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### At Ella Bay

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# Executive Summary

Cyclone events are one of the major impacts on the survival of the endangered Southern Cassowary. In the aftermath of Cyclone Larry the immediate loss of food from fruit drop and the structural damage to Cassowary habitat had a significant impact on cassowary mortality. Many birds starved to death, while others were aided by widespread feeding stations while handfeeding resulted in some birds becoming nuisances to the local residents particularly around Mission Beach. Cassowaries entering into built-up areas increased their risk of mortality from interaction with vehicles and dogs.

The proponent engineered and trialled a revegetation strategy to establish a specialised protected fruit orchard that would allow early post cyclone access for cassowaries to fruit with the goal of enabling cassowary survival.

Specific species selection was involved and the Maximum Diversity Method was utilised. Species were recorded as being tolerant to cyclonic conditions and also to be identified as cassowary food source trees. These were planted in rows to act as a windbreak and under planted with cassowary food source smaller trees and shrubs.

There is limited data available on revegetation for the coastal plains, and with the costly management of weed control with Maximum Diversity planting being a significant problem; a further strategy aim was to establish a better managed low cost base revegetation project.



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## 1. Introduction

This report describes the establishment of a cyclone tolerant cassowary fruit orchard located on the perimeter of the western boundary of Ella Bay property adjacent to the Ella Bay National Park. The aims of the project were to

- Increase existing lowland rainforest habitat for the local cassowary population;
- Provide an all year round supply of cassowary food through a variety of native fruiting plants known to fruit throughout the year;
- Design the plantings to be as cyclone tolerant as possible using known “cyclone hardy”, wind resistant species to provide shelter for lesser wind resistant species;
- Design a more cost effective revegetation strategy without sacrificing biodiversity and species abundance; and
- Develop a natural looking planting method that is not in rows etc whilst still allowing access between trees for weed maintenance.

### 1.1 Increase existing lowland rainforest habitat

Much of the Southern cassowary’s former lowland rainforest habitat has in relatively recent history been cleared for mainly agricultural purposes through much of the wet tropics. In the past century this has also occurred at Ella bay where clearing took place to grow a variety of crops and to graze cattle near the turn of the century.

The loss of lowland rainforest has significantly reduced the abundance and diversity of fruit species previously available to cassowaries.

Cassowaries typically forage through a range of different topographical habitats and utilise a wide range of native fruit producing plants which grow in different areas. However many of the plants which provide the largest and most abundant fruit grow on the low plains where the soils are often richer and more fertile than the adjacent slopes.

This project aims to grow a diverse range of native lowland fruit producing tree species to help increase the available food resources for the cassowaries living in the forests surrounding the proposed development site to ensure the ongoing survival of the birds in the area.

### 1.2 Provide an all year round supply of cassowary food

Plant selection was based on species native to the remnant lowland rainforests on and surrounding the site as well as their utilization by cassowaries. As great emphasis for this project lies in providing a fruit supply for the cassowaries throughout the year. Trees were selected based on their fruiting seasons and this ensures that fruit will be available to the birds year round.

### 1.3 Design the plantings to be as cyclone tolerant

Cyclone events are one of the major impacts on the survival of the endangered Southern Cassowary. In the aftermath of Cyclone Larry the immediate loss of food from fruit drop and the structural damage to Cassowary habitat had a significant impact on cassowary mortality. Many birds starved to death, while others were aided by widespread feeding stations while handfeeding resulted in some birds becoming nuisances to the local residents especially around Mission Beach. Cassowaries entering into built-up areas increased in search of hand-outs increased their risk of mortality from interaction with vehicles and dogs.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) confirmed that 23 cassowaries had been killed since Cyclone Larry, most of them hit by cars. A number of the problem birds were anaesthetised and relocated to the western less-cyclone ravaged areas. The relocation was a last resort action as the territorial nature and home range instinct of the cassowary would have meant a difficult if not impossible existence.



A number of feeding stations were established around the Flying Fish Point area and along Ella Bay Road. It is suspected that the combination of the feeding station and hand feeding of the cassowaries has habitualised the cassowaries to the road and surrounding reserve areas creating a further ongoing unintended mortality risk with vehicles and dogs.

The aim is to establish a specialised protected fruit orchard that would allow early post cyclone access for cassowaries to fruit with the goal of enabling cassowary survival. It is not expected that this orchard will be able to withstand a category 5 cyclone such as cyclone Larry or Yasi however using the knowledge from these events should enable better survival after all cyclone events.

The strategy relies on reports of certain species of tall fruiting trees surviving Cyclone Larry relatively unscathed (Curran et al., 2008) (Tucker et al., 2006) (Turton et al., 2008) (Jackes., 2008). The cyclone tolerant cassowary food source trees would be planted in rows to act as a windbreak and then under planted with smaller cassowary food source trees and shrubs. The surface profile of the rows of taller trees would be sealed on the windward side by dense rows of shrubs to reduce edge effect and to improve the apparent wind profile to reduce wind eddying under the tree canopy that often results in tree damage and fall during high wind events.

The trees and shrubs planted between the rows of protecting trees would be selected as species that are able to sustain a cassowary's diet in the post-cyclone season (February to July).

#### **1.4 Design a more cost effective revegetation strategy**

A further aim was to establish a better managed low cost base revegetation. Revegetation in the Wet Tropics region has been characterised by high cost and poor success rate (Cantrell). The trials have mostly been at high elevation and there is limited data available for the coastal plains. Additionally, revegetation has evolved into a system of minimal species selection, primarily pioneer 'framework' species to achieve canopy cover as early as possible and minimise costs. This has been referred to as the Framework Species Method versus the Maximum Diversity Method (Goosem, S., Tucker, N., 1995) used in this trial.

The limited species selection and minimal cassowary fruiting trees suitable for Framework Species Method would result in insufficient availability of cassowary fruit post a cyclone event. The trial will require trees that have a variety fruiting periods and resilience to survive the uncertainties of cyclone intensity and timing.

The Maximum Diversity Method of planting will provide the best chance of availability of fruiting post a cyclone event but the downside will be that the trees will be slower to canopy closure; there will be holes in the canopy for many years and weed control will be an ongoing problem. It will not provide an even look for many years but once established will maximise the trial and evaluation of species suitability. The management of weed control with Maximum Diversity planting will become the dominant problem on an ongoing basis.

#### **1.5 Develop a natural looking planting method.**

A further goal for development and resort requirement is for the planting to be aesthetically pleasing in that the planting will not look like a plantation; that there are no straight lines and preferably a viewer is not able to look through the "rows" and see row lines to the ends.

The development of the methodology required evaluation of;

- Location;
- Research into tall protective cyclone tolerant species;
- Selection of suitable, indigenous and commercially available species;
- Defining a planting strategy, pattern and densities;
- Planting method;
- Protection and weed control; and
- Monitoring for fruit development and cassowary usage.

## 2. Location

Two locations were evaluated as being suitable; both provided some topographic protection from proximity to the base of the Graham range to the trees and would be away from major population centres within the resort and development area.

- Southern boundary – this is a 100m wide buffer zone between the National Park and the southern boundary of the South West Residential Precinct.
- North West- this location provided two areas one referred to as the Hidden Paddock which was located within the East West conservation corridor and between two creeks and the North West boundary with the National Park. The North West cleared area also transgressed into the Ella Bay National Park by some 30m which was included in the revegetation area



**Figure 2:1 The two revegetation sites near the north-west corner of the Ella Bay site**

The North West boundary (4.12 hectares) was chosen as the trial revegetation site due to wildlife monitoring cameras showing this as a frequently visited area by a number of birds male (and chicks), female and sub-adults. The creek crossing into the Hidden Paddock provided the most frequent monitoring camera images of birds on Ella Bay property.

The combination of the revegetation site and a hotspot of cassowary activity also would make this location an ideal site for a research blind to study cassowary movement and usage of the revegetation site. This location has been identified in the Masterplan for a future research station.



The North West boundary comprised two cleared areas of roughly 2 hectares each. The sites were relatively flat with the hidden paddock comprising small undulations in the far west boundary (0.1 ha). The hidden paddock was heavily infested with weeds predominately Sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*) over the majority of the internal flat area (1.5 ha) with Giant Bramble (*Rubus alceifolius*) on the perimeter to a width of 10 to 20m from the riparian vegetation. While the North-West block was grassed with exotic Creeping Signal Grass (*Brachiaria humidicola*).

The riparian vegetation in this area is narrow approximately 20 to 40m width, extremely susceptible to wind damage due to the open paddocks on either side. This area suffered extreme wind damage with leaf breakage resulting in defoliation from susceptible trees above the high bank and tree snap or uprooting of some species during Cyclone Yasi (Category 5). Widening this section of thin riparian vegetation will also provide protection to the existing vegetation and significantly improve existing edge effects.



### 3. Cyclone Tolerant Species Selection

The selection of what has been termed here as cyclone tolerant species is a very subjective assessment. Some species survive by having a low tolerance to wind; losing all leaves during low category cyclones whereas other species survive with minor leaf loss relying on trunk and root system integrity. For these species in an extreme wind event the prior ground conditions whether water logged or dry determine whether the tree survives without trunk snap or uprooting.

The aim of the strategy is to create an area of vegetation that in high wind events should fair better than its surrounds; *not* to attempt to design an area that is impervious to the effects of a Category 5 cyclone.

Through this protection it is anticipated that vegetation will manage to retain some level of fruit-on-branch, particularly on the smaller, protected shrubs i.e. lower fruit drop; and also endure lesser damage affording a quicker recovery time (and potentially re-fruit).

The data generated post Cyclone Larry (Turton 2008, Metcalfe et al, 2008,) on cyclone tolerance was also varied with reports of some species surviving relatively unscathed in some areas whereas due to possible different wind shear events were broken off or uprooted in others. Metcalfe reports that the physical environment of the trees also determined the damage from cyclones and is impacted by:

- Local wind velocity – intensity of the cyclone and proximity to the eye;
- Local wind shear in the immediate area – local exposure and wind shielding topography;
- Soil type – Colluvial, basalt, sand etc
- Soil moisture and degree of saturation – pre-cyclone rainfall;
- Edge effects and width of vegetation - the apparent vegetation density.

Another physical difference to consider is the difference in root system development with the coastal constant heavy rain which will induce the development of a shallow and very spread root system.

The resistance to cyclone damage was found to be related to wood density in terms mechanical strength in a study of six species by Curran (Curran, 2008), where as resilience of recovery and increase in biomass post cyclone recovery was found to be negatively related to wood density. That is the trees with lower wood density re-sprouted or coppiced faster and increased biomass quicker than the trees that were potentially more resistant with higher wood density but were damaged.

More general guidelines of cyclone tolerant trees are provided by (Calvert G., 2011; Jackes, B., 2008):

- Species with thin leaves that allowed the wind to pass through;
- Flexible stems as found in palms;
- Well-developed root system with a good taproot or secondary aerial roots like some figs;
- Ease of defoliation, i.e. the ability to lose leaves quickly and so offer little resistance to the wind;
- Open branch systems allow the wind to pass through;
- Lack of a dense top heavy canopy or crown; and
- Healthy trees, vigorous growth. Slow growing trees are often the best.

The problem with the above analysis is that most cyclone tolerant trees and shrubs will make poor wind breaks due to the early leaf shedding, thin leaves or open branch structure. The most suitable, are trees with well developed root systems or are flexible stemmed. Additionally the focus has not been on which species fruited earliest after the cyclone or are sufficiently unaffected that the species continues with its normal fruiting cycle.

The conclusion was that the above observations of cyclone tolerance could provide a guide in predicting which trees would perform best in terms survival but little in terms of the suitability for



a windbreak or fastest recovery to fruiting following a cyclone. The decision was made to plant those trees which in general performed suitably and monitor.

The selection of a number of cyclone tolerant tree species was also made on local observation, plant availability and evaluation to the general guidelines.

The ultimate goal in this revegetation trial is to ascertain whether revegetation can be selectively chosen to enhance cassowary food source post a cyclone, therefore other aspects of fruiting period and recovery to early fruiting are also important. These observations have not been reported in the post Cyclone Larry analysis.

### 3.1 Species Selection

The species selection was divided in to two parts; species that were tall trees that were “cyclone tolerant” and preferably cassowary fruit sources to provide the shelter and other species that were cassowary “fruit sources” that fruited in the late wet season or early dry season.

Along the edges of the replanting area, a strip of denser species will be planted to ameliorate the ‘edge effect’. It has been suggested that the disadvantages of narrow corridors with large edge to area ratios can sometimes be reduced if species with dense canopies that persist to ground level are used to ‘seal’ the boundary (Tucker and Murphy 1997, Pullar & Lamb 2008). Species suitable for this edge include sun tolerant small trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants and the cyclone tolerant palms. The spacing density for these edge plantings will be similar to natural rainforest in order to rapidly seal edges to reduce weed invasion and wind as well as light penetration.

The cassowary fruit source species were divided into height range:

- >30m Lowland rainforest species, cyclone tolerant, preferably “cassowary fruit sources” that grow over 30m tall;
- 15 - 30m Lowland rainforest species, preferably cyclone tolerant, “cassowary fruit source” fruiting (March to November), that grow between 15 and 30 m tall; and
- <15m Lowland rainforest species; preferably cyclone tolerant, “cassowary fruit source”, shrub species that grow less than 15m, dense foliage trees and palms that seal the edge.

In all the species selection process was required to cross reference:

- Site specific vegetation surveys for endemic species (3D 2007, 2008);
- Cassowary food source (Bradford et al, 2008; Cooper, 1953-; Beasley, 2008; Nicholson & Nicholson 2007);
- Fruiting period (Cooper, 1953-; Beasley, 2008; Nicholson & Nicholson 2007);
- Cyclone tolerance (Calvert, et al.2011; Curran et al.,2008; Tucker et al., 2006; Turton et al., 2008; Jackes., 2008)
- Seed stock that had been provided from Ella Bay (Appendix C);
- The tube stock available at the local Council nursery in Innisfail and Tully (to ensure local provenance); and
- Tree height

Approximately 50 species of cassowary fruit source trees were chosen in the planting mix to maximise the variety of species fruiting times and provide diversity and promote resilience to environmental threats.

#### 3.1.1 Wind Break Tree Species >30m

Selection of windbreak trees relied on reports post Cyclone Larry (Curran et al., 2008) (Tucker et al., 2006) (Turton et al., 2008) (Jackes., 2008) and site observation. The selection process was further restricted or substituted due to the lack of availability of sufficient quantities of certain species. The emphasis in species selection was a preference to cassowary fruiting



species. The 20 species selected below will provide a variation in growth rates and resilience versus resistance.

Species Name	Common Name	Ella Bay	Form	Height (m)	Fruit	Cass Fruit Source	Cyclone Tolerance
<i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i>	Alexander Palm	Y	Palm	30	June-Sept	Y	flexible
<i>Bischofia javanica</i>	Java Cedar		Tree	30	feb-jun		Unknown low density
<i>Carallia brachiata</i>	Corky Bark	Y	Tree	30	Sept- Nov	Y	Tolerant of strong winds.
<i>Cerbera floribunda</i>	Cassowary plum	Y	Tree	30	Jan- Oct	Y	early post cyclone fruit
<i>Endiandra montana</i>	Brown Walnut	Y	Tree	30	April- Dec	Y	Unknown
<i>Ficus variegata</i>	Variegated fig	Y	Tree	30	Any month	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Gmelina dalrympleana</i>	White Beech	Y	Tree	30	Jan-Jul	Y	resistant little damage
<i>Syzygium angophoroides</i>	Yarrabah Satinash		Tree	30	sep-feb	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>	Cherry Satinash	Y	Tree	30	Nov-March	Y	loss of few limbs, leaves
<i>Acmena graveolens</i>	Cassowary Satinash		Tree	35	apr-nov	Y	tolerance
<i>Acmena hemilampra subsp. hemilampra</i>	Broad leaf Lilly Pilly	Y	Tree	35	Jan-Sep	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Beilschmiedia obtusifolia</i>	Blush Walnut	Y	Tree	35	July- Nov		Site obs. loss of limbs
<i>Cinnamomum laubatii</i>	Pepperwood		Tree	35	jul-nov	Y	few leaves
<i>Elaeocarpus grandis</i>	Blue Quandong	Y	Tree	35	Any month	Y	loss of leaves
<i>Ficus racemosa</i>	Cluster Fig		Tree	35	May- Feb		good loss of limbs
<i>Flindersia bourjottiana</i>	Queensland Silver Ash	Y	Tree	35	Aug- Jan	Y	very resistant
<i>Syzygium kuranda</i>	Kuranda Satinash	Y	Tree	35	jun-mar	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	Flame Tree	Y	Tree	45	Any month		small leaf loss
<i>Melia azaderach</i>	White Cedar	Y	Tree	45	mar-jun		Fast resprout - moderate damage
<i>Nauclea orientalis</i>	Leichardt Pine	Y	Tree	45	Dec- July	Y	loss of limbs, leaves

### 3.1.2 Cassowary Fruiting Species >15m <30m

Less information on tree performance was available for this species selection and some of the selections were made on a generic basis as well as post Cyclone Larry (Curran et al., 2008) (Tucker et al., 2006) (Turton et al., 2008) (Jackes., 2008) and site observation.

The selection process was further restricted or substituted due to the lack of availability of sufficient quantities of certain species. The emphasis in species selection was a preference to cassowary fruiting species however some pioneer trees were chosen for speed to canopy closure.



Species Name	Common Name	Ella Bay	Form	Height (m)	Fruit	Cass Fruit Source	Cyclone Tolerance
<i>Syzygium wilsonii</i>	Powderpuff Lilly Pilly		Shrub	6	oct-jan	Y	little damage
<i>Phaleria clerodendron</i>	Scented Daphne	Y	Shrub	10	Dec- July	Y	
<i>Terminalia arenicola</i>	Brown Almond, Brown Damson	Y	Tree	10	Feb-Oct	Y	loss of few limbs, leaves
<i>Aglaia sapindina</i>	Boodyarra	Y	Tree	12	Nov- May	Y	
<i>Diploglottis smithii</i>	Smith's Tamarind	Y	Tree	15	Nov- Dec	Y	
<i>Mischocarpus exangulatus</i>	Red Tokoonya	Y	Tree	15	May- Oct	Y	
<i>Polyscias australiana</i>	Ivory Basswood	Y	Shrub	15	July- April	Y	
<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	Solitaire palm		palm	15	Apr-nov, jan	Y	flexible
<i>Syzygium fibrosum</i>	Fibrous Satinash		Shrub	15	July- Feb	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Beach Almond	Y	Tree	15	Feb-April	Y	loss of leaves
<i>Atractocarpus fitzalanii</i>	Native Gardenia	Y	shrub	20	jan-aug	Y	Ok when protected
<i>Chionanthus ramiflorus</i>	Native Olive	Y	Tree	20	July- Feb	Y	
<i>Cryptocarya triplinervis</i>	Brown Laurel	Y	Shrub	20	Dec- April		
<i>Endiandra compressa</i>	Queensland Greenheart	Y	tree	20	Mar- Nov	Y	
<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Weeping Fig		tree	20	Feb- Dec		loss of limbs
<i>Helicia nortoniana</i>	Norton's Oak	Y	Tree	20	Any	Y	
<i>Licuala ramsayi</i>	Licuala	Y	Palm	20	Nov-Dec	Y	flexible
<i>Omalanthus novoguineensis</i>	Bleeding Heart	Y	tree	20	nov-feb		poor pioneer low density
<i>Pandanus solmslaubachii</i>	swamp Pandan	Y	Shrub	20	July-Nov		No Loss
<i>Toechima erythrocarpum</i>	Pink tamarind	Y	tree	20	oct-feb		
<i>Syzygium australe</i>	Creek Cherry		Shrub	24	Any month	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Barringtonia racemosa</i>	Cassowary Pine	Y	Tree	25	Mar- April	Y	
<i>Cryptocarya mackinnoniana</i>	Rusty Laurel, Mackinnons laurel	Y	Tree	25	Apr-Nov	Y	hardy
<i>Myristica insipida</i>	Native Nutmeg	Y	Tree	25	jan-feb	Y	
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	Umbrella tree	Y	Tree	25	Oct-Mar		loss of limbs
<i>Syzygium cormiflorum</i>	Bumpy Satinash	Y	Tree	25	Sept-June	Y	loss of limbs
<i>Syzygium forte</i> subsp. forte	White Apple	Y	Tree	25	Nov- April	Y	loss of few limbs, leaves
<i>Syzygium johnsonii</i>	Johnson's Satinash		tree	25	june-mar	Y	tolerance
<i>Syzygium tierneyanum</i>	River Cherry		Tree	25	Jan- May	Y	little damage
<i>Barringtonia calyptata</i>	Mango Pine		tree	30	Dec- Jan	Y	No Loss
<i>Scolopia braunii</i>	Flintwood, Brown Birch		tree	30	dec-apr	Y	No Loss
<i>Syzygium alliiiligneum</i>	Onion Wood	Y	Tree	30	May- Oct	Y	loss of limbs



Terminalia sericocarpa	Damson Plum	Y	Tree	30	Nov-May	Y	loss of few limbs, leaves
Aleurites moluccana	Candlenut		tree	30	Sep- Feb		Unknown sulphur crested cockatoos
Flindersia brayleyana	QLD Maple		Tree	30	July- Jan		very resistant
Melicope elleryana	Corkwood	Y	Tree	30	April- Sept		Unknown Ulysis butterfly food

### 3.1.3 Edge Closure trees and shrubs <15m

Less information on tree performance was available for this species selection and some of the selections were made on a generic basis as well as post Cyclone Larry (Curran et al., 2008) (Tucker et al., 2006) (Turton et al., 2008) (Jackes., 2008) and site observation.

The selection process was further restricted or substituted due to the lack of availability of sufficient quantities of certain species. The emphasis in species selection was a preference to cassowary fruiting species and edge closure.

Species Name	Common Name	Ella Bay	Form	Height (m)	Fruit	Cass Fruit Source	Cyclone Tolerance
Leea indica	Bandicoot Berry		Shrub	4	Mar- Dec	Y	flexible
Cordyline manners-suttoniae	Giant Palm Lily	Y	Lily	5	dec-may	Y	flexible
Breynia cernua	Fart Bush	Y	shrub	5	Any month	Y	
Davidsonia pruriens	Davidson's Plum	Y	shrub	6	Any	Y	
Ficus congesta	Fig, Red Leaved Fig	Y	Shrub	6	Any month	Y	loss of limbs
Fagraea catabasei	Porcelain fruit	Y	Shrub	8	Apr_Nov	Y	
Glochidion harveyanum	Buttonwood	Y	Shrub	12	june-feb		lost small branches leaves
Leea indica	Bandicoot Berry		Shrub	4	Mar- Dec	Y	flexible
Cordyline manners-suttoniae	Giant Palm Lily	Y	Lily	5	dec-may	Y	flexible
Breynia cernua	Fart Bush	Y	shrub	5	Any month	Y	
Davidsonia pruriens	Davidson's Plum	Y	shrub	6	Any	Y	
Ficus congesta	Fig, Red Leaved Fig	Y	Shrub	6	Any month	Y	loss of limbs
Fagraea catabasei	Porcelain fruit	Y	Shrub	8	Apr_Nov	Y	
Glochidion harveyanum	Buttonwood	Y	Shrub	12	june-feb		lost small branches leaves



## 4. Planting Strategy, Pattern and Densities

### 4.1.1 Planting Strategy

The conventional wisdom would be rows of tall trees to form a wind break, however the wind velocity, variable wind direction and tree destruction in the cyclones may be greater than can be protected by a wind break of trees and the closer proximity of interspersed tall trees may be an alternative to provide greater protection. Research on wind break affects has been predominately focussed on the benefits from crop yields and there is little comment on the protection afforded to plants from cyclones. In general the benefits of a windbreak are realised up to 10 times the tree height downstream of the windbreak.

The two areas were defined by the local descriptions of:

- North-West Block (2.36 ha). Planted with rows of tall trees as windbreak; and
- Hidden Paddock (1.71 ha). Planted with rows of trees with tall trees interspersed.

The species planting process for the North-West block was to plant in zones of the tree heights with the low height edge sealing trees on the eastern prevailing wind direction side. Whereas the Hidden Paddock site was planted in rows with the taller trees planted in random, but with clusters of taller trees.

### 4.2 Planting Pattern

Weed control will be the dominant ongoing issue of the revegetation until canopy closure is sufficient to minimise weed reoccurrence. Weed control methods are usually labour intensive; on foot with backpack, or by quad as practised in plantation style rows. The decision was made to use a quad bike with a towed 300l tank and a shielded boom spray. The use of a quad also provided a limitation to row spacing and density. This is contra to the advice on Maximum Diversity planting in Repairing the Rainforest which recommends that “trees should be planted at random 2 -2.2 m spacings, avoiding straight lines” but this would force all weed control to be manual on foot with a backpack.

The requirement for economic weed control necessitates that the trees are planted in rows so that the quad is able to travel along a row. The typical tree density in revegetation varies from 400 to 800 in most plantations to 3,000 to 6,000 in a mature rain forest depending on canopy cover, basal area and height range (Catterall, 2006). Tree/shrub spacing of 5,000 equates to a tree every 2m<sup>2</sup> or a tree to tree average distance of 1.4m.

	Row spacing closest packed					
Tree row spacing	1.41m	1.8m	2.0m	2.2m	2.5m	3.0m
Number of trees/Ha	5,016	3,086	2,500	2,066	1,600	1,111

**Table 4:1 Revegetation density - number of trees per hectare**

The dense shrub vegetation (<15m tall) and palms found in the edge closure rows will be required to be planted more densely to enhance edge closure and minimise light into the revegetation block. The rows of edge closure trees will also be required to have a high wind resistance (low porosity) to the cyclonic winds, and be frangible. Due to the relatively small size of the shrubby vegetation, the planting density was selected at 3,000 plants per ha with a spacing of 1.8m.

The cassowary “fruit source” trees (15m to 30m) were planted at a density of 2,500 plants per ha with a spacing of 2.0m. These are larger trees and will require a larger footprint once established however the variable growth rates will lead to holes in the canopy prolonging weed control until canopy closure.

The taller trees >30m were planted at a spacing of 2,000 plants per ha with a spacing of 2.2m. Weed control will be a longer term problem in this area, but the additional row spacing should lead to more efficient motorised spraying.



The requirement to be aesthetically pleasing is a development and resort requirement in that the tree rows should not look like a plantation; there should be no straight lines and a viewer should not be able to look through the “rows” and see row lines.

This will be achieved by two methods, varying the planting density and planting in the trees in undulating wave rows. This landscape appearance will be enhanced by planting zones of the different height trees and an edge zone which will close off the view from the edge.

#### 4.2.1 Planting Pattern North-West Block

The North-West Block was planted with edge closure rows on the prevailing weather eastern side. The block was divided into undulating wave rows in general running north south.

The order of the tree zones from east to west were:

- 5 x rows; <15m edge closure shrubs and palms;
- 2 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees;
- 11 x rows; >30m wind break trees;
- 16 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees;
- 12 x rows >30m wind break trees; and
- 7 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees.

The purpose of the first two zones is to provide a gradual canopy profile increase to form a ramp shape to the wind to reduce wind eddying under the tree canopy that often results in tree damage and fall during high wind events.

#### 4.2.2 Planting Pattern Hidden Paddock

The variation with tree planting in the hidden paddock was that the trees were planted in bands of tree height but additional cyclone resistant tall trees (>30m) were mixed in with the cassowary fruiting trees e.g. Blue Quandong (*Elaeocarpus angustifolius*) and White Apple (*Syzygium forte*). This additional planting is designed to enable the larger trees to offer greater protection to the smaller trees/shrubs during high wind events. The shape of the hidden paddock was elongated in an east west direction and to maintain the comparison to the North West block the rows were arranged in many short rows. This has proven to be very poor design and increased effort in weed control. and has meant that a greater amount of time has been spent in on foot spraying.

The order of the tree zones from east to west were:

- 10 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees;
- 10 x rows; >30m wind break trees; and
- 15 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees;
- 10 x rows >30m wind break trees; and
- 25 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees.
- 10 x rows >30m wind break trees; and
- 25 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees
- 10 x rows >30m wind break trees; and
- 10 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees
- 5 x rows >30m wind break trees; and
- 5 to 10 x rows; 15 – 30m cassowary fruiting trees

The planting pattern of the revegetation in North-West area (2.36 ha) and Hidden Paddock (1.71 ha) is shown in Figure 4.1. The plan is diagrammatic and each row line represents 5 planted rows.

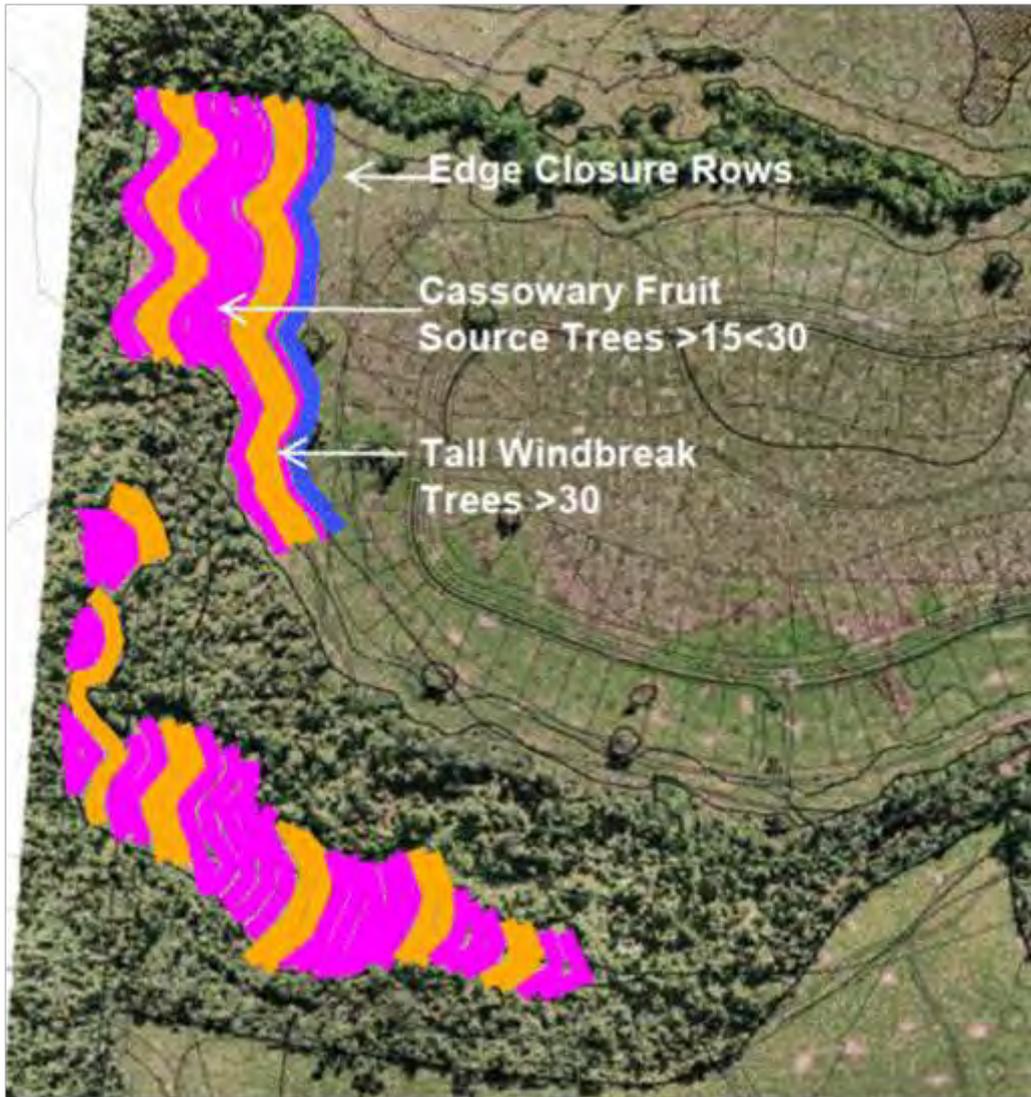


Figure 4:1 Planting pattern of revegetation - each individual line represents 5 rows

### 4.3 Planting Process

#### Ground Preparation

Ground preparation included 3 broad boom spray applications with Glyphosate 540. One week after each spray this was followed by a slashing program. New emergent weed species were further controlled by 'spot' spray application at intervals between boom sprays, slashing and revegetation implementation.



**Figure 4:2 North West corner after two boom sprays and second slash**

The plant species were set aside in the local nurseries. The purchase of 12,000 trees involved purchases from Innisfail and Tully council nurseries and from C4 cassowary conservation group. While the combined production from the nurseries tallies to over 80,000 plants per year the specific species that were required were limited. Ella Bay staff had been providing the nurseries with seed stock for some 12 months prior.



**Figure 4:3 Plants set aside for hardening in the sun**

## Plant Sorting

Once plants were collected from the nursery they were allocated colours based on the species category in this case

- Yellow >30m
- Pink >15m < 30m
- Blue <15m edge effect

Each small tree/shrub planting box contained a random assortment of species. Large tree planting boxes contained 20% blue quandong (*E. angustifolius*) and 20% white apple (*S. forte*). The remaining plants in the large tree planting boxes consist of a random assortment of other species.

The plants were set aside in a fenced enclosure with overhead sprinkling to sun harden and acclimatise the plants. The plants remained in the enclosure for 4 to 12 weeks as the species tally was



**Figure 4:4** Plant Laydown area at Ella Bay.

## Marking the planting locations

Preparing the revegetation site for planting to ensure correct placement of species involved the following:

- To help with marking out individual planting positions on the ground for each tree, long lengths of rope were utilized with knots tied along the length of the rope.
- 90 meter sections of rope knotted at either 2.0 m or 2.2 m intervals. These sections were laid out using the design guide in waving rows parallel to each other and existing vegetation edge;
- Each knot was then spray marked to represent a planting location. This is individually marked with the associated paint whose colour to match the desired zone for that area (i.e. either orange paint for large trees or pink paint for small trees/shrubs);
- Individual large trees are to be no closer than 2.2m from their nearest neighbour, including small trees/shrubs;
- The rope was laid out in a wave pattern with the amplitude of the wave greater than the row spacing.

## Planting

The Contract Planters were supported by Ella Bay staff to ensure the correct methodology was followed. A pre-works meeting was held daily with all contractors and staff. In the acclimatisation area Ella Bay staff carried out quality control by organising the allocation and mix of species specific to the colour category.



**Figure 4:5 Contract tree planter preparing to insert a plant into the ground**

Regular quality control through-out the day was also conducted with particular focus at the end-of-day where Ella Bay staff would do a walk through of the days work.

Additional actions required for this process were:

- The establishment of an on-site ‘central plant acclimatisation and lay-down area’ which was fenced to manage wallaby predation of plants; it didn’t however protect against the native rodents which ate out a lot of the palms before planting could commenced.
- Once planted certain species that were identified as a ‘wallaby favourite’ eg. Alexander Palm, Solitaire Palm were afforded individual plant protection from predation in the form of a biodegradable bag with 3 cane stakes;



**Figure 4:6 Wallaby preferred species were protected with biodegradable bags.**

### **On going maintenance**

Once planted, the revegetation area was taken over by on-going maintenance:

- maintaining exclusion the fence from the wallabies;
- weed control; and

- replacement of any casualties with endemic species.



**Figure 4:7 North West corner spot spraying prior to fabrication of custom spray boom.**

Weed control is a high resource and costly requirement of the maintenance program. Early intervention was important to ensure weeds were sprayed at low heights (avoiding over spray). The intent was to develop a custom boom spray and travel along the rows spraying the majority of the inter row with the boom and spraying in between the rows where required with the spot spray. The 300i towed tank was fitted with hose reel so that two people could use the quad bike, boom and hand boom and increase the area covered control emerging weeds. The reality was that the initial setout had problems with spacing of the rows and the tightness of the “wave” put in the rows. In the Hidden paddock many of the rows were too short meaning that there was difficulty in using the trailer with the tight turns



**Figure 4:8 North West corner spot spraying with custom boom in background**

Due to weather constraints the spraying of the revegetation areas is often broken up into short windows. A full spray is managed every two to three months on average but again this is highly variable depending on rainfall, temperature (time of year) and wind.



## 5. Revegetation Risks

The planting of large areas of Maximum Diversity species is not a recommended practice due to poor survival rates. This has been the driver to the more recent 'plantation style' layout in large area revegetation - with minimalistic 'pioneer species quota' of Framework Species Method.

The risks to plant survival were identified as:

- The high wallaby numbers which have denuded many riparian areas of germinating trees and have ravaged other earlier revegetation trials of trees, in particular all palms;
- Water stress – the range in species used have varying water requirements and it is best to either irrigate or plant in late dry season prior to the Wet;
- Weed control;
- Poor survival rates due to previous agricultural conditions; and
- Cyclone season.

To reduce the risk of wallaby damage the North West block was fenced with a trial of the cassowary exclusion fence – 1.8m high shade cloth fence (refer to Volume 6.1j) on the eastern side only. The Hidden Paddock was not fenced at all.

The planting did not occur until July and August in 2010 which is much later than was planned and in a dry year would have potentially caused a problem, however 2010/2011 saw the end to the El Niño and a wetter than normal dry season and wet season. This enabled the plants to get through the typical high stress period with few losses.

The tree mortality due to weed control has two forms;

- Damage to the seedlings from mechanical movement and from overspray; and
- Competition from overgrown weeds.

The damage from mechanical movement, quad bike wheels, inadvertent damage from spray hoses, and neighbouring vegetation branch drop have all been produced minor damage.

The varying growth rates of the species selected for maximum diversity will also mean that some of the faster pioneer species will shade the slower growing species resulting in holes in the canopy.

### 5.1 Tree Growth Performance

Plant mortality summary out of 12,000 seedlings

- 800 plants – High wind event (Category 5 Cyclone Yasi)
- 500 plants – Dry weather post planting
- 120 plants – Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous factors include:

- wallaby/pest attack
- overspray
- disease, lack of root development
- incorrect planting

#### 5.1.1 High wind event

The species most affected by the cyclone were the faster growing species such as Blue Quandong, Bleeding Heart, Cassowary Plum, Fart Bush, Bandicoot Berry were all significantly affected by the strong winds. It is not thought to be a reflection of their species suitability but rather their initial rapid growth rate with a less established root system, as larger specimens of the same species over the property fared very well in comparison



### 5.1.2 Dry weather

The species which tended to perish shortly after planting due to dry weather were Fibrous Satinash, Porcelain Fruit, Licualas Palms and Davidson's Plums. This was attributed to several extended periods of dry weather and full sun combined with the plants smaller size at planting (approx 100mm) as compared to the other species when planted which were generally (300-600mm). It is thought that the smaller tube stock size and lack of adequate root development rather than the species ability to cope with dry periods is what may have contributed to their failure to establish and grow. The few larger specimens of these species that were planted out have survived and are growing well.

Davidson's Plum, Powder Puff Lilly Pilly and Porcelain Fruit appear to resent full sun as the majority of those planted seem to be struggling.

### 5.1.3 Wallabies

Some agile wallaby (*Macropus agilis*) invasion of the revegetation area did occur despite the efforts made with fencing to exclude them. The wallabies gained access by going around the fences and through the existing forest. Wallabies favourites included Alexander palm (*A.alexandrae*), solitaire palm (*P.elegans*), licuala palm (*L.ramsayi*), cordylines (*C. Manners-suttonae*) and blue quandongs (*E.grandis*).

### 5.1.4 Feral Pigs, Caterpillars, Insects and Other

Other pests such as feral pigs played a small part in the destruction of a few of the palms and Pandanus species which they chewed to extract the soft palatable cores.

Caterpillars also had a detrimental effect on some species including the larvae of the four-o'clock moth which fed heavily on the corkwood seedlings killing some of them by completely denuding them of leaves. The larvae of the Ulysses butterfly also fed heavily on the corky bark seedlings however most recovered quickly.

There were occasions where during the spraying of weeds young trees were accidentally sprayed causing the plant to sicken or die. However this accounted for very little mortality.

At the end of the planting an excess of trees remained in the laydown area to be used for replacement planting - approximately 200 trees succumbed to the lethal effects of shading out etc whilst still in the boxes. The survivors were used to replace lost trees.

## 5.2 Replacement Plantings

Replacement trees were two separate mixed species groups one from the “orange” species mix and one from the “pink” species mix as well as around 100 trees to make up the balance consisting of Blue Quandongs and Alexander Palms, Licualas and Solitaire Palms.

### 5.2.1 Natural Recruitment

Native plants that have observed germinating include Milky Pine Blue quandong, Ylang-Ylang, Bleeding Heart Tree, Native Banana, Scott’s Ginger, Native Olive, Macaranga and Leichardt tree. Many of these germinate in wet weather and shrivel and die in the open sun light in dry periods. As the canopy develops the weed spraying can be reduced resulting in a higher survival rate for many of the recruitment seedlings.

## 5.3 Cyclone Yasi

The unidentified risk was category 5 Cyclone Yasi that devastated Far North Queensland during February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011. The cyclone stripped protective adjacent vegetation, and snapped canopies and branches from trees. In many places the winds blew the branches on to the tree seedlings such that one side of the hidden paddock the majority of trees along the southern side were damage or broken over. Many seedlings had the top half stripped of leaves but were substantially undamaged where as many of the faster growing trees were broken over or broken off. In particular one of the most cyclone tolerant as a mature tree the Blue Quandong (*Elaeocarpus arnhemicus*) suffered greater than 80% mortality.



A few trees survived being blown over, and continued growing at a new angle (see below). Unfortunately this often resulted in them being in the track between rows, as such were sprayed with herbicide, and driven or trampled over.



**Six months later**

Fruiting of a number of species has occurred, despite two cyclonic events at the beginning of the year. Bandicoot Berry Fruiting in March 2011 (*below*)





## 6. Cost analysis

Revegetation in the wet tropics has been reported to cost from \$20k to \$60k per ha (Catterall and Kanowski, 2009) where as plantation cost in southern states are \$4k to \$6k. The difference in costs is due to a number of variables:

- Maximum diversity planting method;
- Planting density;
- Weed control ; and

The planting and acquisition costs in the wet tropics with bagging and site preparation are about \$3 per tree, and with the planting density at 3 to 4 times the plantation density (typically 2000 to 3000 compared to 800 to 1000) the purchase costs alone are greater than the plantation costs.

With the Framework Species Method (FSM) the primary focus is to select trees to provide canopy cover, plant with a high density that helps to block out the weeds and then follow up with backpack spray of glyphosate twice a year for 3 to 4 years. With maximum diversity planting the trees grow at different rates creating holes in the canopy allowing weeds to grow, increasing the requirement for spraying to 4 to 6 times per year.

The current data if extrapolated for an additional 3 years is trending towards \$25,000 per ha. There are a number of learnings from this exercise, from a cost perspective:

- The row spacing and access for the spray vehicle is the most critical;
- That weed matting along around the tree would reduce competition and retain moisture in the first 12 months;
- The condition of the smaller seedlings are critical; and
- That some form of control of native rats and moth or caterpillar should be used in the laydown area.



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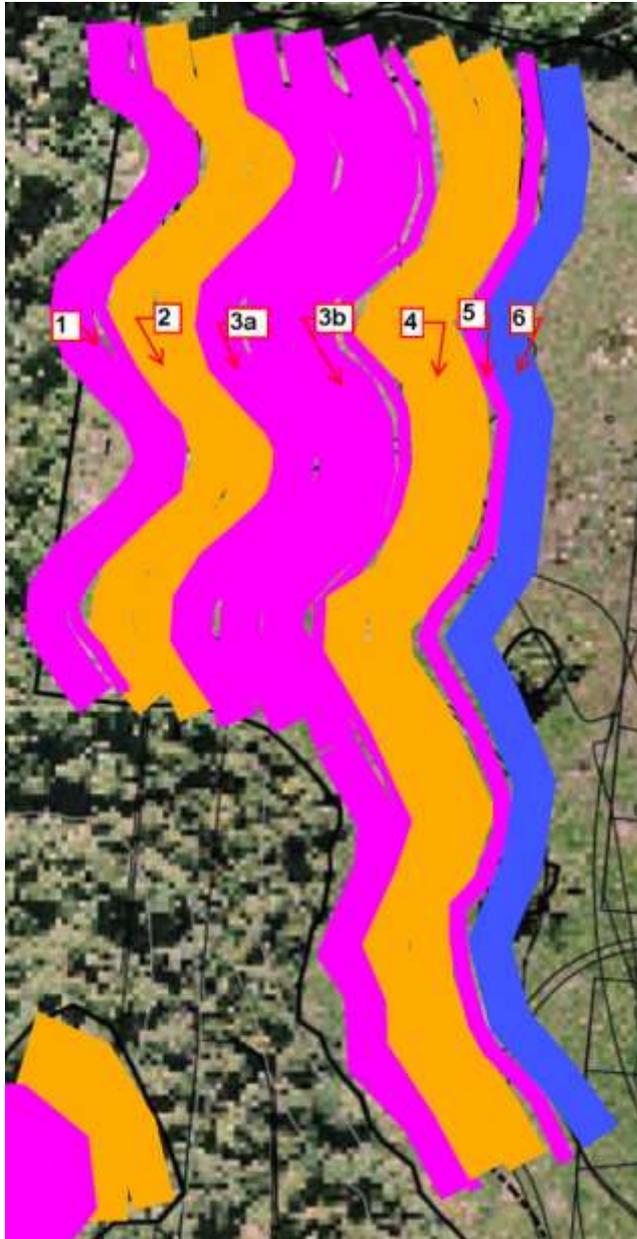


## Appendix 1. List and Quantity of Initial Species Planted

Species Name	Common Name/s	No
<i>Acmena graveolens</i>	Cassowary Satinash	50
<i>Acmena hemilampra</i> subsp. <i>hemilampra</i>	Broad leaf Lilly Pilly	100
<i>Aglaia sapindina</i>	Boodyarra	150
<i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i>	Alexander Palm	100
<i>Atractocarpus fitzalanii</i>	Native Gardenia	150
<i>Barringtonia calyptрата</i>	Mango Pine	240
<i>Barringtonia racemosa</i>	Cassowary Pine	63
<i>Beilschmedia obtusifolia</i>	Blush Walnut	250
<i>Carallia brachiata</i>	Corky Bark	300
<i>Cerbera floribunda</i>	cassowary plum	147
<i>Chionanthus ramiflorus</i>	Native Olive	150
<i>Cinnamomum laubatii</i>	Pepperwood	150
<i>Cordyline manners-suttoniae</i>	GIANT Palm Liliy	90
<i>Cryptocarya hypospodia</i>	Northern Laurel	20
<i>Davidsonia pruriens</i>	Davidson's Plum	300
<i>Diploglottis smithii</i>	Smith's Tamarind	150
<i>Elaeocarpus angustifolius</i>	Blue quandong syn Grandis	500
<i>Endiandra compressa</i>	Queensland Greenheart	90
<i>Endiandra montana</i>	Brown Walnut	50
<i>Fagraea cabbagei</i>	porcelain fruit	40
<i>Ficus congesta</i>	Fig, Red Leaved Fig	350
<i>Ficus variegata</i>	Variegated fig	50
<i>Flindersia bourjottiana</i>	Queensland Silver Ash	50
<i>Flindersia brayleyana</i>	QLD Maple	450
<i>Gmelina dalrympleana</i>	White Beech	50
<i>Helicia nortoniana</i>	Norton's Oak	150
<i>Leea indica</i>	Bandicoot Berry	150
<i>Licuala ramsayi</i>	Licuala	137
<i>Mischocarpus exangulatus</i>	Red Tokoonja	450
<i>Myristica insipida</i>	Native Nutmeg	80
<i>Nauclea orientalis</i>	Leichardt Pine	100
<i>Phaleria clerodendron</i>	Scented Daphne	150
<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	Solitaire palm	150
<i>Scolopia braunii</i>	Flintwood, Brown Birch	124
<i>Syzygium allii lignum</i>	Onion Wood	400
<i>Syzygium angophoroides</i>	Yarrabah Satinash	50
<i>Syzygium australe</i>	Creek Cherry	239
<i>Syzygium cormiflorum</i>	Bumpy Satinash	150
<i>Syzygium fibrosum</i>	Fibrous Satinash	450
<i>Syzygium forte</i> subsp. <i>forte</i>	White Apple	203
<i>Syzygium johnsonii</i>	Johnson's Satinash	40
<i>Syzygium kuranda</i>	Kuranda Satinash	50
<i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>	Cherry Satinash	40
<i>Syzygium tierneyanum</i>	River Cherry	450
<i>Syzygium wilsonii</i>	Powderpuff Lilly Pilly	400
<i>Terminalia arenicola</i>	Brown Almond, Brown Damson	50
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Indian Almond, Beach Almond	171
<i>Terminalia sericocarpa</i>	Damson Plum	450
<i>Toechima erythrocarpum</i>	Pink tamarind	100

## Appendix 2. North West Revegetation Strategy – Details for marking up paddock.

this picture is INDICATIVE only.



Spacing between rows

PINK	2.0m
ORANGE	2.2m
BLUE	2.0m

	# of Rows	# of Trees (est.)
1	7 'short'	595
2	12 'short'	876
3a	9 'short'	765
3b	7 'long'	945
4	11 'long'	1276
5	2 'long'	270
6	5 'long'	675

The numbers of trees for each 'section' are only estimates.

Work from the western vegetation line eastwards – and would suggest marking up the same way.



Revegetation Area

North West – Cassowary refuge/ cyclone protection/ fruiting march till Nov

Zone	Description	Height Range	Planting Density (Trees/Ha)	Planting Spacing	number of rows	Approx number of Trees	Length of row Average
Pink	Low land rainforest species	>15-30m	2,500	2.0 m	171	8,529	85
Orange	Low land rainforest species	>30m	2,000	2.2 m	9	1,680	420
Yellow	Attractive low land rainforest shrub species that grow less than	<15	3,500	1.7 m	6	840	240
					185	11,049	

Length of strip

100

Approximate Total Area ha

4.1267 ha



### Appendix 3. Seed collection table

Seed Collection for Revegetation Ella Bay 2010													
Seed Collection	Scientific Name:	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Brown Salwood	Acacia mangium											5000	
Cassowary Satinash	Acmena graveolens					25			50				
Blush/Broad leaved Satinash	Acmena hemilampra						1000	5000	250	250			
Red-Bean Tree	Adenantha pavonina				200								
Hairy Bird's Eye	Alectryon tomentosus				1500								
Candlenut	Aleurites moluccana			120	400								
Candlenut	Aleurites rockinghamensis								500				
Native Ginger	Alphinia caerulea			500									
Pleated Ginger	Alpinia arctiflora				1000								
Black-stemmed Ginger	Alpinia modesta				1500								
Pink Ash	Alphitonia petriei											300	150
Dog Bane	Apocynum		10										
Alexandra Palm	Archontophoenix alexandrae			240	1000	2000	1500	2000	500				
Australian Arenga Palm	Arenga australistica								100		50		
Bingil Bay Palm	Arenga australistica				200	200				100			
Native Dutchman's Pipe (Cairns Birdwing?) Vine	Aristolochia acuminata (tagala)				5,000								
Native Gardenia	Atractocarpus fitzalanii			5000									
Cassowary Pine	Barringtonia calyptata												50
Yellow Walnut	Beilschmiedia bancroftii										30	10	
Fart Bush	Breynia cernua											300	200
Fishtailed Lawyer Cane	Calamus caryotoides				50								
Beach callophyllum	Calophyllum inophyllum						2000	400					
Black Bean Tree	Castanospermum australae	50	65	200	150	200	150	200	300				
Cassowary Plum	Cerbra floribunda									80	12	30	2
Dog Bane	Cerbera manghas											200	20
Pimply Olive	Chionanthus axillans								400				20
Native Olive	Chionanthus ramiflora								300				30
Laurel / Pepperwood	Cinnimomum laubattii							150					1
Silver Bush	Convolvulus cneorum		10										
Palm Lily	Cordyline cannifolia			100		800							
Clarkson's Laurel	Cryptocarya clarksonii											400	250
Northern Laurel	Cryptocarya hypospodia												250
Poison Walnut	Cryptocarya pleuropema												50
Qld Cycad	Cycas media				30								
Blue Flax Lilly	Dianella caerulea					1000	800	600	1000	800		300	30
Dianella Spp.	Dianella Spp.				150				7000	180			
Red Beech	Dillenia alata					400		300	200	350	200	100	100
Cape York Cedar/Buf	Dysoxylum allicium					40	80	100	100	1000	250	50	
Eumundi Quandong	Elaeocarpus eumund		1000	800									
Blue Quandong	Eleocarpus grandis							80	50	50			
Coral Tree	Erythrum variegata					800				500			
Porcelin Fruit	Fagraea cambagei							50			100		
Weeping Fig	Ficus benjamina											5000	10000
Red-Leaf Fig	Ficus congesta												15000
Rusty Fig	Ficus destruens												5000
Drube Fig	Ficus drupacea												2000
Hairy Fig	Ficus hispida												10000
Small-leaved fig	Ficus obliqua			1E+05									1000
Septic Fig	Ficus septica				400								1000
Variegated Fig	Ficus variegata			1E+05									2000
White Fig	Ficus virens												4000
Daintree Hickory/Scaly ash	Ganophyllum falcatum		20										
Buttonwood	Glochidion harveyanum				100	600							
Umbrella Cheese Tree	Glochidion sumatrum									200			
White Beech	Gmelina fasciculiflora												300
Claudia Tulipwood	Harpullia ramiflora				400								150
Norton's Oak	Helicia nortoniana				500	500	500	400	800	150			
Sea Hearse	Hermandia nymphaefolia			200									
Cottonwood	Hibiscus tiliaceus	1000	200	1000									500
Bleeding Heart	Homalanthus novoguineum								3000		1000	1000	
Creek Palm	Hydriastele wendlandiana										4		5
Goat's Foot Morning													
Glory/creeper	Ipomea pescaprae												100
Bandicoot Berry	Leea indica												
Qld Fan Palm	Licuala ramsayii										100	100	50
Walking Stick Palm	Linospadix minor				200								



Seed Collection for Revegetation Ella Bay 2010

Seed Collection Common Name:	Scientific Name:	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December																																
Macaranga Tree	Macaranga tanarius									250		500																																	
Native Lasiandra	Melastoma malabathricum										5000																																		
Turn-in-the-Wind	Mallotus paniculatus					2000	1000																																						
Yellow Evodia	Melicope bonwickii									500																																			
Corkwood	Melicope elleryana			400																																									
Little Evodia	Melicope rubra (meullerii)			2000																																									
Pongamia	Milletia pinnata			400																																									
Red Bell	Mischocarpus exangulatus							105	200																																				
Cheese fruit	Morinda citrifolia		65	50000	240	120	240		500	500		200	200 80																																
Native Banana	Musa banksii					200																																							
Native Nutmeg	Myristica insipida									50																																			
Leichhardt	Nauclea orientalis			50000																																									
Rainforest Pandan/Urchin-	Pandanus monticola						1000		500			50																																	
Swamp Pandan	Pandanus solmslaubachii										50	40																																	
Rusty Pittosporum	Pittosporum ferrugineum										400																																		
Solitaire Palm	Phytosperma elegans			100	500	100	50		100	50	500	50																																	
Coastal Premna	Premna serratifolia.			500			100						200																																
Sea Lettuce/beach cabbage	Scaveola taccada			12	5000	600			2000	600			600 800 600 500																																
Mission Beach Satinash/Onion Wood	Syzygium alliiigium							200	50	300																																			
White Apple	Syzygium forte		250																																										
Brown Damson	Terminalia arenicola						500	1000		200																																			
Sea Almond	Terminalia catappa			50	200	500	350	500	300	10	200	50	50																																
Mueller's Damson	Terminalia muelleri									30	250																																		
Damson Plum	Terminalia sericocarpa			400							250																																		
Northern Cottonwood	Thespesia populnea			200				150	250		50	300																																	
Poison Peach	Trema orientalis								600			200																																	
Golden Penda	Xanthostemon chrysanthus																																												
<b>Total Seeds</b>	<b>522,966</b>		2330	0	962	318100	2990	4720	2990	7230	1700	0	8140	1580	4475	14810	12500	9230	26600	1235	0	0	730	680	1000	3972	11500	0	0	6850	0	11080	11350	1766	15350	11200	3865	90	6000	12940	2470	1150	1381	0	0