

The talk of the town

These vibrant new plant releases will brighten up your garden in an instant

LYING LOW ▶

Rosa 'Glorious'
Plant Growers Australia
(03) 9722 1444

This glorious Shrub rose, reaching a height of 1m, is a perfect plant for cramped spaces and borders. Its low, lush growth is especially suited to containers, and its upright habit and bright yellow Hybrid Tea-style blooms make it an ideal cut flower. This rose is truly an all-rounder.



FLORAL TRIBUTE ▶

Cheiranthus 'Scentenary'
Bedding Plants Australia
(02) 9957 4233

Created to commemorate the centenary of Federation, these fragrant flowers reflect the lead-light colours fashionable in 1901 – rose, cream, yellow and scarlet. Preferring a sunny spot, they'll grow to 20cm high. Perfect for mass planting in pots, garden beds and rockeries. They're lovely to cut and bring inside, too.



SILVER SERVICE ▶

Pyrethrum 'Silver Feather'
So Beautiful seedling range
Floriana, (03) 9798 9155

Grown for its year-round feather-like silvery foliage, this plant can reach a height of 30cm. It tolerates dry conditions, and prefers well-drained soil and full sun or semi-shade. Suitable for both containers and garden beds, it is striking when chosen as a complement to other foliage and flowers, and makes a great border.



NATIVE BEAUTY ▲

Waratah 'Shady Lady' Pink
Telopea speciosissima x oreades
Proteaflora Nursery, (03) 9756 7233

Flowering in spring, this waratah is a stand-out shrub. A good screening plant, it will attract native birds to the garden, and makes a spectacular cut flower. When planting, choose a well-drained acid soil, avoiding heavy clays. It will grow to 3m high in either full sun or semi-shade.

STARRY NIGHT ▶

Protea 'Southern Cross'
P. obtusifolia x magnifica
Proteaflora Nursery
(03) 9756 7233

This attractive protea, growing up to 2.5m high, makes an eye-catching garden feature. A winter-blooming plant, it is happiest in a sunny position, and is drought-hardy when established. One of the benefits of growing proteas is their long-lasting cut flowers (fresh or dried).



STRIKE A CHORD ▶

Lagerstroemia hybrids
A Symphony of Colour range
Fleming's Nurseries
(03) 9756 6105

'World's Fair' (right), 'Lafayette' and 'Delta Blush' are miniature crepe myrtles that grow between 30-75cm high. Big on colour, their summer blooms come in shades including purple, light and dark pink, white and watermelon-red. Moist, fertile and well-drained soil will suit these hybrids best.

