

Myola frog researcher in town

Conrad Hoskins, the frog researcher who discovered the newly listed Myola frog, *Litoria myola* is in town for a few weeks and will give talks on his research and the effects on frogs locally and worldwide. Watch the noticeboards for date and venue or leave your contact details on 40 939926 or email secretary@envirocare.org.au so we can let you know.

Frogs face a dicey future

This small article was printed in the Australian newspaper and seems very pertinent as the Myola frog researcher is in town at present. It has been paraphrased below.

ARMAGEDDON is approaching for frogs throughout the world, warns internationally renowned primatologist Jane Goodall.

Jane Goodall, the 74-year-old renowned primatologist and conservationist has been visiting Australia to discuss the potential mass extinction of frogs and how an international breeding program, dubbed the Amphibian Ark, might be the only hope for hundreds of species.

Frogs are "the canary in the coalmine", Dr Goodall told The Australian yesterday.

"When you see frogs disappear at this rate, then you realise there's something very wrong with the ecosystem where they live. It's armageddon for frogs "

Of about 6000 amphibian species worldwide, it is estimated close to 2000 are now threatened with extinction.

She said frogs were particularly vulnerable to shrinking water supplies caused by climate change and poor agricultural practices, as well as pollution run-off. There is also a disease spreading throughout the world affecting frog populations

The Amphibian Ark project is being established as an insurance policy against mass extinction in several countries.

Kuranda Riverlinks Greencorp team



Back row, left: Ella Wyatt, Kristy Walmsley, La La Bosen, Isaac Justiiz and Louise Riley, Reg Newbury, Raymond Cory.

Kneeling from left: Team leader Nick Maguire, Marlene Morseu, Greg Baird. Absent: Daniel Hughes

You'll start seeing a team of young people around the Myola area and Kuranda area in khaki work gear, maybe in a "troop" with Conservation Volunteers marking. Give them a friendly wave as they're our local Greencorp team. On 6th October these young people, mostly from Kuranda, commenced an exciting six-month experience with Green Corps. During this time they'll be working on practical projects including:

- The development of a recreation area with a bush tucker "orchard" in conjunction and consultation with the local aboriginal community of Kowrowa.
- Mapping and eradication control on infestation of declared weeds across the Tableland shire
- Baseline water quality monitoring for the mouth of Warril creek which is a site of several endangered frog species including the Myola frog and the rare Myola palm species.
- Extending the current BRICMA Green Corridor Myola plantings to meet up with the Fairyland corridor, including the riparian section adjoining the Kuranda State School.
- Cleanup the walking trail along the riverside of the Barron and assist with picnic area construction and interpretive signage.
- Develop a brochure of indigenous bush tucker species, major bird attracting species (especially cassowary food plants) suitable for the local area.

On successful completion of their training they receive Certificates in Conservation and Land Management, First Aid, OH&S and Personal Development.

Plants, Mulching hay and trailers

Garden sized rainforest trees and tough ones for revegetation plots are growing on a treat with this warm weather and wonderful rain. They're available to community members for a small donation so long as you promise to return the pots! We still have a few small bales of mulching

hay available for sale and a couple of trailers for hire. We're usually at home but to make sure what's available, its worth ringing 40 93 9926 to check.

***Envirocare watering at Kowrowa - Sat.
at 8am***

We've moved into dry season mode with small plantings at Fig Tree Bend and waterings of previous

plantings. Ring Paul 0429 859 144 or Cathy 40 939926 for directions .

***Envirocare General meeting
Nov 5th 7-9pm***

at the Sports and Social clubrooms , Fallon Rd.
All welcome, light supper provided