

# McRAE'S MAIL



## OUR NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Will Prehn to our company. Will comes to us with vast experience in the horticulture industry, particularly in management and customer relations. Previously employed by Lend Lease heading up landscaping operations. He will step into the role of Operations Manager.

## FEATURE PLANT



**Blueberry Ash**  
**(*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*)**

The Blueberry Ash is a strikingly beautiful and hardy plant, which has many uses in a range of horticultural situations.

Described as either a small tree or tall shrub, this evergreen species grows between 3-15m tall and 3-5m wide. It has a dense crown of foliage, and an approximately conical form. It needs little maintenance to thrive, surviving well in low nutrient and dry soils (although it performs best when well watered). This species grows in a range of light intensities, from shade through to full sun

## McRAE'S GARDENS SPONSOR CENTRAL COAST MARINERS

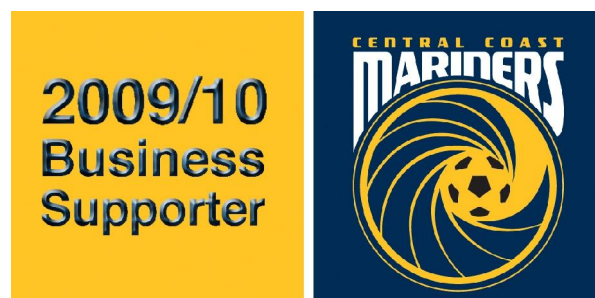
McRae's Gardens are proud to be a business sponsor of the Central Coast Mariners for the 09/10 A-League season.

We feel that the Central Coast Mariners are an icon for the Central Coast and have made an enormous contribution giving to the local community we are proud to be associated with a club like this.

The Central Coast Mariners are competing for the ultimate prize in Australian domestic football – the Hyundai A-League.

Inaugurated in late 2004, the Mariners are the first team to represent the Central Coast region on a national and international sporting stage.

The Central Coast is home to over 300,000 people who reside along an idyllic 90 kilometre stretch just north of Sydney, the Central



Coast is one of Australia's most prominent tourist destinations and the Mariners are the flagship team of our community



If you are interested in joining Don McRae at a Mariners game then please contact us via our website [www.mcraesgardens.com.au](http://www.mcraesgardens.com.au)

## THE YARD— SEPTEMBER GARDENING

It's Spring—your garden is ready to bloom!

- Flower to sow in September—Gerberas
- Pruning in September—Trim winter-damaged leaves from perennials so that their fresh, new, spring growth can come through. Prune summer-flowering shrubs such as abelia, abutilons, hibiscus and plumbago. Tidy up herbs and feed them
- Pest Watch in September—Thrips are tiny, sap-sucking pests that spoil the appearance of leaves on susceptible plants like viburnums. Trim damaged plants all over, feed with Dynamic Lifter pellets and spray with Confidor

**McRae's Gardens can help you will all your Spring gardening needs**