

McRAE'S MAIL

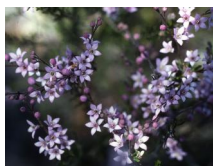


OUR NEWS

The Hunter Business Awards were held on Friday 7th August. McRae's Gardens were a finalist in the Small Business Excellence and Brooke McRae was a finalist in the Young Achiever of the Year category.

Unfortunately on this occasion McRae's Gardens and Brooke were unsuccessful however the competition was extremely strong and we are very proud to have been finalists with over 200 nominations in each category!!

FEATURE PLANT



Eriostemon

- Native to Eastern Australia
- Has pink flowers
- Very hardy
- Small rounded shrub of 1-2m
- Likes well drained soil and a semi shaded area
- Do well in pots and can grow from cuttings

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR TREES!!

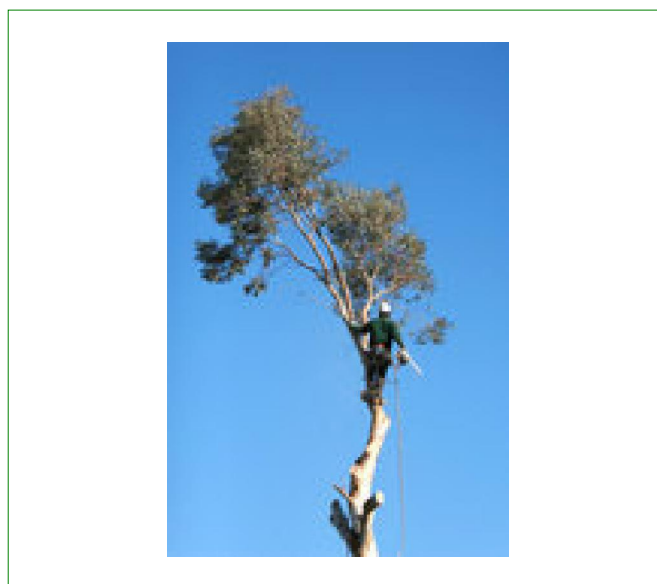
Land owners are responsible for all trees growing within their boundaries.

Trees can be planted in the wrong place and the most common mistake is picking a tree what looks nice when it is young but when it grows in to a mature tree it may be causing too much shade or lifting pavers or structures with its roots.

Trees can also get to a stage where they become dangerous; such as large branches hanging over high traffic areas .

Trees are really beautiful things and can be real strong dominant features in a landscape. Trees don't have to be removed when they are causing problems in most cases it is better off looking at all the options and there are many we can provide:

- 10% pruning with out council permission
- up to 30% prune with council permission



- dead wooding
- canopy reduction to let light in
- raising of the canopy to create more space
- root pruning and root barriers
- formative pruning and shaping
- council permission for complete removal

Contact McRae's Gardens on 1300-665-952 for all your tree service requirements

By
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THE YARD— AUGUST GARDENING

Your back yard is stirring in anticipation of spring, so get out there and prepare for bloom time.

Water carefully to combat low humidity, especially for new or small plants.

- Prune hibiscus, removing up to one third.
- Apply organic (manures and composts) and inorganic (granular or slow-release) fertilisers to moist soil and water afterwards. Native plants need low-phosphorus formulations.
- Prune camellias, poinsettias and natives as they finish flowering and gardenias to shape.
- Renew the mulch cover on your garden beds.
- In frost-free areas, start sowing summer vegies such as tomatoes, chillies and lettuce.