

This is Lot 83. On this site, we'd like to build a nursery...

In mid-May this year, the Queensland Trust for Nature (QTFN) and Rainforest Rescue were given the opportunity to purchase Lot 83.

With its 376 hectares (929 acres) of mixed and predominantly intact ecosystems, including intact rainforest, QTFN committed to covering the costs and has granted Rainforest Rescue access to enough land to create a large-capacity rainforest nursery.

“Our partnership with Rainforest Rescue will help implement the investment in the Daintree and deliver huge returns for biodiversity and the community. With the creation of a high-capacity rainforest nursery, Rainforest Rescue will be able to drive the revegetation strategy that will see the world’s oldest rainforest expand and deliver significant benefits for the community, Queensland and the natural environment.”

— Steve Lacey, CEO
Queensland Trust For Nature

Our proposed nursery



What does it take to restore and rebuild rainforest?

Using best practices we combine pioneer, primary, secondary and onward species to construct a framework that nature will then flesh out fully, reducing the time for canopy closure and, consequently, less maintenance for new plantings.



Seedlings: at our current nursery



Community Engagement: tree planting



...and of course, supporters like you!

We've done this before: Lot 46 & 'Nightwings'.

Rainforest Rescue's efforts at Lot 46 have been profiled and lauded, and are now being acknowledged further with a nature reserve certification.

'NightWings' is an ongoing effort that not only is increasing habitat but growing our own rainforest community. We know how to bring back rainforests.



Lot 46: Before



Lot 46: After



'Nightwings': proof that we do work.

What does Lot 83 currently look like?

Lot 83 is a property that is literally at the gateway to the Daintree. Although its 376 hectares (929 acres) are predominantly covered with intact rainforest along with mixed rainforest ecosystems, there are still just over 80 hectares (200 acres) that were cleared for grazing. Most crucially, its aspect and position is very well suited to the planned nursery!



Cattle yard, with view out to hill



View south-east out to horizon



Walking down to the former cattle yards

'Firewheel': a template nursery to guide us...

Firewheel Rainforest Nursery has been providing specialist rainforest restoration and regeneration services on the Far North Coast of New South Wales since 1988. The nursery has an annual production of 150,000 trees, and provides more than 350 different species—a very similar capacity to what we are planning for.



Plenty of undercover capacity



Panoramic photo of 'Firewheel'



Room and resources for 150,000

“It's time to grow.”

“I've been in the business of propagating and growing over 2 million rainforest trees over 30 years. I know that to restore hundreds of acres of tropical rainforest we need to plant tens of thousands of trees every year. To plant that many trees we need a big, efficient nursery. Rainforest Rescue has the experience and expertise to build a nursery, grow over 150,000 trees, plant them and create hundreds of acres of tropical rainforest.”

—Mark Dunphy, Firewheel Rainforest Nursery, Master Regenerator and Author

