

# Kuranda Rangers all **Set for a Great** Year on the **Field**

**Training sessions for Kuranda Rangers** started at the Recreation Centre three weeks ago, and it was so great to arrive and see so many kids, families, and fabulous coaches on the field and getting into it.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have 76 registered players this year across all ages (U5 Squirts, U6, U7, U8, U9, U<sub>10</sub>/11, U<sub>12</sub>/13 and U<sub>14</sub>/15). 26 of these players were assisted with registration and uniform costs by the Getting Starting grant from Queensland Government, a fantastic scheme that makes sure all kids are able to join in club sports.

We are still able to to take new players for a limited time – just turn up to a training afternoon to register.

Make sure you are training and playing safe: bring your boots, shin pads, water and adult supervision to Thursday training. Cheap footy gear is available at Thursday training sessions – 2nd hand boots and shin guards are still available. Please bring any gear in decent condition that you may have grown out of.

#### **EASTER FOOTY FUN!**

The highly praised FNQ FC Heat Clinics are being offered for 3-13 year olds in the Easter holidays in Cairns (7-10 April) and Mareeba (16-17 Apr).

The full day clinics are an ideal environment for young players who are keen to gain extra advanced tips, as well as those wanting to get a first taste of the 'world game'.

This year Girls Only and Squirts (3-5yo) classes are available. Cost is \$55 for squirts & \$145 pp (6-13yo) and pre-registration is essential. Register here: http:// www.fnqfc.com.au/join/easter-clinics.html

Thanks so much to all the wonderful parents and soccer lovers who have made everything happen so far – there isn't enough space to name you all here, but we all know who you are - all you Coaches, all you volunteers coordinating sign-ons and memberships, uniforms, organising teams, promoting the club, and getting the info out to the community for a brilliant 2014.

The 2014 FNQ season officially starts this Saturday March 29 at Endeavour Park Cairns.

#### **GO RANGERS!!!!**

Stay up to date with all the latest news by liking Kuranda Rangers Football Club facebook page.

Below: Lots of fun at Thursday afternoon training sessions!





Caring for Kuranda's Environment

 $\hbox{``by standing on the shoulders of those who've gone before"}$ Nursery: 284 Myola Rd, Mon & Thu 9am-1pm, Sat 10-noon, ph: 4093 8989 / 4093 8393

### Biodiversity Project's youthful booster

We plant regularly every Saturday, then 4 or 5 times a year. In the wetter months, we have larger community tree-planting events. This month we planted with youthful vigour, enjoying a laugh with 6 JCU students from the Sustainability club. The 730 trees planted out along the Barron River esplanade near Owens Creek brought our total in the last 15 months to nearly 11,000. Thank you to every one who had anything to do with this amazing effort!





Birds (and males) spotted at Owens Creek planting,

These plantings are all part of the Biodiversity project, funded by a Federal Government "Caring for our Country" grant. This enables us to connect wildlife corridors from Fairyland to Mantaka, along the Barron river, over a 5 year period and establish a long held goal: a walking track within a wildlife corridor from Kuranda to Kowrowa. By revegetating we are minimising erosion, filtering sediments from draining to the Reef , eliminating declared weeds, connecting remnants of rainforest to encourage re-colonisation by rainforest specialists birds and reduce isolation of other animal populations such as the Myola frog and Southern cassowary, making homes for rare and threatened plant and animal species, and finally, preserving our biodiversity to provide resilience in the face of the uncertain climatic conditions of the future!

#### Plant of the month

Fagraea cambadei (Porcelain fruit)

This small rain forest tree is hesitate to drop in for a chat. See from cool moist areas of North below for opening hours. Our trees East QLD. It grows at 300are all a \$2 donation

1250m, with large cream to white strongly perfumed flowers & 'lipstick' pink fruits. The fruit are about 3-4cm diameter. This rainforest plant has the potential to use as an ornamental garden plant. If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't



#### Date Claimers

Speaker meeting - Thursday 3rd April. 7-8 pm, Kuranda Rec. centre, Fallon Road

Guest speakers:- Electric Ant Eradication and Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Programs (both ants are in Kuranda)

Followed by our AGM meeting at 8:15pm Nomination forms available - phone Margaret on 4093 8393 Light supper provided - All welcome.

## Field activities – April , now later start of 8am

Meet at the nursery and bring hats, drinks, gloves, trowel if you have them. Morning tea to follow. All welcome. Ring Sylvia on 0409 647 714 for directions

#### Nursery opening

Box trailer for hire, ring Garth on 4093 9926 or Hans on 4093 8393

10 - noon Sat. ring nursery on 4093 8989 or by appointment 4093 8393

Sat. morning Plantings 7:30 am-9:30am Meet at the nursery. Email info@envirocare.org.au for reminder or call Sylvia on 0409647714

Give a gift that keeps growing, through our local Grow Project. www.envirocare.org.au info@envirocare.org.au

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