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TONY'S TIPS

JUNE

It's the start of Winter but also the start of lots of exciting things in the garden. Japonica Camellias start to flower as do Helleborus, flowering quince and it's now cold enough for Fairy Primula to flower. Cyclamen, poppies and primroses are loving the cold and the first of the new season perennial vegies and new season roses and fruit trees are coming in. Winter is colourful and fragrant and all you have to do is get out into it to enjoy it!

THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

- Box hedging and topiary should have its main prune of the year now to establish the shape and structure for the rest of the year. If they are a bit orange or rusty in appearance that is due to a nutrient deficiency, usually caused by acidic soils or lack of food. Try Dolomite Lime first to correct pH problem then dose with blood and bone.
- Lawns that are regularly fed build up acidity and may need Liming to correct this. Not sure? Bring in a soil sample and we will pH test it for you.
- Have a look at our great range of new season Japonica Camellias. They are ideal to brighten up your Winter and are tougher than most people imagine in part sun or full shade. Their success is all in the planting; get them off to a good start and they never look back!
- Control weeds in your lawns; especially buffalo, kikuyu and couch lawns. Cold climate weeds invade semi-dormant warm climate lawns and can take over.
- If your soil is tired, gutless & unable to properly support your plants now is a good time to improve your soil. Put down a thin layer of Blood & Bone (large handful per square metre) then cover with a good layer of straw mulch. This will rot down into your soil adding humus & stimulate worm & microbial activity.

WINTER VEGIES & PLANTING

Winter Vegies: New season winter vegies start to come in this month and we will have wonderful rhubarb and asparagus crowns (we have the best grower) as well as 12 varieties of certified seed potatoes. Certified seed potatoes are disease free, better growing and more productive and are okay to plant now as we are not affected by frost. Dig a shallow trench 150mm deep, put seed potatoes in base 300mm apart, cover with about 100mm of soil and a little All Purpose food and wait for green shoots to emerge. Once shoots are approx 150mm long cover with another 100mm of soil/compost mix and repeat until you can no longer mound up soil any higher. The same method of gradual layering can be used in large pots or potato bags with great success in small spaces.

Winter Planting: Most plants are quite happy to be planted at this time of the year. Whilst you may think it's a bit cool, most plants think; no snow, no frost, it's a walk in the park! Planting now into improved soil allow the roots to establish through Winter with no stressful demands and be in a really good place come Spring. We have a great range of the best stock that is ideal to plant now. We have 7 fully qualified horticulturalists to help you garden better, prevent you from making mistakes and fix your problems.



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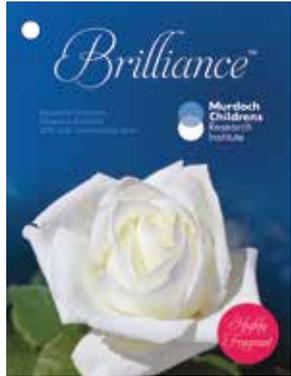
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NEW SEASON ROSES

have been told by our grower that the best new release this year is a David Austin rose called Boscobel. David Austin Roses has the largest rose breeding program in the world & this year's release is a beauty! Perfectly formed salmon pink flowers with a rich myrrh perfume & strong healthy bushy growth. We will also have a new fragrant white rose called Brilliance which



is released to benefit the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. It is a strong growing, hardy, healthy lush foliaged bush with pickable, fragrant, pristine white flowers. We will also have a wide range of tried and tested roses that we know are the good varieties, proven performers from traditional, old fashioned, Delbard & David Austin roses in bush as well as a great range of climbers, standards & weepers. It's a great time to establish a new rose bed or replace any poor performers. Remember that roses like a sunny position, organically improved soil & regular feeding and watering for beautiful, colourful, fragrant, pickable flowers from October to May.



As Winter settles in, we've got you covered with our extensive range of Winter woollies to tempt you, including... the Nativeworld possum range which provides warmth without weight due to the combination of merino wool, possum fur and silk. Choose from ponchos, gloves, scarves and hats. The gorgeous and colourful range from Otto & Spike range is proudly made in Melbourne. Made from fine merino wool or lambswool, choose from scarves, gloves, hats & even socks. Is your skin suffering because of the cold? Let us advise you with some beautiful body products to exfoliate, nourish and refine the skins texture. Our range of Salus body products are also proudly made in Melbourne and are luxurious yet affordable to use everyday. Perhaps you're one of the lucky ones escaping the cold by travelling somewhere warmer. The new range of Zoomlite travel bags have arrived in store. These light and fashionable bags are your perfect travelling companion. Complete with RFID pockets that protect your personal informatiopn and data from cyber thieves. Plus we're loving our beautiful robes from Brogo Australia. These supersoft micro mink bathrobes are available in 2 colours and are the 'cosiest' robes we've every tried. We look forward to seeing you soon in the gift shop...

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