

FEBRUARY

WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN

Summer is here, with its lovely long days and beautifully blue skies! But the heat can be intense this time of year so it's important to water regularly in the early morning or late evening. Here are a few tips on what one can do in the garden in February.

- As the weather dries out watch out for Red Spider Mite, especially on plants growing in pots under the leaves
- Mulch to help prevent water loss
- Be sure to water responsibly and adhere to the guidelines and recommended watering times
- Consider planting lettuce in a cooler spot in your garden as the weather becomes warmer
- Carry on planting basil, coriander, parsley, chives and sage
- Continue spraying fruit trees for fruit-fly and collect all the fruit that has fallen to the ground to prevent the spread of fruit-fly
- When the leaves of spring bulbs have died down, dig up the bulbs and store them
- If your lemon tree is yellow, feed with Magnesium Sulphate (Epsom Salts) and 3:1:5 or Bounce Back – remember to water generously
- Continue planting small batches of vegetables to ensure a continued and manageable supply
- Feed roses with 5:1:5 or 3:1:5
- Dead-head roses after the first flush of flowers
- Prune Banksia roses when they have finished flowering.
- Mow your lawn as often as it needs, but not too short so as to protect the roots from the hot summer sun
- Keep on weeding

Now stretch out in a shady spot in your garden, with a book and an ice-cold drink. Cheers!