



The Pooh Bah News

Dear Pooh Bah Club subscribers,

Welcome to our April newsletter. April is one of the busiest months in the garden whilst also being the perfect month for chocolate lovers and practical jokers. The cooler weather of autumn is also presents the perfect opportunity to get your children and grandchildren involved in the garden before winter. At the end of this newsletter we have included a small activity that we are sure the young ones will enjoy.

This month we introduce you to Mount Joy Cottage and their dahlias, catch up with Neutrog South Africa Director, Charles Bertram, and we also hear from Wilfy about his cacti and succulents. We are also taken on a tour through Auchendarroch House, and we will update you on some of the exciting things that have been happening here at Neutrog's head office in Kanmantoo.

Theres alot to enjoy in this months newsletter and we hope you enjoy reading each story. We are grateful for the feedback we have received since the March newsletter was released, and we look forward to continuing to develop this new format.

We encourage you to visit our social media pages for more news and stories, and be sure to invite your friends to join the "Pooh Bah Club" by forwarding this email so they can also enjoy this newsletter.

Happy gardening!

The Neutrog Team



Photo of the Month / Dahlias by Mount Joy Cottage

No matter the type of gardener you are, there is always room to appreciate the colourful blooms of the garden. Mount Joy Cottage always take our breath away with their beautiful displays and arrangements of dahlias, so we thought this months newsletter presented a great opportunity to share them with you.

The face behind Mount Joy Cottage is Kirsten- an incredibly inspiring and talented florist and member of the Dahlia Society of Victoria. Kirsten describes flowers and the Mount Joy Cottage garden as her 'sanctuary', where her family also help with the upkeep. Their hard work was put on display in late March when they held their very first open garden and hosted 50 members of the Dahlia Society of Victoria. The day was a success with happy and inspired guests enjoying the garden at Mount Joy Cottage.

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.

You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a variety of dahlia to grow. Their beautiful colour range and perfectly symmetrical shapes make for incredible viewing both in the garden, and out of the garden as part of bouquets.

Dahlia varieties are divided into 'flower form classes' that reflect the flower shape and characteristics of the petals. Some varieties include 'ball dahlias' that have a round shape and a spiral arrangement of curved petals, and 'decorative dahlias' that have flatter petals often with blunt ends.



[Click here to learn more about Sudden Impact for Roses](#)

Regular fertilising with Sudden Impact for Roses is beneficial when growing dahlias. You can also give them a foliar feed with liquid Sudden Impact for Roses every month. Users of Sudden Impact for Roses consistently report an increase in the number of flowers, an increase in the quality of individual blooms, continued general plant vigour and sturdy growth, and an improvement in the health of the plants, with increased resistance to fungal disease, resulting in a marked reduction in the need for preventative spraying by up to two thirds.

After many years of research and development by Neutrog in conjunction with the Rose Society of SA and a number of professional rose growers, Sudden Impact for Roses was launched in August 2001. 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.

Site News / Neutrog Update

Neutrog Road Development

A very exciting event here at Neutrog was the addition of a bitumen road for our main entrance. This is the main entry point for all of the trucks that deliver poultry manure into the factory on an almost daily basis and also for the many trucks that arrive to carry our products to stores and commercial businesses around the country. The bitumen which is nearly 20cm thick will ensure that our driveway copes with the constant traffic. And as winter approaches, we're all excited about less mud!

With a smooth bitumen driveway and lovely stone walls that will soon be the home of our new 'Neutrog' sign and our gardens continuing to flourish, we're proud of how our site continues to take shape.



Staff Lunch

At the end of each month our staff gather for a lunch cooked by 'Billy Dohnt Does'. The Neutrog team is spread across many departments that don't often have the chance to cross paths, so this is an initiative that the team hopes to progress to allow staff to catch up with each other.

The Neutrog team enjoyed some delicious chicken tenders, yiros and icecream.

Roses Bloom Again at Auchendarroch House / Article and Photos By Melanie Trimper, Rose Society of SA



Auchendarroch House is one of South Australia's most significant heritage houses located in Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills. The lovingly restored Heritage-listed Victorian mansion and renovated gardens will delight visitors now and for many years to come.

Just 35km from Adelaide, the 44-acre property was originally the site of The Oakfield Hotel, built by Lachlan McFarlane in 1860. Successful businessman and leading pastoralist Robert Barr Smith and his wife Joanna purchased the land and buildings in 1878. With characteristic vision and enterprise, Robert built a handsome 30-room country mansion around the old hotel for the family's summer residence to be used from October to April each year. Soon after completion he named the property 'Auchendarroch', a Scottish-Gaelic term meaning "holy place of the oaks".

Although most of the land was used for farming, they planted a three-acre orchard and used three acres to create beautiful gardens surrounding the house which featured spacious lawns, hedges and many shady exotic trees, including 50 oak trees. To the west there were four large rose beds and a circle of lawn surrounded by rose beds with a rose arbour in the centre.

Auchendarroch became known for warm-hearted hospitality during the long summers. Visiting family and friends participated in the garden parties and many local people shared in the entertainment. There was a full-sized croquet lawn which was probably also used as an outdoor entertainment area. The family generously shared their excess fruit and vegetables with the townsfolk.

After the passing of Robert in 1915 and Joanna in 1919, the property was sold. In 1921, it was bought by The Memorial Hospital and converted into a convalescent home which served the community and defence personnel over the next 50 years.

In 1976 the house and several parcels of land were sold off. Thankfully, many of the old trees, including the evergreen golden oak *Quercus alnifolia*, survived.

Although the house and garden had a chequered career and eventually fell into disrepair, fortunately new ownership provided a fairy-tale ending. The property captured the imagination of both Bob Wallis and his daughter, Michelle, who seized the opportunity, were inspired by the possibilities and made it their mission to buy it and painstakingly restore the 'Holy Place of the Oaks' to its former glory.

The Wallis family purchased Auchendarroch House and 5 acres of land in 2000. The Wallis name is well known to South Australians as Wallis Cinemas have been delighting audiences with entertaining movies since the business was established in 1953 by Hugh Wallis, Michelle's grandfather. Although the family-owned business faced many challenges over the years they found creative solutions and in 2020 celebrated 70 years. Today Auchendarroch House and Wallis Cinemas are run by Lorna Wallis, daughter Michelle and granddaughter Deanna.

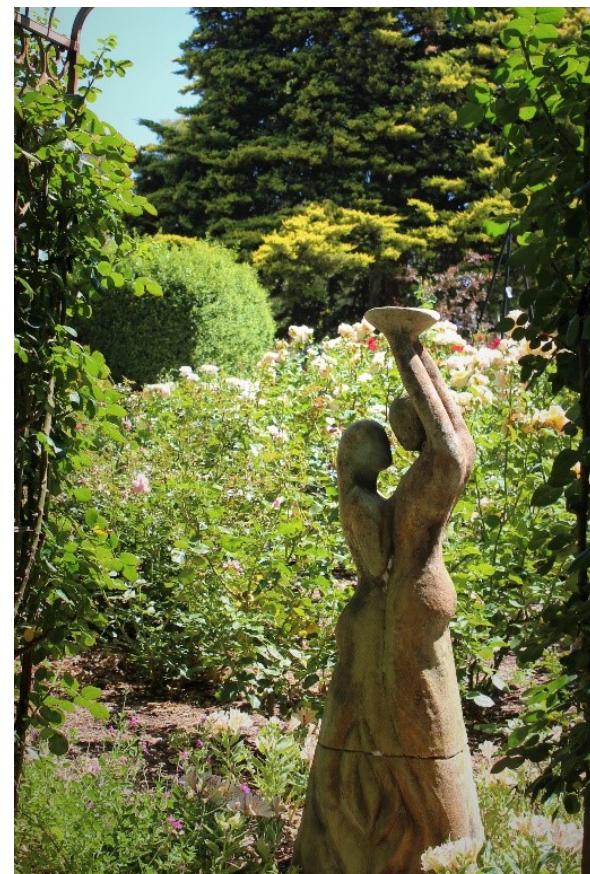
No expense was spared in faithfully restoring the rooms of Auchendarroch House which was opened in 2003. Michelle took a great interest in the décor of the house, choosing William Morris fabrics, wallpaper and curtains, light fittings and wherever possible maintaining its rich history to share with visitors.

The next challenge was re-developing the gardens with guidance from some of Adelaide's respected horticulturalists, including Trevor Nottle, Merilyn Kuchel, rose experts Kelvin and Merv Trimper and family friend Peter Wadewitz.

Roses link the gardens throughout transforming the site into a more romantic unified design. The garden design today interprets the cultural and historical importance of the property where themed gardens have links with the past, reminiscent of the people who lived and worked there.

The beautiful mature trees are complemented by camellias, bulbs and herb garden but it is the look, charm, beauty and fragrance of the numerous rose gardens which truly create a tranquil setting.

One rose garden celebrates the Wallis family, and features roses such as 'For Your Eyes Only', 'Aloha' and 'My Hero'. Michelle has become a fan of fragrant Delbard roses, bred in France, and is especially fond of 'Avignon', 'Belle Parfume', 'Blue Emotion', 'Carmagnole', 'Chartreuse de Parme' and 'Claude Monet' with plans underway to add a few more. David Austin English Shrub roses include 'William Morris', 'Abraham Darby', 'Graham Thomas' and 'The Endeavour'. These beautiful roses have thrived in these conditions and demonstrate that they are reliable, hardy and well suited to our climate.



Michelle said, "Over the years the Wallis family has had a very successful association with Neutrog", using their fertilisers including Sudden Impact for Roses to ensure optimum growth and wonderful flushes of roses throughout the growing season.

Auchendarroch House is now an elegant reception venue set amongst the magnificent Heritage-listed Oaks. You are invited to explore the award-winning gardens by taking one of the guided tours which run every Sunday from October to March. You can book a tour, a high tea and a self-guided tour of Auchendarroch House. You can also include a movie as the Wallis Cinemas are located next door and have a casual meal at the Oak & Iron Tavern which has views of the rose garden and is open all year around. Whatever the occasion, make time to head up the Freeway and visit this historical landmark.



[Click here to learn more about Auchendarroch House](#)

Wilfy's Plants / Cacti & Succulents



Wilfy from 'Wilfy's Plants' on Facebook has lived in Australia for almost 7 years, having migrated from the U.K.

When we caught up with him, he said, "When I arrived here, I didn't know anyone. I found it difficult to make friends. Then someone I met gave me a cactus and things have kind of snowballed since then. The beautiful people I have met through this hobby has been humbling. The Australian climate gives me the opportunity to grow plants I would have only ever have dreamed of back home. The plant communities have been so warm and friendly..."

"...I didn't choose this cactus life. It chose me."



Currently, Wilfy and his wife Sarah are renting while they are looking for the perfect piece of land to set up Wilfy's Botanic Gardens. This means that every one of the plants in these photos are container grown. Not only does Wilfy grow and collect cacti and succulents, but he also has a diverse range of exotics and natives including banksias, eucalyptus and brachychitons.

Having always been passionate about plants, Wilfy particularly loves anything weird and unusual. He told us, "I have a real passion for variegated and mutated plants and collect different species from all over the world. Some of my favourites are the licky banana, the dinosaur rhubarb and the titan arum."

The Icky banana is a hybrid between a *Trichocereus peruvianus* "Icaro" and *Trichocereus terscheckii* "Banana". It is a lucky mutation and is showing variegation. It was grown from seed and grafted by Wilfy.

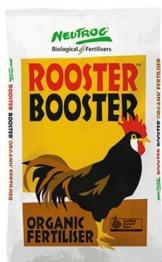
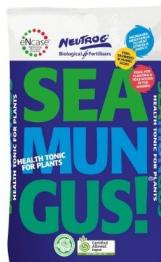
The giant rhubarb - *Gunnera manicata* are known for growing into massive plants that you can literally walk under. It loves to have its feet on the edge of riverbanks or Australian dams and they make for some very dramatic and awe-inspiring plants.

Amorphophallus titanum (The Titan Arum) has the largest unbranched inflorescence in the world, which smells like a mix of rotting flesh and sour milk. It uses the stench to attract flies and insects from far and wide to pollinate it. Hence the other common name of 'The Corpse Flower'. Goodluck to the neighbours!

Wilfy also grew the *Sulcorebutia* from seed and it is currently grafted to *Pereskiopsis spathulata* to increase its growth rate dramatically.

"I also love growing organic vegetables. I think more people around the world should grow their own. Having 20 different types of chilli plants keeps me on my toes with ways to use them and only the very brave are prepared to taste test them."

"I am a huge fan of Seamungus and Rooster Booster and I apply them to my entire garden on a regular basis which gives me amazing results. Gogo Juice is also a favourite in the garden, and I like to add that to my compost teas. In fact, there are a great number of fellow cacti and succulent enthusiasts on the various Facebook groups I am a member of that use it too, and I know how popular the Neutrog range is to many of these gardeners."



[Click here to see more of Wilfy's garden](#)



Arboretum Update / Himalayan Fig



What is most striking about this tree is the leaves, that look very different to the traditional fig leaf. What is usually a large leaf with long lobes (left), you can see the leaves of the Himalayan Fig tree are much rounder in shape (right). These trees do not require a lot of water, and will grow in most environments from the tropics to the desert as they adapt to the water that is available to them, which does consequently determine the fruit size.

Figs aren't very hungry plants, so we opt to still fertilise them regularly, but with less. Keeping to our year round fertilising program including a quarterly application of GoGo Juice ensures that the trees always have access to nutrients as soon as they need it. We're looking forward to showing you these figs when they fruit later in the year.

[Click here to learn more about the Rare Fruit Society of SA](#)

Autumn is a time of preparation in the Arboretum, like most gardens, as we get ready for the cooler months ahead. The Rare Fruit Society and our team have begun preparing the site for winter, including fertilising the fruit trees with Gyanic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus and mulching with Whoflungdung as part of our year round fertilising program. Over the coming months, we are looking forward to seeing the leaves turn shades of gold, red and orange.

Last week we spoke with Bob Edwards (pictured) from the Rare Fruit Society of SA while he was busy in the Arboretum. Bob regularly visits the site to monitor its progress, ensuring the preservation of rare fruit varieties for generations to come.

Figs are such a treasure to have in the garden, with exotic fruit that is not only tasty but full of fibre, calcium, vitamins, and minerals to keep you healthy.

What may come as a surprise however is that figs are no longer a popular or readily available fruit, which is where the Arboretum comes in. In the Arboretum we have a collection of around 20 different varieties of figs, and the one we are featuring this month is the Ficus Palmata- also known as the Himalayan Fig.



The Expert's Choice / Angus Stewart



You may have noticed on Neutrog products the term, 'The Experts' Choice'. This phrase reflects that our products have close associations with experts throughout the wide gardening and horticultural community. Some of these experts have been involved right from the very beginning, in the development of our products. Our proud association with Angus Stewart is a testament to our passion for native Australian plants and our dedicated Bush Tucker product.

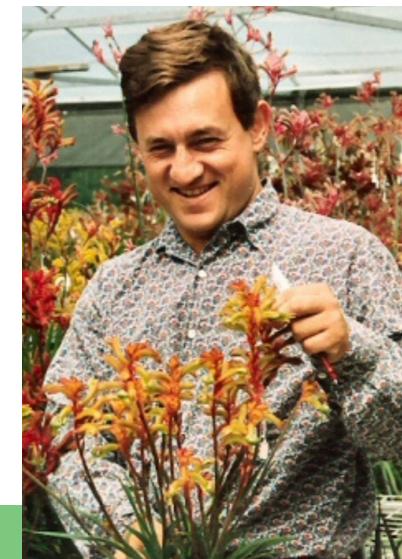
Angus grew up in country NSW in a family who loved gardening and gardens. He graduated from Sydney University with a First Class Honors Degree in Agricultural Science and Environmental Horticulture and has worked extensively in the nursery and cut flower industries ever since.

As a professional horticulturalist Angus has spent a lifetime working with and breeding Australian native plants to make them more gardener friendly. His particular passion for kangaroo paws came from his maternal grandmother but he has also released numerous other Australian plant varieties in a wide range of plant groups.

Angus has become a regular on the ABC and talk back radio throughout Australia and he became a familiar face to many as a presenter on ABC TV's Gardening Australia as well as making guest appearances on other TV programmes.

Working with Angus, and Professor Simon Leake, on the development of Bush Tucker was a great opportunity for us to mutually demonstrate that native plants - typically a variety of plant that wasn't fertilised due to their intolerance to phosphates - thrive when they are fed a product that has been specifically formulated to suit their unique characteristics. Angus' passion and experience, growing and breeding natives meant that together we developed Bush Tucker to be the first Australian native fertiliser on the market.

Since the launch of Bush Tucker, we have continued to work closely with Angus and in 2021 we're looking forward to hearing more from him. In January, Helen Lovel our resident horticulturist went to Tasmania to visit Angus, saved his life (stay tuned for that story!) and made a plan to bring you more information and stories about native plants in 2021.



"Doctor of the Dirt, Surgeon of the Soil, Professor of the Paddock."
Rampaging Roy Slaven's title for Angus Stewart.

Neutrog South Africa / Charles Bertram, Director

Neutrog has had a presence in South Africa for some 20 years and while the business differs to the operation in Australia, it is still a company that is passionate about biologically activated products that create genuine impact across a range of applications and is on track to repeat the success that has been achieved in Australia.

I started my early working life as a ranger in the Mala Mala Game reserve, adjacent to the world-famous Kruger National Park. That job was enjoyable for all the obvious reasons of the wildlife and the surroundings but also the opportunity to meet some amazing people as I escorted them around the park such as Keith Richard of the Rolling Stones, Grace Jones, Vanessa Williams and Christie Brinkley!

Prior to starting work, I finished an Environmental Science degree and this education combined with my experience in the game reserve, grew my interest in the environment and the promotion of achieving production from land through mindful inputs. A few years in the corporate environment after that and I was ready to do something for the planet and a chance meeting in 2000 with the former chairman of Neutrog Africa, Mike Groves, gave me an insight into a business that aligned with my interests and still does over twenty years later.

The Neutrog business we run in South Africa differs slightly to Australia in that we hold the licence to produce Neutrog products and we work with manufacturing partners to produce and distribute the product. This model allows us to not only explore opportunities within South Africa but other countries that make up Africa. This means that in essence Neutrog South Africa is actually quite a bit smaller than the Australian operation but with the capacity for the Neutrog brand to start spreading far and wide.

Our South African production partners are Gromor, a well-established business in KwaZulu/ Natal with a long history in compost and organic products.

The relationship began in 2018 with production commencing in October of the same year. The factory is placed in the heart of the historic Zulu Kingdom and most of the factory employees are members of the Zulu people. The factory itself sits close to the capital of KwaZulu/ Natal in Pietermaritzburg, an area that enjoys a dry warm winter and hot rainy summers. This can make the composting of the raw material (chicken manure, just the same as Neutrog Australia) a challenge particularly as the extra moisture renders it a bit more "dynamic" due to the rain!!



Like the rest of the world, the challenges that Covid presented in 2020 meant that the momentum that had grown since 2018 was disrupted, particularly with South Africa being in the top 20 countries with infections. Despite that, we were proud that production continued throughout that period and now we, along with the rest of the world, are working to get back to 'normal'.

Currently Gromor are producing Bounce Back and Blade Runner – using the same system of production as Neutrog in Australia. Most of the product goes into the home gardening market but Gromor are working on plans to expand production to accommodate the requirements commercial farming. This includes establishing manufacturing plants in both Johannesburg (Gauteng) and Cape Town (Western Cape) where they can source more manure. This will lead to a further roll out of products such as Whoflungdung, Groundcover and Seamungus.



Bounce Back is an all-purpose, highly concentrated general fertiliser for all garden plants. Certified organic by the ACO, Bounce Back is a natural product that promotes faster, healthier, sustained growth for all plants. It encourages the development of earthworm and microbial activity leading to healthy, well-structured soils and is composted and steam treated to ensure the product is pathogen and weed free.

Neutrog South Africa sponsor the Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg (South Africa's biggest cricket test venue), the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens (a world famous Botanical Gardens in Roodepoort – outside Johannesburg), the Durban Botanical Gardens, Abalimi (a township project creating small scale farms) and the South African College School (the oldest School in South Africa dating back to 1829).

In terms of where Neutrog South Africa is headed in the future, there is interest from Mauritius and Zambia so these could be future members of the Neutrog family! Sustainable agriculture is a massive "buzzword" in Africa currently and so there is a lot of interest in what Neutrog has to offer.

"I have also been responsible for creating a craft beer brand - 'Striped Horse'- which is now seen as one of South Africa's up and coming beer brands. Beer and chicken manure can go together!" - Charles Bertram

[Click here to learn more about Neutrog South Africa](#)

Different Methods of Fertilising

Fertilising is an important part of keeping a healthy and well-nourished garden, but did you know that there are different ways to apply fertiliser? With a high quality fertiliser and plenty of water on hand, you are sure to see the benefits of fertilising year round. Below we have featured some methods of fertilising that you may want to try in your own garden:



**Liquid Fertiliser
Mixed into the Soil**

Use a quality liquid fertiliser such as Seamungus, dilute the mixture with water and apply to the soil around your plants.

Liquid fertilisers are a great way to support strong root growth, and are very easy to apply.



**Pelleted Fertiliser
Over Soil**

Using a high quality pelleted fertiliser, apply on top of the soil around the base of your plant and water in well (GOGO Juice is great for this).

Pelleted fertilisers help to keep your garden fed longer, resulting in fewer applications.



**Pelleted Fertiliser
Mixed into the Soil**

Use a high quality pelleted fertiliser such as Seamungus, and mix into the soil and water in well at the time of planting.

This is a great way to prepare your soil and give new plants access to nutrients after the stress of planting.



**Folia Fertiliser
Sprayed onto Foliage**

Use a quality liquid fertiliser such as Seamungus, dilute the mixture with water and spray over the plant.

The surface of the leaves will absorb the nutrients and is the best method to use when your plant is showing nutrient deficiency symptoms.



**Crumble Fertiliser
Over Lawn**

A crumble fertiliser is typically chemically boosted like Sudden Impact for Lawns and needs water in order to break down.

Simply spread 50gm per square metre and water in well. Your lawn will receive a full range of nutrients in a slow release form.

[Click here to view Neutrog's range of fertilisers](#)

Activity / Eggsellent Seedlings

Eggcellent Seedlings are the perfect activity to encourage your children and grandchildren to get involved in the garden this autumn. This activity is ridiculously easy and the perfect way to teach children how to plant, care for and grow their own little seedlings. The instructions are as follows:

1. Collect some old egg shells to use for this activity and simply give them a good wash out first. It is more than ok to use uneven eggshells, just make sure you have at least half the shell intact.

2. Arrange your eggshells in a paper egg carton.

3. Carefully fill the eggshell with potting mix and a couple of pellets of Gyganic, add your chosen seeds and water in. Eggshells have no drainage holes, so be careful not to over water the seeds.

4. Fill a spray bottle with water, a gentle misting of water each day will be more than enough.

5. Position your eggshells back into the egg carton, place in a warm spot and watch them grow!

Once your seedlings are established, gently crack the eggshells with your fingers and plant into your garden. The eggshells will decompose and add extra nutrients to the soil and your seedling. And an added bonus, snails hate eggshells!



Year Round Fertilising Guide / Autumn

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!

Year round fertilising is not about applying more fertiliser but rather applying smaller amounts more regularly. Consider taking the quantity recommended for feeding your plants for the season and dividing it into equal parts, and apply 1 part in each month of the season.

This approach when used in autumn will allow your plants to benefit from the warm sunny days, warm soil temperature and cool dewy mornings. However, look out for those random warm days that March can bring that can still lead to heat stress in your garden. Any stressed plants would love some help to recover, so applying products rich in seaweed and organic matter like GOGO Juice or liquid Seamungus can help improve your soil's water-holding capacity and the plant's ability to recover from stress.



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 IN AUTUMN

Soils are generally still warm in March, which will help any new plants to develop roots and get a good head start on winter. More importantly, the roots they develop now will be the ones they rely on when summer comes around again, so you want them to develop well.

When planting during autumn, use 100% certified organic Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster in the bottom of the hole and then water in well with GOGO Juice.



NATIVES

Australian natives, including phosphorous-sensitive natives such as grevilleas, banksias & proteas will all enjoy being fed during the autumn. Apply Bush Tucker to your winter flowering natives and water in with GOGO Juice to promote root development.



Winter-flowering natives include heathland plants, grevillea, hakea and wattle will bring some colour to your garden and the birds and bees will love them too.

HEDGES

A hedge loves a fertiliser with a higher nitrogen to potassium ratio, so Sudden Impact for Lawns is also great for hedging plants. Water in well with GOGO Juice, which will ensure you are populating your soil with beneficial bacteria. By "embracing the bugs" with GOGO Juice, you'll be making sure that the bugs eat the organic fertiliser, which will ensure an even better result.



Sudden Impact for Lawns is an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser specifically developed for new and established lawns, along with other non-flowering plants such as palms, ferns and conifers, as well as leafy vegetables and herbs.

ACID LOVING PLANTS

Camellias, gardenias, rhododendrons, azaleas and gardenias are all acid loving plants and feeding now with Kahoona will satisfy any their nutritional requirements without altering the pH of your soil. Kahoona is an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser, specifically developed to enhance the growth and flower development of all acid loving plants. It's also great for blueberries!



The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio within Kahoona plays a crucial role in enhancing flower development in acid loving plants, 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.

Year Round Fertilising Guide / Autumn

ESTABLISHED FLOWERING PLANTS

Including roses, carnations, daisies, lavender and all other flowering plants Now is the time feed your roses and all other flowering plants (except natives) with Sudden Impact for Roses. Watering in with GOGO Juice will encourage a faster uptake of the nutrients by the plant. Pop some around your perennials too.



Sudden Impact for Roses is ideal for all flowering plants, not just roses. The balance and ratio of nutrients combined with the very best of raw materials are the secret to its success.

ESTABLISHED FLOWERING, FRUITING PLANTS AND ORCHIDS IN POTS

Including orchids and any flowering plants in pots sprinkle some Strike Back for Orchids over any potted colour this season, as it's suitable for all potted fruiting and flowering plants, not just orchids. If you do, you'll be rewarded with cascades of colour over autumn and winter.



It's exciting when your orchids really start to perform. For the best flower spikes on your orchids, we recommend fertilising with Strike Back for Orchids two months prior to when they flower – that is, if your cymbidium orchid flowers in June, then April is the best time to start feeding. You'll have healthy growth and more flower spikes, with more flower buds per spike. Strike Back for Orchids is available in a pellet form (used monthly) or the liquid form (used weekly).

ESTABLISHED NON-FLOWERING PLANTS INCLUDING LAWNS

To get that beautiful lush growth which will be the envy of all, feed and water regularly. As we move into cooler weather, you can set your mower a little lower if you wish. Fertilise with Sudden Impact for Lawns and water in with GOGO Juice; sit back and wait for the compliments!



Now is a great time to fix bare patches in your lawn. Top dress the patches with Seamungus and spread lawn seed over the area. Water it in using GOGO Juice.

VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND CITRUS

Lightly tip-prune citrus trees to encourage new growth and spread Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit and Citrus around the drip zone of the plant. Apply Gyganic again after 8 weeks.

Why not plant a citrus in a pot? You can use Gyganic on established potted plants; the application rate is a quarter of that of a ground-grown plant.

Gyganic for Veggies Fruit & Citrus is specifically developed to enhance fruit size, quality and taste. It 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.



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. GOGO Juice should be applied monthly to all garden and lawn areas.

MULCHING

Applying mulch to your garden at this time of the year will not only help prevent new weeds from growing and keep the soil temperature more constant, but it will also give your plants a gentle nutrient boost.

Whoflungdung is a biologically activated, nutrient rich, weed free, absorbent, super mulch. It's 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. Most significantly, Whoflungdung reduces, if not eliminates, the nitrogen draw-down which is often reflected in plants after mulch has been applied.

More From Neutrog / Find out more!



In addition to our newsletter there are plenty of ways to keep in touch with us or to find out more. Below you will find link buttons to our Neutrog TV page (which is hosted by YouTube) where you can find a range of video's as well as copies of Dr Uwe's weekly chats with Graham Ross.

On Facebook we regularly post gardening tips, stories from gardeners who use Neutrog products to stunning effect, like Mount Joy Cottage who use Whoflungdung to grow the dahlias you see in the image above. We also feature staff news and videos from around the site. If you visit the page, make sure you click Like and Follow to ensure you keep seeing all the updates.

We hope that you have a great month and use this time to prepare your garden for the cooler months ahead.

See you in May!

The Neutrog Team

Our Partners

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 (click on a logo to head to their website):



and The Orchid Club of South Australia.

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 pages regularly...why not join us there?

