

The Nursery Group – Member Profile

Kui Nursery

Kui Nursery commenced operations 23 years ago specialising initially in the propagation of natives for the Colac Otway area. The nursery is owned by St. Laurence Community Services and is located in Colac.

Kui Nursery employs 28 supported employees with 2 specialist staff. The employees are engaged in nursery work in both the retail and wholesale sections and light packaging.

Kui Nursery specialises in the propagation of natives which includes seed collection for specific orders for landcare groups and farmers.

Customers encompass the Colac Otway area of the Western District extending from Lorne, Apollo Bay on the Ocean Road through to Cressy north of Colac and Camperdown to the west.

The retail shop has been expanded to provide employment opportunities for the supported employees and to generate revenue to sustain the nursery.

Up to 5 years ago, the sales of natives were around the 100,000 figure but have diminished as state government funding for landcare groups has changed.

Yearly sales of natives have reduced to around 20,000 which has necessitated a change in focus for the operations of the nursery to consider alternative income opportunities.

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