

MONTH	SEASON	ARTICLE THEMES	ARTICLE TOPICS	What to do in the garden
<b>JANUARY '18</b>	<b>Summer</b>	This month in the garden (A new year and garden resolutions; activities and exercises in the garden to help fitness)	January - Time to revive the garden	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in January, incl. edible options</b>
		Kids activity (school holidays)	Upcycled chair planter	<b>Bulb Care:</b> Remember to feed your summer bulbs every 2 weeks from flowering until they die down March/April. Keep soil moist at root level.
		Balcony gardening	Different types and colours of basil	<b>Rose care: Water 3 times a week or more; Carry out summer pruning; Spray fortnightly against black spot, Beetles &amp; bollworm; Check for red spider; Fertilise</b>
		New this month		<b>New: TBA</b>
		Bedding plant of the month	Zinnia	
		Posters: Water Wise & Ideal for Indoors	Delosperma Cooperii & different types of basil	
<b>FEBRUARY '18</b>	<b>Summer</b>	This month in the garden	February	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in February, incl. edible options</b>
<b>Valentine's Month</b>		Kid's Activity (Valentine's Day)	"Life is like a box of succulents" planter box	<b>Bulbs &amp; Bulb Care:</b> Late in Feb - Amaryllis belladonna (March Lily); Remember to feed your summer bulbs every 2 weeks from flowering until they die down March/April. Keep soil moist at root level.
<b>Finalised</b>		Perfect for the patio	Hibiscus	<b>Rose care: Dead-head and dis-bud; Water 3 times a week; Fertilise; Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles &amp; bollworm</b>
		New this month		<b>New: TBA</b>
		Bedding plant of the month	Celosia	
		Posters: Trending now & Perfect for the Patio	Plant TBC; include something that matches pantone of 2018 (eg: purple hedging) & Hibiscus	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	This month in the garden	March	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in March, incl. edible options</b>
<b>Human Rights Day, Int. Day of the Forests 21 March. National "Plant a Flower Day" - 12 March</b>		DIY Activity	Hanging planter made from old t-shirts	<b>Bulbs &amp; Bulb Care:</b> Anemones, Brodiaea, Iris Dutch, Freesias, Ixias, Muscari, Cylinder Glass, Daff/Narc, Ornithogalum, Cyrtanthus; Winter Bulbs now available. Buy now but plant later. Remember to feed your summer bulbs every 2 weeks from flowering until they die down March/April. Keep soil moist at root level.
<b>World Water Week and World Water Day - 22 March</b>		Edibles	Edibles for smoothies - baby spinach, berries	<b>Rose care: Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles &amp; bollworm. Dead-heading will encourage flowering into winter. Water at least twice a week. In cooler areas, feed for the last time.</b>
		Trending	Garden with foliage - use the different textures and structures to create focal or flowing points in your garden. Arctotis Opera (new colours = flame and white)	
		Bedding plant of the month	Petunia	<b>Social: Human Rights Day &amp; Int Day of the Forests (21st); National "Plant a Flower Day" (12th); World Water week (22nd)</b>
		Posters: Gardening benefits (from January fitness content) & Edibles	Benefits and smoothie edibles	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	This month in the garden	April	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in April, incl. edible options</b>
<b>Earth Day - 22 April</b>		Kid's Activity (School holidays)	How to grow sweet peas or peas (with DIY posters)	<b>Bulbs &amp; Bulb Care:</b> Ipheion, Onion sets, Sparaxis, Tritonias, Chasmanthe, Waterblommetjies, Garlic; Winter Bulbs may be planted once soil temperatures cool down. Remember to keep soil moist at root level. Use mulch to retain moisture and keep soil cool. Summer Bulbs will start to die down naturally. Most bulbs can be left in the soil.
		Ideal for Indoors	Peace in the home	<b>Rose care: Dead-head. Water twice a week in cooler weather. Only in warmer areas feed your roses. Spray fortnightly against black spot, beetles &amp; bollworm</b>

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		Trending	Upcycle - use that old wheelbarrow as a container, and don't chuck out those old Welly boots. Re-purposing things helps you to "update your style" without breaking the bank. Use plants like Petunia Designer Inksplash	
		Bedding plant of the month	Antirrhinum	<b>Social: Sow now for Spring colour</b>
		Posters: Trending now & Ideal for indoors	Trending Now (TBA) & Peace in the home	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Autumn</b>	This month in the garden	May	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in May</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b>		Kid's Activity (Mother's Day)	Ice-cream stick flower pots for mom	<b>Bulbs &amp; Bulb Care: Ranunculus, Babiana, Watsonia, Louisiana Iris, Hemerocallis Day Lilies; Daffodils available. Buy and plant. Reminder not to let soil dry out at root level.</b>
		Vital Veggie	Swiss chard Bright Lights	<b>Rose care: Only in warmer areas feed your roses; Dead-head; Water twice a week; Spray fortnightly against black spot; particularly in winter rainfall areas</b>
		Trending	Colour blocking - like in fashion, colour blocking creates impact in the garden. Create a focal piece against a white wall backdrop. Paint garden walls to go with specific garden beds - creative and modern décor in the garden.	<b>Social: Build-up to Mother's Day</b>
		Bedding plant of the month	Stocks	
		Posters: Benefits & Vital veggie	Benefits of gardening & Swiss chard Bright Lights	
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Winter</b>	This month in the garden	June	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in June</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>		Kid's Activity (Father's Day)	Grass pot-stools for dad	<b>Bulbs &amp; Bulb Care: Narcissus/Daffodils; Liliiums available. Must be planted as soon as possible after purchase.</b>
		Healthy Herbs for stews	Oreganum and thyme	<b>Rose care: Transplant roses if necessary; Water once a week; Fertilise only in sub-tropical areas; Spray fortnightly against black spot, particularly in winter rainfall areas; Dead-head</b>
		Trending	Grow veggies indoors with special varieties that will produce fruit on pot plants! Use plants like Exacum Princess - indoor plant, Capsicum Pot Peppers	<b>Social: Build-up to Father's Day</b>
		Bedding plant of the month	Primula	
		Posters: Trending & Healthy Herbs	Growing veggies indoors & Oreganum & Thyme	
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Winter</b>	This month in the garden	July	<b>Plant smart: Coastal and inland what to plant and how to plant in July, incl. edible options</b>
		Kid's Activity (School holiday)	Easy-harvest potato planter	
		Ideal for indoors	Air-cleaning plants, good for winter: asplenium, aspidistra, aglonoema	<b>Rose care: Transplant roses if necessary; Most parts of the country - prune now; Water once a week; Feed your roses after pruning; Dig compost into your rose beds; After pruning - spray bare stems to kill insect eggs and fungus spores</b>
		Trending	Use plants to "warm" the cooler months - a simple container or 2 is all it takes - Remember to follow the simple "Thrillers and Spillers" rule: Upright plant in the middle (or back), mounding plants around it, and trailing to spill over the edge. Use a plant like Lobularia Stream	
		Bedding plant of the month	Alyssum	
		Posters: Benefits & Ideal for indoors	TBA & Ideal for indoors	