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Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd

We are a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates, orphaned, injured or displaced tree kangaroos.

Unfortunately an increasing number of Lumholtz tree kangaroos are being killed by dogs and hit by cars each year.

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Helping find homes for injured tree kangaroos



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Ravenshoe Recovery

The second meeting of the Ravenshoe Café Explosion Recovery committee, held on Wednesday 24 June in the Ravenshoe Town Hall, established an independent Appeal Distribution Committee responsible for the governance and allocation of funds raised through the official fundraising platform – the GIVIT Ravenshoe Appeal.

Recovery Committee Chair, TRC Councillor Shaaron Linwood said the Appeals Distribution Committee will ensure the Ravenshoe Appeal funds will be distributed in a fair and transparent manner. The funds will be used to meet the immediate needs of those directly impacted by the café explosion but the majority of funds will be spent on the recovery process for those severely injured once they are discharged from hospital for their ongoing support and rehabilitation.

"It is imperative that the long-term needs of those significantly affected are taken into consideration when allocating funds as their recovery may take months, and in some cases, years," said Cr Linwood.

So far over \$250,000 has been raised through the GIVIT Ravenshoe Appeal with \$15,000 of financial and material support already being received by those directly impacted and their carers.

"Donations are getting to the intended recipients and those in hospital are receiving high quality care," reassured Cr Linwood.

Queensland Health and other government agencies are meeting the immediate needs of the injured and their families.

GIVIT is working directly with the Ravenshoe Community Centre and social workers at both Cairns and Royal Brisbane Hospitals to ensure the patients and their carers' immediate needs, beyond what government agencies can provide under normal policies and procedures, are met.

Families have been provided with pre-paid Master cards to meet their immediate out of pocket expenses as well as personal care packages, fuel and food vouchers.

"100% of the funds raised will be used to support the injured. GIVIT has also been distributing the generous donations provided by the general public and corporates.

"Corporate donations have included lights and iPads with pre-paid SIM cards to facilitate communication between family members away from home," confirmed Sarah Tennant, GIVIT General Manager Disaster Recovery.

The Appeals Distribution committee will meet monthly. It is chaired by Lyndal Scobell from the Australian Red Cross, with members including TRC CEO Ian Church, Department of Communities Executive Regional Director Michael Linnan, Accountant Kath Scully, GIVIT Chairman Greg Goebel and Director of Nursing Herberton Hospital Deanne Hellsten.

Cash donations for the GIVIT Ravenshoe Appeal can be made online at www.givit.org.au or at any Queensland branch of the Bendigo Bank. If you want to see what is urgently required and donate material items please visit www.givit.org.au.

Committee meeting minutes, once endorsed, are available on the Tablelands Regional Council website at www.trc.qld.gov.au.



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Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce Kuranda

First Activity Report

In June 20 volunteers turned up for what is to be an annual delimitation activity. They set out with cat food and jam ant-lures and walked in pairs 50 meters out from the YCA infestation boundary (previously determined by Wet Tropics Management Authority), placing the lures every 5 meters. After repeating this process for 40 minutes they returned to the beginning, checked the lures and collected the data.

Positives and negatives were recorded on GPS units and later uploaded to maps, showing a distinct line across the landscape identifying the boundary of the YCA infestation. Areas that were not reached were followed up and completed by WTMA and their Green Army field team.

The monitoring activity involves setting up pitfall traps to collect ants and so determine YCA density

along a 50m transect. The cups are then collected a week later and a count of YCA in each pitfall trap over time determines the effectiveness of treatments. This monitoring activity will be repeated after the June baiting treatment.

Results from the weekend showed that the YCA infestation has not extended much further than the

original 27 hectare infestation area, which means the containment work that WTMA has been doing for 18 months has been successful. However, some impacted areas in Russet Park have no other native ants, lizards, frogs or invertebrates left at all and the YCA are still extremely abundant within the total area, especially along the banks of the Barron River. This is scary. The concern is that YCA could raft off during the next wet season and, if a queen is amongst them, start new colonies downstream.

WTMA Eradication Program will fund baiting treatments until late 2016 but is unlikely to achieve eradication. The Eradication Program has a limited number of operations staff, making residential area baiting treatments time consuming, taking up to four weeks to treat Russet Park. For



effective eradication it is essential to conduct the baiting treatments in a shorter space of time which is why a community taskforce is needed in Kuranda, to assist with treatments, delimitation and

monitoring.

More people are needed on the ground, resulting in a much more effective impact on YCA life cycles and therefore populations, especially along the banks of the Barron and creek-lines.

You can help too! Please self-register to the Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce Kuranda at:

www.envirocare.org.au

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Pleiogynium timorense – Burdekin Plum

This semi-deciduous tree can naturally reach up to 20m but in cultivation generally grows to approximately 12m. It has a dense canopy with glossy dark green leaves, rough dark bark and yellowish-green flowers between January and March. Its edible fruit have usually plum coloured flesh, however, white varieties have been reported.



Fruit must be removed from the tree to ripen for several days in a dark, damp place. Aboriginals are known to have buried the fruit underground to ripen. Fruit can be cooked, eaten raw or used in jellies, jams and preserves.

The species occurs in Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Queensland, the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Solomons and Tonga.

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.

Date Claimers

- **Thursday 2 July 7.00pm.** General meeting. Guest speakers from Electric and YCA programs. Kuranda Recreation Centre. All welcome.
- **3rd Thursday in July.** Frog Monitoring starting July 20.
- **Regular Saturday activity** Tree planting and maintenance, ring Sylvia on 0409 647 714 or check Events at our website www.envirocare.org.au

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