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SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE PROJECT PROMPTS MASIG NURSERY REFURBISHMENT

Torres Strait Regional Authority Rangers and Land and Sea Management Unit staff are refurbishing the Mother's Well Nursery on Masig as part of the TSRA's Sustainable Horticulture Project.

TSRA Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, said the refurbishment will showcase the structure and production of a nursery for other communities.

"This is one of several nurseries being developed across the Torres Strait and is vital for community self-sufficiency," Mr Elu said.

"The nurseries play an important role supporting such activities as island revegetation programs for erosion sites and coastal care.

"The refurbishment will advance the facility's capacity and boost production."

Mr Elu said nurseries are integral supporting community food gardens, house gardens, island beautification and to propagate native trees and trees with cultural significance.

"The nursery currently only holds 100-200 plants and the upgrade will include erecting steel shelving to support its future production of 1,000-2,000 plants," Mr Elu said.

"The work undertaken by the Rangers and others has created a much better working space for nursery propagation and production.

"The next stage of development will involve the installation of shade cloth and automated watering systems, along with remedial work to further increase the nursery's efficiency."

The project is a successful collaboration involving Erubam, Ugaram, Warraberalgahl and Masigalgal Rangers working together with participants from the MyPathway program.

Mr Elu thanked Masig PBC, TSIRC, Kailag Enterprise, MyPathway, Ergon Energy and Reef Pilot. TSRA Regional Landcare Facilitator George Saveka guided the refurbishment.

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Caption: The Team at Mothers Well Nursery, Masig - Back Row: (L-R) Loice Naawi, Mark Pearson, Sergio Ahmat, Aaron Ketchell, Monty Naawi Jr, David Ghee. Front Row: Noel Baker (Image: TSRA).



Caption: Ugaram Ranger Noel Baker and Erubam Ranger Aaron Ketchell erecting the frame of the new shed for Mothers Well Nursery with Regional Landcare Facilitator George Saveka looking on. (Image: TSRA)



Caption: Erubam Ranger Aaron Ketchell putting up the new fencing at Mothers Well Nursery at Masig (Image: TSRA).