



# Moorelands Bush Nursery



## Autumn Newsletter

2025

### Happenings at Mooreland's

Hello, our Mooreland's Family

Julie and the team have had their hands full - one moment keeping up with watering, the next getting drenched by the rain and slipping in the mud! With the arrival of Autumn, the nursery is bursting with fresh stock, from seasonal herbs and veggies to fruit trees and a variety of plants with stunning foliage in rich, vibrant colours.



We're getting ready for Easter in the Country and have been busy setting festive displays, including our Easter Bunny at the nursery entrance, and organising our much-loved Easter Egg Hunt, which is always a highlight for the kids. Once the Easter fun winds down, we'll turn our attention to celebrating the wonderful mums in our lives for Mother's Day.

We would love to see you at the nursery soon - whether you're stocking up on Autumn plants, joining in on the Easter fun, or just relaxing in the sun enjoying good company and delicious food from The Feedshed Cafe.

Cheers from the Mooreland's Team

### Autumn

Autumn is upon us already, and we can feel the excitement as everyone gets back into the garden. The days are getting shorter, and the cooler temperatures are welcomed, but the soil remains warm, which is perfect for planting and encouraging strong root growth.

Now is the ideal time to refresh your garden! Tidy up plants, improve the soil, fertilise citrus, and give your lawn some much-needed care. It's also the season for planting bulbs, collecting summer seeds, and refreshing your veggie patch with seasonal vegetables and herbs.

### Nursery Celebrations

This season, we have three special birthdays to celebrate in the Mooreland's team!

- March 09<sup>th</sup> - Ebony
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - Taylor
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - David
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Brad

If you see them around the nursery, be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

#### Normal Nursery Opening Hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm

Sat - Sun 8am - 4pm

#### NURSERY EASTER OPENING HOURS

Friday 8am - 2pm

Saturday - CLOSED

Sunday - 8am - 1pm

#### Dates to Remember:

- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Egg Hunt
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter in the Country
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April - Anzac Day
- 08<sup>th</sup> May - 10<sup>th</sup> May - Roma Show
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day Morning Tea



# Autumn Plants and Checklist

## Herbs, Vegetables and Fruits

Autumn is the perfect time to plant cool-season herbs, vegetables, and fruits. With cooler temperatures and the soil still warm, it is an ideal time for plants to develop strong roots and get established before winter sets in. We've got a great range of seasonal favourites in stock, though please note that some varieties may be subject to availability.



### Herbs

- Chives
- Coriander
- Dill
- Fennel
- Garlic
- Mint
- Oregano
- Parsley
- Sage
- Rosemary
- Sorrel
- Tarragon
- Yarrow
- Thyme.

### Vegetables

- Broad Beans
- Broccoli
- Brussel Sprouts
- Cauliflower
- Lettuce
- Onion
- Peas
- Shallots
- Spinach
- Radish
- Tomato
- Turnip
- Carrots
- Beetroot

### Fruit Trees

- Lemons
- Tahitian Lime
- Mandarins
- Oranges
- Kumquats
- Apples
- Plums
- Cherries
- Peaches

## Autumn Gardening

Now that Autumn has arrived it's time to:

### March

- Prepare your veggie patch for planting cool season vegetables and herbs.
- Plant autumn herbs and vegetables.
- Remove plants that did not survive, to make room for new plants.
- Lightly prune and tidy plants from the harsh summer and encourage new growth.
- Rejuvenate your garden soil, by adding compost, manure, and organic matter.
- Plant autumn blooms such as salvias, daisies, petunias, chrysanthemum etc.
- Mulch thickly to retain soil moisture and as a protection for plants roots.
- Water less but deeply as the weather becomes cooler.
- Fertilise and deadhead roses to maintain strong growth and autumn blooms.

### April

- Now is a great time for planting, such as perennials, natives, and climbers.
- Divide perennials such as daylilies, clivias and agapanthus.
- Plant Citrus to ensure time for roots to become established before winter.
- Plant Autumn Herbs, Vegetables and Fruits.
- Sow seeds and plant bulbs for spring.
- Collect seeds from flowers for spring planting.
- Refresh potted plants by topping up with potting mix or repotting.
- Water less but deeply as the weather becomes cooler.
- Retain moisture and suppress weeds by topping up gardens with thick mulch.
- Fertilise Citrus trees to promote strong growth.
- Aerate lawns and use a slow-release fertiliser to encourage healthy new growth.

### May

- Prepare garden for planting bare-root Roses in winter.
- Keep an eye out for autumn garden plant pests, such as snails, grasshoppers, mealybug, scale, citrus leaf miner and fruit fly.
- Hang fruit fly traps to monitor if fruit fly is present.
- Plant winter vegetables and herbs.





# Basil Pesto – Recipe



This basil pesto recipe was taught to Sally Newman “Kitchengym” by her grandmother. It’s best made using a mortar and pestle, but this recipe suggests a blender for convenience.

## Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic
- tbsp pine nuts
- 70g (about 1 large bunch of basil)
- 50g (about ½ cup) grated parmesan (if you can get it, Parmigiano-Reggiano) cheese
- 20g (1 ½ tbsp) grated pecorino (if you can get it, Sardinian, or Romano) cheese
- 70g (about ½ cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- A fat pinch of table salt

Peel garlic, remove the germ, crush, and pulse in a blender until minced. Add the pine nuts – there is no need to toast them. Pulse until a chunky paste is formed. Add the basil (leaves only, no stem) and pulse until you have a thick green paste. Add the cheeses, Add the olive oil slowly until you have the desired consistency (we like ours fairly runny, some people prefer a paste).

<https://www.kitchengym.com.au/2024/10/15/basil-pesto/>

## Mooreland’s New Website!!!

After all these years, we’ve finally taken the leap – we now have a Mooreland’s Bush Nursery website!

A huge thank you to Krystal Peatling from Lets Kreate with Krystal, who was an absolute pleasure to work with. Her patience, expertise, creativity, and dedication brought Julie’s vision to reality and resulted in a beautifully designed, easy-to-navigate website that perfectly captures the essence of Mooreland’s.

Now you can explore everything we have to offer from the comfort of your home. So grab a cuppa, get comfy, and check out our brand-new website [here](#) – we can’t wait for you to see it!



## Mooreland’s Easter Egg Hunt



Easter is just around the corner, and we are getting ready for a fun-filled morning at Mooreland’s Bush Nursery! Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April from 8am – 12pm.

Each child will start by making their own Easter Basket (please allow 30min for this). Once their basket are ready, they will wait at the entrance of the lawn and when it’s their booking time, they will set off on a hunt to find 10 Easter eggs – plus the exciting chance to discover the Golden Egg and win a special prize!

The hunt will take place in allocated time slots, with sessions running every 15 minutes to ensure plenty of fun for everyone. RSVP via our new [Mooreland’s Website](#) or via our Facebook page.

# The Feedshed Cafe

There is so much happening at Mooreland's this season, with Easter, Mother's Day, and the glorious wedding season, the nursery is full of life, colour and celebration.

The Feedshed Cafe is open Saturdays and Sundays from 8am - 12pm, serving delicious homemade food, flavoursome burgers, fluffy pancakes, and freshly baked scones. Everything pairs beautifully with a cup of freshly brewed coffee, made using local beans from The Outback Coffee Co, a comforting cup of hot tea, or a refreshing milkshake.

It's the perfect spot to start your day, relaxed, well-fed, and surrounded by the friendly, welcoming atmosphere Mooreland's is known for.



Normal Opening Hours

Sat - Sun 8am - 12pm

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**Friday 8am - 2pm**

**Saturday - CLOSED**

**Sunday - CLOSED**

**Monday - 8am - 2pm**

## Mother's Day Morning Tea



Join us at Mooreland's Bush Nursery on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May as we celebrate Mums, Mother figures, and remember those no longer with us.

Enjoy a lovely morning tea, surrounded by autumn colour and the peaceful beauty of the Nursery and views of the property.

Delicious food and special treats from The Feedshed Cafe, served by Brad, Leesa, and their friendly team, making it a special day to enjoy with family and friends.

Whether you are honouring Mum, a special mother figure, or taking a quiet moment to remember, we would love to share this special morning with you.

## In the Paddock

This time of year, has Brad on the move, tackling the never-ending to-do list with his trusty team of offsidars by his side. Together, they have been hard at work with jobs like:

- Weaning calves
- Pregnancy testing
- Selling heifers
- Weighing and selling feeder steers

On top of all that, Mooreland's was lucky enough to receive over 100ml of soaking rain—a welcome change after the run of hot, dry days. The paddocks are now bursting with fresh green pick, and the cattle are making the most of it, heads down and happily grazing.

Of course, the rain brought its own jobs too—like fixing flood fences—but it's also opened the perfect window for planting oats. It's busy, it's muddy, and it's just the way we like it out here at Mooreland's.

