



Welcome to the first edition of our fresh new design of the NFC News. We will as always be highlighting a flower or plant each week and also bringing to you any news of upcoming events or matters relevant to our customers in the NFC.

We trust you find this new version informative and any comments or suggestions you may have are always appreciated.

Grevillea

Botanical name: A number of species are used: *Grevillea whiteana*, *G. sessilis*, *G. robusta*

Family: Proteaceae

Common Names: Grevillea, Silky Oak, Spider Flower

Country of Origin: Australia

Available: late autumn - summer

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm

Grevilleas are a member of the Protea family and are probably the most widely cultivated Australian plant in our gardens as they grow easily, are attractive and provide food for many of our most beautiful birds. Flowers are small and are grouped together to form an inflorescence of between 50 and 100 flowers in the more showy forms used as cut flowers. Flowers consist of long stigmas tipped with pollen that form loops, then poke out of the sheath as the flower ages. Flowers open from the base of the inflorescence upwards. Common colours include red, orange, yellow or cream, which is rarer.

Grevilleas are grown outdoors in plantations in WA, SA Vic, NSW and QLD.

When Buying Look for:

- 1/3 to 1/2 of lower flowers should have looped or extended stigmas;
- Shake branches and avoid those with flower drop.
- No sign of leaf yellowing.

Customer Service Desk

Please be advised that Shaz, our Customer Service Officer, will be on leave from next Thursday, 29th March, returning to work on Thursday, 12 April.

During this time if you have any enquiries or concerns please ring Nancy on 9258 6108 between 7.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.



Flower Care

1. Keep cool whenever possible.
2. Break bunches apart.
3. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in water immediately.
5. Preservative is essential – the sugar contained within a preservative will help buds to open and colour up.
6. Replace water every day.
7. Very sensitive to ethylene. Keep away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.

Interesting Facts and Myths

Named after Charles Francis Greville who was one of the founders of the Royal Horticultural Society in England in 1804. The first specimens were collected by Joseph Banks during his voyage with Captain Cook in 1768-71. Later, as Director of the Kew Gardens, Banks appointed a number of collectors to supply him with seed of Australian plants. The last appointee, Alan Cunningham supplied at least 16 *Grevillea* species to Banks (and his successor after his death in 1820).

There are now over 300 species in the genus, most of which are endemic to Australia but a few species occur in Papua New Guinea and islands to Australia's north.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Melbourne Interational Flower & Garden Show
- Wednesday, 29th March to Sunday, 1st April.

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
ANEMONE	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - PLAGEOCARPA	PER STEM	\$2.50
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BELLADONNA LILY	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
BOUVARDIA		\$4.00 TO \$7.00
BRUNIA	5	\$4.00 TO \$15.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
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	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
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	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
EREMURUS	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ERICA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
EUCOMIS (PINEAPPLE LILY)	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
FREESIA	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$6.00 TO \$11.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$15.00
GOLDEN ROD	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
GREVILLEA	5	\$3.50
GYP SOPHILA - 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
HIPPEASTRUM	3	
HYACINTH		\$5.00 TO \$7.00
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
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	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	4-5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - LA	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
LIMONIUM - EMILE	10	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
LIMONIUM - MISTY	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LIMONIUM - STATICE	10	\$2.00 TO \$2.50
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$3.50 TO \$7.50
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
MIXED NATIVE BUNCHES		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
NIGELLA (LOVE IN THE MIST)		\$3.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$16.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
POKERS	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$6.50
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$12.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SCABIOSA	10	\$2.50
SEDUM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
SOLIDASTER	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
STRAWBERRY FIELDS (GOMPHRENA)		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TUBEROSE	5	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
TULIPS	10	\$4.50 TO \$7.00
VERONICA	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WATER LILIES	5-7	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
ASPIDISTRA		\$3.00
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BIXIA	5	\$7.50
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
CHESTNUT FOLIAGE	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CHRISTMAS BUSH		\$6.00 TO \$10.00
CLETHRA		\$5.50
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CROTON	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CYPRUS	10	\$2.50
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GUM - FLOWERING		\$3.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HIMALAYAN HONEYSUCKLE		\$7.50
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYDRANGEA FOLIAGE	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
IVY		\$3.00 TO \$4.50
JOEY FERN	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LAUREL		\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
MAGNOLIA	5	\$6.00
MAPLE		\$5.00
MELALEUCA	10	\$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00
PEPPERCORN		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SMOKE BUSH	5	\$5.50 TO \$7.00
SNOWBERRY		\$7.50
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
VIRBURNUM BERRIES	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00