



Youth workers are representatives of transformation in a selection of settings, with young people, but also with the societal structures that are the source of the difficulties in the first case. As youth workers or community members it can be counterproductive dealing with people who are in isolation; we have to perceive them as a part of the community not separate with their own issues; as a community they are collective issues. In the words of mother Teresa "the most terrible form of poverty is loneliness".

Young people are heavily influenced by their community and need to be included. We would be missing the mark to anticipate that they can be dealt with in isolation, ignoring the complex myriad of influences all around them. Youth Links driving force is to celebrate young people in the community and bring forward the talents and aspirations.

I would like to show appreciation for the wonderful volunteers who have shown their dedication to the opening of the centre. The team of volunteers have been a pleasure to work with and their enthusiasm and passion for the program and the commUNITY has been very uplifting.

More volunteers are required, if you are passionate about creating equity and empowerment. The Volunteer Peer Education Program works with young people aged 12-24 and provides 35 hours of training. Under the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity legislation young people have the right to be treated in a reasonable and proper manner irrespective of race, sex, religion or faith, disability or sexual orientation along with all human beings, this being a core part of the training along with many other issues related to young people.

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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew.

– Lara Baker



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Caring for Kuranda's Environment

"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

Cyclone Ita Brings Record River Heights

Just when we thought the wets season was over cyclone Ita brought us some more rain. The Barron River rose 9m and had us cancel our Saturday maintenance activity. Our most recent riparian planting survived; we didn't lose a single one, even the flagging tape was still on!

Some of the older trees are on a bit of a lean and just need propping up again. Surprising there wasn't more damage with such a huge amount of water.

Below: Russett Park Bridge taking the force of the flood



Kuranda Easter Festival

We had front row seats at the Kuranda Easter Festival to see the Local Indigenous Pamagirri dances from Rainforest Station, amazing live music from Timber and Wood, magic shows, whip cracking and the iconic egg and spoon race, just to name a few of the fun activities that we witnessed on the day.

We sold native rainforest trees and showed off some live electric ants Biosecurity had left with us. Thank you to all of you who gave donations in return for educational posters, bookmarks and stickers. Thanks also goes out to Margaret and Sam for volunteering all day.

Below: Sam and Margaret did a great job volunteering at our stall



PLANT OF THE MONTH

– Stenocarpus sinuatus (Firewheel Tree)

The *Stenocarpus sinuatus* is one of Australia's most spectacular rainforest trees, handsome when not in flower and striking when in full bloom. Flowers are spectacular, bright red, whorled flowers which cover the canopy in summer.

Too large for the average home garden but a great shade or specimen tree for large gardens, parks and landscapes. Garden: Height: 6-10m, Width: 2-3m and Rainforest: Height: 10-30m.



Stenocarpus sinuatus (Firewheel tree) in flower (left) and new flush on foliage (right).

If you would like to come in and check out our great selection of native plants don't hesitate to drop in for a chat. Our trees are all a \$2 donation. If anyone would like to get involved, the nursery is open Mondays and Thursdays 9- 1.00pm and Saturdays 10.00-noon and by appointment. Saturday Morning plantings continue from 8.00 am. Meet at the nursery. Email info@envirocare.org.au for reminder or call Sylvia on 0409 647 714.

Date Claimers

General Meeting – Thursday 8th May: We will be screening a documentary about plastic and what we can do to change our ways. Come and see "Bag It", an inspiring film and a must see for young and old. All welcome. 7.00pm at the Kuranda Recreation Centre on Fallon Road, Light supper provided. All welcome.

Regular Saturday – Tree Planting activities – 8.00 am meet at the nursery on Myola Rd
Box Trailer Hire- Call Hans on 4093 8393.

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

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