

# NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

March 2021

## AROUND THE PARK



Spot the lorikeet!

In the rainforest area, the firewheel tree (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*) is in bloom and getting the rainbow lorikeets very excited. And further down near the playground a pink-flowered *Corymbia* is putting on a beautiful show.



Plans are afoot to retrieve the old gate from alongside what used to be Stan Kuhl's dairy shed (the old nursery building) and install it as a historic feature in the garden at the new nursery.



A relic of Stan Kuhl's farm to be preserved

*Rhagodia spinescens*

## FEATURE PLANT

Have you tried growing the creeping saltbush (*Rhagodia spinescens*)? It's a hardy sprawling shrub with silvery leaves, excellent as a dense groundcover or spilling over a retaining wall or rockery.

Easily established, the shrub will spread in no time to a width of up to 4 metres, and is tolerant of both drought and frost. And it's edible. The leaves can be eaten fresh in salads or as a bed for roasting meats, and dried leaves can be used as a seasoning or ground as a salt substitute.



## HELPERS NEEDED IN NURSERY

The Nursery Coordinators are seeking more volunteers. Could you spare some time to work in the nursery, either regularly (Thursday, Saturday or Sunday mornings) or on a casual basis?

If you have some time available, please let us know by email ([peacehaven3@gmail.com](mailto:peacehaven3@gmail.com)) or by phone (0477 317 410).

## NEXT MEETING OF FRIENDS

The next General Meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven will take place as usual on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Date:** Wednesday 10 March

**Time:** straight after the management committee meeting, which will start at 9.30 am.

**Place:** Native Nursery Shed