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We've been working hard at the nursery during the last few months. Our regular core of volunteers has been joined by Lyn and Helen and together with Gayle, Dini and Sue we have pricked out literally thousand of plants which will be ready for autumn planting. We're still putting the final list together but we have everything from ground covers and pretty daisies through to towering eucalypts.



Talking of eucalypts, as you may know the nursery is surrounded by manna gums and we often get free babies popping up amongst the other plants. I was working at the nursery one fine, still afternoon when there was an enormous crack as a huge limb twisted and cracked away from the trunk. It was hanging outside the fence but rather too close to our water tanks. After a week it was still dangling and had twisted even more – had it come down it would have done a lot of damage. What to do? It was far too high for us to deal with. Urban Canopy Tree Services to the rescue! The amazing team of Heather and David turned up with a wonderful array of equipment and provided us with a

show and tell of how to climb a tree and safely lower a limb. The intrepid Heather did the climbing and cutting while David took care of on-ground safety and also explained to us some principles of tree service work. All in all it was a fascinating morning. We would highly recommend Urban Canopy who have an ethical approach to their work and value the bush. You can contact them on 0421 804 063.

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| Intrepid Heather scaling the tree   | David with some amazing equipment   |

*Photos courtesy of Dini Shepherd*

Stringybark is open for business from 3.30-5pm every Tuesday as well as from 9.30am on every second Sunday of the month. You can call Sue on 0409 409 288 or Gayle on 0427 921 151.