

## New Releases

### ■ *Ptilotus nobilis* – 'Outback Princess'® Series



We are delighted to be growers of the first of the Outback Princess *Ptilotus* bred at the Centre for Native Floriculture at the University of Queensland, Gatton. It is hoped that these will prove to be the vanguard of a new generation of innovative Australian plants around the world. They are said to be herbaceous perennials that are drought tolerant, cold hardy and adaptable to a range of soils and climatic conditions, and

suited to both pot culture and as bedding. Their gorgeous feathered flowerheads are held up above the foliage and will appear year round.

There are three colours available:  
Poise (pink), Purity (cream), Passion (purple)

**Available in 140mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)

OUTSTANDING  
NEW NATIVE

### ■ *Agastache* 'Sun Kisses'® Summercrush™

*Agastache* has 40 to 60cm spikes of salvia-like flowers that appear over summer and foliage that releases a citrus fragrance when brushed against. Sun Kisses Summercrush comes in two colours – Orange and Salmon Pink. Sun Kisses Summercrush will tolerate hot dry conditions and need full sun. They look great either in a large patio pot or in the garden.



**Available in 140mm pots now**

### ■ *Lomandra* 'Lime Wave'



'Lime Wave' is distinguished by its bright green weeping foliage. Plants grow to 60 x 60 cm. 'Lime Wave' will flower through summer and autumn. The flower stems can reach the same length as the foliage, which helps accentuate the bright lemon yellow blooms. 'Lime Wave' looks fantastic planted en masse, and is also suited to patio containers and rock gardens.

**Available in 140mm pots in now**

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Attention Landscapers

## Malcolm's Comment

### ■ Some good news

We welcome the removal of *Gaura lindheimeri* from declaration as a Class 5 Noxious Weed under the NSW NOXIOUS WEED ACT 1993. Our thanks to NGINA and particularly to the work of Mal Morgan (NGINA representative on the NSW Noxious Weed Advisory Committee) in compiling submissions to appeal the ban. Colourwise Nursery was one of the largest suppliers of *Gaura* in NSW until the ban was announced, and we plan to have three terrific cultivars ready for sale over the next six months. See the enclosed press release and Info Note about one of these, the new release G. 'Lollipop Pink'. The press release got a response from the media, with Don Burke interviewing Mal Morgan on his radio show and several media indicating they would write about 'Lollipop Pink'. We recommend you order these to take advantage of the publicity.

**The Colourwave Cashback Competition** is another good news story. All Colourwave Mandevillas, Verbenas and Calibrachos supplied by Colourwise from mid November until the end of December will be accompanied by a cashback label. Purchasers can send back this label together with a copy of their receipt by 31 December to enter a draw for \$1000 and supplementary prizes worth \$200 each. An incentive like this should encourage gardeners to use these colourful plants for Christmas gifts and garden decorating. So get in on the act and ensure you have plentiful stock and enticing displays of these plants.

## Business Notes

### ■ New releases from Aussie Winners

Colourwise is a member of Aussie Winners, one of a number of national grower groups with an emphasis on new release and protected plants. Aussie Winners is the Australian arm of Proven Winners, a very well-known company in the U.S. and Europe, and is run by Edward and Mary Bunker, former owners of Redlands Nursery in Queensland. The group has only been going for four years, but has been responsible for the release of *Euphorbia* 'Diamond Frost', Shadowdancer Fuchsias and *Chrysocephalum* 'Desert Flame' among other new plants. At the recent grower's meeting there was a good feeling of

cooperation and optimism among the group with a good response to a number of new releases scheduled over the next few years. As well as plants that come from Proven Winners with an existing track record, Edward and Mary seek out superior plants directly from breeders in Australia and overseas, and we are looking forward to introducing these to the market. We have included Info Notes on some upcoming new releases. We don't have enough for every newsletter recipient, but please contact us if you would like copies.

## New Releases

### ■ Hibiscus 'Tradewinds'



Baja Breeze

At last there is a range of tropical *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* that is readily available to gardeners. The Tradewinds series has been bred to produce a better pot plant habit, continuous blooming and reduced bud drop. There are two different types, the 'Wind' series, suited to larger pots and gardens, and the 'Breeze' series that is more compact and can be grown in smaller pots or in

the garden. The flowers come in colours ranging from white, yellow, orange to red and pink, which contrast beautifully with the glossy green leaves.

**Available in 175mm pots in January**

(High resolution images available)

### ■ Cordyline australis 'Southern Splendour'



This cultivar is a very showy plant with clusters of arching, sword-like leaves with coral pink margins and bronzy grey-green centres. It has an upright habit and with age will branch to produce several heads. Like other *Cordyline australis* cultivars this plant will grow to 3 x 2 m and produces large panicles of small, sweet-scented flowers in late spring to summer. Several planted in a small grove allows the strong colour to provide high impact, particularly effective under night lighting. It can be used as a specimen plant to provide a tropical look,

or kept smaller as a container subject. Requires full sun to light shade, and is dry tolerant, but protect from harsh strong sun.

**Available in 175mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)

**EXPECT BIG  
PUBLICITY**



Cashmere Wind



Chiffon Breeze



Cool Wind



Montego Wind



Reggae Breeze



Tie Dye Wind

## Tech Notes

*What's happened to 'Electric Pink'?*

**Cordyline** 'Electric Pink' has proven itself to be a handsome and popular garden and potted plant. Demand for it has been considerable, and we have many forward orders for plants. While it is a robust and easy-to-grow plant once it is established, it has proven to be extremely difficult to deflask once it comes out of tissue culture. In fact it is so temperamental that there is only a 20 to 30 percent success rate, which explains both the high price of the plant and the fact that we have none available at present. Unfortunately we will not have any supply until autumn, but don't wait until then as forward orders will be fulfilled in the order we receive them.

## New to Colourwise

### ■ *Hydrangea* 'Mai~Ko™'

Mai~Ko™ hydrangeas are distinguished by their large bi-colour flower heads in intense shades of pink, blue, purple and violet highlighted with white margins. Mai~Ko™ hydrangeas develop into a strong, bushy, well-branched shrub to about 1.5 x 1 m, and are ideal for gardens and large pots.

There are six varieties of Mai~Ko™ :

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Mariko\* – Blue and white



Taiko – Violet blue and white



Sumiko\* – White and pink



Machiko\* – Pink and white



Nobuko\* –Purple and white



Reiko – Pink and white lacecap

### ■ *Cupressus macrocarpus* 'LemonSent'



'LemonSent' is a Monterey Cypress, a wonderful conifer with yellow/green leaves that release a citrus fragrance when crushed. 'LemonSent' grows up to 2.5 m x 40 cm, making it perfect for hedging in a small space. *Cupressus* needs to be kept moist

and well mulched. 'LemonSent' can handle deep shade to full sun, with the leaves changing in intensity of colour ranging from lime green in the shade to golden in the full sun.

**Available in 140mm pots in January**

(High resolution images available)

## Tried & Tested

### ■ *Lomandra* 'Crackerjack'



The fine leaves of this interesting *Lomandra* start blue-grey and mature to green. They sway in the wind and contrast well with hard surfaces. 'Crackerjack' will develop into a weeping clump growing to around 40 x 70 cm that will provide a strong and stylish presence in the landscape. A feature is its lack of dead foliage retained on the plants. 'Crackerjack' can handle full sun to part shade, is drought resistant and tolerates moderate frosts.

**Available in 125mm pots now**

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### ■ *Mandevilla* 'Crimson Fantasy Mini'



Although the flowers of *M.* 'Crimson Fantasy Mini' are smaller than those of *M.* 'Crimson Fantasy', plants still climb vigorously and put on a great show if grown in full to part sun. The small red flowers are produced predominantly in spring and summer, continuing into autumn in warmer climates. The dark green shiny leaves are an added attraction, although plants are prone to

losing some or all of their leaves in a frosty area.

**Available in 140mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)

### ■ *Plumeria obtusa* 'Darwin Petite Pink'



'Petite Pink', also known as 'Dwarf Pink Singapore', is evergreen in tropical areas, but will lose its leaves elsewhere. The height of 'Petite Pink' varies with climate; in the tropical areas it could reach the size of a large shrub, while in cooler regions it remains smaller, making it ideal for either large pots or the garden. It bears highly scented pale pink flowers through the warmer months, or almost all year round in the tropics. 'Petite Pink' prefers a rich, free-draining soil in a warm, frost-free area where it will receive full sun and is drought tolerant once it is established.

**Available in 175mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)



## Nursery Natter

Alan Harrison

Alan is our new Bunnings Merchandising Representative for our sister company, Botanix, in the Sydney metropolitan area. He visits most Bunnings stores twice a week, although he splits the Sydney stores with Lauren Brabham (formerly Slee), who we introduced to you in our Winter Newsletter. Alan has completed the Certificate II in Horticulture and is currently studying the Certificate III. He was previously employed by a landscape company, and subsequently established his own landscape business and still does landscaping jobs on weekends. He is currently heavily engrossed in a job in West Ryde that includes a major water feature and an eclectic collection of plants. Apart from landscaping, Alan's main passion is soccer; he plays competitively with West Ryde Rovers and is a keen supporter of Sydney FC. So please make yourselves known to Alan next time you see him in store!

## What's Hot

### ■ *Calibrachoa* 'Million Bells'



*Calibrachoa* 'Million Bells' are synonymous with easy-care, long-flowering, potted colour. The 'Chimes' and 'Trailing' series, both of which are sold under the Colourwave banner, will add a splash of colour in pots or hanging baskets or make a

fantastic addition to any garden that has a space that needs covering. The flowers look like mini petunias and come in a large array of colours from white to different shades of oranges, yellows, reds, blues and purples. Plants should be kept on the moist side, especially if planted in full sun or planted in a pot. Stock up big and encourage your customers to enter our Colourwave Cashback Competition.

**Available in 140mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)

### ■ *Kalanchoe* 'Flapjacks'



*Kalanchoe* 'Flapjacks' are available again. This fantastic succulent is great in pots or a garden that doesn't get a lot of TLC. 'Flapjacks' have unusual flat leaves, like a pancake on its side. They are green at the base and merge to a reddish brown at the top. 'Flapjacks' can be planted in dry areas where "nothing" grows, amongst other succulents, en masse in the garden or singly in colour coordinated pots for a stylish statement.

**Available in 125mm pots now**

(High resolution images available)

## Sneak Previews

### ■ *Lomandra* 'Silver Grace'



This new *Lomandra* is set apart from its relatives with its graceful weeping silver/grey foliage. The fragrant yellow flowers that appear from the centre of the crown remain in bloom over many months. Growing to 50 x 40 cm, *Lomandra* 'Silver Grace' can be used in many ways – for ornamental erosion control, edging, as borders or to provide large drifts of texture in garden beds, in small gardens, patios and courtyards, or to give year round

foliage interest in contemporary garden and landscape designs. 'Silver Grace' has low water requirements once established, can be planted in most soil types and can tolerate coastal locations. However it does require good drainage if receiving regular irrigation or in areas of high rainfall.

**Available in 140mm pots in autumn**

(High resolution images available)

### ■ *Euphorbia* 'Diamond Frost'



'Diamond Frost' flowers almost every day from early spring through to late autumn, even all year round in hot climates, and keeps its compact shape without much care. This Aussie Winners plant is proving to be a real winner, planted in the garden as a feature plant, a low hedge or en masse, or grown in a pot so it can be moved to areas that need a splash of white. It does require protection from frost, and trimming back if it becomes straggly at the end of the season.

**Available in 140mm pots now**

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### ■ Chinese New Year vases

Chinese New Year 2009 will herald The Year of the Ox, and next year it coincides with Australia Day Monday 26th January 2009. Take advantage of this annual celebration by stocking a selection of Lucky Bamboo presented in our Chinese New Year design vases. The Ox or the Buffalo symbolises prosperity through fortitude and hard work, and appropriately our two perennially popular black and red vases feature a gold coin as a symbol of wealth. The new design in the range features a gold dragon on a black vase, and all three are topped with gold pebbles, just to ensure prosperity for the coming year.

Be sure to place a forward order as quantities are limited.