

### ***Weed Alert along the river***

The vine we love to hate, Turbina, is flowering at present. It has heart shaped leaves and produces masses of white flowers at this time of year. There's a massive one flowering in the tree tops on Little Rd river ford, off Myola Road and just after Warril Creek. The stem has a characteristic "ropey" look. It infests the banks of the Barron and is now escaping deeper into the rainforest. If you see anything resembling Turbina in the Kuranda area (apart from along the Barron), please contact Druce Horton – ph: 4093 8208. It's readily killed by simply cutting its stems.

Hymenachne control week (a class 1 declared weed) in June this year and some of you may have seen spraying on the river banks by people in canoes. This is part of the control action for this weed which 3 years ago was spread over all the sand banks downstream from Mareeba and is capable of growing in up to 2 metres of water. Without the persistent effort over recent years by the Mareeba weed control officer, Sid Clayton, BRICMA landcare coordinator Jane Page and their various helpers, this weed would have choked the waterway as it was growing on all sand banks. Now it's almost vanished from the river, from Mareeba to Koah. It still persists from Koah to Kuranda weir as fewer treatments have been done. If you see any strange looking grass with leaves clasping right around the stem but not hairy like guinea grass, please let Sid Clayton know on 40 924311 or email [sid@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:sid@msc.qld.gov.au) or Cathy on 40 93 9926

### ***DVD on "Tropical Revegetation"***

We've been having fun over the last two months making a DVD on Tropical Revegetation! This is to help volunteers who plant in this tropical region understand the background to "why and how" we are regenerating rainforest (bit different to most areas of Australia). Starring several of our members with more than 55 combined years experience in rainforest revegetation, it provides some practical information on rainforest ecology, seed treatments, potting up, nursery care, planting out and safety inductions. The DVD will be available shortly (hopefully free) and

should make a handy resource on introducing the Wet Tropics and what's involved in rainforest plantings. To obtain a copy contact Cathy on 40 93 9926.

### ***Have your say –***

#### ***FNQ2025 – our statutory regional plan***

The draft regional plan is still open for public submission till 8 August. Submissions must be faxed or mailed by this date. This is your chance to have a say before the plan amendments are assessed, modification and then law. All council planning schemes must then conform to the limitations contained within the plan. Although the plan excludes Myola urbanisation for now, there are a few items of concern regarding treatment of our environment over the next 20 years. For a list of notes and issues to help with your submission and a submission form, please contact Margaret on 40 93 83 93 or email [secretary@envirocare.org.au](mailto:secretary@envirocare.org.au)

### ***Tree Planting at the Kuranda State school Friday 25 July***

Well students enjoyed a fine day, planted a tree each and tucked into a sausage sizzle. Thanks to Cassie and her CVA crew, Work for the Dole crew, Penny Scott our BRICMA Green Corridor Project Manager, Kerry Hardy of Kuranda College and the groundsmen and a very special thanks to the teachers and students who made it possible. A really nice day and another 750 rainforest trees in the ground.

### ***Envirocare plantings behind Kowrowa oval - Sat. at 8am***

Still at the fig tree bend area, upstream of Big Sands, behind the Kowrowa oval, while the cool weather and showers hold. Watch for the signs to park at the Kowrowa oval/ Big Sands turnoff or ring Cathy to arrange a lift or directions - 40 939926.

### ***Date savers***

***Envirocare mtg Wed. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30*** Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road

***Barron Water Quality mtg, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm***, Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road  
(see advert. this page)