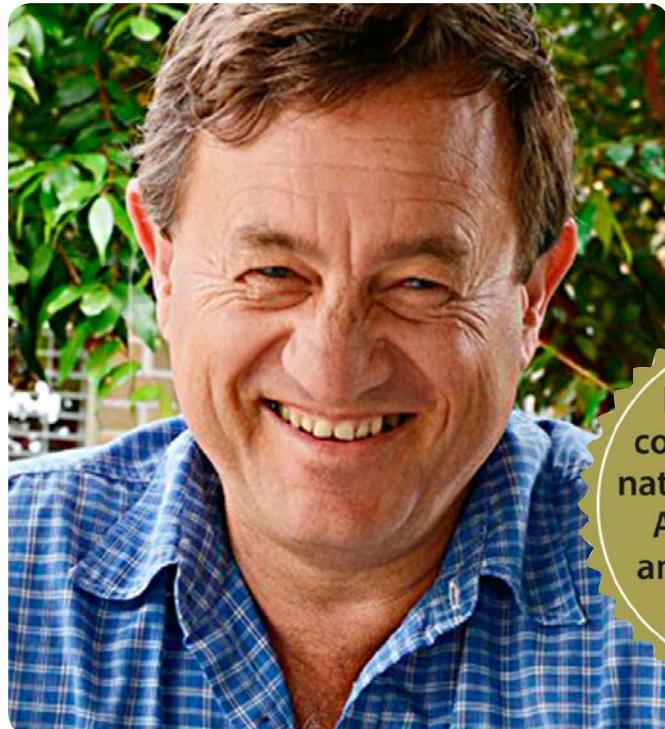




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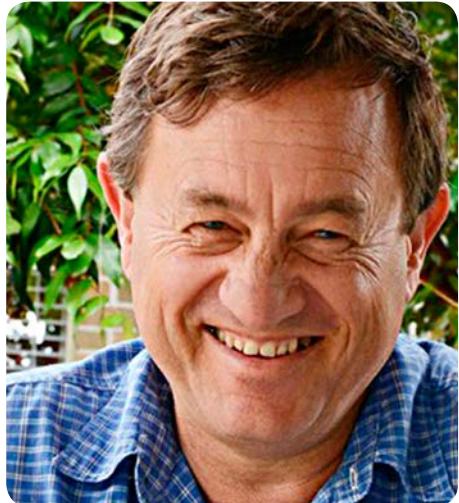


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The Bush Tucker native fertiliser formula is currently being developed by renowned native plant expert and media personality Angus Stewart, along with one of Australia's most experienced soil scientists Simon Leake.



We will be introducing Simon in the next e-feedback edition, but for now, as most gardeners know, Angus Stewart is well known to most in his role as an Australian horticulturist, gardening author and ABC radio and TV presenter. He is especially interested in native plants, and has been

heavily involved in breeding new varieties, particularly kangaroo paws. Angus was inspired as a child by his grandmother Daisy Wood, a passionate wildflower artist.

Some of Angus' earliest and happiest memories are of being in gardens and watching plants grow, and nothing has changed. He has spent a lifetime working with and breeding Australian plants with the objective of making them more rewarding for gardeners around the world. In 2013, Angus was awarded the Australian Plants Award (Professional), the top award of the Australian Native Plant Society (Australia) for his outstanding contribution to the knowledge of native plants. He also has a deep fascination with native plant nutrition, composting and soil biology, which has led him to Neutrog to be involved in the development of a new fertiliser specifically for natives.

Graduating in 1980 from Sydney University with 1st class honours in Agricultural Science, Angus initially worked as a researcher at Sydney University breeding waratahs and kangaroo paws, then worked full-time in the nursery and cut flower industries for much of the 80's, then continued part-time as a horticultural consultant while lecturing in horticulture at Ryde College in Sydney until 2001.



In the early 90's Angus began his horticulture media career, and while spending five years in a regular stint with John Doyle (aka 'Rampaging Roy Slaven') on ABC radio in Sydney, Angus was dubbed "Doctor of the Dirt, Surgeon of the Soil and Professor of the Paddock". He then joined a range of other expert presenters and became a regular on the ABC Sydney 702 Weekend program with Simon Marnie.

Over the years Angus has been breeding Australian plants and has developed an extensive range of new kangaroo paw varieties with improved disease resistance, form and flower colour. For the last ten

years he has been a TV presenter for the ABC's popular Gardening Australia television program and authored three books for the ABC - 'Gardening on the Wild Side', 'Let's Propagate' and 'Australian Plants for Year Round Colour'. In 2012 Angus published his best-selling book about native plants called 'Creating an Australian Garden' which to date has sold over 25,000 copies as well as winning the Horticultural Media Association's Laurels award for best general gardening book in 2013.

If you would like to learn more about growing Australian native plants, there is a wealth of information, articles and videos at www.gardeningwithangus.com.au

See our next e-feedback edition for an introduction to Simon Leake – also a key contributor in the development of Bush Tucker.

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The Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia

With delicate and fascinating flowers, orchids are known to be one of the world's most beautiful plants.

Interestingly, the number of orchid species in the world is more than twice the number of bird species, and about four times the number of mammal species on the planet.

Cymbidiums are the most popular type of orchid. First mentioned in a Chinese manuscript around 200BC and named by Confucius as "the king of fragrant flowers", Cymbidium orchids are also amongst the oldest horticultural orchids in the world.

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Grown commercially and used by florists as a cut flower, cymbidium orchids are also widely cultivated by gardeners around Australia. Many develop a sole passion and keen interest in cymbidiums alone, leading them to join a local club where they can learn how to grow and breed their favourite plants successfully, and meet like-minded people both young and old in a great social setting.

The Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia is one such group, and was formed 27 years ago in order to promote interest in Cymbidium orchids and to hold regular functions to showcase the outstanding features of these orchids. The group also liaise both nationally and around the world with similar organisations to keep up to date with the latest trends.

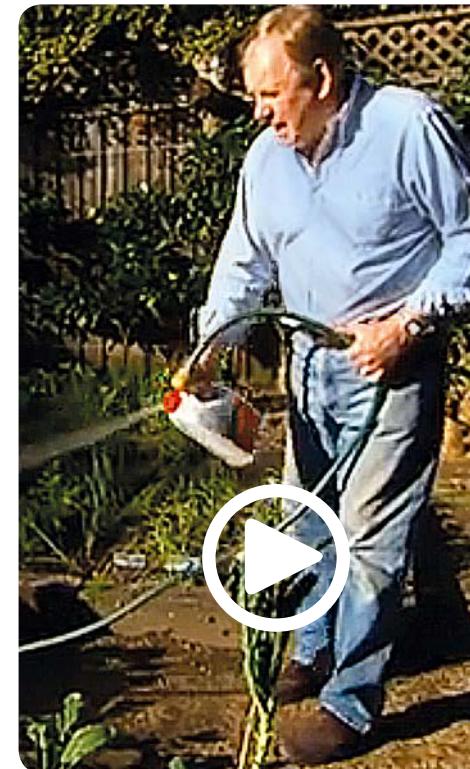


Long standing member of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of SA is Wayne Baylis, who has been a member for 26 years, and President for five of those. His introduction to Cymbidiums started when, as a young boy, his elderly neighbour offered him a few Cymbidiums when she moved into a nursing home. This began years of passionate learning, growing and breeding for Wayne, and he attributes much of his success to the advice given to him by other club members.

Wayne has won a few awards over the years, including Intermediate Champion at the Royal Adelaide Show with "Wayne's Triumph" which is a plant he bred himself, and subsequently sent to England to have registered. When asked why he is so passionate about Cymbidiums, Wayne's answer was very direct. "The unknown flowering of the seedling is what motivates me, because I don't know what I've developed until the flower actually opens. I'm also fascinated by the colours and the way the plants grow and flower. You can cross different breeds and achieve so many different colours."

If you would like to learn more about these beautiful, exotic and fascinating plants, don't miss the National Show to be held this year in South Australia. The 'Orchid Spectacular' will be on the 22nd and 23rd of August at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre, with growers from around the country exhibiting and lots of free advice and plants for sale. 

Better Homes and Gardens with GOGO Juice



Graham shared GOGO Juice with the Better Homes and Gardens' viewers recently. If you missed it, read the [GOGO Juice Winter Update](#) and click through to watch this great segment on what to plant in these next few weeks, including tips on planting garlic and companion planting, plus how to keep soil productive and full of life over the winter months. Also read up on some interesting GOGO Juice facts and the recent Research and Development project underway.



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around the grounds



The winter Seamusgus order has headed off to Flemington Racecourse to be applied to the 16,000+ roses during pruning over winter. It is a huge job for Manager of Grounds, Gardens and Facilities, Terry Freeman and his team, but they will be rewarded come Melbourne Cup Day when the roses are looking their best. Roses are also being fed over winter at Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, Morwell Centenary Rose Garden and the Victoria State Rose Garden.

Jodi Lee Foundation 2015 SA Hiking Challenge

We reported in our last newsletter that a few Neutrog staff were busy preparing for the Jodi Lee Foundation SA Hiking Challenge in South Australia's mid north. The 80km distance was demanding to say the least, but everyone in the team made it to the finish line and we were very proud of their achievement. It certainly was a challenge!

The Neutrog Team raised over \$4,000 and with 300 participants the event raised an astounding \$380,000! The foundation uses these funds to implement initiatives that focus on bowel

cancer prevention - motivating people to screen regularly, act quickly on symptoms and lead healthy and active lifestyles.

Last year each Neutrog staff member was given a home bowel screen test kit as part of the Jodi Lee Foundation Corporate Bowel Screening Program. We urge all companies to participate in this program.

The more people who take a simple screening test, the less we will see of bowel cancer. Early detection can result in successful treatment in up to 90% of cases. It is also one of the most preventable cancers. Find out more here. **N**



Justin, Angus and Steve took up the challenge. See more photos on Neutrog's facebook page.



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17th World Federation of Rose Societies Convention

News for all Rosarians and Rose Lovers around Australia.



Several exciting announcements pertaining to Australia were made this month at the closing ceremony of

the 17th World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in Lyon, France. Firstly our congratulations are extended to The Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, awarded 'Garden of Excellence for Outstanding Rose Gardens' by the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). This is no doubt a reflection of the outstanding work of the volunteers and all involved, both past and present, at this exquisite garden. It is wonderful to see the international recognition; only forty-three gardens around the world have been bestowed this honour with three now here in Australia. (The other two WFRS awarded rose gardens are of course The Victorian State Rose Garden and Morwell Centenary Rose Garden.)

The second acknowledgement was of David Ruston, for his book 'A Life With Roses'. Along with his accolades as an author, David is well-known in the rose community as a florist, rose propagator, commercial grower and wholesaler.

Continuing with the Australian contributions, Past President and Life Member of the Rose Society of S.A., Malcolm Watson was recognised for his nine years of service as Executive Director of WFRS.

We are also thrilled to report the news that Kelvin Trimper was installed as the new President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. Kelvin has been heavily involved in all things roses throughout his life and along with numerous appointments and positions held in state and national rose societies, was awarded the Australian Rose Award in 2012 by the National Rose Society of Australia, for outstanding services to the rose. We wish Kelvin every success as he takes up his presidency and leads the WFRS over the next three years.

Finally, in a great win for all Australian rosarians, Adelaide has been announced to host the World Federation of Rose Societies 'World Rose Convention' in October 2021. The World Conventions are held once every three years, with the next one in Copenhagen in 2018. Congratulations to all who have been involved in the preparation work for the successful bid to bring this international convention and rosarians from all over the world to Australia. Well done all. **N**



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Garden groundwork in Winter



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for Trial Packs,
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Up' Books.



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.

Roses:

Keep the roots of bare rooted roses moist until ready for planting and get them into the ground as early in the season as possible. Use Seamungus when planting as it will not burn the roots and water in with GOGO Juice to aid root establishment. Although some gardeners find it hard to wait, roses are best pruned in July or even early August. Remove prunings immediately and place into the bin to reduce the risk of fungus and disease. Feed with Seamungus and monthly with GOGO Juice. Remember to mulch while easy to move between bushes and move any poorly positioned plants. At the first signs of new growth apply Sudden Impact for Roses.



Fruit Trees:

Feed with Seamungus and GOGO Juice throughout winter. Fruit left to rot under trees can harbor pests and disease so collect these regularly. Move any potted fruit trees to the best position for maximum winter sun keeping in mind shelter from winter winds and frost.



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Flowering Plants:

Feed your Daphne and Camellias with Kahoonas. Once they have finished flowering they'll be storing energy, so switch to feeding with Seamungus or Rapid Raiser. Keep orchids away from heaters if growing inside.



Natives:

Plant natives in the garden now so they are well established and ready to face their first summer. With many other plants dormant or slowing down over winter many natives actually thrive. With all the benefits of seaweed and humic acid, Seamungus increases resistance to heat and frost stress, so feed both new and established plants.



Vegetables & Herbs:

When planting seedlings choose a position with the most winter sun, add 2-3 handfuls Rocket Fuel or Rapid Raiser per square metre. If required add lime or dolomite as brassicas dislike acidic soils.



Strawberry runners on the other hand prefer slightly acid soil. Plant in raised beds or pots using Seamungus, and apply Kahoonas at the start of spring.



Lawns:

It is easier to aerate lawns now there has been some rain, so use a fork or lawn aerator and then top dress with Blade Runner to help improve root growth over the winter period when leaf growth tends to be slower.



NUMBER ONE GARDEN TIP FOR WINTER – Apply Seamungus to your entire garden. The seaweed will strengthen up the cell walls of your plants, therefore assisting them in coping with winter stress – particularly frost. Feed in winter for a head start in spring!



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