

The Nursery Group – Member Profile

Welby Garden Centre

Welby Garden Centre is a supported employment service operated by Challenge Southern Highlands Inc. Welby Garden Centre was established over 15 years ago. Originally set up as a “native nursery” it changed its focus to become a leading “cold climate nursery” within the region. The Welby Garden Centre is located in Mittagong in the Southern Highlands of NSW. The site on which the nursery stands is owned by the association and covers several acres. The entire site is being developed to allow for full utilisation by the nursery.

The organisation employs 37 supported employees and 14 specialist staff. The employees are engaged in nursery work, light packaging and grounds maintenance. The workers undertake all activities in these areas.

Welby Garden Centre specialises in cold climate plants and roses and has developed a reputation as quality supplier of these plants. Customers travel from Queanbeyan, Young, Yass, Orange and Sydney to purchase plants from the nursery. Each year we sell in the region of 10,000 to 14,000 rose plants alone.

Welby Garden Centre is expanding its facility to improve the retail shop, improve the layout and to greatly expand the wholesale and production areas. The aim of this expansion is to increase production and to create the potential for greater employment opportunities.

WGC is currently growing plants such as buxus, camellias, azaleas, Leighton greens etc from cuttings and tube stock.

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