



# The Pooh Bah News



Dear Pooh Bah Club subscribers,

September is bound to be a beautiful month as we welcome the fresh air and the gentle sun of spring. Fresh seedlings will begin to sprout, spring bulbs are ready to burst with colour and fragrance and trees are continuing to show off their blossoms. With warmer conditions on their way, now is the time to purchase summer-flowering bulbs and seeds and enjoy some spring planting, clean out the flower beds, try to eliminate any pesky pests and most importantly- it is time to give your plants a feed.

Spring conditions also bring frost, posing a threat for your plants. On still nights the cold air settles to the ground and as the temperature drops below freezing point, any water in or on the plant freezes. Frost damage can be avoided with good nutrition to boost your plant's natural resistance, along with a thick blanket of Whoflungdung to mulch.

While we take a look at the many gardening tasks to be done in September, we have also featured stories from some passionate gardeners such as Walter & Kay Duncan, and 'Master Hedgeman' John Flens. We also get to know the Warrnambool East Primary School Kitchen Garden and stop by the Rare Fruit Arboretum to view the peach blossoms and learn about scion cutting with members of the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia.

We encourage you to visit our Facebook and Instagram 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 / Giant is their middle name!



In August we were contacted by a member of our Facebook community who was excited to find an enormous 6.5kg sweet potato which had grown in just a 290mm pot! Neutrog love a good gardening story (especially when there are giant veggies involved) and were eager to find out more.

Reid Morris is an organic home gardener from Toowoomba QLD, who recently sent in these photos of his giant sweet potato harvest. After planting in a 290mm pot, Reid intended to replot the sweet potato into something bigger but simply never got around to it. This didn't hinder the growing process one bit, resulting in a giant 6.5kg sweet potato!

A keen user of Neutrog biological fertilisers, Reid adds GOGO Juice, Seamungus, Whoflungdung and Rooster Booster alongside other organic inputs on all of his plants, including his sweet potatoes. With Seamungus enriched soil and regular applications of GOGO Juice, Reid is giving his plants the best chance of strong root development and healthy growth.

**"I'm going to put it down to a good soil mix and quality biological fertilisers like Neutrog's range. Neutrog products have always been a big part of my experimenting and research and that will only continue given the amazing results." said Reid.**

Amazed at the size of Reid's sweet potato, we were interested to see if the rest of our community had grown some giants of their own. With a nutrient rich, active soil and regular feeding, you will be amazed at the results that can be achieved in the garden.



Reid holding his giant find.



6.5kgs on the dot!



Matt, NSW



Leah, QLD



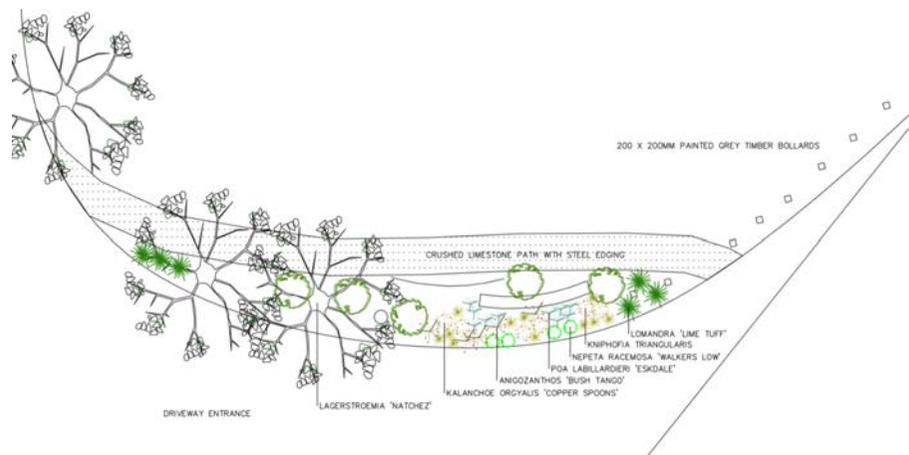
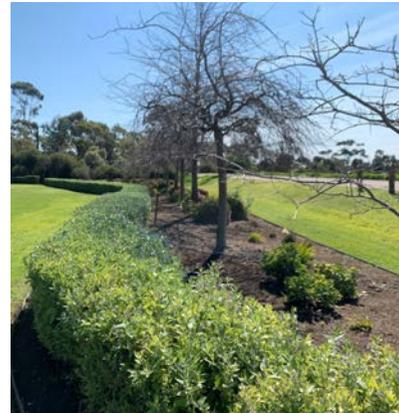
Hannah, NSW

## Garden Update: New Plantings at the Kanmantoo Factory

The front garden at Neutrog's factory at Kanmantoo is continuing to take shape as we continue the redevelopment of the site's entrance.

The team from Adelaide & Hills Lawns & Gardens have been working hard over the last few months to bring the designs prepared by Catnik Design Studio to life. In addition to the bluestone walls that were beautifully built earlier in the year, the team have added steel edging around the gardens and hardwood bollards lining the road and have also prepared new garden beds complete with irrigation, new plants and mulching with Whoflungdung.

Included in the recent plantings surrounding the bluestone walls are a beautiful range of Kangaroo Paws, Botany Bay Trees, Licorice Plants, Copper Spoons, Dwarf Red Hot Pokers, Crepe Myrtle Whites, Matt Rush, Dwarf Catmints, and New Zealand Blue Grass.



The garden work happening at the front of the factory are part of a larger project to rejuvenate the Neutrog site. New plantings have also been added alongside the weighbridge and the adjacent detention basin, providing a fresh new scene for visiting trucks making deliveries and picking up product to transport to stores around the country.

The lawn and surrounding hedges in front of Neutrog's head office building have also benefitted from regular attention and feeding with Sudden Impact for Lawns, with the lush, green results speaking for themselves.



**Schools and vegetable gardens really do make the perfect pair. Children of schools with kitchen garden programs have the opportunity to learn the skill of gardening, while also experiencing the nutritious end results back in the kitchen. Kitchen garden programs serve an important purpose in the schoolyard, and Warrnambool East Primary School is a perfect demonstration of what hard work can achieve in the garden and in the classroom. Allesha Gardner has recently taken on the role of School Kitchen Garden Coordinator and has continued to build on the hard work started by volunteers, Heather and Di.**

After many years of neglect, the garden at Warrnambool East Primary School was re-established in 2018. The goal was to link the garden back into the curriculum for students in years 3 & 4, to engage the students and provide hands-on learning. Sharing the efforts, Heather, Di and members of the school community including Jimmy (school gardener), Jodie (well-being teacher) and Rebecca (classroom teacher) came together and began establishing the garden again.

Volunteers along with help from the school gardener, Jimmy, well-being teacher Jodie Carey and classroom teacher Rebecca Etherton, came together and began establishing the garden again.

The first challenge faced by the team was the clean-up of the garden space, which was once a playground area with sand covering the ground. Once the area was tidied and workable, the team installed one large garden bed. "The school applied for a number of grants and Heather and Di were able to source donations of equipment, plants and fertilisers from the local community" says Allesha. "Without the help of Heather and Di, the program wouldn't be where it is today. Volunteers rock!"

With the gardens and initial infrastructure in place, the students were able to begin their classes which ran for one hour each week over a period of six weeks. Students could get their hands dirty and participate in a variety of garden tasks such as composting, pest control, planting, harvesting, maintenance, garden art activities, seed saving and tending to the herb and food forest gardens. The program concludes with the students cooking and sharing a luncheon with the teachers and volunteers utilising the fresh produce from the garden.

The school certainly aren't short on the variety of what they grow. "During the spring and summer, we grow beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis, pumpkins, chillies, capsicums, corn and carrots. In autumn and winter, we grow broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, onions, leeks, garlic, broad beans, peas, rocket, spinach and bok choy. Year round we grow lettuce, spring onions, beetroot, rhubarb, and herbs. We also have young orange, mandarin, lemon, apple, peach and nectarine trees."

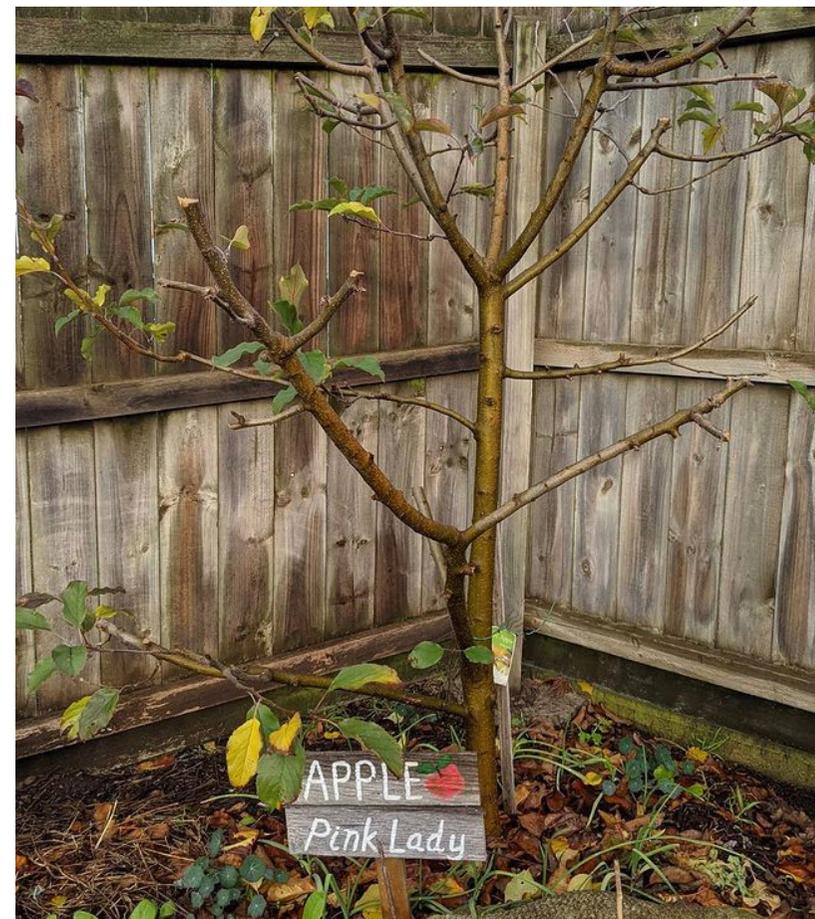
With the threat of COVID lingering and lockdowns firmly in place, the kitchen garden program was put on hold in 2020 for the remainder of the year.

"I couldn't let the garden go- could you imagine the scene if we left the garden and did not return until 2021? Weeds, dry, overgrown, so much hard work wasted. So, I spent my lockdown 'exercise hours' gardening."

Allesha aimed to continue the great work that had been started by the volunteers before her and used the time establishing a food forest garden to grow peaches, nectarines, cape gooseberries, red currants, and rhubarb. She also made space for seasonal vegetables and flowers and increased the variety and volume of what could be planted using donated garden beds from the local Bunnings store.

Maintaining a garden of this size requires regular care to keep the soils healthy and give plants the best chance of strong growth. Neutrog products are used regularly at Warrnambool Primary School Kitchen Garden to nourish the soil, with Seamungus and Rooster Booster incorporated in between plantings.

**"We had fantastic results for the tomatoes, chillies, capsicums and eggplants last summer after using Rooster Booster" said Allesha.**





The gardens started simply with 1 garden bed.



With help from donors and volunteers the garden is now flourishing with many garden beds and growing areas.

Rooster Booster is also used at planting with banana peel at the bottom of the holes. Everything is watered in with GOGO Juice to give the soil a boost of microbes.

With restrictions putting a stop to the shared cooking for the time being, the school have made alternative arrangements of ways that the produce can be used. "Each term we set up a produce stall to sell fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, seedlings, homemade preserves made by the volunteers and worm tea. We also allow children to take home produce from the garden with recipes that they can make with their families."

**"The Kitchen Garden is now a thriving, inviting, wonderfully lush garden space of the school that we are very proud of and hope for its future success to only strengthen. We can dream big and we have thoughts of a purpose built kitchen garden kitchen, a hot house where we can experiment growing certain plants year round."**



Preparing you soil before spring planting provides long lasting benefits as demonstrated by Warrnambool East Primary School. Conditioning your soil with Seamungus, fertilising with Rooster Booster and applying GOGO Juice will provide your garden with the necessary nutrients and beneficial bacteria for a thriving garden.

[Click here to learn more about Warrnambool East Primary School Kitchen Garden.](#)



**With the weather around the country getting warmer, spring is the perfect time to start planting flowers, fruit trees, vegetables and herbs. Your soil conditions and climate will affect what you are able to grow, and with Australia's diverse climate, it is important to know which plants are best suited to your region. Get the best results in your garden with appropriate planting choices and proper soil preparation, and enjoy the blooms and produce throughout spring and summer.**

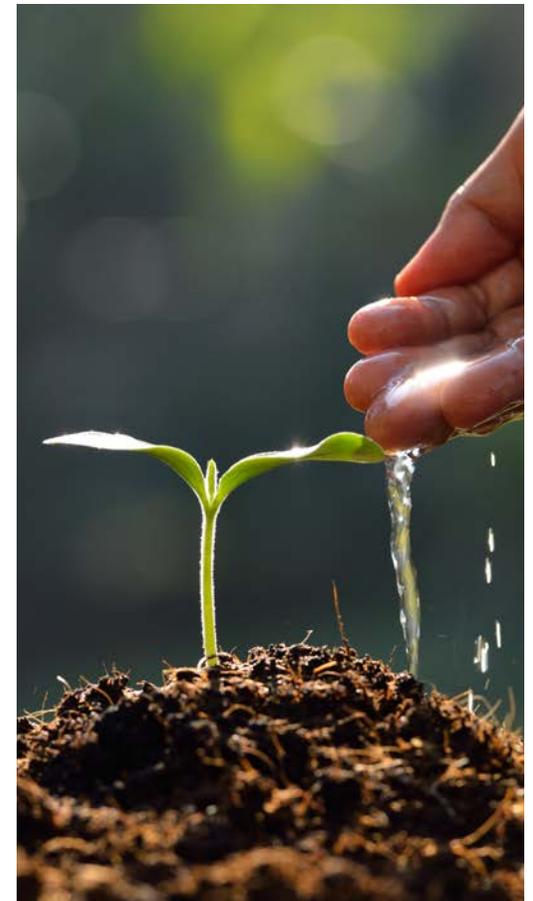
No matter what climate you are based in, soil preparation is an important step in the planting process. Incorporate a soil conditioner like Seamungus into your soil before planting and make sure to water it in well. While the wide range of nutrients help to create an ideal growing environment and aiding root development, a major benefit of using Seamungus now will help protect plants from spring frost.

While the weather may be a nice change, spring frosts can pose a potential threat to your plants. Now is the time to pay close attention to your soil by keeping it moist and mulching with Whoflungdung. Using a probiotic like GOGO Juice will also increase plants resistance to frost, as well as heat, pests and diseases.

Add some colour by introducing a range of flowering plants to your garden. In the southern states of Australia (NSW, VIC, SA) you may want to consider petunias, snapdragons, marigolds or geraniums. Geraniums make a great addition for Queensland, belladonna lilies and giant sunflowers for Tasmania, and finally a native touch of Kangaroo Paws for Western Australia.

**"Annuals perform really well and can provide so much colour in the garden, over a long period of time. When first planted pinch out the centre of each seedling. This will encourage the plant to bush up nicely. Feeding with Strike Back for orchids every fortnight will really encourage plenty of buds which will open into beautiful flowers."**

Helen Lovel, Neutrog Customer Relationship Manager





As for fruits, vegetables and herbs, there are plenty of options for each climate zone:

**Warm areas:**

Parsley, sweet basil, dill, mint, marjoram, coriander and thyme are fantastic options for the herb garden. For fruits and vegetables, consider rocket, lettuce, zucchini, leek, pumpkin, capsicum, cucumber, eggplant, tomatoes, citrus, passion fruit and paw paw just to name a few.

**Cool to cold areas:**

For herbs you can plant basil, coriander, dill, chives, oregano, parsley, sage and thyme. Leek, onion, parsnip, radish, spinach, sweet corn, beetroot, tomatoes and peas are some beautiful veggies to grow, including strawberries for something fresh and sweet.

**Temperate areas:**

Any of the herbs previously mentioned are perfectly suited for temperate climates, alongside blueberries, olives, artichoke, celery, climbing beans and carrots.



Once the planting is complete, finish with a layer of Whoflungdung to mulch. Mulching now will help to retain moisture and warmth in the soil, while also introducing a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria into the soil. Leave a 50mm - 100mm gap around the base of any plants and water in well.

Continue to feed fruits and vegetables every 8-10 weeks to presoaked soil around the dripline of the plants and water in well with GOGO Juice. Sticking to a fertilising routine will ensure your plants have access to a complete range of nutrients, enhancing size, quality and taste of your produce.

[Click here to learn more about Neutrog products for spring feeding](#)



# Product Profile / Sudden Impact for Lawns



**Sudden Impact for Lawns is the secret ingredient for those wanting to turn their ordinary lawn into something extra special. Lawns are often centrepieces of the garden, and require a good maintenance routine and year round fertilising program using a premium organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser like Sudden Impact for Lawns to keep them healthy, lush and green all year round.**

From its release in 2005 after the success of Sudden Impact for Roses, Sudden Impact for Lawns has gone on to become yet another staple in Neutrog's range of biological fertilisers, complete with an official recommendation from Gardening Presenter, Graham Ross.

**“I've used Sudden Impact for Lawns on my own lawn and plants. The ratio of nitrogen and potassium is ideal for promoting growth and it has boosted levels of iron and magnesium.” says Graham.**

It is perfect for all lawn types and non-flowering plants like palms, ferns and conifers, and is easy to use with its fine granular form making for easy, clean spreading via lawn spreader or by hand. Once watered in, your lawn will benefit from the full range of nutrients that play a crucial role in the formation of chlorophyll keeping your lawn and non-flowering plants green.

Lawn care has undergone quite the change over the last few decades where toxic, carcinogenic herbicides are now much less common than they used to be. In an effort to achieve that thriving turf, consumers have veered towards organic based options such as Sudden Impact for Lawns to provide balanced nutrition to the garden.

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



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Fertilising your lawn with Sudden Impact for Lawns is ideal, especially when backed up with a regular maintenance routine that includes watering and mowing. Neutrog's very own 'Lord of the Lawn, Paul Dipuglia says "over the years I've worked out that having a regular routine for my lawn, means it looks amazing all year round."

In our newsletter for November 2020, Paul shared with us his expert tips on lawn maintenance and care which included:

**ROUTINE**— Mark out a regular routine in your calendar to ensure that you are fertilising, watering and mowing in a consistent manner.

**WATER**— Lawns are thirsty, so regular watering is crucial to achieving a lush green lawn. Consider installing a watering system to make this task easier.

**FERTILISE**— "Working at Neutrog, I am a little biased but having tried a range of lawn fertilisers over the years, I really do believe that the combination of Sudden Impact for Lawns, watered in with GOGO Juice is the key. Lawns love to be fed."

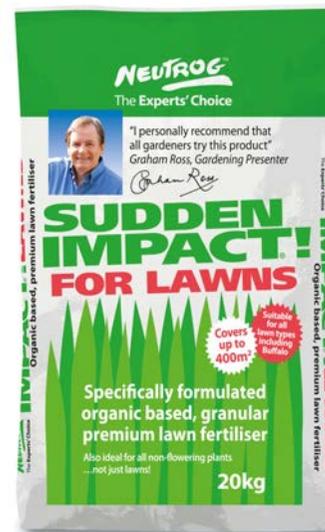
**MOW**— Never cut more than 1/3 of growth each mow, and try to mow multiple times a week.

**RENOVATION**— Top dressing, aerating or scarifying your lawn can help to reduce the build up of thatch.

**TEST**— Paul suggests that the best way to check the condition of your lawn is to do a Bare Foot Test. Remove your shoes and feel the grass beneath your feet. A happy, healthy lawn will not only look great, but it will feel soft under your feet.



"I personally recommend that all gardeners try this product"  
Graham Ross, Gardening Presenter



## APPLICATION RATES

**Established Lawns**— Apply Sudden Impact for Lawns at 50gm per square metre (500kg per hectare) and water in well. Apply every 6-8 weeks throughout spring, summer and autumn. Apply Neutrog's Blade Runner in winter.

**New Lawns**— Apply 100gm per square metre (1000kg per hectare). Spread evenly and incorporate into the top 10cm of soil prior to seeding or laying.

**Non-flowering Plants**— Apply 50gm per square metre and water in well. Apply every 6-8 weeks throughout spring, summer and autumn. Apply Neutrog's Seamungus Crumble in winter.



**With a proud history stretching back 113 years, The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. is the largest Rose Society in Australia and continues to attract new members and connect with rose lovers locally, nationally and internationally. In fact, it is one of the most successful Rose Societies in the world!**

Rose Societies evolved in Australia when Britain was referred to as 'the Mother Country' and our Rose Society was based upon the first Rose Society in England. In fact, the Royal National was emulated as a model for the formation of almost all National Rose Societies around the world. The first of all rose shows was held in London in 1858. Today this tradition continues in various forms in Australia and overseas.

South Australia was founded in 1836 with the first settlers being English and Europeans following close behind, bringing their garden culture with them. Although the Australian climate was too severe for many cool climate plants, roses thrived and rapidly became a popular feature of early pioneer gardens. Nurserymen eagerly awaited the new season's roses arriving on ships after a long journey from England and Europe.

Rose enthusiasts soon discovered that South Australia's Mediterranean climate, with cool, wet winters and hot, dry summers, provided excellent conditions for rose growing. Supplementary watering in late spring, summer and autumn is necessary when there are weeks without any rainfall. In those early years, growers noticed that Tea Roses and Hybrid Musks performed better here than in their countries of origin as the hot, dry, low humidity ensured reduced fungal problems.

In 1839, The South Australian Agricultural Society was formed and this merged with a horticultural group in 1844 to become the Agricultural and Horticultural Society and roses became a regular feature at its Shows.

By the early 1900s, interest grew in forming a Rose Society and in August 1908, a Rose Society was established with the aim "to encourage all lovers of the rose in growing and exhibiting". At the time, only men could be members! Due to a ground swell of change, women were invited to attend a general meeting in 1918 (the same year they gained the right to vote and stand for Parliament in South Australia).



The Rose Society of South Australia celebrated its centenary in 2008 by hosting a World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention and Australian Rose Championship competition.

The Rose Society of South Australia is justifiably proud of its membership of approximately 1,000 people. The Society has four Branches in regional South Australia, they are Chaffey Rose Club in the Riverland, Roses in the Heartland in the Barossa, Roses on Eyre and the South East Branch. Members and the general public are most welcome to attend Branch activities and quarterly meetings. Contact the branches directly for information about their activities or to join - sarose.org.au/branches

Throughout the year, the Society participates enthusiastically in a diverse range of exhibitions and festivals around the State to promote the rose and provide information to the public, including spring and autumn rose shows and public rose pruning demonstrations.



In the late 1990s Neutrog, with the assistance of Society members and a few professional rose growers, developed and trialed Sudden Impact for Roses, a specially formulated rose fertiliser with a NPK ratio of 9:4:12 plus the full range of secondary nutrients and micronutrients with boosted levels of Iron and Magnesium, trace elements essential for roses.

Since its launch in 2001, this fertiliser has become a phenomenal success and is now the leading rose fertiliser in Australia by far!

[Click here to learn more about the Rose Society of South Australia.](#)



**Spring Rose Culture Notes /** by The Rose Society of South Australia

The Spring Rose Culture Notes for South Australia provided by The Rose Society of South Australia written by Kelvin Trimper are now available to view on our website.

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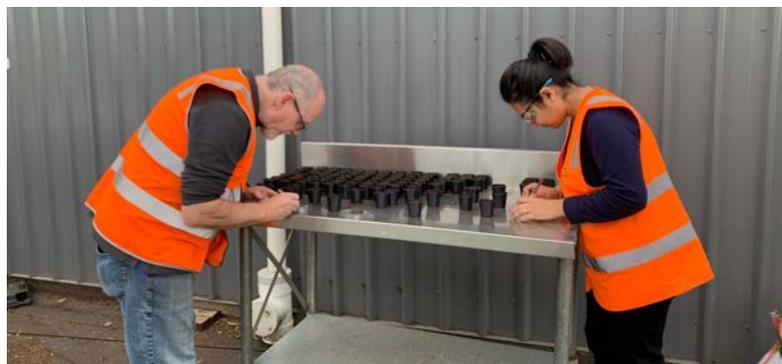
**Spring Rose Culture Notes /** by The Rose Society of Victoria

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## R&D / What is happening in the lab at Neutrog?



**The last couple of months have been busy months in and out of the lab for R&D Manager Dr Uwe Stroehler and Research Assistant, Juhee Hada. The research of auxin producing bacteria has continued with trials commencing at the Kanmantoo site, along with a continuing trial of the effectiveness of Strike Back for Orchids Advanced Formula on some sick orchid plants.**

Auxin Research: First Round of In-house Trials

After screening bacteria from soils of the best gardens, farms and horticultural operations around Australia, Dr Uwe found that some of them had produced varying levels of auxins. Knowing that this can be done in the lab the next step is to see if the same will happen within the soil, leading to bigger and better plants.

Dr Uwe and Juhee have commenced the trials with the planting of 84 lettuce seeds, making sure to place only one seed per pot. Once the seeds have germinated, the bacteria will be added to the soil to see if there are any improvements in growth rate and root development of the plants. Dr Uwe and Juhee expect to see faster establishment and growth after adding the auxin producing bacteria.

This trial is only the beginning, with similar trials likely to be set up in the near future that will involve coating the seed with the bacteria prior to planting. We hope that through these trials we can give home gardeners and commercial growers the benefit of enhance plant growth and health through incorporating auxin producing bacteria into our products.



**“Using this approach, we should be able to get plants established quicker and growing faster” says Dr Uwe.**

In search of a warm, enclosed environment to encourage the seeds to germinate, Dr Uwe and Juhee have taken over a vacant room in Neutrog's head office building. The innovative thinking has well and truly paid off, with each of the pots displaying growth.

### Strike Back for Orchids Advanced Biological Formula Lab Trials

In addition to the in-house trials of auxin producing bacteria, Dr Uwe and Juhee have been testing Strike Back for Orchids Advanced Biological Formula on two sick orchid plants that were sent into the lab. With weak, brown foliage and no buds, Dr Uwe tested the soil from the orchid pots and identified a possible pathogen that is causing these plants to deteriorate.

On a strict care routine, the orchids have received regular feeds with Strike Back for Orchids Advanced Biological Formula and have showed some very promising results. As you can see in the photo, the plants have started to show buds and the plant on the left has begun to flower.



# The Master Hedgeman / John Flens



**Upon the announcement of Neutrog's new biological fertiliser BANG BANG for Hedges, we came across a rather fascinating hedge that we just had to see for ourselves. The Master Hedgeman, John Flens tends to this hedge and gave our Customer Relationship Manager, Helen Lovel, an unforgettable tour around the property.**

John Flens and one of the property owners who is also named John, spent some time showing Helen around the 4.5-hectare garden which is home to a large number of hedges in various styles and sizes, as well as trees, flower and perennial borders, and an impressive maze.

The property was originally owned by landscape designer and artist, Mel Ogden who purchased the vacant farmland in the mid-1990's for the specific purpose of designing the garden as her masters thesis in landscape art at RMIT University. When John and his partner Paul purchased the property, all plantings from Mel's design were in place but were not yet hedged.

Coming from a seaside garden before moving to the property, John said "there's plants I can grow here, that I never could have by the sea, so there's give and take".

With John & John leading the way, Helen wandered past and around a long tapestry beech hedge of beautiful *Fagus sylvatica* and *Fagus sylvatica* "Purpurea", which were grown from seeds collected in Hamilton, New Zealand. The seedlings were carefully selected with only the best plants with the deepest purple foliage making the cut to be planted in a grid on the property. John Flens suggested that because overhead power lines could potentially be problematic that a well designed maze could be formed from the grid, and that's exactly what he did.





A huge rondel also sits proudly on a large rise, composed of a double ring of Cupressus leylandii. Spectacular and inviting, it encourages you to reach the centre, which is underplanted with a large variety of violets, foxgloves, and aquilegias. Another stunning feature which is magnificent in spring are the glorious waves of 100's of Malus x floribunda, the Japanese crab apple, which draws your eye on to further views. The Privy garden around the house is just as inviting, with paeonies (both herbaceous and tree), daphne, birches, camellias, berberis and a selection of other woodland plants. Adding to the seemingly endless natural beauty is a rose garden which was established only a couple of years ago to be used for picking. A combination that could be perfectly described as a plant person's true dream!

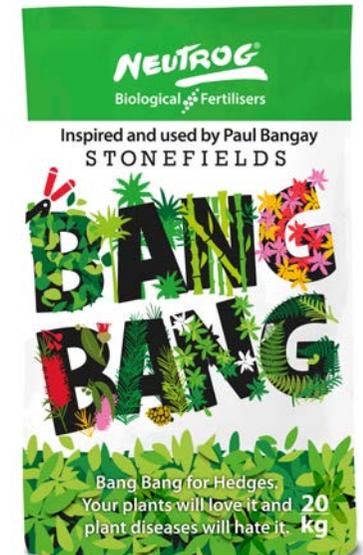
Over time the garden has transformed with plenty of attention and care from John Flens, who dedicates one full day each week only tending to the hedges. Every clip and trim that he makes is done without any mechanical aid and with his keen eyesight and attention to detail, the garden has taken on some unique qualities that are magnificently apparent today.



Neutrog's biological fertilisers have been used by the owners to feed the garden over the years, including Sudden Impact for Roses, GOGO Juice and Whoflungdung. With a wide variety of plants to care for, Neutrog are excited see BANG BANG for Hedges used on their large, as yet untrimmed, conifer hedge as part of our research and development program.

BANG BANG for Hedges is formulated specifically for hedge plants and offers the double benefits of strong, healthy growth combined with pest and disease resistance. Hedges are comprised of many plants growing in close proximity to each other; all competing for the same air, moisture, and nutrition. They require plenty of love and care to look like they do in this incredible garden, and with help from a high quality biological fertiliser like BANG BANG for Hedges, home gardeners will soon be able to enjoy the benefits for themselves.

We look forward to providing you with updates about this exciting project.



## Walter & Kay Duncan / The Heritage Garden



**Walter and Kay Duncan have a beautiful rambling garden at Gillentown in the Clare Valley. Their garden covers five acres in the beautiful Skilly Valley. Walter told us the fabulous story of how he came to find the block of land which would become the future home and garden for him and his wife Kay.**

It was a very hot day, a day which was unpredictable and unpleasant to work outside. Walter had been asked to help a colleague to move some field bins. When this job ended, they decided to drive home along the back road, just to see the shadows of the gum trees on the road. A few kilometres along the track, they stumbled across a 'For Sale' sign attached to the fence, so they stopped and were really attracted to the flat paddock which lay before them.

Intrigued by the property, Walter was eager to take a closer look at the soil. With no spare spades lying around, Walter and his colleague travelled home to collect some tools. On their return Walter began digging random holes on the surface of the soil and was thrilled with what he saw.

The water, which would be needed for plants to grow was another matter. There was a brick well by the creek with a broken-down windmill turning aimlessly in the wind, so they decided to contact a water boring contractor to establish an independent source of water. To their surprise he was able to sink a new bore which produced enough good water to enable them to have the garden that they so desired.

This was the beginning of a new venture. At the same time, Walter's boyhood home had deteriorated over the years and was only fit for demolition. And it was decided to sell. Kay and Walter now had a block of land in the Clare Valley but without a suitable house! So, the demolition of Walter's boyhood home filled this gap. They then transported all of the old material from Adelaide to Sevenhill, with plans to rebuild on their new block.





The new house was completed in two years and in 2000, the garden was established with trees, lawns and of course roses, all fed with Sudden Impact for Lawns. They also planted a quince orchard with 200 trees that are seasonally enhanced with Whoflungdung. In addition to that, the intricate parts of the garden are supplemented with GOGO juice or Seamungus.

They have now been at The Heritage Garden for twenty years and the wonderful green spaces have given so much pleasure to all who visit. Kay and Walter have opened the garden for most of those years with proceeds going to the RFDS and Women's & Children's Hospital in Adelaide. This year it will be open again on Sunday 7th November and will include the launch of their new book, 'THE HERITAGE GARDEN, Creating Walter and Kay Duncan's Garden'. The RFDS will again benefit from this day.

Walter and his family have a long association with the Royal Adelaide Show, both in Agriculture and Horticulture. Walter's passion has always been Horticulture and you would find him in the horticulture hall at the Royal Show talking to all his 'green' friends. Roses were always his firm favourite, as he inherited that love of roses from his mother. Even as a schoolboy, Walter grew silver birch trees for the Nursery industry.

For a wonderful description of their garden and the story of rebuilding the house, you can order your copy of the book THE HERITAGE GARDEN, Creating Walter and Kay Duncan's Garden, by contacting Kay on 0418 839 430, or through their website [www.theheritagegarden.com.au](http://www.theheritagegarden.com.au)



[Click here to learn more about The Heritage Garden.](#)

# Rare Fruit Arboretum / Scion Cutting & Peach Blossoms



**With spring around the corner, the Rare Fruit Arboretum has displayed a beautiful show of colour with the peach trees beginning to blossom at Kanmantoo. With sunny days making a more regular appearance, the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia have journeyed over for a visit to collect scion wood from the fruit trees.**

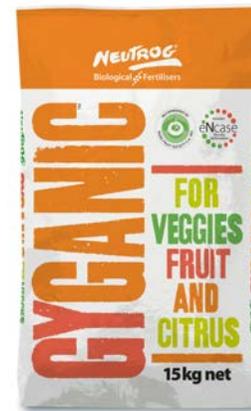
Around 12 members of the RFSSA embraced the sunshine and used the afternoon in the Arboretum to collect scion wood to be stored and used for grafting.

A scion is a piece of vegetative material taken from a tree that produces the fruit variety that you want to graft. They are the 1-year growth twigs that you'll find at the tip of growing branches and should be cut in late winter or early spring when the tree is dormant, before bud-burst.

The members worked together in pairs to identify the tree varieties, cut scions, and label them ready to be stored in a sealed bag inside a fridge or cool room until they are ready to be grafted. Scion wood was taken from a variety of trees in the arboretum including almond, cherry, fig, and peach trees.

With many of the RFSSA members residing in the Adelaide Hills, they also took the opportunity to check the condition of the trees, planning any necessary changes in time for spring.

Throughout August we have witnessed the Orion peach trees displaying their pretty pink blooms. A vast difference from their winter appearance of bare branches, these clouds of colour are a welcoming sight, and clear indicator that spring is well on its way. These trees produce white flesh dessert peaches which will start to appear closer to November until early December. We look forward to showing you the trees as they begin to fruit.



As we head into spring, the 500+ rare and endangered fruit trees will be regularly fertilised with Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus in conjunction with GOGO Juice.

Gyganic was developed in conjunction with the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia, and through an endorsement they provide gardeners with the confidence to use and recommend the product.

Specifically developed to enhance fruit size, quality and taste, Gyganic is a premium organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser that provides the full range of nutrients in an organic form.

# Big Swamp Station / Garlic in the Riverland



**Settled in the Riverland at Port Lincoln is Eyre Peninsula Garlic which is run by Ric Lawton and his family who reside at the property which is called Big Swamp Station. After contacting Neutrog with some technical questions, Ric and a member of the Neutrog team got down to a fantastic chat about the operations with Eyre Peninsula Garlic.**

Big Swamp Station covers an large area of 600 hectares. The history of this property is fascinating, as this was where Captain Henry Hawson, his wife and 13 children settled after arriving in Australia on the Brigantine Abeona from Canada in 1837. With them they brought all manner of items which would be required to settle in the remote colony of Australia including seedlings for a variety of trees, plants, vegetables and flowers. Among this collection was an old variety of garlic.

150 years on and there were still many clumps of this very old garlic variety growing happily around the garden. "Our Garlic is from the same garlic seed stock from that same original garden bed on our farm" says Ric.



Ric saw a market for the garlic and decided to start growing it. The garlic is laid out in garden beds, and initially a pelleted poultry product was used as part of the soil preparation. An agronomist whom Ric works with referred him to Neutrog's Rapid Raiser, a highly concentrated natural product that promotes faster, healthier, sustained growth for all plants, including garlic.

**"It's beautiful stuff, so easy to work with, it's clean and not dusty. Best of all, my garlic has doubled in size after using it. This year, I was so happy with the results that I doubled my inputs." says Ric.**

Along with the thriving garlic plants, Ric also farms sheep and free range pigs which are sure to continue to keep Ric and little Ric junior very busy.

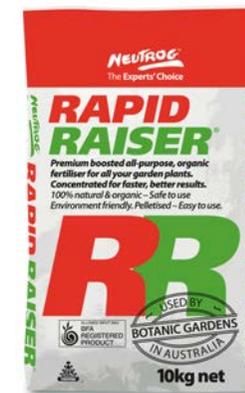
A specially formulated, highly concentrated natural product, Rapid Raiser promotes faster, healthier, sustained growth for all plants, while encouraging the development of earthworm and microbial activity leading to healthy, well-structured soils.

Rapid Raiser is composted and steam treated, and then pelletised for cleaner and easier handling. These processes also stabilise the nutrients, maximise 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.](#)



# Year Round Fertilising Guide / Spring

For many gardeners, spring is their favourite time of the year. The weather is warming up and there's perfume, colour and a sense of welcome in the garden. It is also time to feed all of the plants in your garden – especially those that will be in full flower in 6-8 weeks.

Neutrog advocates a Year Round Feeding Programme which 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.

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.



**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 SPRING

Spring is the perfect time for planting! 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.



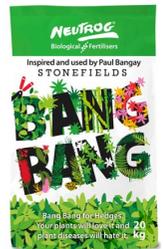
## NATIVES

Native plants will settle in well and grow beautifully if planted now. It's also the ideal time to feed established native plants, including phosphorous-sensitive natives such as grevilleas, banksias & proteas. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.



## 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.



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 your acid loving plants with Kahoona. They are either in bud or coming into bud over the coming weeks and a couple such as daphne and camellia sasanqua will have finished flowering and a regular feed will keep them strong and healthy. 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.



# Year Round Fertilising Guide / Spring

## ESTABLISHED FLOWERING PLANTS

Flowering plants will thrive with Sudden Impact for Roses. The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio makes Sudden Impact for Roses ideal for all flowering plants, not just roses. Sudden Impact for Roses is applied every 8 weeks. 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.



## ESTABLISHED FLOWERING, FRUITING PLANTS AND ORCHIDS IN POTS

Potted flowering and fruiting plants will benefit from a feed of Strike Back for Orchids which has an NPK ration of 8:3:10 and boosted trace elements – all of which are necessary for flowering plants in pots, as most potting mixes are generally lacking nutrients that are required by plants to flower. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly.



## ESTABLISHED NON-FLOWERING PLANTS INCLUDING LAWNS

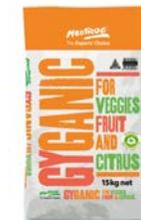
For lawns: Apply Sudden Impact for Lawns and water in with GOGO Juice. Sudden Impact for Lawns is suitable for all lawn types. If you have a broad bladed grass type; such as couch, kikuyu or buffalo, it is important that all fertiliser is washed off the leaves and down into the soil. For all other non-flowering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



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.

## VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND 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. It contains all of the nutrients they need to encourage flowering and fruiting. Gyganic is a biological fertiliser with an organic base, is high in organic carbon and containing naturally occurring growth hormones. It has been specifically developed to enhance uniform size, 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

There are numerous benefits of applying Whoflungdung. Soils will still be holding good moisture levels after winter and applying now aids in keeping the soil moist as the weather warms up.

- 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.



# 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 Rae in her garden of natives. 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.

**See you in October!**

**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?*

