

# NFC NEWS

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## Valentines Day

did you know.....

For eight hundred years prior to the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercus. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box. The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his sexual companion during the remaining year.

In AD 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan festival. But he was clever to replace it with a similar celebration, although one deemed morally suitable. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year.

Needless to say, many of the young Roman men were not too pleased with the rule changes. Looking for a figurehead, the martyred Bishop Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new festival.

Saint Valentine had been beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of the mad emperor Claudius. Before execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with his jailer's daughter. He signed his final note to her, "From Your Valentine", a phrase that has lasted through the centuries.

Pope Gelasius didn't get everything he wanted. The pagan festival died out, it is true, but he had further hoped people would emulate the lives of saints. Instead they latched onto the more romantic aspect of Saint Valentine's religious life. While not immediately as popular as the more passionate pagan festival, eventually the concept of celebrating true love became known as Valentine's Day, and every year on the 14th February we give flowers to our loved ones as a token of that love and devotion.

for more information on flowers log onto [www.marketfresh.com.au](http://www.marketfresh.com.au)



**VALENTINES DAY**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

### Valentines Day POS - RUNNING OUT!

We only have a small number of kits left, so don't delay or you'll miss out. Kits are FREE to all NFC customers, and consist of: 4 banner style posters, 6 wobblers, 100 message cards and of course, the ever popular t-shirts. Additional t-shirts available for \$10ea. Pick up any Tuesday and Thursday, 5am to 8am until stock runs out.

# THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
AGAPANTHUS	7	\$3.50
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALLIUM - DRUMSTICK	5	\$6.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$2.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.50
ANDROMEDA	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ANEMONE	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BOUVARDIA		\$3.00 TO \$7.00
BRUNIA	5	\$4.00 TO \$10.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$5.00
CAMPANULA - BELLFLOWER	10	\$6.50
CAMPANULA - CANTERBURY BELL		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
CARNATION - MICRO	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$3.00
CARNATION - SPRAY		\$2.50 TO \$5.50
CARNATION - CHINESINI	10-15	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$2.50
CARNATION - SIM		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
COSMOS		\$2.00
DAHLIA	5	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
DAHLIA - POM POM		\$2.00
DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ECHINACEA		\$6.50
ECHINOPS	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
EMILLE	10	\$4.50
EREMURUS	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ERICA - GREEN	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
EUCOMIS (PINEAPPLE LILY)	5	\$5.00
FREESIA	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$6.00 TO \$10.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$15.00
GODETIA	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
GYPSY		\$3.00
HELICONIA	5	\$6.00
HELICONIA CLAW	PER STEM	\$4.00 TO \$7.50
HELICONIA SEXY	PER STEM	\$7.50 TO \$10.00
HYACINTH - GRAPE	10	\$5.00
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
ISOPOGON	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
IXODIA DAISY		\$3.50
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
KUNZEA		\$4.50
LARKSPURS	5	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
LAVENDER		\$3.50
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCODENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - TANGO	5	\$6.00
LIATRIS	10	\$3.50 TO \$7.00
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.50
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	4-5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
LILY - LA	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$5.00 TO \$7.50

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
MISTY		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
MIXED NATIVE BUNCHES		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
NIGELLA (LOVE IN THE MIST)		\$3.00
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$6.50
QUEEN FABIOLA	10	\$2.00
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SCABIOSA	10	\$2.50
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.50
STATIC		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
STATIC - GLASSHOUSE		\$5.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$9.00 TO \$15.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$4.00
SWEETPEA		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TUBEROSE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
VERONICA	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WARATAH - DORRIGO	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
WATER LILIES	5-7	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
WAXFLOWER - OPEN	10	\$4.00
WAX FLOWER - BUDS		\$3.00
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
ASPIDISTRA		\$3.00
AZALEA (MOLLIS)	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BLACKBERRY FOLIAGE	10	\$4.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELLIA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CLETHRA		\$5.50
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLIN	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$2.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$6.00
GUM - FLOWERING		\$3.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HIMALAYAN HONEYSUCKLE		\$7.50
HOLLY	5-6	\$5.50
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYDIE FOLIAGE	5-6	\$4.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LAUREL		\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
PIMELLA		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
RED WILLOW	5	\$5.00
SILVER BUSH	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
SILVER TREE		\$3.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$6.00
SMOKE BUSH	5	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
SNOWBERRY		\$7.50
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
SPRUCE	5	\$5.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
WEIGELA		\$5.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00