

# McRAE'S MAIL



## OUR NEWS

This month we have been awarded the contract for the Hunter Institute of TAFE sites in Belmont and Glendale. We are proud to have been awarded such a sought after contract.

This month Matthew Webster also joins us as a Team Leader for the Newcastle depot. He brings with him 16 years of Horticultural experience including a supervisory role at a 5 star residential resort, he has vast leadership and management experience.

## FEATURE PLANT

### Bearded Iris



Bearded irises produce a short-lived, but stunningly beautiful, display in the spring garden. And, even when they've finished flowering, the upright, grey-green coloured leaves look attractive. Crowded clumps can be split up and transplanted after flowering's over. Bearded irises need perfect drainage and full sun – in fact the top of the rhizomes (the fat, sideways-growing roots) should be exposed to the sunlight. After flowering, feed with Dynamic Lifter Advanced for Roses and add a sprinkling of Yates Lime or Dolomite. All vertical leaves are attractive to snails, so sprinkle some Blitzem or Baysol pellets. Why bearded? Because the flower has soft, beard-like tufts on its drooping petals.

## McRAE'S GARDENS NAMED IN SMART 50 COMPANIES FOR 2010



This list recognises Australia's fastest-growing small and medium companies in 2009-10 and includes awards for top franchise, top exporter, and most innovative company

The awards were presented in Melbourne on 16 September by Victorian Small Business Minister Joe Helper and SmartCompany publisher and founder Amanda Gome.

McRae's Gardens were named as the 47th fastest growing company in Australia for 2010

Click on the link below to see the McRae's Gardens profile

<http://www.smartcompany.com.au/smartcompany-awards-2010/McRae-s-Gardens.html>

## THE YARD— OCTOBER GARDENING

**October's a wonderful month for planting. Shrubs that go in now will make maximum growth over the next few months**

- Vegetables to sow— beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchinis
- Flowers to sow— Dianthus Blush Pink—for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Prune now— any parts of frost damaged plants that are finished for the year
- Feed now— lawns and hydrangeas, passionfruit and other warm season fruits.
- Pest Watch— watch out for fruit fly and caterpillars. Now is the time to spray your lawn for curl grubs.

