

The Pooh Bah Times



NEUTROG'S DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

'Tis the season to be jolly, and summer conjures up lovely days by the beach or pool, BBQ's with family and friends and holidays. It's also the perfect time to start those gardening projects you've been wanting to get done before the real heat arrives.



This time of the year it's very important that you water your garden well. This may sound fairly obvious, but consider what time of the day you're watering and for how long. It's generally better to water for longer, less often and in the mornings. By doing this, the water drains past the root system of your plants (and encourages them to grow down to search for water), rather than a light watering which only penetrates a few centimeters (which encourages roots to grow upwards instead!). Don't forget that you can still mulch - Whoflungdung is the perfect super mulch for this job.

Summer vegetables will be really starting to develop. To keep them flowering well you can apply Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus every 6 weeks and a weekly application of Sudden Impact for Roses liquid.

Indoor plants have enjoyed a revival, and to keep them looking lovely, an application of Strike Back for Orchids every week will be beneficial. Also, don't forget your potted plants and hanging baskets - if you give them a soak in a wheelbarrow, bucket or bath every few weeks, it will ensure that the entire root ball is soaked, and they'll cope so much better during the hot spells. Again, they also love an application of Strike Back for Orchids liquid every week or two.

Now is the time to dead-head your roses. Roses flower on new growth and the newer growth you can encourage, the better your display. It's also time to lightly prune your hedges, as they will have finished the main spring growth, and you can trim and shape them to achieve your desired look.

For those of you who love a beautiful lawn, keep in mind that you should lift your mower to a higher level, so that you provide a level of protection to the grasses from our hot summer sun. An application of Sudden Impact for Lawns watered in with GOGO Juice will help strengthen your lawn's root system and help it cope with the heat.

Of course, as always, our Year Round Fertilising Programme is located at the end of this newsletter - it's a great resource if you need to know what to feed which plant and when.

We never have enough room in our newsletters to share all of our inspirational stories and tips from our gardening community, but they do appear on our Facebook and Instagram feeds regularly...why not join us there?

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Additionally, if you have any garden photos to share, send them to Erica at marketing@neutrog.com.au - we love to hear from happy gardeners about their happy gardens!

We trust you enjoy our newsletter.

Happy gardening,
The Neutrog team.

Coming up

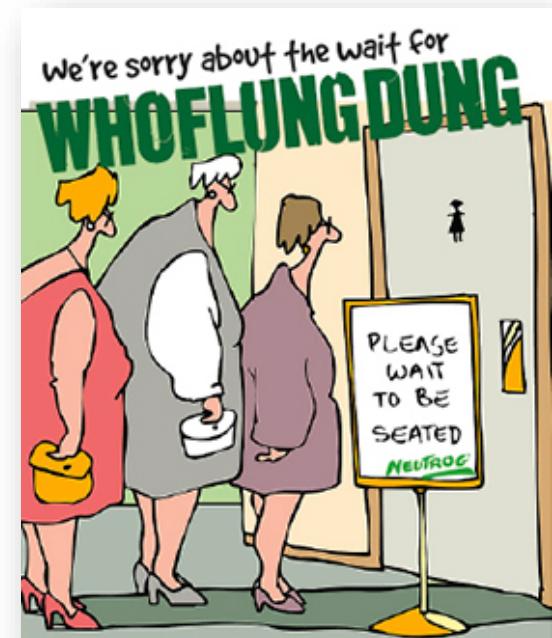
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Thank you for your patience...

Our supermulch Whoflungdung has been so popular that many people are having trouble finding it in stores at the moment.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience. Please be assured that we are working around the clock to get it into stores as soon as possible.

As Whoflungdung is a by-product, we can only produce as much as what is processed for pelleting our other products, which means that sometimes supply may be limited.



Growing great veggies

Flower Power Veggie Trials

As a proudly family-owned business celebrating 50 years, Flower Power have ten garden centres across Sydney. Some of the Flower Power team did an independent trial at the Mascot Garden Centre to see what sort of a difference there was (if any) between using sugarcane mulch and Whoflungdung on veggies in a raised garden bed.

Needless to say, the results in these photos speak for themselves...you can clearly see that the veggies mulched with Whoflungdung have grown considerably larger compared to the veggies mulched with sugarcane.

About Whoflungdung - a biologically activated, nutrient rich, weed free, absorbent super mulch, Whoflungdung is composted, inoculated with eNcase and filled with nutrients, so that when added to soil it introduces a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria. These beneficial bacteria readily proliferate through the soil, acting as a barrier/deterrent to pathogenic bacteria, providing a safe environment for healthy plant growth.

Additionally, Whoflungdung is sustainable - it is a recycled waste product, made up of straw and wood shavings screened from chicken manure. In many instances Neutrog supplies the fertiliser that grows the crop from which the straw is sourced...now that's sustainability! Most significantly, Whoflungdung reduces, if not eliminates, the nitrogen draw-down which is often reflected in plants after mulch has been applied. Apart from reducing weeds, many users also happily report that blackbirds don't like it.



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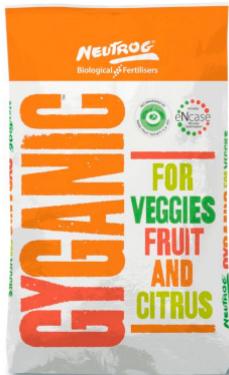
Optimising
Microbial
Diversity

This month in the Rare Fruit Arboretum

It's been a busy month in the arboretum - Cosi (Andrew) Costello did some filming for an up-coming episode on his TV program 'South Aussie with Cosi', and chatted to Bob Edwards from the Rare Fruit Society of SA whilst a few volunteers were doing some work on the 300 rare and endangered fruit trees.

Kim Syrus also popped in to film a couple of videos in the arboretum with Ian Tolley, world renowned citrus expert. The short how-to videos will cover summer pruning of fruit trees, as well as feeding and mulching, so stay tuned.

The trees in the Arboretum have had a feed of Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus, watered in with GOGO Juice and mulched with Whoflungdung.



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.

Neutrog Radio

[Listen to Neutrog's Microbiologist, Dr. Uwe](#) as he dishes the dirt on gardening and soil microbiology on radio.



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The Expert's Choice

George Thomson

George Thomson is considered to be one of Australia's most productive rose breeders, and has a long list of achievements including the coveted 'Australian Rose Award' from the National Rose Society of Australia. He is also known for creating disease-resistant roses tailored to the Australian climate.

George was born in Scotland and trained with Alex Cocker of Cockers Roses in Aberdeen, as well as completing an apprenticeship at Kew Gardens. In 1958, George emigrated to South Australia, settling in Willunga, near Adelaide.

At one time, George was the biggest rose breeder in Australia and one of the top 10 largest breeders in the world. Having recently relocated to Hynam near Naracoorte, 330km south-east of Adelaide, George says "*I'll continue breeding roses here in a much, much smaller way. In my heyday I was putting in 500,000 seeds each year, but now I think I would be down to five or six thousand.*"



George follows Neutrog's Year-Round Fertilising Programme for his roses, but with a clever twist. In winter he applies Seamungus, with a feed of Sudden Impact for Roses in September and again at the beginning of March, however George's trick to make his roses really perform is to give them a really good feed of Rapid Raiser at the beginning of February. "*The results are brilliant and it really perks them up*" said George.

"I use GOGO Juice a lot in my compost heap – there is absolutely no doubt that it activates the compost" said George. *"I also use it occasionally throughout the garden on the soil, and when digging holes for new plants".*

George mulches with Whoflungdung after pruning. "*I swear by that stuff!*" enthused George. *"The weeds just don't come through. Another great trick I've discovered is to put some Whoflungdung on my compost heap! It adds an extra level of nutrients to the compost which benefits the garden as well".*

George is currently trialling our yet-to-be-named hedge fertiliser, so we'll keep you posted on his feedback.

Victoria State Rose Garden



We think we may have found the Missing Charlie's Angel!

We were out and about at the Victoria State Rose Garden and found volunteer David (left) applying Sudden Impact for Roses liquid to every rose in the garden aided by a 200litre tank which is moved throughout the garden.

Whoflungdung was also being spread on the new beds of roses that were planted in winter.



With over 5000 roses covering 5 hectares, the Victoria State Rose Garden is a delight to the senses. Awarded the prestigious 'International Garden of Excellence' award in 2003, the garden was the first Australian garden to receive this honour, and the only one (at that time) to be managed entirely by volunteers.

There are over 100 volunteers, and on any given work day there will be up to 60 in attendance. The group are always looking for new members, so if you love gardening and roses in particular, plus lots of laughs, a great morning tea and working outside, they would love to hear from you.

If you've not visited the Werribee Park precinct before, then consider adding it to your to-do list. There's the Open Range Zoo, the Werribee Park Mansion, the Werribee Park Heritage Orchard, and our favourite, the Victoria State Rose Garden. For more information visit www.vicstaterosegarden.com.au



The Biological Approach

Soil Odour & Health

I'm sure many of you have gone out into the garden after it's been raining and breathed in that lovely earthy smell known as petrichor. You can also smell it when you turn over your compost heap.

This is due to a compound called Geosmin, which is secreted by bacteria called *Streptomyces*. What it indicates is a soil that is biologically active – meaning it has a lot of bacteria and fungi in it. Exactly the sort of thing you want to have in your garden.

Geosmin is a bit of a strange compound. Humans can detect it at very low levels and we love the smell of it in the soil. Geosmin gives beets that distinct earthy flavour, and it is even used in perfumes to get that earthy smell. We don't know exactly why bacteria produce Geosmin – it may be to attract soil insects like Spring Tails and Pill Bugs that you see in your compost. These insects help degrade organic material and turn over the soil, and by doing this they carry the spores of the bacteria to other locations.

Streptomyces bacteria are little dynamos for plant health - they take up the space on the roots and other parts of the plant, and also produce antibiotics to suppress pathogens.

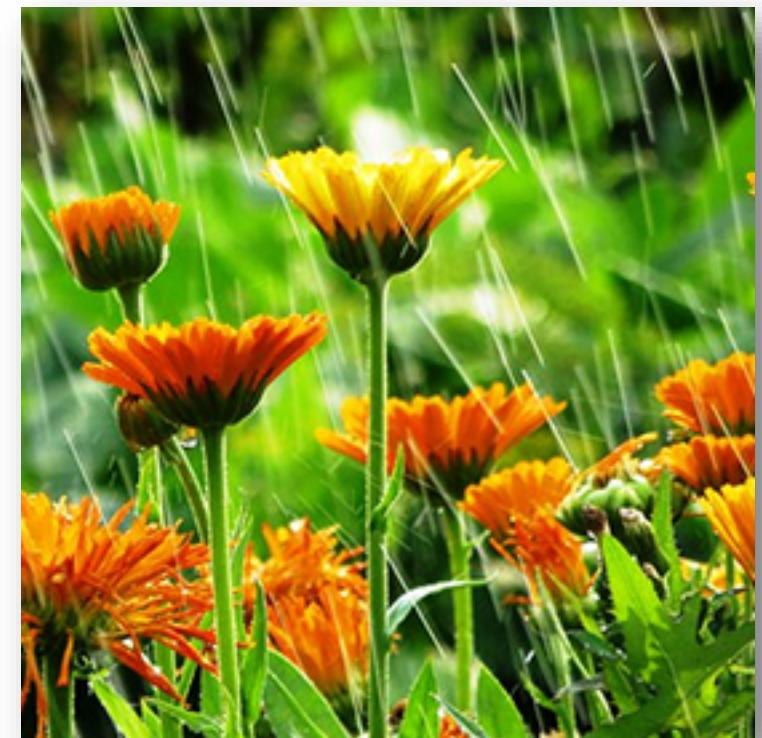
Additionally, *Streptomyces* help to break down organic material, thereby increasing nutrient availability. They are also known to be able to stimulate plant growth. These bacteria are certainly one of the great achievers amongst soil microbes.

Because *Streptomyces* produce spores, it means they are present in most soils (although at low numbers in neglected soils). In order to encourage these guys to multiply, it is most easily done by using an organic mulch like Whoflungdung, which is biologically active.

Using your own compost will also help. With a bit of moisture under Whoflungdung and watering it in with GOGO Juice, you will encourage *Streptomyces* to multiply, and before you know it your soil will have that rich earthy smell – and your soil and plants will thank you for it.



From the desk of Neutrog's resident microbiologist
Dr. Uwe Stroher



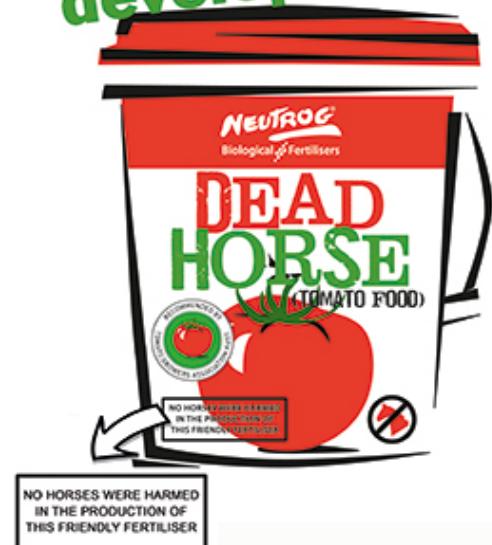
Research and development

'Dead Horse' - Diggers Tomato Trials

Located in Victoria, The Diggers Club works to preserve the best plants and garden traditions to help Aussies become better gardeners. More than just a mail order seed company, for over 20 years they have been trialling plants and seeds in a search for the best varieties for home gardeners; plants they call 'garden worthy'.

When Neutrog releases a new product, it is always trialled in the commercial market before it's released into the retail market. Amongst other commercial growers, Diggers have agreed to trial our new specialised tomato fertiliser called 'Dead Horse' (Australian rhyming slang for tomato sauce) – developed to produce the optimum balance of nutrients in tomatoes.

currently under
development



Above: Janine Stent from Diggers is applying 'Dead Horse' and planting the tomato seedlings

Over the last few weeks, two tomato beds have been planted at Diggers. The beds are in full sun and around 20m x 3m. As the beds are on a sloping site, it was decided to plant the control area on the higher section to prevent any run off of 'Dead Horse' into the trial area.

Six tomato varieties have been planted - Green Zebra, Black Cherry, Purple Russian, Reistomate, Mini Amish and Black Russian. The beds will also be planted with four varieties of basil along with marigolds, which is standard practice at Diggers.

The trial plants have had 'Dead Horse' added at 100gm per sq.m. which was incorporated through the soil, as well as in the hole and around the top after planting. The control area will be treated with compost and their usual practice of watering in with Ocean Brew.

The new plants were grown from seed in a hothouse at Diggers, and are now planted into the trial beds at around 30cm high. Lower laterals were removed to encourage a strong root system, encourage growth and keep the foliage off the soil. 'Dead Horse' will be applied every 6 weeks, and photographs will be taken weekly.

Innovation

Hedge Fertiliser Trials Commence

Steve Wiering is a master grower of beautiful potted and ground-grown plants, particularly buxus species, conifers and maples. He operates Cascade Nursery from a 40-acre site at Emerald in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, and has more than 300,000 plants on the site at any one time.

Steve has been in the horticultural industry for many years and has been operating from his current site since 1995. With views over the rolling ranges, it's no wonder he's always got a happy grin on his face.

Steve sells to many of the well-known garden centres around Australia, as well as the notable landscape gardeners and designers including Paul Bangay Garden Design. Paul and Steve have been working together for over 20 years and the reason is simple - Steve grows quality, premium plants, which is exactly what discerning landscapers and designers are looking for. Cascade Nursery also supply potted plants for most major events including the Australian Open Tennis, the Grand Prix and major events at Caulfield Racecourse.



When Steve heard that Neutrog were developing a hedge fertiliser in collaboration with Paul Bangay, he was very keen to be involved, so a trial was established at Cascade Nursery. To ensure a clear understanding of results, control and trial sites were set up over all areas under trial.

Steve has applied our yet-to-be-named hedge fertiliser to English Box (*Buxus sempervirens*) from tubestock right through to 500mm advanced plants. It has also been applied to ground-grown plants.

Always versatile, Neutrog products have multi-purpose uses, which is no exception in this instance, so the fertiliser was also applied to Weeping Maple (*Acer palmatum dissectum*) growing in 250mm pots and *Picea glauca 'Albertiana Conica'* growing in 400mm pots.

When we set up the trials, Steve made the comment that the tubestock would be the first ones to show a result. Neutrog's Helen Lovel spoke to Steve recently about the trial to date, and he's thrilled with the hedge fertiliser results on his tubestock so far.

Left: Paul Bangay spreading Neutrog's un-named hedge fertiliser at his 'Stonefields' property.



Above: Steve Wiering, Cascade Nursery

Around the Grounds

Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne

The spectacular Australian Garden at Cranbourne Gardens in Victoria is an inspiring and immersive display of Australian flora, landscapes, art and architecture.

Set across 15 hectares, the space allows visitors to explore the beauty and diversity of Australian plants and landscapes. Considering how beloved and well-established the Australian Garden is today, it's hard to believe that this stunning work of art was once a barren sand mine.

Sand mining occurred at the site between the late 1800's to the 1960's, which left the natural bushland site with a large gaping sandy hole. The soil that was left was very low in organic matter and nutrients - problematic when establishing new plant growth and ensuring that those plants grow up happy and healthy.

"To address the poor soil, we established a soil research group to systematically address soil management issues across the site," says John Arnott, Manager of Horticulture. *"One major breakthrough was the application of Neutrog products to give the entire site a little TLC".*

Neutrog's Bush Tucker forms the basis of a plant nutrition program across the Australian Garden, with application rates adjusted according to the needs of the plants, which especially benefit from nutrient availability during peak growing periods (generally in spring and autumn).

"There are a couple of areas in particular where Bush Tucker has achieved remarkable results" said John. *"Kangaroo Paw is one of the Australian Garden's signature plants. Thanks to heavy pruning during winter and regular feeding with Bush Tucker during spring, the Ephemeral Garden display next to the Red Sand Garden is ablaze through spring and summer with vibrant Kangaroo Paw that are the picture of health. The Cultivar Garden features dynamic displays of some of the most eye-catching Australian plants, and results achieved through regular feeding with Bush Tucker have been outstanding".*

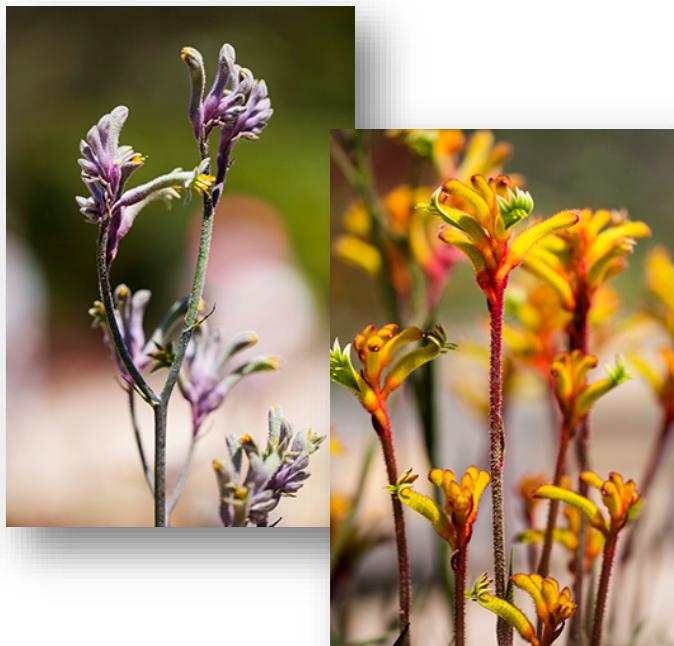
The Display Gardens strive to emphasise to visitors just how wonderful and viable Australian plants are. Good nutrition helps the team showcase these plants at their very best, and inspires visitors to try growing natives in their own gardens at home, which creates habitats for native wildlife and supports biodiversity.

"Over the past 18 months, many garden renovation projects have been undertaken at the Gardens. These include the exciting redevelopment of the Ironbark Garden, Forest Garden and Diversity Gardens. These projects have greatly benefited from being able to provide optimum nutrition to the newly established plants, the health of which has been second to none in recent times with the support of Neutrog products" concluded John.

For more information on the gardens, visit www.rbg.vic.gov.au/visit-cranbourne

Top photo: *Anigozanthos 'Bush Pearl'*

Bottom photo, left: *Anigozanthos 'Landscape Lilac'* Bottom photo, right: *Anigozanthos 'Landscape Yellow'*



About Bush Tucker - developed in conjunction with native plant expert Angus Stewart and soil scientist Simon Leake, Bush Tucker is a complete, organic-based, boosted fertiliser specifically developed to meet the specialised needs of all Australian native plants.

Utilising a unique process, trace elements have been added to lock up phosphorus, making Bush Tucker ideal for even the most phosphorus-sensitive plants such as grevilleas, banksias and proteas. It is recommended and endorsed by the Australian Plant Society of Victoria.

Bush Tucker not only directly supplies a wide range of essential nutrients, but more importantly provides a catalyst (through the introduction of beneficial bacteria/microbes) for stimulating the natural processes that occur in the soil – unlocking further nutrients and enhancing root growth. Greater root growth provides a greater soil surface area from which your plants can draw nutrients and moisture.



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Turf Talk

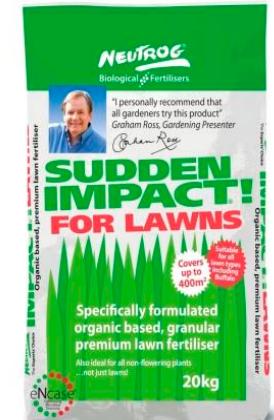
Santa Ana lawn

Jimmy Sweeten from Luddenham in NSW contacted us in September for some advice on what to feed his lawn. He has Santa Ana couch and had just cored and de-thatched it ready for spring.

Jimmy applied Sudden Impact for Lawns according to the application rates on the bag, and, at the time, was very excited to see the results over the following few weeks. He recently sent us these before and after photos which show the transformation into a lush, healthy lawn. Well done Jimmy!



About Sudden Impact for Lawns - an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser, Sudden Impact for Lawns is specifically developed for new and established lawns. Its high nitrogen to potassium ratio, coupled with its full range of macro and micro elements including boosted levels of iron and magnesium (the primary nutrients that play a crucial role in the formation of chlorophyll, which is the substance that makes plants green) make this product ideal for all other non-flowering plants such as bamboo, conifers, palms and ferns (including those plants grown indoors).



Sudden Impact for Lawns includes eNcase - eNcase contains a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria, which when applied, enhance and stimulate many of the natural functions that occur in the soil such as aiding in breaking down organic matter (including thatch), enhancing the lawn's ability to withstand heat and moisture stress & acting as a deterrent against pests and disease.

Product of the Month

Seamungus

Temperature is a primary factor affecting the rate of plant development - even waterwise plants get stressed when exposed to high heat, dry air and wind. As extreme temperature events are projected to become more frequent, more intense and last longer than what we've experienced in recent years, protecting plants from heat stress is one way we can keep our gardens healthy.

When the weather gets hot for a day or two, plants can wilt and require some extra attention. Plants can 'sweat' to cool themselves like we do - with transpiration, water travels up from the roots to the leaves where it evaporates through tiny pores under the leaves. So on a hot dry day, the soil, roots and entire plant dry out more quickly. Add some wind to the mix, and a plant can severely wilt or stress.



Plants can take more water, but only up to a certain point. Some plants have plenty of moisture and experience what's called 'incipient wilt' during the hot period of the day, but if they recover by morning, the plant is probably getting enough water.

Plants can also get sunburned. Our hot Aussie sun can scorch leaves of plants that typically need a little more shade or lower temperatures, and many plants can burn on super-hot days, which often leads to brown spots or browning and dying of entire leaves. Sunburn of a few leaves shouldn't be a problem, but it is an indicator to put some shade over the plant, or move it to a different position.

How can Seamungus help?

Seamungus acts as an insurance policy for your garden. It is a health tonic containing seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure, which can help your plants overcome heat and drought (as well as frost and pests). It contains freshly-harvested seaweed (compared to some other brands which use seaweed powder), which contains a number of naturally-occurring growth stimulants – fantastic for stimulating healthy growth (both above and below ground), and promoting growth and development.

Seamungus retains up to 70% of its own weight in moisture, therefore increasing the soil's ability to hold onto moisture, as well as increasing the moisture level of the plant's cell sap (the cell sap is a fluid found in the small cavities of a plant's cells, which contains variable amounts of food and waste materials, inorganic salts and nitrogenous compounds. It is also the fluid that carries sugar from leaves to other parts of the plant during the summer). By increasing the moisture level of the cell sap, it increases the plant's ability to resist heat stress and frost.

The seaweed in Seamungus is composted and combined with poultry manure to produce a well-balanced feed and soil conditioner containing a number of naturally-occurring growth hormones such as Triacontanol, which is a natural plant growth regulator found in epicuticular waxes, and is used to enhance the crop production in millions of hectares around the world. Quite a number of researchers have reported that Triacontanol has shown an improvement in plant growth, yield, photosynthesis, protein synthesis, uptake of water and nutrients, nitrogen-fixation and enzyme activities amongst other things.

Seamungus also contains kelp, which is abundant in other growth hormones called auxins and cytokinins. Cytokinins promote cell division in plant roots and shoots, and auxins are essential for plant body development. More than half a century has elapsed since the discovery that auxins and cytokinins are needed for cell division and growth in plant tissue culture, and since then, they have been recognised as the main regulators of plant development.

Seamungus comes in pellet and liquid form. The pellet form slowly releases nutrients into the soil over a long period of time, whereas liquid Seamungus is taken up by the plant much faster, and should be applied monthly for best results.



We have a Seamungus prize pack to give away! For your chance to win, send an email to marketing@neutrog.com.au and tell us how Seamungus has helped your garden.

- Prize consists of 1x 15kg pellets & 1x 1L liquid.
- Entries close 31st December 2019.
- One entry per person

Pooh Bah Club t-shirts

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 Stroher, FIVEaa announcer Leith Forrest, FIVEaa journalist and newsreader Marcus Wilson and Michael Keelan - host of 'Michael Keelan's Weekend' radio.



Year-Round Fertilising Programme

No. 1 garden tip for spring

As the weather heats up, keep an eye out for heat stress in all areas of your garden. Any stressed plants would love some help to beat the heat, so applying products rich in seaweed and organic matter like Seamungus and GOGO Juice can help improve your soil's water-holding capacity AND the plant's ability to tolerate hot weather.

Water in the cool of the day – early morning is best. Deep and less frequent watering is most beneficial.



Flowering plants

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

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. Remove any growth below the root stock.

Any summer flowering annuals like petunia, zinnia and marigolds can be fed with Sudden Impact for Roses (if in the ground) or Strike Back for Orchids (if in pots).



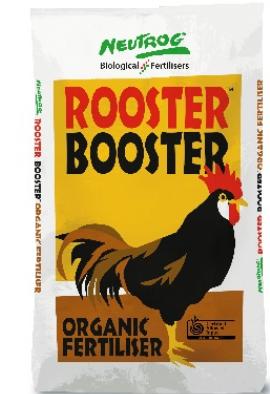
Year round fertilising for year round health

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.

Planting – all situations

Summer isn't the ideal time of the year for planting, but if you need to plant something, make sure you use certified organic Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster.

Ensure the hole is at least twice the size of the root ball, then throw some pellets into the hole and mix them through the soil. Don't forget to water in well with GOGO Juice or liquid Seamungus to help alleviate transplant shock.



Non-flowering plants

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

To encourage lush green growth over summer, feed your lawns with a nitrogen-boosted fertiliser such as Upsurge or Sudden Impact for Lawns. Mow your lawns on high setting - lawns do not like to be scalped, so this will assist in retaining moisture and help keep your lawn lush and healthy.

If your lawn is a bit patchy and showing signs of heat stress and over-use, we recommend applying Seamungus and GOGO Juice – this combination will give your lawn a bit of TLC, and will help it to recover gently.



Potted flowering plants

Including orchids and any flowering plants in pots

Once orchids have finished flowering, they can be divided and re-potted if needed (usually about every 3 years). Mix Seamungus through the orchid bark when repotting, and dose with an application of GOGO Juice to settle the plants in. The re-potted orchids can be fed with Strike Back for Orchids pellets or liquid concentrate again in spring.

Ensure your pot plants don't dry out. Consider drippers and/or mulching with Whoflungdung. Apply liquid Seamungus or Strike Back for Orchids every fortnight to keep them in tip top shape.



Acid Loving Plants

Including camellias, gardenias, rhododendrons, azaleas and blueberries

Dead-head and lightly prune to shape azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias, then apply 100g of Kahoona per plant.

Take care with plants such as camellias that they don't dry out when they are setting flower buds.



Natives

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

Give your natives a light trim during the summer months to maintain their shape, then feed them with Bush Tucker. Pruning native hedges lightly now means they'll look fantastic in autumn.



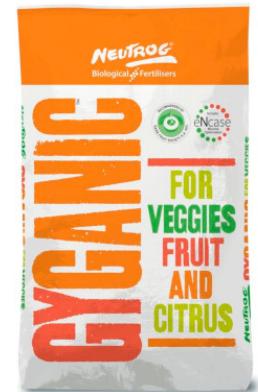
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– Angus Stewart, native plant expert.

Veggies, Fruit & Citrus

Pull out any weeds competing for water and give your herbs and veggies a blast with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus. Apply fortnightly applications of Seamungus Liquid or GOGO Juice - this will assist plants to cope with the heat. Now is the time to consider what you'll be planting for autumn and winter, such as brussels sprouts, cabbages, onions and turnips.

Feed all stone-fruit with Gyganic 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 flower development.



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.

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.



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.



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.

