



The Pooh Bah Club NEWSLETTER

December 2020

What a year 2020 has been and we imagine that most people are happy to see it finally coming to a close. Let's hope over the next month we can all find a way to celebrate with friends and family and all look towards 2021. And what better place to celebrate than in your garden!

Time well spent in the garden during the beautiful spring weather should be rewarding you with a garden that is bursting with life. But for all the enjoyment of long summer evenings spent outside, there is also the need to support your garden with water and feeding to help your plants cope when those really hot days do come.

Application of mulch to garden beds, consistent watering in the early morning and some additional shade over precious plants will all help them during the warmer weather.

At Neutrog during December we will be working to get lots of product out of the factory and into stores around the country ready for those who love to get into the garden during the summer holidays. If you have plans with family, don't forget to check our Facebook page as we'll have lots of ideas for things you can do in the garden – particularly with children.

We wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and look forward to sharing more with you in 2021.

Happy Gardening,
Team Neutrog.



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Ocean Front Garden - Port Elliot

Creating a garden from scratch will be an exciting project to some and a daunting one to others. What can be achieved by considering location, good plant selection and what you wish in a maintenance sense, is so important. The following story really shows what can be achieved by following a few basic principles.

Great friends of Neutrog have the most beautiful view from their home. Their home is situated only a few metres from the beach at Port Elliot in South Australia. With views across to Granite Island at Victor Harbour and an ever changing ocean right at the doorstep, it is the best place to sit and read, enjoy a meal or chat with your mates.



Getting ready to put down some much needed Whoflungdung

The family love to garden but realised that the input from a professional would make a huge difference in ensuring that their ideas could be successfully implemented. Their desire was to have a garden of beauty which would also be relatively easy to maintain and the absolute must was that the plants would cope with the sea spray, high summer temperatures and strong winds as well as being pitted by sand.

To that end Cathy Apps from [Catnik Design](#) was brought in to bring their dreams to life.

Cathy describes the site as, *“a hellishly difficult position. Being almost literally right on the water, created a number of unique challenges. The elements can be very harsh and all aspects of this design had to be carefully considered”*.

Two concept plans were drawn up and presented before Cathy and the owners were happy and ready to take the next step. Cathy designed a limestone wall which picks up the flow of the beach and the waves. A local master stonemason was engaged to construct the wall. Given the walking track along the beach, as well as the tourist train line, the work could only be undertaken at very limited times. A gate from the beach into the garden was carefully thought about as well. Made of wrought iron which has been double dipped so it can withstand the onslaught of the elements, it too is a thing of great beauty. Leading from the gate is a cleverly considered path which also picks up the beach and waves theme. Timber boards are placed at intervals and in between are beautiful pebbles. The recurring colours of sand, grey, brown and gold tie all elements in perfectly.



Limestone wall with a wavy path picks up the beach theme



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Ocean Front Garden - Port Elliot



And oh, the planting schedule. It is a native lovers dream – as well as a dream for non native gardeners.

Callistemon, correas, banksias and anigozanthus feature. Along with many other hardy, but beautiful shrubs. As with all else in this garden, the plants are designed to look great even when not in flower. Foliage in greys, browns, silvers and greens contrast with the various textures in the leaves.

[Adelaide Hills Landscaping](#) brought the design to fruition and with all else, nothing was left to chance. At planting, all plants had Seamungus incorporated throughout the soil and were also watered in with [GOGO Juice](#). Immediately upon planting the entire garden was mulched with [Whoflungdung](#).



The garden is now 4 months old and as our friend says, *"it's going ape."* We are so thrilled with the spectacular growth – after only a few months. And the Whoflungdung! It is still in place and hasn't blown around everywhere. We can scarce credit that. Now that the garden has established, all plants have been fertilised with [Bush Tucker](#).

All this young family need to do now is enjoy.



Tomatoes - An update from Helen Lovel

You may have picked your first tomatoes and are readying for a huge summer crop. There are a few things to keep an eye out for during summer.

Ideally you are checking your plants closely, looking for any sign of insect attack or fungal problems. If you see yellow leaves then remove and place in a bag to discard with your rubbish. These leaves can be the first sign of issues to come. It's worth removing the bottom 150mm of foliage which would generally rest on the soil and be constantly wet. Monitor for insects. Check the back of leaves regularly. You can often head off a major attack by simply removing any pesky critters early on.

If you live in an area where summer sun is particularly strong, then you may need to protect your fruit from burning. A piece of shade cloth strategically placed will assist greatly. Keep watering deeply and if you've not done so then mulch with [Whoflungdung](#).



Keep the feed up to your tomatoes. [Gyganic for Veggies Fruit & Citrus](#) every 8 weeks will ensure plentiful crops of tasty and flavoursome fruit. If you prefer a liquid fertiliser, then [Sudden Impact for Roses liquid](#) will give you a very impressive results as well. [GOGO Juice](#) watered into the soil on a fortnightly basis will mean lots of beneficial bacteria will be working for you too. A well grown, healthy and strong plant is the best way to keep any pest and disease attack away.

Tomatoes can be picked once they start to colour and brought inside to finishing ripening. A windowsill is an ideal location. Who doesn't love home made sauces, chutneys and relishes as well as the many ways they can enjoyed in your daily meal preparation.

Updated pictures from Helen's Veggie Garden



Veggie Garden establishing nicely



4 Different Bean Varieties



Climbing Scarlet Runner Bean



Climbing Purple Bean



Yellow Zucchini

The Gift that keeps on Giving

Giving a plant for Christmas is an easy way to share your knowledge and love of gardening with friends and family. Garden centres and nurseries are filled with great ideas and plants that suit a range of people, but don't forget to consider your own garden as a place to source presents.

If you're looking to your own garden, succulents are the obvious choice and also allow you the flexibility to choose the size of your gift. When you are re-potting a succulent ensure that you use a potting mix for succulents and cacti. Dip your cutting into diluted [GOGO Juice](#) for a strong head start. These are also a good choice if you need to travel some distance as they can withstand a car trip.

Indoor plants have the benefit of outlasting a bunch of flowers and it is easy to choose a plant that suits both the person receiving it and their environment. Low maintenance plants like a Zanzibar Gem, Peperomia or a Chinese money plant suit those new to house plants. New gardeners will also appreciate a couple of quick notes on the back of a Christmas card that will help them look after their gift.

A more experienced gardener might enjoy a plant that requires more attention like an orchid, maiden hair fern or fiddle leaf fig.

Some seeds in a Christmas card, a cherry tomato, or a pot of strawberries or herbs can also be a hit with children who can enjoy the process of watching their gift 'come to life'.

If you're giving a plant gift to someone that has a pet, check with your local garden centre as some plants can be harmful to animals.

A thoughtful side gift to any of these ideas could be a Neutrog Sample Gift Pack to give your friend or family member everything they need to keep their plant happy and healthy.

We have seven individual packs available for delivery. [Click](#) to see the full range.



Pest Control Plants

For centuries, gardeners have been using plants in the garden to repel insects. Old gardening lore is fascinating and worth including in your garden.

Often, the plants which work in this manner have a strong scent to their foliage which when bruised, stepped upon or you've brushed past, will release a strong aroma which some insects are not fond of.

Mozzies are the bane of many of us. You could plant a lemon scented pelargonium 'Pelargonium citrosum' near your outdoor areas. When a pelargonium is watered in the evening, it will release a strong citrus-like odour which the mosquitos don't like. Garlic is an absolute beauty. Not only can you use it in your cooking, but it's strong odour repels lots of insects including aphids and thrips.

Lavender is enjoyed by many of us, but not by insects. Its strong fragrance is not loved by moths, so maybe plant one near your veggie patch. The beautiful *Tagetes lemmonii* (pictured right) is a hardy little shrub with bright yellow, daisy like flowers. It's common name is the passionfruit daisy and it releases a substance from it's roots which aids in controlling nematodes, making it ideal to plant near your veggies. It also smells delicious when you brush against it, releasing a passionfruit aroma which will delight you.



Tagetes lemmonii 'Passion Fruit Daisy'

Basil is fabulous for your cooking and it also has an oil in its leaves which will kill mosquito eggs. Pop some marigold (pictured above) around your garden and they will give off a substance called limonene which is not enjoyed by mozzies, flies and moths.

There are lots of other great ways where plants will help you in the garden and we would love to hear what works for you.

Turf & Lawns - Flemington Race Course

Any gardener will know the enormous amount of work and planning which goes into achieving a lawn which looks perfect – and none more so than a groundskeeper.

Many high-profile sites with expansive lawns need to not only be visually thriving but also be able to cope with intense amounts of traffic. The gardens and car parks at Flemington Racecourse receive an inordinate amount of traffic, both on foot, by hoof and in vehicles. During the spring racing carnival there can be up to 300,000 people on site, over the four main days.

We spent some time with Mick Ryan – Senior Manager Grounds and Gardens to talk about the work that goes into the 23,000sq. metres of lawn at Flemington and how the horticultural team work around the year to always keeping it looking in top shape.

“Leading up to the spring carnival, we mow twice a week and fertilise with [Sudden Impact for Lawns](#). Sudden Impact for Lawns is applied to our front lawn and mounting yard lawns at a rate of 50gm per sq. metre. The lawns are then mowed 2 days before race meets, using a triple deck fairway mower. This job takes all day.”

Watering is managed by our High Monitoring Maintenance System. I enter all information I require into my computer and it sends that data to our irrigation system. I can tell it how often I want it to water and how much. It’s really cool.

“Because our turf needs to be in great condition, we feed it year round. Sudden Impact is organically based and chemically boosted, so we are getting organics and biology into our soils and the chemical component feeds the lawns, as well as greens them up. The balance and ratio of nitrogen and potassium is ideal for promoting growth, and the levels of iron and magnesium have been boosted. These elements play a crucial role in the formation of chlorophyll, which is the substance that makes green plants green.”

While that programme works for the front lawn and mounting yard, Mick says, *“Our go to product for our car parks is [Seamungus](#) crumble and [Blade Runner](#) crumble. Our lawns consist of kikuyu and ryegrass. We use Seamungus and Blade Runner as they are in a crumble form. They penetrate immediately down around the root zone of our lawns and this means that the products start to work straight away.”*

“Because these products are biological, it means that we are adding billions of beneficial bacteria into our soils and we can see an improvement within a matter of days. During the summer, we mow at a height of 50mm which knocks down the ryegrass and takes advantage of the kikuyu which is looking it’s best then.”



Applying a feed of Sudden Impact for Lawns



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Turf & Lawns - Flemington Race Course continued



Throughout the cooler months we want the ryegrass to feature because it has a great depth of green and therefore, we mow at a height of 63.5mm. We used [Seamungus](#) crumble on the dryer areas because there is composted manure, kelp, seaweed and fishmeal in it and these seaweed products make a huge difference to water retention which is improved by up to 70%. We apply the fertilisers using spreaders towed by tractors. After any major events, we immediately begin reparation work."

After recently watching the Melbourne Cup, we never fail to be impressed by the environment that is managed by the horticultural team at Flemington. Because while the roses may be legendary those lawns need some credit for their ability to maintain their appearance under some very challenging conditions.

Watch, Listen and Learn

In these radio segments, microbiologist Dr Uwe Stroehrer chats to Graham Ross about various gardening related topics. Visit <https://neutrog.com.au/video-gallery/> for more related videos.

[Click here](#) to listen and learn more about feeding various Epiphytes.



[Click here](#) to find out about the new initiative from Neutrog using coffee grounds.



[Click here](#) to learn more about your garden working as an ecosystem.



In the Arboretum

Last month the Rare Fruit Society working bee began the process of netting some of the trees in the Arboretum and those nets are now complete. The “fruits of their labour” are peaches and nectarines which are now well protected from the birds by the temporary nets.

While having the opportunity to eat some of this delicious fruit would be reason enough for netting, the real reason is that the fruit borne by a rare fruit tree is often the only true way to tell its species.

As the trees throughout the Arboretum reach the stage of fruiting, they will be netted and identified as part of the process of identification.



Netting for identification purposes

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](#). Around 500 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.



International News - Silwood School of Cookery



Silwood School of Cookery is South Africa's most acclaimed cookery school – the first step on the culinary journey of many well-known chefs, food producers and food writers around the world. Silwood is also SA's longest established cookery school. With over 54 years and 3 generations of chefs, they have developed cookery courses to the highest levels, earning an international reputation of excellence. Situated in leafy Rondebosch, Cape Town's top educational suburb, the school is an original 17th century Cape farm. The stables have been converted into state-of-the-art kitchens, giving a feeling of rich heritage and tradition combined with the new and cutting-edge facility. At Silwood, they believe that the best chefs have a deep understanding of the ingredients they cook with, so students learn how to grow and harvest their own produce in the organic vegetable and herb garden.

The school was founded in 1964 by Lesley Faull, Commanderie des Cordons Bleus de France. Over the past 54 years Silwood has earned itself a world class reputation and has remained a family run business. Lesley's daughter, Alicia Wilkinson, Commanderie des Cordons Bleus de France, is the present principal of the school, assisted by her daughter Carianne Wilkinson. Carianne is an international restaurant judge and director of SA Chefs Association. The family continues to produce international top chefs and the alumni are scattered all over the world.

Neutrog are assisting Silwood with their gardens – both the herb and vegetable gardens and the flower gardens.

Jocelyn Convery, who has maintained the Gardens for some years, had this to say:

"We use [Bounce Back](#) in the gardens and it is like a magical potion on all of our plants. What it brings to the soil can be seen clearly here, at Silwood School of Cookery in Rondebosch. The soil is sand and does not hold water very well but two years of composting and the addition of regular and generous amounts of this excellent product has turned it around. We are growing both vegetables, flowers and fruit. If you can, head to your nearest nursery and buy yourself some, then sit back and watch as your plants thrive."



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“That’s not a fridge...THIS is a fridge!”

Christmas came early for Dr. Uwe Stroehler when we took delivery of some new equipment for the Research and Development lab at our facility at Kanmantoo.



Data Panel showing temperature settings

One of the pieces of equipment is a lockable -90°C freezer, just one shelf is capable of holding up to 12,000 individual samples at (a very, very cold) -82°C.

Far too cold for a knock off drink, however, for long term storage of microbes in a growth medium containing glycerol these temperatures are ideal. This allows us to store beneficial bacteria and fungi for many years and we can always go back to these original stock cultures to grow more. Many of the bacteria and fungi to be stored here are beneficial from plant growth, some will fix nitrogen for your plants to use, other will allow phosphate to be made soluble for your plants.

In this freezer there will even be microbes that can produce plant growth hormones, and some that protect plants from diseases. It is almost like our very own doomsday seed bank except it will have bacteria and fungi.

To see more of the lab at Neutrog, don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

Human Beans

The Human Beans – Grounds for Good trial is continuing and as this photo shows, the composting process is well underway. The Biobag tubes, which are used to collect the coffee grounds, are a compostable product which means they are composting at the same time as the coffee.

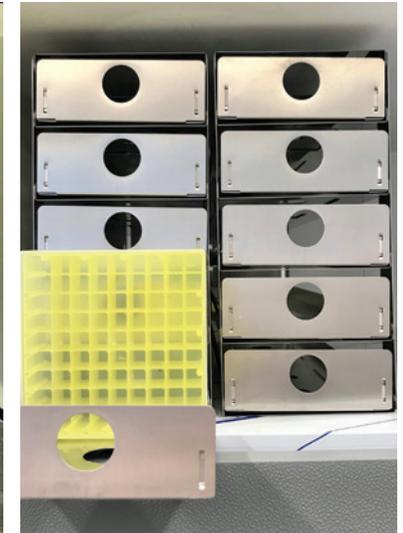
In the lab as the coffee breaks down, it is growing a prolific amount of green mould which is most likely a species of Trichoderma. Trichoderma is a fungus known to enhance plant growth and suppress certain plant pathogens.

So, while mould on the food in your fridge is not a great thing, at Neutrog, because we embrace the bugs and the natural decomposition of our inputs, this is the clearest possible sign, that everything is happening as it should!

Click [here](#) to watch a short video about the Human Beans project.



The Happy Scientist!



Each individual metal drawer can hold about 400 samples and each rack 2000 samples. The frozen bacteria and fungi are stored in small vials in these yellow trays



Mould forming on the coffee grounds

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Neutrog Site News continued

Over the past two months we have completed big and small projects around the factory and Head Office at Kanmantoo. We've installed a windsock at the top of our site which assists in our environmental management and also our fire prevention policies.

We've replaced fencing and watering systems and done a substantial amount of ground work on a new rubble pad which is where manure first arrives at the site.

The garden around the office and Uwe's lab have also had landscaping completed including planting of trees and shrubs, stone edging, paths, walls and steps.



Replaced fencing around the dam and installed a windsock



Restoration of walls and steps



Before and After transformations



Paulownia

The Paulownia trees that we chose for windbreaks and environmental management are in and as a follow up to our article about them in October, we found it interesting to discover that they are named in honour of Anna Paulowna, who was the queen consort of The Netherlands, which means it is also known as a "princess tree"!

The wood from a Paulownia tree is remarkably light and strong and is used for boat building, surfboards and making musical instruments. Reaching maturity in ten years, people have been known to say that you can literally see them grow before your eyes.

As our Paulownia become established, we are continuing to feed them [Seamungus](#).



Staff Profile - Daryl Higginson

In September this year, Daryl Higginson joined Neutrog as our National Commercial Sales Manager. In Daryl's role he works predominantly with agriculture, horticulture and viticulture businesses and suppliers. These companies use Neutrog products for the same reasons that home gardeners do, just on a much larger scale.

When working with farmers and growers on a commercial scale, do you need practical experience?

I grew up in Keith, SA around farms, which gave me my initial interest in agriculture, but I've never had a working role on a farm. I studied a Diploma of Ag Science at Roseworthy and that gave me a lot of knowledge but it was when I started work at Adelaide & Wallaroo Fertilisers, after graduating from Roseworthy, that I started to really learn.

In the past you have worked selling chemical fertilisers. What made you change to working with biologicals?

I had started to think of farmers and how their cost per hectare for inputs were always increasing, and they were achieving yield improvements with chemical fertilisers, but not significantly. So this led me to think about what areas had I not worked in, I had worked in traditional fertilisers, agricultural chemical and seed sales for me the only area left to investigate, was the soil. Which is how I ended up in the biological space.

Neutrog home gardeners are familiar with the impact that products like GOGO Juice and Seamungus have in their gardens, but what sort of results do our commercial customers see when they use them?

Farmers are financially savvy people, just like everyone else they don't like to spend money unless there is a financial gain, or improvement to be made. So when they use a Neutrog product, it's because they understand the product and the benefits it will deliver or provide to the crop, tree or vine. They can see the benefits using these products, bring to their farming programmes.

As an example, when GOGO Juice is used by potato growers the benefits can be seen as early as two weeks. Treated plants have stronger stems & larger leaves and a stronger plant with bigger leaves is a healthier plant, and therefore the plants that are treated, produce more potatoes. GOGO Juice along with the beneficial microbes it contains, also feeds & enables the soil biology to flourish, which in turn develops a symbiotic relationship with the plants.

Are there things that commercial growers do that you think home gardeners could implement or learn from?

A commercial grower obviously spends a huge amount of time amongst their crop and while that isn't practical for most home gardeners, it is important to regularly be in your garden. Even a quick walk in the morning or at night can help you to keep an eye on what's going on.



Staff Profile - Daryl Higginson continued

Commercial growers also have a year round fertilising program that supports their production during every stage. The Neutrog product range allows for you to do just that and the results are very noticeable when you are feeding plants and improving your soil across the year. One area where the rural community is focusing, which I believe can help the home gardener, is focusing more on increasing the organic carbon levels in the soil. These are scientific papers that show a 1% increase in organic carbon in the top 30 cm of soil, provides an extra 144,000 Lts / Ha of water. So in other words, "increase the soil organic carbon levels, and the soil holds more water."

The opportunity for the home gardener in using Neutrog products, is that they are high in organic matter which greatly improves the soil. They are also improving the soils ability to hold water which ultimately improves the soil profile. This allows the plants to thrive, so you get better plants and a better garden.

Before joining Neutrog, did you use any of the products in your own garden?

As I've got older, I've really begun to enjoy gardening and prior to working at Neutrog I was familiar with the products but hadn't used them. Now, I've seen first-hand the results from Sudden Impact for Lawns, GOGO Juice, Seamungus, Nincompoop, Strike Back for Orchids & Whoflungdung. I have used them all. I feed my lawns every month, a "little and often" is my strategy. I have used Whoflungdung as a mulch in my garden, because in parts of my garden it gets extremely hot & dry, especially in February. Part of my garden faces west so the Whoflungdung protects the plants roots and helps prevent the soil from drying out.

How would you describe your garden at home?

I live in the Adelaide foothills and over time my garden has evolved. I have two daughters and when they were younger it was more a place to play. Since they've got older (32 & 29) we've renovated the garden, paved the pool area, and built an outdoor deck. I have opened it up and increased the area available by about a third. Now we have flat areas of lawn surrounding the deck, with lush green lawns, & ornamental pear trees in the borders at the edge.

Finally, we notice that you've chosen a photo of your fishing to be included in the newsletter – are you a keen fisherman?

I love fishing. We are very luck here in SA, when I go to the Yorke Peninsula, we aim to fish for King George Whiting, Garfish, Mulloway, Snook, Squid & Blue Swimmer Crabs. When we are near Robe, we love to catch Cray fish.



Summer Fertilising

Summer has arrived and as always there are plenty of jobs to do in the garden. With there being different climatic zones in each state, the following will vary. If you have any queries about your region, please feel free to contact us via info@neutrog.com.au 1800 656 644 or a message through [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Neutrog's Year Round Feeding Programme can be tailored to your type of garden, lifestyle and budget. A garden which is regularly fed – at least once each season – will reward the owner with strong, vigorous and healthy plants, as well as plenty of colour and fragrance.

No.1 Gardening Tip:

Over summer ensure that you water deeply and if you've not already done so, mulch with Whoflungdung. Your garden will appreciate an application of liquid Seamungus every 2-4 weeks over summer. By doing this, your plants will cope much better with those hot summer days.

Some flowering annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, cosmos, dahlia, impatiens, lobelia, marigold, petunia, salvia and zinnia.

Some vegetables to plant now include beans, beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, eggplant, leek, lettuce, silverbeet, spinach, strawberry, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomato and zucchini.

Some herbs to plant now include basil, chilli, chives, coriander, lemon grass, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage and thyme.



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.

Year Round Fertilising

Planting - all situations

Planting all year round is possible with extra care taken during summer with regards to preparation, watering and mulching. Use ACO Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster for any new plantings. Mix some pellets through the soil – it will help alleviate transplant shock. Water in with liquid Seamungus or GOGO Juice.



Flowering plants

Including roses, buddleias, crepe myrtles, hibiscus, hydrangeas, mandevillas, poinsettias, tibouchinas & all other flowering plants.

Flowering plants will thrive with Sudden Impact for Roses. The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio makes it ideal for all flowering plants, not just roses. Apply every 8 weeks and water in with GOGO Juice to encourage a faster uptake of the nutrients by the plants, and to populate and activate the microbes in the soil. Sudden Impact for Roses liquid is also available and is recommended as a fortnightly application.



Potted fruiting and flowering plants & orchids

Including orchids, cymbidiums, dendrobiums, phalaenopsis and any flowering or fruiting plants in pots.

Potted flowering and fruiting plants will benefit from a feed of Strike Back for Orchids, which has an NPK of 8:3:10 and is boosted in trace elements – all of which are necessary for flowering or fruiting plants in pots. The only nutrition container grown plants can receive, is what they are given. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.



Non-flowering plants including lawns

Including bamboo, conifers, English box hedges, euonymous, ferns, herbs, leafy green veggies, murrayas & pittosporums.

For lawns: Apply Sudden Impact for Lawns and water in with GOGO Juice. It is suitable for all lawn types. If you have a broad bladed grass type; such as couch, kikuyu or buffalo, it is important that all fertiliser is washed off the leaves and down into the soil. For all other non-flowering plants apply Sudden Impact for Lawns each season and GOGO Juice fortnightly.



Year Round Fertilising continued

General Garden & Lawn

For those who wish to use certified organic products and/or prefer to simply use one general purpose fertiliser across your entire garden, you can use Bounce Back, Rapid Raiser, Seamungus or Rooster Booster on your garden, and Blade Runner on your lawn areas.



Natives

Including phosphorous-sensitive natives such as grevilleas, banksias and proteas.

Native plants will settle in well and grow beautifully if planted now. It's also the ideal time to feed established native plants with Bush Tucker - ideal for even the most phosphorus-sensitive plants. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.

As native plant expert Angus Stewart says, "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."



Hedges

Hedges love a fertiliser which has a higher nitrogen to potassium ratio, so during the growing season we recommend applying Sudden Impact for Lawns. Water in with GOGO Juice and continue to apply GOGO Juice every fortnight.



Acid Loving Plants

Including azaleas, blueberries, camellias, gardenias, magnolias and rhododendrons.

Acid loving plants will benefit from a feed of Kahoona - 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. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.



Veggies, Fruit & Citrus

To give your veggies, citrus and fruiting trees a boost of nutrients, now is the time to feed with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus. Citrus in particular are heavy feeders - ideally they're fed every 8 weeks. Gyganic 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 and flavour of fruit, flower and vegetable production. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.



Soil Conditioning

GOGO Juice is the best medicine to condition your soil – literally teeming with beneficial microbiology and is essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants. GOGO Juice combine the "catalytic" power of providing a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria and fungi with the well-documented benefits of applying kelp and humates.



Mulching

If you've not yet mulched, then give your garden an insulating layer of Whoflungdung, which 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 and encourages earthworms that aerate the soil and move nutrients deeper into the soil profile.

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- improves water and nutrient-holding capacity
- reduces, if not eliminates, nitrogen drawdown
- puts organic material into the soil
- regulates soil temperature
- prevents erosion from heavy rain
- improves water absorbency



Collaborations

Over the years Neutrog has collaborated with many plant societies that have trialed 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](#), [NSW Camellia Research Society](#), 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](#).

More Videos

For those that are still wanting to view more videos and may have missed or be interested, there is more:

What is GOGO Juice? - [Click to play](#)

An insight into Neutrog - [Click to play](#)

The Story of Human Beans - Grounds for Good - [Click to play](#)

South Aussie with Cosi visits Neutrog - [Click to play](#)

Lawn care tips with Graham Ross. - [Click to play](#)

Mulching with Whoflungdung with Graham Ross. - [Click to play](#)

Pruning Fruit Trees in Summer, Kim Syrus talks to Ian Tolley and Bob Edwards. - [Click to play](#)

Until Next Time

As we prepare for a short summer break, our next newsletter will be released on Monday the 18th of January. But we encourage you to still send in stories and post photos on our Facebook page.

We'd particularly like to see the things you do in your garden during summer to keep your well-loved plants happy and healthy!

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE DATES: 23-27th December 2020 Closed
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