

McRAE'S MAIL



OUR NEWS

2010 is turning out to be another bumper year again for McRae's Gardens.

The year has only begun and already we have welcomed Terry Hughes to the team in the capacity of Team Leader. He will be responsible mainly for the strata complexes in the Sydney area.

Congratulations also goes to Rhys Kain who passed his 1st year and Scott Jaques who successfully passed his 2nd year of their apprenticeship with some subjects obtaining credits.

FEATURE PLANT



Geranium

Geraniums, also called pelargonium, are wonderful for summer colour.

These plants are popular with gardeners for their ease of cultivation and attractive flowers, they are great for rockeries and flower borders.

They bloom in spring and summer and have simple, flat, 5-petalled flowers in pink or purple-blue shades, less often white or darker purple-black. Most species are hardy and will grow in a wide range of conditions, preferring a position in sun or part shade and moist humus-rich soil.

Many are drought tolerant but some prefer damp ground.

McRAE'S GARDENS TAKES OVER AT FERN BAY

McRae's Gardens are pleased to be appointed the new landscape maintenance contractors for Seaside Fern Bay.

Situated within the lush coastal strip between Nelson Bay Road and Stockton Beach, Seaside offers a blend of convenience and seclusion. City access meets private living, as you retreat, in no time flat, to the luxury and comfort of your new home.

Seaside is

- Just 15 minutes from Newcastle
- A handy 5 minutes from the airport
- Close to shops, schools and amenities
- Only 7 minutes from the Stockton-to-Newcastle ferry
- Surrounded by native bushland, parks and beaches
- Right on Stockton Beach
- Just 2 minutes from the Newcastle Golf Club
- Convenient to tennis courts, a sailing club, a swimming pool and a bowls club



At Seaside, it's only natural to enjoy the best of both worlds. Proximity to the city and its amenities, coupled with the beauty and freedom of natural surroundings - where there's a real sense of relaxation and escapism every time you return home. We look forward to working with the management and residents of Seaside Fern Bay and taking on this new challenge

**You can find out more about Seaside Fern Bay at
www.seasidefernbay.com.au**

THE YARD— DECEMBER GARDENING

Its Christmas time—have your garden looking great!

- Vegetables to sow —its time to start thinking about winter veggies. Broccoli, cabbages and leeks
- Flowers to Sow—Forget me nots. Sow seeds now ready for transplanting later
- Feed now—vegetables and herbs respond well now to a liquid fertiliser
- Pest watch—Cycad Blue Butterfly causes major problems for those popular cycads in warmer areas. Grubs eat in the centre of the plant, spoiling new frond development, and graze their way up open fronds, leaving a trail of brown-tipped leaflets.