

Our history

In the early years Marlborough Nursery operated from a single site at Wellington Point predominantly focused on growing palm trees for the retail supply chain in south east Queensland. After the initial stages of forming the business it became apparent that there was a large and unfulfilled market for high quality indoor foliage plants in Queensland and interstate. This assessment led to the emphasis of the business shifting to the production of indoor foliage crops and away from the general palm market however a few select varieties of palms were retained and continued to be produced for many years. The business grew rapidly throughout the later part of the nineteen eighties and into the nineties expanding production volume and an ever increasing interstate market share.

In 1988, as part of this business expansion, Marlborough Nursery acquired twenty acres of land at Redland Bay for development into a second production site complimenting the business at Wellington Point through diversification of container and crop size. The site was developed over a five-year period and produced larger container size plant material under shade houses with some unprotected open ground production for hardy plant crops.

Marlborough Nursery was a founding partner of FUTURA PROMOTIONS a company that sourced and promoted new plant introductions into the Australian market during the 1990's and early 2000's.

In 2002 the adjoining properties to our Wellington Point site were developed for residential housing hemming in the business with suburban living just over the fence. This caused various problems

for the sustainable continuation of a large production nursery in the middle of a residential estate therefore in 2006 the decision was made to relocate the whole operation to the Redland Bay site under a multi-million dollar redevelopment.

A building and relocation program was commenced in 2007 scheduled for completion over three years involving construction of 9,000sqm of climate controlled greenhouse production area, 25,000sqm of shade house production area, a modern office block and various production and dispatch buildings. This bought the total growing area to 50,000sqm or 5 hectares of protected cropping all completely consolidated on one site in early 2010.

Marlborough Nursery enjoys the reputation of being highly progressive, innovative and for producing their crops to the best available quality on the Australian market.

In the further pursuit of excellence, since 1995, the Directors have also developed associations with some of the leading plant breeders in Europe and northern America enabling the company to continue to lead the Australian market in new product releases of indoor foliage and flowering lines.

Marlborough Nursery's Wellington Point site achieved NIASA (Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia) Accreditation with the first group of production nurseries accredited in Queensland twenty years ago in 1993. Approximately two years later the Redland Bay site achieved NIASA Accreditation aligning the business to industry best management practice (BMP).

NIASA Accreditation fits well with our policy of being progressive and innovative by applying industry best management practices to produce high quality plants for the Australian market. In 2006 Marlborough Nursery gained EcoHort Certification, under the industry Environmental & Natural Resource Management System, for the existing infrastructure and systems which guided the business through the redevelopment and to the newly completed site at Redland Bay. EcoHort is aims at using industry best management practice to continually improve the business's environmental and natural resource management through the awareness of impacts and in the development of mitigation and remedial production practices.

Marlborough Nursery are presently working towards achieving BioSecure HACCP Certification (the industry on-farm Biosecurity program) with the aim of taking a complete systems approach to pest, disease and weed management through a risk based assessment process (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point). Achieving this level of certification under the Nursery Production Farm Management System will position the business to self-certify crops for interstate trade by demonstrating entry condition compliance and the business anticipates being in a sound position to meet any future legislative issues that may arise and impact the operation.

We are proud of our reputation for quality, innovation and progressiveness and consider these attributes will fuel the continued growth of the business.