

# What's on at TIN



## End of year opening hours



### Tuesday & Thursday:

Coastcaring along Newcastle beaches and bushland areas

### Wednesday:

Nursery Know How at the Uni site. \*\*Inductions for new volunteers are held every 2nd Wednesday at 10am.

### Friday:

Seed Collecting and Bushland Awareness

### Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri:

Nursery propagation activities at Parry Street.

You can check the details of the events by phoning TIN or looking at the website

[www.treesinnewcastle.org.au](http://www.treesinnewcastle.org.au)

TIN will be closed from December 23rd until the 4th January 2010 for Nursery Sales And reopen 19th January 2010 for volunteer projects

### End of Year Party from 7pm

In the gardens of the Wickham Park Hotel, Friday December 11th

### Annual General Meeting

5.45-6.30pm under the marquee in the gardens of the Wickham Park Hotel. Friday December 11th



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## Laman Street figs

Whether you live in Newcastle or not, most people in the region have visited the Regional Art Gallery, visited Civic Park and been impressed by the colonnade of figs majestically lining Laman Street and framing the backdrop of the cultural precinct, making a cultural statement that trees do have pride of place in this city and in this region.

In two weeks Newcastle City Council is going to vote on a motion to fell the Hill's figs on Laman Street. **Please make a stand so these figs can stay.**

Actions you can take include writing to the Councillors, writing a letter to the newspapers, drop in to TIN and sign a petition or take 20 seconds to complete an online petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/laman-street-figs.html>, it can even be anonymous.

The petitions 'urge and implore council to delay the removal of the trees until a community design panel can be formed by council to consider arboricultural advice, the relevant resources and risk issues and the full range

of options available to council and the community to address the future of these trees and make appropriate recommendations to council'.

## End of Year Party

There'll be festive revelry and merrymaking under the marquee in the gardens of the Wickham Park Hotel for TIN's End of Year Party at 7pm on 11th December.

The ramp up to the end of year wind down has commenced with party preparations well at hand. This year's social gathering will include a secret Santa of \$5 or less, put in to pull out, and a TIN trivia tournament for the tried n true TIN-types.

The end of year awards will be presented to the Volunteer of the Year, the Epicormic Award for The Outstanding Newcomer, The Cambium Award for Long term contributions and the Sap Award for Staff contributions.

All TIN volunteers, members and supporters are welcome to come along and share in the shindig.



## Annual General Meeting

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009, TreesIn New castle will be holding its Annual General Meeting, 5.45-6.30pm in the marquee in gardens at the Wickham Park Hotel.

TIN's 20 year history has had some notable highs and memorable lows, the organisation has waxed and waned as funding priorities and attitudes have shifted. The stabilising factor over the years has been a Committee that believes in "Protecting, promoting & enhancing local native vegetation and supporting people with a passion for plants".

The Strategic Plan has been reviewed, a wish list of implementation actions developed and several new leaves of the TIN tree will be turned in the near future as the organisation transitions to adapt to the existing climate and to a more sustainable future.

TIN has grown from humble beginnings to a medium sized enterprise with an enduring core ethic of a love of local native plants and their protection.

As TIN has grown so have the people who have helped guide it. Now more than ever people with a strategic head and a passion for the

survival of the fittest plants and organisations are needed.

All TIN members are welcome to come to the AGM to hear about the successes and challenges of the year. It will also be a time to think about where TIN is going in the next 12 months and of course the election of the 2010 committee.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be:

- confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and the Special General Meeting held during the year
- receive reports on the activities of the Association over the previous year
- elect new Committee
- receive and consider the financial statement as presented by Lindsay Karathanassis -Auditor
- consider any other business raised at the AGM.

If you can't make it to the AGM in person there are other ways you can have your say on the makeup of the TIN Committee. There's the optional postal vote option or the proxy vote. For both of these don't-have-to-be-there methods you'll have to contact the Returning Officer, Suzanne, at TIN and the paperwork will be whisked out to you. The forms are also

on [TIN's website](http://tinnewcastle.org.au)



## Landcare For Youth (L4Y)



It's been an extremely busy and satisfying year undertaking the Landcare 4 Youth project in Lake Macquarie.

TIN's intrepid educator, Jenny Robinson, has so far visited 40 Public Schools, 8 Catholic Schools, 2 Preschools, 2 Sea Scouts groups and a Scouts troop and a Guides group in Lake Macquarie. TIN also attended five community events to raise awareness of the L4Y program. Five thousand plants have been distributed to various youth groups to help connect youth with the land and develop stewardship skills.

The Department of Education & Training (DET) has declared 2010 the Year of Learning for Sustainability. DET schools will have options for student engagement that include a program of activities, awards, an Education Week showcase and the Climate Clever Energy Savers program for designing and implementing student developed projects.

The L4Y project can provide advice and planting support for schools throughout 2010, especially for those wanting to consider planting projects for offsetting carbon emissions.

If you know of a school, preschool, TAFE or youth group in Lake Macquarie that would like to undertake an on-ground project or help to build the L4Y student and teacher networks, let us know at TIN, ph 4969 1500 or [education@treesinnewcastle.org.au](mailto:education@treesinnewcastle.org.au). There are resource request forms on [TIN's website](http://tinnewcastle.org.au)



Belmont High students planting at Redhead Beach



# The Year in The nursery 2009

by Barb Nanshe

2009 was a year of changes. Staff and volunteers were their usual hardworking selves keeping up with propagation, orders and their dispatch. The Uni Nursery benefitted from a team of about ten Green Corps bodies to help with the huge work load of maintaining TIN's holding nursery. Cara Lloyd, the graduated nursery trainee has been productive in other areas this year giving birth to baby Adisyn.

We introduced a new discussion forum for Nursery staff, *Continual Improvement sessions*, where we focused on solutions and team work improvements. This has been a positive step toward enhancing nursery outcomes.

Other influences on the nursery were quite dramatic this year. There was lots of change in the bush regen area. Some staff left us for greener pastures and Janet Mackay left TIN to give birth to Aquila.

I broke my leg in May and realized more fully what it was like to rely on a wheel chair as friends and colleagues assisted my transport to and around the nursery. We are not as wheel chair friendly as we first thought, but that has and is still changing.

The nursery at Parry Street is now filled once again with growing and healthy plants. December and January are the times for sowing plants we will need autumn 2010 and for National Tree Day. Unfortunately we have no way of knowing

exactly what those plants will be. We continue to grow a large variety of local natives but Eucalypt species are proving unpopular.

We attended another planned plant rescue mission of heath plants at Tilligerry Habitat in November. Volunteers are still rolling in and we have as many as we can take on and apply to activities.

Our dreams of extending the Parry Street nursery to the park area out front have been put on hold. We put up a small strip of fencing material to erect our new beautiful banners, advertising all the facets of our organisation.

Workshops this year included a Frog pond workshop for Fig Tree Gardens; a Nursery Know How Workshop for Morisset Hospital; a Site Assessment Workshop for Quigley Landcare; a Seed Workshop for Green Corps; a Seed Workshop for Community Environment Network and some very popular Bonsai workshops.

Our prices remained the same to the public due to our 'new' GST free status.

1-49plants Members: Non-members:

Regular Tubestock	\$2.80 each	\$3.60
Hikos	\$2.00 each	\$2.50
Large Tubestock (Rainforest)	\$3.80 each	\$4.80

Thanks to the great team of dedicated volunteers and staff, I am looking forward to another year of consolidation (of new ways of doing things) and implementing new ideas toward a more sustainable future.

## A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Green giving for the festive season is something that is gaining popularity as many of us try to reduce our footprint by giving gifts that last and linger longer. Giving a service instead of a consumable item means people are employed and resources aren't squandered, giving a plant is a lasting and constant reminder, educational gifts can change a person forever. Here are some green gift ideas available at TIN.

- Garden Design Gift - For the would-be garden lover that doesn't know where to start a garden. A consultation with garden layout and species lists starting at \$120 for a 1hr visit and garden plan
- Landowner lend-a-hand - TIN's Bush Regeneration Team can lend a hand or ten on the ground helping to protect or manage private bushland. TIN can also provide an ecological assessment of the land and offer strategies to protect and preserve the patch



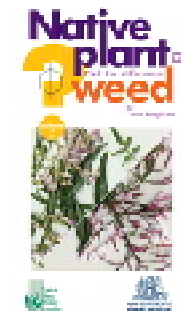
of paradise. Price On Application

- TIN's Coast-care program cares for Newcastle's coastal strip. You can provide a gift

certificate that donates plants to this worthwhile community caring project.

To your value

- Membership of TIN - A gift certificate for membership gives the recipient 10 free plants and access to TIN's advice services, \$20 Standard or \$30 Counteracting Carbon memberships
- Plants - Thousands to choose from, various sizes and plant vouchers too.
- Gift Certificates for plants to any amount of your choosing
- Cards - TIN has a range of beautiful floral featured cards that are blank on the inside. Cards are \$2 or three for \$5. Bulk quantities available. POA
- Educational Ideas
- for those who really enjoy their bush regeneration and want to learn about the difference between native and weed look-alikes TIN has Ann Loughran's Native or Weed-Pick the Difference Vol 1 \$20, Vol 2 \$24 .



- If you know someone who wants to develop a greater understanding of the bush regeneration process Robyn Buchanan's latest release Restoring Natural Areas In Australia is \$27.
- The Seedy Side of Plants Resource folder - Full of information about the how, why and where-to of seed collection is on offer for \$20
- For the new seed saver - A Simple Seed Storage System Kit sells for \$15



membership renewals to bring all memberships due by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 with the new year's membership commencing on the first of July 2010.

There will be some transitioning over to the new system during the next six months with those renewing from now until April paying the full annual fee, those renewing between April and June will fall into the 2010-2011 renewal period. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

## Plants Sale December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>

There's always a bargain at TIN and coming in to Summer is no exception with plants bursting with growth in the warmer, wetter weather.

There are always some plants that are free, and always a Sale Table or two.



The following are all looking lovely and looking for a hole in the ground.



## Change Over to same date Annual Membership renewal

The process of tracking and informing members of their membership renewal date has become more complicated as TIN's membership has grown. TIN is beginning the process of streamlining its

## BUSH REGENERATION REPORT - by Trish Barker

The Bush Regeneration branch of the TIN tree has turned over a few leaves this past year. New flushes (faces) have sprung up and some old leaves (faces) will be blowing away to greener pastures. The North Coast of NSW will definitely be greener, I don't know if I'd say the same for Melbourne. (Sorry, Adam). There's also been some regrowth (old faces returning). There has been a shedding of a few leaves from the lower branches of the tree, but as the tree grows the branches get higher and the long-term leaves that have been around for a quiet a few years continue to contribute greatly to the growth and stability of the TIN tree.

Much of TIN's regenerator's knowledge and experience has been retained in the sapwood and heartwood, to share and be stored in the grand TIN trunk.

Thank you and farewell Janet, Adam and Mark, we wish you well in your future endeavours.

On the ground the year has been busy, busy and busy with our favourite contracts, Hunter NPWS and Port Stephens Council. We managed to snap up all of the contracts applied for, regaining some that we lost last year and picking up some newbies such as Myall Lakes, Seal Rocks, Booti Booti and Karuah.

We have also been busy with Soil Conservation Service with mucho-planting for their creek rehabilitation work.

Also into the New Year we'll begin work with Hunter Water Australia rehabilitating the sewage pipeline upgrade through Glenrock SCA. Earlier projects included grants with Hunter-Central Rivers CMA, implementing riverbank rehabilitation on a couple of properties along the Hunter River.

A couple of our more interesting projects during 2009 included

- weed control works at Jerrys Plains Cemetery which supports the largest stand of the endangered population of *Acacia pendula* and the Endangered Ecological Community- Hunter Valley Weeping Myall Woodland and;
- The Shorebird Habitat Restoration Project on Ash Island involving the removal of mangroves at Milham Pond.

The Bush regeneration team has also continued training several community groups from the previous year in the Port Stephens area. It is encouraging for us to engage with such enthusiastic volunteers within the community.

We have been working on our OH&S policy which was drafted by Adam and is now through the final stages of review.

At present we have 11 Bush Regenerators working for TIN.

Many thanks for all your efforts, commitment and the enjoyment of your company out in the bush and to the organisations who have supported TIN to continue to do what it loves doing.



# Biodiversity In Schools

TIN's decade-long running Biodiversity In Schools program continues to service schools and educational institutions across the Hunter with advice and curriculum support. Since 2002 Hunter Water has been a major sponsor of this program enabling 50 schools a year to receive on-ground advice, assistance in developing School Environmental Management Plans, the development of learnscapes and provision of curriculum resources. TIN thanks Hunter Water for supporting the Biodiversity In Schools program's growth to become a fantastic free community service.

This year Hunter Water ceased its sponsorship which now provides an opportunity for another organisation to fill the void. TIN's expertise and educational experience are highly valued community resources. There is an increasing yearning for educational institutions to receive on-ground advice as they strive to implement curriculums that support Education for Sustainability to ensure a stewardship ethic grows within the community.

If your organisation would like to express its Corporate Social Responsibility through sponsoring TIN's Biodiversity In Schools project, please call Jenny Robinson or Gordon Patrick to discuss.



The Biodiversity In Schools program is now offering school memberships of TIN for \$50/year. The membership provides discount prices on all plant purchases, a curriculum Resource CD and an introductory Learnscape Kit for either a Frogpond or Bushtucker garden which includes

10 plants and an informational CD/booklet to get you started.

## Plants on Sale



Scientific Name	Common Name	Size
<b>Were \$2.80</b>	<b>Sale price \$1.95</b>	
<i>Hakea salicifolia</i>	Willow leaf Hakea	<b>Tube</b>
<i>Melaleuca nodosa</i> Last seasons only	Honey Ball Myrtle	<b>T</b>
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Crimson Bottle brush	<b>T</b>
<i>Callistemon pallidus</i>	Lemon Bottlebrush	<b>T</b>
<i>Callistemon linearis</i>	Narrow-leaved Bottle-brush	
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	False Sarsaparilla	<b>T</b>
<i>Babingtonia pluriflora</i>	Baeckea	<b>T</b>
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coastal Tea Tree	<b>T</b>
<i>Carex appressa</i>		<b>T</b>
<b>Were \$3.80</b>	<b>Sale price \$2.65-</b>	<b>Large Tubes</b>
<i>Omalanthus nutans</i>	Bleeding Heart	<b>LT</b>
<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>	Red Kamala	<b>LT</b>
<i>Toona ciliata</i>	Red Cedar	<b>LT</b>
<i>Pararchidendron pruinosum</i>	Snow Wood	<b>LT</b>
<i>Hibiscus heterophylla</i>	Native Hibiscus	<b>LT</b>
<i>Endiandra sieberi</i>	Cork Wood	<b>LT</b>
<i>Syzygium smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly	<b>LT</b>
<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	Muttonwood	<b>LT</b>

# Volunteer & Coastal Projects Report 2009

by Ngaire Southwell



been unsuccessful in this latest round of HCRCMA funding, but will reapply for the next round.

Work on the Coastal Projects sites of Merewether

Beach, Burwood Beach, King Edward Park and Shepherds Hill has seen a great deal of weed removal, planting and erosion control measures, all with great success.

Another year is coming to a close and I would like to extend my gratitude to all the Volunteers who have contributed large & small to the Trees In New castle vision of "Protecting, promoting & enhancing local native vegetation and supporting people with a passion for plants".



At Burwood Beach the volunteers have tackled Bitou Bush, Lantana, Turkey Rhubarb and Coastal Morning Glory with a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication. An area approximately 1 ha was cleared

In 2009 the Volunteers have contributed 18,473 hours directly in the nursery & on the coastal projects (this figure does not include the many hours contributed on week-end workshops & field days).

and planted in a mosaic pattern to minimise soil disturbance and erosion. We have made headway pushing north and next year aim to reach the northern end of the beach.

A number of projects have been completed this year from grants from Envirofund, Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (HCRCMA), Newcastle City Council, NPWS and Hunter Water. Currently we have a Hunter Water grant ongoing. We have



Merewether Beach is looking fantastic after a year of weed maintenance and plantings to enhance biodiversity. The main weeds now are Gazania and the perennial grasses, Couch and Buffalo, with only the occasional Bitou

Site	Days	TIN In-kind	Vol. No.	Vol. Hrs	No. Plants
Bathers Way	5	2	56	187	400
Burwood Beach	37	2	301	1170	6761
Claremont Reserve	12	0	70	277	703
King Edward Park	28	14	525	1810	11948
Merewether Beach	26	13	301	920	5565
Shepherds Hill	19	1	152	523	2447
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>4886</b>	<b>27824</b>

seedling showing up. A small expansion to the lower slope near Merewether Surf Club thanks to a HCRCMA Small grant has seen an area of 100% weeds become an area of 95% natives. Awesome work by TIN volunteers!

The Shepherds Hill site has been expanded south thanks to the HCRCMA and Hunter Water funding where a total of 150 m2 was cleared and 2000 natives planted, watered and mulched.

King Edward Park again played host to the National and Schools Tree Day. An excellent turn out saw 3,540 natives planted on the day and a further 2,460 established by the TIN Volunteers. Yahoo!



All in all a GREAT EFFORT from ALL our VOLUNTEERS and a REALLY BIG THANK YOU from ALL the STAFF at TREES IN NEWCASTLE.

