

CRISP NEWSLETTER

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By Dale Morgan

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

A resounding success and a lot of fun was had by all on nov 9th at our first plant stall held at the Ringwood Heights Primary School's Food and Fun Fair.

Congratulations and thanks must go to those who helped in making it a success. They are Annette Culley, Joyce Jones, Pam Catling and Dale Morgan. A job well done ladies! And a special thanks to Martin Morgan for printing out labels, literature and signs on the computer, and helping to set up our stall.

A profit of \$38.60 was made, and over 50 brochures were handed out to the public. The general response was good and I think we can expect to see more people coming along to CRISP on Fridays to buy plants and to help out with the Nursery.

NEWSLETTER NO:2

Yes thats right, number 2. What was that? You missed out on number 1? Well number one was released some years ago by Brad Curtis, back in the early days when CRISP was CCRISPP.

It is on view in the potting shed for any one to have a look at.

WATERING PROBLEMS

For any that are unaware we have been having problems with our watering system. It centres around the hardening off area and polyhouse. For some reason the control box and valves have failed, this happened a few days after Charlie and Lola left to visit Lord Howe island. Well as things work out Charlie is our expert on the watering system and the rest of us knew nothing about it, so were at a loss as to what to do. The losses to plant life were minimal at this time and much daily handwatering had to be done. Jack Buchanan was a great help, thanks Jack. On his advice we called in the experts from Aquafield to sort our problem.

Well hopefully it will be sorted soon, the latest plan is to use the one control box from inside the potting shed to run everything. This control box has 9 stations and should be able to do the job, fingers crossed.

EXPANSION

We need to expand our hardening off area soon. Permission was granted some time ago from council to extend our fenced area along towards the potting shed for about half the vacant area. Quotes will be obtained from fencing contractors and from reticulation experts. Shade cloth will be needed to cover all of this area. Also we will be getting stands for the plants to rest on, both in the polyhouse and in the hardening off area. We need to bring them up higher so as to make it easier to pick up, weed and set down boxes of plants. We also need new signs. If anyone has any ideas, points or advice on any of these matters or would like to organise any of these, please do so. Contact Dale Morgan on 9870 1060.

THANKS CHARLIE

Charlie Mensch has been doing a wonderful job at the Nursery. The privet has been disappearing from behind the fence in the hardening off area and a wind break has been put up. The area has also been covered with new mulch and pallets have been placed for the plants to rest on. Not to mention a long ditch for wiring to rest in coming from the potting shed to Hardening off area, and probably numerous other jobs that we others never know about. Thanks Charlie.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Well its that time again, we had a lovely little Christmas BBQ last year so lets do it again. There has been some talk about involving the other people, namely Pete from Reverse Garbage truck and the lady (forgotten her name- can anyone help?) from Citizen Advocacy. Sounds great to me.

So lets get together and discuss this as soon as possible.

JOBS THAT NO ONE WANTS TO DO

We have a serious weed problem growing out of the dig-ups, these need sorting and they need it soon!

Any volunteers?

Possible solution?-A barrow load of potting mix and several larger pots, divide up each box (retaining bush soil)and pot them up individually. These can be used as stock pots until the time comes that they get put back into the bush where they originated.