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***Myola Urban plan excluded  
in draft FNQ2025 regional plan***

Good news for all those who didn't wish to see a 10,000 person satellite suburb of Cairns located in the Myola valley!

The draft FNQ2025 excludes Myola as an urban node for the next 20 years and the new 4 lane Kuranda Range Road is also excluded due to lack of government funding. Many thanks to all those who have supported the work to ensure this outcome. We will still need to work on keeping Myola urbanisation excluded from the final plan.

See "Friends of the Earth" article for more details.

***Plant id workshop – Sat. 28 June*** free

Nine community members enjoyed the plant id course run by Druce Horton in May. As one participant said – "I never knew there was so much to learn about leaves".

Here's a little excerpt: "Taxonomists organise plants into families on the basis of their descent from a common ancestor. As with human families, there is usually a resemblance between family members (but not always). Though there are a bewildering number of plant species in the wet tropics, nine plant families account for more than 50 % of the trees so, as an aid to identification, it is worth trying to familiarise yourself with some of the characteristics of these common families. The avocado (*Persea americana*) and that marvellous cabinet timber species Black Walnut (*Endiandra palmerstonii*) are members of the Lauraceae family. The rainforest laurels often have oily fruit with a texture similar to the avocado fruit and these fruit are favourites of the fruit eating pigeons".

Ring Margaret on 40 938393 or email [secretary@envirocare.org.au](mailto:secretary@envirocare.org.au) to book a spot. Class is

restricted to 10, so with 5 already booked, let us know as early as you can.

***Introduction to Rainforest Revegetation  
workshop – 18-20 June (Wed-Fri)*** free

We're re running our Rainforest revegetation workshop, which was so well received last year., again Druce Horton has agreed to be the tutor. Druce provides our plant of the month segment in the paper and in this course provides fascinating insights into the whys and wherefores of rainforest revegetation. 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](mailto:secretary@envirocare.org.au)

***Speaker meeting – 4 June 7-7:45 pm  
Rainforest Rescue CEO Kelvin Davies***

Rainforest Rescue is an Australian based not for profit organisation whose focus is protecting rainforest. In Australia they have created the *Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever Project*

This project has successfully purchased and protected forever 10 properties, creating a lowland rainforest corridor. Come along and learn more about this fascinating concept. Kelvin will speak about the work of the organisation, illustrated with photos and video footage.

All are welcome, light supper provided

***Sports and Social Club, Fallon Road***  
followed by

***General meeting 4 June 7:45 - 9 pm***

***Envirocare plantings - Sat. - 8am***

We're continuing to plant and also water! We're now working on the fig tree bend area upstream of Big Sands and behind the Kowrowa oval. Watch for the signs at the Kowrowa oval/ Big Sands turnoff or ring 40 939926 for directions.