

## **The Nursery Group – Member Profile**

### **Craigburn Nursery**

Minda opened in 1898 to provide a home and environment for children with an intellectual disability. The organisation expanded rapidly and by the 1930's it was operating from the Brighton Campus and Craigburn Farm, at Blackwood, in the Adelaide Hills.

Minda was a leader in various fields including staff accreditation training and the provision of supported community living for people with an intellectual disability, through the provision of services such as social work, psychology and respite for clients and their families.

Employment and other services were established, both in the community and on campus. These recognised the needs and aspirations of clients to participate in work and other options.

Currently it provides services and support to over 1,050 people with an intellectual disability. It accommodates 340 adults on campus, another 204 adults in the community. The remaining number of clients are supported through other services.

Craigburn Nursery is operated by Minda Inc as a supported employment service. The nursery employs 25 employees with intellectual disability and 6 support staff. The employees are engaged in potting, trimming, general nursery duties and light packaging. Craigburn Nursery is located on some 60 hectares acres of land owned by Minda since 1923 and part used as a cattle farm.

Craigburn Nursery is the largest Fern Wholesaler in South Australia selling over 20,000 plants through a variety of South Australian outlets. Product is either sold in either our own EasyGro brand or unbranded.

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