

News from the Council



No Fluoridation for Atherton

Queensland Health has advised Council that there is no longer a requirement to fluoridate the Atherton town water supply. Council is still awaiting a response regarding the fluoridation of the Malanda and Kuranda town water supplies and the shortfall in funding for this project.

Development & Building Approvals

During July, 54 building approvals were issued including 16 dwellings, with the total value being just under \$5million.

Ongoing support for Barron River Catchment

Council will be renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Barron River Catchment Management Association, recognising the ongoing support for their work. Funds will also be provided towards meeting the operational costs of the association and continuing with the Catchment Coordinating Committee meetings.

Ergon Envirofund Energy Audit Toolkits

Ten energy audit toolkits are proving very popular at Tablelands libraries. Residents are able to borrow the toolkits for two weeks and find out how to improve the energy efficiency of their household. Reservations can be made through any regional library.

Council recognised for best practice

Outstanding work in the area of future planning and consultation undertaken by Council Officers has been recognised through the nomination of excellence awards. The Tablelands Community Plan 2021 has been shortlisted for the Best Practice in Local Government Award 2012, conducted by the Institute of Public Administration. Award winners will be announced on 6 September 2012.

Financial and In-kind Support Program

Council has approved the following applications through the financial and in-kind support program for community groups:

- Senior Women Enjoying Later Life (SWELL) \$1000 cash donation for excursions and insurance
- Ravenshoe Men's Shed \$1806 cash donation to purchase equipment to meet Workplace Health & Safety standards
- Mareeba Basketball Association \$1000 cash donation for a 'come and try' event
- St Mark's Anglican Church Yungaburra \$580 in-kind assistance for chairs and tables for the centenary event on 7 October 2012
- Abundant Life Centre \$541 remittance of fees for food licence to sell burgers at Centenary Park, Mareeba

Community groups can access information and download application forms for the financial and in-kind support program from the website at www.trc.qld.gov.au or contact a Customer Service Centre on 1300 362 242.



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Myrtle rust (continued)

Myrtle rust is now recognized as established in our area and unable to be eradicated. Large numbers of trees in FNQ forests belong to the Myrtaceae family. It is hoped that some species will be resistant to the rust. With sufficient feedback from the community it is hoped to be able to identify resistant and susceptible species. It may also be possible to identify populations within susceptible species which have a natural resistance to the rust.

Biosecurity Queensland, with staff numbers being reduced under the current Queensland government, is asking the community to report suspected cases by phoning 13 25 23 or at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au. This will assist in determining how far the disease has spread and importantly which species are attacked.

If you are seeking assistance with identification, **bring a photo**, not diseased plant material, to the EnviroCare nursery. Our nursery follows the practices recommended by Biosecurity Queensland to ensure the health of our seedlings. As more information becomes available we will keep you informed.



Students from JCU who joined us for a special Heyday Festival tree planting at WaeHae. They planted 300 trees along the Barron River Esplanade.

Tree of the month

The fruit of Cassowary plum, *Cerbera floribunda*, as their name suggests, are eaten by cassowary. The cassowary's short, fast digestive system and unique combination of digestive enzymes make it immune to the toxins in the fruit which are poisonous to other animals including humans. In a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship, the cassowary eats the fruit and then spreads the seeds through the forest.

A mature tree can grow to about 30 metres and produces egg shaped, large, smooth and blue fruit. It is an ideal tree for improving biodiversity and increasing available cassowary habitat.

Advanced plants of cassowary plum are now available for planting out from the EnviroCare nursery, 284 Myola Road. It is an ideal tree to plant in gaps in the forest or along the forest edge. As a reasonably fast growing tree it makes an attractive garden specimen. It can be seen as a street tree around Kuranda.



Great Northern Clean Up 15th September meet at the nursery at 8 am.
Wear gloves, hat & shoes.

Date Claimer—Thursday 7 June 7:10 till 9pm

At the Recreation Centre, Fallon Road

Screening – Bimblebox. A light supper to follow

Bimblebox: a documentary that highlights the grass-roots battles between coal mining, rural landholders and environmental protection. The film explores the huge Australian coal export industry and the ordinary Australians trying to defend their properties, towns and communities. See <http://bimbleboxdocumentary.com/> for more info. A must-see film

Box trailer for hire,
ring 4093 8393

Good selection of garden sized rainforest shrubs available. Nursery open Mon & Thurs 9 am – 1pm. Saturday 11am – 12noon.

SATURDAY morning Tree Planting 8 till 9:30am

A yummy morning tea to follow the planting. Phone Margaret - 4093 8393

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