

# **FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.**

(Established 1994)



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





Next to The Professionals in the Kuranda Settlement Building Locally owned and operated by Fay Allen BCom CPA

## PROFESSIONAL TAX RETURNS

Hours: 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday

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Nursery: 284 Myola Rd, Mon & Thu 9am-1pm, Sat 10-noon, ph: 4093 8989 / 4093 8393

## Tramp Ants on the March – YCAs & EAs

The original infestation of Yellow Crazy Ants (YCA) at Bentley Park in Cairns has spread and Biosecurity is struggling to contain it. More funding is being sought but

the support of the community is vital if eradication is to be achieved.

Our infestation within the Russett Park area has spread to more properties and YCAs have been seen at the edge of the Barron River. There's a chance this dry season to get on the path to

eliminating this infestation but it will require not only the Biosecurity eradication project personnel but cooperation and effort from the wider community. We'll have more on how you can help in the next Kuranda

Biosecurity are currently setting food lures for Electric Ants (EA), following the trail of infestation across Kuranda. If you've been stung badly in your garden or yard by something that's so small as to be almost invisible, please ring for a free yard check on 13 25 23.

These ants threaten our pets, small wildlife and agriculture, not to mention our enjoyment of our gardens and yards. The whole community has a role to play in eliminating these pests and we think Kuranda people have the right attitude to achieve this.

Above: Yellow Crazy Ant. Note the distinctive bent antennae.

## Plant of the Month

Ficus benjamina, commonly weeping fig or Benjamin's fig, is a large tree in the Moraceae family, native to FNQ. Reaching 30 metres, with gracefully drooping branches and glossy leaves, it's small fruit attract many birds, such as the Superb fruit dove, Wompoo fruit dove, Pinkspotted fruit dove, Ornate fruit dove, Orange-bellied fruit dove, Torresian imperial pigeon and Purple-tailed

imperial pigeon. Around our area, weeping makes a very stately shade tree and bank stabilizer for creeks and rivers. A well pruned seedling can

be used as an indoor plant and is one of the best Bonzai species.





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. See above for opening hours. Our trees are all a \$2 donation.

#### **Another Wet Tropics Nature Refuge established**

Congratulations to a local Envirocare member living near Speewah, who has managed to have her vital, linking, block of land established as a Nature Refuge, giving protection to the vegetation one level down from a National park and requiring an Act of Parliament to setup and reverse.

These refuges are very difficult to get established in the Wet Tropics now and this achievement has been over 10 years in the making. So: congratulations once again. What a lasting contribution to our local environment and our planet as a whole. We are humbled by your persistence and dedication.

### **Date Claimers**

General meeting: Thursday 7 May 7,00pm, Rec. Centre, Fallon Road, followed by supper. Guest speaker Ryan Turner (Great Barrier Reef Catchment Loads Monitoring Program) will share results of Barron Rivers water quality tests for nutrient and sediment, taken at Myola over the last 12 months, as part of the Reef

Frog Monitoring dates in the 3rd week of every month. Link to the facebook page from our website.

**Saturday Morning Plantings** 7.30am-9.30am. Meet at the nursery. Email info@envirocare.org.au for reminder or call Sylvia on 0409 647 714.

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