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### **Happy Easter!**

The Easter long weekend is just around the corner and what better time to work in the garden. March weather saw plants thriving with a great mix of fine weather and rain. Plants are flourishing and any new plantings are taking root in time for colder weather. We are **OPEN ALL LONG WEEKEND** over Easter from **9am-5pm** so come down and see all the plants that are flowering over autumn (see list).

We are also launching the 'new look' website soon, and encourage any feedback to enable better service to our customers.

[www.sydneywildflowernursery.com.au](http://www.sydneywildflowernursery.com.au)

Also, if you are visiting the Royal Easter Show this year, then don't forget to visit the Nursery and Garden Industry display. Have a great Easter.  
Dave, Kath, Narelle & Paul

## ***NEW RELEASES*** ***EUCALYPTUS 'VINTAGE RED'***



On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we have an exclusive new release of the worlds first red foliated Eucalypt. Vintage Red, a form of Eucalyptus cladocalyx (Sugar Gum), is a grafted ornamental tree for large home gardens or acreage. For smaller gardens it is advised to prune back by a 1/3 every 12 months once it reaches 2-4m tall. It is very drought tolerant and tolerates light to moderate frost.

Stems and branches when young are almost black in colour. When mature, bark peels away to reveal a smooth grey trunk through summer. Foliage changes from bright red to purple and grey.

Height: 10-15m Width: 5-10m

\* Can be pruned to half the size in a home garden.

Position: Open, sunny position but will tolerate part shade. Well drained soil. Water well until established. Prune as required.

Note: Any shoots coming from below the graft union should be cut back immediately, flush to the trunk.

Also newly released:

**LOMANDRA 'SILVER GRACE'**

-Even greyer than Lomandra Seascape!!!

## What's flowering in autumn?????

Now that the heat of summer has gone there is a great range of plants flowering NOW!

Correa spp. in particular are looking great and love conditions ranging from full sun to shade. They come in a range of flower colours from white to pink, orange, yellow and red.



### Correa

#### 'Marians Marvel'

- great Correa for shade with pink/red flowers with lemon coloured tips and stamens.

#### Also flowering and looking great are:

Hypocalymma strictum  
Crowea spp.

Banksia Birthday  
Candles

Lechenaultia spp.

Baeckea spp.

Brachyscombe spp.

Chrysocephalum

Hibiscus spp.

Alyogyne

Scaevola spp.

Grevilleas such as:

Misty Pink

Cooroora Cascade

Orange Marmalade

Peaches & Cream

Sylvia

## Hedging with Natives

One of our most popular requests in the nursery is for plants to create a hedge. When planting a hedge it is important to consider position, height required, type of hedge, whether formal or informal, and amount of maintenance you are happy to do.

Obviously **Lilly Pillies** are a good choice of plant with dense foliage and flowers and berries during the warmer seasons but there are many other native plants that are great for hedging such as the following:

**Callistemon spp.** - great for taller hedges and hedges that require thick coverage. Varieties range from the more willowy varieties such as Callistemon Hannah Ray to the stiffer, more upright varieties such as Callistemon Endeavour.

**Eriostemon myoporoides** - with grey/green foliage and perfumed flowers makes a great low hedge with an English look to it.

**Grevillea spp.** - Grevilleas love to be pruned and come in such a large variety of styles and colours there is one to suit any garden.

**Leptospermum spp.** - are another variety of native that really do well when pruned and they have a great variety of foliage colour such as, Leptospermum Burgundy with its deep burgundy new growth and contrasting small white flowers in spring.

Other plants used for hedging are, **Dodonaea** (Hop Bush) for a more informal hedge, **Acacias** for a fast growing hedge, **Hibiscus** for a great display of flowers in your hedge, **Grafted Eucalypts**, **Eleocarpus** either as a tall hedge or pruned for a hedge to 3m and many of the **Correas** make a great low growing hedge and can take part shade positions. Basically hedges can be grown from many species of plants when given the right conditions and maintenance.

Come and see us in the nursery and we will show you the many varied ways of growing a hedge in your garden, whatever the conditions.

## **GO GREEN IN THE NURSERY, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!!!**

### **Recycle with us and reduce landfill!!!!**

**If you are a keen gardener then you will find you have endless empty pots lying around after a great season of gardening. Why not bring them in to us and we will gladly recycle them for you.**

**We also accept plastic shopping bags and boxes for re-use.**