



Australia's Plant & Gardening

TREND 2022 **REPORT**

ABOUT

Greener Spaces Better Places is here to bring the power of plants into every Australian's life.

Plants and trees are amazing. They clean our air, bring in nature, give us places to play or relax and make any space look and feel better to be in. Whether home, workplace, street or suburb, we're on a mission to help every Australian make their space a better place.

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Introduction GARDENING IN AN EVER CHANGING CLIMATE




It is said the only constant in life is change, and for Australians there has been a lot of change in the last year.

Massive La Niña weather patterns have battered the East Coast with severe unseasonal rainfall, while Western Australia experienced one of the most challenging bushfire periods in recent memory - experts linking the rise of these extreme weather events to climate change.

Change is also affecting day-to-day life, with the cost of living increasing and liveability challenges persisting at home.


But the Australian love of our natural environment is not shifting. Instead, how we adapt to these bigger pressures and stay connected to the gardens that we love is changing.

As has been proven time and time again, the optimistic Australian spirit in the face of extremes brings out the best in us and the places we love; our home amongst the trees.



This report details the coming trends shaped by these forces around us, showing a driving adaptability and a thrifty, practical, 'do-it-yourself' attitude from Australians to embrace the challenges:

- **Gardens to promote biodiversity and embrace the wet**
- **Low maintenance grow-your-own - adding to the hip pocket but not taking away valuable time**
- **Greening in 3D - with large trees taking on both function and form**
- **More time in nature as a salve for eco-anxiety**
- **The most in demand plants; the right plant, in the right place, at the right time**



THE MAJORITY OF AUSTRALIANS (60%) ARE NOW CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND EAGER TO MAKE AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO DO THEIR BIT IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE. ¹

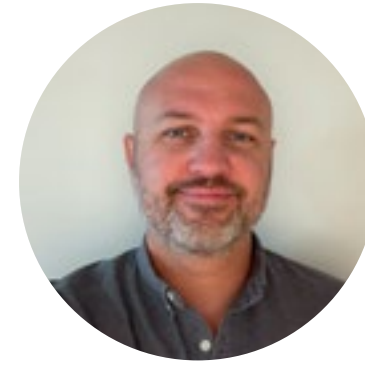
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To learn more about these plant people go to [page 22](#) or drop us a line and we can connect you.



Did you know?

**IN THE YEAR JUST PASSED,
A WHOPPING 2.4 BILLION
PLANTS SOLD ACROSS
AUSTRALIA – AN 8%
INCREASE FROM THE YEAR
PRIOR ACCORDING TO
INDUSTRY REPORT DATA.²**





Trend 1

WET & WILD

Trend 1 WET & WILD

The garden has become a hub for encouraging lively habitats, with a huge resurgence towards saving the birds and the bees - and it's not stopping anytime soon.

Our nationwide obsession for green foliage has fallen from its place as the number one trend. In its place, we welcome a flurry of colour and insects as Australians take to the garden to foster a buzz.

The prediction

AS OUR PURSUIT FOR BIODIVERSITY GROWS, OUR GARDENS AND BALCONIES ARE ON THE BRINK OF BRIMMING WITH WILDFLOWERS, MICRO WETLANDS AND WATER FEATURES.

How to bring this trend to life

#1 Plant blue for the bees

To introduce colour while saving space try using shelving and hanging planters when you add greenery. If you're adding plants to your office nook make sure you choose a species that can thrive with the natural light levels in that space.

Over the past year, Australians have been climbing on this trend, with our survey revealing that Australia's biggest driver to buy more plants is to bring colour into the home (37%³).

Bonnie-Marie Hibbs, Horticulturist and Gardening Writer, shares her best tip to creating a more lively biodiversity hotspot.

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For bees, plant blue. There's just something about this colour that they love. My absolute favourite is the annual species *borago officinalis*. When bees take the pollen from the flower, it shifts from blue to lilac. It's incredible to see the work of the bees happening around your garden through a shift in colour.



Bonnie-Marie Hibbs
Horticulturist and Gardening Writer

Looking for a gift that keeps on giving?

1 IN 4 AUSSIES ARE GIVING THE GIFT OF A PLANT!⁴ A POT OF FLOWERING COLOUR IS A GREAT WAY TO BRIGHTEN UP A LOVED ONE'S SPACE.



#2 Choose the right natives

Brenden Moore, First Nations Community Greening Officer, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney reminds us, one major factor for a successful biodiverse garden is to plant 'endemics'. Endemic plants are natives traditionally found in your local area.

While our survey shows the biggest barriers to planting in Australia are cost and the perception of lack of space⁵ - the great news is, you don't need a whole lot of room to have an abundant native garden.



Australia's climate is diverse across the continent, so an Aussie native is not necessarily native to your specific area. Brenden shares his experience in planting for his own home to explain the small-space opportunities when you plant in similar patterns to how plants are naturally found in the wild,

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Our native plants were not traditionally positioned formally in a row. You can create peaceful outdoor environments with just a small planting area. My little section in front of my window is only about three by six metres, but I've got over twenty plants with grasses, ground covers and small shrubs in there all crammed in together to create habitat for insects & wildlife.



Brenden Moore
First Nations Community Greening
Officer, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

To find the best plant and flower pairings for your outdoor spot, head to your local nursery for a chat.



What are the top outdoor plant picks?⁶

FLOWERING 40%

EDIBLES 23%

NATIVES 22%



A SIMPLE WAY TO BRING IN WATER INTO YOUR GARDEN IS THROUGH BIRD BATHS OR INSECT DRINKING STATIONS

#3 Embrace the wet - the DIY wetland project

More experienced gardeners are expanding into a whole new layer of habitat essential to life on earth; micro wetlands and water features.

Everything is born in wetlands, it is an essential place of birth, renewal, and carbon storing, yet in the last 300 years, almost 90% of our wetlands have been lost globally.⁷

A DIY micro wetland or water feature is a project that can be completed over a weekend. For example you can create mini wetlands in containers big and small; opening up a realm of possibility for new plant species and animals.

“**For a truly biodiverse area, you need to have a three tiered garden. In the upper canopy the bigger birds will nest and feed, the mid-level canopy brings in all the smaller birds, like the little honeyeaters, and the lower canopy for species like lizards, fish, and frogs. Each level requires water.**”



Sabrina Hahn
Horticulturist, Writer & Presenter

Container-built wetlands capture water from your drain pipe, filtering it down through a couple of layers of container, and as a result, slow the movement of water before it exits out the other end. This is a helpful mechanism for those living and gardening in areas experiencing high rainfall or flood prone urban areas. Head to your local nursery and have a chat about materials and water plants best suited to your space.






Trend 2

RESILIENT ROOTS



Trend 2 RESILIENT ROOTS



Not so long ago, we were in the midst of a vegetable gardening boom driven by the pandemic; edible plants flying off shelves, veggie gardens sprouting all over the suburbs. Gardeners of varying skills finding solace in growing their own food.

People are now returning to the 'grow it yourself movement' in droves as extreme weather conditions push produce to unattainable prices on our supermarket shelves.

The prediction

THIS WAVE OF GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD IS ALL ABOUT EASY LEVELS OF MAINTENANCE; FROM WATERING, TO SOIL, TO RESILIENCE – GROW YOUR OWN IS TO BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

How to bring this trend to life

#1 Low maintenance edible gardens

Tammy Huynh, Horticulturist and Plant Stylist, says the conversation around growing your own food has rapidly picked up with the spike in food prices.

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During the pandemic, fresh food felt scarce and as a result, Australians fell in love with gardening. Once the pandemic eased, many continued with their gardens but others succumbed to the realisation that it was more work than they had time for. With the cost of living having a big impact on people's decision making, vegetable gardens are back on everyone's radar - except this time, we have time constraints, so there's a demand for low maintenance solutions.



Tammy Huynh
Horticulturist & Plant Stylist



HAVING LOW MAINTENANCE PLANTS OR A GARDEN IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE MAJORITY (58%)⁸ OF AUSTRALIANS.

Trend 2 RESILIENT ROOTS



According to trend forecasters, these are the top picks for a more easy-care veggie patch or herb garden:

Watering - Wicking beds:

Large self watering containers can fit a thriving food garden within them. Great for gardens or balconies. Plants can water themselves for days. You can purchase ready-made kits or try DIY options. If a wicking bed isn't an option, consider installing an irrigation system with a timer.

Nutrients - In-garden bed worm farms:

Designed to be dug directly into the soil, these in-ground worm farms remove many steps involved in managing waste in traditional worm farms. The food goes in, the worms do their job, and the beneficial by-products go straight out into the soil and into the roots of your food, repeat.

Pest management - Predatory insects:

Using chemical sprays not only takes time and attention but can also kill off natural, beneficial predators, like the ladybug. Select a diverse range of plants that attract these helpful insects so that your garden can naturally manage itself. Additionally, ask your local nursery what organic sprays they stock that are safe for predatory insects.

“**People are not using chemicals the way they used to. There is a big shift away from toxic sprays as Australians grow more aware of beneficial insects. Using insecticide kills off those beneficial insects, like the ladybug, which eats the aphids. You're better off building up the diversity of your plant species - to also increase the diversity of your insects - that way the work is done for you.**”



Greg Kerin
Retail Nursery Horticulturist

OUR SURVEY SHOWS THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR, 6 IN 10 AUSTRALIANS WERE GROWING THEIR OWN FOOD AT HOME. THE NUMBER ONE MOTIVATOR BEING TO GROW THEIR OWN FRESH PRODUCE.⁹





#2 Eating local to our country

With unpredictable weather conditions putting produce at risk, Australians are looking for edible plants that are climate resilient and offer a low maintenance solution. This is set to result in a wealth of native edibles being rediscovered.

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The native finger lime [citrus australasica] tastes amazing. When you push out the fruit, it looks like caviar, almost exotic. These kinds of fruit trees have been in Australia and enjoyed by Aboriginal people for thousands of years, and now they’re starting to land on more plates. To grow them in Australia requires little maintenance, because they’re used to living in our soils and thriving under the conditions mother nature set for our native plants - they thrive both in the ground and in large pots.”



Brenden Moore
First Nations Community Greening
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#3 The secret is in the soil

As we tend to our gardens closely, it’s not just the final food results that matter anymore - Aussie kitchen gardeners are taking their hunger for nutrients down into the soil and building health from the roots up.

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People are understanding the nutrition in their food comes down to the quality of the soil. We’re being overrun with home gardeners getting into compost, the worm farm, and the manure, all in favour of transforming waste into a force for building up the physical makeup of their soil so their plants can access more nutrients, and deliver it to their food.”



Sabrina Hahn
Horticulturist, Writer & Presenter

Want to do some soil regeneration?
HERE IS A PREPARATION CHECKLIST – TAKE IT TO YOUR LOCAL NURSERY TO FIND OUT MORE:

- ORGANIC WASTE** from the kitchen (contains nitrogen)
- PAPER**, toilet rolls, dried fallen leaves (contains carbon)
- Put both of these items in your **COMPOST OR WORMFARM** to transform it into food for your plants
- Combine it with **ORGANIC SOIL** (from your local nursery)
- Then **COVER WITH MULCH** to retain moisture in the soil and protect microscopic fungi, and bacteria (your local nursery can help you with this) nutrients, and deliver it to their food.





Trend 3
3D
GREENING

Trend 3 3D GREENING



You can't live somewhere that's too hot - period. Greening our homes and neighbourhoods with plants, shrubs, and trees, can greatly help to mitigate heat. With energy costs on the rise, more of us will be embracing the natural air conditioner of nature - planting at the base, the sides, and overhead to create cooling pockets of shade that last the long term.

The prediction

GREENING GOES 3D AS WE PLANT BELOW, BESIDE, AND OVERHEAD TO COOL OUR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS, WHILST INCREASING PROPERTY VALUE.



Wondering what's the best green wall system for you?
UNCOVER TOP TIPS AND CHOOSE FROM ONE OF EIGHT DIY PROJECTS FOR VARYING SKILL LEVELS OVER AT [ITSTIMETOGROWUP.COM.AU](https://www.itstimetogrowup.com.au)

How to bring this trend to life

#1 The living summer ceiling

Vertical walls will only grow in popularity but in an effort to create more immersive shady spaces, these living walls will be expanded overhead. Creating immersive green capsules for the ultimate outdoor summer living.

Tammy's top tip:

Choose a deciduous vine cover so that the leaves will die back in winter and allow the sun to shine back in during the colder months!

#2 A vine-climbing tent big enough for a person or two

A common way to grow vegetable vines, such as green beans (*phaseolus vulgaris*), is to weave them up a small tent-like structure in your garden. As heat and the rising cost of living call for inexpensive shading structures - these garden tents are being scaled in sizes big enough to fit a person or two inside them plus they're a big hit with the little ones.

Head to your local nursery for supplies (poles and string) and have a chat about the best climbing vines to suit your outdoor area.

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All sorts of non-traditional vines are being used to grow overhead green cover, like pumpkins or zucchini. For those wanting to maximise their space, you can get a green roof plus your produce. For something more long term, the native hardenbergia or false sarsaparilla [*hardenbergia violaceae*] bursting into lilac flowers, is an all time favourite. Once established, it's resilient to dry summers. Other options include star jasmine [*trachelospermum jasminoides*] or native wisteria [*hardenbergia comptoniana*].



Tammy Huynh
Horticulturist & Plant Stylist



Trend 3 3D GREENING

#3 Renovators are keeping trees in the ground

The tree has been seen by some as a nuisance, for dropping sticks and leaves, but it will regain popularity as Australians uncover the value trees bring for the home and the wallet.

Assoc. Professor Joe Hurley, Urban Greening, RMIT, tells us:

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Trees play a vital role in mitigating heat in our neighbourhoods, cities, and homes. Growing trees to shade certain windows, walls and many common materials with high thermal mass such as cement and bricks, will help block heat and act as a living air conditioner. In this way, they improve the thermal comfort of your home, reduce your electricity bill, and make your suburb a cooler place to live.



Assoc. Professor, Joe Hurley
Urban Greening, RMIT

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Trees can be a great way to bring aesthetic and personal style to a space. Consider the Western Australian flowering gum (*eucalyptus ficifolia*), they're beautiful, especially the ones in reds, yellows, and oranges; their flowers exploding like a firework on pause.



Brenden Moore
First Nations Community Greening
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Recent research shows:

LEAFY STREETS WITH 50% OR MORE TREE COVERAGE INCREASED THE MEDIAN HOUSE SALE PRICE BY 5.4% AND A BROADLEAF TREE IN FRONT OF A HOME CAN INCREASE ITS PRICE BY APPROXIMATELY \$17,000.¹⁰



Trend 4
**GREEN IN
& ZONE OUT**



Trend 4 GREEN IN & ZONE OUT

The permanent disruptions of living with a changing climate, and the temporary disruptions of living with COVID-19, mean we seek solace and peace - and a quiet place just for us more than ever.

It is through nature we can zone out of the busyness of our lives and minds, and instead, tune into a place of wellbeing and meaningful connection.

The prediction

BY DEMANDING BETTER FOR OUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING, WE ARE FINDING SOLIDARITY WITH OUR NATURAL WORLD AND DEMANDING BETTER FOR IT AS WELL.

How to bring this trend to life

#1 Set yourself up for a garden-based sensory experience

Our gardens become sensory escapes, giving us the ability to deeply connect with nature.

The top¹² positive wellbeing motivators associated with plants and gardening are:

- Intrinsic pleasures such as relaxation
- The awe of nature's natural beauty
- Moments to rekindle a social connection with others

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We're often so busy in the garden that we don't realise we are still bustling about in our minds in the background. Practising nature-based mindfulness is about sitting with one's five senses and attuning them to nature to find stillness, connection, and our authentic selves.



Kit Kline
Qualified Nature-Based Therapist

THE SIMPLE SCIENCE REPORT CONDUCTED BY GREENER SPACES BETTER PLACES AND RMIT UNIVERSITY, SHOWS DIRECT MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF PLANTS, SUCH AS IMPROVED MOOD AND CONCENTRATION.

Trend 4
**GREEN IN
 & ZONE OUT**



What are the top indoor plant picks?¹³

FLOWERING PLANT 31%

SUCCULENTS & CACTI 30%

LOW MAINTENANCE OR LOW LIGHTS 28%

#2 Ask your five senses a question

Whether you have a garden or potted balcony, take a seat in nature's therapy room for a moment and dig around your senses with a few questions:

- What can I hear? The wind? The rustling of leaves? The trickle of water?
- What can I smell? Fragrant potted herbs? The scent of soil wet from rain?
- What can I feel? The tickle of grass? The texture of various leaves?
- What can I taste? The burst of a homegrown tomato? The flower in a herbal tea?
- What can I see? Displays of dappled sunlight? Moving cloud shadows and trees?

“
The beauty of nature comes alive both in a sensory experience, and a sudden shift in perspective to reveal the thriving living world around us - one full of elements we so easily missed before, even in our own gardens. Through nature-based mindfulness, we can yield therapeutic relief and awe.



#3 Valuing and spending time in nature as a salve for eco-anxiety

Sally Gillespie, Climate Psychologist explains,

“
 In Australia, we are on the frontline of climate catastrophes. The enormity of the climate crisis can change our sense of the world and ourselves. One day we might feel despair or full of grief about all the loss. But then at other times, there is a tremendous sense of purpose and inspiration to heal and repair.”

But how can we relieve this anxiety on a day-to-day basis? It's about finding your own way of connecting with the natural world, Sally tells us.

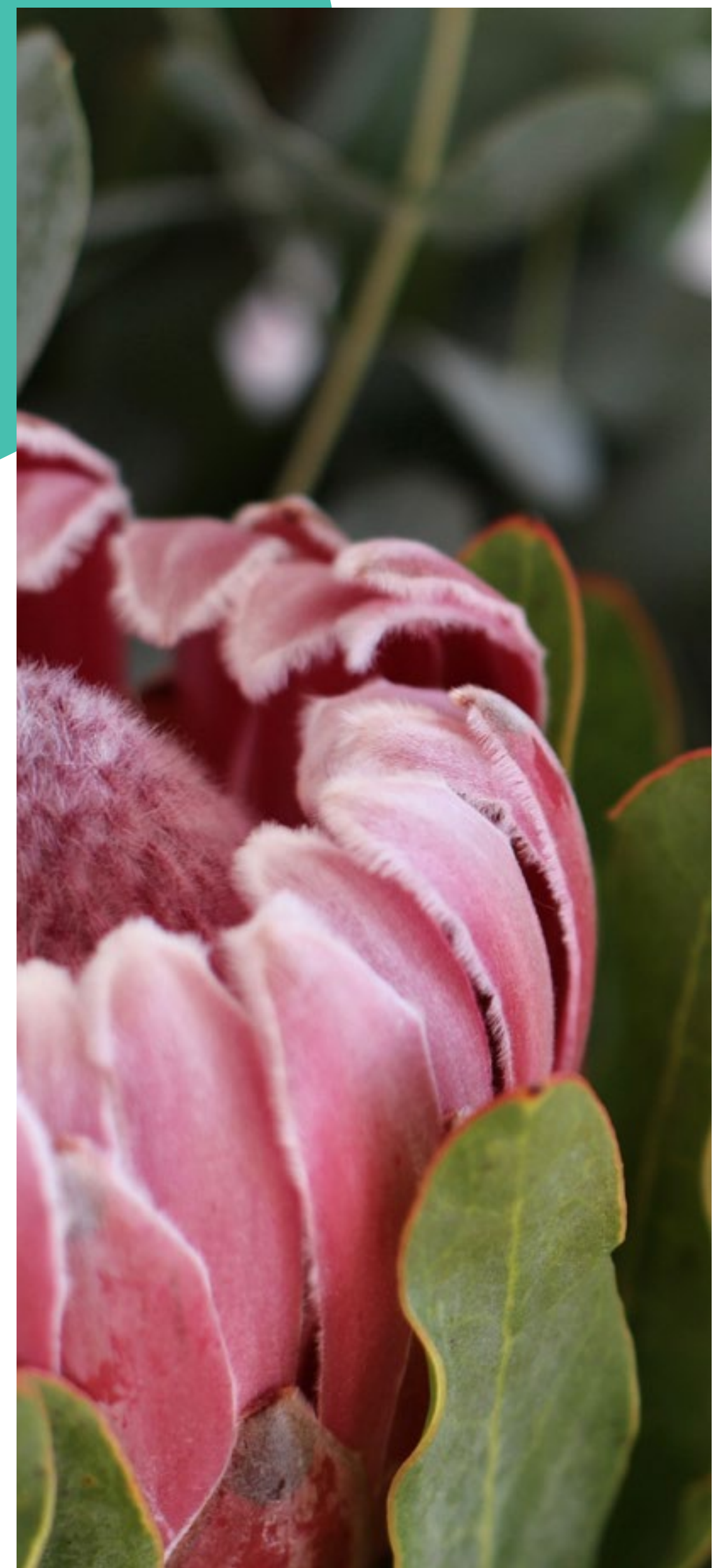


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 For a good majority of people, that means being the practical gardener who pays attention, learns, plants pollinators, and gets their hands in the soil. For others, it's meditating under a tree, or simply observing a flower or bee. There's been a lot of research that shows just by being exposed to nature, we can help regulate the cortisol system and therefore ease stress and anxiety.”



If you don't have access to an outdoor space, you can boost your mood and wellbeing simply by bringing more plants indoors:

- Pop a few potted plants of low light tropical greenery in shadier spots
- Place coloured flowers in areas with sunlight
- Grow herbs near open windows where the scent will waft through the house



Plant Trends

WHICH PLANT WHERE

These are the top trending plants for a low maintenance guide for the coming year. All of these plants are handpicked by horticulture experts to be the best greenery to plant depending on your location around Australia. All local nurseries around Australia will have experts on hand to help Australians to pick up the top trending plants depending where they live.

*Which Plant Where*¹⁴ is a culmination of five years of research investigating which horticultural species will survive in Australian urban landscapes, not only now but under future changing climates, go to www.whichplantwhere.com.au for more information.

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| Adelaide, SA | Blue Mallet (<i>eucalyptus gardneri</i>) |      |
| | Fairy Fan (<i>scaevola aemula</i>) |      |
| | Feijoa (<i>acacia sellowiana</i>) |      |
| Brisbane, QLD | Leatherwood (<i>alphitonia excelsa</i>) |      |
| | Yellow Buttons (<i>chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>) |      |
| | Zig Zag Wattle (<i>acacia macradenia</i>) |      |
| Canberra, ACT | Cotton Lavender (<i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>) |      |
| | Kidney Weed (<i>dichondra repens</i>) |      |
| | Kurrajong (<i>brachychiton populneus</i>) |      |
| Darwin, NT | Arabian Jasmine (<i>jasminum sambac</i>) |      |
| | Baja Fairy Duster (<i>calliandra californica</i>) |      |
| | Bat Wing Coral Tree (<i>erythrina vespertilio</i>) |      |
| Hobart, TAS | Apple Berry (<i>billardiera scandens</i>) |      |
| | Australian Blackwood (<i>acacia melanoxylon</i>) |      |
| | Baby Sun Rose (<i>mesembryanthemum cordifolium</i>) |      |
| Melbourne, VIC | Australian Bugle (<i>ajuga australis</i>) |      |
| | Cape Chestnut (<i>calodendrum capense</i>) |      |
| | Japanese Pittosporum (<i>pittosporum tobira</i>) |      |
| Perth, WA | Ashbys Banksia (<i>banksia ashbyi</i>) |      |
| | Blue Lechenaultia (<i>lechenaultia biloba</i>) |      |
| | Fiery Bottlebrush (<i>callistemon</i>) |      |
| Sydney, NSW | Australian Willow (<i>geijera parviflora</i>) |      |
| | Giant Water Gum (<i>syzygium francisii</i>) |      |
| | Tufted Bluebell (<i>wahlenbergia capillaris</i>) |      |

Plant categories

-  Outdoor Low Maintenance
-  Native / Biodiversity
-  Living Plant Walls
-  Colour
-  Climate Suitability



The LAST LEAF



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How did we come up with this report?

General public

A nationally-representative online survey was conducted into perceptions and attitudes of indoor and outdoor plants in Australia. This survey was answered by 1651 Australians aged 18-65 and was conducted by The Navigators. ABS benchmarks for gender, age group and state were applied to survey quotas. This survey was commissioned by Hort Innovation on behalf of the Australian Nursery and Garden industry.

Nursery industry

Qualitative interviews were conducted with 12 members of the nursery industry in April and May 2022 about the plant purchasing behaviour and upcoming gardening trends of Australians.

Source review

Over 70 sources were analysed from international, national, mainstream and specialised publications to understand current trends and perceptions of plant-purchasing behaviours.

SPOKESPEOPLE BIOS



Daniel Fuller

Horticulturist & Plant Podcaster

Daniel is a horticulturist of 10 years and host of the Plants Grow Here podcast, where he interviews experts, industry professionals, and enthusiasts within the horticulture, natural resource management and landscape garden industry. Some guests have represented the Australian Institute of Horticulture and various Botanic Gardens. He's passionate about helping people find a fulfilling career pathway in a part of our green industry as well as teaching them the art and science of plant care.



Sabrina Hahn

Horticulturist, Writer & Presenter

Sabrina is a master gardener, horticulturist, award winning radio presenter, podcaster and writer. Her extensive knowledge on gardening comes from a scientific background of horticulture, soil science, entomology and botany. She has a passion for the creation of sustainable landscapes that make cities and suburbs more liveable and offer people a space for physical and mental wellbeing. Her aim is to educate Australians in the importance of creating biodiversity in their own backyards.



Sally Gillespie

Climate Psychologist

Dr Sally Gillespie worked as a Jungian psychotherapist for over twenty years in Sydney before undertaking doctoral research on the psychological experience of ongoing climate engagement. Sally has written Climate Crisis and Consciousness: Reimagining our world and ourselves which explores the psychological challenges and developmental processes of climate engagement for individuals and societies. She is a member of Psychology for a Safe Climate in Australia.



Bonnie-Marie Hibbs

Horticulturist & Gardening Writer

Bonnie-Marie has an extensive background in Horticultural, retail, and media. She has been sharing her love of plants, care tips, and gardening DIY ideas for the last decade over on her journal The Gardener's Notebook. She now works with one of Australia's leading plant management companies. Bonnie-Marie's mission is to inspire others to get outside in the garden through plant knowledge and stories.



Gwilym Griffiths

Urban Forest Expert, Which Plant Where Program Manager

Gwilym is an urban greening expert with a passion for the planning, design and delivery of innovative green and blue infrastructure to assist in the creation of liveable cities. He is a qualified arborist, landscape designer, horticulturist and project manager with over 20 years' experience spanning both government and private organisations. Gwilym is the Project Manager for the new online platform Which Plant Where Future proofing urban landscape projects with climate-ready species.



Assoc. Professor Joe Hurley

Urban Greening, RMIT

Associate Professor Joe Hurley, a researcher in the Centre for Urban Research, and lecturer in the Sustainability and Urban Planning program at RMIT University. Joe leads a program of research called 'Making Greening Happen in Consolidating Cities' that examines the relationships between urban development and change and the urban forest. Joe has been engaged as a lead researcher on previous reports by Greener Spaces Better Places such as the Where Will All The Trees Be? report.

SPOKESPEOPLE BIOS



Tammy Huynh

Horticulturist & Plant Stylist

Tammy Huynh of Leaf an Impression is a horticulturist and avid plant collector, who is passionate about sharing the joy of gardening and the benefits of green spaces. Her love of gardening started with her 'por por' (maternal grandmother), whose fingers were permanently marked with soil, but eyes so full of life when she was pottering about the garden. Tammy has a degree in horticultural science, a diploma in landscape design and has over 12 years experience in the industry.



Kit Kline

Qualified Nature-Based Therapist

Kit is the founder of Nature Based Therapy, which sees Nature as a powerful healing resource in restoring wellbeing, and has been working in mental health and community services as a counsellor for the past 20 years. Kit believes nature is the therapist and aims to reconnect people back to the natural world to improve overall wellbeing for both the people and the planet.



Greg Kerin

Retail Nursery Horticulturist

Greg is a horticulturalist carrying on the tradition of his family garden centre, first founded in 1986. As well as a passion for plants themselves, Greg enjoys seeing others' love of plants increase, styling plant displays to watch them grow into themselves, and being an avid part of his local gardening community.



Brenden Moore

First Nations Community Greening Officer,
Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Brenden Moore, Biripi Man from Taree who is one of the First Nations Community Greening Officer for the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. He has qualifications in Horticulture, Aboriginal Studies, and a Bachelor of Community and Social Development. Brenden uses his skills and experience to inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, schools and other youth programs to reconnect with nature, learn about native plants, bush regeneration, gardening, health, and wellbeing.





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