



Our Native Garden Nursery Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March edition of Our Native Nursery News!

Welcome to this month's edition of Our Native Garden Nursery News. Autumn is well upon us now, which means cool mornings and sun filled afternoons; crisp air and of course the magnificent array of leaf colour. It's also an opportunity to appreciate the architectural structure of trees, as they lose their leaves to the ground creating nourishing leaf litter, which can be the source of excellent compost for the garden. In fact Autumn is a great time to be in the garden and plant out some new plants. Cooler temperatures and more rainfall mean less water and lower maintenance, as well as less stress on plants. So don a jacket and some gumboots and get out there!

### Seed Racks

Many thanks to Murray and his son, Chris Bartley, for building some fantastic seed racks. Chris donated his lunch hour to use the machines at [Steel Skill](#) Wodonga to cut and fold the steel. Many thanks, also, to [Steel Skill](#) for donating the use of their machinery.

The seed racks are for plants whose seed is enclosed in a capsule, such as gum trees and lilies, that need to dry out in order for the capsule to open or 'dehisce' and release the seed. Prior to the rack we were using a range of tubs, buckets and plastic containers for drying which took up a lot of space and was hard to keep organised. Our brilliant new rack frees up more space and is much more efficient.

### Sieves for sorting

We were also recently gifted some new sieves for seed cleaning, with thanks to a grant from our friends at Landcare. These are particularly useful for cleaning seeds of Wattles and Peas which are encased in a pod, and have a tendency to explode in the drying rack, which we want to avoid! The sieves come in a range of graduated mesh sizes, which are stacked on top of each other. When we pour the mixed open pods and seeds through the top of the stack, the seed falls through each sieve until being caught by the appropriate size mesh, allowing dirt to fall through to the bottom. Such an effective way to sort and clean seed - we're thrilled with the results!



*Matt using the sieves to sort seed*

## Name Badges

April really has been a month of upgrades and organisation around the nursery. Apart from our seed sorting equipment we also began the process of updating some of our marketing materials which included providing some of our staff members with name badges. Next time that you visit us, you'll be able to easily identify our team members, and also get to know us a little better.



Keep a look out over the next few months for more updates to our marketing and promotional materials.

## Share your garden photos with us

### **Bought plants from our nursery? Proud of the way your garden is looking and want to share with the world?**

We'd love to receive photos and a short description of your garden planted out with Our Native Garden Nursery plants. Even if your garden includes only one or two of our plants, we want to see it. Tell us a bit about your space - what you love most about your garden; what are your favourite plants; or perhaps some tips, tricks or recommendations you can share. Each month we'll include a reader's photo and short description, here in our newsletter and on our Facebook page to share with our ONG community.

Please email your photos and descriptions to [ongnursery@gmail.com](mailto:ongnursery@gmail.com). And if you prefer to stay anonymous please just let us know.

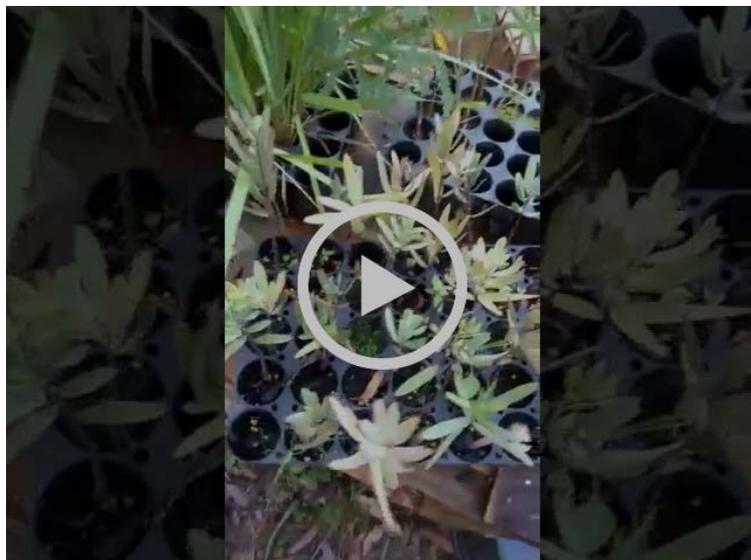
## Garden Profile: Revegetating 7.5 acres in Yackandandah

Kicking off the first of our garden profiles is an ambitious replanting project, from Yakandandah local business owner and nursery customer, Gary.

As of December last year, Gary took ownership of 7.5 acres of land in Yackandandah, opposite the cemetery, and took on the daunting task of clearing the property of overgrown blackberries. Now with a clean slate, he is keen to revegetate using local native plants and bush foods, such as Quandong, as well as native Sandalwood. The property will be transformed back into a native bushland, to be enjoyed by local wildlife.

We're looking forward to seeing the evolution of this amazing property, and next time you're in Albury or Yakandandah be sure to pop in and see him at either a A Bears Old Wares or [Buddha Shop](#).

Many thanks to Gary for the photos and video below, and for allowing us to share this project with our ONG Nursery community.



*Click above to watch this video of Gary taking us on a tour of his 7.5 acre property in Yakandandah*

## 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.

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

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**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.