

Autumn Newsletter 2018

Welcome to the autumn edition of our Garden & Landscape news

Autumn

With summer behind us and winter not too far away, now is the perfect time to get your garden up to date while also enjoying the quiet, balmy nights!

There is a lot to do in the garden before the cold weather arrives. Start by tidying any perennials that are looking a little worse for wear by trimming them back to maintain a good shape and removing any dead stems.

Autumn is a great time to revamp your soil by turning it over and forking in compost and gypsum. Your garden will also benefit from a decent feed of Grow Better Organic Fertiliser so it can be stored in the plant over winter.



Get out and be active in your garden this autumn!

Next on the list is to feed your lawn, or even plant new lawn before the soil gets too cold.

We hope you enjoy this beautiful season, it really is the perfect time to get out and be active in your garden!

Meet the team...

Staff profile:
Gary Sobey



What is your position at ASQ Garden & Landscape?

I'm a horticulturist, retail sales assistant and I also take care of the butterfly garden.

How long have you been working at ASQ Garden & Landscape?

Since ASQ Skydancers opened in October 2011.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy meeting new people, getting to know customers and finding out about their gardens.

How did you end up in this field of work?

I was born into it! I grew my first orchid at 9, I had my first nursery job at 18, then I went on to run and own two plant nurseries.

What are your hobbies?

Growing orchids, breeding butterflies, fishing, my dog and seeing my grandkids.

What do you like best about autumn?

The cool nights, warm days and rain - all things that are good for the garden!

What is your favourite plant?

Orchids! I also like native plants which encourage birds and insects into the garden.

In a few words, sum up ASQ Garden & Landscape.

It is a pleasure to be part of this wonderful, locally owned company.

Bare root orders

We are fast approaching the time of year for planting your new season fruit trees and flowering ornamentals!

At ASQ Garden & Landscape we have access to a great range of quality trees at affordable prices.

From fruit trees including apples, plums and cherries to ornamentals such as magnolias, acers and many weeping varieties, we have just what you need to add a new lease of life to your garden.

This year we are not only offering bare root trees, but we also have order forms for bare root roses!

We have a large range available including standard, patio, bush and climbing roses. Many of your favourite varieties are available at bare root prices including David Austin, Gold Bunny and many more.

Save money by buying bare root stock, and get the planting and growing guidance you need from our friendly, qualified staff.

Order forms are available in-store and on our website, but be quick because orders are due by 31 May, 2018.

Come in and see the team at ASQ Garden & Landscape today and find out what bare root plants will best suit your garden!



Brady Hunter



Did you know?

You can now view our large range of sand, soil, bark and mulch on our website!

Our new catalogue makes it easy to choose the right product for your next garden or landscape project. View our range of products including decorative pebble, road base, aggregate, feature rock, sand, soil, bark and mulch.

Visit www.asq.net.au/garden-landscape to view the catalogue.

Celebrating women in horticulture

ASQ Garden & Landscape would like to congratulate Eaglehawk Site Manager Bec Dajcic on receiving an award at Swinburne University's Supporting Women in Horticulture.

Each year, horticulture teachers at Swinburne University are asked to nominate a student from each class to be awarded a certificate of outstanding achievement. The award encourages women to continue their careers in horticulture and recognises the hard work of their students.

Bec has been an ASQ employee for 11 years and in the last 12 months not only became the Site Manager of our Eaglehawk nursery, but also began her horticulture apprenticeship.

From everyone at ASQ Garden & Landscape, we would like to congratulate Bec on her award and thank her for her hard work over the past 11 years.



Refresh your home or office with plants!

Bring the outdoors in and instantly lift your home or office with our new range of indoor plants!

Not only does adding greenery to your home look great, but it can also reduce stress, boost creativity and improve air quality.

For many years, indoor plants were considered 'outdated', but recently we have seen the trend make a bold return which doesn't seem to be going anywhere soon!



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Some of our favourite indoor plants include:

- Sansevieria
- Peace lily
- Boston fern
- Rubber plant
- Foxtail fern

If you're searching for the perfect plants to brighten your home or office, make sure you visit ASQ Garden & Landscape to see our range of new plants which thrive indoors!

Brady Hunter



What's cooking in your garden?

Are you planning a vegetable or herb garden? Maybe you're looking for ways to grow more fruit on your trees?

No matter what your project is or how much experience you have, you're sure to learn something at our culinary garden workshop!

Saturday, 10 March | 10.00 - 11.00am



Free info session!

New giftware has arrived at Skydancers!

The giftware section at ASQ Skydancers has been updated with new products arriving almost daily!

From deliciously scented candles from Ecoya including Spiced Ginger & Musk and Cedarwood & Leather through to new earrings, rings and necklaces, we have just the thing to treat yourself (or someone special) this autumn.

Our produce section is fully stocked with our own line of homemade jams and chutneys, a selection of pestos, dips, sauces, cordials, salad dressings and a large range of sweet treats from Chocolate Provadore - perfect for Easter!

We have stocked up on gorgeous handbags and earthy toned scarves perfect for all your autumn social events.

Our new range of fine bone china from the Australian Bird Collection features stunning designs on teacups, coffee mugs and serving ware. A great addition to any kitchen.

Visit us at ASQ Skydancers to see our range of new season gifts and homewares.

Marion Gillingham



Autumn gardening tasks

- Apply Dolomite Lime to your garden
- Feed, top-dress and reseed your lawn
- Clean out your vegie patch ready for planting
- Prepare soil and plant spring flowering bulbs
- Install instant turf while it's still warm
- Fertilise gardens, citrus trees and lawns



Have you checked out our blog?
www.asq.net.au/blog

Mother's Day is just around the corner!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, so keep an eye on your email and the ASQ Skydancers Facebook Page for unique gift ideas as well as breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea fit for a queen!

Sunday,
13 May





Salvias

Salvias are fantastic plants that are long-flowering, easy to grow and can be worked into any garden style! There's a salvia for every climate in Australia, but they generally thrive in dry weather, but also don't mind a bit of heavy rain!

There are over 900 species of salvias, making it the largest genus in the mint family. Blue-banded bees are particularly attracted to sage and other members of the salvia family, however if kangaroos and wallabies are eating your plants, Sage could be a good option for your garden.

Salvias vary in height from approximately 30cm to large shrubs that are up to 3m tall and wide. Salvia flowers are arranged in spires and come in a large range of colours including blue, purple, cerise, red, pink, white, yellow and orange.

Most Salvias are at their best from spring to early winter, but there are salvias that flower almost all year-round!

Gemma Stanford



European Privet

European Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*) is a tough, dense shrub with dark green, glossy foliage which produces panicles of white flowers during the summer months.

This shrub is a popular choice for screens and hedges. To maintain its density and avoid becoming leggy and overgrown, your European Privet will require regular trimming. Once flowering has finished it's time to pick up your secateurs and prune it back into shape.

When searching for the perfect place to plant your new shrub, make sure you choose somewhere with full sun to part shade. One you have chosen where to plant, the next step is to prepare your soil with broken down compost, plenty of organic matter and mulch to help maintain moisture.

Visit ASQ Garden & Landscape to find out more about European Privets!

Brady Hunter



Lemon & lime trees

If you're looking to add lemon and lime trees to your garden or outdoor area you can't go past ASQ Garden & Landscape!

Our large range of lemon and lime trees includes the Libson, Eureka and hardy Meyer Lemon trees right through to Tahitan, Kaffir and Sweet Limes.

If you live in a rental or are looking for plants for your outdoor area, our dwarf lemon and lime trees will make the perfect addition. Sublime and Lemonicious trees have a high yield and are easy to grow and care for.

Remember to give your lemon and lime trees a generous feed early in autumn. Regular pruning will also encourage new growth, help to control size and increase air flow - all things your trees love!

Come in and let us help you choose the right lemon or lime tree for your garden or patio!

Manon Whitechurch

Plant your bulbs before the cool weather sets in!

If you're planning to add new bulbs in your garden this autumn, preparing your soil could be the difference between a spectacular spring show and a dull display!

Removing weeds, turning soil over, adding Grow Better Dolomite Lime, planting compost and using a well balanced fertiliser are some of our fool-proof ways to get ready for bulb planting.

Daffodils, Jonquils and Blue Bell bulbs will naturalise in time, however Dutch Tulips and Hyacinths will benefit from a spell in your vegetable crisper for 3 weeks prior to planting.

South African bulbs such as Freesias, Spartaxis and Ixia are all very hardy and drought tolerant, making them a popular choice for Central Victorian gardeners.

As a rule of thumb, bulbs should be planted twice the depth of their size. For example, a 5cm daffodil should be planted 10cm below the soil.

So get your soil ready and visit ASQ Garden & Landscape to stock up on our \$1 assorted bulbs before the cool weather sets in!

Gary Sobey



Easter opening hours

Eaglehawk, Castlemaine & Maryborough
Good Friday & Easter Sunday: Closed
Easter Saturday & Monday: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Skydancers
Good Friday: Closed
Easter Sunday & Easter Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Easter Monday: 9.00am - 5.00pm (café opens 7.30am)

Eaglehawk

187 Upper California Gully Rd,
Eaglehawk

03 5446 1292

Mon-Fri: 9.00am-5.00pm

Sat: 9.00am-4.00pm

Sun: 10.00am-3.00pm

Castlemaine

Corner Langslow & Martin St,
Castlemaine

03 5472 4053

Mon-Fri: 7.30am-5.00pm

Sat: 8.00am-4.00pm

Sun: 10.00am-3.00pm

Maryborough

4 Penney Lane,
Flagstaff

03 5464 2662

Mon-Fri: 7.30am-5.00pm

Sat: 8.00am-4.00pm

Sun: 10.00am-3.00pm

Skydancers

Corner Blackjack Rd & Midland Hwy,
Harcourt

03 5474 3800

Mon-Fri: 7.30am-5.00pm

Sat-Sun: 9.00am-5.00pm



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