



Our Native Garden Nursery Inc

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the September edition of Our Native Garden Nursery News!

Spring is here! Hope everyone is enjoying all that nature has to offer us at the moment. Everywhere we look, parks and gardens are filled with vibrant colour and beautiful scents of flowers in bloom. And the warmer days are definitely inspiring us to get out into the garden, or stretch our legs on a bush walk. Enjoy!

Walls are up on the Potting shed

What a difference a month can make! The walls are now up on the Potting Shed and it's looking fantastic. Our team of volunteers and Job Seekers are doing a terrific job. Thanks to everyone involved for their ongoing enthusiasm, and hard work, in completing this project.



Plant Profile: Purple Coral-pea (*Hardenbergia violacea*)

This month we profile another member of the Fabaceae family, the *Hardenbergia violacea*. This is an attractive ornamental shrub which produces deep-purple flowers in the typical 'pea' shape, which is an identifying feature of many species within the Fabaceae family. Large sprays of flowers mass along the branches and generally appear from July to November.



With a trailing habit, it grows up to 2 meters, and will climb and twist its branches lightly around the stems of other plants. It prefers full sun to semi shade; well-drained soils in dryer open areas; and will tolerate a slight frost.

With a tendency to become leggy at the bottom and ball at the top, regular pruning after flowering will help to maintain a more compact shape. The climbing habit makes this a great choice to hide fences or other structures, or as a feature on trellises. It also butterfly attracting, providing food for caterpillars.

The leaves were brewed into a sweet drink (apparently a little like green tea with a sweet after taste), and a grey-blue dye was extracted from the flowers.

As always, if you feel inspired to add this to your garden, check out our latest [Plant List](#) for more information and to order.

Spring Plant Sale this Saturday

Just a reminder that our annual Spring Plant Sale is this Saturday 30 September. Starting at 11am and finishing at 2pm, there's plenty of time to come down, grab a plant bargain and enjoy a FREE BBQ lunch, before heading home to watch the footy final.

There will be a selected range of native plants, at the special sale price of only \$1 each*, and a choice of many other varieties at the full retail price of \$3.50 per tube, or \$2.50 for ONG Members and Landcare.

It's going to be a great day, and we're looking forward to seeing you all there! Please BYO nice weather.

**No further discounts apply. Offer applies to forestry tube stock.*

Yackandandah Update

Gary has been hard at work on the continuing revegetation of his Yackandandah property. As you may recall from previous newsletters, in December last year, Gary purchased 7.5 acres of land which was over-run with blackberries and in desperate need of some care. Since then he has been in the process of clearing and replanting the property with a wide variety of native bush foods, shrubs and grasses.

In the last couple of months Gary has continued to make great progress, focusing his efforts on a swamp area which was infested with feral weeds and blackberries. The weeds and blackberries were removed, revealing native rushes and fallen logs underneath. The area was then replanted with native plants. Here's some before and after photos of the swamp area. Thanks as always to Gary for generously sharing this project with us.





Before: The swamp area was infested with blackberries and weeds.



After: Upon removing the blackberries, Gary discovered fallen logs and native rushes and shrubs. The area was further planted out with natives

Help Wodonga's Waterways

Spend time along one of Wodonga's Creeks or Rivers or live nearby? [Wodonga Urban Landcare Network](#) (WULN) wants to hear from you!

Have you got a picture of waterways in poor shape that might be a priority for improvement works? It might be weeds or willows clogging up a creek or infrastructure in need of repair or redesign.

Post your picture or email it to wodongawaterways@gmail.com and tell them exactly where it was taken and what you think is causing the issue. WULN thanks you for your help!



Upcoming Events

Woodlands and Wetlands Project: Offering Assistance for Landholders

Trust for Nature and the North East Catchment Management Authority

Do you have a patch of grassy woodland or a wetland on your property? Would you like financial assistance and expertise to help manage this area?

You may be eligible to receive assistance through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme, which supports landholders to protect and manage grassy woodlands and wetlands in north east Victoria.

Expressions of Interest close on 10 October 2017.

For more information view the [flyer](#) or contact **Trust for Nature Project Officer Will Ford** on **0418 300 959** or willf@tn.org.au.

Healthy Habitat on Huon:

Practical Bushland Management on Wodonga's Fringe

Sunday 15th October, 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Private property in Huon Creek, Victoria (address supplied on registration)

Join [Trust for Nature](#) staff and landholders Greg and Lynda Oates for a **Walk and Talk** on their beautiful Huon Creek property.

Learn more about nest box design and installation; chainsaw carved tree hollows; ecological thinning; wildlife surveying using motion activated cameras; the impacts of herbivore browsing on the bush; landholder incentive projects; and conservation covenants. The walk will be about 2.5 km and will cover some steep and rocky ground. Moderate fitness is required. Walking boots, sun/rain protection and water bottle are a must. BYO binoculars and/or camera.

RSVP by 5pm Monday 9th October. Limited places. Cost: Free

For further information view the [flyer](#), visit [Trust For Nature](#), or call 03 8631 5888.



Become a member today

If you're not already a Member of **Our Native Nursery** then now is the time 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.

By joining, you will receive a member discount on plant purchases. Rather than pay \$3.50 retail per tube, you will only pay \$2.50 per tube.

Already a member and know someone else who might like to join? Then please forward this email to them, and help us grow.

Amanda and Jill
for **Our Native Garden Nursery Inc**

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