



Newsletter #15 November 2009 Edition

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SPRINGA GREAT TIME FOR PLANTING

We have had some great rainfall in spring which makes the planning and planting of your garden a pleasure as the weather warms up. The ground is easier to dig over and plants thrive in the moist, warm conditions.

The nursery is a sea of colour and as you will read in this newsletter, there are plenty of new things to entice you into the garden as well as a lot of the old favourites.

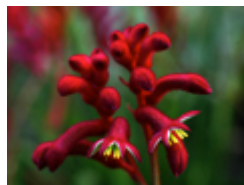
Don't forget that we can test the pH of your soil in the nursery and also help with pests and diseases that are becoming prominent at this time of year. Our helpful staff are here to answer all your gardening questions so come down and see us soon.

Dave, Kath, Narelle & Paul.

New releases in the Nursery.

If you haven't been into the nursery this season then you may want to come and check out some of the new plants we have in stock.

Anigozanthes Bush Pizzazz has magenta coloured flowers that are in abundance for most of the year. It grows to a height of 70cm and is a striking addition to the garden. Full sun and well drained soil are a must. Great as a cut flower. .



Westringia 'Naringa' is a great hedging form of westringia and has a profusion of flowers in spring. It grows to 2m but can be hedged at 1m. Width to 60cm. Only needs half as much pruning as other Westringia. Full sun to part shade and well drained soil will keep this plant looking great.



We also have a great new range of small growing Eucalypts. The average backyard is shrinking but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy having a flowering

Flannel Flowers in Stock Now!



Flannel flowers are in stock now, ready for planting.

Actinotus species grow in a wide range of soils and climates. The Sydney Flannel Flower grows naturally in full sun or semi-shade in a wide range of soils provided that there is excellent drainage. Pruning will improve flowering and prevent the plants from becoming too leggy. We have 100mm pots and tube stock available now. Come in soon while stocks last!



Cntd. Eucalypt in your backyard. Along with the striking grafted eucalypts like 'Summer Red' and 'Summer Beauty' there are also some new eucalypts growing up to only 4m in height.

Eucalyptus wimmerensis 'Tucker Time. Honey Pots'

This eucalypt has creamy white flowers and only grows 4-5m in height and 2-3m in width. It attracts honey eaters and flowers from summer through to autumn. Its habit is slender and upright, easily fitting into an established landscape.



Eucalyptus stellulata (dwarf) Aemon- Little Star

Yellow and red star-shaped buds break into thick creamy flowers from mid summer to early winter. It is frost hardy and tolerates full sun to part shade. Height: 3-5m
Width: 2-3 m



Eucalyptus erythronema compact form – Hot Threads

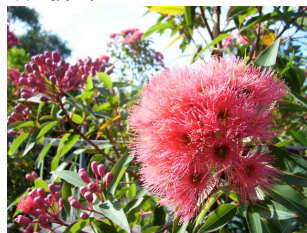
A single trunked tree or multi stemmed mallee with waxy white or reddish trunk. Likes full sun to light shade and has large, blood red flowers.

Height; 7m
Width: 3-5m

Corymbia ficifolia 'Calypso Queen'

A grafted corymbia with watermelon coloured flowers. Fantastic feature tree.

Height: 4m
Width: 4m



What's On in November?

Wollombi Valley

Native Plant and Weed Look-Alikes

Date: *Tuesday 03-Nov-09 at 9:00 am*

Category: Workshops

Learn how to recognise the differences between common native plants and local environmental weeds. Presented by Ann Loughran, author of '*Native Plant or Weed? Pick the Difference*' (vol. 1 & 2).

These sessions are FREE but numbers are limited so please book early to reserve your place. Contact Carolyn Jenkinson on 4348 1979 or email carolyn.jenkinson@industry.nsw.gov.au

Australian Plant Society

Menai
Meeting on Wed. 11th
Nov. at Illawong RFS.
@ 7.30pm

Sutherland
Meeting On Wed. 18th
Nov. at Gynea
Community Centre
Gynea Bay Rd.
Gynea @ 8pm.

Queensland Tree Waratah – *Alloxylon flammeum*



The Queensland Tree Waratah grows to about 10 metres. Bright orange/crimson flowers appear near the branch ends in late spring and early summer, along with lime green new growth, followed by woody fruits. Its flowers are highly bird attracting.

It needs full sun and well drained soil with shelter from strong winds.

The tree will need deep, regular watering throughout the warmer months if there is a lack of rain. Yellowing of foliage after planting may indicate an iron deficiency which can be treated with chelated iron or iron sulphate (available at the nursery). Only use fertiliser such as Osmocote for Native plants or Seasol.

The Queensland Tree Waratah is in flower now in the nursery. We have young plants available now so why not come down to the nursery and see just how spectacular this tree could look in your garden.

Scale – How do I get rid of it!

We have had a lot of customers bringing in various plants with scale on them recently as they are very active at this time of year.

Firstly, keep plants healthy as weak, sick and stressed plants are more prone to attack. Make sure they have had a good feed for the season and some deep watering, and don't forget the mulch.

Scales shoot a sweet substance called honeydew. Ants literally farm the scale to feed on the honeydew. They'll pick them up and they'll move them all over the tree. Honeydew also leads to sooty mould, a black dusty fungus that grows over the leaves and stems. Controlling the scale will also get rid of the sooty mould.

If you only have a small amount of scale, scrape it off. Larger infestations can be controlled by spraying with an oil to suffocate them. Make the oil spray by blending two cups of vegetable oil with one cup of pure liquid soap, and mix it until it turns white. Dilute one tablespoon to one litre of water and spray all affected areas thoroughly. Do this during mild weather, because if it's hot it may burn the plant's leaves. Alternatively use pest oil, available in the nursery.