

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Greenfleet plants 50,000 new trees in NSW this month**

*Greenfleet planted 50,000 new trees in NSW this month. The environmental non-profit is also looking for more properties to plant native forests, free of charge.*

Tree planting has just finished on two private properties in the Central and Southern Tablelands:

1. *Matsubayashi Nojo*, located near Black Springs, in the Central Tablelands.

The site is owned by chef Anton Verplak, who runs the Minus8 private dining club in Sydney. He bought the property for use as a hobby farm to grow his own bush tucker and vegetables.

Greenfleet is planting half the 16-hectare property with 6,960 native trees, using 17 locally native species.

2. *Back'O'Slaters*, a 60-hectare property near Taralga in the Southern Tablelands.

Since the 1970s, the site has been a pine plantation and a wildling pine forest. It was razed by bushfire in 2013 and cleaned up last year.

Greenfleet will plant 46,161 native trees on the property, using 26 species native to the area. Revegetation is intended to join up the surrounding forest, returning the area to its natural state.

*Back'O'Slaters* landowner Andrew Moore said he was pleased with the process with Greenfleet, who handled everything, from site preparation through to planting.

"This has been really cost effective for us, and it's good to be doing something good for the environment," he said.

Moore explained that the trees planted on his old family farm would capture nearly 50,000 tonnes of carbon out of the atmosphere over the next century.

Greenfleet has planted more than 9 million native trees across 475 biodiverse forests in Australia and New Zealand since 1997. It is Australia's most trusted source of carbon offsetting. The 20-year-old organisation connects people with meaningful climate action, by restoring native forests to capture carbon from the atmosphere.

Research undertaken in 2014 shows that native vegetation can raise property values by up to 16 per cent compared to similar properties without any native vegetation. This is a substantial economic incentive for landowners to consider native tree planting on their property.

The environmental benefits are also significant. The forests that Greenfleet plants capture carbon pollution from the atmosphere, provide vital habitat to native wildlife, conserve biodiversity and generate resilience to climate change in the landscape.

Greenfleet CEO Wayne Wescott said the non-profit's plantings were a huge investment in rural and regional Australia, and a no-brainer for landholders.

"Thanks to our landholder partners around the country, we've been able to restore hundreds of native forests and ecosystems across NSW and Australia, transforming our landscapes and boosting local economies while tackling climate change," he said.

To contact Greenfleet or learn more, visit [www.greenfleet.org.au/landowners](http://www.greenfleet.org.au/landowners)

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**About Greenfleet:** With 20 years' experience, Greenfleet is Australia's most trusted source of biodiverse carbon offsets. As an environmental not-for-profit organisation, Greenfleet's mission is to protect our climate by restoring our forests. Since 1997, Greenfleet has planted more than 9 million native trees across Australia and New Zealand – restoring more than 475 native and biodiverse forests. The projects are funded by individuals and organisations that support Greenfleet's work through carbon offset donations. Greenfleet services many of Australia's leading brands, including Disney, Telstra and Smartgroup. Visit: [www.greenfleet.org.au](http://www.greenfleet.org.au)

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