

The Pooh Bah Times



NEUTROG'S OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hello to our Pooh Bah members and welcome to our October newsletter.

Spring is definitely here, and it's the perfect time to get outside - you'll feel fantastic in the gorgeous spring sunshine. After you've been outside working in the garden, take a well-earned break, make a cuppa and read some of the wonderful plant catalogues. Order your gladioli, dahlias, perennials and lots of great summer veggies and fruits.

Now is the ideal time to prune shrubs, low hanging trees and perennials which will be growing quickly and may need a bit of shaping, and it's also time to prune any plants that flowered over autumn and winter.

Most importantly, it's time to fertilise. Plants slow down over winter because of the colder weather so they don't need as many nutrients, but in spring everything gets going again. As plants are growing much faster now, they need to take up more nutrients from the soil, but if your soil doesn't have anything for them to feed on, they will go hungry and not perform at their best. To make it easier for you, our year-round fertilising programme at the end of this newsletter outlines which fertiliser is best for which plant type.

We always look forward to connecting with you about what's happening in our garden world, and we love receiving your feedback, so please don't hesitate to send us an email or comment on our social media pages.

Additionally, if you have any garden photos to share, send them through to marketing@neutrog.com.au, and we can share them with everyone. We trust you enjoy our newsletter.

Happy gardening,

The Neutrog team



We like to share stories and tips from our fellow gardeners. Each month we have so many interesting stories we don't have enough space for here, so they will appear on our Facebook feed and Instagram page over the coming weeks. Why not join us there?

Coming up

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Growing great veggies

Urban Veggie Gardening

Carol Cunningham is a mum of three small children and lives in Western Sydney. With a huge following on Instagram, Carol's ['gardentoqut'](#) page covers permaculture, urban gardening, organically grown veggies and sustainability.

"We grow food in our small suburban backyard when we aren't at netball, dancing, swimming or little athletics. I started gardening and growing food three years ago - it's been a wonderful way to relax and teach the little ones about food and sustainability while watching them play and discover the joy of being outdoors" said Carol. In her spare time, Carol studies Horticulture, and is a volunteer supervisor at the local community garden in Seven Hills.





"We spend at least two mornings a week watering, weeding, planting and taking care of the garden and chickens. Our community garden has several native gardens, some fruit trees, raised beds for growing food and an area for TAFE Horticulture classes. We have three chickens, lots of local birds, bees and bugs. We have monthly working bees at the community garden which are beautiful social events with people of all ages coming together to work in the garden and enjoy a shared morning tea".

When Carol asked her horticulture teacher about what he thought of Neutrog products, he responded with "Scientifically formulated", "certified organic" and "bang-for-your-buck." "I've used some of these products at home" said Carol "and I absolutely love them, so I am super excited to trial your super mulch Whoflungdung and start making daggy puns about it on my Instagram page".

Carol will be undertaking a trial to compare Neutrog's Whoflungdung with sugarcane mulch with the spring planted veggies, so we'll keep you posted on her results.



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This month in the Rare Fruit Arboretum

Spring is an ideal time to feed fruit trees as they'll be hungry. Feeding the 300+ rare trees in the Kanmantoo Rare Fruit Arboretum has commenced with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit and Citrus, watered in with GOGO Juice and mulched with Whoflungdung.

Citrus Gall Wasp

At this time of year, citrus are particularly prone to attack from Citrus Gall Wasp - the larvae of this wasp forms a swelling or 'gall' on the stems of trees, resulting in reduced crop yields and dieback, and trees can suffer for several seasons after infestation. Affected growth should be cut off and disposed of by sealing it in a plastic bag and putting it in the rubbish - not the compost or green waste bin.

In their latest bulletin, the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia suggests that now is a good time for some home orchard maintenance...

“Reducing overall tree height will make netting and harvesting easier and safer. Get rid of pruned material from the orchard floor, and plant bare rooted trees asap. Trees in sawdust may already have initiated root growth, and the white, tender new roots often seen when the trees are unwrapped are easily broken if not handled carefully, setting the tree back. Watch out for budswell on stone fruit, and consider spraying trees with a copper spray to control curl leaf, shothole etc.

That will also be a good time to fertilise fruit trees. Gyganic from Neutrog is an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser that will provide all of a tree's nutrient needs. When fruit has set, thin the crop early, while fruit are still small. Lighter crops will give better size and quality fruit and may prevent branches breaking under excessive weight”.

The Rare Fruit Society offers information and advice regarding growing fruits and food plants from around the world, and holds regular workshops on grafting, budding and propagating. Members endeavour to preserve rare and heritage variety fruit trees – many of which are grown at the Kanmantoo Rare Fruit Arboretum.



About the Rare Fruit Arboretum - the establishment of the Rare Fruit Arboretum at Neutrog's Kanmantoo site is a joint venture between Neutrog and the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia. More than 300 rare and endangered fruit trees have been planted, including apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, figs and quinces.

Along with helping to ensure their preservation, Neutrog uses the trees to carry out fertiliser and biological application performance trials, as well as researching the microbiology in and around the root zone of each species, and determining their optimum nutritional and biological needs. One such product used in the Arboretum is Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus, which was developed in conjunction with the Rare Fruit Society.



The Expert's Choice

Camden Park House & Garden

Located at Camden South in NSW, Camden Park House was built in 1835 for wool pioneers and agricultural entrepreneurs John and Elizabeth Macarthur, and seven generations of John Macarthur's descendants have resided there.

The design and planting of the 16-acre Camden Park garden commenced in the early 1820's, well before the construction of the house. The garden is largely the legacy of William Macarthur, John's fourth son. William, who was a keen botanist, planned the structure of the garden, built the hothouses and irrigation systems and created a collection of plants that were unique in their day.

Highlights of the garden include the existing remnant structures, many mature specimen trees, a variety of bulbs and the magnificent wisteria which borders the eastern verandah of the house.



While John Macarthur may well have sought to create a gentleman's garden to showcase a successful family enterprise, William greatly expanded upon this and collected plants from all over the world. He also ran a commercial nursery from the garden and contributed to the botanic gardens in Sydney and Brisbane. More than 3,000 species, hybrids and cultivars were grown in the gardens up to 1861.

Trish Restante is Head Gardener for Camden Park House and Garden, who is assisted by 28 volunteers. *"We fertilise flowering plants with Sudden Impact for Roses, use Seamungus all over the garden and GOGO Juice is used on plants like our citrus and camellias to help maintain their health. We especially use Seamungus and GOGO Juice on our old Waratah Camellia, Camellia japonica 'Anemoniflora' which is the oldest documented camellia in Australia received per 'Sovereign' February 1831' – which is located at the back of the house"* said Trish.

Camden Park House and Garden is open to the public once a year - the next open weekend is the 19th and 20th of September 2020.

Cathy Apps - Catnik Design Studio

Cathy Apps has been designing landscapes for over 15 years. With a Diploma of Landscape Design, she has recently been awarded the 2018 Playford Memorial Trust TAFE SA Award. Established in 2004, Cathy's Catnik Design Studio is based in Adelaide, where she has established an enviable reputation for designing the finest quality gardens and landscapes.

Cathy used Neutrog's Bush Tucker about 9 weeks ago for the first time in a newly designed native garden at Mount Osmond. When purchasing the plants last winter, Cathy says they were very small, as last year's winter was so cold and wet.

"Since applying Bush Tucker I was amazed at the growth and abundance of flowers on the Kangaroo Paws and Grevillea. All plants have changed enormously in these last two months, even in our cold snap! I have always used Neutrog products and recommend them to my gardening and design clients, and I'm now thrilled to be able to add Bush Tucker to my list of go-to's" said Cathy.

"I have another client in Dulwich who now swears by Whoflungdung since I applied it to her garden. Plants that have been struggling for a few years have found new vigour and life. I also use Whoflungdung on my entire garden - I can only say if you haven't tried it, DO! Truly, you will be amazed".

Cathy's designs typically include a combination of structural features with soft naturalistic style planting, delivering outstanding designs tailored to the space, architecture and the client. She draws on her varied experience to create unique outcomes for each client and site. For more information, visit www.catnikdesignstudio.com.au



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Over the years Neutrog has collaborated with many plant societies that have trialled and subsequently endorsed some of our products. These product endorsements provide retail staff and home gardeners with the confidence to use and recommend Neutrog products.

With a combined membership base of over 10,000, some of these endorsing societies include the Rose Society of South Australia, the Orchid Club of South Australia, the Orchid Society of Western Australia, the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia, Camellias South Australia, Camellias Illawarra, the Cymbidium Orchid Club of SA, the Cymbidium Club of Australia, the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria, the Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA, the Australian Rhododendron Society (SA branch), the South West Rose Society, the National Rose Society of Australia, Heritage Roses in Australia, the Rose Society of WA, the Rose Society of NSW, the Rose Society of Victoria, the Queensland Rose Society and the Australian Plants Society of Victoria.

The Biological Approach

The Plant Microbiome



The Australian Agronomist magazine's Spring issue features an article from Neutrog's microbiologist Dr. Uwe Stroehrer. Here is an excerpt...

In a world with a growing population and a potentially changing environment, food security has become a major agricultural challenge. We have known for many years that there is a range of soil microbes which can significantly enhance plant health and growth, as well as positively affect crop yield.

Unfortunately, until recently, the ability to decipher this plant-microbe interaction and to determine exactly which microbes are in the soil (or for that matter associated with the plant) has been difficult and extremely expensive. So why has it taken so long to be able to undertake these kinds of studies? There have been two major factors.

Firstly, traditional microbial studies are limited by the ability to grow various micro-organisms in a laboratory setting, so until now only ~2% of the potential soil bacteria and fungi can be cultured. We know even less about what they do, and how and when they are actually in the soil, or when they associate with plants.

Secondly, a major technical leap was required in order to examine the microbes using genomic sequencing. So we now find ourselves in a new age of meta genomics, where, thanks to Next Generation Sequencing, we have the ability to examine and piece together the whole range of DNA of micro-organisms that are found in the soil or associated with the plant. It is this association of plants with viruses, bacteria and fungi that constitutes the plant microbiome. Every tissue of the plant, whether it be leaves, roots or even seeds, interact in some way with various microbes, and in some cases micro-organisms (known as endophytes) are even internalised within plant tissue. [Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)



Research and development

Breakthrough discovery

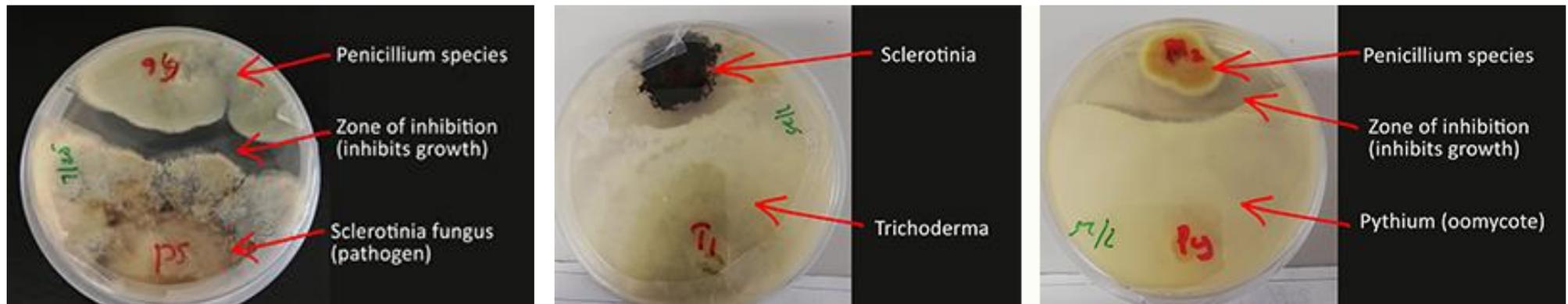
Not so long ago we reported that Neutrog was collaborating with Western Sydney University, led by Professor Brajesh Singh, in an extensive research project to examine the viability and efficacy of a number of biological control agents (isolates) against some agriculturally significant fungal pathogens - these include Sclerotinia and Rhizoctonia, as well as oomycotes Pythium. All three of these pathogens are major contributors to significant crop loss and yield reduction, not only in Australia, but throughout the world.

Whilst our research was initially focused on Trichoderma, we were surprised to find, via DNA testing, that the best performing fungal biocontrol agents (isolates) in each application (Sclerotinia, Rhizoctonia & Pythium) were shown to be a completely different genus not belonging to the Trichoderma species/family but were actually Penicillium species - potentially in itself, a major discovery.



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Prof. Brajesh Singh



“Sometimes science can be pleasantly surprising - in my opinion having some good Penicillium species as biocontrol agents will bring something innovative, new and exciting to the market” said Professor Brajesh Singh.

We now look forward to testing these potential biological control agents in a glasshouse setting, which will importantly test their ability to proliferate outside of a laboratory environment as well as how they impact on soil health and other growth parameters.

In keeping with Neutrog’s philosophy, we are seeking to develop a product that has a wide diversity of biological control agents within to ensure that the product is more effective against a broader range of pathogens, and is also more likely to be suited to a more diverse range of environments.

Natives - the great bird attractors

Lesley Hulbert is a true Aussie gardener from Kurrajong Heights in the Blue Mountains, who regularly volunteers as a guide at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden in Mount Tomah. Until she first heard about Bush Tucker through a talk that Angus Stewart gave at the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan, she'd never felt the need to fertilise natives. *"I figured that natives were designed for Australian conditions, and they should be able to manage on their own"* said Lesley.

Some of the local garden club members said that she'd never get natives to grow in the area, and that she'd be *"stuck growing rhododendrons and azaleas"*, so she set out to prove them wrong. A few years ago, Lesley downsized from a 13-acre property to a 1-acre garden with a relatively blank slate – the only vegetation being 27 established gum trees in the front yard, with a *"hopeless lawn and a few aggies"*. *"I wanted to profile natives in the front garden and show people that they could be grown in this area, but I'm on tank water, so I had to find a way to help them survive through the dry periods. That's when I started using Bush Tucker...and with excellent results"*. Her garden has since been transformed with different native plants, and she's even converted five of her neighbours to growing them as well. People walking past Lesley's place always ask about the type of plants in her garden, as they've never seen them in the area before.



As an added bonus, in 2011, Lesley's annual bird count was 1 Bassian Thrush and 4 magpies, but this year she's counted over 70 species of birds including wrens, finches, gang-gang cockatoos, bower birds and yellow robins. Lesley contributes this influx of birds to the non-use of chemicals, the water she regularly provides them and the extra flowers and coverage that the natives provide.

This aligns with Angus Stewart's philosophy – *"Whilst native plants are great survivors in the garden, regular feeding helps them to thrive and reach their full potential. The benefits of doing so are not only enjoyed by yourself, by insects, bees and birds but perhaps more importantly, the environment benefits - the greater the plant growth, the more carbon is captured"*.



What's brewing at Neutrog

The wall of our new 100,000 litre liquid storage warehouse was looking a little bare, so we've added some artwork in the form of the Neutrog logo.



The 2000 square metre warehouse is nearly finished, and the racking is now being assembled (below). It won't be long now and it will be jam packed full of products. Rapid-close doors will be installed to keep the dust out, and the product clean.



Our 100,000 litre liquid tanks are now completely enclosed within their own warehouse (above) and are ready to hold our liquid products Seamungus, GOGO Juice, Strike Back for Orchids and Sudden Impact for Roses.

Innovation

New product - 'Human Beans'

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for a major announcement coming soon!

But here's a sneak peek...Neutrog are currently working on a new product called 'Human Beans', which will be developed to remove a waste stream (coffee grounds) from landfill, and recycled and converted into a valuable product which can be purchased by those who consumed the coffee and generated the waste in the first instance.

The final product will benefit the garden or compost heap...now that's sustainable!



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Around the Grounds

Arid Lands Botanic Gardens

The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden is a well-established, multi award-winning botanic garden located at Port Augusta in South Australia that attracted more than 100,000 visitors last year and is helping to reinvent Port Augusta as the "arid garden city". Voted by National Geographic as 'The Number 1 Regional Botanic Garden' in 2018, this 250ha native garden is the only garden in the world that showcases native plants of the vast southern arid regions of Australia.

Besides being an important tourist destination, the garden is of immense scientific and educational value, and several universities from around Australia use the garden for ongoing research. Almost all of the plants have been propagated from seed and cuttings collected in the wild. It is due to the efforts of the Friends group under the chairmanship of Mr John Zwar OAM, that the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden came to fruition when it was officially opened in September 1996.

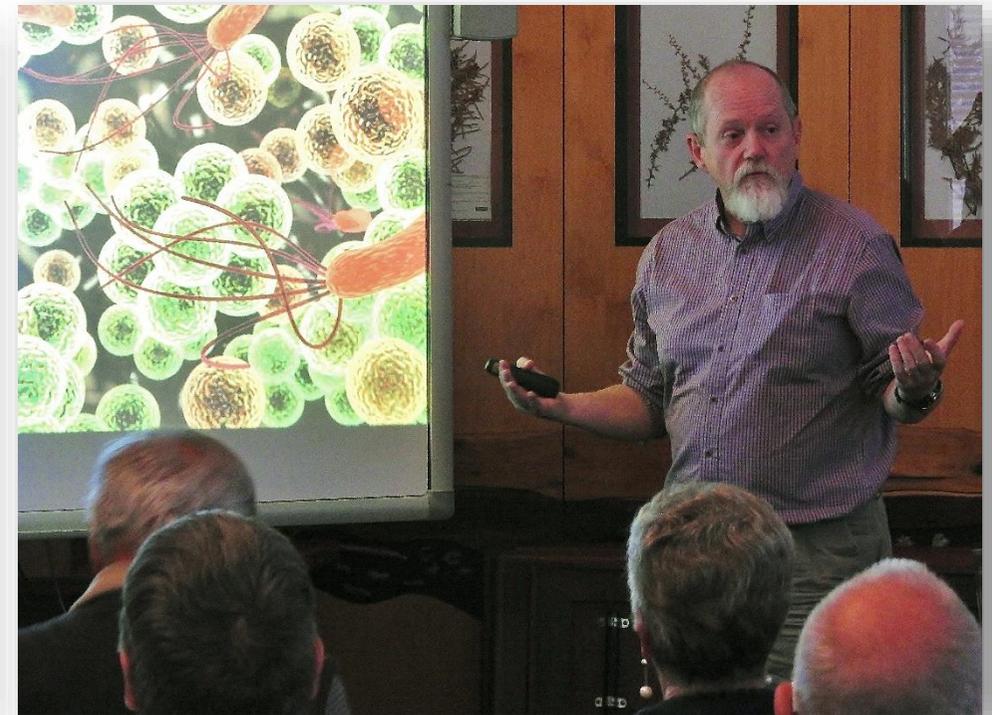


The Friends assist with weekly propagation activities at the garden nursery, raise funds and conduct general maintenance of the garden. Some are even trained as garden guides for the tours held every weekday at 10am (excluding public holidays). It's a great way to experience the garden with a local who is passionate about the native plants and the history of the garden. More volunteers are needed in all areas, so if you're interested, contact Christine at b.nayda@bigpond.com or 0434 717 382

Neutrog's Dr. Uwe Stroehler and Paul Dipuglia recently visited the botanic gardens to chat to the Friends. Uwe spoke on all things soil microbiology, our specialist native fertiliser Bush Tucker, the benefits of having healthy soils by encouraging soil microbe diversity and numbers, and how some Australian plants which are very phosphate-sensitive actually reject certain fungi which would normally help with phosphate acquisition. Most of the Friends use Bush Tucker on their plants at home, along with other Neutrog products including Bounce Back and Rapid Raiser.



The dedicated team of volunteers



Left: Blue Wrens are popular at the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens. Centre: Native Mulla Mulla plant. Right: Dr. Uwe Stroehler talking to the Friends group about microbes.

Turf Talk

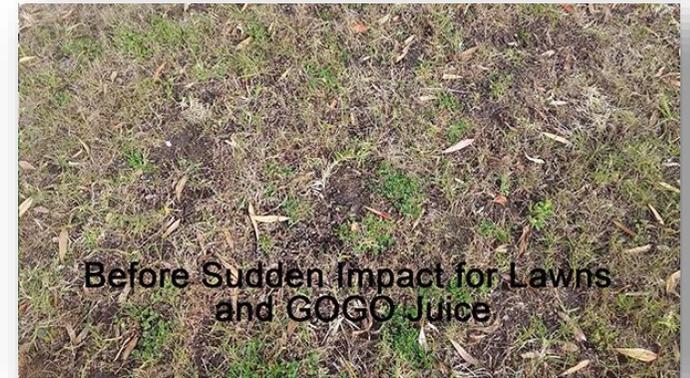
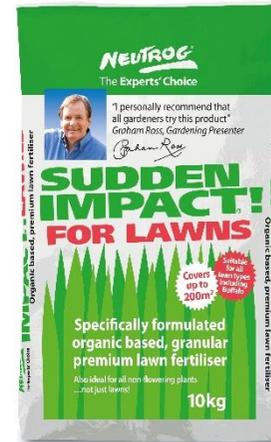
Nature Strip Transformation

We had a wonderful phone call from Eve recently, who lives in the Geelong region in Victoria. Eve had attended a talk at Van Loons Nursery in September where Neutrog's Helen Level was speaking. Helen mentioned to the group that we love to hear from the gardening community, so Eve took it upon herself to do just that.

She'd been using other liquid seaweed tonics on her nature strip but with little success, so after learning about Neutrog products at the talk, she went home and applied Sudden Impact for Lawns once, and fed it with GOGO Juice three times. *"I couldn't believe the change"* said Eve when she called us.

"We've never had any success with our lawn and I was really interested to see if Sudden Impact for Lawns would help. It's unbelievable! Our neighbours and passers-by now stop and comment on how lovely the lawn looks. We are so excited and just had to share it with you."

Thanks for the great feedback Eve, and for the photos of your amazing transformation!



Product of the Month

Rooster Booster



Mark Smith from Adelaide Hills Vegie Garden tagged us in this photo on Instagram recently, so we were keen to find out more.

"This is what my life has come to. Posing for a photograph with my vegies" said Mark. *"Cringeworthy perhaps, but you can't wipe the smile off my face. I've grown some OK looking cauliflowers in the past, most not very big, but when I've let them get bigger the curds separate."*

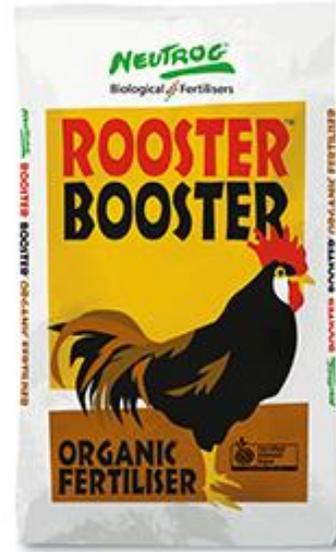
"They still taste good but most people would balk at their appearance. I've kept a very close watch on this one, expecting it to do the same but instead it just kept getting bigger. Weather plays a huge part in growing plants and I'm very thorough in preparing the soil prior to planting with plenty of compost, manures and worm castings. The main difference is this year I've kept on top of regular applications of Neutrog's Rooster Booster and GOGO Juice throughout the growing season" said Mark.

"I also use Rooster Booster over the lawn which is nice and easy. I'm also a big fan of Whoflungdung. Last year I bought a truckload and mulched my veggie patch. I used to use pea straw, but I'm now a convert. I also mulched the roses and espalier camellia with Whoflungdung and the results have been amazing – I've never seen my camellia so healthy. It's flowering profusely - we're winning on everything we put Whoflungdung on" said Mark. "I only recently heard about Neutrog's Gyganic, so I started using that this year as well".

About Rooster Booster – Exclusive to Bunnings, Rooster Booster is a unique blend of the highest quality composted raw manure, specifically formulated for the most effective and safe feeding of all your garden plants.

Rooster Booster promotes natural healthy plant growth. Essential plant nutrients are released slowly into the soil, stimulating microbiological activity making further nutrients available to the plant.

Rooster Booster also helps the development of healthy well-structured soils. It promotes microbial and earthworm activity which bind soil particles together to improve soil structure and tilth. Better soil structure allows roots to grow unrestricted in a nutrient rich environment. Rooster Booster is manufactured from composted poultry manure – one of nature's oldest and most natural fertilisers. This product is composted and steam treated to ensure it is pathogen and weed free. Rooster Booster is then pelletised for easier, cleaner handling.



Pooh Bah Club t-shirts now available!



If you're an avid Pooh Bah Club member and want to shout it from the rooftops, why not do it with a Pooh Bah Club t-shirt?

Available in black and white in sizes from S to XXL, they are available from our online store for \$18.95 each at [Neutrog's online store](#).

LEFT: Showing off their Pooh Bah Club t-shirts are L to R: Neutrog's Dr. Uwe Stroehler, FIVEaa announcer Leith Forrest, FIVEaa journalist and newsreader Marcus Wilson and Michael Keelan - host of 'Michael Keelan's Weekend' radio.



Year-Round Fertilising Programme



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.

For most gardeners, spring is the best season of the year – the weather is getting warmer and there's more perfume, color and vibrancy in the garden. It's waking up which means it's time to plant, prune, prepare beds and care for your lawn.

It's also time to feed all of your plants - particularly hungry fruits and veggies, lawns, roses and flowering plants. After feeding your garden (with Neutrog of course!), mulch your garden beds with Whoflungdung to keep down weeds and to protect the soil during summer by regulating soil temperature.

The plants in our garden are just like animals and humans - they grow best when they are well nourished and fed regularly. Happy healthy plants don't get sick and are less likely to be affected by pests or diseases, which is going to make you a much happier gardener too!

No. 1 garden tip for spring

Apply GOGO Juice monthly to help increase the microbial population in your soil, and make more nutrients available to plants. This, in turn, increases their ability to resist pests and disease, and to withstand and/or recover from heat stress and frost.

GOGO Juice is literally teeming with beneficial micro-biology and is essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants. GOGO Juice combines the “catalytic” power of providing a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria and fungi with the well documented benefits of applying kelp and humates.

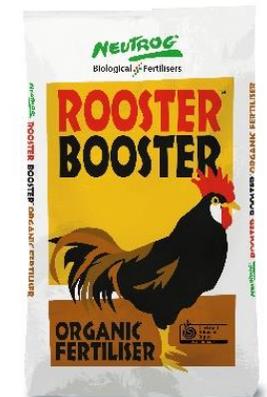


Planting – all situations

Spring is the perfect time for planting!

Use Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster for any new plantings. Make sure the hole is at least twice the size of the root ball. Throw some pellets into the hole and mix through the soil - it will give the plant a gentle nutrient boost.

Seamungus, Rapid Raiser and Rooster Booster are all certified organic by the ACO.



Flowering plants

Including roses, carnations, daisies, lavender and all other flowering plants

Feed your roses and all other flowering plants (except natives) with Sudden Impact for Roses. The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio makes Sudden Impact for Roses ideal for all flowering plants, not just roses.

Water in with GOGO Juice to encourage a faster uptake of the nutrients by the plant, and to populate and activate the microbes in the soil.

If any plants are looking a bit yellow or stunted after winter, give them a drink of Sudden Impact for Roses Liquid - it will give them a kickstart.



Potted flowering plants

Including orchids and any flowering plants in pots

Sprinkle Strike Back for Orchids over any potted colour now, and you'll be rewarded with cascades of colour over spring and summer.

Strike Back for Orchids has as an NPK ratio of approx 8:3:10 and has added magnesium, iron, manganese, zinc, copper, boron and molybdenum to the existing range of nutrients provided by its organic base – all of which are particularly necessary for flowering plants in pots, as most potting mixes are generally lacking nutrients that are required by plants to flower.

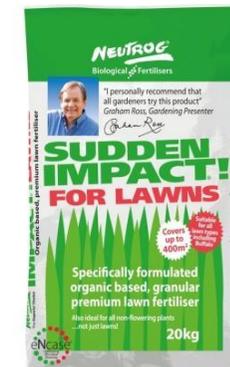


Non-flowering plants

Including lawns, hedges, bamboo, herbs, leafy green veggies and ferns

Fertilise your lawns and non-flowering plants with Sudden Impact for Lawns now. The balance and ratio of nutrients in Sudden Impact for Lawns combined with the very best of raw materials are the secret to the success of Sudden Impact for Lawns – the ratio of nitrogen and potassium is ideal for promoting growth, and more specifically the levels of iron and magnesium have been boosted. These particular elements play a crucial role in the formation of chlorophyll, which is the substance that makes green plants green.

When feeding your lawn, remember to apply it according to the recommended rates on the bag - if you over-fertilise in spring, you'll pay for it in summer because the fast growth will have you mowing the lawn far more than necessary. Regularly trim your hedge during spring - now that the weather is warming up, it will be growing strongly and will quickly get out of shape if left to its own devices.



Acid Loving Plants

Including camellias, gardenias, rhododendrons, azaleas and blueberries

Now is the time to feed camellias and daphne with Kahoona, as they are either in bud or coming into bud. The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio within Kahoona plays a crucial role in enhancing flower development, whilst the boosted levels of iron and magnesium help maintain healthy green foliage, aiding in preventing the yellowing leaves which are often seen in late winter and early spring.

After being fabulous show-offs (some well into spring) camellias now require a good tidy up. When flowering has finished, dead-head and apply Kahoona around the drip zone to encourage the new season's growth. If planted in a pot, sprinkle Kahoona around the outer edge. Avoid the foliage and water in well.



Natives

Including phosphorous-sensitive natives such as grevilleas, banksias & proteas

Native plants will take off beautifully if planted now. It's also a good time to feed established native plants with Bush Tucker - ideal for even the most phosphorus-sensitive plants such as grevilleas, banksias and proteas.



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– Angus Stewart, native plant expert.

Mulching

After dealing with any weeds that may have sprung up over winter, give your garden an insulating layer of Whoflungdung. For added benefit, place a layer of newspaper over the soil before the mulch as this will smother any existing weeds and prevent any seeds from sprouting. Any garden looks so much better once it has been freshly mulched - especially with Whoflungdung. If you have roses, the best time to mulch is after they've been pruned, as it is easier to move between the rose bushes without damaging the fragile young shoots.

Whoflungdung not only introduces a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria which act as a deterrent to pathogenic bacteria, it aids in weed suppression, regulates soil temperature, encourages earthworms that aerate the soil and move nutrients deeper in the soil profile. Whoflungdung also reduces, if not eliminates nitrogen drawdown, it adds organic material to the soil, improves water and nutrient-holding capacity, prevents erosion from heavy rain and improves water absorbency.

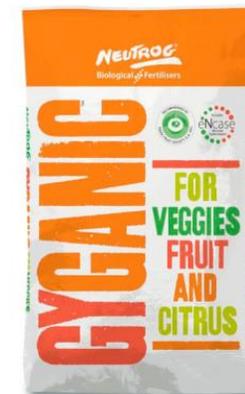


Veggies, Fruit & Citrus

To give your veggies, citrus and other fruiting trees a boost of nutrients, now is the time to feed with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus. It contains all of the nutrients they need to encourage flowering and fruiting. New growth is forming and it needs to be fed.

Gyganic is a nutritious, biological, organic base, high in organic carbon and containing naturally-occurring growth hormones. It has been specifically developed to enhance uniform size and quality fruit, flower and vegetable production. It's an organic-based, biological, chemically boosted complete fertiliser with the full range of nutrients in an organic form, coupled with chemically boosted levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, iron and magnesium.

Citrus are very heavy feeders, and if you give them what they want when they want it, then they'll amply reward you for years. Prune lemon trees now so that they retain their shape - try not to let them get too tall as it will make picking the lemons very tricky.



Soil Conditioning

GOGO Juice provides a huge boost of the living microbiology necessary for your soil and plants to perform at their optimum level, increasing their ability to resist pests and disease, and to withstand heat and frost stress. The microbiology in GOGO Juice promotes plant growth as well as stimulating and improving root growth and development.



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