

A Growing Concern

Candlebark Community Nursery



CANDLEBARK NURSERY - REPORT

Coming up on the 12th of December is the Candlebark Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is our second AGM for the year, our first was in February, as we were not able to hold one in 2020.

The past eighteen months of the COVID pandemic posed some challenges to Candlebark. Fortunately, we received Job Keeper in 2020 allowing us to keep our staff working behind closed gates.

With the approaching summer we are looking to a promising seed harvest to restore our seed bank. We also look forward to hearing of exciting sightings and finds of rare or endangered plants. We love to hear about the hundreds of differing plants: from the smallest of ground covers, to climbers & grasses, to the tallest of Acacias and Eucalypts.

Candlebark wishes to thank Melissa for the meticulous implementation of the COVID 19 restrictions and the general organisation of the nursery. Melissa has now completed her contract as propagator with Candlebark. We wish her every success in her future career.

Jamin Walker is returning to Candlebark in early November as our new propagator. You may remember him, as he held this position at Candlebark several years ago. Welcome also to Chrissy Giles, who recently joined our Candlebark team, for a short time.

Chrissy, Jamin and Keith will be sowing and assessing the seed species needed for 2022. Orders are already coming in from The Shire and Maroondah councils for late Autumn 2022.

We are continually endeavoring to present a good range of indigenous tube stock in our retail area.

We look forward to meeting with you all again, do come and say hello.
Candlebark Committee .

NURSERY OPENING HOURS

Sundays will be 2 hours from 10am to 12noon.
Monday 9am to 12 noon
Tuesday 9am to 12 noon
Closed Wednesday
Thursday 9am to 12 noon

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December 2021

Bernie Heinze	President
Carol Wind	Secretary
Samnang Robbins	Treasurer
	Minute Secretary

General Committee

Gretta Fuller
Kimberly Cassidy
Phillip Heading

Nursery Supervisor

Jamin Walker

Nursery Assistant

Keith McCallum
Chrissy Giles

Office Administration

Judy Richardson

Editor Gwen Whitney

Candlebark Hours

Monday to Thursday

See notice

Sunday

see notice

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SUMMER SEED

Indigenous plant seed is Candlebark's lifeline.

From now to the end of Summer it is the mission of the Candlebark crew to cover a very wide bushland area in seed and cuttings collecting.

Weather and seed maturity will determine each day's collection with many return visits needed to collect what may be just about ready but not quite.

Our Permits from Dept of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DLWEP) and Parks Victoria provide the necessary requirements for the year ahead.

There are opportunities for volunteers if they wish to join with a Leader. Boots, long trousers, snake gaiters must be worn.

With the lockdown ending Candlebark will have the gates open to the Public on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, mornings from 9am to 12 noon and Sundays 10am to 12 noon

HOWEVER

Because of the unpredictability of seed collecting there will be times when staff need to be able to take off for seed collecting, a large sign will be hung on the gate with an approximate time of return. If you are planning a visit, please give a phone call to check the position on the day.

We are sorry for this inconvenience, however by having this flexibility we are able to have more needed time to seek out and provide a larger range of our bushland plants.

Gretta

CHRISTMAS NURSERY CLOSURE

Candlebark will be closed over the Christmas period from
4pm Thursday 23rd December.

Reopening on Tuesday 4th January

We will have our automated sprinkler watering system in operation, however, would welcome offers of help to check watering each day.

A roster will be in place.

Phone: 97270594 or info@candlebark.org.au for more detail.

Candlebark Community Nursery Inc. General Committee Meeting

Members are welcome to join with the Candlebark Committee of Management at our General Committee meetings. The meetings are held at the nursery.

It is a good opportunity to see and hear about the nursery operations and future developments. It also enables you to have a direct input to the committee's discussions.

If you are interested in participating contact the Secretary on 97270594.

Spring Flowers at Candlebark

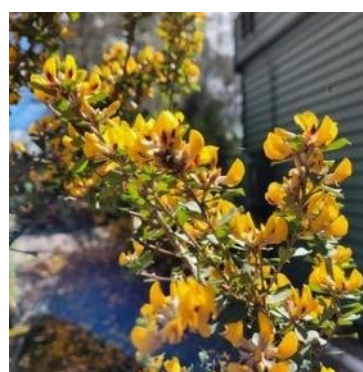
After a magnificent spring in Melbourne with lots of rain and sunshine – albeit with too much wind! – our flowering plants were looking amazing. Here is a sample from around the nursery:



Leptospermum continentale
Prickly Teatree



Arthropodium strictum
Chocolate Lily



Dillwynia cinerascens
Grey Parrot-pea



Hardenbergia violacea
Purple Coral-pea



Bulbine bulbosa
Bulbine Lily



Patersonia occidentalis
Long Purple-flag



Almaleea subumbellata
Wiry Bush-pea



Pomaderris elliptica
Smooth Pomaderris



Viola betonicifolia
Showy Violet

Rebecca O'Dwyer

**Candlebark Community Nursery Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 12th December 2021 at 2pm,
Nursery, Hull Rd, Mooroolbark.**

Please join with The Candlebark Committee of Management at our AGM.

We would like you all to see and hear the progress made during the past year.

All Committee positions will be declared vacant at this AGM with nomination forms attached in this newsletter.

As part of the current COVID restrictions you must be double vaccinated and can display your digital certificate when asked. Masks must be worn inside for the meeting.

A tasty afternoon tea on conclusion of meeting.

Walk in the Local Reserve

The introduction of limited travel over the past months, the walking boots were put aside. A local reserve, a short distance from our house became the focus of the daily exercise. During the lockdown period armed with a camera we were able to watch with great interest the everchanging flora display over many months.

During this period the reserve tree canopy which was suffering from the loss of many Eucalypts suffered again in the storm that swept through the area. It was sad to see the many fallen trees and total loss of tree canopy in some areas of the reserve. However, this may have been a blessing for the resurgence of many ground covers and small shrubs that had been in danger of extinction over the past few years.



***Comesperma volubile* Love creeper**

It was amazing to see the increase in the number of and size of the patches of Greenhoods and Common Bird orchids. Some days witnessing the opening of Blue stars and the mass flowering of Milkmaids followed by Chocolate Lily and grass trigger plants.

We watched in amazement the return of Common Apple Berry, Angled flat Pea, Hovea and several other delicate plants that we had not seen for some time.

It would appear the opening of the tree canopy and good rains had given the reserve a new lease of life.

Ken Whitney



***Daviesia leptophylla* Narrow leaf Bitter pea**

**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)

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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)

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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 THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE POSTED AGM DATE

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November 2021

President's Report.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts during this pandemic year. Carol and Gretta shared the Secretarial responsibility. Without their work, I don't quite know how the Nursery could have survived.

Samnang, as Treasurer meticulously kept us solvent.

Philip, with his thoughtful and timely advice has provided guidance.

Kimberly, our new young committee member is bringing us up to date on modern ways of managing. We need more like Kimberly to take us into the future.

Now, to thank our staff.

Melissa our propagator before her contract expired, established a management regime for the volunteers which now streamlines plant production.

Keith, our nursery assistant, and Judy the office administrator have steadfastly carried out their roles under difficult conditions.

A new propagator been appointed and under his direction the seed house is full of sprouting seeds of many species and the polyhouse is quickly filling with seedlings.

All facilitated by our loyal volunteers. Thank you volunteers, without you our Nursery would not exist.

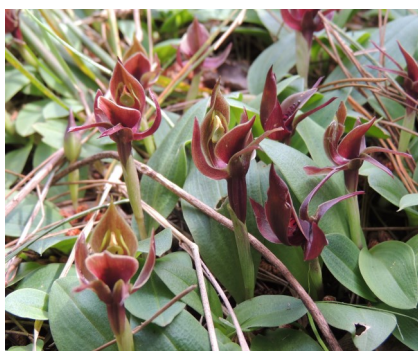
Now once again we can fulfill our constitutional role.

Bernie Heinze.

Photos from the Reserve Ken Whitney



Chamaescilla corymbosa Blue Stars



Chiloflotts valida Common Bird Orchid



Drosea peltaat Tall Sundew



Dianella revoluta Black anther Flax Lily



Platylodium obtusangulum Angled Flat Pea

The Committee of Management would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members since the last newsletter.