



Wildplant Press

OCTOBER 2002

Administrative matters

Our third and final newsletter for 2002! Since our last newsletter Ian Baird was employed as our wildplant rescue co-ordinator but unfortunately for us he was offered a full time position elsewhere for three months which has now been extended for a further three months so he reluctantly had to resign. As before, this position should be filled from our volunteer membership so anyone interested, please contact David Turner before the end of October. In the meantime Kerry Kirk has taken on some of the rescues with Esther Scholem preparing the DA approval lists from council records.

Saturday morning sales have recommenced. The appeal from the last newsletter resulted in a list of four volunteers willing to be rostered to staff the nursery for three hours on Saturday mornings – Liz Riley, Carol Whyte, Kerry Kirk and myself, Judy McLean. We desperately need more people to maintain this service particularly as I will be on holidays for December and January. Please ring the office with your offer. These Saturday morning sales maintain our community presence and enable more and more domestic gardeners to use wildplants for their home gardens. It is a vital community service to maintain which needs you, our volunteers!

We are outgrowing our premises at Clairvaux Centre and have been actively looking for more space for growing on our plants and even to relocate the entire nursery if more suitable premises can be found. We need a fairy godmother in the shape of an owner of a suitable industrial site (or other zoning suitable for a nursery) who would be willing to have us as a tenant. We have looked at several sites owned by Council but these have been unsuitable for one reason or another. The site needs to be secure and be connected to water and electricity so a watering system can be installed.

The nursery at Clairvaux will also need to be watered over the coming end of year break. Will someone please offer to set up this roster and maintain it for a couple of weeks over Xmas/New Year? A telephone network would be ideal so if someone rostered on has an emergency it is easy to contact someone else on the network to swap days. During the coming long hot and dry summer, the nursery also needs to be watered over weekends. Currently Alex and myself do this, however, a weekend off would be excellent – any takers?

TAFE, Wentworth Falls has given us the services of one of their IT students, Andy Redgrave who is designing our website. Andy is using the manual as the basis for this site and to date it is

looking good. As this work progresses we will keep you informed

Management Committee Matters

At the AGM held on October 1st the following management committee was elected: David Turner: Chair; Liz Riley: Vice Chair; Minute Secretary: Belinda Beran; Treasurer/Public Officer: Judy McLean; BMCC representative: Lynton Auld; NPWS representative: Kathleen Straw; RBG representative: Rusty Worsman; Volunteer representative: Jan Cave; Other members: Anne Rickwood; Esther Scholem; Rob Fallon; Clive Heywood Barker. A very big thanks to the past membership and those who have agreed to stay for a further year and of course a very big welcome to our new members who will inject new ideas and skills for the coming year. **Management Committee meetings will be held on the second Tuesday each month at 12 noon at Clairvaux Centre.**

The audited statement of accounts for financial year 2001/2002 is printed in this newsletter. This being our first financial year without grant support has been financially quite acceptable and the organization has maintained four paid working days per week. The committee hopes these days will be able to be increased during this financial year so we are able to have the nursery open 5 and a half days per week staffed by volunteers who will share their committed time between volunteer and paid. We will also have the money during this financial year to create our new logo for banners and other signage, cards, letterheads, plant labels, T-shirts etc., all of which will give us an exciting new image.

Coming Events

The **Handing Over Ceremony** when Clairvaux Community Centre will be handed over to Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre and Gundungurra Tribal Council will be celebrated on Saturday October 26th. BMWRS will be part of this

Alan Fairley, co-author of Native Plants of the Sydney District will be the guest speaker at the October general meeting of the Conservation Society. This will be at the Conservation Hut at 7.30pm on Friday October 25th The subject will be rare plants of the Blue Mountains.

Draft Local Environment Plan 2002

If you haven't already contributed to this draft plan now is your chance as it is on display at Springwood and Katoomba council chambers until December 13th. We also have a copy in the office for members to read and comment on to Council. This is a long term plan looking at combining residential and commercial interests with living and working in a World Heritage Area so it is vital we get it right in order to maintain this fine balance between us and our environment.

To all those members who paid their current annual membership – thank you very much and we look forward to receiving those fees still outstanding.

Another reminder for help needed in the nursery for watering over the summer months including the end of year break and to staff the nursery on Saturday mornings 10am to 1pm.

I will be on holidays during December and January so I will wish everyone a fire-free and showery summer holiday, Judy McLean

BLUE MOUNTAINS WILDPLANT RESCUE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
IN RESPECT OF THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2002

Receipts

Plant sales	44,929.28
Membership Fees	759.00
Sundry Income	400.19
Merchandise	199.70
Interest less TFN tax	877.64
Donations	1,124.74
GST	2,138.11

	50,428.66

Payments

Audit / Accountancy Fees	1,750.00
Advertising	2,180.95
Bank Charges	743.12
Freight	80.00
General Expenses	675.00
insurance	1,908.92
Merchandise (Purchases)	1,144.55
Nursery Supplies	8,595.20
Petty Cash Expenditure	872.07
Postage & Office Supplies	1,770.72
Subscription & Membership	973.00
Rent	4,420.00
Superannuation	1,369.92
Telephone	1,324.39
Travelling Expenses	1,160.78
Wages	30,829.90
Group tax 2001 year	3,750.00

	63,548.52

Excess of Receipts over Payments \$(13,119.86)

Cash at Bank Accounts 1.7.2001 24,457.28

Less: Excess Payments over Receipts 13,119.86

Cash at Bank 30.6.02 11,337.42

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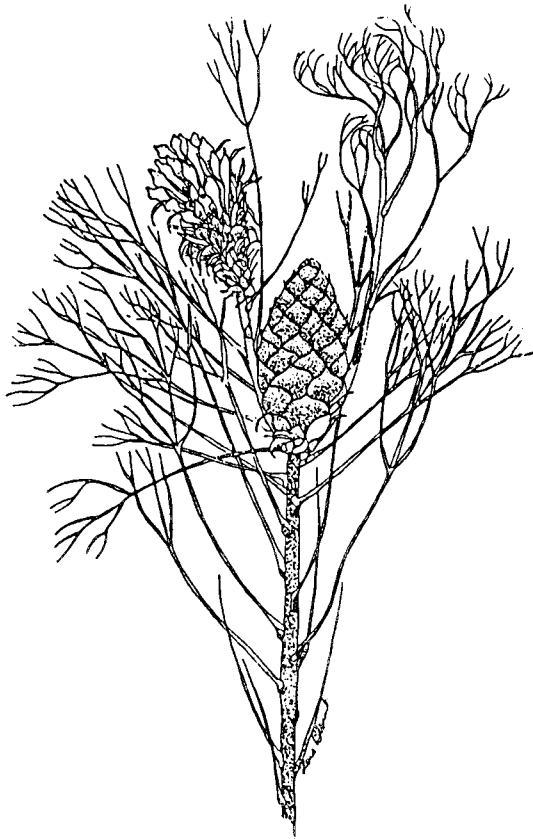
Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account	3,155.84
Commonwealth Bank Cash Management Trust	8,181.58

\$ 11,337.42

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Renewals now due

Membership is from July to June so all memberships are now due for renewal.
If you joined after 1st April this year your membership is valid until July 2003

I would like to renew my membership as a:

- Volunteer (\$11)
- Household/Family (\$33)
- Friend (\$22)
- Company/Govt. Agency (\$100)

Name

Address

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