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Well that was quick. It's that time of year again, but with our new ranges of plants, water features, giftware and pots, buying gifts this year should be a bit easier.

A great place to start is the Christmas tree. Why not try a native this year? The NSW Christmas Bush is covered in stunning salmon and white flowers throughout spring and summer. It also makes a great small tree for the garden. Dennis and Christine Nielsen have a fully grown one in their front garden and it flowers prolifically every year. Daintree Pines are slow growing and therefore can be grown in pots for years to come. Their natural cone shape gives them a classic Christmas look.

You may have seen the Norfolk Island Pine growing in coastal areas but it also makes a great looking and hardy Xmas tree.

The soft grey/green foliage of the Albany Woolly Bush will be the most unique choice you've ever made and is a guaranteed talking point.



Daintree Pine



NSW Xmas Bush



Woolly Bush

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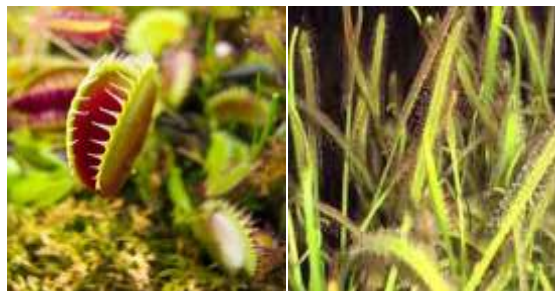
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Apart from the tree no other plant says Christmas like the Poinsettia. These tough plants with the vivid red bracts and the dark green leaves will certainly add to the festive feel. Great indoors over the holiday period but then plant outside in a sunny position in a well drained soil. Poinsettias are very tolerant but will look better with a hard prune every year after flowering. Plants come in a decorative cardboard box and are \$19.99.



Santa's favourite

The ever popular carnivorous plants are back. These colourful and fascinating plants make great gifts for kids or that certain someone who is hard to buy for. Not only will they help control the insect population but are also an eye catching addition to any pot. Place in full sun to part shade and keep moist at all times.



Carnivorous Critters

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Another new addition with plenty of colour is the ornamental chilli. The showy fruits start out greenish yellow, gradually changing to orange and maturing to a dark red. Great in pots or well drained soil with a high drought tolerance. Whether you eat the chillies or not these low growing bushes provide splashes of colour with very little maintenance.



Fiery colour

If you're after an eye catching groundcover with a difference Ipomea "Sun Kisses" might be just the thing. They come in three colours, a light green, dark purple and red. They form a dense cover of about 1.5m wide and will cascade over retaining walls, pots or hanging baskets. Quite hardy once established these Kisses will do well in full sun to part shade. In a 140mm pot they are \$12.99.



A leafy groundcover

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Our new range of resin water features are just starting to arrive. These strong but lightweight units are very easy to assemble and come with pumps and tubing so you just have to add the water! They look great on the patio, in a courtyard or in the garden and the sound of water really creates a relaxing mood especially near an entertainment area. We have a few set up and running already around the main building.



Our exciting new range

Also just in is the new range of solar pumps. These Reefer pumps have reliable brushless motor technology and operate in direct sunlight. Suitable for salt water as well as fresh they come with a 5m cable and 2 year warranties. There are 3 sizes:

- 470 L/Hr (.9 head max).....\$199
- 980 L/Hr (1.0 head max).....\$299
- 1360 L/Hr (2.1 head max)...\$499



Let the sun pay your bills

Keeping with the solar theme for a bit I should also mention the new Gardman Solar Mosaic Lanterns. They feature four colour cycle and automatically turn on at dusk. Very easy to use with no mains wiring. They go for \$29.99 for a twin pack or \$15.99 each. Also in the range are the solar windchimes for \$29.99.



We've recently been stocking the Victorian Hanger Cones which have proved to be rather popular. These decorative wire baskets are deeper than most to allow for better root growth. They come complete with co-co liner, are 35cm in diameter and retail for \$42.99.



Ye olde baskets

If you look carefully around the nursery you may find a few bird's nests complete with eggs or chicks. The birds, mostly Brown Honeyeaters, make their homes in amongst the plants seemingly oblivious to the high numbers of people walking past. We protect the nests from crows and butcher birds by constructing protective shields of wire or plastic. With the abundance of native flora on hand it's no wonder they make Nielsen's their home!



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It's the end of an era at Nielsen's with the departure of one of our longest serving staff members. Gary Kapernick has been with us for about 10 years helping us establish our award winning nursery and reputation. Gary's extensive knowledge of native plants and excellent customer service will be sorely missed. We wish you the best of luck in the future Gaz.



Gary Kapernick



Whoops, wrong photo. This is Gary

Happy gardening all!Eliot Holzworth

**AND A MERRY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO
YOU ALL FROM DENNIS,
CHRISTINE, FAMILY AND STAFF.**