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Spring News

For some of us who like skiing, winter ended much too early. Spring is already here, everywhere you look you can see the changes. The gardens which were almost dormant during the winter are changing almost in front of your eyes. Magnolias, camellias, azaleas etc. look magnificent, the spring flowering trees & shrubs are in full bloom. After the driest winter on record, we finally received some rain and it sure is helping everything to grow.

Thought for today: Try not to dwell on mistakes. Learn from them, start over and move on.

After all, that's what erasers on pencils are for.

You can bomb the world to pieces but you can't bomb the world to peace. (Michael Franti)



Lord Mayor John So and James –
At the opening of East Melbourne Library, landscaped by Normark

Our First Customer – and still with us

From Dean:

Max was one of our 1st customers, he is a legend and a joy to work for, we feel privileged to have him. Many of our original customers are still with Normark today. I feel it's extremely important to remember where you came from and how important HISTORY is in our business.

GOOD ON YOU MAX

From Max:



My first encounter with Normark Gardening began 27 years ago in June, 1979 when, just before my father died he had urged me to get rid of a willow myrtle tree which had grown out of control in the small backyard of my unit. I saw an ad in the Essendon Gazette, rang the number and out came two young brothers, Dean and Mark Anderson.

In the years that followed Mark, Dean and others (business had begun to expand) landscaped the front garden - a modest effort in line with my budget at the time. A few years later I asked them to rework the front garden and the little one at the back and those efforts still largely survive today.

Contact with them has remained steady all through these years by enlisting them to mow the lawn. Although not large it was a nuisance to do.

Naturally, this has been done by the various people they have employed over the years--a considerable number by now--both permanent and as apprentices. Currently, Dave, Daniel and others too are keeping the place trim as well as attending to the garden beds and all in a cheerful and obliging manner.

It has been a 27 years and I have met some very nice people through our association.

Max Nicholson, Essendon

From all of us at Normark – Enjoy spring – smell the flowers – feel alive. It's a beautiful time of the year!

What's happening at Normark

Below are pictures we'd like to share with you of few landscapes recently completed by the Normark Landscaping team.

Commercial: (L to R top to bottom) Dysons Bus Services; Ingham; BP Station, Keilor Park



Domestic: (L-R) Ian Anderson; Flora & Benny



Vasili's Garden

Spring is here. The sun is shining, the birds are singing & the flowers are blooming! So it means that we must start sowing.

I've said many times that there is no better way to eat fruit and vegies than from your own back yard, or your neighbours.

Sow your seeds and plant your trees I say and do it now!

When sowing seeds, always use a shallow tray like the ones at the garden centres that hold the seedlings and always use quality seed raising medium to sow them in.

Once you have sown the seeds, always keep the soil moist but never too wet and to help them germinate quicker, cover the tray with a sheet of clear plastic, this will keep the warmth in.

When they have germinated, remove the plastic and start fertilizing the plants with a liquid fertilizer, I use Seasol.

These seedlings should be ready in about 4 to 6 weeks of which you can then plant out into the garden that you should have already prepared with organic compost and turned over.

In about 2 months you should be eating beautiful organic vegetables straight from your own garden!

Now it doesn't get any better than that!

From me Vasili, Maresi!

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Maintenance –

Spring is extra busy time, everything is growing at rapid pace (unfortunately this also includes weeds). We need to increase frequency of mowing the lawns, keep up the feeding program, and keep the weeds under control.

Get ready for a busy time in your garden.

- ✿ Check and clean your tools & replace them if they are broken. Sharpen the blades or have them sharpened for you. Some nurseries and hardware stores have a sharpening service.
- ✿ If you are maintaining your own garden, clean the lawnmower after each use. The grass clippings could build up, specially if cutting wet grass and reduce efficiency of your mower.
- ✿ Also check and clean your BBQ if you didn't use it during winter.
- ✿ Have a good look at your garden. It's time to plant some summer flowering seedlings for summer display.
- ✿ Do you need better entertaining area? Are you happy with having the lawn? It needs lots of maintenance and water. It may look fine now but with the water restrictions already in place may not look as nice during summer. Maybe a nice paving with a water feature would be better and easier to live with in a long run.
- ✿ Visit the Essendon Garden Centre for inspiration. They redesigned the grounds, have a new stock of beautiful pots in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours, have various fountains on display as well as great variety of plants and friendly staff to help with your choice.

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