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We acknowledge the Aboriginal People of the Bundjalung Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land we work on and recognise their continuing connection to land and waters of this beautiful region, and thank them for protecting these ecosystems since time immemorial.



Introduction

Thank you Tennis Warehouse Australia for entrusting ReForest Now to plant trees in Australia on your behalf. By taking the thoughtful step of running this campaign you have enabled 0.5 hectares of cleared land to begin returning to lowland subtropical rainforest - a critically endangered ecosystem.

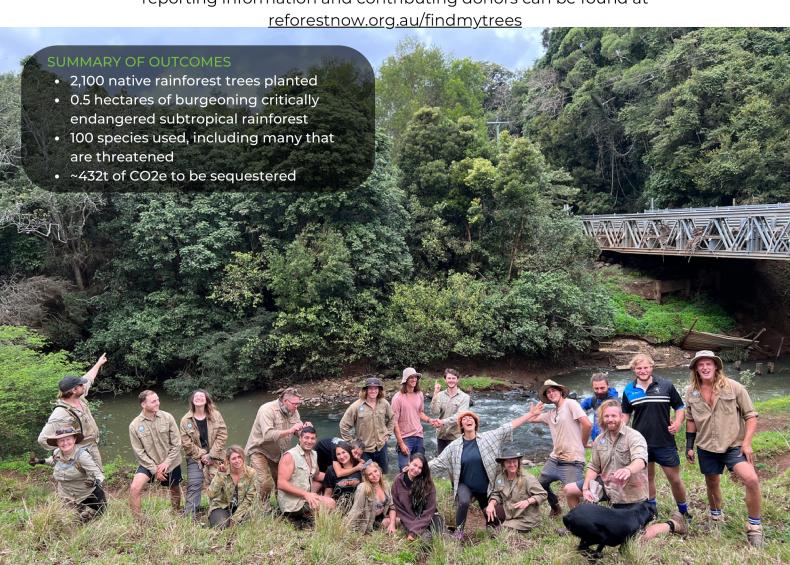
Walking just a few metres into Booyong Nature Reserve, in Northern New South Wales, demonstrates the gravity of this project. The expansion of this forest will enhance a number of ecosystem services, including local disaster mitigation and fighting climate change. Your contribution to the Banyula (*Place of many trees*) project is important. Together we will see the total area of rainforest here expand from 13 ha to over 117 ha.

2,100 trees planted

Your 2, 100 trees were planted directly adjacent to the very special Booyong Nature Reserve near Clunes NSW on August 31, 2022 (pictured).

We used a diverse mix of exactly 100 species in your planting, to help recreate the ecosystem that once blanketed the Northern Rivers region. Today, less than 1% remains. Booyong is one of very few reserves left.

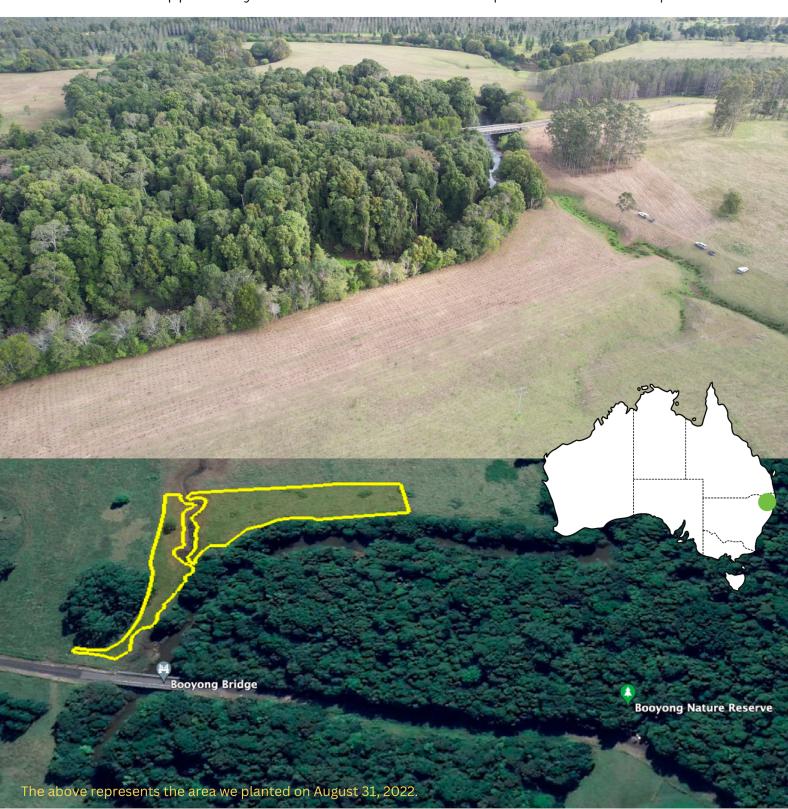
Your trees were included in a total of 5, 235 trees planted that day by our team. Additional reporting information and contributing donors can be found at



A remnant unable to expand

Booyong Nature Reserve is an ecologically-significant rainforest remnant of the former "Big Scrub". The site escaped the widespread clearing by early European settlers that saw most of the Big Scrub rainforest converted to agricultural land. It supports an example of mature rainforest trees and is home to endangered plants such as red lilly pilly, thorny pea and brush sauropus. It also supports the largest known population of the endangered herb isoglossa (Isoglossa eranthemoides) in any rainforest remnant.

This rare community of plants provide habitat to precious fauna including the Platypus, many types of rainforest birds, and the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly for example. Sadly, these species have been geographically restricted and surrounded by intensively grazed farm land - until now. We have an opportunity to rebuild their home and help these threatened species recover.



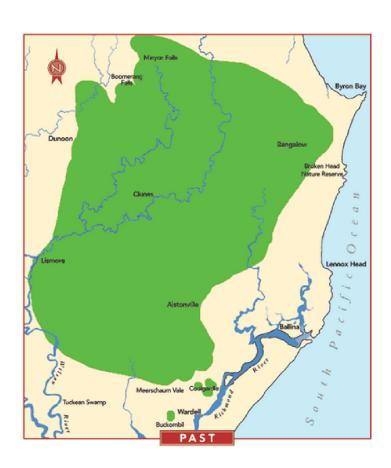
Bringing back the Big Scrub Rainforest

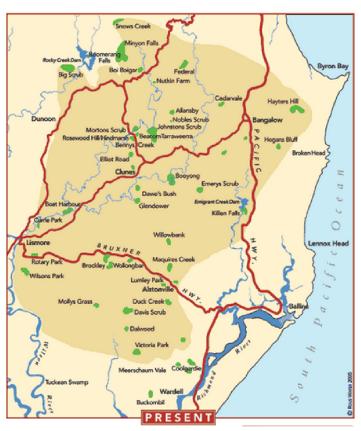
The Big Scrub rainforest is home to an incredible array of life created from the rich volcanic soils of Wollumbin (Mt Warning). The unbroken forest once covered 75,000 hectares of northern NSW (an area larger than Singapore!) and was thick with trees, shrubs, ferns and vines.

Tragically, 99.6% of this unique ecosystem was decimated due to and land logging clearing agriculture. By 1900 all that remained was less than 33 small, scattered "remnants" called patches bottom image). By the beginning of the 1990s most of the remnants were degrading under the impact of introduced and highly invasive weeds. As a result, many rare and endangered species are on the brink of extinction. We have a lot to save and a lot of damage to repair.

Together we are starting to undo the intensive and widespread clearing of early settlers in Australia. We're fighting against the ecological and climate crises.

Our mission is not just to discuss our dreams of seeing the rainforest restored, but rather to get out there, rapidly achieve outcomes of high ecological value, and report back to the people who made it happen - YOU.







Rainforests are dense, multi-layered ecosystems. As such, we plant trees ranging from growth sizes of 2 meters (shrubs and small trees) to 55 metres (emergent canopy trees). Around 4, 000 stems per hectare.



Species Used (100)

Banana Bush Bangalow Palm **Beetroot Tree** Birdwing Vine(sVU) Black Apple Black Bean Black Walnut Black Wattle Blackwood Bleeding Heart Blue Quandong Blunt-leaved Steelwood Blush Macaranga Broad-leaved Lilly Pilly Brown Kurrajong Brown Tamarind Brush Box (sVU) Brush Muttonwood Celery Wood Cheese Tree Corkwood Cottonwood Hibiscus Creek Sandpaper Fig Crow's Ash Crystal Creek Walnut(EN) Cudgerie Cunjevoi Davidson Plum(EN) Deciduous Fig

Durobby(VU)

Featherwood

Fine-leaved Tuckeroo(VU)

Firewheel Tree Foambark Tree Giant Water Gum Green Bolly Gum Guilfoylia Guioa Hairy Walnut Hairy-leaved Bolly Gum Illawarra Flame Tree Jackwood Kangaroo Apple Lemon-scented Teatree Lilly Pilly Milkbush Moreton Bay Fig Narrow-leaved Palm Lily Native Frangipani Native Mulberry Native Peach Native Tamarind Orange Berry Palm-Lily Pencil Cedar Pepperberry Pink Lace Flower Pink-flowered Doughwood Plum Myrtle Plum Pine Pointed-leaved Hovea Diamond-leaf Pittosporum Red Apple Red Ash

Red Boppel Nut(VU) Red Cedar Red Lilly Pilly (EN) Red-fruited Laurel Rosewood Rough Sawsedge Scentless Rosewood Silky Oak Small-leaved Lilly Pilly Small-leaved Tamarind(EN) Smooth Wilkiea Snow Wood Spiny-headed Mat-rush Steelwood Strangling Fig Sweet Pittosporum Thin-leaved Coondoo Thin-leaved Gardenia Tuckeroo Tulipwood Umbrella Cheese Tree Veiny Wilkiea Walking-stick Palm Weeping Lilly Pilly White Ash White Aspen White Beech White Booyong White Cedar White Fig White Kamala White Lace Flower(VU) Yellow Pearfruit Yellowood



Red Bean

We hope that you can see the wonderful outcome of your donation through this report.

This is just the beginning of a 5+ year plan to see this site transform back into diverse, healthy and functioning forest.

Thank you for presenting these funds to ReForest Now so that we can restore critically endangered rainforest on your behalf.

If you have any further queries please contact me on

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Yours sincerely,

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