek, off Little Road

8.00-9.30am, then morning tea. Ring Margaret 4093 8393

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