

TreeProject

Newsletter

March - May 2007

Once Again a Job Well Done

Thanks to Everyone



Despite the drought TreeProject can still boast that 80,640 seedlings are being grown by our dedicated volunteers for planting out in 2007.

Thank you to the depot volunteers who washed 80,640 seedling tubes, packaged 1680 bags of sand and 1680 bags of fertiliser, filled 1428 boxes with potting soil, and filled each of 240 garbage bags with 336 tubes.

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped out on distribution day and packed the boxes into the grower's vehicles.

A final thank you goes to our marvellous volunteer growers who are putting in the extra effort of watering seedlings with recycled water during the level-four water restrictions.



TreeProject Nursery Interacts

A new program has been initiated to involve Interact Disability Services clients in assisting TreeProject with the production of seedlings at our nursery in Fairfield Community Gardens. A small group meet every Monday morning for two hours.

With assistance from the TreeProject nursery coordinator, Jude Larkin, and the carers from Interact Disability Services, the group fills tubes with native potting mix in preparation for the transplanting of seedlings.

The group enjoys assembling boxes in the pleasant environment of the community gardens at Fairfield. Thank you to Interact for providing a site for our nursery.



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Spring Growers

Up and at 'Em

As distribution was a while ago now, you should be producing some small healthy seedlings. If you are experiencing problems germinating particular species please don't hesitate to contact your coordinator so they can either reassure you or inform TreeProject or the Landholder who will decide on which species to grow to make up their quota.

Please do not thin your seedlings until you have spoken to your coordinator to see if anyone needs the extras! If you were late seedling, cover your planter boxes in clear plastic to create a mini greenhouse to retain the maximum heat possible.

Growers and coordinators should make contact at least once a month so any problems can be resolved quickly. For TreeProject to be successful everyone needs to realise that the key is communication.



Autumn Growers

Size Does Matter



There can be too much of a good thing! The hot summer has been producing some very large, healthy seedlings. If your seedlings are getting too large, please move them under some sort of shelter such as a tree or awning to slow their growth down. Although the weather is a bit cooler now, very large seedlings will need only half a day's sun. It's also a good idea to remove any excess roots extending from the bottom of the tubes.

If your seedlings are too lush and lanky they'll not survive planting out as they'll have too much foliage to support when in the harsh countryside.

Thumbs up for ANZ

The TreeProject and ANZ Bank partnership just keeps growing.

In the 2006 planting season 367 ANZ staff volunteers planted 18,600 seedlings for TreeProject. We have a lot of *Huge Thankyous* to ANZ volunteers from grateful landholders across Victoria.

In 2006 David Williams from the Mount Waverly

ANZ Bank has many staff volunteers who are willing to assist landholders with their plantings.

If you'd like a team to help out, make a booking through the office giving at least two weeks' notice.

We have several Hamilton planters and mattocks you can borrow. TreeProject will provide a supervisor and transport the team to you in a mini bus.



We hear the team has become very 'clucky' and do not talk about



ANZ planting team at Moorabool September 2006

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TreeProject Crosses the Border and Touches Tona Station

Tona Station is a 2000ha property situated 24km northwest of Wentworth, NSW. The Great Darling Anabranh circles the property and provides water frontage for two-thirds of Tona, whilst the remaining one third is dry, along with the remainder of the Great Darling Anabranh, due to lack of water from the Darling River system.

Tona was run as a pastoral property for 120 years until the present owner, Russell Elliott, bought the property in 2002, with a view to re-establish the land to its natural state. This was commenced by de-stocking the total area and deciding not to utilise the property's 200ha cropping license.

Seeds collected on Tona and grown through the efforts and dedication of TreeProject volunteers will strengthen the biodiversity of the site. Russell says, 'We are very appreciative of the efforts of Tree Project members. Partnerships like this are vital to the vision of revegetating the degraded areas of Tona Station. Whilst it will take time to achieve this, the work of TreeProject volunteers allows us to achieve far more than would have been possible doing it alone.'

As the philosophy of Tona is: 'Where life's a journey, more than a destination', Owner-Managers Russell Elliott and Annelies Strietman invite all Tree Project members to become part of the journey by coming up and camping along the Great Darling Anabranh to plant TreeProject's carefully nurtured seedlings on the station. Russell says, 'We are looking forward to meeting TreeProject volunteers and are looking at early autumn for the planting. All the prep work is done and we're just looking forward to the rain starting.'

Visit the Tona Station website www.tona.com.au, email r1001260@bigpond.com or phone 03 50273206

NZ Volunteers

growing.

Project landholders. What a fantastic effort. We've sent a.

NZ Data Centre grew a kit of seedlings at home for planting at Little River. Dave arranged a volunteer team from his department and they set out planting in September

This year a team of five staff from the Data Centre have set up a nursery in the courtyard of the centre and are growing 700 seedlings for the Nulla-Vale West Pyalong Landcare Group. In 2008

plan to increase the team and their nursery infrastructure in order to grow 5000 seedlings.

t culling in front of the babies!



Mount Waverly ANZ Nursery - Daryl O'Rourke, Graeme Harris, Dave Arnold,

The Weather Makers

by Tim Flannery

*The History & Future
Impact of Climate Change*

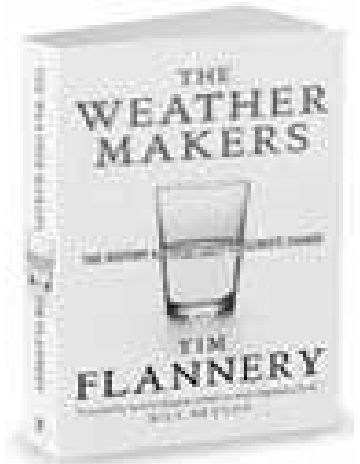
In this essential new book, Tim Flannery argues for the urgent need to address the implications of a global climate change that is damaging all life on earth and endangering our very survival.

The Weather Makers is a global call to arms, laying out plainly what we know, what we think might happen, and what tools we have available to us to make a difference.

The book evaluates the very core processes of our civilisation's success and explains how our fate is in our hands, for we are the weather makers, and we already possess the tools required to avoid catastrophic climate change.

The Weather Makers will change your life.

www.theweathermakers.com/weathermakers



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star...

The TreeProject Wish List

Are you upgrading and getting rid of:

- A photocopier that is able to do double-sided copies
- Light-weight display boards that are easy to transport and will stand up to windy conditions
- Computer chairs that adjust to the user's needs

Can you help with:

- Writing funding submissions
- Seeking testimonials and photos from landholders for Landcare Magazines and newspapers
- Simple IT problems here in the office

Please contact the office if you can help