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## Autumn News

What a summer we had. Heat, drought and fires, rains and flood, snow at Christmas on the nearby hills, while in Europe, where they traditionally have white Christmas was very mild weather and no snow even on the mountains.

### CLARITY:

In Business and in Life we all must have **CLARITY** to think **CLEARLY**.

If you don't have **CLARITY** have some time out.

Go for a walk, take a break, do something else so you can **RE-FOCUS** and than have **CLARITY**.

Mistakes will be avoided if this is followed.

## Climate change

### What can we do

We are hearing daily about the climate change but what are we doing about it. We can't just wait for the government to take action. All of us can contribute to improving our environment, reducing amount of energy we use and saving our resources by starting with little things – turning off the lights we don't need, having the air conditioning or heating at sensible temperature and adjusting our clothing instead. Light clothes for summer and extra jumper in winter. Walking or riding a bike instead of using the car. Not only you'll be doing the right think, you'll be saving money at the same time.

### How to keep the garden alive

We survived the drought but many of the gardens look lot worse than any other years. We have to plan and manage our resource. Many people have already installed rain water tanks and are reusing grey water. We at Normark can assist with selection and installation of an appropriate water tank for you. Also we have a hand watering service, where we have large tanks on our Utes, where we add fertilizers to ensure your plants survival.

We are also looking for alternatives to keeping our gardens attractive while minimising usage of water. Large decorative pots with drought tolerant plants can replace mass planting. They are easier to look after and water is used more efficiently, especially if you mix potting mixture with water saving granules.



*Above: Recent Residential Garden – Peter from Keilor*

### Time for change?

Many of us use the garden – our outside room – to relax, meet with friends and as an escape from busy life. If you wish to drought proof your garden, give us a call and we can redesign it to incorporate clever use of other materials than turf, eg. rocks, decking, artificial turf, paving and replace existing delicate or water demanding plants with attractive tough plants.. We will help you to keep it beautiful. We also suggest to change all irrigation systems to in line drippers which are permitted in stage 3 water restrictions.

Many nurseries have a new stock of beautiful tough plants.  
Visit the Essendon garden centre for ideas.

# Normark's Latest Projects

Below are pictures of a few landscape projects recently completed by the Normark Landscaping team.

## Commercial:



**Residential:** Scott – Oak Park; Trinette; Dean – Oak Park and Peter - Keilor



## Success

Anyone who wants to be successful at anything must have faith to that cause, be enthusiastic, listen, learn and work hard

A person who can be trusted with a little also can be trusted with a lot. Also – a person who can't be trusted with a little can not be trusted with a lot.

A successful small business is underpinned by hard work, ten work, creative risk taking and sacrifice. As well as correct processes and systems that bind everything to create a successful small business.

## FROM DEAN - DRUGS

Notice to everyone, specially to parents. Drugs and what they can do and who they can affect. Parents, kids, families, mates – do not turn a blind eye. The majority of kids – yes your kids- have tried or are about to try DRUGS.

This is an example of what they can do. My best friend's son who is 21 years old, was outgoing, energetic, full of life, blond hair, blue eyes etc. Now he can only just talk, all be it very slowly, certain words he can't pronounce, has tried to commit suicide twice, resulting in two hospital visits to have his stomach pumped. Here are some of his thoughts. He has spent the last 6 months in Geraldton Drug Rehab, where he is slowly overcoming addictions to DRUGS.

Here is his story –

### SCREWING UP

So many things I've missed out on,  
So many things I haven't done,  
So many hours I have wasted,  
From being high and acting dumb.

So many friends I have lost along the way,  
So many jobs screwed up.  
Plus blown all my pay.  
Nearly all people I've met  
I've hurt in some way.

Was I born to destroy?  
I wonder everyday.  
Next question is, if I was  
How do I change?

From continuing on in this dynamite state  
I've come to a point where I need to  
change fate  
Sort some plans before it's too late.

## Maintenance –

In accordance with the stage 3 restrictions, gardens can still be watered on two separate days between designated hours. Odd numbers - Wednesday and Sunday, even numbers Tuesday and Saturday. The permitted hours are between 6am to 8am and 8pm to 10pm.

Our staff are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays for morning hand watering of your garden. This service can be offered to you at no extra charge, as we can incorporate this in our regular call out visits. There are only a limited number of places we can get to during these times.

**Please speak with our Maintenance Manager – Peter Anderson 0425 730 690 to book this special service. Please book early.**

## Things to do in your home garden.

- ☘ Have you noticed how weeds flourish under the current conditions? Make sure you get rid of them. They steal nutrition and moisture from your plants.
- ☘ Add water retaining granules to your soil to assist water retention
- ☘ Add compost and mulch to your plants
- ☘ Keep an eye on pests like scale and white fly and spray as soon as you notice them, they multiply very quickly and weaken already stressed plants
- ☘ Drought-proof your garden by choosing tough plants

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