



Our Native Garden Nursery Inc

NEWSLETTER

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Well after a cool beginning Summer has definitely arrived. With the long hot days, what better time to get out into the garden than in the cool twilight, and enjoy these extra daylight hours while we still have them.

Wanted! Hairy Bursaria!

We're after seeds or a cutting of Hairy Bursaria - can you help?

Wodonga council are looking for some to use in their revegetation projects, but we have not been able to find any in Victoria that we can use to collect seeds or cuttings.

Do you have some on your property or know of some on public land please?

This shrub has distinctive pouch or purse shaped seed capsules. When mature, the seeds rattle in the wind, hence it being known by one of its other common names, Castanet Bush.

It is thorny and prickly and although not a favourite of farmers, it makes a wonderful safe nesting place for birds. Its white flowers, which occur mostly in Summer, attract insects such as wasps, which keep Gum trees healthy. The leaves provide food for the caterpillars of Copper Butterflies.

It does have a look-alike - Sweet Bursaria. You can tell the difference by looking under the leaf. The underside of Hairy Bursaria has velvet hairs, giving it a white downy appearance; while the leaves of the Sweet Bursaria are green on both sides. Also, the Sweet Bursaria is a larger shrub, maturing to more than 5m high; compared to the Hairy Bursaria which generally only reaches 2.5m.

It may be in flower now or just finished and the seed pods form in late Summer



to Autumn.

Left to right: The prickly Hairy Bursaria shrub; the white velvet underside of the leaves



Left to right: Small white flowers appear in Summers; purse shaped capsules

Join Our Team

As always we're eternally grateful to our hardworking team of volunteers, and we're currently on the lookout for some additional friendly faces to join the crew. If you love plants as much as we do, and think you might be able to help out please let us know.

We're currently looking to fill the following positions:

Treasurer or Bookkeeper needed ASAP

We're looking for a Treasurer or Bookkeeper to join us urgently, and help us keep our finances organised!

The role can be based either from the Wodonga Nursery or from your own home, and requires 1 - 2 hours per week, on whichever day you choose.

You will need to be experienced in bookkeeping or using accounting software such as WAVE, and be regular and reliable in completion of financial tasks.

The duties of the role will include:

- categorise transactions using online WAVE accounting software
- produce report on transactions for monthly committee meeting
- produce report for BAS quarterly
- produce Profit and Loss statement, Cash Flow and Balance sheet quarterly
- produce simple invoices - about 3 per month
- pay bills – only about 6 per year

This is our ideal but we are flexible!

An orientation on the details of the role, and ongoing support will be provided.

All costs will be covered. Access to laptop computer, printer and phone available onsite at the nursery.

In reward for your contribution you will receive:

- Our gushy gratefulness
- Beautiful, useful, tasty , aromatic and healthy local native plants for your garden
- Great experience and reference for your resume

Being a registered charity we'd love a volunteer, however due to the urgency of the role we're also open to paying the right person for their contribution.

Please contact us ASAP if this is the role for you!

Small Engine Fixer

Like to tinker with tools? Fancy yourself a Mr or Mrs Fix-it? Then we need you!

Our Brush cutter and pump on a 200L sprayer needs some mechanical attention. Neither have been used recently, and although we believe there's no major faults, we need a handy person to get them started and check them out, so we can sell them.

Volunteer Update

Our intrepid and stalwart Coordinator, Dan Seymour, has chosen a change of title and will now be known as Operations Manager. With all the hands-on assistance Dan provides, we're sure you'll agree that this title is more suitable.

Become a member today

If you're not already a member of Our Native Garden Nursery then **now is the time to join**, and support us as we continue to grow. Membership is free and easy. Just fill out this [form](#), send it to us and you're in. You don't even need to renew - it's that simple.

As a member you will:

- let us know you support us in this work
- receive a member discount on plant purchases. Rather than pay \$3.50 retail per tube you will only pay \$2.50 per tube
- have the opportunity to vote at our regular monthly meetings and decide on the direction of this community resource
- help us in reaching our target of 50 members, which will then allow us to obtain the status of deductible gift recipients (DGRs). Being entitled to receive tax deductible gifts encourages people to donate, and is particularly relevant to corporate sponsorship. And who knows, with this kind of support, we may get a vehicle to transport our volunteers.

Our Native Garden is a community owned, not-for-profit, Registered Charity, volunteer run, indigenous plant nursery dedicated to developing balanced ecosystems which help create and maintain a healthy environment for plants, creatures and people.

The nursery is located at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station at 29 Kane Rd Wodonga.
MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS 10am - 1pm.

Please send this on to others

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