

NURSERY: PROGRESS REPORT

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Dear Friend,

Hello, my name is Allen Sheather and I have been working with Rainforest Rescue since the late 1990's. Today, I'm helping with the new nursery project, and I wanted to give you an update on how it's coming along.

The reason I am involved is because I have built a nursery previously. I am deeply committed to increasing the annual production of plants for revegetation in the Daintree, and it makes sense to me to use whatever skills I have to help create this much larger nursery. As you may know, it's an exciting and very ambitious project.

I also believe that with the effects of Global Warming accelerating we need to work harder and faster to not just slow forest loss, but to reverse the effects. **The new nursery will help achieve this.**

So, here I am project managing the new nursery build...

I especially like to build things that require a bit of thought, effort and planning. So, I'm looking forward to setting up the shade houses, potting sheds and water treatment facility at the new nursery.

Within the next 6 months I am determined that Rainforest Rescue should have a functioning nursery on the airstrip property in Cow Bay, to be well started with the restoration work at both Lot 83 and 'Tranquility' in the Upper Daintree where planting is ongoing.

I have been astounded by the kind generosity of those who have already committed significant amounts towards this project. We are so close now to making the new nursery a reality and I know that those who have contributed towards the new nursery will be glad they were able to be part of this worthy project.



Allen in the field at our Annual Tree Planting Day.

“It’s time to grow.”



I always feel a strong sense of responsibility towards honouring the generosity of people who donate towards a project such as this by ensuring not only that it succeeds but that it does so in a cost effective and environmentally appropriate manner.

It’s a crazily busy project, but I love it—and I want you to know just how incredibly grateful I am for helping us get this far.

It’s been a busy month as we have started to build on the new site.

Just last week the truck with the shade house and propagation house kits finally arrived safely. With the help of several workers and a forklift, we were able to unload the shipment; even with all the help, I felt like I lifted it off the truck myself by the end of the day!

We’ve also disassembled a shed from another property with the intention of relocating it to the new nursery. Over a long and tiring day, we managed to get to the stage where we only have the core of the frame to pull apart. All the cladding is off, the windows and sliding doors are disassembled, the roller door has been taken down and most of the purloins have been taken down.

This building will form the core of the production area and is vital to the new nursery, not to mention that we could repurpose it for our needs without having to purchase a new building, saving costs along the way.

Other progress includes the installation of three water tanks and commencing the construction of the water pumping shed.

I guess when you are dealing with lots of moving parts you have to be a bit flexible. Overleaf are some photographs showing the progress that has been made in recent months.

Thanks—this project could not happen with marvelous supporters such as you!

—Allen

“It’s time to grow.”



Greg moving the last couple of rolls of Geofabric for the shade house - it's very heavy! Image: Barbara Maslen



Unloading some of the steel posts for the shade and propagation houses. Image: Barbara Maslen



Greg and Scott unloading the posts for the shade house. Image: Barbara Maslen



Haydyn (left), Dave (centre) Scott (right) from Kapani Freight unloading supplies. Image: Barbara Maslen



Andrew guiding Greg's forklift onto the load. Image: Barbara Maslen

Just recently, we had to get a truck to deliver the shade house and propagation house kits, and with the help of several workers and a forklift, we were able to unload the shipment on-site. It was a massive job, and shows the speed of progress that we're making.

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Disassembly of the Barratt Creek shed. Image: Barbara Maslen



Another view of the disassembled shed. Image: Barbara Maslen



Windows, sliding doors will all be repurposed. Image: Barbara Maslen

The above images are of Allen and Steve Wallace disassembling the Barratt Creek shed which, after pressure cleaning, will be transported to the new nursery site. This shed is 42sqm.



The newly installed water tanks. Image: © Martin Stringer

This relocated shed will form the core of the production area. It is vital to the new nursery, and by repurposing this we will manage to save significant costs whilst still having a building that meets all our needs.