



November is a great time of the year. Roses and Jacarandas are in bloom as well as the sweet smelling gardenia flowers.

With summer coming next month it is now a good time to mulch all of your gardens heavily to keep in the moisture and stop your plants from drying out especially plants with shallow roots like citrus, azalea and camellia. Deadhead all flowering plants. This improves the look of your plants and it helps them conserve energy because they aren't trying to keep half dead flowers alive and produce seed pods.

Feed natives now with a low phosphorous fertiliser. Keep an eye out for bronze orange bugs, as they will continue to attack your citrus trees well into next year. Tell tale signs are twisted leaves, blackened new shoots and they also produce a stinking smell as a defensive mechanism, spray with malathon. Stay vigilant against snails, slugs and aphids this month. With the amount of rain we are having it is making ants build mounds all through a lot of peoples lawns, normally this is a good thing as it aerates your lawn and they kill off all of the bad insects that attack your grass. The problem is that they bring up Port Macquarie's lovely red soil, which stains carpets extremely well. We have some good products here to fix this problem.

All products mentioned plus many more are in stock at our store, as well as information on them.

LAWNS: Continue spraying lawns for weeds this month as they spread quickly. Be sure to use the correct herbicide for the type of lawn you have. Start mowing at a higher

level on your lawn mower as the thicker the lawn is during the hotter months the better protection the roots will have from the sun. Give all lawns a good feed this month this should keep the lawn healthy.

VEGETABLES: Plant or sow beans, beetroot, broccoli, capsicum, carrots, celery, chilli, cucumber, herbs, eggplant, lettuce, melon, mustard, spring onion, pumpkin, radishes, rhubarb, silver beet, spinach, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes and zucchini.

We have a good range of local vegetable and flower seedlings and they are grown from local seeds and grown outdoors here in Port Macquarie. Because of this the seedlings respond a lot better to planting than other seedlings that are grown in different states, with different climates and trucked here. Local is always better.



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PORT MACQUARIE ROWING CLUB FINDS SUCCESS AT BERRY PARK!

In the teeth of inhospitable weather conditions, PMRC's small but motivated 5-person junior team took on the combined ranks of Hunter Valley and Newcastle Grammar school, and rowed to victory at last weekend's double-header regatta at Berry Park. The regattas were hosted by Newcastle University and Hunter Valley Grammar school, respectively.

After a glorious sunny Saturday, the clouds settled in over Newcastle on Sunday, the rain came down steadily and a gusting crosswind raised chop on the water and threatened to push boats across lanes and into the far bank. Regardless, the



L to R: Aimee Gardner, Katja Marczan, Sheridan Duck and Savana Purs.



L to R: Deb Gardner, Allan McCartney, Aimee Gardner, Bryce Gardner, Jeremy Campbell and Sheridan Duck

junior team went on to claim 11 gold medals at the event.

Sixteen-year-olds Aimee Gardner and Savana Purs both blazed their singles races, coming in well ahead of the competition.

Gardner and Purs then joined with Sheridan Duck and Katja Marczan (both in their first season of rowing and racing) to challenge the Women's D Grade quad, and came in 28 seconds ahead of the

others, to claim a gold. Fourteen year-old Sheridan Duck braved her first two solo events in the Under Sixteen and Women's D singles races respectively, coming a very creditable fourth in the Women's D. She then went on to claim her second gold medal of the weekend with Jeremy Campbell in the Mixed Doubles.

Purs and Duck placed third in the Women's Under 17 doubles on Saturday, and Gardner and Duck placed third in the Women's D doubles on Sunday. All told, it was a great introduction to racing for Duck and Marczan.

Sixteen-year-old Jeremy Campbell won his Under 17 singles race by a comfortable margin and placed second in the Men's C Grade singles. He and Grafton High school friendly rival, Cameron Kitcher, joined in a composite duo to claim the gold medal in the Men's C Grade Double.