



# Wildplant Press

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*Newsletter of Blue Mountains Wildplant Rescue Service Inc*



## Opening Hours

Tuesday – Friday  
10.00 am to 400 pm.

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## New Management Committee Members

The Annual General Meeting was held on 16 February, 2009 and the following were elected for the coming year.

### Management Committee

President	Alison Hadfield
Vice President	Christine Belshaw
Secretary	Veronica Paul
Treasurer	Judy Mclean

Christine Belshaw
Jenny Carseldine
Irene Domes
Judy Mclean
Veronica Paul
Olga Rumble

## Nursery coordinator's report

Well unfortunately it has been some time since our last newsletter!

Wildplant Rescue applied for and received a Community Water Grant for rain water tanks, from the Federal Government. This funding has now ended, we were lucky that we applied during the last round of funding. Our new water tanks are now fully installed (thanks to Bert from Falls Plumbing) and they are FULL! At the moment we have very little call for their use.

We have a good group of volunteers, and because of them and Green Corps the nursery is looking great. Thanks to Green Corps for building us a brand new soil box which we are very pleased with, and Green Corps have terraced an area so we can display our plants to the public.

Wildplant with Green Corps did a lot of seed collecting, cleaning and propagating. The last Green Corps team were a very interesting and enthusiastic group of young people and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Wildplant have established a good relationship with Blue Mountains Grammar School through their Outdoor Activities Teacher. We collected seed with them as well as involving them in other activities like seed cleaning, propagating and pricking out. I look forward to this relationship continuing as passing on this sort of knowledge is part of our charter and the experience is rewarding for all of us at the nursery.



## *“The new soil box and water*



## **Rescue coordinator's report**

Well it has been a relatively busy year for rescues and we have been up and down the Mountains! Over the last year we have had rescues at Winmalee, Warrimoo, Bullaburra (over quite a few weeks), Katoomba (many different areas) and Mount Irvine.

Apart from the Wildplant Rescue Team we have also organized rescues with a number of groups including Green Corps, Blue Mountains Grammar School and TAFE.

Sometime ago we did a rescue on Sydney Water Land in Medlow Bath, where they were putting in the extension to the sewerage works in the Upper Mountains. When the rescued plants were established Sydney Water bought them back and a contractor planted them back in the original area. This is always good as this is one of the main objectives of the organization.

Planet Ark, at Wentworth Falls also has an order for rescues that we have done in their vicinity. Over the years we have done a lot of rescues on that side of Wentworth Falls and it will be nice to see them going back there.

We will also be able to send the Mount Irvine rescues back to that area through Clive. Another win for the environment!

Green Corps have worked very hard in the nursery during the last year for the rescues by extending the area where we keep our rescues and generally moving a lot of stock around and much levelling of the ground so that the nursery is less of an occupational, customers and staff hazard!



## **Stalls held during the year**

We have held monthly stalls from September to April in Springwood, Wentworth Falls and Blackheath.

One off stalls were held at Steiner School. Our annual Springwood Foundation Day stall and Winter Magic at Katoomba, have been quite successful.

Blue Mountains Grammar took some plants and sold them for us at their Autumn Fair.

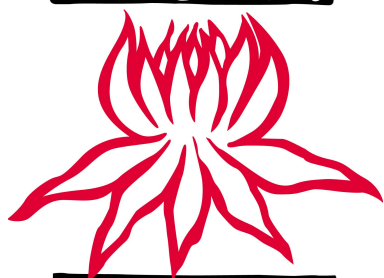
We held an Open Day and plant sale prior to Christmas, and another at Easter.

Wildplant will have a stall at Blackheath Primary School on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month.



*Winter Magic Stall.  
20 June, 2009*



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## Upcoming events and stalls

From September the monthly stalls held at Wentworth Falls and Blackheath will recommence.

National Tree Day, 31 July. Bushcare groups, community groups and schools are eligible to get plants from us. Register with Lyndal Sullivan at Coucil 4780 5000.

Wildplant will have a stall at the Rhododendron Festival at Blackheath in November.

## Membership renewal time

Enclosed you will find your membership renewal form. The membership is due on 1 July, 2009.

Great News you can now pay by internet banking.....

**Account Name:** Blue Mountains Wildplant Rescue Service Inc

**BSB No:** 062 507

**Account No:** 1012 1466

Commonwealth Bank Katoomba

Please add you last name as the reference

## All donations are Tax Deductible

## Spotlight on a plant

**Lambertia formosa** : Mountain Devil

A medium sized shrub to 2m tall, with clusters of tubular red flowers with styles that extend above the tube, forming a showy head. The flowers are rich in nectar and are bird attracting. It has stiff leaves with a sharp point. The woody fruit that follow the flowers are beaked and horned, which lead to the name "Mountain Devil". The fruit can be used for craft and other novelty ideas. They prefer sandy soils in dry open areas.

## A request for our members

We would like to start a regular raffle to help raise some money and of course we would be raffling a plant. It would help if we could have the plants presented in attractive ceramic and/or terracotta pots. Do you have such a pot that you could donate to the nursery?

## About the service

Blue Mountains Wildlife Rescue Service Inc was founded in 1994.

We rescue plants from new building blocks and from other areas before the bulldozers get there.

Collect seed to propagate indigenous tube stock

Provenance is: "Returning the new plants to the place where their parents/ancestors lived"

**Members receive a 10% discount on all purchases.**

