



Report on grant received by ReForest Now from **The Mana Movement**

5,000.00 AUD Received 13th October 2020.



To the Mana Movement,

We thank you for coming back with a second round of \$5,000.00 in funding for our projects.

It is hard work starting a genuine not for profit planting trees at \$5.00 per tree. We have as of New Years Day 2021, planted 75, 000 trees since our first planting in 2019.

That's about 18.75 hectares of tree planting. Additional to that, we've worked 18.1 hectares of rainforest regeneration in that time period, thus improving around 37 hectares of recovering or newly planted rainforests.

Funding such as yours has enabled us to spend funds directly on increasing nursery production which has been a brutal catch 22 for ReForest Now until recently. We would have to buy in quite a lot of our trees at a commercial rate of perhaps \$2.00 or \$2.30 per tree leaving our Not for Profit \$3.70 to organise, drill, plant, fertilize, water crystal and care for trees. This obviously has taken funds away from the nursery to grow our own trees with that funding! While we succeeded, it was far too challenging and a hard year.

Receipt of funds in the thousands to grow our own trees gets us ahead of the game. It creates less need to buy in trees with donors funds. The benefit of donations such as yours are about 6 months later for RN, when your grown trees save us tens of thousands in external tree purchase.

A recent stocktake of the nursery now demonstrates approximately 42, 000 trees in stock meaning that we have the ability to retain around \$95,000 to \$98, 000 in donors funding for the supply of trees to our projects in the start of 2021. Of course, we will grow more trees than this in 2021. So we are off to a good base of self-funding, thanks to untied donations such as yours.



Meet Josh Fry-Hall – ReForest Now - Logistician

The vast majority of your funding was expended on Josh and the other potters at our nursery. Josh is our Logistician at RN, meaning that he is responsible for transporting all equipment, vehicles and gear to workers in the nursery, bush regeneration or tree planting jobs. In his early mornings he has been working with your funds to grow some 4,560 rainforest trees from seed and also participated in wildling collection of another 2,610 trees.



Budgets and Expenditure

The total expenditure on this project was 5,000.00 AUD.

Mana Movement Donation 2
Budget

Labour	Spent
Potting up trees at the nursery (4,560 trees potted up)	\$ 3,143.26
Wildling tree collection day (2610 seedlings collected)	\$ 1,200.00
Materials	
Soil	\$ 115.00
New Nursery Cover for 10 meter by 7 meter tunnel (this was to replace the secondhand building materials we used when first building the nursery)	\$ 541.74
Total Expenditure	\$ 5,000.00
The Mana Movement Contribution	\$ 5,000.00

Outcomes achieved

*7,170 trees potted for projects at a value of \$16,491.00 to ReForest Now

*Solarweave cover installed over Tunnel 2 – allowing some 6,000 trees at a time to grow in safe conditions from UV radiation and better humidity conditions

*Additional soil for potting up trees purchased

Final Word

We'd like to reiterate that untied funds like these help us help ourselves and become a larger, more stable organization.

We have grown to the size of a medium sized charity by the ACNC registration standards in 2019-2020 Financial year and now support 16 staff. This is due solely to the organizations and individuals who lay finances down to see us grow and succeed.

If representatives of the **Mana Movement** would like a tour of the **ReForest Now** nursery please contact us on info@reforestnow.org.au or +61415 134 941.

It is located at 156 Stuart St, Mullumbimby and is open every day of the week for partner visitations.

Yours Sincerely,



Maximo Bottaro - President

