



WARRAH FARM SHOP

On a different note, we are all aware from recent media coverage that farmers across the country are struggling. Australian conditions - from extreme heat to bush fires, drought and wild storms - have heavily affected growing regions in South Australia, Victoria, NSW and Queensland. We are seeing the impact on the entire produce market, but especially in terms of availability of leafy greens. Now, more than ever farmers are grateful for your support.

We too are sorry to report that we have seen a few losses in the paddock and our nursery recently. Mainly affected is the salad mix and our next succession of cucumbers and zucchinis - planted and then quickly wiped out in the heat of mid-January. We are fortunate in that plant growth is still rapid at this time of the year, and so we will recover before too long. We ask for your patience and hope that we can get everything back on track as quickly as possible.

Something positive from the garden has been the abundance of tomatoes from our new poly tunnels. The extra protection from the elements and fruit fly has seen us produce some outstandingly flavourful cherry and black Roma varieties this year. Our large heirlooms are now also being harvested and should be around for the next couple of months.

We are now sowing crops ready for the cooler months - coriander, leeks, cabbages, among others, ready for planting out in the not too distant future. We hope to see you around the farm soon.

There was a bit of excitement around our usually peaceful campus recently with a visit from the "Your Money" media channel. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to catch a glimpse on screen of some of the sites from around the Farm and the Shop! You can watch this video on our facebook page.

STILL CREEK LANDCARE

CAN YOU MAKE THE SAME THING HAPPEN ON YOUR PROPERTY?

If you want to do something similar and live in Hornsby Council or near Old Northern Rd, contact Nick on 9653 2056. For more information about Landcare, find us at <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au> and on Facebook.

You might be aware that for many months, Landcare has been running a free native plants programme for landowners who have cleared weeds, or want to plant a wildlife corridor, or join up bits of separated bush. Recently we visited some landowners who have received plants, to see the results. We were amazed by what we found. Where there were once weeds, these inspiring people proudly showed us trees to 3m high, beautiful shrubs in flower. They spoke like seasoned professionals about how they removed weeds and their plans for the future of their properties. It gave us a real lift to see their enthusiasm.

Why have they done so well? Firstly they got advice on what to plant and how to care for the plants. Secondly the plants were grown in nurseries from local seed, which means survival rates are higher. Thirdly they followed the advice.

This advice was provided by Still Creek Landcare and the plants by a generous local donor.

Residents who have been part of this project have had motivations such as: boosting numbers of natives on their property; creating a wildlife corridor; providing shade in open areas for horses; have native shrubs and grasses thriving. Interested in doing the same, see contact details above.



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