



Gardening Tips for February 2025

1. A reminder that ZYGOCACTUS or Christmas Cactus are a tropical plant and like humidity e.g. in a bush house setting. Give them a good deep watering then let them dry out. Never leave sitting in water. (www.aussiegreenthumb.com)
2. Euphorbia cuttings can be taken now. Wear gloves and **DO NOT** get the sap in your eyes. **IT HURTS – A LOT!** Take an unflowering 15cm long growing tip, strip bottom 2/3 of leaves, stir in water to remove sap then put in moist (not wet) sand for a few months till roots have formed. (www.bunnings.com.au)
3. So they crop in autumn try planting bean (bush & climbing), carrot, broccoli, lettuce and pumpkin seeds. Remember crop rotation – i.e. plant each crop in a different spot to last year to avoid soil bound diseases. (www.centenarylandscaping.com.au)
4. Petunias are probably looking 'past it' after all the heat so if still alive cut back (about 1/3. Not too severe). Feed fortnightly with a foliar spray and you may get a second flowering leading into autumn. (www.centenarylandscaping.com.au)
5. The Qld. Rose Society recommends that in February you can trim all roses – especially if trying to time flowering for a special event. Most roses will repeat flower in about 56 days (i.e. about 2 months). Feed as you do with organic fertiliser and deep water regularly. (www.qld.rose.org.au)