

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense green forest. In the upper left, there are rows of agricultural fields, possibly a vineyard. In the upper right, a golf course is visible with its green fairways and a small building. The forest covers the majority of the landscape, with a winding path or stream visible through the trees on the right side.

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Welcome to the KC Equipment Magazine, which contains our clients stories and farming tips.

At KC Equipment, we have been serving our local community for over 30 years. We feel privileged to be in a position where we can help our people growing their businesses, lives and crops.

We would like to thank the Harris family for sharing their amazing story and knowledge about regenerative macadamias production.

Thank you Daniel, Carl, Mark, Rex and Lynette for choosing KC Equipment for your farming equipment and servicing needs!

Sincerely,  
Your KC Equipment Team

*Russell Bryson Justin Hunter*

# PICCADILLY PARK

A PROUD FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
MACADAMIA FARM

## WHAT DOES PICCADILLY PARK DO?

Piccadilly Park is a proud family owned and operated macadamia farm located in Bangalow, Northern NSW. The farm is locally renowned for its meticulously maintained macadamia orchards, planted rainforests and amazing regenerative macadamia productions.

## WHO ARE THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN OPERATING?

In the 1990s, the Harris family would regularly come to Bangalow on holiday to enjoy the surf. In 1998, they decided to call Bangalow home and purchased a cattle property which they have turned into the inspirational macadamia farm that we know today. The father Rex, his two sons Daniel and Carl, and their farm manager Mark Jones, run the property.



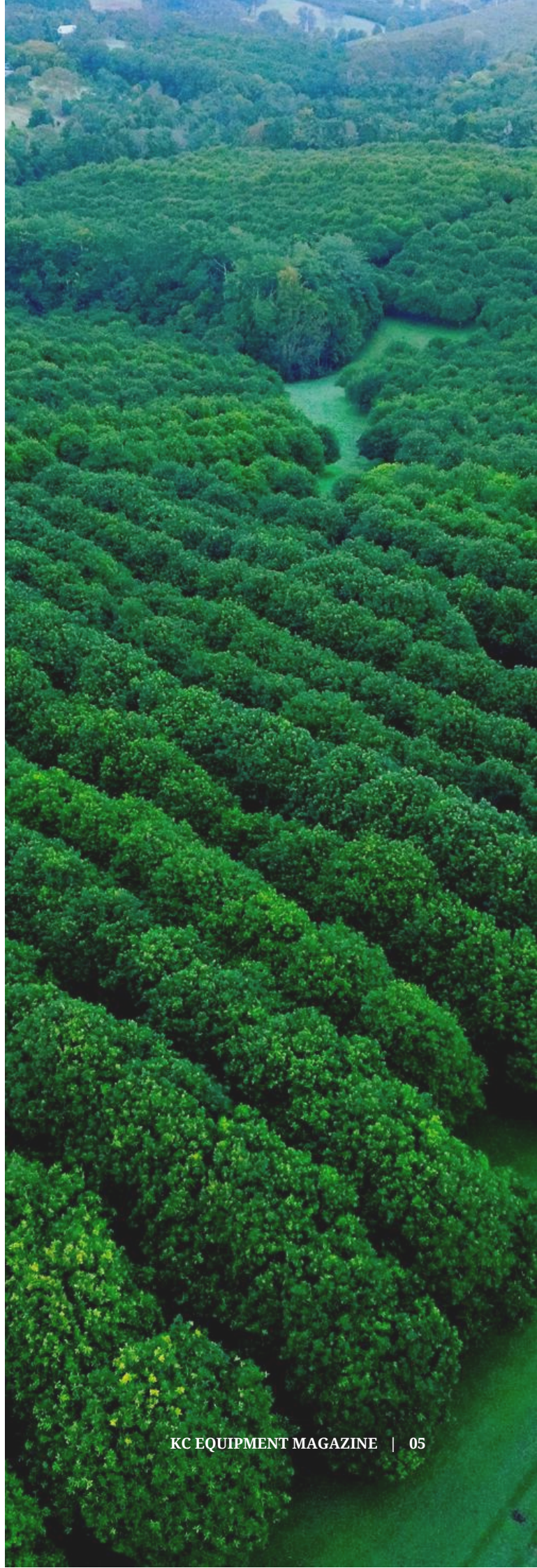
## HOW BIG IS PICCADILLY PARK?

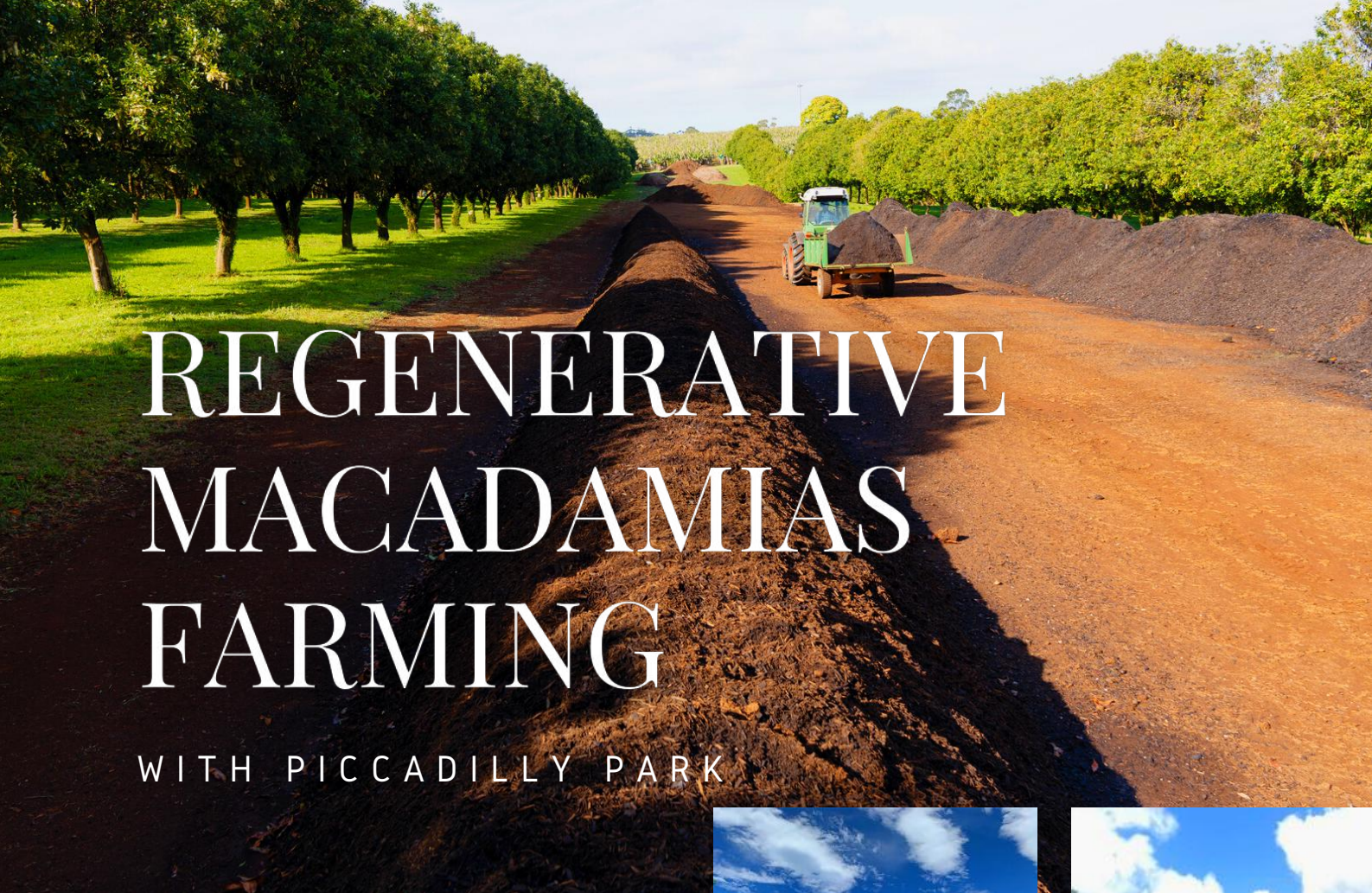
"We have 200 acres of macadamia production. Our family planted over 17,500-odd macadamia trees. To encourage wildlife and increase the biodiversity on the farm, over the past 20 years, we've also planted 60,000 rainforest trees, including 140 different species in areas not suitable for macadamia production. The rest of the property comprises of restored wetlands, creeks and open areas."



## HOW MANY KILOS OF MACADAMIA NUTS DO YOU PRODUCE IN A YEAR? WHERE ARE THEY DISTRIBUTED?

"We produce about 150 to 200 tonnes of macadamia nuts in shell at 10% moisture content. They are then sent to one processor who re-distributes them to many different markets such as nuts sales and macadamia oil which is refined further to skincare and beauty products."





# REGENERATIVE MACADAMIAS FARMING

WITH PICCADILLY PARK

WHAT IS REGENERATIVE  
MACADAMIA PRODUCTION?  
HOW DO YOU PRACTICE IT  
AT PICCADILLY PARK?

"Regenerative farming is a set of practices that can help restore natural ecosystems and increase biodiversity on the farm. It's really about using 'green' methods that bring life back into your soil.

At Piccadilly Park, we removed alternate rows of macadamia trees as they were significantly reducing sunlight on the orchard floor, we were losing the smoother grass, the ground cover that was protecting the soil from erosion during heavy rain.

With the objective to re-establish ground cover and capture a larger amount of sunlight across the whole orchard, we've replaced every second row of macadamia trees with cover crops. Cover crops helps with improving soil structure and fertility, reduce erosion, increase carbon sequestration, and attract beneficial insects such as bees. Bees are essential for pollinating macadamias."

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"As an attempt to diversify the plant cover across the orchard floor, we use a 14 way mix. The cover crop species mix consists of: grasses (sorghum, japanese millet and pearl millet), legumes (cow pea, butterfly pea, sunn hemp, red clover, arrow leaf clover and lucerne) and broadleaves (sunflower, golden flax, chia, phacelia, chicory). Cover crops is an excellent way to add organic matter to the soil through mulching and composting. Instead of using chemical fertilisers, our trees are fed with compost. This has helped with building soil health."



"Our regenerative rainforests program has dramatically increased the biodiversity on the farm and attracted a large number of birds, mammals, beneficial insects and wildlife. This combined with the installation of bird boxes have created an effective eco-friendly pest management control with the native barn owls and wedge-tailed eagles keeping the rats away from our valuable macadamia nuts."



## WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN THE SOIL OF PICCADILLY PARK SINCE INTRODUCING REGENERATIVE MACADAMIA PRODUCTION?

"Some of the biggest changes we've seen is a lot more 'soil life', 'soil biology' has picked up, as we see a lot more earth worms. On a more scientific level, our soil carbon has increased. This is evident in our soil testing technique done in a professional laboratory. This analysis has shown that our soil carbon has risen from 4.5% to 6% in the year since we've started the regenerative farming techniques. Using regenerative farming practices at Piccadilly Park support sustainable Macadamia nuts production and has significantly improved the overall health of our land."

## WHAT TIPS OR ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FARMERS WANTING TO START PRACTICING REGENERATIVE FARMING?

"Firstly, I will have to answer in a very general term, whoever you are as a landholder, a farm manager, or a farmer: you will need to define your context as to what it is that you are trying to produce and what it is that you feel like needs regenerating. For example, do you need more nitrogen in your soil? You could plant legumes in your cover crops as part of the solution. You will need to ask around your local area and find out if someone is on a similar path but maybe a bit further down the road so you can learn from them. Don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new things. In this day and age, there is so much information available on Youtube and webinars that you can sign up to. It's important to find great tips and advice that will help you define what it is that you would like to achieve with your piece of land. The big thing is to really get to know your soil and discover for yourself how it actually functions. The soil chemistry, physics and biology; research how these 3 interact with the plants and the animal kingdom. Regenerative farming I believe, is really about finding ways that biology will benefit you on the farm."



# HOW HAS KC EQUIPMENT HELPED YOUR BUSINESS?

A LOCALLY BASED SERVICE TEAM WITH  
GREAT HARDWORKING TRACTOR BRANDS

"KC Equipment have great brands! Their tractors are very reliable! They are good hardworking tractors, a joy to operate whilst getting the jobs done around the farm. Plus, my tractors are backed up by KC Equipment' great service team! It's one thing to have nice flash machines like my Fendt 312 Vario but you've got to look after it and do all the routine services so you don't run into issues. KC Equipment have supplied us with the quality tractors we need for our business combined with continuous great mechanical skills from their friendly locally based service team!"





## WOULD YOU RECOMMEND KC EQUIPMENT?

"Yes, I would definitely recommend KC Equipment as the team in Lismore give me something very valuable: they give me 'Peace of Mind'! The KC Equipment Lismore people are great! Our farming equipment get well looked after by their friendly, reliable and knowledgeable mechanics. Well maintained and working equipment is essential for our business to run smoothly! Thank you KC Equipment Lismore!"





## ABOUT US

- FOR EVERYTHING IN  
YOUR SHED -

KC Equipment are an Australian new and used equipment provider.

We provide only quality equipment, to help farmers, growers, groundskeepers and landowners get the best out of their land.

We service the residential, agricultural, commercial, groundskeeping and sports turf industries with a huge range of equipment from the world's leading manufacturers, including Massey Ferguson, Iseki, Kubota and Deutz Fahr.

If you need advice on agricultural and grounds care machinery, feel free to contact our experts, at [kcequipment.com.au](http://kcequipment.com.au).



## WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

KC Equipment has been in business for over thirty years, and operates three locations - two in Northern NSW (Murwillumbah and Lismore), and one in Queensland (Yatala, situated between Brisbane and the Gold Coast).

All KC Equipment locations feature Parts Counters, Workshop and Retail Showrooms, and are open six days a week.

## PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### - NEW EQUIPMENT -

KC Equipment new equipment range includes: Ride On Mowers, Zero Turn Mowers, Compact Tractors, Specialty Tractors, Utility Tractors, Utility Vehicles, Reel & Rotary Mowers, Turf Equipment, Sprayers, Trailers, Outdoor Power Equipment Pumps, Booms and more.

### - IMPLEMENTS -

KC Equipment implements range includes: Aerators, Cultivators, Rippers & Delvers, Ploughs, Discs, Grader Blades, Spreaders, Post Hole Diggers, Seed Drills, Hay Rakes, Hay Balers, Slashers, Mulchers & Flail Mowers, Finishing Mowers, Pasture Toppers and more.

### - SERVICING -

KC Equipment services include: Qualified Diesel Mechanics, Fitters and Motor Mechanics on-hand for scheduled maintenance and logbook servicing for all makes and models. Gearbox and engine rebuilds, battery and tyre replacement, implement repair, field service and more.

### - PARTS & SUPPLIES -

Powered by a huge supplier network, KC Equipment offers genuine and aftermarket replacement parts for all makes and models, along with a huge range of industrial supplies. Chat to us about Diesel Transfer, Lubricants, Filters, Cylinders, PTO Shafts, Belts and more.



# KC EQUIPMENT

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Chat to the Agricultural & Grounds Care machinery experts!

KC Equipment provides only quality equipment, to help farmers, growers, groundskeepers and landowners get the best out of their land.

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