

# AUTUMN NEWS

With some excellent summer rains the garden is looking in great shape for Autumn. One of the best times of the year Autumn is quite often considered a second spring in Queensland.

We've listed a couple of small projects that we've done around the garden centre that can be easily achieved in your garden also.

## A PENDA FOR EVERY GARDEN

Golden Pendas, or Xanthostemons are great for attracting nectar feeding birds, who feast on the yellow bristly flowers. The flowers have a pleasant apricot scent. These plants are quite hardy and will grow happily in full sun.



Xanthostemon 'Fairhill gold' is a lovely tree 3 to 4 metres high and 1.5 metres wide. It has bright yellow flowers during spring & summer.



For the smaller garden, there is a dwarf form of *Xanthostemon verticillatus*: 'Little Penda'. Growing to around 2 metres, its flowers are a pale, creamy yellow. This shrub would make a highly ornamental hedge, and looks great in pots.

For those with less space, *Xanthostemon* 'Little Goldie' is a great choice. It has bright yellow flowers, but grows to only one metre in height and around 80 cm wide.

Whichever you choose, the birds will be very happy.....

## **RACHEL'S WATER FEATURE**

Recently Rachel came up with a great idea for a water feature. With a couple of basic items around the nursery, she made a lovely simple feature that will blend into any garden.

Rachel said it was very simple to make. She sat the black plastic pot inside the larger glazed pot, positioned her stainless ball on top, and filled the void between the plastic and glazed pots with potting mix, planted her plants, and covered with pebbles.



To make this feature Rachel used.....

Outer pot (Glazed Red Square)	\$139
Inner Pot (300mm plastic)	\$3.00
Stainless Ball	\$89.99
Aquapro 550 pump	\$35.99
Premium potting mix x 3	\$22.00
Native Violets x 4	\$31.99
Pebbles	\$19.99
Total price	\$341.99

Other plants that can be used are as follows

### **Full Sun**

Assorted mint, thyme, strawberries, sun jewels, brachyscome daisies, miniature grasses.

### **Shady spots**

Small assorted ferns, mazus, mint (semi shade), native violets

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