

Patsy Durack Rose Gardens



After purchasing a residence previously owned by Archbishop Clune called 'Kareela' in the Western Australian town of Gooseberry Hill in 1988, Patsy Durack and her husband Ian got to work establishing what is now known as the Patsy Durack Rose Gardens. It took a backhoe and 3 months work just to clear the overgrown mass of jungle, revealing a couple of very old Cecile Brunner and Lorraine Lee roses.

Limestone walls were built, lawns established and roses planted. Wanting to expand, in 1992 Ian and Patsy purchased the property across the road.

Even though the garden contained two English Mays, a Jacaranda and a Frangipani, it had been established on rock, requiring a hole to be jack-hammered for each rose that was planted. Now over 1000 field rose bushes including 300 beautiful David Austens are on display, many with their own individual plaque so that you can identify the roses you would like to grow in your own garden.

In 2008 Patsy and Ian began using Seamungus and Sudden Impact for Roses, and four years on the gardens are magnificent. Seamungus is used not only in all new plantings, but to help overcome heat stress. "We apply it just after pruning as well as in the really hot months and the plants literally love it" said Patsy. "It is definitely well worth using Seamungus for this purpose, as it acts like a tonic to help the plants cope so much better in the heat".



Sudden Impact for Roses is not just applied diligently to the roses, but Ian also uses it on the hydrangeas, camellias and fruit trees. Patsy went on to say "There are fertilisers out there that give a lot of growth but not many blooms, but we know that Sudden Impact for Roses will give us good growth as well as consistent healthy blooms well into the season".



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For the fourth time since 1988 the roses suffered quite badly with Black Spot to the point of defoliation, so Ian applied GOGO Juice once a week for 3 weeks on the entire garden. "It made a huge difference" enthused Patsy. "We were really amazed at the results, there's definitely something that works in GOGO Juice."



Surrounded by the magical fragrances of roses in full bloom, a riot of colour and the serene backdrop of the old Archbishop's residence, this tranquil setting is the perfect location for a visit or function.

Not only can you enjoy the fruits of Patsy and Ian's hard work in the garden, there is also a gift shop filled with local produce (some even made on the premises) or relax and enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea. Tour groups are also encouraged to visit and wheelchair access is available. Entry fee is only \$8 with part proceeds going to the Cancer Council of WA.

The Patsy Durack Rose Gardens are located at 33 Parke Road Gooseberry Hill, and are open from 10am - 4.30pm on Sundays from October through to May, and Mondays to Saturdays by appointment.

Patsy Durack's website address is:
www.patsydurackrosegardens.com/



Maggie Beer's Award

Neutrog would like to acknowledge and congratulate Maggie Beer on her recent Australia Day award.

Maggie was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for her service to the tourism and hospitality industries as a cook, restaurateur and author, as well as for her promotion of Australian produce and cuisine.

The award recognises her twin roles as a high-profile food ambassador and successful businesswoman, with her own gourmet products.

Maggie is an ambassador for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and hence it is perhaps not surprising that she is a huge supporter of Neutrog's Rocket Fuel.

Rocket Fuel is an organic fruit and vegetable fertiliser specifically developed to support the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.



Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre

The healing and therapeutic gardens at Austin Health's Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre are thriving thanks to the addition of Neutrog's quality soil conditioners.



Before



After

Steven Wells works as a nurse, horticultural therapist and the Gardens and Grounds Project Officer at Austin Health. In 2003 he decided to establish the sensory gardens at Royal Talbot, which now forms part of the horticultural therapy program at the hospital. These gardens are designed to provide valuable spaces for rehabilitation, respite and relaxation, to stimulate the senses, memory and mood of patients who are recovering from brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and strokes.

Before the gardens were developed the soil was quite dry and compacted, and had never received any soil

conditioning. "When developing these gardens we incorporated Seamungus to add nutrients to the soil. As a result we have experienced excellent plant establishment and growth" said Steven. "These gardens are not irrigated and survive on rainfall alone, so it was very important to improve the soil with a quality product to ensure good plant establishment."

We continue to apply Seamungus to the gardens regularly to ensure they flourish and provide ongoing benefits for our patients, staff and visitors".

See more at:
www.facebook.com/RoyalTalbotRehab

Around the Grounds

Flemington have just fed their 20,000+ roses with Sudden Impact for Roses and have applied Blade Runner and Seamungus to their lawn surrounds.

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney have been applying Seamungus, GOGO Juice and Sudden Impact for Lawns to their magnificent lawns and gardens.

The Adelaide Zoo has been using Rapid Raiser and Sudden Impact for Lawns to grow the huge quantity of bamboo consumed by Wang Wang and Funi.



Jason Copeland
Bamboo Co-ordinator,
Adelaide Zoo

Liquid Strike Back for Orchids Coming Soon!





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: Give all your edibles a fortnightly dose of GOGO Juice to help them through any remaining summer heat waves – this will also encourage tasty new growth! Start preparing your garden beds for autumn & winter vegetables by reconditioning the soil with a generous 1-2 handfuls of Rocket Fuel per sq metre. It is also an idea to check your soil pH at this preparation stage and add lime to neutralise the pH if needed.

Flowering Plants: Extend the flowering season of summer annuals with an application of Sudden Impact for Roses, 100g per sq metre spread over the area and watered in well (with GOGO Juice) will give them strength for a final summer flush of flowers.

Keep an eye on your orchids during the warmer months (you may need to water 2-3 times a week in extreme heat) but remember to reduce watering once the autumn rains arrive. Feed in autumn with Strike Back for Orchids to promote flowering spikes.

Fruit Trees: Citrus trees will benefit from a good application of Rooster Booster or Bounce Back now – spread 1-2kg per tree, making sure you spread it right out to the edge of the dripline.

Stonefruit trees need a 1-2kg application of Seamungus or Rapid Raiser after you've finished harvesting.

Natives: As the autumn rains arrive, give all natives 100g of Seamungus to help promote healthy, new autumn growth.

Lawns: If your lawn is looking a bit stressed after the summer heat, rejuvenate it with one of our seaweed rich products; either a top dress of Seamungus crumble or a fortnightly watering of GOGO Juice. HINT – clip the GOGO Juice 2ltr spray pack onto your hose for lawn application... so easy and quick!

As autumn rains arrive, now is a good time to lay turf. Prepare the soil beforehand with Seamungus Crumble – It will give the new roots of your turf the TLC they need to become established. Water new turf fortnightly with GOGO Juice to improve new root growth.

GOGO Juice now available in a 2 litre ready to use Spray Pack



GOGO Juice is literally teeming with beneficial micro-biology and is essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants. It combines the 'catalytic' power of the billions of beneficial bacteria with the well documented benefits of applying kelp, seaweed, fish, coal and lucerne.

GOGO Juice is suitable for year round application on all your lawn and garden areas.

Mark Hill, Neutrog's pumpkin magician shows what you can do with Bounce Back, GOGO Juice & Sudden Impact for Roses!



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