

A Growing Concern

Candlebark Community Nursery



Presidents Report

It is very heartening to see the interest in growing native indigenous plants, not only for the plants themselves, but for the conservation and environment effect that comes with their planting.

It has been a pleasure to be president of a committee that has worked so well together to meet this increasing need for high quality plants and make available the advice and help with their care and maintenance.

Our production manager Tim, in his quiet way, has the ability to meet the demand of large plant orders from Councils, VicRoads, etc., and also bring into cultivation species of plants that up until now have not been available.

His advice is freely given. Thanks Tim!

Without our volunteers, Candlebark could not exist. The daily routine of seed cataloguing, potting up tiny plants, washing thousands of pots, moving plants from the glasshouse to outside tables and all other routine jobs are carried out in a cheerful manner.

The major task carried out this year by the volunteers was the construction of our second poly house. Retired ex tradesmen are invaluable!

Thanks to you all for your indispensable work over the past year. The mining company Boral has once again given us a donation of gravel that we otherwise could not have afforded. Thanks Boral!

In the three years we have been at Hull Road our exhibition garden of plants are flowering for the first time and the plants are able to promote themselves.

The committee is at the moment considering what are the priorities for the future. Please come onto the committee and help with these considerations.

Bernie

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CANDLEBARK'S AGM

LILLYDALE LAKE COMMUNITY ROOM
LILLYDALE
SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2011
TIME: 2.00pm to 4pm

Nursery Report

From the start of Candlebark's move to Hull Road we planned to set up two poly houses but didn't get around to it. This has now almost been completed with only the shade cloth and irrigation to be fitted. Thank you to all who have helped in the process.

We have been busy in the last few months, with orders going out and cold season plants germinating. One of these plants *Coprosma hirtella* (rough coprosma) which I did not have much seed to work with and have not grown before but will continue trials next year, hoping to have more success.



Another I have not grown before *Ziera arborescens* (stinkwood), due to the quality of seed and timing, has germinated very well.

It grows between 2-5 metres in height and in some cases 3 metres wide and is an attractive plant. The flowers are white and are quite showy when in bloom. It is a Rutaceae, the same group as *Correa*. Like the *Correa* species it has an aromatic smell, especially when touched or on a hot humid day.



The success with the *Ziera* has made me rethink the germination of *Correa reflexa*. It would be great if we could crack the dormancy of the *Correa* seed.

Seed collection is approaching and Candlebark has a greater area to cover. There are more plant species to collect as well as the more commonly available plants.

Those who are interested in taking part in seed collection can join me on some of our outings. It would be a great help to Candlebark. If you are interested you can contact us by email or phone.

Tim Flaim

APPRENTICESHIP

The Nursery has decided that it should seek an apprentice to share the workload with Tim our Nursery Production Manager and provide for leave relief and staff succession should Tim for any reason not be available.

Nursery Managers with experience in indigenous plants are a scarce commodity.

Should you be aware of someone who might be interested in this opportunity please ask them to contact our Vice President-Barry Rowe on 9735 0231, Mobile 0408507055,

Email: browe@sub.net.au

Barry Rowe



SPRING BLOSSOMS

Melaleuca

Swamp Paperbark

Myrtaceae

If you have a damp to boggy spot in your garden, ericifolia will be very happy and may sucker to form a dense copse. It will tolerate dryer conditions once established. Height would range from 4 to 9m. A bushy shrub to small tree which responds well to pruning.

Ericifolia produces masses of small cream bottlebrush flowers during October to early Summer. A nectar producing tree to bring birds and butterflies to your garden. Woody seed capsules follow the flowering period and these are quite attractive in floral arrangements.

My mother enjoyed collecting various *Melaleuca* barks for making bark paintings. My father had the task on one occasion, a rather hot day in the Gippsland bush. Mother could see a particularly nice specimen with interesting bark and as my father poised ready to step across a log he hurriedly withdrew, having seen, just in time, a large coiled, sleeping brown snake. About this time mother changed to oil painting.

Tim tells me we have a good supply of *Melaleuca ericifolia* and many more interesting tube stock plants in our sales area.

I have enjoyed the many Acacias which have produced a splendid show this Spring. My particular favourite is *Acacia acinacea* one of the smaller varieties, although it often reaches 2 to 3 metres. I have about 12 in my bush garden and on a sunny day each bush is solid gold.

The many pea varieties, *Daviesias*, *Dillwynias* and *Pultenaeas* are all in full bloom and have been so for many weeks, a lengthy period of bright colour.

Now it is time to plant to make ready for more colour in your garden next Spring. Happy Days!

Gretta



SEPTEMBER WORKING BEE



Thanks to Warwick for organizing Boral's delivery



Barry on his tractor moving the screening

A Walk in the Park or an Orchid Stroll in Spring



The email from Tim, our Nursery Production Manager, suggested an orchid walk to William Balluk nature reserve in South Belgrave, a well regarded location for terrestrial orchids. Why not. So it came to pass that at 11am on Saturday 10th September we arrived at the Reserve and in company with Tim's brother Daniel and little Astrid astride Daniel shoulders, together with Cathy and Paula we set off.

The weather was overcast which made for good orchid spotting. Before long we had located examples of the handsome caladenia family (spiders and alba), several different species of pterostylis, (nodding green-hood, maroon-hood, and longifolia

(tall green-hood) Then we happened upon numerous examples of acianthus (both mayfly and gnat). We were pleased to spot a green bird orchid with its welcoming mouth agape - a member of the chiloglottis family. Representatives of the lyperanthus (brown, or red beaks) were in full display. We noted that sun (thelymitra) and beard (calochilus) orchids were emerging and should be on display in early-mid October.

Tim saved the best till last, on the roadside right near the main entrance, he and Daniel pointed out magnificent examples of the diuris (donkey) family. Bright splashes of gold and burnished fusions of colour delighted our eyes and made a fitting finale to a most rewarding couple of hours.

Of note though, it was evident that the park is in danger of being loved to death by the foraging of wallaby/kangaroo and probably rabbits to the detriment of the more delicate indigenous species, including orchids. They have not much alternative given the incursion of surrounding



land clearing and human activity and human pets that escape. Overall the bush looked wonderful and the profusion of under-story shrubs and vegetation showed the benefit of the past months of above average rainfall.



Our nursery has successfully propagated examples of pterostylis, chiloglottis and diuris, thelymitra and microtis (common onion orchid). It has also rescued and successfully propagated the beautiful and intriguing Austral Ladies' Tresses (spiranthes) whose flowers wind in a spiral of delicate white and pink around the stem. I am sure Tim could show these to you when they are in bloom.

Barry Rowe

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3th October 2011

Dear Friend,

Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Candlebark Community Nursery.

On behalf of the Candlebark Management Committee I am pleased to extend a warm invitation for you to attend our Sixteenth Annual General Meeting to be held in The Shire of Yarra Ranges Community Room ,Lillydale Lake, Lillydale .The meeting will be held on Sunday 23rd October 2011 between 2pm and 4pm .

We would enjoy meeting with as many of our members/friends on the 23rd as possible allowing us the opportunity to thank so many of you who have supported Candlebark over the past years.

All financial members are asked to consider nominating for a position on the Committee of Management.
All positions are declared vacant at the meeting.

Nominations for appointment to the Committee as an office bearer or ordinary member of the Committee must be lodged at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

Nominations are to be completed on the attached form and forwarded to the Secretary Candlebark Community Nursery Inc. P.O. Box 6064 Croydon North 3136.

Guest Speaker will be Jodie Grainger, the Environmental Officer for Yering Meadows Golf Club

Light refreshments will be served allowing time to chat with our members.
If possible please contact us at the nursery 97270594 or email info@candlebark.org.au. This will assist us with catering for the afternoon.

Regards

Gretta Fuller
Secretary

AGM - CCN
Place: Lillydale Lake Community Room
Sunday
Date: 23.10.2011
Time: 2pm to 4 pm

Nomination for Appointment to Committee of Management Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.

I, _____
(Full Name of Nominator)

Being a financial member of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc. hereby nominate:

(Full name of nominee)

For appointment to the Committee of Management of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Nominator)

I, _____
(Full Name of Seconder)

Being a financial member of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc., second the above nomination for appointment to the Committee of Management of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Seconder)

I, _____
(Full name of nominee)

Being a financial member of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc. accept the nomination for appointment to the Committee of Management of Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Nominee)

Forward completed form to: The Secretary,
Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.
NOT LESS THAT 7 DAYS BEFORE POSTED AGM DATE
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