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### **TEAM EFFORT BOOSTS MABUIAG GARDEN NURSERY PRODUCTION**

The Mabuiag Nursery is springing into life with upgrades to the community greenhouse funded through the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Sustainable Horticulture Project.

The upgrade includes new shade cloth for the green house, benches for seedlings and the replacement of structural posts.

Regional Landcare Facilitator, George Saveka, also ran a fertiliser trial to demonstrate the effects of applying different kinds of fertilisers in the community's fruit tree orchard.

The TSRA Chairperson, Joseph Elu, thanked George Saveka, Senior Maguygiw Ranger, Terrence Whap and the TSRA's Ranger Trainees, for their assistance and guidance in the community during the week.

"The Mabuiag Nursery is operated by Remote Jobs and Communities Programs (RJCP) garden champion Lency Bani with support from Delisia Ware, Meroma Whap, Alana Banasa and Maryann Whap," Mr Elu said.

"The nursery can produce seedlings to support the community garden and supplies vegetables, and herb seedlings to community members.

"Seedling are also raised to supply the revegetation activities carried out across the island by the TSRA Rangers.

"The upgrade was a good experience for the Ranger Trainees and demonstrated that many more seedlings can be produced in a controlled greenhouse environment when the space is put to good use".



Caption: LSMU Ranger Trainees - Aaron Bon, Shanice Havili, Anthony Drummond, LSMU Maguygiw Senior Ranger - Terrence Whap, RJCP participants - Lency Bani, Delisia Ware and Meroma Whap.



Caption: The upgraded Mabuiag community green house.

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