



The Pooh Bah News



Dear Pooh Bah Club subscribers,

Summer has come to an end with autumn bringing a wet start to the season for many parts of Australia. The cooler weather presents a perfect opportunity for gardeners to take back their gardens and catch up on tasks that had been missed due to the heat.

The soil is still warm enough for plants to establish and grow before winter, so now is the time to select plants to add to your flower beds and vegie patches. We have included an autumn planting guide further on in this newsletter to assist you.

This month we also look at autumn mulching, natives with Angus Stewart, fertilising acid-loving plants, and we catch up with Hahndorf Lavender Estate to hear about the results on their lavender oil production after using GOGO Juice.

In between newsletters, we encourage you to visit our social media pages for more news and stories. You can also invite your friends to join the "Pooh Bah Club" by forwarding this email so that they can also enjoy this newsletter.

Happy gardening!

The Neutrog Team



Photo of the Month / 'Oncidiums My Way' by Bryan Nitz



Brian Nitz JP FRVAHJ (Fellow of the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices) is a long term and highly respected member of the Melbourne Eastern Orchid Society which is the oldest orchid society in Victoria. Bryan grows a number of different orchid species including Oncidiums, for which he has kindly provided our readers with detailed information about with his tips for growing success.

"I have grown a number of Oncidiums over the years, and suggest they are comparatively easy to grow, and can be quite spectacular, like the one above. But, like all plants, it is necessary to understand a few details about them.

The genus has around 300 species, and many hybrids, originating mainly from South America. They can grow from the coastal lowlands to the elevated misty tropical rain forests. It is therefore advisable to understand where each species come from, so that we can try to imitate the conditions they require.

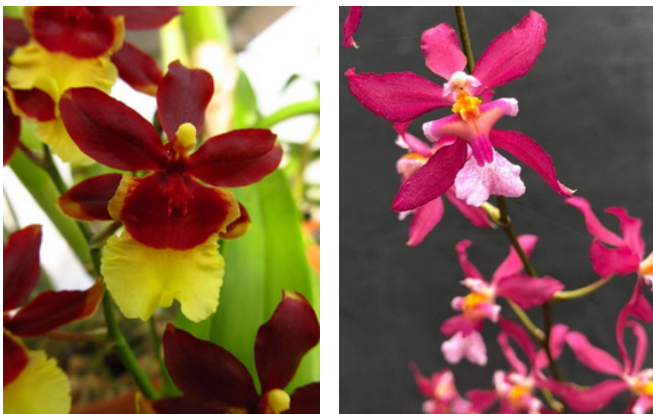
However, the species pictured here can be grown fairly easily by the "back yard" grower. The top picture and the one to the left, are *Onc. flexuosum*, and can be grown with a little more protection and warmth than cymbids. During the spring/summer period, they need to be watered regularly and fed to encourage growth. However they need very good drainage, and very little water in winter. Fertiliser should be weak and regular.

Because of the flowers, they are sometimes called "The Dancing Lady Orchid" as the flowers held on thin but self supporting racemes look like the skirt of a dancer.

Different colours can vary through white, reds and browns like the two below. On the left is *Onc Kiluea*, named after the Hawaiian Volcano . It has larger psuedo bulbs, and stronger stems, and is similar in its growing needs. I like to feed it a bit stronger though. Below right is *Onc Charlesworthii*, which is a smaller growing Oncid, which can be quite floriferous with many racemes of very pretty flowers. I find that it will grow quite well in Cymbid conditions. Its foliage is small and light and grows well in a slatted basket.

I grow all of mine in a free draining mix of coir with 30% perlite. However I must stress that the watering needs to be controlled carefully. It is very easy to over water, and the roots will rot if kept wet. I fertilise with Strike Back For Orchids, both pellets and liquid.

I would suggest that if you would like to try them, contact your local Orchid Club. Mine is Melbourne Eastern Orchid Society, the oldest Orchid Club in at least Victoria. Our Club is headquartered in Burwood East."



Installation of the Buhlmer Coating Drum

Since its arrival to the Neutrog factory in December 2021, the final installation of the Buhlmer Coating Drum has officially begun.

After getting a frame fitted by MECHVAC Engineering the drum is now being integrated into our existing plant.



Once installed the Buhlmer Coating Drum will enable Neutrog to simultaneously coat our pelleted products with up to three different liquids, presenting significant benefits for both home gardeners and commercial growers.

We look forward to the next update, when the install of the drum into the Neutrog factory is completed and the new plant is up and running.

A New Hood for the Mulch Master

At Neutrog we are always on the lookout for ways to improve our processes of handling manure, especially when it comes to reducing dust and odour on site.

Recently the Mulch Master, a piece of plant responsible for processing incoming raw manure, was fitted with a new extended hood with high pressure water misting system.



The Mulch Master, does in essence what its name suggests. It breaks up the manure into a uniform mixture that creates the ideal environment for composting.

The Mulch Master also applies eNcase to the manure for safety and increased breakdown of organic matter.

These elements have been added to contain any emissions created when handling the manure and further refine the processes used at Neutrog to turn raw chicken manure into pelleted fertilisers and biological liquids.

720g Tomato with Dead Horse!



We recently received an update that caught our attention from Chris Molloy from the Rose Society of South Australia and her daughter, Nicola.

The pair have been trialling Dead Horse on their tomato plants for the past couple of months and has resulted in this 'mortgage lifter' tomato weighing 720g!

Dead Horse along with other new products including BANG BANG for Hedges and Human Beans, are currently in their trial phase and are being used by a number of home gardeners and commercial growers.

Nothing Says "I Love You" Like Hopmegrown Tomatoes!



You may remember from our last newsletter an entertaining 'Tale of Tomatoes' written by Andrew Brown about his journey to a healthy garden with help from a member of the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia, Des Kerr.

On Valentine's Day, Des travelled from Ingle Farm to Kanmantoo to deliver some tomatoes freshly picked from his garden.

Some were sliced to have on toast whilst others were eaten like apples, but they certainly made for a delicious and memorable Valentine's treat!

Staff Lunch at the Neutrog Factory



Summer put on a great final show at our February staff lunch with plenty of sunshine and blue skies to go around.

February's staff lunch also coincided with meetings with Neutrog's board, who joined in for an afternoon with staff from all areas of the factory including the warehouse, production and head office.

This was also a perfect opportunity to welcome new staff to the team, and acknowledge the many exciting things in store for Neutrog in 2022.

The Woodside Romeos Visit the Neutrog Factory

The Woodside ROMEOS (Retired Old Med who Eat Out) joined us at the Neutrog factory recently for a tour of our site and laboratory.

Once a bus driver in Adelaide, John Chambers realised that once retirement comes, men often lose touch with their mates unless they are a part of a group or club that schedule regular times to meet.

With this in mind he created the Woodside Romeos - a group of like-minded people who meet once each month to explore South Australia's manufacturing industry. "We like to see things that are completely made in our state, not shipped from overseas," said John.

Twelve members of the group travelled from Mount Barker, Strathalbyn and surrounding areas across the Adelaide Hills to Kanmantoo to see the processes behind our locally made biological fertilisers and garden products.

With plenty of exciting R&D projects and new products around the corner, it is a pleasure to host groups like the Woodside Romeos and share our passion for healthy gardens and soils.



Growing Great Fruit & Vegies / Preparing Your Vegie Patch



Autumn is a perfect opportunity to get the best out of your garden, especially in the vegetable patch. Milder weather from March to May makes for wonderful vegetable growing conditions throughout Australia, and with a little bit of soil preparation and the right feeding routine you could have a flourish of produce come winter and spring.

Preparing and reconditioning your garden beds for the season ahead will encourage tasty new growth and ensure that your vegetables have adequate nutrients needed to develop strong root systems.

Begin preparing for autumn and winter vegetables by turning the soil to loosen and break up any clumps. Incorporate Seamungus or Rapid Raiser throughout the bed and water in well with GOGO Juice to ensure a diverse range of beneficial bacteria and fungi in your soil.

When you plant your seedlings or seeds, add a small amount of Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus in the bottom of the hole. For young seedlings, you will only need a couple of pellets or a 'thimbleful'. For a 150mm pot, you will need 25g.

Cover with fresh untreated soil which will allow the roots to grow down into the fertiliser. Water with GOGO Juice fortnightly and mulch with Whoflungdung. This is ideal for all plants including young seedlings. Whoflungdung will help retain moisture suppress weeds and provide a gentle level of nutrition to your vegies. Always remember to keep the mulch away from the stems of plants and keep a collar around each stem to allow for further moisture to penetrate.

If you are germinating your own seed, we recommend a premium seed raising mix and an application of ½ strength liquid Seamungus, mixed with GOGO Juice. Water the seeds as per your usual watering and continue until seedlings are mature enough for planting out.

Finish any planting by topping up your veggie patches, herb gardens with Whoflungdung – it is especially important for weed suppression at this time of year.



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The last few months have proven successful for home gardeners and their vegetable patches and we have had the pleasure of seeing your photos on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We enjoy reading your feedback and seeing the results that you are achieving in the garden, and would love for you to join us on Facebook and Instagram so that you can stay up to date with Neutrog.

Reaching New Heights / The 'Pumpkin Tree'

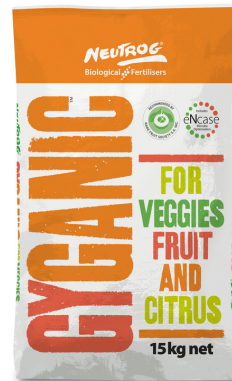
Plants are fascinating in the way that they grow and interact with other plants and David from Murray Bridge has witnessed this firsthand, with an unattended pumpkin vine growing to unexpected heights.

When David planted pumpkins in his garden, little did he know that they would begin to climb a nearby orange tree, creating what he calls a 'pumpkin tree'.

Whilst pumpkins can grow comfortably at ground level, their vine characteristics make them no stranger to vertical growing. There are many benefits to growing pumpkins vertically such as providing a space saving tactic for urban gardens and improving air circulation around the plant.

If you would like to try growing your own vertical pumpkins, opt for a strong trellis support and start with a smaller pumpkin variety such as Spaghetti squash, or Cucurbita pep var. fastigata. Larger varieties will likely become too heavy for the trellis to hold.

Alternatively, there are a range of other climbing fruits and vegetables that you may want to consider growing, such as climbing beans, climbing peas, vine tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squashes, gourds and zucchinis.



Specifically developed to enhance fruit size, quality and taste, Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus 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.

Gyganic's unique organic base of manure, humates and rock phosphate have been composted and blended with the biologically active GOGO Juice containing kelp and seaweed – producing a very nutritious organic base product high in organic carbon. Following extensive trials by members, Gyganic for Fruit and Citrus is now recommended by the @Rare Fruit Society of South Australia.

Mulching / Why in Autumn?



As autumn begins to roll in this month, gardeners will likely enjoy the cooler days and nights and the transformation of the outdoor scenery. In addition to soil preparation and seasonal planting, mulching is also a fundamental part of autumn gardening.

Mulching seasonally is an essential tool for a low-maintenance and waterwise garden. It protects the soil and plant roots from the heat at the beginning of autumn, and retains warmth in the soil as the temperatures drop.

Paul and Amanda Stewart, owners of Barrow & Bench Mitre10 in Malvern in SA, know the importance of seasonal mulching having recently applied 30 bales of Whoflungdung to the garden surrounding their carpark area.

"Our carpark garden at Mitre 10 gives us room to showcase plants to customers, but unfortunately it's sometimes hard to find time to tend to that garden, and it's often the last thing on our to do list. The carpark is a tough environment for plants - it's a real hot-spot in summer with lots of reflective heat and some of the garden isn't able to be irrigated, but since we've started mulching with Whoflungdung we've noticed a real improvement in both plant and soil health, and happily so have our customers" says Amanda.

"The smell is a small price to pay or a fabulous, nutrient rich mulch jam packed with good soil microbia. This will help our plants in the tough carpark environment they put up with."

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 regulated, 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.



Mount Lofty Botanic Garden / Sunflower Display



The sunflower display at Mount Lofty Botanic Garden has proven to be a popular spectacle for visitors and Neutrog's resident horticulturalist, Helen Level met with Mount Lofty Botanic Garden Horticultural Supervisor, Mark Oborn to see what the excitement was all about.

Over 1000 sunflower seedlings were propagated by nursery staff using three different cultivars which were planted directly into the display bed in late December.

"We use Seamungus as part of our soil preparation for the sunflower display. This has led to a nutrient rich, well-drained soil which is perfect for growing and displaying annual ornamental flowering displays." Says Mark.

To protect the plants through the hot summer days of January and February the team also applies GOGO Juice every four weeks to increase their resilience to the weather conditions and resistance to pests and diseases.

Six weeks after planting their efforts have been rewarded with a magnificent, floriferous display that effortlessly captures the attention of passer-byers. "Sunflowers are such an iconic plant that even our youngest visitors recognise and appreciate the beauty of these flowers," said Mark.

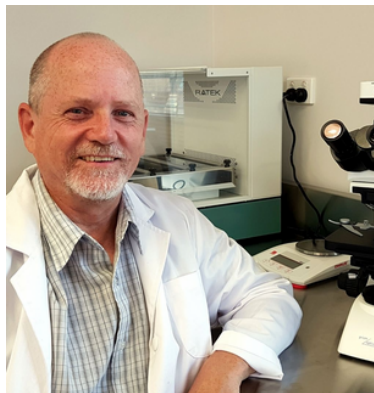


Product Profile / Kahoona, Fertilising Acid Loving Plants



Many areas around Australia are characterised by acidic soil and for the gardener keen to embrace the soil type of their garden, there are a range of plants that love those acidic conditions. To support these plants to thrive, understanding their specific nutrient requirement and the challenges for microbial activity – is key.

Dr Uwe Stroehler, Neutrog's Head of R&D, explains that soil pH can vary widely from peat soils with a pH as low as 4 up to some alkaline soils of 10 and above. The pH of a soil at 6 versus at 7 is ten times more acidic, and this difference in acidity results in very differential nutrient release and availability.



"In alkaline soils for example, potassium, sulphur and other nutrients are highly soluble, whereas iron, zinc and manganese are tied up. Conversely, in acid soils trace elements such as iron, manganese, boron and zinc are readily available. As such, acid loving plants have adapted to using these nutrients and so have a slightly higher requirement for them.

Surprisingly, high levels of phosphate can have a negative effect on acid loving plants and this is because in acidic soil phosphate is generally not as readily available, so plants living in this environment often display a reduced need for this nutrient."

Fertiliser specifically formulated for acid loving plants need to take these factors into account and as such Neutrog's fertiliser for acid loving plants, Kahoona has been fortified to a higher level with the nutrients that acid loving plants like and phosphate has been kept lower in Kahoona.

Dr Uwe continued, "Furthermore, soil pH does not only affect nutrient availability but the growth and survival of soil microbes, as such acid soils often have reduced microbial activity.

Very acid environments lead to a shut down or slowing of microbial activity, think of preserving food in acids such a vinegar. In the soil this leads to a reduced ability of these soils to cycle nutrients and to breakdown organic matter. As an example, peat bogs have a lot of carbon tied up which is in essence never broken down and cycled.

This characteristic of acidic soils is something that we took into consideration in the development of the new Advanced Biological Formula GOGO Juice. In GOGO Juice the microbes are cultured at a pH of between 5.8 and 6.5 so slightly acid conditions meaning GOGO Juice contains a range of bacteria and fungi which will survive and reproduce in acidic soil."

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Trials with Camellias South Australia, the Australian Rhododendron Society (SA Branch), the Camellia Society of WA and Camellias Illawarra have demonstrated the success of Kahoona on a range of acid loving plants and an ongoing endorsement by these societies.



APPLICATION RATES

Apply evenly to pre-soaked soil around the drip line of the plant, avoiding contact with foliage or flowers.
Water again well.

Apply after signs of new season growth and thereafter every 8-10 weeks throughout the growing season – Spring to Autumn.

For established plants – 100g per plant.

For established potted plants – 15g per 150mm size pot then at 5g per 25mm pot size increase.

We encourage you to consider the combination of Kahoona and GOGO Juice to provide customised nutrients and stimulate the soil biology for acid loving plants.

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



R&D / Compost Testing

Creating safe, consistent, uniform, biologically activated products is at the core of our production process.

The raw chicken manure that forms the base of all Neutrog products, naturally contains a range of bacteria and fungi (both beneficial and pathogenic) which, if not composted and treated correctly, could be potentially harmful, which is why the processes we employ are so important to both our staff and our customers.

The Neutrog R&D Department is responsible for a number of those processes including regular testing of our compost piles.

All the manure in Neutrog products is composted on site using Thermophilic Deep Stacking to create a microbiologically diverse, nutrient rich base for our fertilisers. Each of these piles generate heat from the decomposition process, so piles need to be turned (swapping the hot manure in the middle of the pile with the cooler surface manure) to maintain an optimum composting temperature of 50-60°C.

Each time this happens, Neutrog's R&D team, Dr Uwe Stroehler and Juhee Hada, take samples from the compost piles.

“By testing the compost piles on a regular basis, we are able to identify the nutrient contents of the compost and make sure that the bacteria within the piles are balanced and not affected by pathogens” says Juhee.

The testing process:



1.

2.5L samples are taken from random points on the compost piles. Piles that are 1000 cubic metres will need 16 samples to be taken, whereas a larger 2000 cubic metre pile will need 23 samples.



2.

The samples are then mixed in a compost tumbler to break apart any clumps of compost and improve the consistency of the samples.



3.

From this mix, one sample is sent to SA Pathology to test for pathogens such as E. coli, salmonella, listeria and legionella.

Another is sent to SWEP laboratories to analyse the nutrient levels including nitrogen, potassium and phosphate.



4.

Juhee conducts a moisture analysis by using a Moisture Analyzer. Around 5g of the compost sample mixture use to check moisture.



As a professional grower, propagator, and lover of the Australian flora Angus Stewart, has spent his entire career exploring the possibilities of Australian plants and how to get the best out of them in the garden.

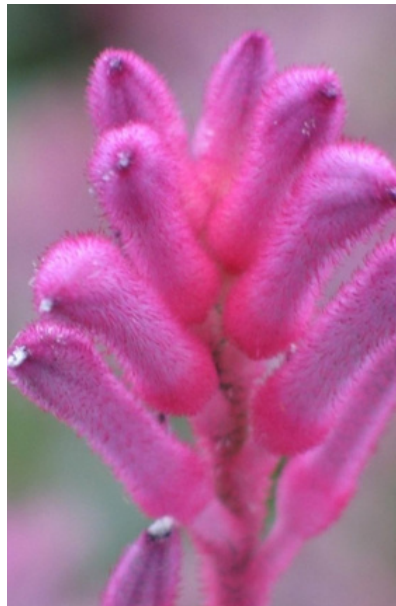
Angus grew up in country NSW in a family who loved gardening and gardens. He graduated from Sydney University with a First Class Honors Degree in Agricultural Science and Environmental Horticulture and has worked extensively in the nursery and cut flower industries ever since.

Angus has been experimenting with how to get the best out of each particular species and for the vast majority of them, he has found that regular feeding and watering is the key.

In particular, Angus has been using Neutrog's Bush Tucker for Australian plants which he helped develop in conjunction with soil scientist Simon Leake of Sydney Environmental and Soil Laboratory, and Neutrog.

Australian natives are great survivors, but can respond so much better if they are fed regularly. Bush Tucker fertiliser has been developed to be able to be used with the full range of Australian plants that are likely to be grown in gardens around the country. Ranging from the particularly phosphorus sensitive plants like grevilleas and banksias, to other less sensitive natives.

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.





The recent weather in South Australia has blessed gardeners with sunny days and cool breezes, perfect conditions to get back into the garden. With that in mind, the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. (RSSA) has provided the 'Autumn Rose Culture Notes' detailing the essential guidelines for rose growing success.

In March, the average daily temperatures in Adelaide are 26.5°C, April 22.8°C and May 19.0°C. Average rainfall in autumn is about 26mm in March, 40mm in April and 61mm in May.

March often sees a continuation of summer-like conditions with hot days and lower rainfall, with milder days to come in April and May.

So what does this mean for our roses and how we care for them during Autumn?

The following guidelines are recommended by the RSSA to ensure your roses have a successful autumn season and prepare them for winter:

WATER : Water potted roses and planted roses regularly to maintain healthy autumn growth.

MULCH : Apply a fresh application of Whoflungdung in early autumn to reduce evaporation, cool the roots and provide beneficial microbes to the soil.

FERTILISE : Apply Sudden Impact for Roses in March if it was not applied in February and water in to ensure the fertiliser is taken to the root zone. Apply GOGO Juice fortnightly for an additional microbial boost to plants.

PESTS & DISEASE : Usually no preventative or curative remedies are required in autumn until the wet season sets in.

NEW ROSE PLANTINGS : Now is the time to prepare your soil ready for new rose plants. Remove underperforming plants, and prepare the soil with Whoflungdung, Seamungus and GOGO Juice.

Hahndorf Lavender Estate / Following up with GOGO Juice



In October 2021 we shared the story of Peter and Thomas Mahar and their lavender growing venture at [Hahndorf Lavender Estate](#) in South Australia.

On the Hahndorf property that has been in the Mahar family for over 40 years they tend to over 50,000 lavender plants. Oil is extracted from the lavender to produce bath and body products and essential oils which they plan to sell from a guest shop and café, adding to Hahndorf's booming tourism industry.

Peter and Thomas have been applying GOGO Juice to the lavender farm after being referred to the product by owner of Victorian based Warratina Lavender Farm and horticulturalist, Tim Manders.

From applying GOGO Juice to the lavender bushes, Peter reported a significant increase in the amount of oil that the lavender plants produced.

“The results from using GOGO Juice have been magical” says Peter.

The results were so significant that Hahndorf Lavender Estate gained attention and praise from the Vice President of Lavender Australia, who noted how healthy the crop appeared during summer.

In addition to GOGO Juice, Peter applies Seamungus to the soil at planting to ensure strong root development. “The plants love it. the flowers were 20-30mm longer than previous which I put down to Seamungus. Bigger flowers mean more oil, and that's what we're after" said Peter.

The powerful combination of Seamungus and GOGO Juice ensures a soil rich in biological activity and enables strong root system development.

Rare Fruit Arboretum / Fig Season!



Autumn is a time of preparation in the Arboretum, like most gardens, as we get ready for the cooler months ahead. Neutrog works with the [Rare Fruit Society of South Australia \(RFSSA\)](#) to preserve over 350 rare and endangered fruit varieties including apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, quinces and figs.

In early February, RFSSA members Bob Edwards and Ross Pitman visited the arboretum to check on the health of the trees after a fruitful summer season.

“We are very impressed. There has been a lot of vigorous growth which we are happy to see” said Bob.

Bob and Ross also took the opportunity to view the upgrades that had been made to the arboretum at the end of 2021.

This includes some repair and modification work on the irrigation system, where pressure compensators have been added, as well as a small pipe extension to enable the system to water some newly planted fig trees.

The fig tree collection in the Rare Fruit Arboretum has approximately 20 different varieties, and is currently looking very healthy with trees producing an abundance of fruit that will start to ripen over the next month. One of those varieties is the Preston Prolific (*Ficus carica*) which is a modern fig variety sold since the 1960's in Australia.



Preston Prolific is a fast growing, self-fertile deciduous tree which grows up to five metres tall, and is thought to be a seedling of Black Genoa, originating in Victoria. As the name suggests, the Preston Prolific produces an abundance of fruit.

The tree produces large leaves and fruits that change to a purple-brown colour when fully ripe with a distinctive sweet flavour. The fruit is often used in jams, but are just as enjoyable when eaten fresh.

Fig trees are not as common as they used to be, with some children growing up having never eaten or seen a fig in their lifetime. By planting these fruits in the Rare Fruit Arboretum we will be able to ensure their preservation for generations to come.

Year Round Fertilising Guide / Autumn

While it still feels like we are in the midst of summer, preparing for feeding plants in autumn means you will have everything to hand when then temperature begins to dip. 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 apply 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

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 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.

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



Year Round Fertilising Guide / Spring

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!



ESTABLISHED FLOWERING PLANTS

Including roses, carnations, daisies, lavender and all other flowering plants. Now is the time to 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.



VEGETABLES, FRUIT AND CITRUS

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

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.



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.

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.

- It introduces a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria.
- Beneficial bacteria act as a deterrent to pathogenic bacteria.
- Weed suppression.
- 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 absorbency.



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 Adam and his lawn. 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 April!

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?

