

Point Ross Community Tree Planting

And that's a wrap! Our 7th and final community tree planting for 2023 took place last Sunday 22nd October at Point Ross Reserve (Crystal Pool). This planting was an extra special one for a few reasons. First of all, it was the first time in many years that we've carried out any revegetation work in the reserve, especially in a community capacity. The majority of our community tree plantings have been 2nd and 3rd plantings over consecutive years in the same reserves. It was so lovely to spend some time in a new environment, breathing life into new soil and envisioning what it might look like in a few years time. Perhaps one day we'll encourage Gaanet, Wielberd en' Boesanberd f kam baek. (Masked Booby's, Sooty Terns and Tropic Birds).

Secondly, the M'uu we planted were the first of our NIRC nursery plants to fly the nest! Over the last few months we've partnered with the Norfolk Island National Park to utilise a section of their nursery infrastructure and begin propagating our own native plants. This initiative has seen Leah McLeod leading the Flora Force volunteer program every Friday fortnight to collect, sow, prick out and tend a range of native species. After a few short months we were delighted to see the first of them mature enough to be planted out in the big wide world. Next year we hope to have a whole range of plants to come out of the Flora Force program.



And thirdly, this was the first planting in which we utilised the quality compost being produced at The Norfolk Wave Recycling Centre! NIRC's hot-rot composting systems are doing a wonderful job of converting the islands food, green and butchers waste into nutrient rich compost that gives the plants the boost they need. The inclusion of compost feeds into a more sustainable circular approach to tree planting and we're stoked to be using locally made product.

Thankyou to everyone that has contributed to the revegetation works of 2023! Whether you were clearing weeds to prep for plantings, growing natives to populate the sites, volunteering on planting days or maintaining sites afterwards, your passion, care and time is so appreciated.

Now we pray for rain in the summer months!

See yorlyi next year for another season of revegetation and plant lovin!

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