

## kuranda. envirocare inc. 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

#### Consumerism

We went to Portsmith Waste Transfer Station in Cairns to see where our household waste ends up. 80% of Cairns waste is trucked to Mareeba for

land fill and the other 20% is put in the Bedminster machine at the Portsmith Transfer station, with 10% of it being human waste from the Sewage Treatment plant, which is used as an inoculant and then turns into compost.

We are very fortunate to have the infrastructure in this country that supports our consumerist behaviour. Some countries, like Papua



New Guinea, are not so lucky and their dump is the local river.

SITA now contract the Bedminster plant from the Cairns Regional



Council. They are Australia's leading specialist in resource recovery, recycling and waste management and their aim is to make it easy to put our waste to good use. They find solutions to collect, recover and recycle waste into valuable resources instead of landfill, to help protect our environment. It's actually big business! What can we do as consumers

to minimize the impact we have on our planet? Minimize consumption, grow our own food, buy in bulk, reduce, reuse and recycle.

> **PLANT OF THE MONTH** Neolitsea dealbata (White Bolly Gum) Lauraceae

Attractive small rainforest shrub or tree for a shady position grows up to 12 m high. Common understorey species found in warmer types of rainforest and in ecotone with eucalypt forest (an ecotone is a transition zone between different environments). Fruits are commonly eaten by Cassowaries and Fruit Pigeons.



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.



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> Caring for the region's native wildlife. Wildlife carers are all volunteers. Tax deductible donations appreciated. New members welcome.

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# **GRANTS SUCCESS FOR KINDY!**

The Kuranda Kindy has been successful in securing three grants to help make improvements to the Kindy. A special thanks to Laura Abdalla who has been busy writing lots of grants submissions. We would like to thank the following for helping to improve our Kindy facilities and resources:

- **Mareeba Shire Council** *Financial and In Kind Support Program* This grant will be used to make the office child-friendly, improve storage, and purchase computer software for a recently donated, 2nd hand computer.
- **Coles** *Junior Landcare Grant* This grant will be used to give the vegetable patch a makeover.
- **NAIDOC Grant** This grant is being used to purchase indigenous resources to assist the children in appreciating cultural awareness in the community.

# Kindy Enrolments for 2015

The Kuranda Kindy is now accepting enrolments for the 2015 school year. If your child is turning 4 before 30 June 2015, they are eligible to attend Kindy. There are also a few spaces left for 4 year olds for the remainder of 2014 school year.

The Kuranda Kindy is a small not-for-profit, independent, community-run organisation, with pre-Prep kindergarten programs based on C&K's highly regarded 'Building Waterfalls' education curriculum. Please contact the Director, Rachel McConnell, on 4093 8087 or come to the **Kindy Open Day on 30 August**.



### **Date Claimers**

- **GENERAL MEETING:** September 4, Terrain NRM to discuss Wet Tropics Regional Plan. Kuranda Recreation Centre, Fallon Road at 7:00pm
- Community Tree Planting 30 August

#### BOX TRAILER HIRE: Contact Garth 4093 9926

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