

Reminder - Plant id workshop – Sat. 28 June
free

Reminder that the course is on this Saturday from 9am to 3pm at the **Sports and Social Club**, Fallon Road. As we now have a larger venue we can host a few more people so ring Margaret on 40 938393 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au to book a spot.

Nursery activities

It's been a busy time at the nursery this last 6 months with pot washing, potting up, seed treatments, wire basket making, spreading crusher dust, fertilizing, weeding and even a spot of planting out and watering. As with other community groups, we've been hosting our share of people from Centrelink on Work for the Dole programs. Some have even been included into the DVD we've been shooting in the nursery and field as part of our volunteer education program in tropical revegetation. Greencorp teams and Better Earth volunteers have helped with potting up and planting out so the place has been a buzz. Community and Centrelink volunteers share a few good stories and laughs and of course a yummy morning tea. Come join the fun for a couple of hours any Monday or Thursday at our temporary nursery at 19 Kullaroo Close.

Seeds for seedlings

We're watching expectantly for the next rush of seeding. If you have trees seeding on your property, we'd be happy to identify them for you, bring in a cluster of leaves with the seeds for identification or we can come to your place to collect. We'd be happy to provide you with seedlings in exchange. Don't have any seeds but would like to plant some seedlings, come volunteering for a few hours and we'll provide you with some.

Watering tips

Young native seedlings, especially in community plantings, are prone to die if a "plant and forget" policy is applied during these much drier months. This method is really only effective during the "wet". A useful rule of thumb we've established by observation of our public area plantings around Kuranda / Koah is to water each seedling in with at least 5 litres, preferably 10 litres at planting time, followed each week for the next 3 weeks by 5 litres for each tree, then check each month and provide another 5 litres if it continues to be relatively dry (< 20mm / mth). You may need to continue till the first soaking storms of the new season "wet".

Introduction to Rainforest Revegetation workshop – free

30 June, 2 and 3rd July (Mon, Wed and Thu)

Our Rainforest revegetation workshop has been postponed to the new dates above due to illness of our tutor Druce Horton. The workshop covers rainforest ecology, plant botany and id, seed collection, nursery practices and revegetation practices. To book a place or for a detailed workshop outline, please call Margaret on 40 938393 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au

Wildlife Corridor protection & FNQ2025

The draft FNQ2025 plan, which is open for community submission until 8th August, has 3 specified corridors but none are nominated in this area. This means that under the draft plan there is no special protection afforded for the private property within the wildlife corridors which Envirocare has worked on planting trees for the past 10 years, other than the general planning regulations regarding rural residential and rural land.

Rainforest Rescue, an Australian based not for profit organisation, spoke to our last meeting about the wildlife corridor they're creating in the Daintree lowlands and how they've gone about protecting this. Members were interested in the various options landowners have to provide more protection for the rainforest on their blocks. We're currently looking into private covenants and if there's anybody, in or outside the Envirolink corridor, who is interested in this concept, we'd like to hear from you and share what we've found out. Contact Cathy on 40939926 or president@envirocare.org.au

Tree Planting at the Kuranda State school
Friday 25 July

An exciting new area is being worked on to link the BRICMA Green Corridor Myola plantings with the Fairyland corridor forest at the school. Preparation work has started on the council reserve, between the railway line and the Kuranda State school and this project will involve school students, the BRICMA Green Corridor project team, a proposed Envirocare Greencorp team and community tree planting volunteers. We'll even have a place ready for planting on **National Schools Tree Planting day on Friday 25 July**. Come along and support the school kids in their green endeavours.

Envirocare plantings behind Kowrowa oval - Sat. at 8am

We're now working on the fig tree bend area, upstream of Big Sands, behind the Kowrowa oval. Watch for the signs to park at the Kowrowa oval/ Big Sands turnoff or ring Cathy to arrange a lift or directions - 40 939926.