

Ball Bay Community Tree Planting

Perhaps my favourite community planting so far, was the recent tree planting at Ball Bay! Our 3rd visit back to Ball Bay on Sunday 8th saw us continuing with revegetation work down the valley. The weather was mild, but the energy was high! We had a few new recruits join us, Yr 10 students that are clocking up their out of school volunteer hours who decided they'd like to give back in the form of environmental work. They roped some friends in as well! We also had some families returning for their annual Ball Bay planting. Sometimes people feel



called to nurture a particular valley or hillside, a sense of responsibility and pride over the wellbeing of that certain place. For some people, this valley in Ball Bay is that special place.

Interspersed between our new recruits, our annual volunteers and our trusted weekly custodians, we had kids darting around offering up water crystals, tree stakes and hammers! It was a beautiful morning filled with laughter, trees, and the whip of a Golden Whistler.

After 130 trees were planted, staked, fertilised and watered, we set off for a walk back through time. Walking up the valley took us through the last 2 years worth of plantings, and man have they taken



off! Already we have the second generation of Kurrajong, Chaff Tree and Birdcatchers growing underneath their parents, as well as Broad-Leafed Meryta's and Cordyline's in full flower. And never mind waiting 10 years to sit under their shade, some of the trees we lovingly planted just 2 years ago are already towering meters above our heads! Ball Bay is a prime example of what high quality revegetation work can look

like. Afterwards we all had a cuppa and some morning tea as we willed the skies to open up and water our trees into their new home.

A massive thanks to all the volunteers that joined in and made this one of the most memorable plantings so far! Our next one will be held this Sunday 15th October at Two Chimneys Reserve. Thaanks f mii

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