



The Pooh Bah News



Dear Pooh Bah Club subscribers,

As we reach the middle of the winter season, early bulbs such as jonquils will begin to emerge and flower. Their scent takes centre stage during winter, along with a variety of other winter flowering plants that are known to produce beautiful fragrance, like Daphne odora and Wintersweet.

There are plenty of jobs to tend to in the garden this month including pruning your roses and fruit trees, and applying mulch. Mulching your garden this time of year will help to regulate soil temperature and nutrient holding capacity, among many other benefits which we discuss in this newsletter with Neutrog's R&D Manager, Dr. Uwe Stroehler.

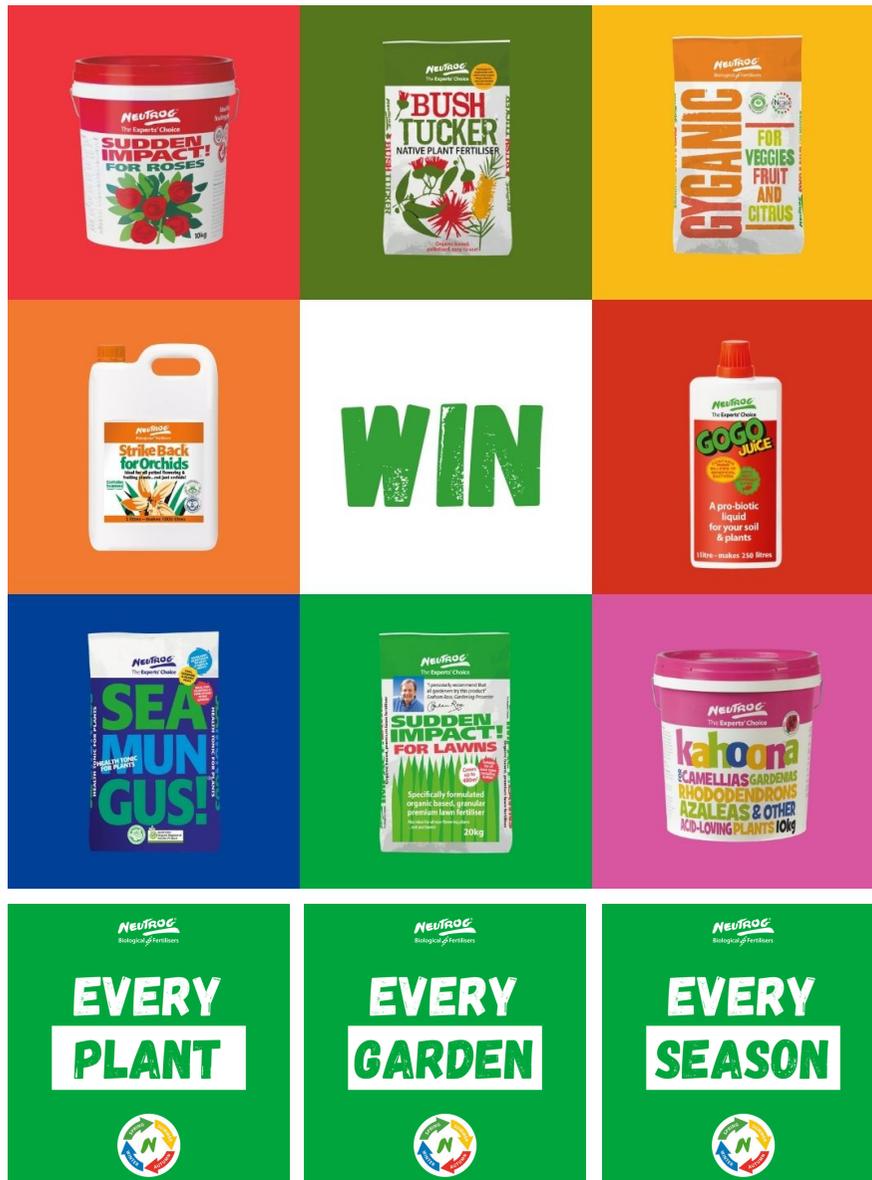
In this edition we also answer a readers request for a feature on peonies, we explore a garden called 'Elegans' with Bill Fleming from the NSW Camellia Research Society, and take a journey down memory lane back to when the Prince Charles visited Kilkenny Primary School and had a chat over some Rocket Fuel.

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 monthly newsletter.

Happy gardening!
The Neutrog Team



WIN / Every Plant, Every Garden, Every Season



At Neutrog we are passionate about year-round fertilising for every plant, in every garden and every season. That is why we are giving you the chance to WIN winter fertilising packs!

Like humans and animals, plants require regular 'feeding' throughout the year to grow to their full potential. Happy and healthy plants are less likely to get sick and become affected by heat, frost, pests or diseases, which is bound to make you a happier gardener too!

Year-round fertilising is not about applying more fertiliser but rather applying smaller amounts more often.

While spring and autumn are the more recognised times to fertilise the garden, summer and winter are just as important. There may be no dramatic plant growth on the surface during winter, but there is still plenty going on below the ground. Fertilising your garden during winter will provide your plants with a head start for spring.

Entering is easy! Simply follow the steps below to put your name in the draw:

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Photo of the Month / Peonies by Kerrie, NSW



Pooh Bah Club member Kerrie from New South Wales sent us this message after reading the June edition of the Pooh Bah News:

Hello,

I have just read the June newsletter and learn more interesting garden facts. However, you list so many wonderful plants that benefit from Neutrog but never talk about peonies. I use many of your products to great result in my cold climate garden but not too sure what to do with my peonies. There are may of us who love growing these plants, but it is also a plant that is shrouded in mystery. So much written about them is for the UK and USA gardeners but very little for Australia. Our soil conditions are different.

Could we have an article on peonies?

Many thanks for a great newsletter each month & keeping me out in the garden.

Kerrie

Thank you for your wonderful message Kerrie. Here you are:

Stunningly beautiful peonies are treasured by many, and we agree with Kerrie; can be “shrouded in mystery”. One of their common names is peony rose, but they are not a rose at all; it's simply that their flowers remind us of big blowsy old fashioned roses. There are a few things which are crucial to successfully growing them. They are a cold climate plant and therefore do well in Victoria, Tasmania, and any area with a cold winter. Cold weather is necessary to stimulate flower buds. The most commonly grown peonies are the herbaceous varieties which die back in autumn, but also available are the tree peonies which are deciduous.

The herbaceous varieties are available during autumn from your garden centre. They are purchased as a crown which has a few “eyes” on it, which are the growth points. Occasionally you may find them flowering in pots during spring. A PH neutral soil is ideal for the herbaceous varieties, whereas the tree varieties like the soil slightly alkaline. When digging the hole for a tree peony, incorporate some dolomite lime throughout. Peonies must have a well-prepared soil with plenty of organic matter incorporated throughout and Seamungus is perfect for this. Don't dig the hole too large. The crown should be positioned not far below the surface of the soil. Plant in a sunny spot which is protected from the wind, or if the summer in your region is particularly hot a slightly dappled sunlight position would be better for both the herbaceous and tree peonies. Keep moist until established but be careful not to overwater as well. Whenever you do need to water, apply Gogo Juice. This will populate your soils with beneficial bacteria which is so important to growing all plants well.



In late winter apply an application of Sudden Impact for Roses to encourage flowers. Be mindful though, that these beauties can take time to flower. They need to really settle in and develop into a strong, vigorous plant. Once they have finished flowering, dead head your plants and apply Sudden Impact for Roses again, and again at a further eight weeks. Do take note of where they have been planted too, because once they have died down you wouldn't want to accidentally dig or cut through the crown. One thing which peonies are especially fussy about is not being disturbed at all. Over summer give them a good deep drink as required – again without overwatering and mulch with Whoflungdung.

If your preference is for a plant which doesn't die down, then the tree peony could be for you, and these are available in pots during spring and summer. Plant these as you would any container grown plant following the same soil preparation, with the addition of the dolomite lime.



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.



The magnificent plants and flowers in these images have been grown by Kerrie and her choice of fertiliser for them is Sudden Impact for Roses. "I just adore these plants. They look wonderful in the garden and picked for inside display", Kerrie was telling us.



"I'm not sure of the names of some of them, because our Labradors are very good supervisors, but not too great with plastic pots and labels. They've been eaten!"

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

A New Tank for GOGO Juice

We are excited by the recent arrival & subsequent commissioning of the first of a series of new purpose built 10,000 litre stainless steel brewing tanks. It is a far cry from the 20-litre home brewing beer kit that held the first ever batch of GOGO Juice some 15 years ago! Furthermore, it is a considerable step up again from the extended series of 5000 & 6000 litre tanks we currently brew in.

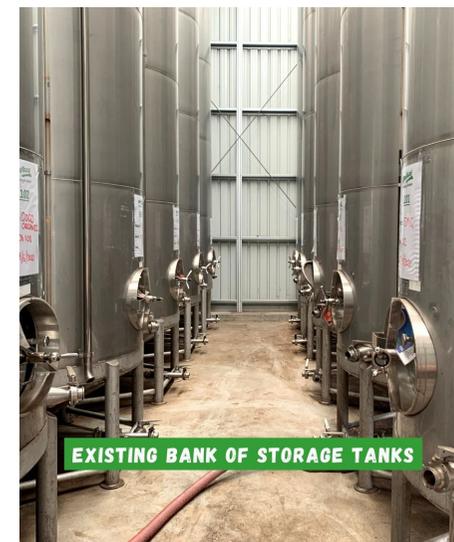
We are hoping that the extra capacity that these new brew tanks provide will allow us to utilise the bank of stainless steel storage tanks we installed over 12 months ago—demand for our brewed liquid biological products such as GOGO Juice has been so strong in both the professional commercial & home gardens markets that we are struggling to keep up.

GOGO Juice is literally teeming with beneficial micro-biology and essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants, GOGO Juice combines the “catalytic” power of providing a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria and fungi with the well documented benefits of applying kelp and humates. Applications of GOGO Juice provide a huge boost of the living micro-biology necessary for your soil and plants to perform at their optimum level, increasing their ability to resist pest and disease and to withstand &/or recover from, heat stress and frost.

[Click here to learn more about GOGO Juice.](#)



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EXISTING BANK OF STORAGE TANKS



EXISTING BREW TANKS



NEW 10,000 LITRE TANK

A Staff Lunch Fiesta!

The rain and wind failed to dampen the day of our staff lunch, where a simple location change from our front garden to our warehouse allowed the event to seamlessly go ahead.

Racks of Neutrog products made for an impressive backdrop as the staff enjoyed a fiesta prepared by Billy Dohnt Does complete with tacos, nachos, corn on the cob, chicken, fries, and finishing off with doughnut bites.



Welcoming Jennifer, Juhee and Julie to Neutrog



In July we warmly welcomed a number of new staff members to the Neutrog team, including **Jennifer Hughes**.

Jennifer will be joining our office staff in the role of Executive Assistant to the Managing Director. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge from a government background, as well as a passion for organisation and management.



As Neutrog's new Research Assistant, Juhee will be working closely with R&D Manager, Dr. Uwe Stroehler, to assist with research projects in the lab.

Juhee completed a Master of Biotechnology in Gujarat, India, before moving to Australia in 2019, completing a Master of Biotechnology (Biomedical) at the University of Adelaide.

Fascinated with the steps that Neutrog have taken in R&D and microbiology, Juhee is excited to work alongside Dr. Uwe to continue our research to benefit gardeners and farmers.



Neutrog is pleased to welcome **Julie Walker** as our new Area Manager for Victoria and Southern New South Wales, including Sydney.

Julie is based near Albury-Wodonga and will be looking after our commercial customers in these regions and working closely with our Sales team.

Winter Fertilising / Potted Plants



Our regular readers will know that we are advocates of a Year-Round Fertilising Program in the garden. Your potted plants also thrive with regular feeding.

While specifically developed for orchids, Strike Back for Orchids is perfect to feed all your potted fruiting and flowering plants, including indoor plants, begonias, clivias and fuchsias.

All potted plants require care with a regular watering and fertilising routine. Regular application of a slow-release, organic fertiliser like Strike Back for Orchids is essential, since they have a restricted area of soil from which to draw nutrients and moisture. Some potting mixes may already have fertiliser in them, however this will only last a few months. Using a biological fertiliser like Strike Back for Orchids will keep your potted plants fed, allowing them to thrive.

Strike Back for Orchids can be applied to all potted plants fortnightly with the liquid formula and monthly with the pellets.

Strike Back for Orchids is available in pellet and liquid form. It is an organic-based, chemically-boosted fertiliser specifically developed to enhance the growth and flower development of orchids, and 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.

Whilst Strike Back for Orchids can be applied throughout the year, the lower nitrogen to potassium ratio has been specifically designed to enhance the flowering process and hence Strike Back for Orchids should be applied at least from February to October each year – Seamungus can be applied for the remainder of the time, November through to January.

Strike Back for Orchids is recommended and endorsed by @The Orchid Club of South Australia Inc, the @Orchid Society of Western Australia, the @Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia, the @Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc., the @Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria and the Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA.



[Click here to learn more about Strike Back for Orchids.](#)

Product Profile / Whoflungdung

Whoflungdung is no ordinary mulch - it is a biologically activated, nutrient rich, weed free, and absorbent supermulch! It's composted, activated by eNcase and filled with nutrients that when added to soil introduces a wide variety of good bacteria to provide healthy growth and reduce weeds.

Remarkably, Whoflungdung came into existence as a way to manage the 'waste' product from a 'waste' product.

Our chicken farmers had introduced additional bedding in the form of straw and wood shavings into their chicken sheds to increase the health and well being of their chickens. While the chickens loved the new environment, it meant that when we came in to remove all the 'waste' from a shed there was more bulk than had been there previously.



Before our composted manure is pelletised, we screen it to remove any bulky pieces that can't go through our pelleting press. With the chicken's new bedding, the amount of bulky composted manure that was getting screened out increased and was just going to waste.

That was until our MD looked at it from a different perspective. This 'waste' contained a fantastically diverse blend of composted chicken manure, straw and wood shavings. It had the benefit of being inoculated with eNcase and so had all the ingredients and potential to be a very unique and effective mulch.

From there it was into the R&D lab and then trials both on our site at Kanmantoo and on the Rymill Park roses through the Adelaide City Council, proved it was something special.

The name, (which we get asked about a lot!) also came from our MD and is a very catchy, very factual statement for how our supermulch is manufactured. The 'dung' gets quite literally 'flung' out a chute from the screener.

Since its introduction, Whoflungdung has grown to be one of our biggest sellers.



Whoflungdung can be applied to your garden in any season, but winter is a particularly good time.

Spreading over damp soil will help to retain the moisture and also regulate soil temperature.

As winter rain events occur a garden that has not been mulched can sustain run off of top soil. A garden that has been mulched with Whoflungdung, will capture and retain the moisture and as it washes through the mulch the nutrients will flow through into the soil enhancing its biological activity.

This winter mulching also means that as the temperature rises and your plants begin to burst into life, not only will they not be competing with the flush of spring weeds, but they will already have a reservoir of nutrients to draw upon.

"Mulch typically comes in two main forms such as inorganic (rocks and pebbles), and organic (wood chips, straw, green waste). Whilst rocks and pebbles reduce erosion, they won't improve your soil and can actually retain heat in the warmer months.

Wood chips, straw and green waste mulches can work, however their high carbon to nitrogen ratio results in nitrogen being drawn out of the soil and deprives your plants." — Dr Uwe Stroehler



DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Dampen soil and apply a uniform layer of Whoflungdung at 25mm to 100mm deep to cover soil.

Remember to leave a 50mm to 100mm gap around the base of any plants, trees or shrubs.

[Click here to learn more about Whoflungdung.](#)





We recently hosted a site tour of Neutrog's operation by many staff and supporters of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium. During the tour Dr. Uwe gave an overview of the work he is currently undertaking in the lab, our commercial division, explored the way that Neutrog is working with commercial producers on a large scale and through a bus trip around the site, we were able to give a detailed view of our full production process, from raw manure, through to ready to use mulch, pelleted product and liquids.

The Adelaide Botanic Garden has been successfully using, trying and testing Neutrog's range of biological fertilisers for over 25 years.



Dr. Uwe Stroehler and Andy Hart collecting soil samples for the soil remediation project.



Juhee Hada, Research Assistant, Neutrog with Matt in the glasshouse at Mt Lofty Botanic Garden for the leachate pot trial on lettuce.



An 8 week trial of Neutrog's new Advanced Biological Formula is already underway, specifically looking at enhanced growth and disease suppression.

The visit was highlighted by the signing of a further 3 year Partnership Agreement by Director of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, Dr Lucy Sutherland and Neutrog Managing Director, Angus Irwin. The Partnership Agreement includes specific provisions for establishing a number of Research & Development projects, the status of which will be reported and shared on a quarterly basis. Three R&D projects have already commenced including:

- Soil remediation in the Adelaide Botanic Garden (using GOGO Juice and Whoflungdung);
- a trial of our Strike Back for Orchids 'Advanced Biological Formula' in the Amazon Waterlily Pavilion and;
- a replicated pot trial at Mt Lofty Botanic Garden testing the impact of various biological formulations (including GOGO Juice) in reducing the quantity of nutrient leachates.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the entire team at the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium sharing news of the projects we embark on.

[Click here to learn more about the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.](#)

A Garden Called 'Elegans' / by Bill Fleming from the NSW Camellia Research Society



In 1976 I purchased a vacant 5-acre block at Galston, north-west of Sydney, with the long term intention of creating a large garden. I had only a hazy idea of the form it would ultimately take, and hardly knew what a camellia was. Forty years later it is an established garden with thousands of plants which include more than 300 camellias. The property was a “gardening weekender” for many years, so when I moved here to live about 20 years ago there was an established garden which included camellias as a major feature.

Galston is part of the “Hills District” of Sydney and is a semi-rural area. The garden has a good, moderately heavy, shale based acidic soil, with a few winter frosts and summer temperatures usually ranging up to about 38°C, but occasionally much higher. I had no formal training in horticulture (I was a chemistry teacher by profession), just a strong enthusiasm for growing things and a vague dream of creating my own botanical garden.

The style of the garden is informal, naturalistic, park-like. There are no straight lines. Paths meander off in all directions, and with the passage of time many are like green tunnels, with something different around each corner. This is very much a collector’s garden. A feature of the garden are numerous deciduous trees, including about 50 Japanese maples, and robinias, elms, ashes, gleditsias, malus, liquidambar, magnolias and many more. These provide interesting seasonal variation in the garden as well as supplying protective shade in summer for camellias and a host of ferns, bromeliads, begonias and assorted small shrubs and perennials.

Camellias are a feature throughout the garden, some grouped together, others scattered amongst other shrubs. One of the things I like best about them is that they are attractive for twelve months of the year, (unlike roses for example) and so provide an excellent background for other plants. During the early years of developing the garden a wide range of plants of all types were tried, with varying degrees of success, and I soon found that camellias were very hardy and trouble free. So more and more camellias were added.

I've been very impressed with Neutrog's Kahoona for acid loving plants, which provides strong healthy growth and plenty of flowers. One of my important principles in gardening is to try lots of different types of plants, but to learn from the process of natural selection! Go with the successes!

During the last 20 years my garden has been opened to the public many times, for the Galston Garden Club open days, for the Australian Open Gardens Scheme, for the National Trust, and for numerous Garden Club visits. These have totalled up to many thousands of visitors. Opening up your garden is something I would recommend to anyone who is proud of their garden; as it focuses your mind remarkably and makes you get on the with the jobs you have been putting off for ages, as well as giving a lot of pleasure to both the visitors and the owner.

A number of years ago, I joined the NSW Camellia Research Society and have enjoyed the inspiration of meeting regularly with fellow camellia lovers. Again, this is something I would encourage anyone who loves their garden to consider joining their local garden club.

If you'd like to visit Bill's beautiful garden, Elegans, it will be open to the public as part of the Galston Garden Club Open Gardens Weekend on October 14, 16, 17 2021. 21 Fishburns Road, Galston NSW. For details see the www.galstongardenclub.com.au

[Click here to learn more about the NSW Camellia Research Society.](#)



Smashing It! / Ted Angoves and his Avos



Ted Angove and his team in Waikerie have been "smashing it" (pun completely intended) with their avocado yield with a noticeable increase in size of their fruit against the average.

"Due to their size, I'm getting a full bin of fruit with just 1200-1400 avocados, whereas you'd normally expect to need 1800-2000 to fill a bin." — Ted Angove

Ted has been growing Avocados for over 20 years in the Waikerie district and has approximately 2 hectares of Hass and Zutano varieties. He bands 2 tonne per hectare of Rapid Raiser 3 times per year under the trees in autumn, winter & spring.

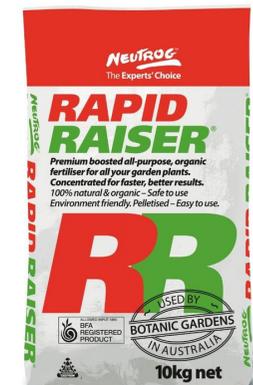
A specially formulated highly concentrated natural product, Rapid Raiser promotes faster, healthier, sustained growth for all plants, while encouraging the development of earthworm and microbial activity leading to healthy, well-structured soils.

Rapid Raiser is composted, and steam treated, and then pelletised for cleaner and easier handling. These processes also stabilize the nutrients, maximize nutrient availability and ensure it is free of any parasites, pathogens, and weed seeds. Most importantly, the resultant product retains the microbiology necessary to provide a 'living' fertiliser.

Neutrog Rapid Raiser is widely used across a range of agricultural, horticultural, and viticultural applications.



[Click here to learn more about Rapid raiser](#)



Ashton Valley Fresh / A Visit to the Apple Orchards



We recently visited this awesome Australian owned, family business. Ashton Valley Fresh produced its first batch of fruit juice back in 2008 and boasts a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility with a focus on sustainability.

Ashton Valley Fresh forms part of the wider Ceravolo Orchards business, which is run by brothers Tony and Joe Ceravolo and their respective wives Sandra and Anna. The orchards span over 300 hectares and consist of 7 orchards across the Adelaide Hills.

Ceravolo Orchards grow more than 10 varieties of apples, 4 different pears, 30 varieties of cherries and own a strawberry field in Myponga. The origins of the Ceravolo Orchards business go back to the 1950's when Joe and Tony's grandfather, Antonio Ceravolo moved from Calabria, Italy to the Adelaide Hills. In 1957 the family were able to purchase their own property in Ashton, known today as Valle di Sant'Antonio, which is still the heart of the family business operating there today.

Our thanks to Joe and Joseph for being so generous with their time in sharing their passion for & knowledge of, the Ashton Valley Fresh business.



[Click here to learn more about Ashton Valley Fresh.](#)





During their visit to Australia back in 2012, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall visited Kilkenny Primary School in Adelaide's inner west to see what the children had been achieving in their kitchen garden.

The school garden was bursting with fresh organic produce when the royals visited and the kids were similarly bursting with pride. The school was part of a growing trend, educating children about the art of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh food as part of their kitchen garden program. Proud parents and teachers of the children involved observed improvements in their overall health, schoolwork and behaviour as a result of being involved with these programs.

The Royal couple were impressed by the garden, asking plenty of questions of the children and commenting on how healthy the garden looked.

Prince Charles and Camilla were taken on a tour of the gardens, hothouse, chicken house, worm farm and composting area and stopped at a fire pit where an Aboriginal couple had cooked barramundi. They were treated to a lunch prepared by the children with broccoli and kale fritters, salad, risotto, home-made pizza and silverbeet and potato pasties all featured on the menu. Prince Charles described the risotto as "frightfully good" and suggested they could "start a restaurant". Camilla was also impressed saying it was "the best she'd ever had".

Neville Humphrys, Kitchen Garden Coordinator for Kilkenny Primary School, explained to Prince Charles over a bag of Neutrog's Rocket Fuel, how partners have been integral to kitchen garden programs in schools being viable.

School Holiday Activity / Gumboot Planters



Gumboot planters are the perfect school holiday activity for parents and grandparents, especially with increased Covid restrictions putting a pause on travel.

Creating alternative plant pots like these gumboot planters is a great way for children to get their hands dirty while discovering the art of sustainable gardening. Old gumboots that no longer fit children's growing feet work for this activity, but you can also get creative with other recycled items such as tires or newspapers moulded into pots.

You could showcase a range of bright flowers in these planters, or herbs for a small transportable kitchen garden. We look forward to seeing your creative ideas.



For this activity you will need:

- Old gumboots
- A hammer & a nail
- Potting mix
- A spade
- A selection of plants or seedlings
- Watering can and access to water
- GOGO Juice

Follow these steps to make your gumboot planter:

1. At the bottom of each boot, make 3-4 holes for drainage. This will need to be done by an adult, as the bottom of the boots can be quite tough. Carefully use a hammer and a nail to make these holes.
2. Using the spade (or little hands!), half fill the gum boot with potting mix.
3. Carefully place your chosen plant into the boot, then cover with potting mix to keep it in place.
4. If you are using seedlings, fill the gumboot with potting mix then make a small hole with your fingers. Place your seeds into the hole then cover with potting mix.
5. In a 9 litre watering can, dilute 1 capful of GOGO Juice and use the mixture to water your gumboot plants. This mixture can also be used over the rest of your garden.
6. Place the gumboot planter in an area that receives a good amount on sunlight. Alternatively you can attach them to a fence or a door for a nifty little decoration.

Year Round Fertilising Guide / Winter

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.

At this time of year when there's not much happening above ground, we recommend applying Seamungus to your entire garden (there's still plenty happening below the ground). There are numerous benefits for doing this - Seamungus contains natural plant growth hormones which encourage strong root development (resulting in a greater root surface area for plants to take up nutrients), it encourages beneficial bacteria to populate and stimulate activity in the soil, and the seaweed component helps strengthen plant cell walls to cope with winter stress - particularly frost.



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 WINTER

Winter is the perfect time for planting! Use Seamungus, Rapid Raiser or Rooster Booster for any new plantings. Make sure the hole is at least twice the size of the root ball. Throw some pellets into the hole and mix through the soil, and water in with liquid Seamungus or GOGO Juice.



NATIVES

Established Australian natives, including phosphorous-sensitive natives such as grevilleas, banksias & non-natives in the Proteaceae family will all enjoy being fed during the winter.

There are some gorgeous grevilleas, acacias and hakeas to choose from now - your local nursery has an ever-increasing range of these beauties.



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. In winter however, it's best to apply Seamungus, watered in with GOGO Juice. This will ensure great growth when spring arrives.



Once it is released, our new product 'BANG BANG for Hedges' will be recommended for fertilising your hedges.

ACID LOVING PLANTS

Now is the time to feed azaleas, magnolias, rhododendrons and blueberries with Kahoona, as they are either in bud or coming into bud over the coming weeks. 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. All other acid loving plants such as camellias, daphne & gardenias will benefit from an application of Seamungus now, and followed up with Kahoona in spring.



Year Round Fertilising Guide / Winter

ESTABLISHED FLOWERING PLANTS

Now is the time to give your flowering plants (including roses, carnations, daisies, lavender and all other flowering plants) their winter feed of Seamungus before spring arrives. It will give them a boost when weather warms up. Make sure you water in well with GOGO Juice to activate the microbes in the soil.



ESTABLISHED FLOWERING, FRUITING PLANTS AND ORCHIDS IN POTS

Sprinkle some Strike Back for Orchids over any plants in pots that flower in winter, such as begonias and hellebores. For your plants in pots that don't flower in winter such as fuchsias, they will appreciate a feed of Seamungus.



Many Cymbidium orchids are setting flower spikes now. Begin to feed 2 months prior to flowering and continue to do so whilst they're in flower. The pelleted version is used monthly and the liquid fortnightly.

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.

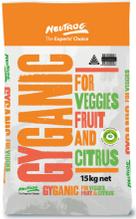
VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND CITRUS

Some winter vegetables that grow well in drier parts of Australia include broad beans, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, peas, potatoes, garlic and spinach.

An application of Seamungus will give your veggies and herbs a great start. You can also incorporate Gyganic for Veggies Fruit & Citrus throughout the soil at planting. Cover the treated area with fresh untreated soil and allow the roots to grow down into the fertiliser. Apply Gyganic for Veggies Fruit & Citrus every 8 weeks and GOGO Juice fortnightly.

Winter is a perfect time to be selecting fruit trees for your garden. There are so many available including dwarf varieties which are ideal in large pots. At planting time, dig the soil to a depth 1 and 1/2 times the depth and twice the width of the pot or root ball of the tree you have chosen.

Dig plenty of organic matter through the soil. Rapid Raiser and Seamungus are perfect for this. Keep them well watered once they start to leaf up. Water in with GOGO Juice and apply monthly thereafter.



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



MULCHING

There are numerous benefits of applying Whoflungdung during winter, such as:

- It introduces a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria.
- Beneficial bacteria act as a deterrent to pathogenic bacteria.
- Weed suppression.
- Moisture retention.
- Encourages earthworms that aerate the soil and move nutrients deeper in the soil profile.
- 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 absorbancy.



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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 and Instagram we regularly post gardening tips, stories from gardeners who use Neutrog products to stunning effect, like Kerrie and her peonies. 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.

Next month we will be visiting an incredibly unique hedge with John Flens, looking back at a beautiful trip to Beijing and we will provide you with all the tips you need to prepare for spring.

See you in August!

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?

