

# What's Growing On



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# Vale Craig Norman

## A highly regarded man - across Australia



It is with great sadness that NGISA acknowledges Craig Norman, a great man of our industry who died on May 31.

Craig, aged 53 years, died at home, shortly after returning from an overseas trip to South Africa and the United Kingdom.

An autopsy revealed that he had an acute attack of pancreatitis followed by a heart attack.

Craig was one of the leaders of the nursery and garden industry in South Australia and indeed Australia, who had been made a life member of NGISA in 2015.

Brett Draper, nursery manager of Barrow and Bench Mitre 10 Malvern and good friend of Craig's was on the trip with him which ended with a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show in London just a few days earlier.

"Craig was the most relaxed that I had seen him for years. He really enjoyed the trip and said he had a thoroughly great time."

Craig's association with NGISA goes back 23 years; he served two years as state president, six years on the national NGIA board, two years as national president, and gave a decade of service on the Landscaping Association of SA board.

Craig had spent his lifetime working in the nursery and garden and landscaping industries. Craig was in his 18th year as owner of Wholesale Plants and Products and just recently expanded the business in taking over the premises next door.

Before that he had already clocked up 16 years in the industry since he had begun working full-time at Peter Engel's Nursery at Salisbury. Even before that while at school on weekends he used to work for Peter's father, Carl, at his retail nursery at Woodville.

While his working life was spent with plants and landscaping, but outside of that, Craig had also been a major contributor to the nursery and garden and landscaping industries. Wholesale Plants & Products has been a strong supporter of NGISA and one of our Gold Sponsors for three years and Craig had been actively involved in many of the garden festivals held in Adelaide over the years.

Back to Craig's beginnings in the industry - he was first involved in production at Engels, then went and worked as a landscaper before being asked to come back to Engels where he managed the retailing side of the business, where they were producing 90% of their own greenlife for

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sale. After another seven years there at Engels, Craig was head-hunted to take on the garden centre management at Mitre10 Golden Grove, ended up managing the whole store, then went onto become the state buyer for greenlife for Mitre 10. It was then his association with WPP began as a customer, which continued for five years.

In 'What's Growing On' in November 2014 Craig had said, "One day I came to WPP and they told me they were closing down. I could see the business could be made profitable, so overnight I came up with a figure, and they accepted it!"

WPP has been on the same site since then at Cavan. Manager, Phil Feast, had been with him 14 years and is continuing on. Wife Sharron has taken on the running of the business.

We approached several of the people who have worked closely with Craig at state and national levels for comments and all were keen to acknowledge Craig's contribution and what a good man he was in life.

People in the nursery & garden industry were unanimous in their praise for Craig's dedication and commitment to the industry. Here are some comments from around Australia...

### **Graham Brown, NGISA President:**

Craig's passing comes as a great shock to our industry and all of us who knew him. Our condolences to his family. He was revered for his contribution to our industry, both in South Australia and Australia. He will be sorely missed.

### **Geoffrey Fuller, Former CEO NGISA, State Director NGIA and close friend:**

Craig was an extraordinary gentleman who could be classified as an icon of our industry. He had a brilliant business acumen and he made a massive contribution, in both his time and financial support. We have lost a great friend of our industry.

### **Brett Draper, Nursery Manager, Barrow & Bench Mitre 10 and close friend:**

Craig's passion for plants and the industry came through in whatever he did.

Personally a great friend, mentor and support. I will miss the long chats driving home and all the fun we have had while travelling. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to get away and have the time of our lives together. A life cut way too short.

### **Beryl Bredon, Bredon Landscape Design, customer and close friend who travelled overseas each year with Craig and friends...**

We laughed like there was no tomorrow, we planned to change everyone's gardens in Adelaide after seeing some of the beautiful gardens we visited. We romanced about how many more times we would do this.

We all miss you mate and know that wherever we go you will certainly be with us, laughing, sharing and dreaming.

### **Bryan Hillier, former NGIA president, from Queensland:**

"Craig was an absolute gentleman full of brilliant ideas. We were on the board together for four years, and for two years he was my VP. When Craig had something to say, he was right on target, and he was good at bringing me back in line too!"

### **Craig Perring Industry Services Manager for Nursery & Garden, Hort Innovation:**

I worked closely with Craig for a number of years whilst he was the national president of the NGIA. He was a great advocate of the industry, a great person to work with professionally and a great bloke to have a beer with socially. He always had a no fuss attitude and "let's do what is best for industry approach" to getting on with the job of driving the industry forward with levy investments.

### **Grant Dalwood, NGISA CEO:**

A great long term supporter of our industry at all levels, from small businesses to the national association. He was always a clear thinker and we were delighted that he came back onto the SA board - he said he missed being in touch and making a contribution to the industry and sadly that won't happen now.

### **Sophie Thomson, Gardening presenter:**

The nursery industry in our state and across Australia has lost a statesman, a leader, a mentor and a behind the scenes 'get in and do it' bloke. He provided much needed encouragement to those new in the industry, great real feedback to members of the media like myself, and empathy and understanding to those going through tough times. I once heard it said that you need a big frame to carry a big heart. Craig had both.

### **Phil Feast, Wholesale Plants & Products Manager:**

For the last 14 years, I had the privilege of working with Craig as his manager at WPP. During this time, we grew WPP to become one of the best nursery trade markets in Australia. Craig was a mentor as well a great friend to me and will be sorely missed by myself, his family, work mates, the nursery/landscape industry and everyone who knew him.

### **David Eaton, Ball Australia & VP NGISA**

Devastating news and such a loss to the industry. I had known Craig since his days as State Greenlife Buyer for Mitre10 and admired his passion for the nursery industry and his willingness to be involved. He was a genuine man who wanted to see our industry thrive.

### **Jon Lamb, Gardening communicator:**

So many in our wonderful world of gardening learnt so much from Craig.

Not just about the plants we could and should be growing but about the principles of fairness in business and the value of giving the "other guy" a fair go. We in the horticultural media in particular have lost a true friend.



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# President's Report

We were all shocked by the news of Craig Norman's death. His passing is not only a great loss to family and friends but an enormous one to our nursery & garden and landscaping industries in South Australia.

We honour Craig for his contribution in this issue of What's Growing On, but we will miss him about the place.

Personally, I was really pleased that he had come back onto the SA board and had taken a role on the executive and we were all enjoying working with him. I do hope many industry people will be out to celebrate his life at the special memorial service on July 7.

Meanwhile our state association is 'steady as she goes.' We are continuously monitoring our financial situation to make sure we provide the best and most efficient services to our members. At the same time we are promoting gardening to our South Australian community to help grow our members' businesses.

We are waiting to see the Structural Review Advisory Committee get underway and will look forward to inputting into this process as they consult with industry in the months ahead. **Graham Brown**

# CEO's Report

As June 30th rapidly approach's we all look back at the year and I trust you will all make time to work 'on your business' and not just in it!

NGISA has spent time preparing for the 2017-18 financial year, it being the second full financial year that we had no income from the levy funded IDO scheme. The great support from our sponsors is again acknowledged in maintaining equilibrium at the Bank.

On the negative side there has been the loss of our great supporter Craig Norman -his friendship and clear thinking will be missed. Luci Ward has moved on – she had been with us for the past year one day a week to help with Nursery Notes and to coordinate the revision of Grow Me Instead. Direct Home Hardware will cease as a member as the store will change direction and I thank Paul Holton for his input.

We have gained Dr Ash Martin and Maria Manjarrez from Microbiology Labs as new members.

I will keep members informed of developments in the Structural Review process which is now moving forward. A number of the NGI states are in earnest negotiation with the NGIA via presidents and CEOs regarding membership fees for the NGIA, and I will report as soon as an outcome is reached.

Meanwhile I wish all members and their staff a busy winter, let's hope we get some rain soon to welcome in a vibrant spring. **Grant Dalwood**

# GROW ME INSTEAD revision now available

The Hon. Steph Key MP formally launched South Australia's 2017 version of *Grow Me Instead* at the World Environment Fair in June.

*Grow Me Instead* was first produced in 2009 and has proven to be a valuable resource for the public through garden centres and NRM offices. More than 28,000 copies have already been distributed in South Australia. The new revised booklet takes into account recently Declared Plants in South Australia and provides an extensive revision of alternative plants.

The free, 83-page booklet provides plenty of suggestions for alternative plants that are both well-behaved and high performing assets for your garden. 20,000 copies of the valuable resource have been produced by NGISA in partnership with Natural Resources Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges, Natural Resources SA Murray & Darling Basin, SA Power Networks, Natural Resources South East and Natural Resources Arid Lands.

The booklet is a prime example of how collaboration between the Nursery Industry and State Government can provide both environmental and commercial outcomes. Public education provided by the free booklet will protect our environment from the cost of invasive plants as well as giving home gardeners confidence to invest in appropriate plants for their garden.

Thanks must go to the reference committee who helped produce the revision. They included:

- Dr John Virtue, Manager of NRM Biosecurity within Biosecurity SA
- Mr David Cooke, Senior Biosecurity Adviser -Pest Plants within Biosecurity SA
- Mr John Zwar, Lecturer Environment, Conservation and Horticulture, TAFE Urrbrae Campus
- Ms Robyn Powell, Tupelo Grove Nursery
- Mr Chris Lienert, Manager, Stratco St Marys Garden Centre
- Mr Mark Thomas, Gondwana Landscapes and Consultancy
- Mr Matt Coulter and Mr John Sandham, Botanic Gardens of SA
- Mr Henry Rutherford, Urban Animal & Plant Control Officer, Natural Resources Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges



(l to r) Mark Thomas of Gondwana Landscapes and Consultancy, David Cooke of Biosecurity SA, The Hon. Steph Key, MP; Luci Ward of NGISA, Henry Rutherford of Natural Resources Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges, John Virtue of Biosecurity SA and NGISA CEO Grant Dalwood.

- Ms Michaela Heinson, Natural Resources Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges
- Dr Ross Meffin, Principal Biosecurity Officer, Weeds, Biosecurity SA
- Mr Grant Dalwood, CEO, NGISA
- Mr Neville Sloss, Communications Manager, NGISA
- Ms Luci Ward, Communications Officer, NGISA
- State Flora, Belair

Coordinating the whole project was Luci Ward and an extra big thank you to her.

The revision has also been posted on the *Grow Me Instead* website – check it out here [www.growmeinstead.com.au](http://www.growmeinstead.com.au)





## Australian Flora for Horticulture



Native Plant Wholesalers is one of Australia's larger native plant growers and proudly based in South Australia near Mount Gambier. Begun 30 years ago by Australian native plant enthusiast, Phillip Dowling, the nursery now has 6 hectares of growing area producing over 800,000 plants per annum in 140mm and 200mm pots. A staff of more than 30 full-time and casuals, work with Phillip and nursery Manager Jason Dawe to produce and promote Australian flora for horticulture.



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# NEWS | BRIEFS

## Maximise IT benefits NGISA Workshop

Noted IT 'Tech Guy' Richard Pascoe will conduct a workshop to help NGISA members understand the 'new world' of IT and how to get maximum benefit for their businesses.

Richard is a regular on ABC Radio and 5aa solving computer and IT problems for listeners in clear and simple ways. The workshop will also cover making better use of your smartphone, iPad and computer systems in your business.

Understanding the NBN and what it can do to help you will also be a topic to be covered.

**The workshop will be held at Urrbrae, 3-6pm on Wednesday July 19.**

**Email [info@ngisa.com.au](mailto:info@ngisa.com.au) or call 82711012 to get a booking form today. Places are limited.**

## SA Gardens & Outdoor Living success

Communications Manager for NGISA, Neville Sloss, says not only is it gaining support of nurseries and garden centres in distributing it, but the high quality glossy magazine SA Gardens & Outdoor Living continues to prove popular at garden centres around SA, largely through the ongoing support of the garden centres themselves.



"In addition the editor Jacqui Harbison reports she is now receiving editorial contributions from garden centre owners as well, making the job of chasing for information relevant to SA's home gardeners much easier."

"SA Gardens & Outdoor Living is the envy of other states

and over the past two years we have managed to build a very loyal following for the magazine".

The magazine welcomes editorial contributions including any new products for outdoor living, garden case studies or news stories. Send these to [sagardens@salife.com.au](mailto:sagardens@salife.com.au) Of course advertising is most welcome and the cost is very reasonable: contact Brooke Seward to get a media kit [brooke@salife.com.au](mailto:brooke@salife.com.au)

# Hands on PESTS WORKSHOP

The latest in the levy funded workshop series, 'Building Resilience and On-Farm Biosecurity', was held at the start of June at Living Colour Nursery at Penfield.

It was all about the process of diagnosing plant health problems and was conducted by Andrew Manners and John Duff from Queensland Department of Agriculture & Fisheries.

20 representatives from South Australian production nurseries and retailers attended the workshop which also included a walk around Living Colour Nursery.

A number of aspects were covered, including detailed processes on how to diagnose unknown plant health problems.

Problems caused by insects, mites, diseases and abiotic stress were addressed and management options and resources for many causes, including pesticides, will be discussed.

NGISA CEO Grant Dalwood organised the workshop for the presenters and said afterwards that all participants

gained some good insights into better pest management.

"One of the discoveries of the day was a simple magnifying lens which attaches to a phone to take a photograph. This can then be sent back to your office or to an online resource for identification of the pest or disease. This allows a fast track to preparing your management plan," Grant said.



## Try before you hire

Youth Jobs PaTH (Prepare-Trial-Hire) is a new Australian Government program that makes it easier to find and recruit the right young person for your business.

As part of Youth Jobs PaTH, you can host a young person aged 17-24 in an internship placement to find out if they are a good fit for your team.

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# Plants in Small Spaces - on again at the Show



*Hanging baskets and planter troughs will form part of this years display.*

At the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show in September NGISA has the chance to showcase what wonderful plant displays can be achieved in a hanging basket or smaller containers before thousands of visitors to the Show.

People loved the hanging baskets on display at last year's show, but this year we want to make it bigger and brighter - and give each garden centre the chance to promote their business, support local community groups and encourage everyone to garden in small spaces.

South Australian retailer nurseries will be invited to participate with their own entry and encourage a school and or a local community group to put in entries as well in the community section - either hanging baskets or troughs, or pots to go into the timber containers for display.

There will be only three categories: Colour, Edible and Fun.

This doesn't need a basket or container grown over winter months to get it ready - garden centres can invite community groups in the week or two before to prepare their entry, by providing them with plants and props at a discounted price along with a free basket or container.

Our Gold Sponsor, Brunnings Garden Products, is sponsoring the promotion and there will be certificates and prizes for the best displays from garden centres and from community groups.

More details will be announced very soon.

## What's in our water? Adelaide scientists analyse DNA.



Scientists at the Australian Water Quality Centre (AWQC), based in the SA Water building in Adelaide, are using world-class technology to analyse the DNA of water samples to determine exactly what animals, plants or bacteria have been in contact with that water source.

Similar technology is being used by hospitals across the country for cancer and genetics research, but the AWQC is the first in Australia to adopt this technology for water quality management.

The technology is currently helping to detect good bacteria in samples from SA Water's Glenelg and Christies Beach Wastewater Treatment Plants, which is used to enhance the treatment of sewage before it's recycled or goes out to sea.

The technique is also being further developed to enable improved analysis of a wider range of organisms, including aquatic insects and algae, in source water such as the River Murray.

For use by the wider public, especially regional communities, this service can be helpful for landholders with private source water contamination issues; the aquaculture industry for learning more about fish species in certain water bodies; or people tracking the abundance of endangered animals in particular areas.

Two pieces of equipment in the AWQC's Adelaide lab – the ION Chef and the ION S5 – create DNA chips and unique barcodes for organisms found in water source samples, providing more detailed and reliable information than any water quality lab in Australia has accessed in the past.

The AWQC is a business unit of SA Water that provides a range of specialist water and sewerage expertise such as sampling, analysis, advice and research to other Australian and international water companies."

For more information, visit the AWQC website or contact them on 1300 653 366.





# Garden Depot gets the 'Green Tick'



Owner Wayne Steinwedel and his daughter Katie, who is a qualified landscape architect.

Congratulations to The Garden Depot at Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills, SA's latest AGCAS garden centre.

The centre has just passed the Australian Garden Centre Accreditation Scheme (AGCAS) audit with flying colours and can now proudly display the 'green tick' of approval.

Initially a landscaping business, it was extended to include the nursery and garden centre just three years ago. It is located close to three housing developments and is working through developers to help new residents establish their gardens. Wayne Steinwedel, his wife Sue and daughter Katie, along with their

dedicated staff, have created a garden centre which not only is well presented and marketed, but has a commitment to quality in the plants they offer.

The Garden Depot joins the other 15 AGCAS garden centres in South Australia which meet the high standard expected for AGCAS.

"I was impressed with the broad range of plants and the quality of stock they have on sale. As well they are growing on many of their trees and are able to provide a great range and service to people establishing their first garden", said Communications Manager for NGISA Neville Sloss who conducts the AGCAS audits.

"What sets us apart in the industry is that we design, supply and construct... if you buy a block of land we can then set up a design consult free of charge, or you can come and pick some plants for yourself", says Katie Steinwedel.

"Layout and access in the garden centre is important and they have done that well on the site," added Neville.



Some of the Garden Depot team (l to r) Natalie Rose, Patrick Gove, Tarkis Cooper and Tiffany Harding.

## How does the green tick get awarded?

AGCAS is all about quality, service and presentation. A comprehensive audit covers a range of factors including:

- Quality of stock, sourced from reputable suppliers
- Professional presentation
- A safe place for people-customers and staff (no OH&S issues)

- Good marketing through signage, media and promotions

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If the garden centre reaches the bar set for the scheme, they are then accredited for 12 months and have to undertake a new audit then to become re-accredited.



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# MEMBER | PROFILE Living Colour Nursery



*The Living Colour Nursery Team.*

Living Colour is a wholesale nursery in the north of Adelaide which specialises in seedlings and flowering annuals and perennials. The nursery has family roots all the way back to the 1930s when owner Geoff Prettejohn's father Gordon joined the industry by starting a nursery in Brooklyn Park. This nursery was taken over by Geoff's older brother Lee and after a few more years, when Geoff turned 21 years old, he entered into a partnership with his brother.

"Lee and I ran Prettejohn's Nursery for many years and then when I was 35 I had a midlife crisis. I got out from under the family umbrella and started up Living Colour." While Geoff's passion was always for growing bedding plants, leaving the family business came with a five-year agreement that he wouldn't compete with their nursery by growing bedding plant seedlings.

Geoff instead capitalised on the growing popularity of potted colour and established 'Living Colour'. Geoff found success with the aid of major retailers such as Coles and Target.

"It was important - when you're going to go down that track you need a major retailer - setting up a company to grow bedding plants is a fair bit of expense so one needs a good retail base."



After the five year agreement expired Geoff was finally able to pursue his love for growing seedlings when another large nursery pulled out of the industry and left an opening

in the marketplace. This has been the main direction for the nursery ever since and it is now the largest bedding plant grower in South Australia.

The nursery's rise wasn't without adversity though as Living Colour survived through the millennium drought of the 2000's. "That knocked a lot of people over," said Geoff, "when I first started I think we had six or seven bedding plant growers in South Australia, now we've got two." The drought caused a significant shift in the bedding plant market with shrinking buyer numbers and customers less interested in growing

flowers and more interested in growing vegetables.

"It was hard for everyone and sales went down a lot but we just tightened our belts - lucky we didn't have a lot of debt and we came out the other end where some others didn't." Geoff also credits his success to his own and his team's experience.

Not that Living Colour shirks off modern influence though, boasting an impressive production line that has well-integrated machinery and multiple programs helping to track and manage stock.

"In the earlier days we used to go to America a fair bit, these days everything's caught up - in the 80s and 90s America was way ahead but everyone's pretty well doing the same thing now."

Geoff says the relatively small population of South Australia prevents Living Colour from bearing the stock numbers and working space to justify the fully mechanised nurseries one would find in Queensland or New South Wales.

Despite this, Living Colour still have the most impressive bedding plant nursery in the state and a promising third generation rising up under Geoff's guidance to carry the company into a healthy future.



World renowned citrus expert Ian Tolley has brought much of his knowledge together to create *Commonsense Citrus*, a milestone publication in the propagation, planting and care of citrus.

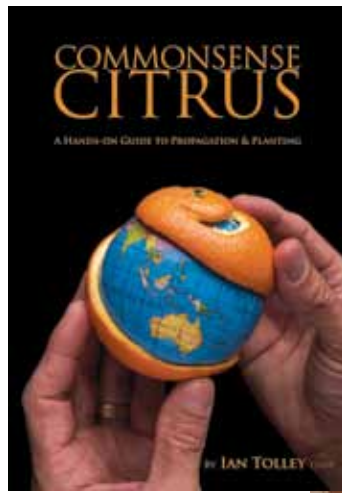
The book was formally launched in May before an audience of 60 industry friends.

In the book's introduction Ian says "I have captured the essential elements of my life's experience in citriculture and I hope it assists both orchardists and enthusiastic home gardeners to advance without the need to reinvent the wheel of knowledge."

The publishers say, "In Ian Tolley's *Commonsense Citrus*, more than half a century's experience of citrus growing at all levels has been distilled into a practical book for both the professional nurseryman and the committed amateur.

Filled with numerous explanatory photographs and drawings, this book will take the reader through planning, propagating and growing citrus trees to whatever scale outcome is desired, whether it's a modest backyard setup or a major commercial operation.

Readers can draw upon Ian's vast experience around the



# Everything you ever wanted to know about citrus



*Ian Tolley (l) with John Zwar from TAFE who formally launched the book.*

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# A national approach to biosecurity



*John Stevens, Carl Heyne, Sarah Anthony (nee Heyne) and John McDonald.*

The transition of the Nursery Production Farm Management System (FMS) to an entirely nationally governed and administered system is now completed. As well as BioSecure HACCP, the FMS includes the EcoHort system and the Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia, or NIASA, Best Management Practice program).

Around 150 businesses have indicated they will continue under the new system being managed through NGIA.

This falls under the National Nursery Industry Biosecurity Program through Hort Innovation which aims to ensure production nurseries in Australia are aware of and prepared for incursions of exotic plant pests, and that they have effective market access mechanisms in place to maintain business functionality.

Beginning in 2016, a key part of the project is the industry on-farm biosecurity program BioSecure HACCP, to underpin national market access with electronic certification. BioSecure HACCP assists

growers in assessing pest, disease and weed risks and supports the implementation of management strategies within businesses.

Mr John McDonald was appointed National Biosecurity Manager heading up the program and in May he visited nurseries in South Australia with NGISA CEO Grant Dalwood.

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**NEW for SPRING 2017**



Successful in the 'ring' were Alastair McLean from Power Plants and Amber Pitcher from Greenstead taking out their 'division' trophies.

More than 20 next gen's attended the second event of the reformed group in South Australia held at Greenstead Nursery in the Adelaide Hills.

Sam Hall showed the group the workings of the nursery and at the end of the tour, a fierce competition of sumo wrestling followed. There was more laughter than grunting as people donned the suits and tried to push each other over to win first prize.

It's been great to see the relaunch of Nextgen in SA supported by so many people and we hope that even more will join us for the next events.

Our aim is to facilitate further learning and networking, particularly for people in the early stages of their career

and with this in mind we hope to be able to put together an event every 3-4 months.

After visiting two production nurseries we are now working on something fun, more for the retailers.

If all goes well this will be held early August.

A recent survey also indicated great interest in a tour to Mt Gambier to visit nurseries and the van Schaik facilities.

To make this happen we want to bring as many people as possible so we want to grow our membership. If you want to see this tour happen make sure you tell all your friends and work colleagues to sign up as members!

You can get in contact with Nextgen SA via:

- our facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nextgensouthaus](http://www.facebook.com/nextgensouthaus))
- our email: [nextgensouthaus@gmail.com](mailto:nextgensouthaus@gmail.com)
- one of our committee members: Carrie Prettejohn (Brunnings), Alastair Mclean (Powerplants), Chris Simon (Morgan Park GC), Ashley Burns (Living Colour nursery), Matt van Schaik (Biogro), Peter Jong (Jongs Nursery)
- the NGISA office.



## 2020 Vision Updates

### Green Design Award winner

Hassett Park in Campbell, ACT has been awarded the 202020 Vision Green Design Award at the Good Design Awards Ceremony held in Sydney in early June.

The park was judged on the following criteria, contribution to more and better green space, greater appreciation for plants and trees in the design and development stage of projects, biophilia, air purification, water sensitive urban design, and development that progresses green and living infrastructure increases and improvements.

### Park it!

The 202020 Vision project has developed a new program called 'Park It' - a 10 step video and guide to help communities turn their grey spaces green.

This how-to guide brings together two concepts - How to Create a Community Action Plan and How to Get Your Park Approved - and features case studies of local residents working together to revitalise and reinvent the underutilised grey spaces around them.

The 10 steps include how to garner support in your neighbourhood, who to talk to at council and how to make it fun for everyone involved. A video and the guide can be found on the 202020 website. (This guide has been developed in partnership with The Neighbourhood Project).

### The future

The 202020 Vision Project is currently preparing for its fifth year and has sought feedback and suggestions from the community via an online survey.

It will be interesting to see what direction the project takes in its next stage. It is the major marketing project funded by the nursery industry levy and managed by Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd.

Hort Innovation reports that the expenditure for the nine months - July 2016 to March 2017 - on 202020 Vision projects was \$617,931. In the previous three financial years more than \$2.3m of the nursery levy was dedicated to marketing with the vast majority of that being spent on the 202020 Vision Project.

There are very many newsletters available to you, coming out each week straight to the screen on your computer, laptop and increasingly, smartphone.

From the many relevant to horticulture and business, here are some we would recommend that are worth subscribing to:

- Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) has a number of newsletters that you can subscribe to for regular updates on events, news and local stories from our State's primary industries and regions. Go to their portal at [www.pir.sa.gov.au/new\\_subscription\\_centre](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/new_subscription_centre)
- Your Levy at Work. If you have not subscribed to this one, you are missing out on how the pot levy is being spent on projects across Australia. [www.yourlevyatwork.com.au/about/](http://www.yourlevyatwork.com.au/about/)
- The 2020 Vision project is the other project alongside BioSecure HACCP on which a significant amount of levy funds are spent. They have a regular newsletter with updates on their activities - <http://2020vision.com.au/get-involved/>

## DIARY DATES

### Friday July 7

Memorial Service for Craig Norman, Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showgrounds

### Wednesday July 19

Making better use of IT Workshop with Richard Pascoe, 'AdelaideTech Guy', Urrbrae TAFE

### July 28

Advertising bookings close for Spring issue, SA Gardens & Outdoor Living

### Wednesday August 23

Super Spring Trade Day, Urrbrae Agricultural Centre

### Thursday August 24

On sale date for spring SA Gardens & Outdoor Living

### Saturday September 23

SA Spring Garden Festival, Mt Pleasant

### October 8-14

Australia's inaugural National Gardening Week

### Friday November 24

NGISA Awards Night, Adelaide Pavilion

### Sunday April 29, 2018

SA Autumn Garden Festival

## Cleveland Nursery has new owner

Retirement plans are now in full swing for Bronwyn and James Bennier following the sale of their Cleveland Nursery. The new owner is Sarah Burchell, who is new to the industry. More on Sarah in the next WGO.

## Congratulations Hayley and Amanda

Hayley Whitehorn from Poplar Grove Wholesale Nursery and Amanda Stewart from Barrow and Bench Mitre 10 have been accepted into the Green Industry Growing Leaders Program.

The three month course provides leaders and aspiring leaders with the skills required to ensure their business remains positioned at the forefront of this growth. It is funded by Horticulture Innovation Australia using nursery and turf industry levies and funds from the Australian Government.

## Plant Quarantine Standards updated

PIRSA has released a new version of the Plant Quarantine Standards, the first update for two years. Retailers and growers who import plants should download a copy of the new Standards and save it to their desktop, advises Grant Dalwood who conducts the Importer Verification Compliance Audits (IVCA).

The document can be found on the PIRSA website under the plant health section.

The latest changes are all listed on page 3 of the document.

## National Conference in Hobart next February

The 2018 Nursery & Garden Industry National Conference will be held in Hobart from Monday February 19 to Wednesday February 21. The Wrest Point Casino on the waterfront has been selected as the venue.

## Selling Living Colour

Living Colour Nursery in Adelaide's northern suburbs is looking for an experienced sales representative.

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