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WHAT'S HAPPENED

Greencorp team say "thanks"

Greencorp team members would like to say thank you to members of the community and Envirocare volunteers who planted 1000 trees for Tropical tree planting day on 13 Dec. A great effort by everyone and they were all planted in less than an hour. Team members watered the plants in on the day and on several more occasions till we received those wonderful first storms between Xmas and New Year. Now planting season is on in earnest. For those of you who arrived around 8am on 13 Dec and found that the trees were almost all planted, you have several more opportunities to join in with the team and have a big effect in a short time. See Whats Coming Up heading for details.



Tree planters at the school oval below the running track. In the background, a Greencorp planting prepared 12 years earlier.

Nursery extension

The Envirocare nursery at 19 Kullaroo Close now has a new shade area extension so all plants can be located there. A big thank you to the Envirocare volunteers, the Greencorp team and the Mission Australia participants who have all had a hand in completing this and to Mission Australia for their funding. It's working well, the trees are in great health and many plants are now ready for hardening off in preparation for planting. We have plenty of plants suitable for residents blocks and gardens so come and check us out.



Fruiting this Month
River cherry (*Syzygium tierneyanum*)

Found naturally by rivers and water courses, this tree is fruiting now. The fruit is about 2cm long, pear shaped with a typical syzygium indented cross on the bottom. Red fruit are more common but some trees bear white fruit. Its fast growing, frost hardy (not necessary here) and an essential species for rehabilitation of river bank erosion in the Wet Tropics. It can be used in garden plantings where it probably grows 10-12m and has a coppery red flush of new growth contrasting with dark green mature leaves. It has masses of creamy white flowers in spring which attract the butterflies and honeyeaters. So if you find fruit, bring them to the nursery and we'll exchange them for other plants for your garden.

WHAT'S COMING UP



Greencorp community planting day
Sunday 22 February 7am.

Next Community plantings is planned for Sunday 22 Feb behind the Kowrowa community and will be a bush tucker orchard planting on a flat area above the river with easy access.

Bring your hat, water bottle and gloves, and a trowel if possible. We'll start at 7am, no holes to dig, they'll be done already. Just tap the seedling from its pot, place in the hole, backfill with soil, firm in and move to the next one. The Greencorp team will do the watering in.

We hope to have another 1000 trees planted in plenty of time for a scrumptious morning tea at 8:30am. Access via Kowrowa shop roadway. Watch for signs on Myola/ Oakforest Road.

Frogs in focus

The recent visit from Dr. Conrad Hoskins has stirred a good deal of interest in rainforest frogs. His most recent book includes the Myola frog and if you'd like a copy see the Kuranda info centre. Conrad is continuing his research work in this area and will be back in town shortly. We'd like to hear from anyone with an interest in being a part of a study of the numbers of rainforest frogs in our local area. Please contact Cathy on 4093 9926.

Envirocare General meeting
4 February 7pm

Sports and Social club , Fallon Road
Review the plans for the year and the exciting
partnerships we're developing

All welcome, light supper provided.