



Biodiversity & Girringun Native Plant Nursery December 2016 Newsletter

Girringun Biodiversity Nursery and Revegetation Project Team has been busy since the September 2016 Newsletter.

The Biodiversity Nursery Coordinator, along with Bryan Tobane as the Revegetation Supervisor with two new team members Sandra Leo and Delvene Reese. While our existing staff of Daniel Beeron and Jean Thaiday are sharing with staff cultural knowledge transfer and plant identification with the notion of succession planning. Daniel Beeron has reduced his commitment to Wednesday and Thursday. The whole team is now currently studying online Certificate 111 in Horticulture.

The team has been busy collecting seeds and seed banking is to secure seeds for the future with the main purpose of stocking the nursery with plants for the Girringun Region.

Last newsletter each of the team attended Computer Basics workshop at Girringun Aboriginal Corporation to assist with the recording of information for the Nursery and Reporting for Biodiversity to Department of the Environment and Energy. Now we are working with an online reporting system into the future, record keeping allowing us to record for our funding body alongside cultural information related to our work with Girringun Aboriginal Corporation. Girringun has invested in a new system which will allow our team to report on site through electronic device – tablet which will feed information back directly to Girringun's computer system.

Nursery Construction in production stage and landscaping and working the planning of the commercial development of the nursery and we are working toward a fruitful future for Girringun Native Plant Nursery with the ongoing support of the Nursery Sub Committee.

The rainy season not sure what happened but apparently it is on its way, so the Girringun Native Plant Nursery and Revegetation Team have been busy assessing future maintenance of existing revegetation sites, planting trees and general nursery maintenance. We have been working on maintenance of a few revegetation sites including Warrami Waterhole Site, Yabulum IPA Site, Wheatley Creek and Wongaling Restoration site, Djiru, Mungulla Station Site and preparation for work at Jingalingu. Recently this area underwent a controlled burn in preparation for the Jingalingu Project work.

Green Army is operating out of Cardwell with change in Supervisors now Justin Ross is the driving force of 4 sites Girringun national Park Wallaman Falls, Girringun National Park Stoney River/Stoney Creek, Halifax Bay wetlands National Park – Orient and Hull River National Park. Bryan Tobane and the team are happily assisting the Green Army Team with biodiversity projects and planting more trees on country. This fabulous Team has assisted Girringun Nursery Team with landscaping, propagation and planting trees. Each Team member was able to take an opportunity to learn to drive the Dingo Machine to move mulch including our own Team Members.

Green Army is operating out of Greenvale with Supervisor Richard Hoolhan and Bryan Tobane has worked alongside on country with the team and a valued experience to working with them and enhancing Bryan's role as supervisor.

Biodiversity and Nursery staff attended 8 market stalls promoting the Nursery and educating the general public about Biodiversity and Girringun Native Plant Nursery and Girringun Aboriginal Corporation including sharing information about Girringun Aboriginal Corporation and its Indigenous Ranger Program and Arts Centre with a Museum/Keeping Place. The project produced a bush tucker plant book *Wabu Jananyu on Rainforest Plants* earlier in the project with limited book sales. We have continued to promote the book along with the Girringun Native Plant Nursery. The promotion and marketing of our existing dedication to the project and the project outcomes has been well received by the general public. Our small community is very supportive and wish to see Girringun Aboriginal Corporation develop the Production Nursery.

Biodiversity has attended the AGM, PBC workshop and DILA unveiling of the Flame Tree in Cardwell with all of this participation in promoting the work of Biodiversity and Girringun Aboriginal Corporation's work on Country.

Other Activities:

- Attended a Horticultural Plant Expo in Cardwell.
- Attended a Horticultural Field Day in Giru – south of Townsville.
- Book Sales and Plant Sales are gradually growing.
- Marketing, meet and greet for general public and tourists through the market stall is warmly welcomed.
- Landscaping and plantings are looking amazing at the Girringun Native Plant Nursery.
- Working on the landscaping at the Girringun Production Nursery.
- Facebook page with membership growing daily.

Proposed Community Events: New

Year – proposed Grand Opening of the
Production Nursery.

Season Greetings and travel safe with
family over the holiday period.

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