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*Mick Goodie checks the track  
at Flemington Racecourse*





# GOGO at the GG's

Flemington Racecourse Track Manager, Mick Goodie, is a self-confessed workaholic – but when you're looking after the turf of one of the most prestigious racecourses in the country you have to be! His dedication to the health of the track has led to him living on-site for the past ten years.

Twice a year the turf at Flemington Racecourse track is renovated, and five years ago was completely replaced with over 47km of drainage laid under the track. A Kikuyu base over-sown with three perennial ryegrasses keeps the turf lush and green.

In the warmer months from September to March two of Mick's staff work six nights a week irrigating the track to keep it in top condition.

Every two months soil tests and leaf analysis are carried out on the turf – Mick uses the results to determine what extra supplements it requires.

After an attack of cockchafer in 2010, Mick has been particularly keen to improve the root growth of the turf. He incorporated an application of GOGO Juice into his fertilising program once a month, and has since seen an increase in stronger, healthier white root growth.



Terry Freeman, Flemington's Grounds and Gardens Manager along with his team of 16 gardeners have been busy pruning the 16,000 roses and feeding them with Seamungus over winter. Now applying Sudden Impact for Roses they are 'on track' to be ready for their big day in November.

A strong white root growth is important as it means the Kikuyu is actively growing and healthy.

Last year the Kikuyu woke from its dormancy in early August rather than October, and Mick attributes this in part to the applications of GOGO Juice. During the cooler and generally wetter months of April to July, the Kikuyu is dormant and susceptible to brown mould, water rot and rust attacks.

To prevent a resistance building up against the preventative sprays that are used to control these outbreaks, the chemical sprays are rotated regularly.



An application of Blade Runner in Autumn will help to further improve drainage, root growth and water penetration throughout the soil, before the Kikuyu goes into dormancy.

Maintaining the turf at Flemington Racecourse is literally a 24/7 job. When Mick first started, he would escape the madness at the end of a hard day's work by climbing up onto the roof of the Member's Stand! He'd crack open a beer and watch the sun set over the Melbourne city skyline.

These days OH&S prevents him from visiting his favourite drinking spot. Instead, once a year, he escapes overseas for a well deserved break, looking at turf of a different kind – on a golf course!

## Viva Violas!

The photo above was sent in by Yvonne who is an active member of the Melbourne Clivia Group, the Toowoomba Clivia Group and Wangaratta Garden Club. Yvonne trialed an application of GOGO Juice on her potted violas and the results speak for themselves... **the GOGO was applied to the pot on the left!**



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# Camellias at Stangate House

Stangate House is a National Trust property located in the quaint town of Aldgate in the Adelaide Hills.

The house itself was planned in London from 1937-39 by Reverend Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish, who then built the house in 1940, naming it after Stangate in London where he and his wife Gwyneth lived. They both developed the garden, rerouted the Aldgate creek through the property and built the creek walls from stone. Raymond's sister Elsie Cornish was regarded as one of Adelaide's best known landscape gardeners and helped develop the garden.

Aside from the stunning gardens, another feature is the giant English oak tree that, according to legend, grew from an acorn planted by a miner on his way to the Echunga gold fields. Measuring six metres around the girth and with a canopy spread of about 40 metres it's an impressive sight.

In 1966 Gwyneth bequeathed the property to the National Trust, and ten years later following an agreement with the National Trust, the Camellia Society of Adelaide Hills started work, ripping out a forest of blackberries and then planted hundreds of camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons and bulbs.

These hard working volunteers are still caring for the four acre garden today, making it one of the most beautiful of its kind in Australia. Up to a dozen volunteers meet every Tuesday, providing not only a social outing but taking pleasure in tending gardens in such a wonderful environment. **Sudden Impact for Roses** has been used on the Camellias and the multitude of flowering plants around the garden with outstanding results.

Now a member of an elite group of camellia gardens in the world, the Stangate House garden has now been recognised by the International Camellia Society as an International Camellia Garden of Excellence - one of only three in Australia and only thirty worldwide. It is also the country's first recognised garden that is not managed or funded by government.



After the success of Sudden Impact for Roses, the gardeners have been trialling our newest product – **Kahoona**. Developed specifically for

acid loving plants such as Gardenias, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and of course Camellias, Kahoona is being trialled by many of the major Camellia and Rhododendron clubs around Australia. Camellias South Australia are the first to extend their official endorsement.

Stangate House is open to visitors for the first four Sundays in September each year when the camellias are at their best. It is also open on Tuesdays when the volunteers are working in the garden and on the fourth Sunday of most months to coincide with the nearby Stirling Market days - please check the website [www.stangatehouse.org.au](http://www.stangatehouse.org.au)

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kevin Bowden on (08) 8278 4031.

For more information on Kahoona, visit [www.neutrog.com.au](http://www.neutrog.com.au)

## ... and the winner is



Students at Mt Molloy State School in Far North Queensland were thrilled to receive bags and buckets of Rocket Fuel, Seamungus and Rapid Raiser for the school's veggie and herb garden.

The garden co-ordinator, Juliana, entered the competition in The Australian Newspaper after reading Holly Kerr-Forsyth's write up on Neutrog products in her gardening column. Since then the school has also announced that they have been selected to be part of The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program bringing the total number of schools involved to 259 around Australia! **Rocket Fuel** is provided free of charge to participating primary schools with part proceeds supporting the program nationally.





Well known around the globe for its earth-friendly and luxurious skin care products, Jurlique is on a mission “to produce the purest most effective skin care through nature, science and innovation”.

With a stunning range of products including skin creams and lotions, therapeutic and essential oils, age defying, hair care and baby products, Jurlique has established themselves as a leader in the marketplace.

With natural ingredients at the core of their products, Jurlique are focused on the sustainability of their certified organic and biodynamic farm located at Biggs Flat in South Australia.

They are also strongly committed to further reducing energy and water consumption and the amount of waste to landfill in years to come, recently being recognised by ZeroWaste SA for their commitment to improving environmental sustainability.

Jurlique's farm combines traditional biodynamic and modern organic production methods with a state of the art irrigation system to create efficient, productive and sustainable outputs.

The farm produces high crop yields while simultaneously looking after the soil and its fertility with a combination of green manure cropping, biodynamic preparations and compost made on-farm.

Marc Intervera, Horticultural Specialist at Jurlique says “We have found that adding 500kg/ha of **Seamungus** as a side dressing mid-way through the cropping season has aided us to maximise our yields in a way that complements our biodynamic production methods. Seamungus is a good source of supplementary nutrients for our crops”.



Enhancing their efforts for the environment, Jurlique have also preserved 20 acres of remnant native plants for the preservation of biodiversity that existed in the Biggs Flat area. Managed as a nature reserve, it supports over 20 kangaroos, a breeding pair of wedge tail eagles and various other birds and insects. Seeds have also been collected from provincial local plants which were used to propagate over 8000 plants to create buffer zones along the property boundary. These buffer zones serve as wind breaks in order to re-vegetate and protect wetland areas, increase the biodiversity of the native species on the farm, and create habitat for native fauna.

More information about Jurlique can be viewed at [www.jurlique.com.au](http://www.jurlique.com.au)

# Giant pumpkin has a field day



Neutrog Commercial Company Representative, **Mark Hill** loaded up the ute with a giant pumpkin he had quietly been growing out the back of the offices here in Kanmantoo and headed off to the Kangaroo Island Field day at the Cygnet River Racecourse.

Grown using Bounce Back, GOGO Juice and Sudden Impact for Roses, the pumpkin was a huge hit at the field day stand where Mark answered queries from a mixture of home gardeners, grape growers, pasture, crop and potato farmers, all keen to know how to achieve the same outstanding results.

If you would like to read more than Annual updates, log on to [www.neutrog.com.au](http://www.neutrog.com.au), click on 'Newsletter Sign Up' and register your email address. You will then receive regular new product updates, news and seasonal gardening tips direct into your in-box. Previous newsletters are also available on the website to read and download.

Available now!



**Kahoona.** Our new product specifically designed for acid loving plants such as Camellias, Rhododendrons, Gardenias and Azaleas has been endorsed by Camellias South Australia Inc. A higher

potassium to nitrogen ratio enhances flower growth and development, and the boosted levels of iron and magnesium aid in maintaining healthy green foliage throughout the year. Ask for Kahoona at your local garden centre or hardware store.

In development



**High 5** – totally organic, with a high organic nitrogen level of 5 (hence the name!). High 5 comes in a fine form and

significantly, is essentially odour free. **High 5** is ideal for both the lawn and garden - its nutrient levels (analysis) and content make this product a vegetarian alternative to Blood and Bone.

Exclusive



**Rooster Booster** has been manufactured exclusively for Bunnings and is a top quality

lower cost alternative for your garden. 100% organic, BFA certified and pelletised for ease of use – ask for Rooster Booster at your local Bunnings store.

Coming soon!



Jam packed full of goodness, **Seamungus** is a soil and plant conditioner, manufactured by brewing seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure. Seaweed contains naturally occurring growth stimulants along with a huge range of other essential elements – its ability to aid in the protection of plants from heat stress and frost is well documented. Seamungus can be used to revitalise all your plants throughout the year. It will help increase resistance to pests and disease, stimulate healthy growth both above and below ground, and most importantly, generally aid in improving the wellbeing of your plants. The new 1 Litre concentrate makes 250 litres and will be available for Spring.

Coming soon!



**Strike Back for Orchids** has been endorsed by the Cymbidium Orchid Clubs in SA, NSW, WA & Victoria, and has been used with great success by both commercial orchid growers and home gardeners over a number of years. On hearing that growers were dissolving the pelletised product to make application easier and to suit orchids growing in differing environments, we set about to develop a liquid product to suit. We are pleased to announce that the Strike Back for Orchids Concentrate will be available for Spring.

## Test results are positive



GOGO Juice is teeming with living beneficial microbiology and is essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants. It provides all the well documented benefits of applying liquid kelp, seaweed, fish and humic acid *plus* adds the “workers” (beneficial bacteria) to your soil that assist in breaking down the organic matter, maximising the nutrients available to your plants. GOGO Juice provides your soil and plants with a huge boost of the living microbiology necessary for them to perform at their optimum level, increasing their ability to resist pest and disease and to withstand heat and frost stress.

We continue to hear great results from all types of growers and gardeners after using GOGO Juice. Provided by a large commercial vegetable and herb grower, the photo above right shows parsley grown at five weeks. Apart from the obvious increase in yield and significant increase in root



growth, there has been a substantial increase in shelf life of up to six days. This is over double that of the control parsley that didn't receive the GOGO Juice application. Similar positive results have been reported in trials on carrots (right) grown on the Bergamin Farm at Virginia in South Australia. The GOGO Juice crops were larger, had a darker centre and were noticeably sweeter than the untreated carrots.

GOGO Juice is now available in a 2 Litre ready to use spray pack, suitable for year round application on all your lawn and garden areas.



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## Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.



**Vegetables & Herbs:** Mix some Rocket Fuel through the soil before planting spring vegetables and herbs to help give your seedlings the best start in life. Water in well with GOGO Juice.

As your edibles such as tomatoes and capsicums begin to set flowers you can feed them with Sudden Impact for Roses, the potassium, calcium and magnesium boost will help produce large and tasty tomatoes during summer.

It's time to plant potatoes! Mix two handfuls per square metre of Seamungus through the soil before planting your seed potatoes. As you cover the emerging shoots with straw or mulch, the occasional dose of a handful of Seamungus or Rocket Fuel per square metre is ideal.

**Flowering Plants:** Sprinkle some Strike Back for Orchids over any potted colour you have or are planting out this season. You'll be rewarded with cascades of colour over spring and summer.

Feed your roses and all other flowering plants (except natives) with Sudden Impact for Roses. Water it all in with GOGO Juice to encourage a faster uptake of the nutrients by the plant.

**Fruit Trees:** Lightly tip prune citrus trees to encourage new growth and spread one handful of Rocket Fuel per square metre around the drip zone of the plant. Repeat this application every month until the end of February.

**Natives:** As natives finish flowering, prune them back by up to one third and feed with two good handfuls of Seamungus per plant.

**Lawns:** Spring signifies the start of new growth for lawns. Feed now with a nitrogen boosted fertiliser such as Upsurge or Sudden Impact for Lawns for lush and healthy green lawn, or the totally organic alternative is Blade Runner.

Now is a great time to fix bare patches in your lawn. Top dress the patches for repair with Seamungus Crumble and spread lawn seed over the area. Water it all in using GOGO Juice.

**Planting:** Use Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster for all new plantings.



These three Neutrog favourites are used by Botanic Gardens around Australia. As organic, BFA registered products used by professional turf managers, gardeners and horticulturalists they are safe and easy to use on your own garden, pots and lawn in every season.



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