

WELCOME

FROM
Tim
Langdon
Manager

This is our first seasonal newsletter Autumn News. We are now offering our customers special packages throughout the year as a big 'Thank You' from The Native Shop Management and Staff. At The Native Shop we are constantly extending our range and seek to improve customer service. You are welcome to phone the nurseries at any time for valuable advice and to chat with the nursery managers who have a truly amazing amount of knowledge when it comes to the plants that they grow. We don't just sell plants we want to help you with all of your tree growing needs. We welcome any feedback and any ideas to improve our service.



16 Plant Packs

The 16 Plant Packs continue to be popular with customers. This is a terrific way to buy tube stock - minimum order 16 Plants - This helps to make the home delivery of your plants worthwhile. The boxes that we use to deliver your plants hold exactly 16 plants. As the plants need to be packed tightly to ensure that there is no movement we suggest that 16 plants is the minimum number per order. If there is a problem with this minimum number please contact us to make other arrangements. You may order any number of varieties of plants to make up your 16 Plant Pack. That is, you don't have to order 16 of any single plant, you may order different plants to make up your pack. You may also order multiple packs eg, 16, 32, 48, 64 etc.

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We are growing our business to serve you better...

Over the many years we have been operating we have grown our business in a number of directions. The time has come for us to place all of these under the one umbrella - Native Growth Holdings.

Native Holdings comprises a range of businesses including:

- Two nurseries – Mildura Native Nursery and Wimmera Native Nursery
- An online nursery – The Native Shop
- A consulting business – Native Consult
- A water solutions business – Native Water
- Research & development – Native Tech + R&D
- A native flora export business – Native Exports

Our Mission

To understand our buyers needs and to connect them to the most effective range of relevant Australian Native Conservation information, products and services in the world.

At Native Growth Holdings, we are committed to bringing native Australia more deeply into the lives of Australians and others forever, particularly as it relates to plants and water conservation.

These actions will be performed and provided with a consistent sensitivity to the business imperatives of building a sustainable environmental infrastructure, with effective business cases, positive business actions and a distinct betterment to the environment.

Our Vision & Values

To enrich our different customers lives and/or businesses through the provision of relevant, exciting and value-laden Australian Native Conservation information, products and services. This occurs in a customer-focused, powerful and flexible framework that delivers great client service through the staff at Native Growth Holdings building credibility, integrity, trust & commitment with our customers.

Native Growth Holdings is deeply focused in preserving and extending the native natural resources of Australia as well as extending the access of native Australian plants throughout the world. This covers aspects around providing all native flora as well as developing a series and framework of water conservation and vegetation survivability and endurance applications, systems and solutions to maximize the business and environmental benefit.

NEW!

Many customers have purchased 50mm tube stock and we have had lots of inquiries about larger plants. As a result of this feedback 140mm Pots... Are now available in The Native Shop... Pots can be purchased in a 4 PLANT PACK.



The boxes that we use to deliver your plants hold exactly 4 plants. You may order any number of varieties of plants to make up your 4 Plant Pack. That is, you don't have to order 4 of any single plant, you may order different plants to make up your pack. You may also order multiple packs eg, 4, 8, 12, 16 etc. The plants are sent via Australia Post to anywhere in Australia.

We will be adding to the range of plants available.....

Did you know?

Save water, time and money using our self-watering system for trees!

Introducing the Water Tube™ an ingenious watering system designed to maximise the growth of plants and trees, save water and cut maintenance and replacement costs. The Water Tube™ was selected as one of 10 "Best New Innovations for 2005" by the ANLA (American Nursery Landscape Association). The Water Tube™ is available through The Native Shop. If you haven't already tried this product we recommend that you do – particularly where the availability of water is an issue. More information GO TO: www.watertube.com.au



Tony's Tips



Banksia

Banksia are a spectacular Australian plant group known throughout the world. They range in size of plant and flower and come in a variety of colours.

The majority of Banksia require a deeper well drained soil, sandy or gravelly, neutral to slightly acidic – however we do grow varieties that tolerate alkaline soils such as Banksia media or Banksia praemorsa and others.

Banksia ashbyii is a large shrub and has brilliant sweet smelling orange flowers which are excellent cut for the vase.

Banksia integrifolia is a tree type ideal to include in a shelter belt, park or large garden. It has numerous yellow flowers and like the other Banksia, it will attract the native birds for your enjoyment and benefit. Banksia hookeriana is a small to medium shrub with lots of white, turning orange cone flowers. Banksia blechnifolia is a prostrate or groundcover type with lovely burnt orange to red cones seemingly appearing out of the ground.

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These are just a sample of the range of Banksia available from The Native Shop. We currently have over 20 varieties grown as tube stock and are of excellent quality.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and look out for further features on the wonderful range of native plants grown at our nurseries in Mildura and Dimboola.

Regards, Tony Langdon,
Manager Mildura Native Nursery

Special Offers



As a special offer purchase 8 x 140mm pots and receive **FREE of charge** the *Australian Native Plants CD-Rom* normally priced at \$55.00 *“The CD Rom is a treasure to botanists, students and farmers, contains a massive quantity of information about native plants”*

Dr Peter Yau
(Chartered Biologist)
(offer limited to one
CD per customer).

Purchase the **Water Tube™** online at The Native Shop in a box of 50 and we will send you a **FREE 16 Plant Pack of 50mm tubes** with your order – fantastic value!

OR

Purchase the **Water Tube™** online at The Native Shop in a box of 50 and we will send you a **FREE 2 x 4 Plant Pack of 140mm pots** with your order – fantastic value!

(Limit of one per customer).

Ted's Tips



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Eremophila

With the drought still intact in our region we have seen many changes in our gardens. First priority is to save water.

This is happening by mulching, water systems (such as the Water Tube – self watering plant guard) and planting the right plants in our environment. One of this group is Eremophila or Emu Bush.

Once in the hands of collectors they are now being sort after by many gardeners. They bring many characteristics to the garden including, low water use, colourful foliage, flowers, after flowering lovely bracts, smells as well as being bird attracting.

Eremophila need very little attention, although pruning is a must. Pruning should start while plants are young. We are now growing many rarer varieties of Eremophila by grafting. This gives us a larger range. Many species, however, can still be grown on their own rootstock.

Why not give these varieties a go in your garden? Eremophila maculata – grows to 2m with pink, yellow, white, orange and red tone flowers.

Eremophila alternitifolia – normally red with yellows being much rarer.

Eremophila nivea – blue silver foliage and a lesser known white form.

Eremophila youngii – silver foliage, grows to about 3m, pink flowers and a very attractive mauve flower.

Eremophila gibbifolia – small plant about 1m with tiny foliage and deep tubular flowers.

Eremophila bowmannii – grafted, silver foliage, spreading plant to 2m high with dark blue to lavender flowers.

Eremophila purpurascens – grows to about 2.5m, reddish to purple tubular flowers with red dots over the flower.

Eremophila calorhaddos – very upright to about 2m, masses of pinky red tubular flowers up stem.

So if you haven't tried one in your garden why not?"

Regards, Ted Brown
Manager Wimmera Native Nursery

