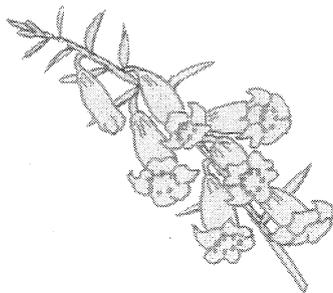


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VOLUNTEERS

Most of the work at CRISP is carried out by volunteers. These are people from within the community who give their time to help provide a large range of indigenous plants for the Maroondah Region. If you care about your local environment and would like to help out at the nursery - join the friendly team. No experience needed. Learn the difference between various native plants, learn to propagate and pot up the many seedlings.

Where are we?

CRISP is located in GREENWOOD AVE, Ringwood (just next to Jubilee Park). If you can't find a volunteer amongst the plants - walk down further and find them in a small building on your left - just before Reverse Art. Come and browse the sales section or give some of your time to help the others.

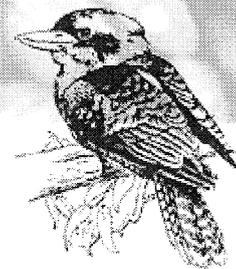
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A Note from the Editor



I apologise for the delay in this newsletter and my rather short editorial. I have had a few family issues that have taken me away from the computer and my garden. But it was in fact my garden that gave me solace during this time, especially now the trees have all grown up and shield the neighbouring properties. It allowed for some peaceful contemplation.

About this time of year the gardens and parks start drying out. But with the amount of rain we have had, everywhere is still very green. The Fire authority have warned that this will mean potential grass fires during the heat of the summer. Whilst the excessive growth might have its downside, it has been wonderful to see the indigenous plants flourishing.

I hope that you have all put in a lot of plants and trees this year to enable them to become well established before summer.

I still notice people in my neighbourhood visiting other nurseries to buy plants for their gardens, despite dropping brochures in their letterboxes. Perhaps we will need to do another promotional drive but in the meantime - make sure you mention to your neighbours to buy their plants from CRISP as it is often a matter of them not knowing.

I hope you enjoy this slightly smaller newsletter. Thank you to Pam, Annette and Stephanie, Gwyn Davies, Carol Clarke, Andy Parsons and Rebecca Knight for their contributions (apologies to Carol for not being able to print her article in the last newsletter). Wishing you all a very merry christmas and please come along to the annual christmas BBQ (see details below). Everyone is welcome.

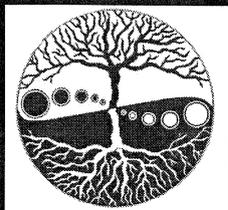
Linda

Hi Linda,

Your last CRISP Newsletter mentioned that plants no longer need to be in Latin. I heard one ABC segment that suggested that included the names of the plants, however I thought a later segment said the names were still in Latin, it was the description of the plants that could now be in English. I went to the last CRISP seed cleaning session & there was a botanist at our table & she confirmed that the names were still in Latin but the descriptions could now be in English.

Margaret Baber

Annual CRISP Christmas gathering



for members, volunteers and friends
Wombolano Park, East Ringwood
Saturday 3rd December from 12pm.

BBQ and soft drinks supplied –
please bring a salad or sweet to share.

To ensure that we cater for everyone attending please RSVP to the nursery by Nov 30th – phone 9879 3911 or email crisp@melbpc.org.au

Committee corner

The members of the committee would like to thank the nursery staff Annette O'Sullivan, Stephanie Dean and Jan Temperley and the many volunteers for their dedication and hard work. Without the "planning and potting", CRISP would not be able to produce the plants for the many community projects as well as the home garden.

The committee members, all volunteers, work with the staff members to support the nursery. The newly elected committee for 2011-2012 is as follows:

Pam Yarra	President
Andy Powell	Vice President
Nerida Gray	Treasurer
Mark Smith	Secretary
Annette Culley	Committee members
Carmel Koesasi	
Andy Parsons	
Merrilyn Smith	

Thank you to the outgoing office bearers Andy Powell- President, Merrilyn Smith- Secretary and Peter Wootton – Vice President and the outgoing committee members Paul Chenery, Peter Moore and Peter Wootton for your valued contribution to the committee.

During the year nursery staff purchased four new books for the library, a valuable resource available for members to borrow.

- (1) *Australian Native Plants* by J. Wrigley & M. Fagg
- (2) *A Field Guide to Australian Fungi* by Bruce Fuhrer
- (3) *Melbourne Wildlife: A Field Guide to Fauna of Greater Melbourne*
- (4) The Greenology Series. *The Green Garden*

These together with a newly purchased data projector will be an asset for community education.

Staff members are also working on a joint project with Maroondah Council to publish an information/educational brochure. This will include information about growing local plants for a "habitat garden", as well as alternatives to invasive weed species.

The newsletter too is a useful resource; share it with a neighbour or local friend who may not know the benefits of growing local plants.

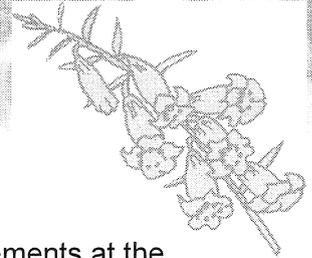
The committee members and staff look forward to meeting many CRISP members at our barbecue on December 3rd.

We also wish you and your families a happy and relaxing festive season and look forward to your ongoing support in 2012.

Pam Yarra
President

Don't forget to return your plant tubes and pots
Bring back on Wednesday or Friday or leave outside the CRISP potting shed/office.

Report from the nursery



As we approach the end of the year it is a good time to reflect on the achievements at the nursery and make plans for the upcoming year. Thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers over 35,000 plants have been planted in our local environment. Maroondah City Council is our major customer and many plants end up in our local parks and reserves – there are plants that the council plant themselves and many others that are planted by the Friends Groups, Green Corp workers and local residents.

Out in the community, bushland that in past seasons was getting quite open is now full and thriving. It is amazing what a good season of rain makes. Some things that had missed putting on seeds are now abundant, so it will be a great time to collect seeds. There has also been a lot of good quality cutting material around which has made collecting easy.

The Working Bees that we have had through the year have been great and the garden is looking really good. We have spent time making the entrance to the nursery look attractive and inviting. Our next project is to get some identifying signage on the display plants so people will be able to identify what is in the garden.

Sales through our public sales area have been increasing and many people coming through the nursery are noticing the enhanced look of the Sales Area since Jan has been employed earlier this year. We have been able to provide greater numbers of the favoured home garden plants and locally rare plants as our propagation material becomes increasingly available.

Our volunteers are a hardy lot and work through the cold of winter and the heat of summer. At the moment our main task is potting up seedlings. Our germination has been very good and for the next couple of months we will be transferring the seedlings into tubes. We will be open every Wednesday and Friday over the Christmas/New Year period and welcome anyone that has any spare time to assist with the nursery work.

An initiative this year that has been most successful is our Seed Cleaning Evenings. These evenings have achieved great results in preparing collected plant material for storage and propagation. We look forward to more of these evenings next year – 1st Wednesday of the Month every 2nd month from February. Some members that have been unable to attend the group seed cleaning have taken material home to work on and that has been greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas gathering will be held at Wombolano Park on 3rd of December from 12pm – 3pm and we look forward to gathering with many of our members and friends to celebrate another successful year of propagating indigenous plants. We appreciate the input from everyone that spends time in the nursery whether it is as a regular or occasional volunteer, purchaser of plants, people who come in to share knowledge or coming in to ask questions.

Look forward to more great work at the nursery in 2012
Annette, Jan & Stephanie

Christmas openings – We will be open throughout Christmas for volunteer sessions on all Wednesdays and Fridays over Christmas period.

Seed cleaning evening...

Rebecca Knight

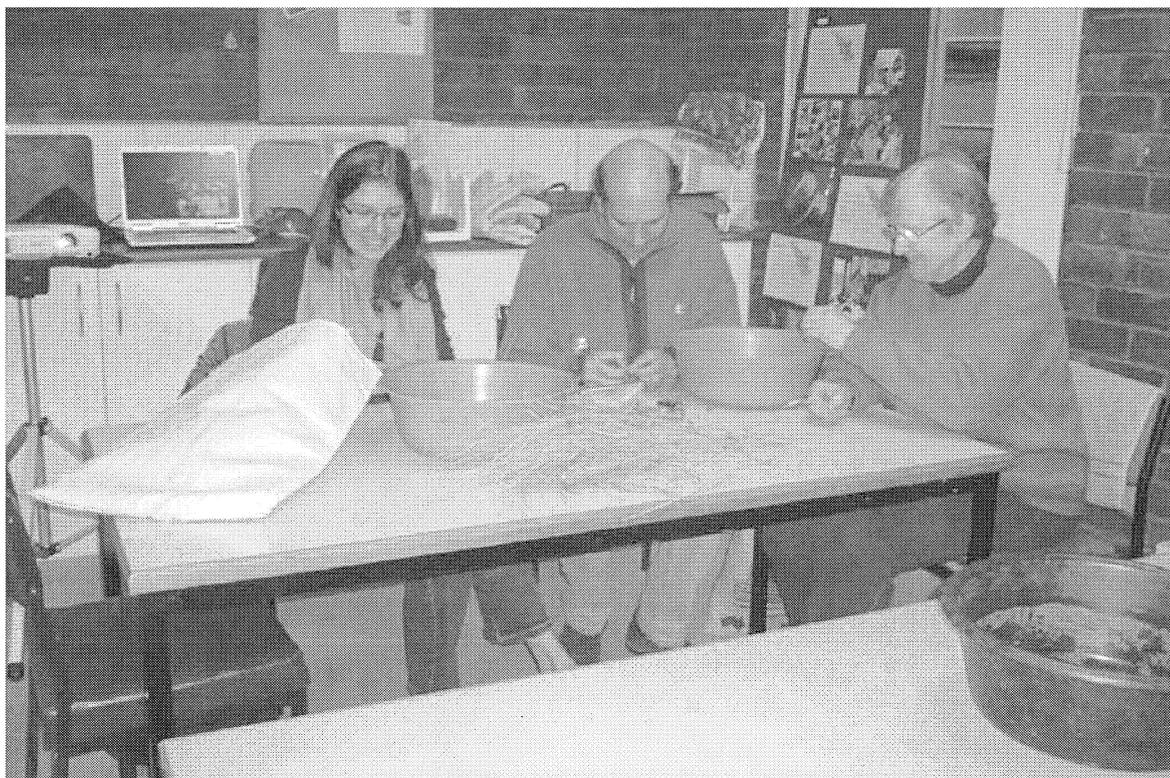
Recently I became a member of CRISP Nursery. As I was a new member I went along to the AGM with my fiancé Michael to hear more about the group and to meet other members. Everyone was really friendly and welcoming and it was the other members who suggested I come along to seed cleaning nights. As I work full-time I thought this would be a good way to become more involved as I can't help out during the daytime.

During the evenings we prepare different seeds for planting (my favourites are *Hardenbergia* and *Lomandra*). This opens up conversations about the reserves where the seed pods were harvested and great native reserves to visit. Having never lived in Maroondah until we bought our house two and a half years ago seed cleaning has been a great way to learn about different reserves to visit as well as get to know others in the community.

During the last evening we even topped off the night with a slide show of some of the plants that CRISP propagate (very helpful to see how the mature tube stock might look in your own garden)!

The therapeutic nature of good conversation and helping out the environment topped off with tea and coffee and yummy homemade cakes (lemon is my favorite!) make seed cleanings a good night out – and all for free!

Rebecca, Andy and Margaret cleaning seeds





Tales of a CRISP volunteer

Andy Parsons

'Potting up', pulling a few weeds, making up soil, cleaning tubes, selling, moving this and that, cutting back, planting, collecting, talking, laughing, eating and drinking (tea and coffee of course). It all happens at CRISP and some more.

A GOOD SHOW

I was just about to write details on the plastic tag when my eyes were distracted by a slight movement in the seed tray in front of me. Hey, the golden particles on top seem to be moving.

My immediate suspicion was that some sort of tiny insect lay trapped under the thin layer of soil on top and was now heading up for clean air. As I awaited expectantly for the arrival of a living organism from within, I was, as it turned out, about to be surprised.

Amazingly, elsewhere in the tray there was another slight movement, then another and another and on it went. What is this? A veritable army of earth mites about to rear up and stare me down? What have I got in this tray? Apart from the seeds I had just put in there. Spooky!

The seeds. Indeed. They were almost in turn literally springing or popping back to resume their original shape. Aided by nature's gift of an impressive degree of elasticity, the energy therein was being put to good use. From all over the tray their tails arose. Pop! Pop! Pop!

Simultaneously, this was allowing the seed to position itself for the action of burying down into the soil. Head first. Consequently it was now in an ideal position from which to enter the next phase of life. Grow to a plant.

A small crowd had gathered to enjoy nature's show. 'No need for David Attenborough's close up camera shots here!' It was simply captivating and just goes to show that nature can amaze us from anywhere. This time from within the four walls of our CRISP potting room.

PS seeds of *Themeda triandra*

IT WAS THE POSSUM...AGAIN!

Now possums get bad press. Well they do at the potting bench and that's a fact. Like the time they ate the vegies, stripped the new shoots on a much loved native and the time they left their 'bullets' (you know what I mean) too close to the back door on a favourite pathway. Damn the possums! But one day at the nursery it all went somewhat over the top..

We were given a tray with seed pods and it was causing some consternation. Well it was for me anyway and I was shortly joined by interested others. Thankfully I was now not alone. You see I was convinced, as were others, that the seed pods I had been given were not seed pods at all, but rather 'bullets' (you know what I mean).

How on earth could this happen? Of course, it's the possums! Nature has its way and instead of me breaking up a pod to extract the seeds I was handling something else! Well I was just about to dump my bundle of pods, I mean 'bullets', in the bin. But wait!

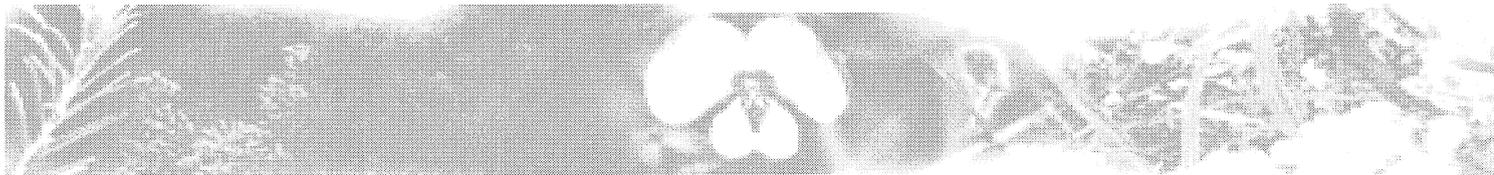
Good idea to share the experience with a resident expert, in this case Annette, and get on with the job. It was now that I ('we') received our next surprise.

'Hmmm. Guys, yes, I agree, these LOOK like 'bullets', but NO they are not possum 'bullets'. They are in fact seed pods of _____.(to come) You know what I mean?'

Well we all cracked up and once again nature had the last laugh. But this time I have to admit. It WASN'T the possum!

PS Seed pods of *Billardiera scandens*

cont...



'IF NOT FOR YOU....'

These are words from one of my favourite songs. Do you know it?

When it comes to volunteering at CRISP these words ring true to me. For if it were not for the many hours contributed by numerous volunteers, I suspect there would not be as many plants. And if there were not as many plants, there would not be as much habitat for insects and birds, not as much joy brought about by watching plants grow, not as much shade and colour, not as rapid carbon abatement or indeed not as much oxygen for us to breathe. It's definitely a mutually beneficial relationship. 'If not for you...'

And what's more, by being a volunteer at CRISP you can be guaranteed to stand shoulder to shoulder with people with whom you have something in common. At least on that day at that time we are all heading in the same direction. Usually. 'If not for you...'

Most importantly however, it can all happen in an environment that is harmonious and pleasant. This of course is not accidental. In fact it also speaks volumes about those special people who are there, not directly as volunteers, but more like custodians of CRISP. I refer of course to our managers, who, whether it be cold, wet, windy or warm, just keep making us volunteers feel welcome and appreciated. Just another mutually beneficial arrangement.

You know, the more I think of all the ingredients that are CRISP, the more I like those words.

'If not for you....'

New garden to preserve native plants

MAROONDAH's native plants will be preserved in a new indigenous botanical garden to be planted on the grounds of Maroondah Council's civic centre.

Council parks and gardens staff have begun to develop the garden on the northern lawn of the Braeside Ave council office, facing Maroondah Highway.

They hope the area will serve as a bank for seed and plant material to preserve the genetic variations of the city's flora.

Maroondah's indigenous plant nursery, CRISP Nursery at Ringwood, will supply a variety of species and help plant the garden.

Maroondah is home to more than 400 species of flora and fauna, some extremely rare and declining in numbers, which need protection from development and human interference.

The council's environment planner, Vivienne Fraser, encouraged residents unfamiliar with the city's unique plant life to "take another look and

discover some amazing flora that grows naturally in their municipality".

"Indigenous plants offer a number of wonderful benefits to the gardener — they are often particularly attractive in appearance, they attract birdlife and, because they are adapted to local conditions, they are relatively low maintenance," she said.

"Residents can feel rightfully proud of their city's flora, and every time an indigenous plant is planted over an introduced plant, the unique identity of our local area is enhanced."

A large variety of indigenous plants is readily available at CRISP or North Croydon's Candlebark Community Nursery.

Staff are happy to advise residents on how best to use local flora in their gardens.

Residents can also receive free advice from the council by contacting its contracts supervisor (parks), Peter Goegan, on 9871 0335.

— JAMIE DUNCAN



How green is our garden? Volunteers Dale Morgan (left), Jack Buchanan and Eva Buchanan begin planting Maroondah's new indigenous garden. Picture: COLIN STUCKEY.

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Old newspaper cuttings showing Eva Buchanan and other well known nursery volunteers (see next page)

Vale Eva Buchanan



Eva Buchanan, one of our original members has recently died and we would like to acknowledge the enormous amount of work she did in the local area preserving our indigenous bushland and revegetating with plants of local provenance.

Eva was a teacher for many years at Maroondah Secondary College and set up the indigenous garden in the school grounds introducing students to the concept of conservation. She lived in Maroondah along the Highway behind the council offices and was a strong advocate for indigenous planting in council gardens and around the council offices.

Along with Ken McInnes, Brad Curtis and councillor Sylvia Phillips, Eva was instrumental in the starting up of CRISP Nursery as there was nowhere to source indigenous plants. She worked with Maroondah City Council staff to establish the nursery on the former council depot site and was a recipient of an Australia Day Award in 2000.

The bushland around Heathmont Station was destined to be turned into a carpark and Loughies Bushland was destined to be built out but both were saved

from demolition by the hard work of Eva and others.

Many of the long term volunteers at CRISP have fond memories of Eva sharing her great wealth of knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for the flora and bushland in Maroondah. Eva has left a lasting legacy of bushland in the Maroondah area for the community to enjoy and for that we are most grateful.

Mar 4.2.97

Plant group seeks help of volunteers

AN ORGANISATION that aims to prevent the extinction of rare plants and loss of the biodiversity of local plants in Ringwood is after volunteers.

CRISP (Nursery), Community of Ringwood Indigenous Species Plant Nursery meets every Friday, at 17 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood (next to Jubilee Park) between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm.

The plant nursery is noted for growing indigenous plants for Maroondah City Council's parks, reserves, bushlands, schoolgrounds and other community purposes in the Ringwood area.

Activities include seed-sowing, pricking out of seedlings, preparation of cutting and potting of plants.

CRISP also acts as a plant rescuer, where there is a desecration of the area, members will go in and rescue the plants.

For information on the nursery and membership to CRISP call Dale Morgan 9870-1060 or Eva Buchanan 9870-5201.

Plants protectors: CRISP volunteers (from left) Annette Culley, Eva Buchanan and Charlie Mensch with (at rear) Lola Mensch and Dale Morgan. 732CS301

Nature notes arising from March newsletter

Carol Clarke

Common Koel. Early one morning in December when light was only just showing in the eastern sky, I stood transfixed in my bathroom. I had 'turned on' all my listening powers to hear a sound which resonated through my open window. 'Twas carrying so clearly through the still air. Amazement hit me that here was a new sound which I have never heard before after more than 40 years in this bushy area. Suddenly my frozen state disappeared as I rushed to open the back door in the hope of seeing the creator of the sound; but the sound had gone.

Could I have heard the common Koel described in the newsletter? It is beyond me to describe sounds; the main impact on me was the clarity of tone.

Indian Mynahs. News of the Indian Mynah action group delighted me! Two of these pesky families have been reared in a hole reaching onto my neighbour's overhang. The site is near my kitchen window which means I hear and see these nuisances pottering around my property every day. Today they even chased away my pet Butcherbird who is almost tame. My neighbours are in no way nature lovers, nor are they observant. They don't even know about the nuisances who get inside their eaves on their 'unused' side of the house.

When your newsletter arrived, I had been debating for two days about how I could at least block up their hole. Even now, non nesting season, birds are in and out of this hole on a daily basis. I had gathered together various blocking objects, including the ladder for access to the hole. There are some problems involved: reaching the high hole for one, which the ladder should resolve. Waiting for the neighbours to be out is the biggest problem as the husband works from home. I am patiently awaiting the Easter holidays!! Your article has turned hesitant ideas into planned future action.

Coincidentally, an acquaintance had been moaning about those 'pesky birds'. I passed on a copy of your article. Perhaps the population of Indian Mynah's will soon decline in our area or even be eliminated – high hopes!!

Cattle in the Alpine National Park. Often we, the environmental 'types', find it very hard to make any impression on various government bodies and their 'associates'. In my opinion they just DO NOT COMPREHEND the precious nature of all types of Australian wildlife, bush, birds, insects, fish and more. They do not comprehend that they cannot replace and re-build what they destroy, that the balances and interdependences within our natural world are very delicate. They believe that their 'sensible' aims of control of growth through cattle grazing are far more important than the seemingly 'insignificant' plants in the mountains.

This lack of comprehension, this non-valuing of natural assets, this 'stuck in the rut mentality', these blocked minds have been obvious to me many times in various topics within our country's environment and planning issues. As Carmel says, the fragile ecological systems 'are all too easy to damage and destroy.' The controllers 'mentalities do not value these systems'.

I've just witnessed this again in Portland where a huge drainage pipe has broken, causing a watery slithering collapse of a sizeable portion of quality coastal heath. It also wrecked part of the Great South West Walk. No-one in control has done anything since the collapse last August. Neither the Government (DSE) nor the drain company (Portland Smelter Plant) care enough about the ongoing erosion, which is increased by the rain pouring into the precious ocean environment. The site is very dangerous and also unfenced, and as for the regular walkers on the renowned track, well they can just walk around for three or more kilometres on ugly roads, busy in part, to get back to their track!!



To me the question is how do we get the involved parties to value our natural world? They just DO NOT comprehend how valuable it is.

Spiders. My medium size dark grey spider died today. A small pale coloured spide with two rows of spots all along his body was his murderer: this spotted creature seemed to be proudly standing over and guarding his prey when I saw him on my laundry window ledge. No more will my timid dark friend say 'hello' to me as I go in and out to my rear garden. His death has emphasized the inevitable cruelty of nature once again.

My neighbour's young son came round a few days ago yelling urgently for me to come quickly before he had even reached my door. "Bring your spray," he shouted. "Mum's dying of fright." I grabbed two see-through containers and some thin card as I guessed what the problem was. Mum was quaking on the front lawn as I calmly placed a large glass over the giant spider on the front door. Then I gently slid the card under the glass and took the fine huntsman specimen to his new home in the bush. I do so hope that all CRISP readers know how to remove these creatures to a more appropriate home. There is enough cruelty within our natural world without us adding to it!!



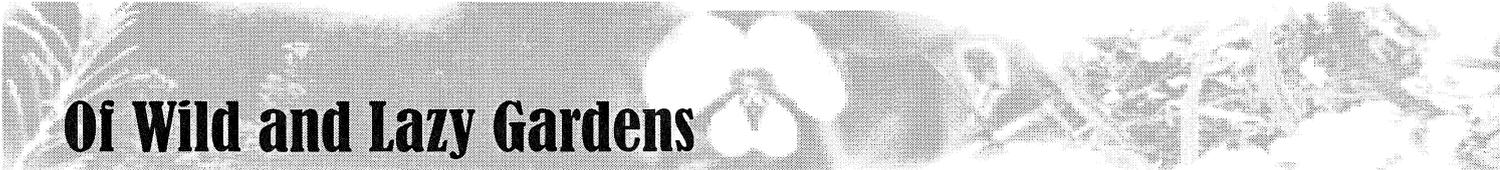
Price rises for 2012

For many years CRISP has been able to provide very low cost indigenous plants to the community and have been able to absorb many of the rising costs of potting mix, staffing, utilities, insurance etc. However the time has come where we need to raise the price of our plants. We have kept these price rises to a minimum and from 2012 our new prices will be

Members/Large orders non-members/public sales

Tubestock	\$1.25	\$1.75
6" Pots	\$3.50	\$5.00
10" Pots	\$10.00	\$12.50

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Of Wild and Lazy Gardens

Gwyn Davies

I was recently day-dreaming about my garden, and wondering what I might like/ought to do with this rampaging, feral, spring-bursting, haven. Usually, the work I do here is minimal: trim the native grasses once a year, snip and saw a little here and there, chase snails when it's wet, pluck the odd weed. But a year of good soaking rains, and two joint replacements have changed that.

It is the kind of garden much enjoyed by birds, and other local critters – and I enjoy it too, especially when the list of urgent jobs is short.

I began to think about the ways in which we can develop our gardens, using Australian native and/or indigenous plants, and the different ways we began to garden with them in the past.

At an earlier home, in Belgrave, and with a young family, we loved the tall Mountain Grey Gums around us, and the stringy-barks that dotted the flank of a grassy slope on which the kids played. Clumps of *Gahnia*, better known then for their ability to strike a grasping child with pain than for local character, defined the edges of some garden steps. Sometimes Onion or Hyacinth Orchids emerged from the foot of the trees, and swathes of Maidenhair Fern thrived in the damp areas. A tree fern presided in the chook pen, and became, briefly, the roosting place of a pair of silky bantam pullets, who peered out from its crown, looking for all the world like a double-headed monster. This was a garden planted with typical 'mountain' exotics, but carved out of virgin forest, so that the bush would always come sneaking back.

I soon discovered Australian 'native' plants. I would visit, *Austraflora*, in Montrose, searching out the special plants, like *Banksia coccinea*, and the Mottelcah (*Eucalyptus macrocarpa*), which of course, failed to thrive on our damp and shady block.

More people began to appreciate both the subtle charm, and hardiness of local native plants, and an increasing range of enticing hybrids were becoming available. While some people would use mixed plantings, native and exotic, depending on what they fancied, others chose to develop those unkempt, prickly, wandering bush-style gardens that are the bane of garden formalists!

Native plant communities form particular ways of grouping, depending on the micro-climates of position, as well as soil type. Some plants form thickets, others open swathes, or extensive dotted clumps. Some hide under trees, or clamber up over other plants to gain more light. Their disposition is so different from that of a traditional (if beautiful!) garden, where plants are kept to absolute limits, and are bound by borders. Here plants may be regularly clipped, the soil tilled, watered, and fertilised, the bugs chemically eradicated. In the bush, there is an equilibrium with the natural cycle of plants. To some extent in a bush garden this can be achieved with minimal work.

Today we find people using hardy native plants in swathes, and in borders. Native plants, having evolved to cope with constant nibbling of animals and insects, respond well to judicious trimming and shaping. And with the threat of a drier climate, and smaller available outdoor spaces, our indigenous plants are ideal for courtyard gardens. *Lomandras* in their various forms, *Dianella*, so subtly beautiful when in flower and fruit, or planter pots dripping with coral *Kennedia prostrata*, and spiked with yellow Bulbine Lily. A screen of *Hardenbergia*, or *Glycine*, or a wall of *Pandorea pandorana*; a patch of *Microlena* and Wallaby grasses, with Kangaroo Grass for contrast.

I always enjoy driving along the Eastern Freeway, with its sculptural use of indigenous grasses, shrubs and trees, and I recall my amazement at seeing in the heart of London last year, areas of



public gardens deeply carpeted with wildflowers (and tall, straggly, wild and beautiful they were).

Another innovative use of Australian native plants is at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, where mass-planted landscapes evoke the poetic narratives of regions of wild Australia.

Much that we learn from the bush can be applied to the domestic garden, both in the arrangement of plants, and in their management, and we can find our own narratives in our own suburban gardens. Of course, the question still remains: what am I going to do with my beautiful 'wild' garden?



National Green Jobs Corps

The Green Corps group have been busy working in planting an orchard ready for summer. They have planted four pears, four cherries, and four apple trees (Golden delicious and Red delicious) along the new heritage trail of Mullum Mullum Creek.

The orchard is located north of Norwood Footy Club between Sonia Street (entrance walkway next to house 43) and Glencairn Avenue, along the Mullum road side of the creek.

Below is Dave Coyle working with Matt, Daniel, Christian and Craig (Swinburne Tafe Tutor). The Marondah Council led by Craig Maugee and the Bushland Department continues to support this great project. We are also thankful the the continuing support of CRISP nursery.

Dave Coyle
Crew Coordinator
National Green Jobs Corps, Mullum Mullum



What is National Green Jobs Corps?

The National Green Jobs Corps (NGJC) is an Australian Government work experience and training program that offers a combination of environmental work experience, skill development and accredited training for youth aged 17 to 24 years. The program will equip an estimated 10,000 young Australians with the skills to fill employment opportunities in emerging green and climate change-related industries.

NGJC is designed to engage young people who care about the environment and are not currently in employment or training.

Further information:

<http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/NationalGreenJobsCorps.html>

OR

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/JobsandTraining/Pages/newgreenjobs.aspx>

Local Environment/friends Groups

Heathmont Bushlink

Working bees held 1st Sunday of the month Contact Roger: 9876 6762

Loughies Bushland

Working bees held 1st Saturday of the month 9.30-12.30pm. Meet in Kubis Drv at the Main Entrance. Contact Carol: 9870 8126

First Friends of Dandenong Creek

Contact Barry: 9801 1628

Mullum Mullum Creek Bushcare Group

Contact Alan: 98761319
Mob. 0417541483

FJC Rogers Reserve

Contact Gwen: 9879 1427

Friends of Wombolano

Working bees held 3rd Sunday of the month Contact Andy: 9729 4550

Friends of Ringwood Lake

Working bees held first Monday of the month. Meet at the Sound Shell at 10.00am

Contact Des: 9879 4176

Friends of Andersons Creek

Contact Richard: 9876 5382

Friends of BJ Hubbard Reserve

Contact Kaye: 9879 8445

Ringwood Field Naturalist Club

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Maroondah Environment Yahoo network

Want to keep up to date with local environment news and events?

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Take out or renew your membership now!

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What does your membership mean for you?

Apart from helping support your local Indigenous plant nursery (run by volunteers), all plants are available to you at reduced rates (eg. tube stock will cost \$1.50 instead of \$1.75 and 150mm pots cost \$3.50 instead of \$5.00.)

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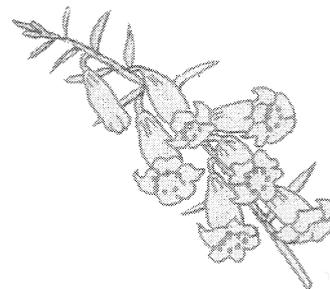
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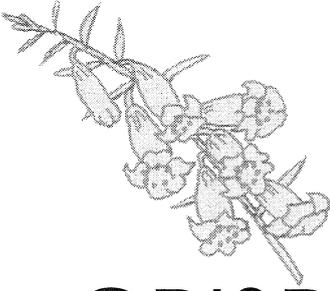
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