



Mazus Pumilio (Swamp mazus)

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Greenlink News



Dianella tasmanica (tasman flax-lily)

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Whlenbergia gracilis (Sprawling Bluebell)

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End of Year Celebrations

Who can forget the glorious day we had for our Christmas break up and a wonderful day to end the year. We had approximately 45 people join us for a scrumptious lunch of ham, turkey, prawns, lasagna and so many salads and delicious deserts.

We were grateful to have Mayor Mark Lane and Councilor Blair Barker attend during what would have been a very busy time in their schedules, both are huge supporters of Greenlink.

During the festivities President, Robert Jones presented Robert Cox with a Certificate of Life Membership in recognition of over 15 years of outstanding contribution to Greenlink. You will read more about Robert Cox's time with Greenlink further down in this newsletter.

For their timeless contribution to Greenlink, our volunteers were presented with a thank you gift consisting of a specially created Greenlink 2023 Calendar, a Tok bag, a pen, fridge magnet and shopping list pad with Greenlink's logo on them, together with a Lion's Christmas cake. By the comments received from our volunteers, the year ended with them feeling valued, content, and grateful.



Greenlink in our young Community

Focusing on our future

Greenlink is well known for growing and selling plants to our customers yet, what is often not obvious, are the many ways we support and inform our local community. Apart from our free educational seminars which have been very popular, and each sold out, we have made cash donations to local Primary Schools Kerrimuir, Box Hill North, Old Orchard and working with Councils, provided more than 1,000 plants to various schools and kindergartens such as Surrey Hills Pre-School and Holy Redeemer School. Add to this, working with the Whitehorse Colts Netball Club by donating plants to distribute to players at the end of season presentations has really increased our Community Involvement and brought smiles to many faces.



Surrey Hills Pre-School Centre

In support of sustainability in schools or kinders, Boroondara Council offer as part of their sustainability initiative a voucher for 50 local indigenous plants from Greenlink.

These plants, and more purchased formed part of the Playground Redevelopment of the Surrey Hills Pre-School Centre. Greenlink was invited to visit their official opening of the redevelopment in late 2022.

The event was opened with details of the struggle to get the project off the ground and with the vision and determination of Tim and Liz, parents of a child who attended the centre and (Tim also attended the centre many moons ago) the vision came to fruition. All parties who contributed in some way or another to the design and development of the project were thanked including Greenlink. The children recited the acknowledgement to the land and its people and then entertained us with a rendition of "We are Australian." *By Emi*



What a better way to educate primary school students on indigenous plants than a tour of the nursery! In December we welcomed grade 1 students from Kerrimuir Primary School to Greenlink. It was a fantastic morning.

Back In 2021 Kerrimuir Primary, Grade 1 students visited Greenlink and had tour of the nursery and parklands to link into their 'Watch It Grow' unit. It was such a fantastic morning, that they wanted to visit again.

On Monday 5 December the 2022 Grade 1 students revisited Greenlink accompanied by their teachers and a few parents. After a general welcome to the Nursery by Robert we broke the students into 2 groups – inside and outside the Nursery.

Jenny and I took the students into the Bushy Creek parkland. We asked the students to find the creek and then explained to them that it had been put underground. We talked about the importance of the creek in a country as dry as Australia. We talked about the abundance of life which would have existed along the creek before white settlement. We explained that at Greenlink we are trying to restore some of the habitat which has been lost. We showed the children the holes in the logs made by native bees. I dug up a yam daisy to show the children this important traditional food source for aboriginal people.

Jenny spoke about the work we are doing in the parkland. She showed the children a variety of tools, including secateurs, hoe, pruning saw, lopper, small mattock, and trowel. She explained how each of the tools was used and then tested the students' understanding by asking them 'Now which tool do you think I would use to do this...?'

Jenny showed how she is trying to create habitat for lizards, through the use of logs etc. The teachers were very interested in this idea and keen to get some ideas about how to do the same thing back at the school.

The bidgee widgee was in flower and the seed heads were a great hit with the children who enjoyed getting their hands on it! A great example of one of the clever ways in which plants disperse seeds. This was an enjoyable morning and very rewarding to be able to share some of the many interesting aspects of the work we do at Greenlink with the next generation. *By Chris, Robert & Janet*



Box Hill North Scouts

Having had the grade 1 students from Kerrimuir Primary School visit us in the morning of 5th December we then hosted a visit in the early evening of that day for around 20 members of the Box Hill North Scouts group. Given that the weather was a little

inclement with light on/off rain we kept their time at the Nursery to just under an hour so that they could get back to the scout hall before dark and without getting to wet.

We showed them the area of Bushy Creek around the back of the nursery explaining how the land might have been used by our Indigenous people as a source of water and food along the creek and that in fact the creek still flowed although it is now underground in a barrel drain. They were interested in how the landscape had changed over the years and the work that Greenlink had done on planting out the park transforming the area from what 30 years ago clear open space with weeds and blackberries have previously been to what the park looks like today.

We then talked to them a bit about the history of Greenlink and the roll of the nursery today in propagating our indigenous plants and how we go about this from the collection of seeds, sowing them, taking cuttings, and pricking out the seedlings into tubes in readiness for sale to our customers.

It seems the young generation today is acutely aware of the environment and our need to do what we can to protect it and encourage the growth of more native flora in our open spaces and gardens, an encouraging sign for the future.

It is very rewarding for us to have these visits of young people from schools, scouts etc to learn more about our activities and what we can all do to support the use of our local native plants. *By Robert*



Whitehorse Colts Junior Netball Club

We were pleased to support the Whitehorse Colts Junior Netball Club by donating plants to give to players as part of their annual presentation evening. Melissa Collard who looks after the team and set the theme for the presentation “From little things, big things grow”, tells us that the girls were all comparing plants and having fun trying to read the plant names. This is a great example of how Greenlink is finding new ways to get young people interested in indigenous plants and our environment, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the club. *By Trevor*

“Thanks Greenlink again for your contribution and for making these kids feel special. I’m sure you can see there were smiles all round!” by Melissa Collard



President's Report

It seems a lifetime away since my last report and we were looking at the empty benches at the nursery. What a difference a few months of warmer weather make and what a busy time we have had with strong sales in Nov and Dec our breakup Christmas party that was a great success with around 40 people attending. A herculean effort in January was given by **our volunteers** to prick out just on 8,700 plants. This is the largest number on plants pricked out in any month on record.



Our hard-working dedicated volunteers enjoying a special morning High Tea to celebrate January's accomplishments.

We now see the nursery with a good holding of stock on the benches and a full polyhouse of seedlings and from being low in stock a few months ago we are now looking at where we can put all our plants as space is running out. We currently have orders for around 8,000 plants for Autumn/Winter collection which is as much as we can manage given that there will also be orders for National Tree Day for 2,000 plus of plants and I have over the past 2 months knocked back orders for around 8,000 plants as we cannot manage any extra volume. This is from a combination of the work involved and more so from the space limitations at the nursery to hold the plants.

Available bench space is now the limiting factor for us. Keeping our operations at the current level and not chasing more large order sales at this stage would seem to be the appropriate thing for us given that sales to the public will in my view continue to grow on their own accord.

Talking with the other community indigenous plant nurseries in our region it seems we are all in the same boat of not being able to keep up with demand and growing at a pace that appears difficult to sustain, in short we appear to be heading towards our capacity with a little bit of a buffer space to allow us to manage the growth in public sales as long as we manage/limit what we take on in orders. Overall, our customer base remains loyal and strong with Melbourne Water asking us to retender for another 3 years supply of plants and Boroondara continuing to be impressed with the quality of our plants and the state of the nursery, I have also heard similar comments for Councils nursery staff. It is critical for us to maintain and honour our good reputation and not take things for granted.

As you will notice from Trevor's report that our finance continues to be in a strong position and given the current number of orders in the system and two sale days I would expect that we will end the financial year ahead of our budget projections. We need to look at what potential donations we can make this year to our community and what improvements around the nursery are needed, upgraded watering system, any opportunity to create more bench space (can we increase the length on any of our benches?) etc.

Work on improving the park continues and some thought should be given to planting our allocated areas of larger numbers of plants for seed farming. Volunteer numbers are at a good level, and we are in a position to accept a few more volunteers.

The three remaining acacia trees at the front of the nursery are on their last legs and will be removed towards the end of the year with a request from council that they be replaced with 2 eucalyptus melliodora which can be potted up so that they are a reasonable size by the time of planting.

By Robert Jones, President

Treasurers Report

Despite the “traditional” summer slowdown in plants sales we continued to trade in surplus for the last quarter. February saw an increased expense load due to purchase of tubes, racks, and potting media. These purchases were as a direct result of the record plant production during January as we prepared to complete large forward orders, however the overall result to date is comparable to previous years. Greenlink is in a very strong position at this time, and this should remain the case and in line with budget estimates. Delivery of Autumn orders are expected to generate a strong cash flow either late in this financial year or early 2023/24. *By Trevor Eddy, Treasurer*

FEATURED PLANTS

Plants featured on the cover of this newsletter were in bloom during our summer months in Bushy Creek Reserve behind the Greenlink nursery, show casing the park in shades of blue, lilac & purple.

Mazus Pumilio (Swamp mazus)



A delicate low perennial herb forming dense rosettes with pale blue to mauve color flowers which attracts bees. Suckering to make an attractive mat-forming carpet up to 1m diameter. Glossy spade-shaped leaves to 6cm long. Prefers moist to wet soils.

Dianella tasmanica (tasman flax-lily)



This plant has a dense tidy appearance with beautiful wide leaves and large purple berries in spring and summer. An attractive, robust clumping plant which is good under trees and grow up to 1.5m high and up to 2m wide. Prefers moist soils and enjoys full sun to full shade.

Wahlenbergia gracilis (Sprawling Bluebell)



An attractive spreading plant for rockeries, containers and in the garden. Dainty little herb with tiny soft bell-shaped pale blue flowers to the end of stems. Petals are edible. Requires moist to well drained soils in full sun to semi-shade. Grows up to 50cm and up to 1m wide.

Whitehorse City Council Civic Awards 2023



Vice-President/Membership Officer/Web Manager/Events Organiser/Newsletter Editor and a few other things, **Emi Luppino** was rewarded for her more than 30 years of community contribution at the [2023 Australia Day Whitehorse City Council Civic Awards](#), named as the **Citizen of the Year for 2023**.

Mayor Mark Lane commended Emi for her 30 plus years of volunteering across many groups both within the City of Whitehorse and other jurisdictions. These included the Box Hill RSL as Treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary, Box Hill Community Bakehouse Food Rescue, Greenlink, as well as Secretary of Doncaster Community Gardens and Committee Member of National Australia Bank Retired Employees Club.

Over the past year alone Emi has spent more than 1200 hours, knitting more than 200 articles such as Teddies for Upton House, Knee rugs for Wantirna Palliative Care, beanies, gloves, and baby items which have been donated to St Kilda Mums and the homeless. She has also sewn more than 50 toiletry bags which were donated to Box Hill Hospital Emergency Department.

Added to this, Emi as a qualified Counsellor has for many years been a one-on-one mentor and support for women who have been victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through the Doncare Dawn Program funded by the Federal Government. She also bakes, fund raises and collects and delivers items to the "Hands Off Foundation" for distribution to families impacted by violence. Well done, Emi.

David Berry is known to many Greenlink members and was Guest Speaker at our 2021 AGM. Many will remember this, as it was conducted via Zoom so David had to rely on his slide pack with very little interaction.

David was recognised for his years of work with CROWAG - The Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group and his contribution to the Blackburn Tree Preservation Society as a strong advocate and crusader for maintaining and preserving natural landscape and significant indigenous trees. David has been editor of the Society's Newsletter as well as Secretary and authored a book titled "Fighting for the Trees" .

Congratulations David for receiving a **Community Achievement Award** at the same Whitehorse City Council Civic Awards presentation. *By Trevor Eddy*



Climate Action through gardening – Free Event

The garden is more than just an outdoor room. It can be a place of Climate Action where you can connect with the environment and implement changes to reduce your contribution to climate change and help build climate resilience.

Greenlink is hosting a free event on “**Climate Action through gardening**” at the Box Hill Town Hall on Thursday May 4th at 7.00pm in conjunction with Sustainability Week.

This event will be presented by **Sustainable Gardening Australia** and a member of their experienced speaking team **Richard Rowe**. Richard also works as an environmental educator for school children and adults at Edendale Community Environment Farm in Eltham. He will be using the Climate7 framework to explore how gardening can be a part of your Climate Action plan.

Topics Covered

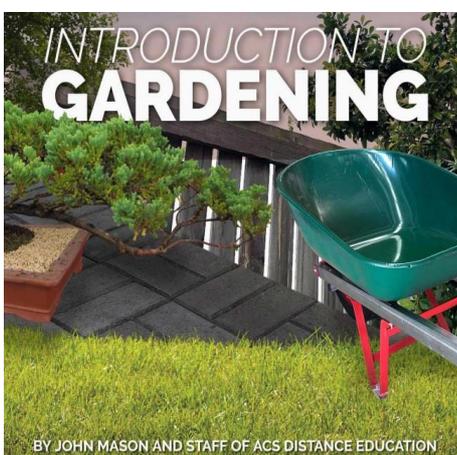
- How the Garden can be used to reduce your impact and adapt to a changing climate
- Climate 7 framework
 - Ways to Reduce Impact – Mitigation and Adaption
 - Question Convenience,
 - Get Informed
 - Quite Consumerism
 - Connect
 - Use Your Voice
 - Reflect
- Organic waste and carbon emissions
- Creating micro-climates to cool gardens and houses
- Food gardening and reducing food miles
- Water Smart Gardening and impact on emissions
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle


Climate Action Through Gardening



Information and images on this subject are by Sustainable Gardening Australia

Greenlink along with Belinda Moodie from City of Whitehorse will shortly send out invitations to register for this free event. Keep an eye out for your invitation.



“INTRODUCTION TO GARDENING”

For those who missed our email back in January to get your free “eBook” *Introduction to Gardening* by John Mason and staff of ACS Distance Education, here is your opportunity to download a copy.

As a result of our strong relationship with The Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria (RHSV) we have been offered the opportunity to provide our members with a free copy of the book, *Introduction to Gardening* valued at \$24.95. This book is all about what gardeners do, and how those things can be done

better. It is aimed at all gardeners, whether amateur or professional. If you would like a free copy of this eBook click on the link <https://www.acs.edu.au/promo/december> to download your free eBook. For information on ACS Distance Education courses visit www.acs.edu.au or phone 07 55621088.

It All Begins with a Seed



It amazes me that an object smaller than a grain of sand can grow to be a massive River Red Gum. A seed is the ultimate metaphor for potential.

Greenlink Box Hill grows about 45,000 indigenous plants a year and about 75% of these plants are started from seed, with the remainder being propagated by cuttings and division. I am fortunate to be one of Greenlink's volunteer seed collectors. The joy of seed collecting, for me, is that it requires careful observation of nature.

First, we find, identify, and map the locations of seed source plants in local bushland reserves. Then we make repeated visits to these locations to observe flowering and seed development.

Next, we harvest a small amount of ripe seed. Ripeness is determined by the colour and feel of the seed. Timing is important. If seed is collected too early, when green, it may not be viable. If we are late, all the mature seed may have dropped to the ground, been dispersed by wind, or eaten by birds and/or insects. Greenlink's seed collecting permit, issued by the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), requires that we collect no more than ten percent of the available seed. This ensures that plenty of seed remains for wildlife food and for the natural regeneration of plant communities.



After we have collected seeds, they are cleaned, bagged, labelled, and stored in the nursery refrigerator until they are needed.

This has been a challenging season for seed collection with cold, wet spring weather conditions extending into early summer. These conditions seem to have reduced the quantity and quality of the seed found in our bushland collecting areas.

Chocolate lilies (*Arthropodium strictum*) are a case in point. We noticed that many Chocolate lilies did not produce seed or produced seed in reduced quantities and some seed, although ripe, was not fully developed.

This has meant travelling to more reserves to find and gather the quantity of seed we need. We are speculating that this season's challenging weather conditions may have made it harder or indigenous bees to do the pollination work necessary for good seed yield and development, as bees are less active in cool, wet conditions.

Chocolate lilies depend on indigenous bees for buzz pollination. Buzz pollinators, like Blue-banded bees, grasp flowers with their legs and shake them vigorously by vibrating their wing muscles. This releases encased pollen from specialised anthers that some indigenous plants have. European Honeybees are not able to buzz pollinate so they cannot pollinate some indigenous plants. Flax lilies (*Dianella* spp.) and Kangaroo Apples (*Solanum* spp.) also depend on buzz pollination.



Blue-banded Bee



Chocolate Lilies (Arthropodium strictum)



Lily seed capsule

Seed collecting is one of many important roles that Greenlink volunteers do to keep our indigenous plant nursery running smoothly. Gathering seed is just the beginning. *Photos and article by Jeff Zehr*

Yarra Valley Autumn Plant Fair & Garden Expo



Date: April 22 & 23, 2023 Time: 10am - 5pm

Address: 125 Quayle Road, Wandin, VIC

Tickets from \$12 online or \$14 at the gate.

Book your tickets online – click on link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=990860&>

Plan a wonderful and interesting day for your Garden Club members in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

- 🌿 Beautiful display of Victoria hybrid Tuberous Begonias
- 🌿 Over 50 stall holders and 5000+ varieties of plants
- 🌿 Meet the experts - Stephen Ryan, Vasili and knowledgeable growers will be on hand to answer any of your garden queries
- 🌿 Take part in our rare plant auction on Sunday
- 🌿 Plant and gardening demonstrations from stallholders
- 🌿 Supporting Kids with Cancer with a variety of fundraising activities
- 🌿 Kids will learn potting from the expert - Jane Edmanson will be helping the kids to pot up a plant to take home for their garden

Life Member and Volunteer of the Quarter

Congratulations Robert Cox for becoming a Life Member. He has volunteered at Greenlink since 2004

Q: What caused you to join Greenlink?

A: In March 1992 I did a horticultural course at Burnley. As part of the course, I did a couple of days planting with Minette Russell-Young the founder of Greenlink.

After I finished the course I got a full-time job. I left my job after 10 years, so I had time during the day to do some volunteering, so I joined Greenlink in 2004 as I have always enjoyed gardening.

Q: What changes have you seen over the time that you have volunteered?

A: The changes I have seen that the nursery was smaller with only a few older volunteers. The nursery has now grown bigger with many more volunteers young and old helping the community. I have also seen a lot of volunteers come and go over the years.

Q: What has made you stay for that length of time?

A: First reason why I have stayed is I have learnt so much about native plants and how to propagate them, which is helpful in my own garden. Second reason is the other volunteers are so nice and I have made some good friends.

Q: What are some of the things have you learnt while working at Greenlink?

A: The things I have learnt are planting in the parks and weed identification. Learnt many ways of propagation which include seed sowing, cuttings, and division. Also learnt how to prick out and seed collecting.

Q: What was your favourite moment at Greenlink?

A: Going and planting at Jim and Jill Hammond's property at Kilmore were always good moments and very enjoyable. Jim and Jill always used to put on a good feed with a BBQ after a hard day's planting. Their hospitality was fantastic.



Kilmore 2008



The Cutting Edge

In January Robert, Graham and I visited the KES (Knox Environmental Society) nursery in Ferntree Gully. We were invited there by Richard their President to see their techniques for growing epacris from cuttings, something that KES has great success with, and which has eluded us for many years.



Robert bought some cuttings from our local area with him, and we were also able to see some cuttings that KES use. Graeme and Kirsty from KES demonstrated the process they use for preparing the cuttings for planting. One key difference in their process was that KES do their cutting work in December/January rather than in spring or autumn which has been the traditional time for Greenlink. In addition, KES take the majority of their cuttings from their own pot stock. The cuttings are planted in a mixture of coarse perlite which we now have their recipe for and will start experimenting with some of our own cuttings.

We were able to take turns and prepared and planted a tray of cuttings in the KES perlite mixture to take back with us and are looking forward to seeing the success rate of these cuttings.

We also took the opportunity to walk through the KES nursery and compare our processes with those that KES use for their plants. We found the KES volunteers to be very welcoming and forthcoming with any and all information. It was great and valuable to see that the two nurseries can cooperate in such a way. *By Chris Almond*



City Nature Challenge

The City Nature Challenge is an international effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe to better understand urban biodiversity. It's a bioblitz-style competition where cities are in a friendly contest with each other to see who can make the most observations of nature, who can find the most species, and who can engage the most people.



Come join Greenlink as we walk along Bushy Creek Reserve starting at Dorking Rd to Station St. looking and documenting birds, insects, plants, and wildlife along the Bushy Creek trail.

Date: Monday 1st May

Time: 10.00am

Location: 41 Wimmera St, Box Hill North at the front gate of the nursery

Registration for this event will be placed on Greenlink's website shortly and on the City Nature Challenge website. Keep an eye out for this coming event.

Australia's hotly contested Eucalypt of the Year

Australia's much loved - and hotly contested - Eucalypt of the Year voting is now open. Passionate gumtree lovers across the country are invited to vote for their favourite gum, now in its sixth consecutive year. There are ~850 species of eucalypt across the continent and they are an unmistakable feature of living where we do.

"After running for five years, there are still hundreds of eucalypts that haven't had their time in the sun as Eucalypt of the Year. We've whittled down the species to a shortlist of 25 that represent a diverse range of ecological features and geographical spread to make it easier for you to vote. Last year's winner - the mighty Mountain Ash (*Eucalyptus regnans*) is not eligible.

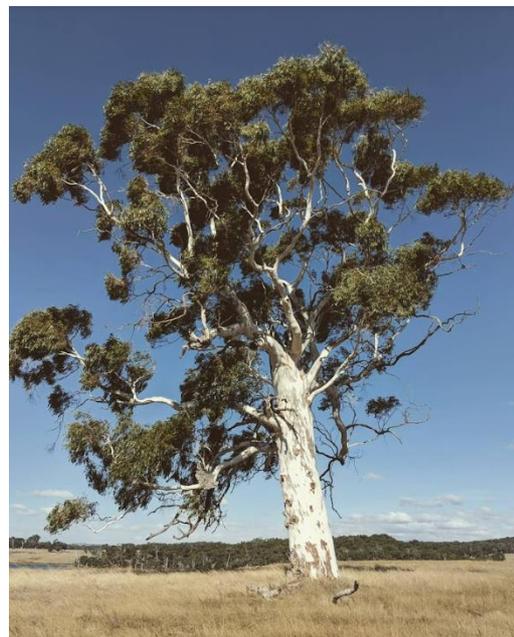
Now is the time to cast your vote for your personal favourite," says Linda Baird, CEO of Eucalypt Australia.

People can vote for their favourite eucalypt until 19th March at www.eucalyptaaustralia.org.au

The winning eucalypt will be announced on National Eucalypt Day, Thursday March 23. National Eucalypt Day is Australia's biggest annual celebration of eucalypts held every year to celebrate and promote Australia's eucalypts and what they mean to our lives and hearts.

Tell us how you voted on social media by tagging [@EucalyptAus](https://twitter.com/EucalyptAus) using the hashtag [#EucalyptoftheYear](https://twitter.com/EucalyptoftheYear). The 25 shortlisted species are:

- *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum)
- *Angophora hispida* (Dwarf Apple)
- *Corymbia aparrerinja* (Ghost Gum)
- *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon-scented Gum)
- *Corymbia ficifolia* (Red-flowering Gum)
- *Corymbia opaca* (Desert Bloodwood)
- *Corymbia ptychocarpa*
- (Swamp Bloodwood)
- *Eucalyptus caesia* (Silver Princess)
- *Eucalyptus cinerea* (Argyle Apple)
- *Eucalyptus cneorifolia*
- (Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee)
- *Eucalyptus lansdowneana*
- (Crimson mallee)
- *Eucalyptus platyphylla* - (Poplar Gum)
- *Eucalyptus leucoxydon* - (Yellow Gum or
- South Australian Blue Gum)
- *Eucalyptus macrandra* (River Yate)
- *Eucalyptus marginata* (Jarrah)
- *Eucalyptus miniata* (Darwin Woollybutt)
- *Eucalyptus perriniana* (Tasmanian
- Spinning Gum)
- *Eucalyptus radiata* (Narrow-leaved Peppermint)
- *Eucalyptus rhodantha* (Rose Mallee)
- *Eucalyptus rubida* (Candlebark)
- *Eucalyptus salmonophloia* (Salmon Gum)
- *Eucalyptus oleosa* (Giant Mallee)
- *Eucalyptus synandra* (Jingymia Mallee)
- *Eucalyptus tetraptera* (Square-fruited Mallee or Four-winged Mallee)
- *Eucalyptus vernicosa* (Varnished Gum)



Eucalyptus rubida (Candlebark)
Photo by Lawrie Conole, Instagram handle mikrokosmfotos

*Publication quality images [here](#).

By Sara McMillan, Communications and Engagement Manager, REMEMBER THE WILD



Helen has been busy potting up dozens of tube stock into 15cm pots for Autumn and Spring planting in Bushy Creek. We are very excited to be increasing the number and species of plants which will allow us to continue to showcase plants, collect seed more easily and reduce the amount of weeding required.



Philip and Amanda have been hard at work preparing an area to become a native grass lawn. Microlaena seed will be spread when Autumn rains come.

Greenlink is so fortunate to have tremendous volunteers who are prepared to do the variety of work required. This includes the great effort in January of pricking out just on 8,700 plants as Robert mentioned in his report to the seed and mapping team who go out to various parklands in sometimes very hot weather conditions to collect seeds. Then there is the cleaning, recording, labelling, storing and finally sewing of these seeds. Add to this, the volunteers who undertake all of the other tasks around the nursery and in the parkland which are vital, sometimes mundane, often go unnoticed, yet each contributes to the operation and success of Greenlink. *Photos By Jenny McCausland*

WANTED NEWSLETTER ASSISTANCE

Our quarterly newsletter is an important part of Greenlink's communication to our members, so if you can use a computer, enjoy writing, being creative, and doing a job that is rewarding, come and be part of my team.
All the help you need to get started is available.

Contact Emi Luppino 0414 750108 or email your interest to greenlinkboxhill@gmail.com

Greenlink will welcome the return of any empty and unwanted plant tubes. Please return them to the nursery when you next visit or simply throw them over the gate/leave them at the gate if the nursery is closed.

At Greenlink Box Hill we value:

- Every customer who deals with us.
- A happy, safe and enthusiastic workplace that embraces all volunteers and makes them feel welcome, respected and honoured.
- The high quality of our plants.
- The contribution that everyone makes to our success.
- Honesty and ethics in all of our dealings with customers and each other.

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