



Here comes the big almighty December with all its requests and demands; presents, Christmas and children off school. But also it brings holidays, warm nights and hot sunny days which we have been waiting for all year. It should be warm enough to finally plant out your tomatoes, pumpkins and courgettes to name a few. Even though you have prepared the ground well, it always pays to add some nourishment to your veges and fruit. Liquid feed, scatter some sheep pellets, fruit fertiliser and "bob's your uncle". As I have said before water wisely and mulch. Deep watering is always better than everyday sprinkle.

And one should be starting to enjoy some new seasons spuds! How good is that!

## In Store

**Citrus** an amazing selection, all ready to be planted out this month.

**Roses** in full bloom at the moment. Looking gorgeous, lots to choose from.

**Alstromerias** so easy to grow, so rewarding. They flower all summer and keep very well in a vase.

**Geraniums** they come into their own this time of the year, for that hot sunny place. Including Ivy geranium, fantastic plant for your baskets. Pelargoniums, so colourful and good looking. We also have scented geraniums for that extra scent.

**Fuchsias** looking lovely for that shady spot.

**Hydrangea** some lovely varieties, Summer Glow, Levana, Candlelight and Limelight.

**Summer Perennial Petunias** Great plant for your pots and baskets, and they will flower all summer just for you!

**Lysimachia** just had some more come in, they look so good with your petunias in a basket

**Lilies** we still have some white scented Pacific Ocean lilies potted up. Will flower mid-late summer, stunning.

**Fruits & Berries** Large grade Passionfruit, Raspberries-red, orange and black, Blueberries, Gooseberries and Cape Gooseberries, Oakleaved Papaya, Casana, Curry leaf plants, Figs, Boysenberries, Blackberries, Mulberries, Currants, Grapes and Feijoas.

**Flowering Bedding and Veges** – plenty to choose from in both areas. Now is the time plant for continuous harvesting. Also our organic vege seedlings get stocked every Thursday.

## The little Market

Still time to pop a \$2 **Black Krim** tomato in the ground, looking good in their peat pot. Just in, some more **Verbena bonariensis**, **Anemones**, **Bird of Paradise**, **Spider Plants**, dwarf **Arum lilies**, **Phlox** tall white scented, **Acanthus Mollis**, **Astilbe**, **Salvia** and **Aconitum** and the usual bits and pieces. And the little dog is coming fishing with me...

## Shrubs

A great new shipment of tree and ground **ferns** have arrived, we have recently extended the fernery due to the popularity of these shade loving plants. Water is the key for ferns, and planted in a location with morning sun and afternoon shade these will give you a lush presence to your garden.

**Hydrangeas** instore are in flower, or about to flower, We have a variety of colours with more arriving throughout December.

## Star Jasmine

Glossy green leaves, fragrant white flowers. Technically a climber, but makes a stunning ground cover.

## Indoor area

With Christmas approaching fast our selection of gifts on display in the shop offer great ideas to help you decide what to buy;

From mini water features that sit on the coffee table.

Magnetic notepads that attach to your fridge so the Xmas list doesn't get lost.

To the stay hot or cold drink bottles with fun Alex Clark designs on them, excellent on a hot summers day. Also, the gorgeous Michel Design items which include napkins, room sprays, hand and foaming soaps and tea towels. At the moment there is a Christmas themed range to make your Xmas table look amazing.

There is lots of colour in our indoor plant area. A gorgeous selection of **Flamingo Flame** plants large and small, in a range of rich reds, pretty pinks, deep purple and white.

The popular **Kalanchoe** plant with its very cute brightly coloured flowers, make a great display and perfect gift.

The well known **African Violets** also come in a variety of colours. It is a small delightful present for anyone.

Just arrived are the "wee cuties" range. These indoor plants are a fun idea to start someone's love of plants.

Our team, Chris, Kate, Janet, Bjorg, Cheryl, Lynnie, Miranda, Leigh, Debbie, Deanna, Sarah, Eleni and Koby wish you a safe and happy green Christmas and thank you for your custom and gardening chats over the past year.

Closed Christmas Day – reopen Boxing Day 10-4pm

**Love your Garden**

