

The Nursery Group – Member Profile

Wail Native Plant Nursery

Wail Nursery was established in 1946 by the State Forestry Commission to grow and supply a wide range of indigenous species in tube stock. It was purchased by private interests in 1995 and finally acquired by TWF in 2003. To this day Wail remains a specialist native plant producer with a focus on contract growing and supply to a broad base of customers including land care groups, farmers, landscapers, city councils etc. A retail nursery was established on site.

The nursery is situated on crown land of approximately 14 hectares and around 2 -3 acres is actually utilised by the nursery. The Wail Arboretum featuring mature local species and displays of shrubs is a place of interest and surrounds the 3 dams that supply the nursery with water.

Like much of Australia the Wimmera region is into about its 10th year of drought and we are facing a severe shortage this season and without substantial winter rains it is possible we will not have water available from the normal annual channel supply system.

The Wool Factory Inc. employs approximately 14 full time staff and supports up to 45 special needs employees. Typically 6 – 10 supported employees will attend the nursery on a daily basis and are involved in all stages of production – maintenance and general nursery work.

The nursery specializes in Native plants in Tube stock or Hyko cells for land care and landholders'. A variety of containers for councils and landscapers and includes the new Ozbreed range of native grasses and shrubs – perfect for mass planting landscape works. The Retail Nursery stocks only native plants – up to 300 different species and is a popular weekend visiting place for locals.

There is a lot of work being done to improve the site with painting, landscaping and display of stock a priority. Soon we hope to be able to offer visitors a free Cuppa and BBQ and picnic facilities.

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