



Coastal Community Native Nursery Inc

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President's Report

This report covers the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, being the financial year for CCNN Inc. CCNN Inc is an incorporated association that operates the Coolum Community Native Nursery, a not-for-profit business. We met on 20 November 2023, for the annual general meeting (AGM) of CCNN Inc.

CCNN Inc and Coolum Community Native Nursery (the **Nursery**) ended the 2022/2023 financial year with preparations for the Queensland Garden Expo, which happens in early July every year.

Governance

The management committee for 2022-2023 comprised Jan Crossland (President), Jacqueline McConnell (Secretary), Robin Bishop (Treasurer), Mark Bizzell, Helen Franklin and Chris Crassweller (each volunteers), and Leigh Warneminde and Jacqui Atique (representatives of CaNSCC and ECOllaboration respectively).

(Update: At the AGM on November 20, two new volunteers, Diane Tan and Pam Cameron, were welcomed onto the committee, while Leigh Warneminde stood down, and Jacqui Atique is on the committee as a volunteer rather than as a rep for ECOllaboration.)

Staff

Our staff for the 2022-2023 financial year comprised Tim Lang, in the capacity of full-time manager, and Clementine Pain/de Jong in a permanent part-time position from August 2022. Clementine was on maternity leave from early May 2023 after producing Felix in May – the last few weeks were somewhat challenging as she could not lean far enough over her baby bump to reach plants! Nuala McLernon took over from Clem when she (Nuala) was available, and other volunteers were employed as casuals during the year, when needed for specific tasks. We are lucky to have a talented team of volunteers who know either how nurseries work and/or how computer software works. More are always welcome!

Maintenance and Progress

The removal of debris buildup from the netting in June 2022 was a major achievement and required a lot of cooperation among professionals, staff members and volunteers. There is now light along the southern boundary, and Nursery staff are cooperating with PCR staff to keep it that way. Tim arranged for the installation a new row of benches along that boundary, and more along part of the eastern boundary, which provided a huge increase in our carrying capacity. Water was also connected to those areas.



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The front, rear and side gardens have all been pruned/upgraded in the last twelve months, with more help from Mark. Visitors continue to comment on the health, quality and diversity of the stock on offer, and visits by Tim and volunteers to other nurseries have confirmed the Nursery that we have the best community nursery on the Sunshine Coast!

Production

The Nursery continues to thrive and grow, with increases in both numbers of plants and numbers of active volunteers. Below is a table showing the plant stock available at the end of 2022-23FY compared with 2021-22FY.

2022/ 2023 EOFY count of plant stock

Pot Size	Total Stock EOFY 2022	Total Stock EOFY 2023
<i>Tube</i>	26,194	27,524
<i>Super tube</i>	52	0
<i>75mm</i>	730	1,120
<i>90mm</i>	1,531	1,465
<i>140mm</i>	303	1,029
<i>200mm</i>	299	199
<i>250mm</i>	10	32
	29,119	31,369

Volunteers

Volunteer numbers vary monthly, as do the number of volunteer hours. The table below shows monthly volunteer numbers and hours, as well as the propagation rates, which are volunteer-driven.

Other data are available in the monthly Manager’s reports.



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Number of pots produced by month

	Tubes	75mm	90mm	140mm	200mm	Others
Jul-22	4,972	97	-	147	30	6
Aug-22	5,530	844	125	487	-	-
Sep-22	5,219	177	224	308	-	-
Oct-22	10,143	60	-	101	2	-
Nov-22	10,130	284	187	363	1	-
Dec-22	6,727	57	486	433	-	5
Jan-23	4,459	140	115	30	27	2
Feb-23	1,994	99	125	144	25	6
Mar-23	5,152	210	294	221	26	-
Apr-23	4,453	280	146	12	-	-
May-23	9,248	120	332	229	12	-
Jun-23	9,088	229	141	193	-	-
TOTAL	77,115	2,597	2,175	2,668	123	19

Volunteer numbers and hours, seed collection etc July 2022 to June 2023

MONTH	Volunteer numbers	Volunteer hours	Seeds number of species collected	Number of species potted up	Number of trays seeds	Number of cuttings other/trays
Jul-22	33	496	6			
Aug-22	37	641	51		64	8
Sep-22	46	565	4	16	22	20
Oct-22	46	625	24	63	75	252
Nov-22	41	648	19	47	99	32
Dec-22	40	650	14	26	44	18
Jan-23	49	599	23	15	30	14
Feb-23	39	569	13	28	39	14
Mar-23	42	706	51	92	33	15
Apr-23	44	403	30	49	52	6
May-23	54	1,016	21	63	85	9
Jun-23	45	720	10	46	72	18

Membership

As at 30 June 2022, there were 276 members; as at 30 June 2023 there were 485. This means that 209 new members joined in the 2022/ 2023 financial year! We continue to encourage customers to become members, and members to become volunteers.

Newsletters

In the 2022/ 2023 financial year, we produced three newsletters, with a further issue in production for the 2023/2024 financial year.



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- [Newsletter No.5 Summer 2023](#)
- [Newsletter No.6 Winter 2023](#)
- [Newsletter No.7 Spring 2023](#)

Grants

We were thrilled to receive a Major Grant from the Sunshine Coast Council in August 2022. This enabled the development of new signage, including an advertising sign at the Coolum Bowls Club, a teardrop sign for the Nursery, as well as detailed labels for individual species for many of our plants. We are grateful to our staff and volunteers for all the effort involved in coordinating this project – the signage all looks fantastic!

We also received a Minor Grant from the Sunshine Coast Council in May 2023, which paid for the purchase of ten aprons for staff and volunteers to wear while at the Nursery. Councillors' Discretionary Funding in November 2022 supported the purchase of a new laptop for the association.

We continue to search for financial support for the construction of a shade sail to protect volunteers from hot summer afternoon sun.

We have also been fortunate to have the assistance of trainees provided by ECOllaboration, which is ongoing.

Efforts to register as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) continue, with hurdles at every step. Everything is in place other than a bank account with the words Public Fund in its title.

Goals

CCNN Inc and the Nursery will continue to:

- Operate the Nursery with reference to Strategic Plan review dates;
- Find more ways of funding projects for the Nursery;
- Identify opportunities for either a new site; and
- Facilitate the involvement of the local and wider community in growing more local native plant species in residential gardens and commercial plantings, through sales and information about our local plant species in an environment where both plants and people can flourish.

In addition, we will endeavour to:

- Repeat or improve on the very successful year we have had;
- Develop opportunities to grow plants at other locations, i.e. expand production.;
- Complete the signage project;
- Continue researching and hopefully find and implement efficient stock monitoring and control system (preferably linked to POS);
- Continue to increase both membership and volunteer numbers.

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Thank you for your support in the 2022/ 2023 financial year; we look forward to your continued support and growth of CCNN Inc and the Nursery.

Jan Crossland, President

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