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## NEWSLETTER

# COLOUR

**Y**es it's that time of year again when the warmer weather brings back the vibrant splashes of colour in the garden. A stroll through our large display gardens is a great way to pick up some ideas on how to plant natives in a dynamic and interesting way. If there's something you like just come and ask one of our staff to identify it and to find out if we have any in stock.



Be inspired

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An Airplant (Tillandsia) is a great gift idea or for that unique look in the garden or home. They need very little attention, just a spraying of water twice a week in summer. Keep them in a shaded but well lit area and apply a liquid fertiliser once a month to really see them thrive. Some will get pinky/mauve flowers from time to time. They are mounted on wood or crystals.



The fascinating Airplant

Dwarf fruit trees are very popular as they are easy to grow in pots or areas in the garden with limited space. At the moment we have a large range of dwarf citrus and mangoes. The citrus trees will reach an average height of 2 metres and come in oranges, lemons, lemonades, limes and mandarins. Feeding them with slow release and liquid fertiliser will ensure a healthy and plentiful crop for years to come. They are \$29.99 and will usually fruit within a year or two. The mango varieties are Keitt, Glenn, and Palmer and will also fruit within a year or so. Reaching about 2 metres these summery delights are a must for any garden. They cost \$46.99. Nothing beats fruit straight from the tree for flavour and freshness.



Bursting with flavour

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The new release Sun Patiens Impatiens has now been released onto the market. This new and improved form of the New Guinea Impatiens can tolerate full sun or full shade, heat and humidity. These tropical beauties will grow 45-90 cm high and 60-120cm wide and the vivid colours range from candy pink to hot orange. Use as a garden plant, or in pots and baskets and you will be rewarded with colour from spring right through to winter. Feed with a slow release fertiliser every three months. They are \$12.99 in a 200mm pot.



A splash of colour

A fantastic new Lilly Pilly has been released called Syzygium “Meridian Midget”. This compact shrub will get to around 50cm high by 50cm wide. It is great for small hedges or borders in the garden or pots in a sunny or part shade position. There is little maintenance involved just an occasional prune to keep the shape you’re after. They are \$10.99 in a 140mm or \$19.99 in a 200mm pot.



Syzygium “Meridian Midget”

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Now is an excellent time of the year to fertilise your ornamental or vegetable garden. We have a great range of slow release and liquid plant foods to suit your requirements wheather it be for fruit trees, vegetables, natives, lawns, palms or whatever. Just let us know what you are trying to feed and we'll advise what will work best.



Keep your plants happy

With the warmer weather comes the dreaded algae in ponds and water features. There's a range of options to keep the problem at bay. Products like Barley Straw are submerged in the water and will prevent algae from forming. The liquid extract is also a popular choice. Other chemical products for green water and blanket weed are available. Another two options which are more long term are bio filters and U.V lights. Bio filters contain beneficial bacteria which kill the algae while the U.V lights do the same as the water passes it.



Barley Straw cleans naturally

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Check out our new range of African animals. These beautiful wooden giraffes, ducks and pelicans are hand carved in Zimbabwe and will give your home an exotic feel. We have also received a new batch of metal African animals which can go outside in the garden.



A taste of Africa

We've just received a new range of pots and bowls. The beautiful Café Style Babylon range comes in three shades, Chalk, Eucalypt and Java and also three different sizes. Add a tropical Balinese theme with these eye catching containers.



Our new range

For a limited time there's 20% off our thatched bird feeders. The thatch is made from *Melaleuca uncinata* and the wire used is galvanized iron, guaranteed not to rust. These Australian made feeders will provide a sheltering haven for your local wildlife to feed.



20% off

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There must be something in the water at Nielsen's as we seem to be having lots of babies. Well two anyway. Amy who has been with us for 12 years is due to have her first child on 8<sup>th</sup> October. And Alan who has worked here for almost two years now has a baby girl (Elizabeth) born 18<sup>th</sup> May (also his first child). Congratulations them both and we wish them every happiness in the long sleepless nights to come.



Big belly!



Dressed for a nappy change

**Happy gardening all!** .....Eliot Holzworth