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Newsletter of Katoomba Native Plant Nursery



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From the outgoing Chairperson.....

The face of our nursery has changed a lot during the past year. Everything is much tidier and organised; signs point customers in the right directions.

We received a welcome donation of a glasshouse which has been erected.

Our 2 shade houses are full of an exciting array of plants many of them rescues.

A new volunteer has made amazing efforts to rescue a lot of small herbs and orchids which will be a welcome addition to our range.

We received a grant from Westpac which has enabled us to put a lot more resources into finding and training volunteers. This grant has enabled us to employ our Nursery Coordinator for another day each week and she has been busy planning stalls and workshops.

We also received a grant from Coca Cola for a watering system which was installed just before the Christmas break.

Veronica Paul



A word from the incoming Chairperson

Firstly, I would like to thank Veronica Paul for her work during her time in the chair.

This year we are looking forward to another busy year, with all our regular activities keeping us on the go, as well as producing lots of interesting plants for our nursery, along with all the regular ones.

We have had an early rush with orders during spring and summer, however we will have a lot of new stock ready in the next few months. Come in and check on our progress.

During the year we have been trying to encourage more people to volunteer. This has been very challenging and our existing volunteers are in need of a little relief. So, if you are interested in actively volunteering around the nursery, you would be warmly welcomed.

Christine Belshaw



A word from the Coordinator.....

Well some good news. The nursery got a grant from Westpac (administered by Landcare). This will enable us to get further irrigation (watering systems) for much of the nursery and thereby freeing up a lot of hours. It will also enable the nursery to obtain some much needed goods and to do a volunteer drive.

We have continued to do weekend workshops on the importance of Blue Mountains native plants and biodiversity. Next year will see us steer more towards workshops aimed at bringing in volunteers that can volunteer their time during the week. These will be advertised in the Gazette.

Rescues have been very regular over the last few months and we have rescued with TAFE and a group of people for Mental Health Month (October). We have also started working with the young adults attending Leura Day Options. This has been most fun and will continue to be.



After the Fires.....

The 2013 bushfires burnt through Winmalee, Yellow Rock and Springwood and left the bushland areas blackened. After the rains came new green shoots started to appear everywhere.

Blue Mountains Wildplant Rescue Service was invited to a large acreage in Winmalee to rescue lots of baby seedlings that had come up along a fire trail.

A group of six enthusiastic volunteers turned up one morning and set to work digging and potting as many little plants that could. Then they fitted as many in their cars as possible. There were lots of little grevilleas and pea flowering seedlings that we don't normally find. They were then watered, ready for transport back to the nursery in Katoomba.

This was followed by some well earned refreshments. A table and chairs was provided by our host, so we could sit back in relative comfort and be amazed at how well the bush was recovering.

A most enjoyable time was had by all!!!



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Upcoming stalls and events 2015

- Springwood Foundation Day –
Saturday, 14 March, 2015
- Winter Magic Festival –
Katoomba in June

Spotlight on a plant



***Lomatia silaifolia*: Crinkle bush.**

This beautiful plant grows to about 1metre or to two metres if bearing its tall graceful flower stalks.

Belonging to the same group as the Grevilleas the delicate cream spider type flowers form in pairs, on a long erect spike during summer.

The leaves are very deeply dissected which adds to the delicate appearance of the plant.

Lomatia grows in sandy soils in both open and shady places. It is spread throughout the Mountains.

