

The Pooh Bah Times



NEUTROG'S FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

February in the garden is a great time for getting your veggie patch ready for autumn planting – by clearing weeds, removing spent plants, adding some organic fertiliser and some mulch now means that by the time autumn rolls around and you're ready to plant, your beds will be ready.



Vegetables to plant in autumn include broccoli, lettuce, onion, peas, spinach, spring onion, turnips, snow peas, radishes, garlic, kale, cauli and beetroot, along with herbs such as coriander, fennel, lavender, parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

February is also a good time to turn over garden beds and fertilise in preparation for planting spring-flowering bulbs in the next few months. Hyacinths, ranunculi, anemones and daffodils can be planted when the soil cools down.

Lightly prune and fertilise repeat-flowering roses to encourage autumn flowering, and give your flowering plants such as impatiens, pansies and petunias a boost with regular doses of Sudden Impact for Roses liquid – doing this can extend the flowering time for some plants through autumn into winter. For recommendations on what to feed your plants and when, our Year Round Fertilising Programme is located at the end of this newsletter.

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?

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.

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Pruning fruit trees in summer



Kim Syrus from Outdoors Indoors talks to citrus expert Ian Tolley and Bob Edwards from the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia about the best way to prune fruit trees in summer.

[Click here to watch the episode](#)

Decadent Dahlias

The dahlia plant is named after Swedish 18th-century botanist Anders Dahl, and is the official flower of the city of Seattle. The Dahlia was discovered in Central America in the 16th century, and the first tubers arrived in Europe at the end of the 18th century, sent over to Madrid by the Spanish settlers in Mexico.

The dahlia is a genus of tuberous plants that are members of the Asteraceae family, and are related to sunflowers, daisies, chrysanthemum and zinnia. They grow from small, brown biennial tubers, and love moist, moderate climates. October through to November is planting time for dahlias.

According to the Dahlia Society of Victoria, it's a good idea to re-dig your patch and incorporate a good fertiliser about two weeks from planting. Neutrog's ACO certified organic Rapid Raiser or Seamungus is ideal for this.



Plant your stakes in the ground first and label them as you plant, as it's very easy at this stage to mix up the tubers. Look for the eye or shoot on each tuber, and plant the tuber on its side (horizontally), with the eye about 50mm from the stake and about 10cm deep, with the eye slightly higher than the tail. Snails love new dahlia shoots, so make sure you protect the emerging plants with a snail deterrent.

Once you see at least four sets of leaves, to get the best from your dahlias, regular fertilising with Sudden Impact for Roses and GOGO Juice is beneficial. You can also give them a foliar feed with liquid Sudden Impact for Roses every month.

If you are interested in joining your local dahlia society a list can be found here: <http://www.dahliaaustralia.org.au/>



Growing Great Veggies

An Abundance of Onions

Last year, at the Rose Festival held at the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden in Victoria, Sue Dietrich went to a Neutrog talk given by Helen Level.

Afterwards she received a small sample of Kahoona for acid-loving plants, and because she liked the name of our supermulch Whoflungdung, Sue sought it out at her local TM&H Mitre 10 in Moe.

"Since then, I've been a huge fan of Whoflungdung, but I also now use GOGO Juice and Kahoona quite a bit" said Sue. "Last year, you did a little story on my eggplants on Facebook - I felt the Whoflungdung was responsible for a bumper crop."

"Around nine months ago, I planted about 150 Monaro garlic cloves after preparing the soil with our lovely homemade compost. I put Seamungus pellets in the bottom of each hole, then I gave them a drink of GOGO Juice at the recommended rate. Throughout the almost 8 months of growth, I applied GOGO Juice another two times, and mulched it all with Whoflungdung".

"As we had so much rain at the time, I thought the crop was going to be ruined, so I pulled them up 2 weeks early, and the garlic is huge! This harvest is the best so far, with the biggest bulbs I've ever grown. I wonder how good it would have been if I had harvested two weeks later?"

"Now I have tomatoes and corn where the garlic was, so they're getting the same treatment, and my parsley is huge! It's all over the place and thick and beautiful - I've never had such strong healthy triple curl parsley before!" enthused Sue.



Neutrog TV, Radio & Video

Listen to Neutrog's Microbiologist, Dr Uwe Stroehler as he dishes the dirt on gardening and soil microbiology on radio.

This month, Uwe discusses water-repellent soils and how to improve them - [click here to listen](#).



This month in the Rare Fruit Arboretum

Have you ever eaten a Million Dollar peach?

JH. Hale's Million Dollar peach (*Prunus persica*) is an old cultivar named after Jean Han Hale. It is described as one of the nicest peaches to eat (albeit with a bib on as they're so juicy!), and because it's one of the rare and endangered fruit trees grown in the Rare Fruit Arboretum in Kanmantoo, the Neutrog staff are fortunate to be able to taste them when they ripen.



The fruit of the Million Dollar Peach is large, with an almost fuzzless, deep yellow skin and a slight red blush. It has succulent, yellow flesh with a course, grainy texture and a super delicious flavour.

The Million Dollar peach is one of the rare peaches that requires pollination to set a good crop, and needs to be planted together with Blackburn Elberta for good pollination and fruit set. It ripens mid-February, and can be eaten fresh, dried or stewed.

Peaches have many health benefits – they are high in dietary fibre, low in carbohydrates, abundant in vitamins including vitamins C, A, E and niacin, as well as minerals such as potassium, copper, manganese and phosphorous.

They grow in a range of soils, and prefer cold winters and a sunny spot. If you want large fruit, you need to ensure the tree gets enough water during fruit development. It's also beneficial to thin the fruit to maximise fruit size and to prevent brown rot.

Peach trees are heavy feeders, so if you have a peach tree in your backyard, now is the time to feed with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus, and then again in autumn and spring, with a winter feed of Seamungus.



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

Morning Star Estate

Situated amongst 63 hectares of rolling hills, acres of vines and stunning gardens, Morning Star Estate at Mount Eliza is home to a grand 1867 Victorian mansion, with simply breathtaking views extending over Port Philip Bay, the Bellarine Peninsula and as far north as Melbourne, 60km away.

The 150+ year old property was built in a mix of Tudor and gothic styles, and Judy Barrett, a former broadacre farmer, purchased it nearly 30 years ago after the former delinquent boys' home that had been run by Franciscan friars was placed in the hands of the receivers, and had gone to auction seven times in five years without selling.



After a successful purchase, Judy renovated the dilapidated property with the help of her children, turning it into a boutique 20-room hotel with conference facilities and a restaurant. As Judy waited for approvals from various authorities to renovate the double-storey 930sq.m mansion, she filled in time by planting roses in the old cow paddock.

Today, the extensive gardens surrounding the main mansion are home to 37,000 ornamental roses (up to 900 different varieties), making it one of the largest collections in Victoria. *"I prune a lot of the roses myself, however I do get contractors in to help"* said Judy. The elaborate Fountain and Sunken Gardens with extensive planting of David Austin varieties and Iceberg roses make Morning Star Estate's garden an experience in itself.

Neutrog's Sudden Impact for Roses and Seamungus have been used at Morning Star Estate for many years. *"I first heard about Neutrog products from The Rose Society of Victoria members"* said Judy. *"The roses at Morning Star Estate are fed Seamungus in the winter, and Sudden Impact for Roses in the spring. We now also use GOGO Juice for any plants that need a boost."*

Judy has just placed an order for our supermulch Whoflungdung, and will be spreading it on the roses at Morning Star Estate in addition to garden beds at her new 120-acre property around the corner. We'll keep you posted on Judy's feedback.

The Morning Star Estate mansion, gardens, orchard, olive grove, vineyard and cellar door can be made available for tours, weddings, entertainment events, fashion shoots, commercial photography, artists and film makers. For more information, visit www.morningstarestate.com.au

About Sudden Impact for Roses - ideal for all flowering and fruiting plants (not just roses), Sudden Impact for Roses combines the best of both worlds. Its organic base provides a full range of plant nutrients in a slow release form, whilst the carefully selected water-soluble nutrients have been added to maximise the performance of each application.

Sudden Impact for Roses is endorsed and recommended by the Rose Society of South Australia, 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 and the Queensland Rose Society.



The Biological Approach



The Australian Agronomist magazine's summer issue is out now, and features an article by Neutrog's Microbiologist, Dr. Uwe Stroehler called '*Carbon Dioxide and Water Use Efficiency.*'

Uwe talks about the current economic and climatic conditions which are presenting some never-before seen challenges to Australian agriculture, and how carbon dioxide and its availability plays a critical role in water use efficiency in plants.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

BUSH TUCKER

"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". *Angus Stewart*



Developed in conjunction with native plant expert Angus Stewart and soil scientist Simon Leake

Research and development



Located in Victoria, The Diggers Club works to preserve the best plants and garden traditions to help Australians become better gardeners. More than just a mail order seed company, for over 40 years they have been trialling plants and seeds in search for the best varieties for home gardeners - plants that Diggers 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' – developed to produce the optimum balance of nutrients for tomatoes.

Two tomato beds were planted out at Diggers in October. Lower laterals were removed to encourage a strong root system, encourage growth and keep the foliage off the soil. 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.



Left: Mini Amish without Dead Horse; Right: Mini Amish fed with Dead Horse.

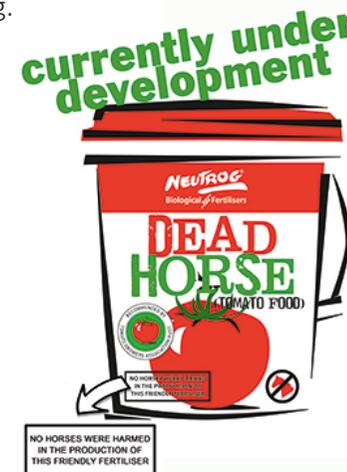


Left: Green Zebra without Dead Horse; Right: Green Zebra fed with Dead Horse

Six tomato varieties were planted - Green Zebra, Black Cherry, Purple Russian, Reistomate, Mini Amish and Black Russian – all grown from seed in a Diggers hothouse in July. The beds were also planted with four varieties of basil and 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, in the hole and around the top after planting. The control area has only been treated with compost and Digger's usual practice of watering in with Ocean Brew. Dead Horse will be applied every 6 weeks.

As you can see by the comparative photos which were taken just 8 weeks after planting, the growth of the tomato plants fed with Dead Horse are far superior compared to the ones without.



What's brewing at Neutrog 'Probiotics' by Dr. Uwe Stroehler

Probiotics are very popular these days for human health, but about 15 years ago, really before its time, Neutrog started developing a probiotic for soil - a living product containing microbes (in this case bacteria and fungi) that would normally be found and survive in the soil.



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

Sometimes due to extreme hot weather or very dry or waterlogged conditions, these microbes are lacking or completely absent from soil.

For us, this is similar to taking an antibiotic or having a bad case of the runs, where you've upset the gut bacteria and lost some of the native microbes. Probiotics for humans help to re-establish these microbes in your gut, and GOGO Juice does it in your soil.



So how was GOGO Juice developed?

Initially, the idea was to make a living product that would improve plant growth, as growth-promoting bacteria and fungi in plants had been known about for a while. However, growth-promoting fungi in particular like to live in association with plants, so you can't just grow them in a lab or on a large scale.

The other critical factor was nutrient cycling - making nutrients available for the plants - which is done by many 'free living' bacteria and fungi. So we made a brew of bacteria and fungi that help to break down complex organic material such as straw and woody weeds – basically the same sort of stuff you might throw in your compost bin. We called this brew 'eNcase' and when we inoculated our compost piles with eNcase, it reduced the smell from nitrogen compounds – in other words, it trapped or 'encased' the nitrogen.



It's all well and good to have a product that helps in nutrient cycling, but we really wanted to improve on eNcase, so we added other essential ingredients to the mix, including humates to help hold onto micronutrients so they don't leach as readily. We also added seaweed for the natural growth hormones it contains (along with other benefits), and lastly we added lucerne hay into the brew. Lucerne is a potent source of Triacontanol, which is an incredibly powerful and natural plant growth-promoting hormone.

So this mix gets brewed for 8 weeks to extract all the goodies and build up microbial numbers and diversity. The DNA analysis on GOGO Juice shows it contains about 500 different types of bacteria and fungi.

Many of these are involved in breaking down organic material and for nutrient cycling, so although GOGO Juice started life as a probiotic for your soil, it actually ended up being so much more, with humates, seaweed and other ingredients to make it the perfect probiotic for your soil and plants.

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.



Customer Profile

Jurlique

Jurlique is a company that's known around the world as a manufacturer of high-quality skin care products. Its origins are based in the Adelaide Hills, founded in the 80's by German couple Ulrike and Jurgen Klein.

With advanced skills in horticulture, botany, biochemistry and naturopathy, the couple created the original formulas behind Jurlique's skin care products, with a shared vision to create what is now known as a luxurious, high performing, natural skin care range.

Using certified organic and biodynamic methods on the 105-acre farm at Biggs Flat near Hahndorf, the land is looked after as an integrated, living organism. Absolutely everything supports the health and vitality of the farm and contributes to the vigorous ecosystem of the hills. Numerous plants are grown and harvested by hand, including comfrey, lavender, calendula, mint, rosemary and sage. The plants can be grown for their flowers, leaves or roots, and the products these plants are grown for depends on the natural features of each plant.

In 2015, Jurlique decided they wanted something special to celebrate their 30th anniversary, so an exclusive rose was bred by George Thomson, who is considered to be one of Australia's most productive rose breeders. A beautiful soft pink colour, the Jurlique Rose has a highly-perfumed scent, a super-hydrating oil extract and large, abundant petals. Since then, George has also been educating the farm staff on how to prune and feed the roses, and passing on his extensive knowledge so that his passion can live on for generations to come.



Above: George Thomson in a field of Jurlique Roses



Left: Jurlique products made with the Jurlique Rose. Right: George Thomson

George also recommended that Jurlique use some of Neutrog's organic products, so Seamungus is applied to the 4000+ roses each winter after pruning, and BladeRunner fines are mixed in with Jurlique's own compost at the potting stage.

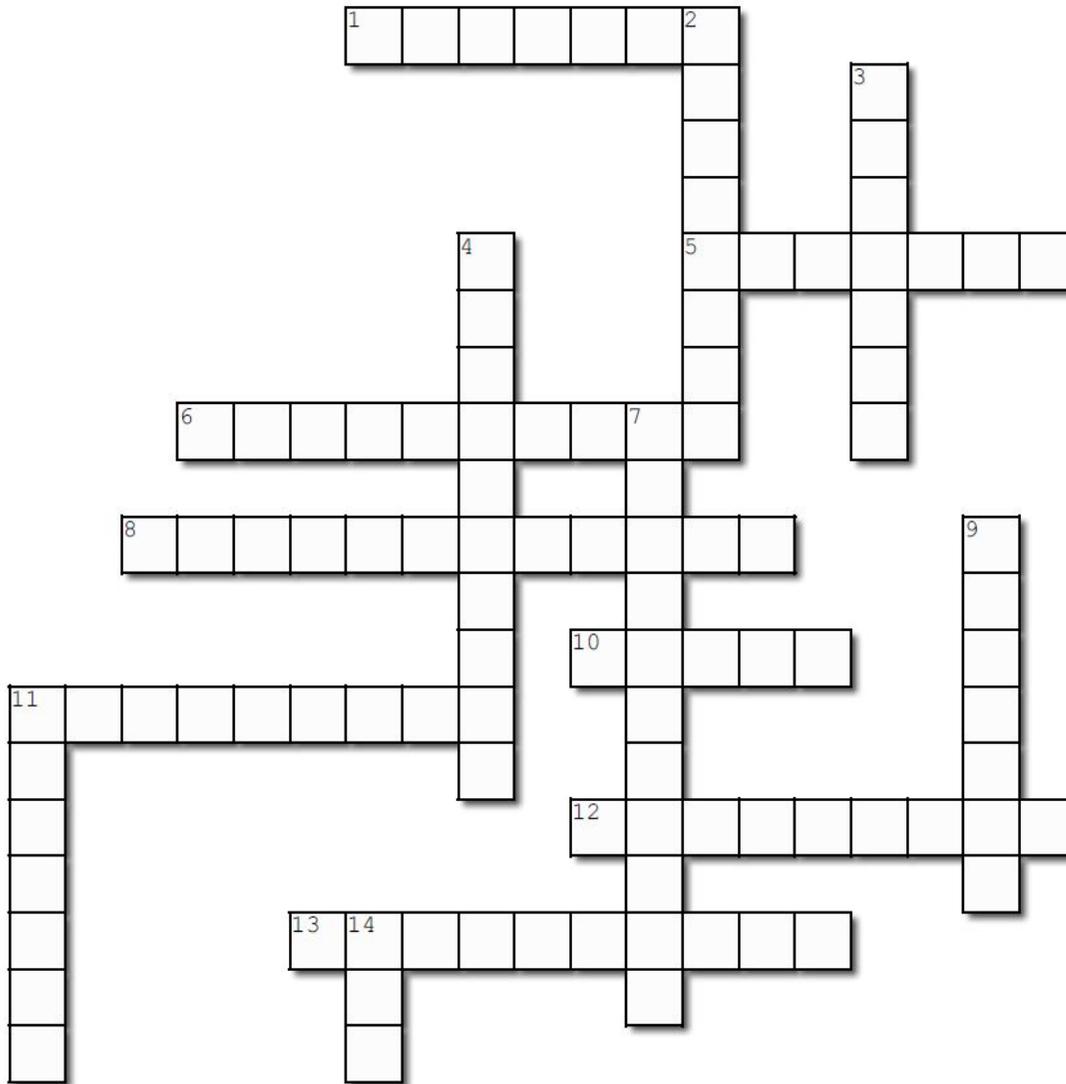
The Jurlique farm is open for tours 10am Monday to Friday, \$30 pp. If you're looking for a special gift for yourself or a loved one (remember Valentine's Day is fast approaching!).

Jurlique products can be found at a number of retailers including Jurlique's concept stores (including spa treatments), Myer, David Jones, Jurlique's online store and the farm shop at 31 Liebelt Rd, Biggs Flat, which is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm.

For more information, visit www.jurlique.com.au



A Neutrog crossword puzzle



ACROSS:

1. Neutrog exports to this Asian country
5. Strike Back for _____
6. TV personality who endorses Sudden Impact for Lawns
8. The name of Neutrog's super mulch
10. Which animal manure does Neutrog use in its products?
11. Where is the Neutrog factory located?
12. GOGO Juice is a _____ for soil
13. Natives get hungry, so feed them regularly with _____?

DOWN:

2. Neutrog products add beneficial _____ to the soil
3. Become a member of Neutrog's - - - h - - club
4. Famous Aussie racecourse that uses Sudden Impact for Roses
7. Neutrog has a licenced operation in which country?
9. Fruit & veggies head to the moon with _____
11. Azaleas and camellias love it
14. The first name of Neutrog's microbiologist

Answers

Across: 1: Vietnam. 5: Orchids. 6: Graham Ross. 8: Whooflungdung. 10: Chook. 11: Kammantoo. 12: Probiotic. 13: Bush Tucker.

Down: 2: Microbes. 3: Pooh Bah. 4: Flemington. 7: South Africa. 9: Gyantic. 11: Kahoona. 14: Uwe.

Product of the Month

Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus

Werribee Park Heritage Orchard is an antique orchard located at the historic Werribee Park Mansion in Victoria, built in the 1800's by pioneering pastoralists Thomas Chirnside and his brother Andrew. At the time, the orchard was renowned for its peaches, grapes, apples, quinces, pears, a variety of plums and several other fruits, as well as walnuts and olives, however over the past few decades the orchard was forgotten, and fell into ruin.



Left: Part of the Werribee Park Heritage Orchard.
Right: Monroe Peaches from the orchard.

Since 2008, a dedicated group of volunteers have rejuvenated the old orchard - part of this process meant identifying the varieties, caring for the trees, working out which trees were missing, propagating more from the existing stock, planting replacements, building rabbit proof fencing, establishing a water supply and more.

The group are also making a range of old fruit tree varieties available again to home gardeners, by renovating the old orchard, re-planting it with historic fruit varieties and holding Grafting Days to distribute trees to the community.

Craig Castree is a qualified horticulturist, veggie garden consultant, author, bee keeper and manager of the Werribee Park Heritage Orchard. *"We use Neutrog's Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit and Citrus every change of season, and this season we had the best crop of fruit ever"* enthused Craig. *"We've also noticed a marked improvement in the size of the fruit, and we'll definitely continue to use it"*.

Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus has been specifically developed to enhance fruit size, quality and taste. Gyganic is a premium organic based, chemically boosted complete fertiliser with the full range of nutrients in an organic form, coupled with boosted levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, iron and magnesium.

Microbes have been added to Gyganic's unique organic base of manure, seaweed, kelp, fish, humates, lucerne and rock phosphate to break down these organic materials, ensuring the full range of organic nutrients are available when applied.

This nutritious, biological organic base, high in organic carbon and containing naturally-occurring growth hormones is then blended homogeneously with the inorganic compounds (di-ammonium phosphate, potassium sulphate, iron sulphate and magnesium sulphate) to boost the levels of those essential elements – it is then pelleted. When Gyganic is introduced to the soil, the living microbiology helps to break down the organic materials within the soil, unlocking nutrients and generating greater levels of organic carbon, which helps to retain the inorganic nutrients within the soil, and aids in regulating their uniform uptake by plants.



The natural growth hormones enhance plant growth both above and below the ground, where the increased root mass provides a greater soil surface area from which to draw nutrients and moisture – increasing the plants' ability to withstand heat stress and frost.

Following extensive trials by members, Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus is now recommended by the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia. This endorsement provides gardeners with the confidence to use and recommend Gyganic.

Customer Profile

Mulberry Lodge

Hazel and Nik Parker purchased Mulberry Lodge on the outskirts of Willunga in the McLaren Vale wine region in 2010 as a family home. After a few years of living in the area, Hazel and Nik realised that there was a lack of good quality, hosted accommodation in the area, and the property's stunning location, character and the expansive and beautiful gardens meant it was perfectly suited.



Set in two acres of mature gardens with views across vineyards, Mulberry Lodge was named for the bounteous mulberry tree in the garden, which supplies Kangaroo Island Spirits with mulberries for their iconic Mulberry Gin.

The gardens feature 120 rose bushes, silver birch trees, a large hydrangea bed, a citrus grove and pomme orchard, with a separate pool garden abundant in native frangipani, hibiscus, camellia, jasmine and bougainvillea.



As there was no veggie garden when they moved in, Hazel and Nik gradually added 9 raised veggie beds which now provide a year-long bountiful supply of fresh vegetables for the Lodge. With no real gardening backgrounds and having had a tiny patchwork garden in London before moving to Australia, taking on 2 acres of gardens was a bit scary, but they relished the challenge.

Living and working in the McLaren Vale wine region (which has a strong focus on sustainability and organic and sustainable farming practices), Hazel & Nik were very conscious of the type of products they wanted to use in the gardens. Whilst the gardens were well planned, it was clear that they needed a bit of attention - particularly the roses, which were showing significant signs of disease.

A chance meeting at Willunga Farmers Market with John Hill from the Rose Society of South Australia led them to Neutrog, and with John's help, the mission was to resurrect the roses back to their former glory. *"With John's careful pruning and Neutrog products used over the last 3-4 years, the gardens have never looked better"* said Hazel.

"Over winter, the roses, other plants and fruit trees are given a good drink of Seamungus followed by GOGO Juice in spring. After pruning, the roses are also sprayed with lime sulphur which helps to kill off disease in the soil. We trialled Whoflungdung on the hydrangea bed last year, and the plants were definitely less water-stressed and bloomed well through summer - we plan to use Whoflungdung in other areas of the garden as well".

Hazel says that Neutrog's plant-specific products are used regularly over spring, summer and autumn. *"We've seen such good results with Sudden Impact for Roses applying in early September, December and end of February, providing a beautiful display of roses during spring and summer. The hibiscus and camellia areas have benefited from regular feeds with Kahoona, with flowers lasting into winter".*





"The veggie beds are given regular feeds with Rocket Fuel, and in the last 12 months we've started feeding the citrus trees with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus - our lemon tree has been producing large juicy lemons continually for the last 12 months. Lastly, the use of Blade Runner keeps the main lawn area looking lush and green even during the hot summer months" said Hazel.

Mulberry Lodge Luxury Country Retreat is now an award-winning hosted accommodation, winning 'Best Hosted Accommodation in South Australia' in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Nik and Hazel take great pride in looking after and enhancing the gardens, and love to showcase them to their B&B guests. They also host a few select wedding ceremonies each year in the gardens. Visit www.mulberrylodgewillunga.com for more info.

Year-Round Fertilising Programme

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 heat, frost, pests or diseases, which is going to make you a much happier gardener too!

Hint – if you are wanting to achieve even better results, take the quantity recommended for feeding your plants for the quarter, divide it into equal parts, and apply 1 part in each month of the season. It is not about applying more, but rather, applying more regularly. This way, your plants receive a continual feed of nutrients in order to achieve optimal health.

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 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.

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 providing a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria and fungi with the well documented benefits of applying kelp and humates.




Year round fertilising for year round health

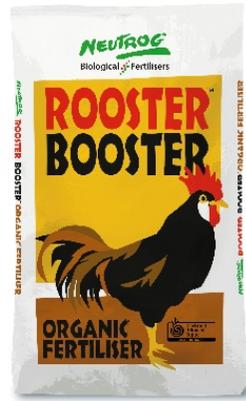
Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season. Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.



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, and keep up the water until the plant is established.



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.



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 can be fed with Sudden Impact for Roses (if in the ground) or Strike Back for Orchids (if in pots) to extend flowering time.



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.



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.



"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". – Angus Stewart, native plant expert.

Mulching

After dealing with any weeds that may have sprung up recently, 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.

It 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

Pull out any weeds competing for water and give your herbs and veggies a feed 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 stonefruit 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.



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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