

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

### **HWNS Nursery**

The House With No Steps Summerland Region was established in 1971. Summerland House is nestled amongst 69 hectares of fertile farmland on the lush North Coast of NSW and is situated on the Alstonville Plateau between Lismore and Ballina.

The project currently provides vocational training and employment for over 60 people with disabilities in its business areas of avocado and macadamia nut farming, tropical fruit packing, restaurant and function services, retail nursery and macadamia dehusking services. It also provides assessment and training for life skills such as budgeting, hygiene, travel and home duties.

Tourism also plays a very big part here, with over 60,000 people visiting the project annually. A visit to Summerland has become 'a must', with travellers enjoying the gardens, visiting work areas and dining in the restaurant. Next time you are up our way, make sure you spend some time with us, to see the beauty of our projects and meet our people.

The House With No Steps runs the following retail activities in a delightful garden setting at the farm in Alstonville. These are open to the public seven days a week

- **Retail Nursery**  
A range of indoor and outdoor plants predominantly grown on the farm, garden accessories, statues and pots are offered.
- **Gift Shop**  
Run by the Cawley's Cottage Auxiliary, with proceeds donated to House With No Steps
- **Restaurant**  
The restaurant, open day times seven days a week, offers snacks and meals as well as catering for weddings and other functions.

The nursery caters to the needs of the local region and is a stop over for bus tours.

The nursery primarily buys and sells plants however the aim is to move into propagation and growing from tube stock.

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