

## Ball Bay Community Tree Planting



Our 5th and final community tree planting was held last Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Ball Bay Reserve. This was our second planting in that area and it was so nice to see everybody come back to admire their hard work from last year, as well as contribute some more to the future biodiversity of Ball Bay. It was touch and go as to

whether we'd be able to go ahead with the planting as the weather has been so temperamental. But, after a quick shower Sunday morning, the sun shone and shone and shone for us! And then very obligingly provided a good downpour later in the afternoon to get our plants settled nicely into their new forever homes.

About 20 volunteers came together to plant 250 trees of various species, both native and endemic to Norfolk Island. There were a few species from last year that had absolutely taken off! Already we have both male and female Broad-Leafed Meryta flowers, which means we should have some natural regeneration happening in no time. The Phillip Island Hibiscus are already flowering and there are *Pittosporum* (Native Oleander) and *Achyranthes* (Chaff Tree) towering over our heads. Another 12 months' time and we'll be sitting in the shade of these beautiful trees.

An additional bonus to our community planting days was the visit paid to us by a group of kids from Hills Adventist College in Sydney. They joined us at 100 Acres to assist with our weekly Coral Berry crusade, as well as to plant some trees in the reserve. The kids have been helping various people and groups within the community as well as getting exposure to different cultural practices and ways of life on Norfolk Island. We planted a range of very special species including Norfolk Island Euphorbia, Karijank, Broad-Leafed Meryta and

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Sharkwood. Thanks to Lance Weslake for reaching out to us and to the kids for their hard work.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Council plantings throughout the year, your help has been invaluable, and I hope that you get as much joy out of seeing those little trees grow and thrive as I do. Thank you to David Biggs and his team for their work in Ball Bay, as well as to Jerry Cook for keeping the site looking so beautiful. Thank you to Tosca who very generously donated the bread for our sausage sizzle. And thank you to Mark Scott and the NINP team for our healthy native plants!



I look forward to seeing yorlyi next year at our future plantings, but in the meantime feel free to drop by 100 Acres to do some weeding (and some occasional planting!). We meet every Wednesday between 9am and 12.30pm. It's a beautiful midweek activity, and morning tea is pretty nice too!

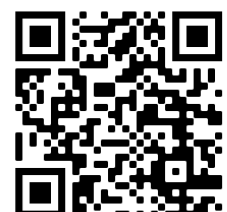
Norfolk Island Regional Council, the Flora & Fauna Society, and Norfolk Island National Parks will be collaborating at the A&H Show on Monday to showcase what our current projects are and provide information and answer questions. Feel free to pop in for a look and throw any questions our way.  
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