

Winter Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the winter edition of our Garden & Landscape news

Winter

Winter may have arrived, but that doesn't mean it is all doom and gloom with short, dark days and frosty mornings!

Even during the cooler months your garden can be full of joy and surprise and there are still plenty of jobs to be done.

Brighten your garden with winter blooms!

Now is the time to plant winter flowers such as Camellias and Hellebores, begin pruning your roses and fruit trees and plant your bare root stock.

So drop in to your local ASQ Garden & Landscape store this winter and get expert advice on all things winter gardening!



Gabion baskets: a feature with a difference

If you're looking for a unique feature for your garden, you'll love our new range of flat pack gabion kits!

Gabion baskets are mesh cubes which are filled with large, decorative rocks and are commonly used to make retaining walls, feature walls, seats and interesting features.

Our range of RhinoWeld gabion kits are cost effective and easy to assemble, making it a great weekend project for you and the family.

1. Select the mesh size. Our range of kits come in 50 x 50mm, 75 x 75mm and 100 x 50mm.

2. Choose a rock. You'll want to make sure the rock can't fall through the mesh, so visit one of our sites and our staff will help you choose! Our favourites are Bright Pebble 50mm, Bright Pebble 150mm and Beaching 150mm.

3. Purchase a kit and add ons. Our kits come with everything you need to

assemble your gabion basket, you just need to choose a size.

Sizes include 0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5m and 0.5 x 0.5 x 1m. If you are making a wall you will need to purchase add ons.

For more hints, tips and tricks for building a gabion basket, come in and speak to our friendly, trained staff.



Winter gardening products



From
\$12.95

Secateurs

Pruning season is just around the corner, so it's time to update your secateurs



From
\$9.95

Garden rake

Clean up all of the fallen leaves in your garden with a new rake

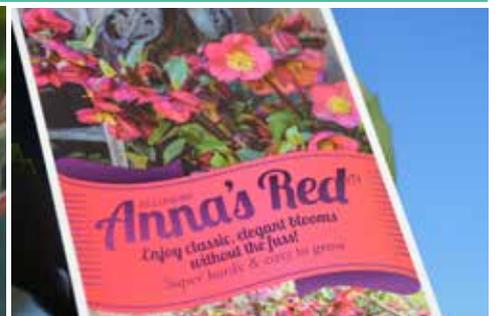


\$49.50

Spear & Jackson 2kg axe

This affordable axe is great for cutting up your winter firewood

Heavenly Hellebores in store now!



June Special offers

Daphne Odora 14cm

We are very excited to be offering the stunning Daphne Odora as a special offer in June! This species is a deliciously fragrant evergreen shrub with bright glossy leaves and clusters of pretty flowers which will bloom from mid-winter to late spring.



Bare Root English Box

Winter is a great time to plant your English Box hedge. This beautiful plant is a slow growing evergreen dwarf shrub with glossy green oval shaped leaves. We have beautiful bare root stock at a very special price in store now, so come in and grab a bargain!



Bare Root Roses

We have an abundance of bare root roses in store now. Choose from 60cm standards, 90cm standards, bush or climbing in a number of your favourite varieties. From Iceberg to Gold Bunny, Mister Lincoln, Mother's Love and more - you won't be able to choose just one!



Shop local at ASQ Skydancers

At ASQ Skydancers we love supporting our local makers and shakers, so we are extremely excited to announce that we are now an official stockist of Olive Branch Preserves!

These delicious products are made by Maldon local Amanda and include jams, marmalades and relishes.

Our favourites from the range include Berry Bomb, Foxy Fig and Rocking Raspberry jams, Quintessential Quince Jelly and Trampy Tomato Relish.

These fabulous products are available in 300 and 110 gram jars with prices starting from just \$9.95 each.

Come in and see the complete range!

Other local goodies you can find in store include *Something for Lucy* handcrafted jewellery, embroidered tea towels from *Stitched by Hazel*, a beautiful range of cards featuring local artists (including our very own Sonia from the café), jigsaw puzzle gift boxes and so much more.



Your winter gardening checklist

- Prune your roses and fruit trees to encourage new growth
- Clean up and compost any fallen leaves from autumn
- Feed your garden with Grow Better Organic Fertiliser (or Grow Better Natural Natives for natives and Proteas)
- Rejuvenate your vegie garden with Organic Compost, manure, Sulphate of Potash and Dolomite Lime



Love food, hate waste

Over the past couple of weeks, the team at ASQ Skydancers have been participating in the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' program introduced by Sustainability Victoria to help Victorian hospitality businesses reduce their food waste.

We recently completed a review to identify where food waste occurs most in the café. From reviewing spoilage, preparation, plate waste and end of day surplus we have discovered that 67% of waste comes from plates and 33% comes from preparation.

After receiving the results from the review, we developed an action plan to dramatically reduce the amount of food we throw away over coming months.

The plan includes strategies for decreasing waste by changing the way we order, store and prepare food as well as watching the portion sizes of items often left on plates at the end of a meal.

Over the coming months as we trial our action plan and continue to review our

waste, we encourage you to participate in the program at home by reviewing your waste and creating an action plan.

For more information about how to participate, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au or chat to our friendly staff.



Popular landscaping products for winter



Road base 20mm

Use Road Base to get rid of pot holes in your driveway and muddy spots around your yard

\$54m³



Terracotta Chips

Our Terracotta Bark is a great product for brightening up your garden

\$77m³



Special Offer! Crushed Brick 10mm

Crushed Brick 10mm is perfect for paths and nature strips. Was \$62, now \$46.50m³

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Planting your bare root trees

With bare root orders ready for pick up soon, now is the time to get ready for their arrival!

When planting your bare root trees there are a few things to keep in mind to help your plants get the best start to life:



1. Dig the hole to the depth of the root system and roughly double the width.
2. Use gypsum and Organic Compost to help break up the heavy clay structure of the soil.
3. Water your new plants in with Seasol and continue fortnightly.

This will stimulate the root system and help settle your new bare root plants in beautifully.

Enjoy your new plants!



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