

June Newsletter

So here we are in June already, the days just keep ticking over. It will be summer before we know it! So what to do in June. With the shortest day just around the corner, garlic springs to mind. The 21st of June being the traditional day for planting garlic, although you can plant them any time until August. You need free draining soil, and full sun for them to thrive. Keep them mulched and well fed and plant each clove about 5cm below the surface. When there are 6-8 green leaves left it is time for harvesting, the rest of the leaves will have gone brown by then. Also bear in mind that garlic will occupy its space for six months, so it pays to think carefully how much space you want to give them.

Store garlic in a cool, dark dry place.

Put frost cloth over citrus and other frost tender favourites too. It's also a good idea to keep liquid feeding your citrus over the cooler months.

Prune apples, pears, apricots and quince over the next two months. Remove dead or spindly branches and always clean around the base of the plants ie trimming and fallen fruit, as a means of good plant hygiene. Currants and Gooseberries can be done as well.

Over the next couple of months you can prune your roses as well. It's best to wait until they have lost all their leaves, although with this warm weather we have been having, who knows.

But anyway a few frost nights stop them blooming. Rake up all the leaves from under the plants, its help preventing any disease being carried over to next summer, next look at creating an open space so that the branches are of even height and distance apart, keeping the centre open for plenty of light. Cut just above an outward facing bud, and leave at least three buds below each branch. Cut it at an angle so that water runs off and not towards the centre.

If your roses have lost their leaves, it is a good time to spray with a lime sulphur solution to stop any overwintering fungal spores.

This is also the time to spruce up your pots and baskets with a fresh batch of flowers and herbs. Think polyanthus, primulas, calendula, viola and pansies. And fresh herbs in pots by your door, just the best! Always be generous when planting up flowering pots both with plants and a good quality potting mix. A good drench of liquid feed once a week will keep them all healthy and happy.

IN STORE

- Roses will in this month, great varieties and some pretty special new ones.
- Garlic and shallots are in store for you to plant out now.
- Christmas lilies and Casablanca ones – a must for all gardens
- Great range of cyclamen, if you are after something for out or inside that just keeps on blooming
- And as always a good sense of our flowering punnets, ready to be planted
- Plenty of veges to choose from, come and get yours.

And for those of us that are lucky enough to go fishing, here's a little something;

1 whole Kahawai – 2-3kg, minus head and tail, gutted and scaled

Big handful of Italian parsley

Knob of butter

2-3 lemons and limes

Salt and pepper

Fill the fish with butter, lots of parsley and limes and lemons, salt and pepper. Also lay it on a bed of same ingredient and do the same on the other side. Wrap it in foil.

Bake for 30-35 minutes on 200°C – check it so that you don't over cook it. Should be slightly raw close to the "back-bone". Serve with boiled potatoes, carrots and sweet potato – yum yum.

The little Market

Come and browse through and be inspired. We have got some rather cut animal pots that have just arrived. And some new coloured bamboo stakes, and some cool Eco labels. See you there!



Now is a good time to plant, so pull on your gumboots and grab your spade. Cooler air temperatures are easier on both plants and gardeners. Time to cut back those dead branches, prune and tidy up, keep raking up those leaves and use as mulch, and in your compost heap. Use Pea Straw to suppress weeds and protect from frosts.

Plant a flowering shrubs during winter, that will brighten your day. Try our spectacular large grade camellias that in and on special **\$89.99**, they are tall enough to screen the neighbours, try a Daphne to lift the spirits with their heavenly scent both the white and pink from **\$29.99** to **\$37.99**.

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