

MEDIA RELEASE

Bumboras Community Tree Planting

Our second community tree planting took place on Sunday, 20th August. Despite the torrential rain all through Saetdii night, Sunday morning was filled with sunshine. A small but committed crew of volunteers rallied together to revegetate the hillside at the top of Bumboras Reserve beside the driveway. This area was recently cleared of African Olive and Hawaiian Holly. There was a nice amount of natural regeneration taking place in the form of young Pines, Flax, and White Oak, but we assisted in speeding up the process by adding 120 more Flax, Pine, Oak, and Abutilon as well. We even found some *Senecio sp.* a rare, endangered endemic Yellow Daisy! We only found 3 specimens in the planting site but it was a beautiful reminder that the hard work pays off in more way than one.



This area is an important area to protect. Its steepness, combined with the exposure to intense and constant winds, heightens its erosion risk. Our plantings in this area from last year have taken off, with the Flax flowering and the Coastal Coprosma producing its first seed. The Pig Face will gradually spread and aid in stabilising the bank and providing a habitat for the next generation of seeds to germinate and take hold. This area is important for our migratory seabirds. Terns and Noddies nest in the pines, Tropic Birds on the banks, and Goesbad (Ghost Birds), and petrels in burrows in the cliffs. By stabilising the banks and creating shelter, we can extend the habitat for our precious seabirds. And they, in turn, will provide nutrients for better tree growth. It's a beautiful cycle. We may even see some Gaanet there one day.

As usual, thanks to our awesome volunteers for always showing up for Norfolk's environment, rain, hail, or shine!

Our next community tree planting will take place at Cockpit on Sunday 10th September.

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