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With Spring well and truly upon us after the above average temperatures of August, now is the great time to get out in the garden and enjoy this wonderful season.

Dennis's Garden



Even in my own garden, I am surrounded by the wonderful colours of Spring such as the Geraldton Wax, Grevillea Lana Marie, and an array of different varieties of paper daisies with the "Lemon Princess" putting on a real show. Flower spike "spears" are bursting out of the grass trees and the fragrance from both the "King Orchids" and "Phais tankavilla" orchids is almost overpowering. Yes it's a wonderful time of the year and *spring has officially arrived.*

It doesn't matter what style of garden you have or even if you are just beginning, **Nielsen's Native Nursery** are here to assist you with all your gardening needs. Our staff are all qualified horticulturists with both Brad and I having our own multi award winning gardens. We have what it takes to make you a successful gardener and get enjoyment out of gardening. It may get quite hectic in peak times, but our staff are only too happy to assist in answering any questions you may have and if they don't know the answer, they will endeavor to find another staff member who does.



Grevillea Autumn Waterfall



Eremophila "Yana Road"



**Nielsen's Marine Mates
Salt Water Display Tank**

While you're at the Centre, don't forget to sit down and relax at **Lorikeets Coffee Shop** and then go for a wonder around the Centre. Be sure to check our [Marine Mates Aquarium](#), our latest addition.



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The most delicious herbs and veggies are the ones you pick from your own garden. Remember, "Fresh is Best". Not only does it teach our children to garden, it also paves the path to a healthy diet.



Some easy vegetables to try are cherry tomatoes, mignonette lettuce, corn, zucchinis, silverbeet (which adds great colour to the garden), bok choy, beans and carrots to name a few. Don't forget that herbs and veggies make great container plants too. If you're struggling to find room in the garden for a small raised bed, consider growing your herb or veggie garden in pots or even hanging baskets. What could be better than having some fresh herbs growing right outside the kitchen, a chef's delight.

During the past few months, the Centre has undergone further changes with the new pot area completed. We now have a much more diverse range with our most recent shipment being hand made pots from Bali with a pebble or slate finish.



You will also notice the new cacti area built by our very own Matthew (horticulturist/Bob the Builder). It's situated near the advance trees, not that I think you'll miss it. If you're entering the area from the rear of the nursery just follow the giant coloured feet, most of the children seem to find them. While you're there kids, you can have a game of hopscotch with Mum or Dad.





We've been busy upgrading our signage to make it easier to shop. We've continued the bright blue, yellow and orange through the Centre so you'll be sure not to miss anything.



We feel that identifying more departments with signage has added a lot more colour aswell.



With Brad's recent trip to the United States touring Garden Centres, we can confidently say that we do it pretty good here in Oz too. He saw some great centres, however we feel that as an industry we still offer a great range of plant species, marketing, plant development and new release species to the Australian public, and we get to garden all year round.

Happy Gardening!

Dennis Nielsen

