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Dear Mr Robb,

**Re: Bayside Community Plant Nursery, Reserve Road, Beaumaris**

We have become aware of resident concern and frustration regarding the restricted hours of operation for sales from the Community Plant Nursery. Plant sales cease around the end of November and do not recommence until March the following year.

With on-going drought conditions, water restrictions and encouragement from organisations like ourselves, Friends Groups and Council publications, the desire of residents to establish and maintain gardens of indigenous plantings continues to increase. This is leading to increased demand on the resources of the Community Plant Nursery to which people are directed in the first instance.

Accordingly we believe that it would be appropriate to review the current sales operations at the Nursery with a view to extending the plant sales period to all year round (as occurs at the Port Phillip Community Plant Nursery for example).

We acknowledge that planting over summer months requires increased attention to watering and this may be a reason for the current sales period restriction but believe that with the advent of domestic water tank installations and waste water re-use practices this issue will be addressed by residents keen to develop and preserve their gardens .

We also acknowledge that existing staff levels and space at the nursery may be further factors favouring the status quo but believe these aspects are also due for review and improvement to meet the increasing demand and desire for indigenous plantings in Bayside.

We would appreciate your attention to this matter and advice in due course.

Yours sincerely

Ron Morris  
Secretary

cc. Mayor and Councillors