



During their recent visit to Australia, the royal couple Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall visited Kilkenny Primary School in Adelaide's inner west to see what the children have been achieving as part of their involvement with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation (SAKGF) Program.

Kilkenny Primary School is one of over 260 schools around the country involved in the program teaching around 35,000 children from 50 different nationalities the art of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh food. It has not only been embraced by the children who are participating, obesity levels have dropped and both teachers and parents have observed that overall the children's health, schoolwork and behaviour has improved.

The Kilkenny PS garden was bursting with fresh organic produce, and the students were similarly bursting with pride, as the royal couple met and were guided through the garden beds by students and Principal Mike Tate. The Royal couple were clearly impressed by the garden, asking plenty of questions of the children and commenting on how healthy it looked. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is the epitome of what the Prince stands for and he commented that the entire program was marvellous and was keen to see it expanded.

Prince Charles and Camilla were taken on a tour of the gardens, hothouse, chook house, worm farm and composting area, and stopped at a fire pit where an Aboriginal couple had cooked barramundi. They were treated to a lunch prepared by the children with broccoli and kale fritters, salad, risotto, home-made pizza and silverbeet and potato pasties all featured on the menu. Prince Charles described the risotto as "frightfully good", and suggested they could "start a restaurant". Camilla was also impressed saying it was "the best she'd ever had".

Neville Humphrys, Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator for Kilkenny Primary School, explained to Prince Charles, over a bag of Neutrog Rocket Fuel, how partners have been encouraged to support the Foundation program in the schools. An organic fertiliser for fruit and vegetables,

A Royal encounter



Rocket Fuel was specifically developed in conjunction with the SAKGF and part proceeds of all retail sales are returned to the Foundation.

Over the past two years Neutrog have been providing participating schools with free Rocket Fuel for their vegetable gardens and Stage 1 orders for this year are currently underway for South Australia and Victoria.



Neutrog are so pleased to be supporting the work of the foundation in this way and being part of an internationally acclaimed program investing in the next generation of gardeners.

Gardeners at Mornington Botanic Rose Garden have reported excellent results after using GOGO Juice on a bed of struggling roses.

GOGO Juice is also being used at Morwell Centenary Rose Garden and Victoria State Rose Garden, Werribee Park. Try some on your roses over summer to protect against heat stress.

Use the handy ready to use spray pack – clip it on to your hose. Great for lawned areas too.



**“My roses
have grown
like crazy”**

Weni, WA

Whilst checking stock levels in one of his stores, our WA representative Brian Klepzig started chatting to Weni about Sudden Impact for Roses in the gardening aisle. Weni is new to gardening but has over 80 roses, and was keen to try Sudden Impact.

A few weeks later, Weni sent Brian an email saying “Now that I’ve applied Sudden Impact I can definitely see the improvement. ...my roses have grown like crazy. Stalks, leaves, new growth and buds are growing like they’re on steroids. The buds are so big and some varieties like my climbing Red Pierre, Ebb Tide and Soeur Emmanuelle have about 5-10 buds on the one branch, and they’re not supposed to be floribunda. Love it!!!” She went on to say “Both my sisters noticed the difference and

are now also fans of Sudden Impact”.

Weni is now planning to use Seamungus on her garden before the heat strikes.



**From all the staff at
Neutrog, we would
like to extend our
very best wishes
for the Christmas
Season.**

**May you and your
families have a safe
and prosperous
New Year.**

In addition to the usual public holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, Neutrog will also be closed on Monday 24th December and Monday 31st December.



Pooh Bah Club Member Competition!



Neutrog in conjunction with The Diggers Club have launched two premium fertilisers adding to the Diggers range of quality organic products. Diggers is Australia's largest one stop online garden shop, boasting a huge range of heirloom vegetables, cottage flowers and fruit plants. Diggers **Organic Veggie & Herb Fertiliser** and **Organic Fruit & Citrus Fertiliser** are BFA certified specialised blends of organic nutrients.

To celebrate the launch of the new products, Neutrog and Diggers are exclusively offering Pooh Bah Club Members the chance to WIN 10 free memberships to the Diggers Club for 1 year (\$49.00 value) + a 2kg pail of one of the new fertilisers to try in your own garden (RRP\$29.95).

Total prize valued at \$78.95

The Diggers membership package includes 6 catalogues a year, 10 free packets of seed, plus access to discounted products including heirloom seeds, edible and drought tolerant plants, books, propagation units and a huge range of gardening hardware.

Diggers are also giving away the 2012-2013 Diggers Garden Annual, free to the first 250 entries. Simply visit <http://www.diggers.com.au/neutrog.aspx>

The Organic Veggie & Herb Fertiliser and Organic Fruit & Citrus Fertiliser are available through Diggers.

For ordering online click here: <http://www.diggers.com.au/shop/browse-by-category.aspx?category=Pest%20Control%20xampx%20Organics>

Alternatively, visit one of the Diggers stores in Victoria or the Garden Shop at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.



Outstanding service to the rose

Photo courtesy of Monica Brooks

Angus Irwin, Veronica O'Brien and Kelvin Trimper at the recent Awards ceremony.

At the recent National Rose Society Convention our own Managing Director, Angus Irwin, was awarded the 'Australian Rose Award' for giving 'Outstanding Service to the Rose'. Through Neutrog, Angus' involvement with the Rose Community both in Australia and overseas has spanned over a number of years since the creation of flagship product, Sudden Impact for Roses.

Sudden Impact for Roses was born through Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) member Kelvin Trimper's desire to work with a fertiliser company that could produce a special purpose rose fertiliser, high in potassium and containing other elements required by roses to grow well in Australia's conditions. After three years of trials involving professional rose growers and enthusiastic amateur rosarians, Sudden Impact for Roses was successfully launched in 2001.

During this process Neutrog developed a great partnership with members of the RSSA, and through a number of sponsorship and endorsement arrangements, worked to build the profile and membership of the Society.

Following on from such success, Neutrog sought the input and expertise from members from a number of other Rose Societies around Australia, leading to nine groups now offering their endorsement of Sudden Impact for Roses. In turn, the building of these relationships has resulted in over \$420,000 being generated for state and national rose society bodies over the past decade. Consequently, Neutrog in South Africa have also started to build similar relationships with the rose societies in South Africa and beyond.

The National Rose Society awarded three recipients of the 'Australian Rose Award' in 2012. Our congratulations also go to

Veronica O'Brien (The Victoria Rose Society and the Victoria State Rose Garden Supporters, Werribee Park) and Kelvin Trimper (The National Rose Society and the SA Rose Society Inc.) for their 'outstanding service to the rose'.



Online Store

We are very excited to announce the launch of our **NEW** Online Store! You can now purchase trial-sized products, sample packs and our 'From the Ground Up' books all through the click of a button. A perfect way to shop this Christmas for the gardener in your life – especially if that's you!

www.neutrog.com.au/onlinestore/

Online Store



In development



Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus

Gyganic is currently in development and being trialled by a number of commercial fruit and citrus growers and selected societies and groups.

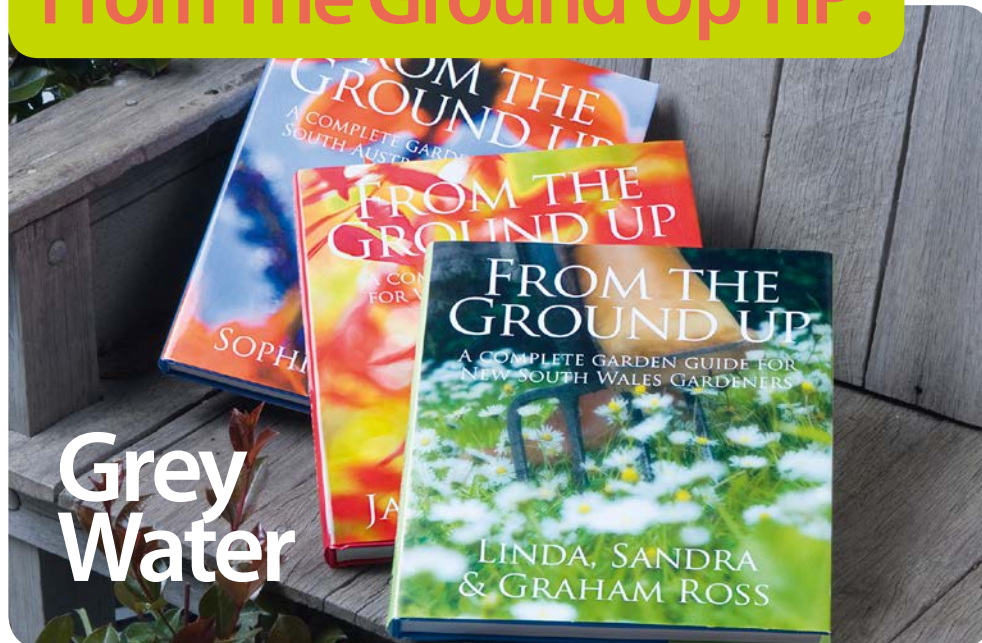
We are pleased to announce that after successful trials by The Rare Fruit Society SA Inc., they have given Gyganic their endorsement. Keep an ear out for more 'Gyganic for Fruit & Citrus' news.



Available now!



From The Ground Up TIP:



Grey Water

Grey water is wastewater generated from domestic activities such as laundry, dishwashing and bathing, which can be recycled and used to water garden or lawn areas. It can be diverted manually or with the installation of a permanent grey water system, or simple valves purchased from plumbing suppliers. Fixed and more sophisticated systems require the approval of local Government.

Tips for using grey water on your plants:

- Only use low or no-phosphate and sodium-free detergents, as the fat in soaps can cause disease in plants.
- Aim to re-use the rinse water rather than the wash water.
- Don't store your grey water for more than 24 hours, as pathogens such as E-coli can breed.
- If you have a hose coming from the laundry, move it after every load, as the use of grey water on the garden can lead to good nutrients being leached from the soil as well as the build-up of harmful salts and chemicals.
- The long term use of grey water on garden beds may cause vulnerability to disease, depending on your soil type and what products and chemicals are in the grey water.
- Some plants do not like grey water, particularly phosphorous-sensitive Australian natives.
- Do not use grey water on pot plants, as they are susceptible to a build-up of salts.
- Don't overwater your garden, as this will result in thirsty plants with surface root systems, rather than hardy deep-rooted waterwise plants. Don't forget that going on holidays when plants are reliant on

water without providing a substitute can be fatal.

- Where possible, grey water should be rotated through the garden to prevent the build-up of salts and chemicals in the one area. Alternate use of grey water with rain or reticulated mains water if you have to.
- If you have a permanent system, try to water once a week rather than every few days.
- Do not use grey water on plants for human consumption such as vegetables and herbs. The use of grey water on fruit trees is permitted, as the water does not come into contact with the edible parts of the plant.
- Do not allow pets or children to come into contact with grey water.
- Soil high in organic matter will cope best with the ongoing use of grey water, as the organic matter acts as a buffer. Addition of organic matter to all types of soil increases the soil microbial activity, which will help to counteract any of the challenges of the grey water.
- Use grey water on hardy plants, and avoid using it on plants sensitive to salts and alkalinity, such as acid loving plants like camellias.

Lawn can be watered with grey water. This can be done safely by using the purple sub-surface irrigation pipe specifically designed for this purpose. For more information on the use and issues of grey water, visit the Sustainable Gardening Australia website at www.sgaonline.org.au
From the Ground Up books are now also available from our online shop on the website www.neutrog.com.au

Kahoona update

Neutrog are pleased to announce that the Australian Rhododendron Society (SA Branch) have agreed to endorse Kahoona. More endorsements to be announced in the New Year.



Patrick from Breakfast Point in NSW recently emailed us some photos of the transformation of his gardenia hedge that he was concerned he would lose. He enquired of Graham Ross on the Garden Clinic program on 2GB and was recommended he try Kahoona. He wrote: "The leaves had turned a yellow colour, some with brown spots, and many were falling off. Within 2 weeks of using Kahoona the gardenias were showing green and looking stronger with no more leaf fall. Two weeks later we have the hedge looking the best ever and many lovely flowers! It is probably the best it has ever looked with many flowers coming out, and as you can see very healthy leaves.



Trial size Kahoona sample tubs are now available from our Online Store on the website www.neutrog.com.au or ask for 1.5kg and 10kg Kahoona pails at your local hardware store or garden centre.



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: As the weather heats up keep an eye out for heat stress in ALL areas of your garden. Applying products rich in seaweed and organic matter, like **Seamungus** and **GOGO Juice**, around your plants can help to improve the soils water holding capacity AND the plants ability to tolerate hot weather.

Flowering Plants: Dead head azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias – lightly prune to shape and then apply **Kahoona** at a rate of 100g per plant.

Dead head roses regularly to encourage new growth and flowers. Apply 100g per plant of **Sudden Impact for Roses** every 6-8 weeks throughout summer and autumn for a beautiful rose display.

Summer flowering annuals, like petunia, zinnia and marigolds can also be fed with **Sudden Impact for Roses** (if they are in the ground) or **Strike Back for Orchids** (if they are in a pot).

Once orchids have finished flowering, they can be repotted and divided if needed. Mix **Seamungus Crumble** through the orchid bark when repotting and dose with an application of **GOGO Juice** to settle the plants in. The repotted orchids can be fed with **Strike Back for Orchids** pellets or liquid concentrate again in Spring.

Fruit Trees: Feed all stonefruit trees with a few good handfuls of **Rooster Booster** or **Bounce Back** now to encourage new growth.

Make sure all fruit trees, including citrus have a regular supply of water over the summer months – this will reduce the risk of fruit splitting and improve fruit and flavour development.

Natives: In mid-summer give natives a light trim, to maintain shape and feed with **Seamungus**.

Lawns: To encourage lush green growth over summer feed your lawns with a nitrogen boosted fertiliser such as **Upsurge** or **Sudden Impact for Lawns**.

If however, your lawn is a bit patchy and showing signs of heat stress and overuse we recommend applying **Seamungus Crumble** and **GOGO Juice** – this combination is a little bit of “TLC” for your lawn and will help it to recover gently.

Around the grounds...



The Head Horticulturalist at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney has been using **GOGO Juice** on the playing fields and the Bennelong Lawn in the Domain. Bennelong Lawn is situated above the Sydney Opera House Forecourt with iconic views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House and is arguably the most sought after marquee event location in Sydney. Peter has been using **GOGO Juice** due to its ability to activate additional microbial activity in the soil.



Neutrog South Africa have been supplying Sahara Park Stadium in Newlands, Cape Town with **Blade Runner** and **Upsurge** to keep the turf in tip top condition for the cricket season.



AAMI Stadium in South Australia has been trialling a new Neutrog product on sections of their turf and grounds. **High 5** has a high organic nitrogen level of 5 (hence the name!), comes in a fine form and is essentially odour free.



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