



Golden Beach Community Nursery & Open Garden

Hosted by the Golden Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.

July 2013

It has been a very busy year for the Community Nursery and I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers for their contribution to the running of the nursery. We are very pleased to report that we have \$540 profit in the bank from plant sales.

Since inception the nursery has slowly evolved into a viable operation and although we are still setting up the compound we are financially independent with profits from plant sales funding some of our projects. Support from the community has been great and during the past year we have been very fortunate to have received donations of a garden shed, wheelbarrow, soil, whipper snipper, shovel and pine sleepers.

Three Open Garden plots are being trialled and there are plans to extend this in the future if there is a need in the community and when we have enough funds available.

We have been greatly encouraged during the past few weeks by the response from both new and repeat customers. One comment "we like to purchase our plants here because we know they have been acclimatised to salt winds"

Members have assisted with planting trees on the RV site and assisting with watering. On the 20th of September children from three local schools will attend an "Environmental Science Day" and also assist with planting more trees in the RV area. The RV site will be officially opened on Friday the 10th of October.

Although we are a small group we have built up friendships and enjoy meeting together in a friendly informal atmosphere.

We greatly appreciate all the support we receive from the local community. Without this support we would not be able to operate, so thank you once again for your donations.

Happy Gardening

Merrilynne Hayes

Volunteer co-ordinator