



**SOUTHERN DANDENONGS COMMUNITY NURSERY Inc.**  
**Supported by Shire of Yarra Ranges, Melbourne Water & Parks Victoria**



**NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2009**

**Fate of Plantings along  
 Monbulk Creek near Nixon's  
 Track**

Since SDCN was formed group members and the community have been weeding and planting along Monbulk Creek stream corridor to restore Yellow-bellied Glider and Platypus habitat.



Last year we continued this project along the section of the creek at Lysterfield Lake Park just east of Nixon's Track inside Lysterfield NP. The planting site was partly burnt & bulldozed to help control the fire. Some of the damage is seen in this image.



Rehabilitation of Monbulk Creek corridor will be supported by a grant of \$1400 from Parks Victoria.

**A community planting will be held in June 2009 to repair the damage to the site.**

**Community Nursery Still Stands!**



**SDCN survives the bushfire of February 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Our thanks for the marvellous efforts of the fire fighters of the CFA, NSW RFS, DSE & Parks Vic. The Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery site did not suffer damage during the fires in Bird's Land and the Lysterfield National Park in February.

Public access to Bird's Land and the nursery site remains available during nursery business hours. During the closure of the reserve plant sales ceased so our cash flow and volunteer activities stopped. Nursery Manager Leslie Wilson and her team have continued plant production offsite and elsewhere.

We need the assistance of member volunteers in growing new plants.

**Are you available on Sunday and Tuesday mornings?**

There were some plant casualties of the severe summer heat with up to 80 boxes of plants perishing due to irrigation failures. The watering system has now been repaired.

With the support of our volunteers and organizations SDCN can overcome the short-term difficulties and continue to supply inexpensive, good quality indigenous plants.

We hope that members will come along for support and tell their friends the benefits indigenous plants can bring to their gardens.

**Post Fire Wildlife Update**

While the Melbourne Water retarding basin is partially closed to protect injured wildlife, many animals have returned. Last week Wedge-tailed Eagles were circling the hill above the nursery; a Tree Goanna was spotted up the hill above the access road. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos & Swamp Wallabies are moving along the creek corridor.

**Like to volunteer at the nursery?**

**Contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator Sue Dillely on 9754 2114.**

## Where our plants will go in 2009

- Landcare & Friends groups
- Shire of Yarra Ranges
- Casey City Council
- Cardinia Shire
- Parks Victoria
- Melbourne Water Stream Frontage program
- Scout and Guide Groups
- Residents
- Weedbuster week plant giveaways
- Arbor Week school plantings

## SDCN committee for 2009

### *Office Bearers*

President  
Secretary & Property Officer  
Treasurer

Garrique Pergl  
Michael Butler  
Rhonda Adams

### *Committee members*

Irrigation System  
Nursery Manager  
Nursery Assistant  
Seed Collection  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Resource Collection

Paul Birch  
Lesley Wilson  
Suzie Steiner  
Robert Pergl  
Sue Dilley  
Priscilla Warr

## *Weed Wipeout 2009*

The Shire of Yarra Ranges Weed Wipeout program offers residents a **free voucher for the disposal of ten common environmental weeds:**

English Ivy, Agapanthus, Wandering Trad, Broom (English and Montpellier) Blue Periwinkle, Montbretia, Bulbil Watsonia, Arum Lily and Japanese Honeysuckle

### *"Weed it! Plant it!" Plant Swap*

**Bring in your garden weeds to  
Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery  
And get 3 indigenous plants for FREE!**

**On 12<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sponsored by the Shire of Yarra Ranges**

## Plant Vouchers

Looking for a present for a birthday, a wedding or celebration?

Why not give a plant voucher from Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery?

Available for purchase at the nursery.

Why not check out the Yarra Ranges Local Plant Directory with many images and descriptions to help the community learn more about our original indigenous plants in the hills at <http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Directory/s2.asp?S1key=7&h=0?>

**The SDCN is open for plant sales and volunteer activities**

**9 - 12 am on Sundays & Tuesdays**

**We thank all our members for your continuing support and participation in Community Nursery activities**

**Garrique Pergl, President**

**Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery Inc.**

Bird's Land Reserve, Belgrave Heights (Melway 84 C2)