



Newsletter #4 December 2008 Edition

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Summer is here & Christmas is just round the corner!

It is that time of year again and as the weather warms up, so does the pressure of Christmas shopping, holidays, and having your garden ready for entertaining, the hottest weather of the year and perhaps, for the lucky ones, your absence as you go on holidays! Come and see us at the nursery and we can help ease the pressure for a relaxing and pleasurable holiday season!

See our latest plant gift ideas or our tips on keeping your garden healthy over summer.

We hope all our customers and their families have a safe and happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Dave, Narelle, Paul & Kath.

Gift guide for Christmas!



We have everything from shrubs to advanced trees in stock for Christmas. We have made a list for you of popular gift plants:

Grafted Eucalypts.
Native Orchids
Staghorn Ferns
Grass Trees
Waratahs
Grafted Grevilleas
Boronias
Tree Ferns
Kangaroo Paws
Cottage Garden Plants
Christmas Bush (great as a substitute Christmas tree)
Tubes as a stocking filler

Sometimes it is hard to select a plant for someone else so what better than a **GIFT VOUCHER**. Gift vouchers are available in any amount you wish to purchase and have a twelve month expiry period.

We also have a great **CD on The Coastal Plants of the Royal National Park** with botanical descriptions, pictures and a wealth of other information on more than 300 plants that grow in the Royal National Park. All this for only \$20.00. Great for the enthusiast!

SUMMER FLOWERING SCAEVOLAS

For those looking for a ground cover with a dramatic show of flowers, you can't go past Scaevola spp. In the nursery we have a huge variety of flower and leaf shape as well as colour variety from pink through to deep purple and white. Scaevolias can spread anywhere up to 1.5m metres and enjoy a full sun position to reach their full flowering potential. After flowering a prune keeps them full and bushy for a repeat show the following year.



Scaevola Aussie Salute



Scaevola Mauve Clusters



Scaevola White Carpet

Are your plants prepared for the summer holiday season!

Whether you are going away or staying at home during the holiday season it is always a good idea to have a few measures in place to keep your plants healthy. By now they would have had their spring feed and prune and have put on some fresh new growth. To maintain that new growth, we suggest the following:

Deep watering – during warmer months of the year it is better to water plants deeply, less often. Water restrictions have become such a part of our lives that we are now used to only watering a couple of times a week anyway. Two buckets of water per plant at watering time allows for roots to grow down deeply into the subsoil where temperatures are cooler and there is more moisture. It also makes the plants stronger and more resistant to disease.

Mulching – make sure plants are well mulched for the warmer weather as this keeps roots cool and retains moisture in the soil. It also keeps weeds at bay which thrive in our warmer months.

Potted Plants – the beauty of potted plants is they can be moved if not thriving in certain areas of the garden. As weather warms up some plants may need more shade or on the other hand, more sun. If going away you can move potted plants to a shadier area and make sure they are mulched to reduce moisture loss. Fresh potting mix and a good soak before you go will also help them thrive in your absence.

Indoor plants – if you haven't already done so, fresh potting mix and a good overhead watering once a week helps to keep indoor plants healthy and free of dust which clogs the leaf surface. If plants can't be moved, then a damp cloth run over the leaves does just as well. If going away, place your indoor plants in the coolest room in the house, usually the bathroom, and put them in the bath on a wet towel which they can draw moisture from while you are away.

Obviously, a good neighbour or friend may help you out, if going away, by watering for you. What better way to thank them on your return than a plant from Sydney Wildflower Nursery.