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# Treloar Roses

Treloar Roses have a name and reputation which is synonymous with quality and reliability. The company began in the early 1960's when Ted Treloar began retailing from his nursery, which was situated at the rear of his fruit and vegetable shop. Ted was frustrated by the difficulty in obtaining newer release and quality roses. This led to a purchase of land on the outskirts of Portland in Victoria where he began rose growing. This became a lifelong dedication to the horticultural industry, with roses becoming his passion. During the mid 1960's, Ted saw the potential in providing roses by mail order; during the dormant winter season they travelled extremely well, so 1966 saw the first of the now famous colour catalogues for which Treloars have become so well known. From this beginning, Treloar Roses is now the leading grower of roses offered by mail order in Australia.

Treloar Roses also encourage visitors to their site, which covers an area of 300 acres. With so many magnificent display beds,



could there be any better way to assist in making your decision on the roses you'd like to have in your garden? Also on site is a large hothouse where trials are conducted and budwood is grown. There is also a stock area holding over 5000 potted roses which are for sale to nurseries and retail customers.

**Sudden Impact for Roses** was initially trialed in the hothouse and on the entire container-grown plants.

The aim was to produce a stronger growing plant which would be much more floriferous

and ultimately provide more enjoyment to the happy person who ended up with the rose in their garden. Treloars believe that this aim has been achieved and much more - so much so that now their budwood (which is grown in 10 litre planter bags) also gets fed **Sudden Impact**

**for Roses and Seamungus.**

This budwood will eventually

be planted out into the paddock, and once it is mature, new varieties will be grown on it.

Gary Matushka, the manager of Treloars comments "Jeez, you've got to use a mask in the

hothouse, but how fantastic are these roses grown with **Sudden Impact for Roses!** A great advantage is that we can now ignore our liquid fertilisers. **Sudden Impact for Roses** is so easy to use and nowhere near as time consuming". Gary continued, "At Treloars we believe in following the Neutrog feeding programme which we implemented some time ago, and the results speak for themselves. Another benefit is the use of **Seamungus** at planting time and also throughout the year. We find that if the garden is looking like it needs a perk up, then **Seamungus** is a great way to go".

If your family, friends or club are looking for a great few days away, then look toward Victoria's south-west coast and make sure you allow plenty of time to visit Treloar's magnificent gardens. Alternately if you're in the mood for a trip to Melbourne's Mornington Peninsula, there is a branch situated at Baxter. Treloars can be contacted on 03 5529 2367 (Portland) or 03 5971 1956 (Baxter), or visit their website at [www.treloarroses.com.au](http://www.treloarroses.com.au)



THIS MAGNIFICENT BRONZE HORSE IS ONE OF ONLY TWO IN THE WORLD, IN THE DISPLAY GARDEN AT TRELOAR ROSES.



# Wentworth Park Sporting Complex

Wentworth Park Sporting Complex is a multi purpose facility steeped in history. It is situated in the heart of Sydney, and minutes from the CBD, Chinatown and tourist precinct of Darling Harbour.

Wentworth Park commenced life as a creek and swamp, known in the 1830's as Blackwattle Cove Swamp. Between the 1830's and 1860, various noxious industries were established along the shore, including abattoirs and boiling-down works. The pollution from these works befouled the swamp so much, that even after the removal of these establishments from the area, the local council lobbied to have the area in-filled because of the stench which continued to arise from the water and mud.

Infilling of the creek and head of the swamp commenced in 1876, and continued until 1880. Silt dredged from the harbour was used to carry out the process and numerous sea walls and dykes were constructed as part of the program. When the area was filled, trustees were appointed to manage the new park, and a competition was announced to design the new facility. After numerous complaints regarding the



management of the competition, construction commenced. By 1882 opinion had turned favourably to the new ovals, greens, paths, lakes and other facilities offered in the park, now named Wentworth after the politician of the same name.

Throughout the 1880's and 1890's, Wentworth Park came to serve as a focus for community activities including concerts, celebrations, and in particular sport. However World War I and the Depression had a significant impact on the ability of the Wentworth Park Trust to conduct events successfully.

In 1932 greyhounds made their first appearance at the park, and from then onwards the facilities

supporting this activity assumed greater importance. The commencement of World War II caused the alienation of the oval and most of the open space. It was used by the American army as a camp, and they remained for the duration of the war.

In an effort to provide funding, the Trust entered into a lease agreement with the NSW National Coursing Association in 1939.

The NCA has continued to conduct greyhound racing at Wentworth Park ever since, with the result that the sport is inextricably linked to Wentworth Park. "Wenty Dogs" has in fact entered the vernacular for Sydney residents.

Today the complex provides access to a wide variety of community and sporting groups which include:

- 104 greyhound races each year.
- Full time training and coaching facility for Sydney Roosters NRL team.
- Major antiques and collectables fair - first Sunday of the month.
- Ultimo Public School Sports Carnival and annual Art Show.
- Finals series NSW Suburban Rugby Competition.
- Host of other sporting and community events.

Jamie Baxter, Track & Grounds Manager for Wentworth Park is kept very busy maintaining the complex in peak condition. He states there has been a significant improvement in the quality of the gardens as well as the central playing surface since using Neutrog products.

Jamie comments "The results have been superior to the previously used chemical applications, and I have not seen earthworm activity at the complex like I'm seeing now". This confirms his belief that he is not only achieving a great result with long term benefits, but is also obtaining the results in an environmentally friendly manner.

## Strike Back

The development of Neutrog's specialist orchid fertiliser "Strike Back for Orchids" is progressing very positively, with in excess of 10 tonnes of this product being trialled on 100,000 orchids around Australia. If all goes well this product will be available early in the new year.



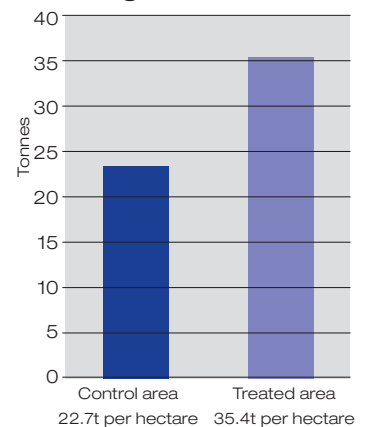
## Amazing results from Seamungus

Great results continue to flow in from professional growers using Seamungus. Seamungus is widely used in the production of many commercial horticultural crops including potatoes and spinach.



20% yield increase

Seamungus Trial on Potatoes



# Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden



Neutrog are extremely proud to have Bounce Back recommended and used by the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in South Africa - internationally acclaimed as one of the great botanical gardens of the world.

Kirstenbosch is the largest of a countrywide network of eight botanical gardens administered by the South African National

Botanical Biodiversity Institute, which also maintains plant reference collections at three national herbaria, and is actively involved in research and environmental education.

The Kirstenbosch Botanic Gardens were established in 1913 to conserve and promote the indigenous flora of Southern Africa. It covers 528 hectares on the eastern flank of Table

Mountain, and includes a cultivated garden and a nature reserve. The developed garden (which covers 36 hectares) displays collections of Southern African plants, including many rare and endangered species. Theme gardens include the Fynbos Garden, Braille Trail and Fragrance Garden, the Useful Plants Garden and a waterwise demonstration garden.

The Botanical Society Conservatory is a vast glasshouse which displays the succulent treasures of the arid regions of Southern Africa, as well as collections of bulbs, ferns and indigenous alpine plants.

Philip le Roux, Curator of Kirstenbosch says "We use Neutrog's **Bounce Back** in all the gardens and nurseries in Kirstenbosch as it is organic, it promotes healthy growth, strong root development and moisture retention. Proteas and Ericas in particular are very sensitive to chemical fertilisers, but we are able to use **Bounce Back** on these plants with excellent results".

Philip goes on to say "In the past we applied chemical fertilisers to our lawns in spring. It is of course essential to water liberally after fertilising with chemicals in order to prevent scorching. On a number of occasions the irrigation system failed after long periods of inactivity during our wet winters, resulting in severe, unsightly burning to the lawns. Since we have started using **Bounce Back**, we have eliminated this problem completely, as in our experience **Bounce Back** does not burn at all".



DELIVERY IN VIETNAM

## Overseas

Despite a very strong Australian dollar, Neutrog Australia's exports to Vietnam, Korea and Taiwan have continued to expand, and now total almost 2000 tonnes per annum - a rise of 90% over last year. Similarly, Neutrog Africa has maintained its rapid growth with sales up 32% from its manufacturing facility in Cape Town, South Africa.



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