

## BUMBORAS RESERVE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING



What an epic start to our planting season! We kicked off our community tree plantings on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Bumboras Reserve. It was a perfect day and we focused on a particular area up on the hill that was cleared of woody weeds last year. The main culprits were African Olive and Hawaiian Holly, creating a dense thicket of windblown scrub and making it difficult for any natives to push

through. Upon the removal of those weeds, and with a bit of time, we noticed plenty of natural regeneration of Pines, Flax, and Beech. We assisted in this rehab by adding some Coastal Coprosma, White Flowering Pig Face, and White Oak and some additional Flax in the areas that were severely windblown and eroded.

This year we had stakes and mulch ready, so everyone got stuck in carting and hammering once all 140 plants had been put safely in the ground. We're also trialling some little silt catcher/windbreaks on some of our sites. These L-shaped barriers are secured below the plant in an attempt to catch any soil and debris that wash down in the rain, as well as to protect them from the harsh Easterly winds. They look quite neat, fingers crossed they function how we hope they do!



It was great to see a whole variety of people there, including the kids doing equal parts planting to riding around in the wheelbarrows! With about 30 volunteers in total, it made for very quick work, and we all enjoyed a cuppa and some morning tea to finish off whilst overlooking Bumby and the surf.

A big thank you to Matt Reeves and his team for the preparation of the site last year, to Dave Biggs for the mulch, to Mark Scott and National Parks for the lovely trees, to Jolene

Oliver for capturing everyone in action, and of course to our volunteers that have kicked off this season with enthusiasm!

Our next planting will be at the Anson Bay BBQ area on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, I hope to see you there.

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