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In the past 10 years we have seen an increasing surge in the public's interest not only in events like this, but in the continued popularity of farmers markets, agricultural shows and field days and other similar lifestyle events. Quite simply you are all hungry for something new, innovative and inspiring that connects horticulture and agriculture with your lives.

Gardening is therefore on the up and the demographics of interest is changing too. In days gone past gardening appealed to largely to an older audience but there is a new wave of interest as the younger generation have been attracted to present days trends of succulents, indoor plants as well as the strong movement to live a healthier lifestyle by eating what you grow.

Visiting festivals like this has been a big part of my horticultural career with my first experience being some 35 years ago when I visited the Chelsea Flower Show in London as a young horticultural apprentice.

I hope you will be inspired today like I was then to value gardening as an important part of day to day life and that greening our homes and gardens is paramount but so too is our streetscapes, urban developments and local parks and gardens. Without you realising, horticulture is not just about growing plants but it also gives back in so many ways particularly when we consider our health and well being

Education forms a very important part of the festival and I hope you will take the opportunity to not only listen to one of the many talks and demonstrations on offer but also visit the Nursery & Garden Industry marquee where we will be answering your gardening questions, promoting courses in horticulture and the national gardening campaign "Plant Life Balance" which embraces greening the interiors of your

The Perth Garden Festival, formally Garden Week, has had a proud and rich history and it's journey has taken it from Langley Park, Kings Park Botanic Gardens, Perry Lakes and now to it's present day home, McCallum Park. It is our ambition to make this event grow so that one day it will become a world class gardening event for the people of WA and will assist in shaping the future of gardens across all regions of the state by providing you with the right knowledge in tackling our often harsh environment in which to garden.

On behalf of the Nursery & Garden Industry of WA, the exhibitors and all those involved, we hope you not only have an enjoyable and pleasurable experience but you are also able to make those fingers a little greener.



Matthew Lunn CEO Nursery & Garden Industry WA

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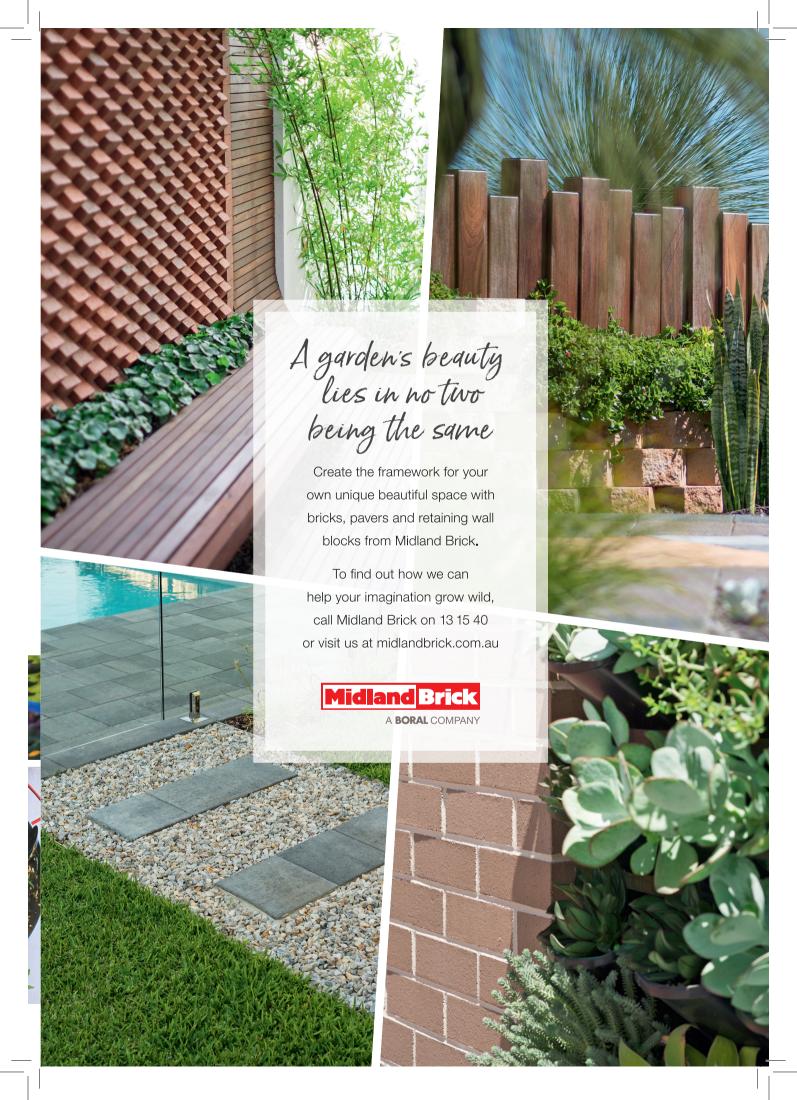
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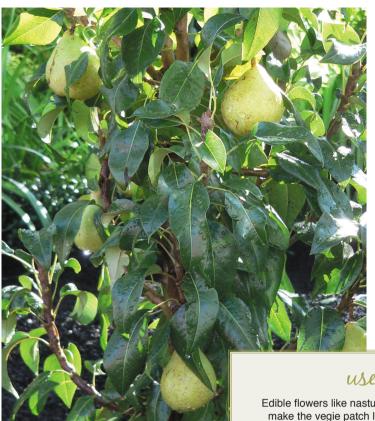












the fruit & vegetable patch

Dervn Thorpe

ouse blocks are getting smaller so space is normally the determining factor in the creation of a vegetable patch.

Gardeners who have the space divide their garden into four or more areas within the patch so that the crops can be rotated. This reduces pests and diseases and stops the soil being continually depleted of the same nutrients as different type of crops have different needs.

Groups of similar vegetables are planted together in a different part of the garden each year. The length of a rotation system varies from 3 to 8 years but most home gardeners follow a four year system which means that no vegetable group is ever planted in the same place twice over the four year period.

useful tip

Edible flowers like nasturtium, pansy and calendula make the vegie patch look pretty and are a great garnish for salads.



- Roots and onions carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions, garlic, leeks
- Corn and cucurbits sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, cucumber, and zucchini (after harvest plant a green manure crop and dig it in before planting crop 3)
- Solanum family- tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants or potatoes
- Legumes and brassicas peas and beans, cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Asian leaf vegetables

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Small garden areas

Small house blocks have more shade, which is cast by fences and adjoining houses. Solutions include:

- Growing vegetables in pots, moving them to sunny positions
- Choosing leafy crops like spinach, silverbeet, lettuce, rocket and rhubarb
- Planting root crops as most cope well with half and half shade

Good looks

To make the patch look attractive and productive:

- Use permanent plants like perennial hedges (edibles like feijoa and step-over apples look good) and perennial vegetables like globe artichokes, asparagus and rhubarb
- Incorporate edible flowers for salads and garnishes and daisy-like blooms to attract pollinators
- Choose vegetables with striking colours like rainbow chard or purple cabbages
- Stagger plantings to have an ongoing harvest
- Have permanent structures like paths, decorative features like sculptures or decorative climbing frames

What to use

- Seedlings bought in punnets are the easiest way to plant out a vegetable patch
- Seeds are more economical and are available in a wider range of varieties than seedlings
- Some plants, including root vegetables and peas, grow better from seed than seedlings
- While old-fashioned or heirloom varieties are fashionable don't discount hybrid varieties which are bred for disease resistance
- Liquid fertiliser, applied with a watering can fortnightly, is one of the best ways to ensure the vegetables grow quickly, resulting in sweet, tender crops.





Deryn Thorpe

ew activities in the garden are as satisfying as growing food in your own back yard. Creating and maintaining a vegetable patch is an activity that feeds the body as well as the soul as you can follow your own philosophy about the use of fertilisers and

Picking garden fresh vegetables and eating them soon after maximises their nutrients and it is very fulfilling to be able to share your excess produce with family and friends.

Creating the vegetable patch

When you decide that you want to create your own veggie garden the first important decision is where to site it.

Usually vegetable gardens are created in a full sun position in the back yard, however, there is no reason that a well-designed patch cannot be an attractive feature in the front garden. The chosen site should get five or more hours of sunlight each day, though in hotter parts of WA a little afternoon shade in warmer months is welcomed by the plants.

I am seeing more Perth vegetable gardens planted in areas with a retractable shade so that crops can be given some protection from the sun in summer.

Thought should also be given to protecting the crop from drying











winds which can retard development and make vegetables dry and bitter. If your site is windy plant some shrubs to screen it and while they grow erect a fence made from shade cloth.

How big to dig is usually determined more by the available space and enthusiasm of the gardener than by the amount of mouths the garden will eventually feed. A ten square metre patch will feed a family of four, expect to spend two to four hours a week keeping it in top condition, depending on the season.

One of the simplest ways to start a patch is to buy a raised corrugated iron planter, though you will need at least four if you are serious about growing all the vegetables for your family. A 40sqm vegetable patch of garden will feed a family of four.

Traditional gardens are usually laid in a grid pattern so that the

gardener has space to walk around the edge of a small patch with paths arranged beside each bed or intersecting the middle vegetable garden in bigger plots.

Fruit trees

If you don't have space for fruit trees you can grow in containers, use them as small feature trees in the flower garden or as espalier.

All citrus can be grown in pots and there are also many dwarf fruit trees.

Consider espaliering fruit trees against a wall or growing some as a hedge.

Pomegranates are one of the toughest fruit trees, feijoas make great hedges and cumquats and blueberries are popular pot specimens.





Water and mulch

Regular watering is also essential for successful fruit and vegetable crops. Install an irrigation system and consider the benefits of a rainwater tank and a greywater system. Greywater is only suitable to water fruit trees as the edible portion of the fruit or vegetable should not come in direct contact with the greywater. A layer of pea straw or lucerne hay mulch will retain soil moisture, protect plant roots from the sun, return organic matter to the soil and reduce weed competition. Provide a complete fertiliser with the full range of trace elements and feed seedlings regularly with seaweed tonic and liquid fertiliser.

Even in winter, rainfall alone rarely provides enough water to produce a successful vegetable crop. If crops are left to dry out, especially on sandy soils for a day or two it reduces yield and plant growth.

Soil

Good soil is critical to success in the garden. With the autumn rains in May clay soils, which bake hard over summer, will become soft enough to work.

Both clay soils and sandy soils need to be improved dramatically with organic matter. Add legume hay (lucerne or pea straw) well-rotted animal manures, blood and bone and lots of home-made or bought compost and dig in well. Organic matter provides nutrients for plants as it is broken down by soil microorganisms, eventually forming part of the humus layer in the soil. If the soil is clay consider raising the beds to aid drainage. Sandy soils should be improved with clay to helps retain water and fertiliser.



I do not use any poisons or sprays on edible crops. There are many organic controls to beat insects including: Caterpillar killers with the ingredient Dipel (a naturally occurring bacteria), soap sprays for mites, aphids, thrips, mealybug and whitefly, garlic and chili sprays for aphids. While all gardeners should use fruit fly baits to reduce numbers, netting the crop is the best solution.

Many insects can just be picked off the crop and a few caterpillar holes does not stop the crop being edible.

Remember that even organic sprays will kill beneficial insects so use judiciously.



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Lisa Passmore

ften when we set out to create gardens around our homes we think first of the showy ornamental plants. Naturally we want our landscapes to look good and to value to our homes.

More often than not when we consider growing plants to eat... we think of edibles confined to the herb or vegetable patch, 'somewhere out back'.

However if we consider replacing our non-edible ornamental plants with something still decorative, but also edible we could grow something more meaningful and more rewarding and be a far more earth friendly use of the space and of our precious

For example instead of a row of Azalea bushes we might consider a border of blueberry's instead. The Blueberry's provide flower and edible berries with an attractive bush shade and grow in similar conditions to the azalea. For our feature trees rather than an ornamental ...why not consider a fruit tree? Pears, cherry trees, almonds, apples and plum are all very attractive and showy trees with the added bonus of delicious fruits.

As well as being something desirable, an edible landscape especially one that is maintained along organic principles is fast becoming the most compelling and necessary landscape concepts for the future. Imagine a world where fruiting plants and trees are predominate along roadsides, verges and in public parks...no-one would ever go hungry!

Even in the domestic sense the benefits to us of growing edibles are many;

More Nutrients - 'Picked when ripe' home-grown produce has superior flavour as well as significantly more vitamins and minerals that their 'shop- bought' counterparts. Supermarket produce is often harvested before it is ripe and are days if not weeks old when you buy them.

Less wasted Energy - Food from your garden requires no shipping and minimal refrigeration. Conventional farming methods use a large amount of energy in ploughing the soil, sowing crops,

spraying fertilisers, fungicides, pesticides and herbicides and well as the energy expended in harvesting, packing and transporting the produce when compared to the relatively small outputs by the home gardeners.

Food Safety - By growing your own produce you have control on how these plants are grown and what chemicals and fertilisers (if any) are used. In my opinion all home gardeners should consider growing their produce organically (and 'Spray-free') to get the maximum health benefits and higher nutrient content.

Water Saving - Research shows that home gardeners use around half the water that large scale commercial growers use to produce the same crops. Water saving methods such as drip, integrated dripline, wicking beds and applying thick mulch on garden beds help save even more of this precious resource.

Money Saving - Home gardeners can make significant savings in their weekly shopping budget just be growing some of their key staples. In fact a level of abundance in fresh produce can be achieved in even the smallest of garden.



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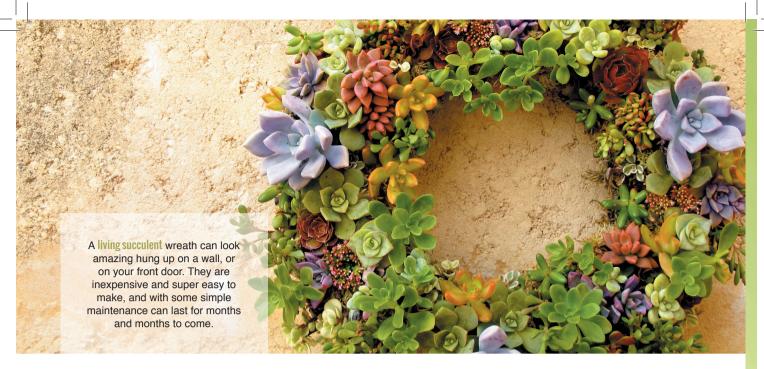


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Create a living succulent wreath

Danni Close

What you will need:

- A wreath wire frame
- Sphagnum moss
- Fishing line
- A selection of succulent cuttings or small rooted plants
- A chop stick (I'll explain that later!)

Step 1: Choose and Prepare your Plants

When it comes to plant choice, consider what colour and shape combinations you would like in your design. Rosette varieties like Sempervivum, Echeveria and Aeonium make great feature plants. Stemmed varieties like Crassula, Kalanchoe and Senecio offer a textural contrast and lastly groundcover varieties like Sedum are great fillers.

If you are lucky enough to have succulents growing in your backyard, you can take cuttings of them to plant into your wreath. To take a cutting, simply chop off the tip of a stem, and remove its lower leaves. In the case of rosette types, simply remove baby rosettes from the mother plant, leaving as much stem on the cuttings as you can. If you are in a rush and want a fuller wreath sooner, you can include succulents with an already established root ball. This will reduce the time it takes for the wreath to establish, meaning you can hang it up far sooner!

Step 2: Prepare the Wreath

Sphagnum moss comes in a dehydrated block. To rehydrate it, simply follow the directions on the pack. One 150g block will be more than sufficient for even a large wreath frame. Once hydrated, mound the moss onto the wreath frame. Be generous and mound it up quite high, as the moss does tend to collapse over time. Tie the moss onto the frame with fishing line, and tuck in any straggly bits around the edges. Now you are ready for planting!

Step 3: Adding Plants

Using the chopstick, make a small hole in the moss and pop your cutting in. Too easy! To plant succulents with a root ball, simply make the hole bigger. TIP - You can add more moss here and there to cover any exposed soil showing from the root ball. Use the fishing line to secure the larger plants into place, or you can create 'U' shape pins from wire to hold them into place until they establish. Work your way around the wreath, popping in your cuttings until you are happy with your design.

Step 4: The Wait

Now for the hard part - Sitting back and waiting for your wreath to establish. This can take anywhere from 2 to 6 weeks depending on the time of the year and what varieties you have included. Lay the wreath flat during this time, and be sure to place it in a part shade position. Water regularly and don't allow the moss to dry out. You will know when your wreath is ready by giving a little tug on a plant. If it doesn't budge, then it is ready to hang!

Step 5: Maintenance

Try and position your wreath in a part shade position. This will help prevent the moss from drying out too quickly. Water once a day/every second day, and water thoroughly. Prune often to keep the plants compact and lush. You can fertilise your wreath with a seaweed and blood and bone solution to keep your succulents looking healthy.



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Nick Bell

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The first step is to make an honest appraisal of its existing condition and a plan to improve its quality, appearance and

Measure the length and breadth of the lawn to determine the number of square metres. Where the lawn is comprised of a number of irregular shapes, measure them individually, and then add them up to provide the total area.

Have the irrigation system checked and make any repairs or adjustments needed to ensure that each sprinkler can evenly distribute 10mm of water on allocated watering days. If the lawn is watered by hose-end sprinklers or by hand, replace leaking tap washers, hoses and fittings if necessary.

Correctly identify the lawn variety. Only warm-season grasses including improved cultivars of Couch such as Wintergreen and Windsor Green, Santa Ana Hybrid couch, all varieties of Soft leaf Buffalo, as well as original buffalo lawns, Zoysia, Queensland Blue, improved varieties of Kikuyu, and Velvetene are suitable for home lawns under current water regulations.

Collect 6-10 soil samples at 2 metre intervals across the lawn from the upper 100mm of the root zone. Separate the soil from lawn fragments and mix in bucket or container to produce an approximate 500g composite sample for pH analysis by a nursery

Reduce the height of the lawn, remove excessive thatch and



dead weeds by progressively mowing it, in the case of all varieties of couch to 10mm, and all other types of lawn to 20mm. First cut set he mower to remove 1 third of its existing height, then lower the mower to remove the next third, and finally lower the mower 1 to 2 notches and double cut (that is up and down the same swathe) and sweep up and remove all lawn clippings and debris.

Adjust the soil PH in accordance with recommendations following analysis of the soil sample.

Fertiliser

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For an area of 100m2, 500 litres (0.5 m3) is needed. Transport the material over the lawn by wheel barrow. Place one third of the barrow load 1.5 metres apart, then spread the material over the lawn with a shovel, back of a rake, wooden screed or lawn level tool. Allow the sun and wind to dry the lawn mix and then rub the material into the lawn so that the blades of grass poke through the surface. Delay one week then commence the autumn lawn mowing regime never removing more than one third of the vertical height of the lawn. The optimal height of cut for all varieties of couch is 10-15mm and for all other warm season grasses 20-25mm. Mowing should always be done with a sharp correctly set reel or rotary mower and the clipping which contain 80% water and recycle nutrients to the soil should not be collected. During April and May mow every fourteen days and from June to the end of August mow once a month. For September to the end March mow every 10 days.







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is the perfect time for planting

Deryn Thorpe

utumn is the busiest time for planting in the Mediterranean garden as the soil is warm but after the excessive heat of summer the days are starting to cool.

Now the temperature as dropped its a great time for establishing everything except tropical plants as they will have three seasons to develop a strong root system before the temperature climbs. Tropical fruits should have been planted in late spring. Autumn is the time to put in cool weather vegetable crops and add colour and structure to the garden with new shrubs and plant bulbs and annuals to give a fantastic spring show.

It is a very pleasant time to be in the garden and enjoy the outdoors.

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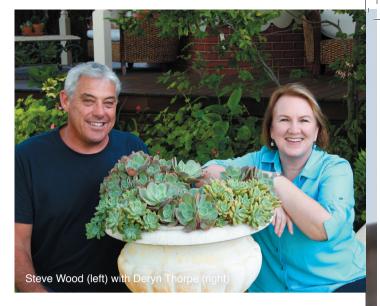
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Steve Woods a plant wholesaler with 40 years as a plant wholesaler can often be heard on ABC Perth garden talkback and television gardening presenter and Deryn Thorpe is an award winning garden writer for Gardening Australia magazine who leads garden tours.

The weekly podcast has regular guests and information on specific garden topics, regular plant features and recipes. Guests on the show include media celebrities like Costa and Angus Stewart from Gardening Australia, Perth gardening personalities like Sabrina Hahn and Josh Byrne, plant scientists talking about new research, experts talking about their particular plant passion and chefs and nutritionists sharing food trends.

Steve and Deryn regularly discuss plants, pests and soil life and have seasonal planting information specific for West Australian conditions. Despite the local focus about 10% of the listeners are overseas and the podcast is especially popular in America, New Zealand and Canada. There have been more than 120,000 downloads of the podcast programs.

You can search the podcast to explore specific topics like



permaculture gardens, indoor plants, vegetable growing, succulents and many others.

Deryn and Steve will be running the Kleenheat Kitchen at the Perth Garden Festival, working with three of WA's best chefs and cooks and sharing how to grow the vegetables that the chefs are using in their recipes. Podcasts with the chefs talking about their careers are also available on 'All The Dirt'.

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The autumn months are a great time to get into the garden and start planting. The soil contains warmth from summer and will soon capture the winter rain, making it a perfect time for plants to grow.

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3 (0MPOST - Autumn is a great time to start making your own compost as the weather does a lot of the work for you. Use the leaf droppings, kitchen scraps (especially eggshells) and garden waste. Adding eggshells to compost will help add calcium

to the makeup of your final compost. This important nutrient helps plants build cell walls. Without it, plants cannot grow as

MUL(# - If you want your lawn to look like something from a magazine, you need to mulch! Mulching is easy with the Honda HRU196M1 lawnmower. HRU196M1 is ideal for medium lawns and the dedicated user who wants the lawn looking pristine. Mulching breaks down your soil and improves it by adding nutrients. It helps the soil to hold in moisture so you don't need to water as often.

FERTILISE - Autumn is a great time to fertilise because it protects your lawn through the winter months. The Honda VersaTool has a cultivator attachment, which serves to mix up the garden bed soil that is loose to stir in fertiliser so that it is ready for planting. If the soil is hard or over a larger area, the Honda FG110 Tiller would be recommended. Aim to fertilise twice a vear for best results.

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Nitrogen based fertilisers are proven to help with food production. But there are two ways to add nitrogen to the soil - one allows it to generate naturally, whilst the other erodes important elements.

Adding synthetic Nitrogens - such as urea, ammonium Adding synthetic introgens – such as area, a.....suphate. This is the most commonly used method in the market place. However, scientific research has shown that once this path is taken, more nitrogen is needed more often, costing the grower more. This Is because feeding synthetic nitrogens erodes carbon levels, a microbes food source.

Adding organic Carbon Stimulants. Builds a healthy soil environment allowing microbes to breed and grow, and their waste generates natural nitrogen, so your plants can access what they need and importantly, when they need it.

This organic way reduces the need for as much fertilser as the microbes start to do the nitrogen enrichment job for you. Long term that means it saves you significant amounts of time and money. And room in your garden shed!

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What is a Bio-Diversity Hot Spot? To qualify, W.A. had to reach the following strict criteria:

We had to have more than 1,500 vascular plants as endemics - which is to say, we have a high percentage of plant life found nowhere else on the planet. Western Australia has 13708 known species – of which approximately 50% are unique to W.A. A hotspot, in other words, is irreplaceable.

We must have 30%. or less, of the original natural vegetation. In other words, it must be threatened. The major threats to our bio-diversity are indiscriminate clearing for urban development, mining, agriculture, and people buying bush blocks who have a lack of knowledge about how to protect and enhance the





amazing flora.





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Why does our Southwest have such a large bio-diverse eco-system?

Time and stability. Over the last 400 million years the Southwest has not seen any major glacial, volcanic or other catastrophic events to destroy our flora or regularly deposit fresh fertile soil.

Isolation. We are bounded on two sides by ocean and arid lands to the north, northeast and east which has prevented other more aggressive flora species from establishing.

The local Aboriginal population was small, they lived caring for the land so they had little or no impact on the flora.

Over this long time the soils have become depleted in nitrogen and phosphorus and the flora has evolved to efficiently extract what little nutrient remains. The flora has also gained other characteristics not found in any other plants.

What can you do to help preserve our Bio-Diversity?

You can plant what will be a beautiful garden and road verge that requires little, or no, water or fertilizer with our own Western Australian native flora. Your garden will attract many interesting birds, insects and other fauna which will make your outside living space a very happy place to be in.

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Create Your Own Living garden sanctuary

Fave Arcaro

ow would you like to enjoy a cup of tea or a glass of wine in the garden while watching the birds splash about in a bird bath or watch a sneaky lizard snatch a moth from the air. Imagine butterflies flitting about the buddleias and even smaller visions of a mantid as it grasps the tiny wasp that you were trying to photograph.

You can create a haven for our native wildlife in just a few simple steps. The recipe for success comes from a few basics. you know that adage "build it and they will come" well there could be nothing closer to the truth. Who would we want in our garden and most of all why would we want them there?

My favourites are the birds and the butterflies, but I am a little obsessed with native bees and other small insects, I love the diversity of the reptiles too. Adding water to the garden is a huge help and it will encourage birds, butterflies, bees, reptiles, frogs and other insects. Remember they are all part of the food chain and "all" play a vital role in our ecosystem. Building biodiversity is fun and educational and it makes every day an adventure. Higher levels of diversity include some interesting parasites that use other insects to complete their life cycle like the iridescent emerald cuckoo wasp

Plants for Pollinators

Flowers are extremely important to our pollinators and it can be as easy as buying a packet of seeds to get started. One of my top favourites is the Duranta Geisha girl as it is a magnet to my blue



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banded bees, butterflies and ladybirds.

I don't know that everyone gets as excited as me when they see aphids, but the best news is that these are food and hosts for at least 5 beneficial insects, so aphids only last here about 3 days. The good bugs that come because of them include our old favourites the ladybird, hoverflies, parasitic wasps, lacewings, flower spiders and praying mantids not to mention blue fairy wrens. I'm guessing you want the ladybirds and praying mantis, so be aware and don't spray the aphids, just monitor the plants. have patience and observe what happens.

I plant white alyssum beneath my roses, it makes a lovely border that ties the garden together, the white luminates at night time and the lacewing larvae love to live there. The night flying moths come in for it which means we have food for our frogs, so you start to see that the method for a living garden sanctuary is more of a recipe with the ingredients that meet the needs of our visitors. Food, water and shelter, a bit like us really. Forget the pesticides, be natural, leave some bare areas as well as some wild spaces

Our native reed bees make their nests in hollow stems so think about that when the annuals are dying back and don't worry about being too tidy. A tree trunk can provide a habitat for a plethora of wildlife as well as fungi through the wetter months. Many insects shelter and over winter in the leaf litter and the soil underneath so put up a "do not disturb" sign in one area. 70% of our native bees make their nest in sand, so leave an area free of mulch.

Native Plants

Native insects love native plants. Have something flowering all year round. Avoid pesticides. Don't be too tidy. Just add water. You can even make your own bee hotel and for more information check out Botanic Obsession on Facebook. Many living things rely on at least something else for their survival, many of them rely on us, so please think about your impact on the natural environment so that our future generations can also experience the joy.



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LECHENAULTIA 'STIRLING ORANGE'

ZANTHORREA NURSERY SITE 161

Lechenaultia 'Stirling Orange'™

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4 TIPS FOR DESIGNING

THE BEST OUTDOOR KITCHEN

An Outdoor Alfresco Kitchen expands your usable living space and allows you to cook, eat and entertain. A well-designed outdoor kitchen should allow you to enjoy cooking outside beyond the summer months. The best outdoor kitchens are as functional as an indoor kitchen and can be as simple as a barbecue, alfresco fridge and sink. Designing a generous and powerful outdoor kitchen is best left to a professional like the Outdoor Alfresco Kitchens specialists.

Start from the ground up.
Establishing the services of your outdoor kitchen is key to building the foundation of your space. Concrete floors and paving requires forward planning and you will need to consider, do you want gas, water and power to the area. We suggest never placing all your services in one area and suggest deciding on which side you wish the sink and waste to be located. Pro tip: Get a free service sketch to give to your builder or tradesmen from Outdoor Alfresco Kitchens.

2 Location, location, location Outside, undercover or enclosed alfresco area. Deciding on the location of where you would like to entertain is the key to knowing what requirements are needed to

comply with the strict laws in WA and creating the perfect cooking space. If your area is more than 50% enclosed you will require an indoor area approved barbecue and an exhaust hood that comes with an interlocking device. Undercover areas are all different and can vary with the severity of the weather, most alfresco areas in this location will be protected from the sun. Outside areas have a limited amount of options for the appliances, benchtops and cabinet materials. Pro tip: The Infresco Range of barbecues and exhaust hoods are commercial quality and comply.

Determine your Outdoor Alfresco Kitchen appliances. Consider how all the appliances will fit within the design plan, do you have enough room and what are you willing to substitute to complete all your outdoor kitchen size. Select from dishwashers, alfresco fridges, wok burners, sink sizes, barbecues, pizza ovens even a washing machine can be incorporated in the outdoor kitchen. Pro tip: The ideal working triangle places the sink, cooktop and food storage (like the refrigerator) in a triangle setting.

At Outdoor Alfresco Kitchens the materials and colour choices are outstanding and you will always find what you are looking for. The cabinets are constructed from all types of materials like stainless steel, fibre cement, brick and polymer. The door selections come from Laminex, Polytec, Polyrey, Stylite, all glass suppliers and multiple types of wood (jarrah, cedar, tuart, more) Pro tip: Colours

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THURSDAY 12 APRIL FRIDAY 13 APRIL **SATURDAY 14 APRIL SUNDAY 15 APRIL AJO BLANCO (ALMOND TUSCAN MUSHROOM** SAFFRON FISH AND FENNEL AND GRAPE SOUP) AND BARBECUED BRACIOLA **BURGER AND RADICCHIO** BARBECUED SPRING ONIONS **STEW** Vince Garreffa, celebrity 11:00AM WITH PROSCIUTTO Vince Garreffa, celebrity Anna Gare, celebrity television butcher with Deryn Thorpe butcher with Steve Wood Guy Jeffreys, award winning chef at Millbrook Winery with Deryn Thorpe from All the Dirt cook with compere Deryn from All the Dirt from All the Dirt Thorpe (leenheat *Kitchen* SWEET AND SOUR AUTUMN PRESERVED LEMON, CHICKEN, **MORTADELLA PARCELS VEGETABLES WITH MORTADELLA PARCELS** CHORIZO AND MUSSELS Vince Garreffa, celebrity butcher with Steve Wood Vince Garreffa, celebrity **BARBECUED BEEF** 12:00PM butcher with Deryn Guy Jeffreys, award winning chef at Millbrook Winery with Anna Gare, celebrity television Thorpe from All the Dirt from All the Dirt cook with compere Steve Wood Steve Wood from All the Dirt AJO BLANCO (ALMOND **BARBECUED SOUID TUSCAN MUSHROOM** AND GRAPE SOUP) AND **BARBECUED SQUID SALAD BURGER AND RADICCHIO** BARBECUED SPRING ONIONS SALAD Anna Gare, celebrity 1:00PM Vince Garreffa, celebrity Anna Gare, celebrity television cook with WITH PROSCIUTTO television cook with butcher with Steve Wood Guy Jeffreys, award winning chef at Millbrook Winery with compere Deryn Thorpe from All the Dirt compere Deryn Thorpe Deryn Thorpe from All the Dirt PRESERVED LEMON. CHICKEN. **SMOKED TROUT SALAD CHORIZO AND MUSSELS** 2:00PM **PAELLA** Anna Gare, celebrity television compere Steve Wood cook with compere Steve Wood

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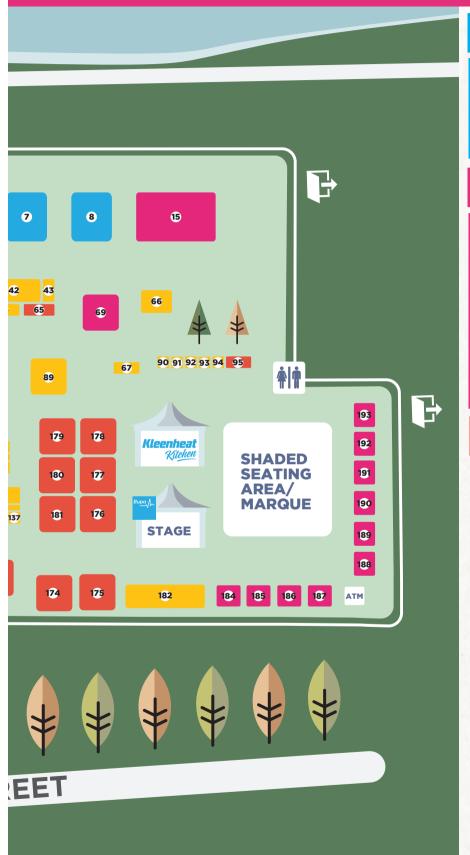
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	10:30AM	NEVILLE PASSMORE Horticulturalist/garden expert, "Why we need more green space around our work and homes"	GRAEME FERGUSON Turf grower "Best lawn varieties for Perth"	DR UWE STROEHER Microbiologist: "Why we need soil microbes in our gardens"	SUE TORLACH Garden designer: "Playful plant design – gardens should be fun"
	11:00AM	JACKIE HOOPER Australian plant expert: "Grevilleas: new releases and old favourites"	ANDREA WHITELY Garden consultant, writer and blogger: "Container gardening, plants for indoors and the garden"	SABRINA HAHN Broadcaster/garden writer/ tour guide: "Keeping your garden looking good in autumn"	DR UWE STROEHER Microbiologist: "Why we need soil microbes in our gardens"
	11:30AM	LISA PASSMORE Horticulturalist/ permaculturalists/landscape designer: "Eat your Garden: Tips on designing your edible landscape"	DR UWE STROEHER Microbiologist: "Why we need soil microbes in our gardens"	MARK TUCEK & MARISSA VERMA Horticulturalist/plant wholesaler: "Edible Australian garden plants"	MARK TUCEK & MARISSA VERMA Horticulturalist/plant wholesaler: "Edible Australian garden plants"
	12:00PM	DR UWE STROEHER Microbiologist: "Why we need soil microbes in our gardens"	CHRIS FERREIRA Sustainability expert: "Make your house and garden more sustainable"	DARREN SEINOR Landscaper/television presenter: "Real gardens for real people"	BOB MELVILLE Rose expert: "New roses and old favourites"
	12:30PM	LINDA MITCHENER Horticulturalist: "Why your garden needs organic soil improvers and minerals"	BOB MELVILLE Rose expert: "New roses and old favourites"	COLIN BARLOW Horticulturist/ media presenter/garden designer: "Inspirational indoor plants"	DANIEL VARISCHETTI Horticulturalist/tropical plant retailer: "Create a taste of the tropics with palms, cycads, gingers and bamboo"
	1:00PM	FAYE ARCARO Gardening TV presenter/ broadcaster: "Creating your own living sanctuary"	CRAIG WOODROFFE Horticulturalist/tree grower: "Best trees for Perth Gardens"	JOSH BYRNE Garden television presenter: "More food with less water"	JOHN COLWILL Plantsman and media presenter: "Some like them hot - the world of chillies"
	1:30PM	NICK BELL Lawn expert: "Preparing and managing lawn so it compliments your garden."	MARK TUCEK & MARISSA VERMA Horticulturalist/plant wholesaler: "Tucker Bush – Edible Australian garden plants"	TIM PARKER Horticulturalist: "Be your own plant doctor"	MATTHEW LUNN Horticulturalist and CEO Nursery and Garden Industry of WA: "Creating an indoor garden"
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AUSTRALIAN NATIVE FINGER LIMES

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St. Clements Citrus is proud to offer a limited amount of Australian Native Finger Limes at their Perth Garden Festival site. There are four popular varieties, including Tasty Green, Yellow Sunshine, Wauchope and Red Centre.

These great trees are both grafted by St Clements Citrus onto quality Troyer rootstock and are also grown from seed supplied by Auscitrus.

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St Clements Citrus will also have available other quality, grafted full size, dwarf and semi dwarf popular and speciality varieties. They have a saying at St. Clements Citrus - "We know it, because we grow it"

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ARALUEN BOTANIC PARK: SITE 166

Araluen Botanic Park has been growing and promoting chillies in WA for the last 16 years through its very successful Chilli Festival. At the Perth Garden Festival we are proud to present the best range of chillies in WA, from large 'stuffers' to tiny 'poppers' and from mild to 'blow you head off'. Come and talk to our gardening experts to find just the right chilli to bring some spice into your garden and life."

ANTHURIUM (ORIACEUM THE GARDENERS NURSERY; SITE 176

Anthurium coriaceum, Surfboard is a striking feature plant with very large surfboard shaped leaves that is ideal for indoors or the patio preferring a well-lit indirect sunlight position. Anthurium surfboard originates from South America. It's a very tough, durable plant that requires little attention. It performs best when grown in well drained, good quality potting mix. The large upright leaves can reach up to one metre long. Its a slow growing, long lived plant that grows one metre tall by one metre wide.

MAGNOLIA

ELLENBY TREE FARM: SITE 165

Named for the round leaves which resemble the ears of a teddy Bear, this magnolia is a small growing form of the grandiflora and is an evergreen, upright growing magnolia reaching 3m by 2m in 10 years . Being naturally dense in habit, with a tight, compact form, it is ideal used as an informal hedge. Leaves are small, cup-shaped and rounded - glossy and dark green on top with felted, bronze undersides. Gloriously large white flowers appear during the warmer months from late spring through to autumn







a New Autumn Vegie Garden

Linda Mitchener

re you interested in growing your own vegetables and herbs, but not sure what do? If you are nervous, start small! A garden just 1m x 1m is big enough to plant out half a dozen lettuces or a mixture of salad greens (eg. Mizuna, Mibuna, Mustard Greens, Tatsoi, Endive. Rocket) some spring onions, chives, coriander and a silverbeet or two! The advantages of starting small (besides cost) are that you can enjoy the growing process with minimal effort, have the satisfaction of eating your own produce, are testing out the environment (site suitability/prevailing conditions, etc) and learning.

Containers

Another option worth considering is to start off with a few herbs and vegies in containers. Generally, you are better off planting several plants in a larger pot than using individual, smaller pots for each plant. Larger pots hold moisture longer, and the plants protect each other as they grow. The advantage of using containers is they can be moved around to take advantage of shade, access to a working area, etc.

If you are growing in pots or containers, use a good quality potting mix; the best you can afford.

Poor Soils

Perth has some of the worst agricultural soils in the world – our ancient sandy soils are devoid of nutrients and organic matter, making them water repellent and lifeless. If you choose to grow in the soil, you need to prepare it well. Use a premium quality soil conditioner. It should contain a range of nutrients and organic matter, and minerals to aid water retention. Quite frankly, digging in a cheap bag of dirt or sheep poo won't cut the mustard. It is worth doing the ground work (pardon the pun) to achieve good results. Dig in the soil improver to a depth of 30cm, and work it in with a spade or fork. If it still looks like what you started with, you haven't used enough. Once you are happy you have something decent to plant into, wet it thoroughly. Plant out your seedlings and water each thoroughly again. Mulch is essential in the warmer months, but perhaps not so vital over winter. Mulching conserves moisture and ultimately breaks down and further improves soil

All young seedlings need daily hand watering over summer. Plants will bolt to seed and taste bitter if they are not getting enough moisture.

Raised Beds

If you are have heavy or rocky soils that are hard to dig, have you considered growing in a raised garden bed?

Raised beds can be made from almost anything; timber, bricks, limestone blocks, corrugated sheeting - even hay bales! The planting depth should be a minimum of 30cms of good quality soil. This is the root zone where plants access nutrients and moisture.

Another popular option is corrugated iron planters. These come ready assembled, are available in a range of sizes, heights, shapes, and colours. Higher beds are great for those with back or mobility problems, as bending over is not required. Just be aware that high beds tend to drain quickly - so you will need to keep an eye on soil moisture

These planters can be used on top of soil, lawn, even concrete or paving. They look great, are long lasting and can be moved around your yard or taken with you if you move house.

You need to carefully plan where to position your garden bed, taking into account things like:

Sun. The angle of the sun changes with the seasons. Photos can be helpful reminders of where shade falls at various times of the year. Vegies enjoy lots of sun in winter, but over summer they need shade and protection. You can grow in different areas for the seasons. or use shadecloth over the hotter months.

Wind. If your yard is susceptible to strong winds, windbreaks may be necessary to prevent burning, stress and erosion. Shadecloth attached to stakes works well.

Frost. If you live in areas where frosts are a problem you need to ensure your plantings are frost tolerant, or you must provide shelter with taller plants or structures. Plants next to ponds and water features (not too tiny!) are protected by the heat retained by water

Root Competition. Don't underestimate the impact of root competition from surrounding trees and shrubs. Trees quickly find soil with good nutrition and moisture and can travel many, many metres underground and under buildings. Consider some root barrier material used at the bottom of

your garden bed and coming up the sides ideally. It will allow water to permeate but make it harder for roots to access your garden bed.

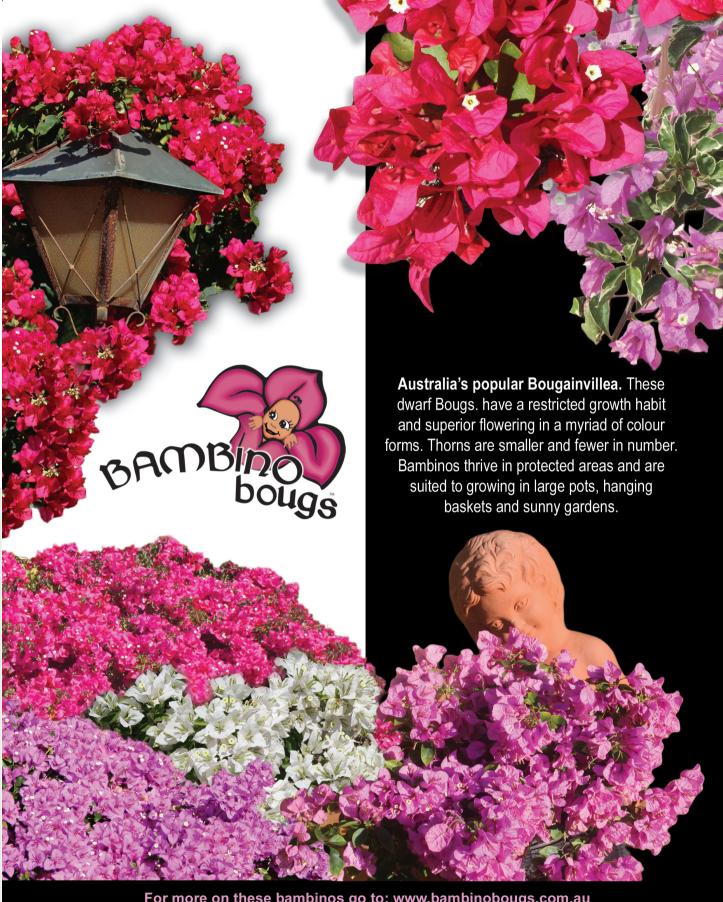
Fences, walls & paved surfaces. Reflected heat needs to be considered. Growing against a north facing surface in winter provides extra warmth and light, but in summer plants will burn to a crisp.

Water. Can you retic the bed or are 6 you prepared to regularly hand water? How far away is your closest tap?

Once you have chosen the best site, remember to prepare the beds with good quality soil which contains a mixture of nutrients, organic matter and added minerals for water retention. Nutritious vegies require nutritious soil, and the health and vigour of your plantings depends on it!

Thursday April 12





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Popularity of Southwest Lawn-Edging Startup Has Lead to Aggressive Expansion into 7 Countries in last 6 months!

Take a close look at the Show Gardens and you'll discover why a Bunbury-based Garden Edging Company has attracted distributors in New Zealand, The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Arabic United Emirates, Oman and Qatar in the last six months alone.

The company specialising in steel garden edging was founded only 3 years ago. The popularity of their products and service offered (and the competitive advantages they provide) have quickly persuaded Australian landscapers and DIY users alike to jump on board.

Their latest quirky galvanised line lasts a whopping 500 years. When asked about the overkill the answer was simple; the owners want to move away from a disposable economy to a resource conscious economy: "Most products in today's world are designed to be disposed of at the end of use. We aim to change that by making sure the products don't deteriorate beyond salvaging".

Inventors Dan & Joeri are offering stand visitors a free consultation (bring a sketch!) with an invitation to challenge them to demonstrate how their products will save you time & money and inspire your garden designs.

- Straightcurve Garden Edging

Chorus Kaleidoscope Garden

Welcome to the Kaleidoscope Garden, brought to you by Chorus (formerly Volunteer Task Force), winner of the 2017 Perth Garden Festival Best in Show.

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We hope you can experience something special in our garden. Take time to wander through the sensory garden beds: smell, taste, listen and delight in the explosion of colours and aromas.

Our garden has been designed for people of all ages and abilities, with a particular focus on people living with Dementia. Digging in the dirt and creating a garden can help someone living with Dementia to find purpose and peace. It can also evoke memories of people and places.

Chorus supports seniors, those living with disability or in mental health recovery. Chorus also offers opportunities for people to volunteer time within the community. Our volunteers are fun, talented and unique and help deliver an outstanding community service.

Chorus is a fresh approach to community service. We work by your side so you can live the life you choose.

Please enjoy the Chorus Kaleidoscope Garden and visit our stand to chat about the range of Chorus services and volunteering opportunities. We'd love to see you!

Find out more about Chorus by phoning 1800 264 268 or visit: chorus.org.au



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To learn more about Botanica please visit our stand (25) at the Perth Garden Festival or visit www.botanica.travel







Playful plant design Gardens should be fun.

Sue Torlach

here are so many 'styles' of garden promoted these days and 'shoulds' and 'how to' information floating around. This is all very inspiring and useful, but it's easy to become caught up in 'getting it right', rather than exploring new things and creating something unique and personal.

Seamlessly themed gardens are very satisfying and a welldesigned garden can be restful and inspiring. But your own garden is a chance to create something which gives you joy. A chance to have a play and express yourself.

There are a few 'rules' which are worth following - things that make life easier, such as sticking to sustainable gardening principles - choose waterwise plants, mulch well, use less fertiliser to protect our rivers, reduce turf areas, create shade and habitat. Doing this will increase the fun by decreasing the work. If your garden is set up to be easy care then you can spend more time

When it comes to plants it sometimes feels as though we need to keep them in their little boxes, like crayonsand not mix them up. A native garden and a tropical garden apparently can't associate with one another stylistically. But as long as your plant selection has similar growing requirements you can use plants in any combinations, simply because you like them and want to grow



Mix it up

Succulents instantly add fun to the garden. These blend wonderfully with native plants.

Food Gardens

The wonderful trend of incorporating more food plants into our home gardens opens up lots of opportunity to play with the plant palette. Edibles can be ornamental too. Why not have a nut tree as a feature tree in your courtyard? A hedge made of dwarf limes? Tropical edibles make great pool edging plants- they love the humidity and are usually not too messy- think mangoes and

Succulents instantly add fun to the garden. These blend wonderfully with native plants. Red kangaroo paws with a skirt of Cotyledon Silver Waves makes a striking combination.

You can also play with colour. Unusual combinations of hot flower colours like pinks and oranges can be dramatic. Use Anigozanthos Bush Pearl and Orange Cross to achieve a bright, modern effect.

Foilage plants can create interest and highlights within the garden. Thankfully we have moved beyond Golden Diosmas and now have all sorts of hardy plants with gold and silver tones, variegated leaves, burgundy etc. to add to the various shades of

Stick to a few simple design principles and you can't go wrong: choose shade and screening plants first, infill with smaller combinations of feature plants, clumps of colourful plants and carpeting plants, remembering to use multiples of the smaller varieties. It is a good idea to plant quite densely. In nature plants grow together and love company. A closely planted garden becomes self- mulching and creates its own microclimate.

Enjoy your gardening adventures and have fun creating something special and unique.



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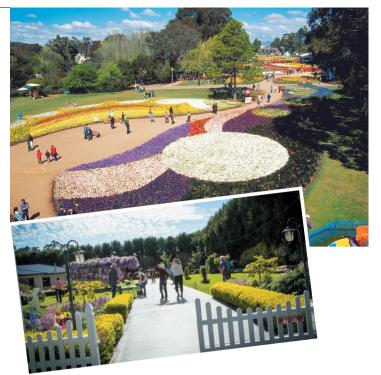
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Grevilleas:

"I'm a big fan of Australian plants. Emigrating from England, I was captivated by the wonderful Australian plants. My favourite of all is the grevillea."

Jackie Hooper

love all Australian plants but my favourite is the grevillea. Grevilleas are among the most popular plants for cultivation within Australia and this is due to their fabulous floral displays, bird attraction and a wonderful variety of form, foliage and flowers. Most grevilleas are drought hardy once established, and many are frost hardy.

There are grevilleas to suit all positions, from ground covers and verge planting to small shrubs, large screening and hedging shrubs to tall tree like species. They suit container gardening, hanging baskets and pots. Grevilleas are a good choice in fire zones as they do not contain flammable oils.

Grevilleas are members of the family proteaceae and were named for Charles Greville, co-founder of the Royal Horticultural Society in 1804.

The genus grevillea is considered the most popular of our Australian plants, widely grown in gardens and consisting of over 300 species and many hybrids.





Structure

Grevilleas have curious flowers. With no visible petals, their buds open to display long styles and stigma. The flowers are found in showy colourful clusters on the stems (inflorescence). Look for spider flowers, toothbrushes, and the conspicuous large brushes found at the end of branches. Although grevillea

flowers are found year round, their main flush is in winter/spring, perfect for feeding small birds when insects are scarce. There is considerable variation in foliage from simple shapes to deeply toothed leaves. Many are sharp and ideal for protecting wildlife, birds, lizards and small mammals.



An increasing number of grevillea hybrids and selected forms are being marketed. These exhibit desirable characteristics such as long flowering times and showy flower colours.

Grevillea standards are gaining popularity too as a means to grow difficult to grow species on a hardy rootstock, commonly Grevillea robusta.

New Releases

- Grevillea 'RSL Spirit of Anzac'- bred by Kings Park (KP) for the RSL
- Grevillea 'Scarlet Moon" bred by KP complex parentage, 4 way hybrid
- Grevillea 'Juniper Rose' juniperina x rosemarinifolia
- Grevillea 'Burgundy Beauty' 2-3m, good screen
- Grevillea 'Cherry Ripe' lanigera x lavendulacea
- Grevillea 'Dorothy Gordon' Myall Park botanic gardens
- Grevillea 'New Blood' 1m
- Grevillea 'Molly' like G. Robyn Gordon, but greyish foliage
- Grevillea 'Amber Blaze' 1.5m spreading, bronzy foliage

Old favourites found around Perth

- Grevillea synaphea lightly fragrant
- Grevillea bipinnatifida fuchsia grevillea
- Grevillea crithmifolia Prostrate great groundcover
- Grevillea nudiflora a south coast specie
- Grevillea olivaceae olive leaf grevillea, red, orange and yellow flowered forms
- Grevillea thelemanniana spider net grevillea

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- Grevillea 'Moonlight' (G. whiteana selected form)
- Grevillea 'Superb' (G. banksia x G. bipinnatifida)
- Grevillea 'Winpara Gem' (G. olivaceae x G. thelemanniana)







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The mysteries of **soil**

John Colwill

used to call it dirt. Some people still do. But dirt is such a dismissive word for something that is amazingly complex and truly wonderful.

Dirt is what we get on our clothes. In our gardens, parks, paddocks and nature reserves we have soil. Soil is not, as we are sometimes led to believe, just bits of broken down rock. It is so much more and as we humans continue to breed unabated, its role in our food producing future is becoming increasingly important.

Some of the world's best scientists may well be working on brain surgery or rocket science but the most important of them are engaged in studying soil. If soil were no more than bits of broken down rock you would think they would have figured it out a long time ago. So why haven't they? Well the short answer is they did work out the relationship and characteristics of bits of rock that is. What they are studying now is what lives between the bits of inorganic material and that is remarkably complex, truly amazing and the subject of new scientific papers published on an almost daily basis.



Fungi

I would love to be able to detail all this complex life but I'm just an amateur gardener with an interest in the subject whose views on what's under my feet have changed dramatically and as a result, so too have my gardening habits.

Let me give you a few examples. I thought I knew about the role of a group of fungi called mycorrhiza. These are fungi that have formed a close, mutually beneficial, relationship with plants. These fungi spread out from the root, harvest water and minerals from the soil and deliver them back to the plant.

In exchange the plant gives them energy in the form of sugars. That's the simple version but it seems these fungi are capable of doing much more than that. They can also change the formulation of minerals into a form the plants can use, even extract minerals out of a soil which according to soil tests doesn't have that mineral in it. But the really surprising discoveries are about the presence of the messenger molecule RNA. This allows these fungi to pass information from plant to plant.

One study showed that a fungus could even act as a memory, or notebook as the researcher called it. The study showed that in an area where crops had been grown before, when a new plant was put in the ground and the fungus plugged into it, the fungus passed on information about growing conditions and any problem the plant was likely to face. Another study showed that a fungus attached to two different plants could relay messages from one to another. It seems that these fungi invented the internet long before we did.

Bacteria

In a few grams of a good soil there are literally billions of bacteria. Most are busy feeding on organic material, breaking it down until such a stage that the fungi can take it in. Recent discoveries have made us reconsider the role of bacteria and plants. It seems the bacteria can also feed plants. One paper that caused much excitement showed that one bacteria is able to harvest nitrogen from the air in the soil and turn it into nitrate before giving it to the plant. That's fertilising, albeit on a micro scale.

It's discoveries like these that have led to an increasing number of products coming onto the market containing specific bacteria in suspended animation form, loosely referred to as plant probiotics. There certainly will be many more in the future as the technology

As a result of discoveries like these I now tread far more lightly on the soil. Before I do anything, I ask myself "What effect is it going to have on the soil life?" and if there is any doubt - I don't do it. Surprisingly, one of the most common garden practices is also one of the worst things we can do to our soil. It's called digging. Digging dries and kills, smashes up fungal systems and destroys natural air and water channels. It's all bad news. Ban the spade I say!

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PRESERVED LEMON (HICKEN, CHORIZO & MUSSELS PAELLA

- Serves 3 - 4 -

The trick to a good paella is making sure all the ingredients are cooked through perfectly in time with the rice. It is best to make it in a flat pan and start by sealing off all your meats and vegies in the same pan you cook the paella in so all the flavours are captured!

Ingredients

Paella

2 tbsp olive oil for frying

2 fresh chorizo sausage (300gms)

700g chicken thighs cut into 3 by 3cm cubes (marinated below)

1 large red capsicum diced 1cm

1 large onion finely diced

1 large red chilli

4 garlic cloves finely chopped

1 tbsp of thyme leaves stripped

2 tsp smoky paprika

13/4 cup paella rice or risotto rice as substitute

5 cups hot chicken stock with 1 teaspoon saffron

150g green stringless beans 3cm lengths

15 mussels

Fresh parsley and a squeeze of lemon to serve

Chicken marinade - blitz in processor

2 tbsp preserved lemon

3 cloves garlic

Thyme

1 tsp cumin seeds

1 tsp paprika

Method

- 1. Slice chorizo into 2 cm thick rounds.
- Cut chicken thighs into 3 by 3cm pieces and coat in marinade. Heat a 32cm pan with oil & fry the chorizo and capsicum for 2 mins each side, to seal and lightly colour. Remove from pan and put aside. Add chicken and fry few minutes each side to seal and partially cook.
- Using the same pan lightly fry onions, chilli, garlic and thyme for a few minutes until translucent. Add capsicum and fry 2 more minutes. Be careful not to burn.
- Add the rice to the onion mixture and stir whilst cooking over medium heat for 2 minutes to ensure rice is well coated in all the flavours.
- 5. Spread rice mixture evenly over base of pan.
- Top with chorizo and chicken then beans and then gently pour over hot stock and saffron. Add mussels in last ten minutes of cooking time
- When ready the mussels should be opening, the stock should be absorbed and the rice al dente.
- 8. Turn off the flame, cover it with foil and let it sit for a minute or so, so the Spanish flavours can do their flamenco.



WARM SQUID SALAD

- Serves 4 -

One of the best things about summertime is we can do most of our cooking outside on the BBQ. I like to prepare my dressing first for this dish as the squid takes very little time to cook on a nice hot grill. This makes squid a perfect dish for entertaining guests.

Ingredients

600g whole cleaned baby squid, including tentacles Olive oil, for frying Salt and pepper

Dressing

125 ml (1/2 cup) olive oil 125 ml (1/2 cup) lemon juice

½ tsp salt

60 g (1 cup) chopped flat leaf parsley leaves

2 tbsp chopped dill

11/2 tbsp small salted capers, washed and rinsed

2-3 garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 long red chillies, sliced into rounds and seeds removed

1 tsp fennel seeds

Method

- Combine all of the dressing ingredients together in a bowl.
- Slice the squid tubes into 7 mm (1/4 inch) thick rounds and leave the tentacles whole. Put into a bowl.
- Drizzle the squid with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
- Fry squid on a piping hot barbecue or chargrill pan for about 2-3 minutes on each side. If you are using a small chargrill pan, do this in 2 batches so it doesn't stew.
- Toss with the dressing and serve on a platter.
- Delicious with crunchy bread and iceberg lettuce. (You can serve on baby cos leaves)

SAFFRON FISH AND FENNEL STEW

- Serves 4 -

This recipe is a delicious healthy and aromatic way to cook fish. For this recipe I often use local Nanagai, bream or king george whiting.

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil for frying

1 leek finely sliced (white part only)

1 small fennel cut into 8 wedges (save fronds for garnish)

300g sweet potato, peeled and cut into 2cm cubes

1 red capsicum diced

5 cloves garlic, finely chopped

6 ripe tomatoes roughly diced

1 tsp red chilli, finely chopped

few sprigs of fresh thyme

1 tsp fennel seeds

1 tsp cumin freshly ground

1 tsp coriander freshly ground

1/2 cup white wine (or verjuice)

1L good chicken or vegetable stock

1 tsp saffron

Juice of 1 orange and 2 thick slices of rind 650g white flesh fish cut into 3 to 4cm cubes sea salt and pepper

Method

- Heat olive oil in a medium heavy based pot. Add the chopped leek, fennel, sweet potatoes, capsicums and garlic and sauté over a medium/low heat for about 10 minutes.
- Reduce heat to low and add tomatoes, chilli, thyme and spices and sauté for a further 10 minutes.
- Add wine to deglaze the pan and then add the stock, saffron, orange and rind. Simmer over low heat for a further 10 minutes to allow all the flavours to infuse and the vegetables to cook through.
- Add snapper and gently poach for 5 minutes or until just
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Serve in big bowls garnished with chopped fennel fronds.



SMOKED TROUT WITH BEETROOT HORSERADISH, LABNE AND GARDEN SALAD

- Serves 4 -

Ingredients

Brine & trout

2.5L water

125g white sugar 125g salt

6 - 8 peppercorns 1/2 tsp fennel seeds

3 bay leaves, fresh or dried

2 fresh rainbow trout, (about 30cms) cleaned and gutted

Smoking mix

1 cup hickory chips

2 tbsp lemongrass and ginger tea

Method

To make the brine for the fish: Combine 2 cups of water with sugar, salt and spices in a small pot. Cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Place brine mixture into a non-reactive 3 litre dish. Add remaining 2 litres water. Refrigerate to completely chill before adding trout. Emerge the trout in liquid for at least 6 hours or overnight. Remove trout from brine, pat dry with paper towel and then place on rack in fridge to dry out for at least 1 hour.

To smoke the fish I use a stainless steel portable fisherman's camp smoker. Fill your little burners half way up with metholated spirits. Preheat smoker and then scatter wood chips and tea leaves evenly over base of smoker. Place fish on the smoking rack and cover with lid immediately. Smoke for approximately 12 to 15 minutes turning fish over half way through for even cooking. Remove fish from smoker to cool.

How to fillet whole smoked trout: Remove the skin gently with fingers and then run a sharp filleting knife down along the backbone to remove the top fillet. Turn the fillet over to remove any fine pin bones underneath. Lift the head up and away from the body to take the spine away from the remaining fillet. Use tweezers to remove the finer remaining bones. Place fillets in fridge until ready to serve. Keep fillets whole for individual salads as I have done or serve flaked over salad.

To assemble

Scatter garden salad over plate as desired, top with trout and generous dollops of beetroot horseradish and labne. Garnish with any edible flowers from your garden and drizzle generously with olive oil and a squeeze of lemon juice.

Ingredients

Beetroot horseradish

1 medium beetroot steamed until cooked through, remove skin 2 tbsp horseradish from the jar (or freshly grated) Squeeze of lemon juice Pinch sugar and salt

Method

Blitz all ingredients together in a food processor until finely chopped. Don't over blitz as you want a nice textured consistency. This will last for a few weeks in the fridge.

Ingredients

Labne (strained yoghurt)

½ cup of natural Greek style yoghurt Pinch of salt

Method

Place yoghurt and salt in a fine mesh sieve over a bowl and strain over night.

In the morning discard the liquid (whey) in bowl. Cover and refrigerate strained thick yoghurt until ready for use.

Garden Salad

1 avocado, thinly sliced

1 small fennel bulb, finely shaved

2-3 radishes, finely shaved

1 small continental cucumber, pealed, cut in half and thinly sliced Bunch of chives, chopped

Small bunch of dill (or fennel fronds from fennel bulb)

Edible flowers from garden - I used coriander, fennel seed flowers, chive and parsley flowers

Extra virgin olive oil

Squeeze of lemon juice

Combine all ingredients together and dress with olive oil and lemon juice when ready to serve.



AJO BLANCO (CHILLED ALMONO AND GRAPE SOUP)

- Serves 10 as a party starter -

Ingredients

Ajo blanco

160g stale bread, cut and soaked in water

180g toasted almonds

1 clove garlic

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

350ml grape juice

180ml extra virgin olive oil

2g white pepper

Salad

Bunch of grapes Handful of cherry tomatoes 1 cucumber, sliced and diced Herbs, whatever you have in the garden Salt and pepper More olive oil and grape juice to finish

Method

Purée garlic and almonds in a blender. Squeeze out the water from the bread and add along with seasoning and grape juice then purée until smooth. Emulsify in olive oil then refrigerate for a few hours or preferably overnight.

Make a salad from the rest of the ingredients, season and dress with olive oil and grape juice.

To serve spoon ajo blanco onto a plate and top with salad. This is my twist on a classic Andalusian dish. It also goes great with seafood.

Watch Guy Jefferys demo his recipes at the Kleenheat Outdoor Kitchen on Friday 13 April.



SWEET AND SOUR AUTUMN

Cooking with Guy Jefferys

- Serves 4 as a main course -

Ingredients

1 eggplant, cubed

1 zucchini, cubed

1 capsicum, sliced

1 small fennel bulb, sliced fine, reserve young fronds

1 tomato, diced

Big pinch of raisins

Big pinch of macadamia nuts, toasted and chopped

Handful of basil, torn

1 tbsp sugar

3 tbsp red wine vinegar

Salt and pepper

Extra virgin olive oil

4 rump steaks

Method

Put tomato, basil, fennel fronds, raisins, macadamias, sugar and vinegar into a bowl, season and mix together. Heat a frypan and add a good splosh of olive oil. Shallow fry the eggplant till just cooked, then remove with a slotted spoon and add to the bowl. Repeat with zucchini, then capsicum and fennel. Cover and leave for a couple of hours.

BBQ your steaks until medium rare, or however you like them cooked and spoon over vegetables.

WOOD FIRED SPRING ONIONS WRAPPED IN PROSCIUTTO

- Serves 8 as a snack -

Ingredients

8 spring onions 1 cup white wine 50g butter Couple of bay leaves Salt and pepper 160g prosciutto, sliced thin

Method

Place white wine, bay leaves and seasoning in a saucepan and reduce by half. Add a splash of water, spring onions and the butter then simmer for 3 minutes. Let cool in the sauce then wrap with prosciutto. Cook in the wood fired oven or BBQ to crisp up the prosciutto and serve with a splash of the sauce. This is a classic Sicilian street food

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Cooking with Vince Garreffa

SPIT ROAST BRACIOLA OR BBQ

Ingredients

1 yearling beef skirt cut butterflied by your butcher 2 garlic (finely chopped)
2 spring onion (thin slices)
¼ cup diced Italian parsley leaves
60g salami matchsticks
100g Jarlsburg cubes
½ cup Parmigiano-Reggiano (grated)
½ cup breadcrumbs
Extra virgin olive oil
Salt & pepper
String

Method

Spread the skirt steak on your cutting board with the grain of the meat muscle going horizontal left to right. Mix together garlic, spring onion, parsley, Reggiano, breadcrumbs and 100ml of EVOO into a paste. Lightly salt the top side of the skirt steak, then a little pepper. Now spread the paste over the steak keeping 4cm away from all edges. Spread the salami cut into long matchstick pieces and the cheese cubes over the paste before rolling. Now roll the steak keeping the grain of the meat running straight the full length of the roll. Don't press too tightly or filling will come out. Tie gently in 4 or 5 places to form a long roll. Rub extra virgin olive oil on the roll and BBQ turning a guarter turn every 3 minutes to colour the steak roll. When well coloured wrap in baking paper then two strong sheets of alfoil so it's well encased. Put back on the BBQ and cook and do a quarter turn every 4 to 5 minutes. After 40 minutes check centre temperature for 50C or more. When that is achieved, rest the parcel for 15 minutes. Lastly unwrap and slice into 3cm wheels, serving with a warm potato salad. Yum!

This can be skewered on a small spit and cooked for about 1 hour, in its alfoil wrapping, until the centre is 50C to 55C. Rest for 15 minutes then slice into 2cm wheels as above.



TUSCAN MUSHROOM BURGER WITH RADICCHIO

- Serves 1 -

Ingredients

2 field mushrooms (10cm diameter)
200g Tuscan Chianina Beef mince
30g sliced Radicchio 1cm charred in hot pan
40ml extra virgin olive oil
1 tsp of anchovy paste
1 crushed clove of garlic
30g blue cheese
2 slices of flat pancetta
Salt and pepper
Balsamic vinegar

Method

Mix garlic, anchovy, extra virgin olive oil, and rub this over the mushrooms, and rest. Mix Chianina beef mince with salt and pepper and 1 tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil for every 200g and form into round flat burgers. Wrap the outside edge of each burger with two slices of pancetta held with toothpicks. Slice the radicchio 2cm thick and dress with a little extra virgin olive oil and a little salt then BBQ in a non-stick hot frypan until coloured on both sides and set aside. In the same frypan, BBQ the meat for about 4 minutes each side then set aside and cover while you do the mushrooms for two minutes each side with extra virgin olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic. Now build your burger. First mushroom skin down, then add meat, then add blue cheese, next add the radicchio and balsamic, and lastly a mushroom skin up and stab with a skewer, to hold it together. Remove toothpicks from meat before serving. Meat must be cooked to your liking.

MORTADELLA PARCELS ON THE BBQ

Ingredients

6 slices of Mortadella 3mm thick
100g Mortadella very finely sliced, then diced
200g Ricotta fresh
20g basil leaves
2 big garlic cloves crushed
12 slices long flat pancetta
200g Rocket leaves
50ml Red wine vinegar
Salt and pepper
Extra virgin olive oil

Method

In a blender, put the finely diced mortadella, the ricotta, basil and garlic and blitz into a paste. Now lay out the mortadella 3mm slices and add 2 x tablespoons of the paste on each slice, then roll the mortadella over the filling, fold in the sides and roll until the end. Tap the roll to flatten it then tie two slices of pancetta around it, to hold it together. Put rocket in a flat serving dish and dress it with the 50ml of vinegar and 50ml extra virgin olive oil.

In a frypan or BBQ, cook the parcels gently on the edge, for less heat, with a little extra virgin olive oil turning often to heat through. Don't use high heat (don't burn). Serve on the rocket leaves dressed with red wine vinegar and extra virgin olive oil.

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