



# International Plant Propagators Society

*2015 Australia Exchange Feedback*

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# Introduction...



# *Seek & Share*

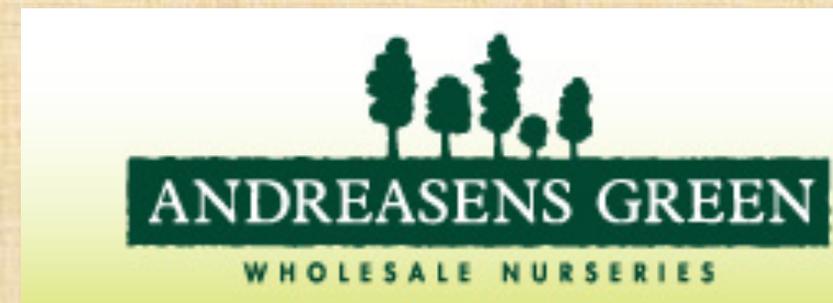




# The 6-pack Team...



# Nurseries & Gardens Visited... Total 16

























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USE ONLY

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No.1 Soil Mixer

**DANGER**  
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# Andreasen's Nursery Visit: Barangaroo Project

- Andreasen's commissioned to grow 70 000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers to recreate natural scenery at harbour



# Root Pruning

- Roots have 'growth memory'
- Crucial to prune from seedling or tube stage
- Study driven by problem of falling trees, exposing curled roots



# *Espaliered Fruit Trees*

- Fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs are trained onto a trellis attached to the pot.
- Minimal effort for gardener or home-owner



# The 'Rocket Pot'

- Australian invention, about 3 years old
- Improves root ball formation
- Air-prunes roots
- 10-year life span
- Re-usable
- Average cost of \$5.50 each (2015)



# Olives go wild!

*Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata*



# Bunnings Wholesale Warehouse

- Overtaken retail nursery market
- Cause of many retail and wholesale nurseries closure
- 80% of retail plants are sold at Bunnings Warehouse



# Mount Annan Botanic Garden

- The largest Botanic Garden in Australia at 416 hectares



# Australian PlantBank

- State of the art facilities opened in October 2013
- One of the largest native seedbank collections in the world
- Education & awareness



# Plant Bank: Interactive Diversity Wall



# The 'Gum Tree' in it's natural habitat



*Beautiful flora...*





*Beautiful Landscapes...*



*Connecting with interesting people...*



*Warm and welcoming hosts...*



# Conclusion...

- Exposure to international nursery standards
- New connections
- Life-changing experience
- Personal & professional growth
- Rare & wonderful opportunity
- Forever grateful



# PRIORITIES!

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A close-up photograph of a pig's snout, showing the texture of its skin and the details of its nostrils. The image is dimly lit, with a blueish tint. A semi-transparent white horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

**THANK YOU I.P.P.S...**  
**for an amazing opportunity and experience!**