

# Blue Mountains FRUIT and NUT TREE NETWORK

Our active network promotes fruit and nut growing in the Blue Mountains by sharing our experiences, skills and surplus produce.

The **Fruit and Nut Tree Network** collects data on existing fruit and nut trees/plants, distributes information and organises activities to assist in:

- sharing knowledge about local fruit and nut production
- sharing surplus produce.

Our aims are to:

- assist groups and individuals to increase the amount of food grown, harvested and distributed throughout the mountains;
- prevent the loss of old varieties of food-producing plants;
- encourage use of local produce for cooking and preserving.

We are continuing work initiated by *Slow Food Blue Mountains*<sup>1</sup>. Collecting and analyzing information on the foods being currently produced and consumed will help us plan how to improve local food production. We are compiling separate lists of:

- types of fruit and nut trees now growing in the Blue Mountains;
- people prepared to share their surplus, e.g. fruit now for jam later<sup>2</sup>;
- people prepared to share their skills in the various aspects of growing, harvesting, storing and preserving fruit and nuts<sup>3</sup>;
- people wanting help in developing these skills.

We want these lists to reflect the current situation as accurately as possible. To get your name on our e-list for notification of activities, to add details to our lists, or get more information, e-mail [anitran@aapt.net.au](mailto:anitran@aapt.net.au)

We welcome blog comments too: <http://bmfruitandnuttreenetwork.blogspot.com/>

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<sup>1</sup> *Slow Food Blue Mountains* preserves and promotes local food culture, biodiversity, and taste education. They organise activities throughout the year, see <http://slowfoodaustralia.com.au/tag/blue-mountains/>. They are also closely associated with Cittaslow Katoomba Blue Mountains, see [www.cittaslow.org.au](http://www.cittaslow.org.au)

<sup>2</sup> Commercial growers can register details of what they grow and where, which we keep on another list.

<sup>3</sup> People offering workshops related to fruit and nut production are encouraged to use our network for promotion.