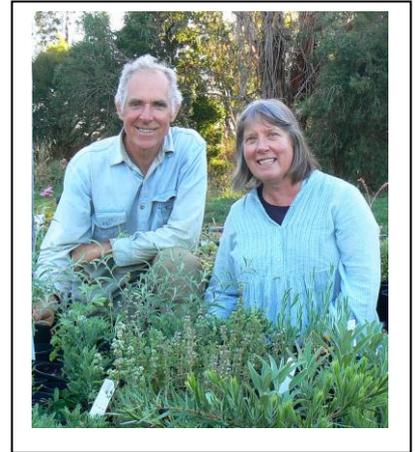


Garden Gate of Inverleigh Plant Nursery Closing Down

The plant nursery side of Garden Gate of Inverleigh is closing down at the end of autumn – yes, in a couple of months' time. Pop down to the nursery and select some of our beautiful hardy plants. They have been propagated by us from cuttings and seeds from gardens in the local district. There is a great range of herbs, exotics, succulents and natives.

Keith and I started Garden Gate of Inverleigh from scratch at the beginning of 2013, opening the nursery sales to the public in February 2014. It was a steep learning curve for us, with horticultural and business study, workshops and mentoring sessions needed to build on our local gardening experience. Our aim was to propagate low water garden plants suited to this climate and to help other gardeners by sharing our knowledge.

In effect, the business had three arms – the plants, the farm gate orchard and vegies sales and the garden skills workshops and talks. Each area has grown and developed, with expansion requiring employing others, building facilities and increasing marketing skills and opportunities. They have been exciting and fulfilling times. We have met so many wonderful people who have shared their love and knowledge of gardening and plants or their willingness to learn, who gave me cuttings and seeds, and who put a smile on our faces with their friendly and positive approach to life.



Along the way I started writing garden articles for the Leigh News, The Bannockburn News and the Winchelsea Star. Forty-two articles later, I am still thrilled when someone says they read one of them and found it useful or amusing or inspirational. All the articles can be found on our webpage: www.gardengatenursery.com.au

Keith and I now feel that the time has come to reclaim the aspects of our lives that have been put on hold while at least one of us needed to

be on hand all the time at the plant nursery. We will keep on farm gate fruit and vegie sales, selling freshly picked seasonal produce from our orchard and gardens. Workshops will continue from time to time and there is scope for this aspect to grow.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us along the way with ideas and practical help and by buying from us. We have really enjoyed building up and running the plant nursery and, in parting, wish you all 'Happy Gardening'.

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