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Winter News 2006

Winter is a great time for planning of new projects. Removing the plants you are not too happy with for various reasons eg. not growing too well in certain area, not providing you with a right colour or shape. You may want to change the path or deciding to change the landscape all together because it's not working for you. Get the professionals to do it for you and with you. After all, your garden is extension of your house and you want to make sure you'll get most use and pleasure from it.

Things to do in your home garden during winter months

It may look as if everything is slowing down in the garden but don't be fooled, there's plenty to do. Working in the garden will also keep you warm and you save on the heating

PRUNE: June/July is the time to prune roses, fruit trees, deciduous trees and shrubs.

SPRAY: Keep your garden healthy, spray roses and fruit trees as well as any diseased plants with appropriate spray. Make sure to follow the safety procedures.

FEED: Continue to feed winter annuals like pansies and polyanthus

WEED: Now its good time to pull out the weeds while the ground is softer

PLANT: Time to select and plant bare rooted roses, fruit trees, deciduous trees and shrubs. Rhubarb is a good plant to have in your garden. Once it's established, you'll get continuous supply of tasty stems. Remember not to use leaves – they're toxic.

VEGETABLES: Dig over empty beds, spread out the compost and let some parts of the vegie garden rest over winter. There are some crops we can grow over winter eg. Broccoli, beetroot, leek, lettuce, spring onion, carrot. Have you tried growing garlic? You'll get much more flavour cooking from home grown garlic.

NOTE: If you are not sure how to prune/spray or do any other maintenance jobs or if the task is too big or difficult for you make sure you contact us and we'll take care of it for you. Call us or use our "Contact us page" on our web site.

Thought for today: The only way to develop responsibility in people is to **give them responsibility.**

We'd like to share some exciting news with you:

Normark has a new home. Our business is growing and the old place was getting too small for us.

We have moved to Factory 1/5 Adina Crt., Tullamarine 3043

Normark has a new web site – check it out -

www.normark.com.au

Use the "Contact us" page in the web site to let us know about your landscaping needs.

TRUE HEROS

You all heard the story about two miners being trapped under ground in Tasmania. What a fantastic story this is. It goes to show you how tough and brave Australians really are. Example of this are the outside workers like landscapers. Often they have to work in extreme weather conditions, hot in summer, cold in winter and rain and wind any time of the year. We at Normark do all we can to provide safe environment for our workers.

From all of us at Normark – Have a great winter!

Commercial Landscapes

We were really pleased with the design, construction and innovative features of the landscape at McDonalds at Delahey (pictured here). Normark entered this landscape in the "2006 LIAV (Landscape Industries Association Victoria) Awards of Excellence" competition.



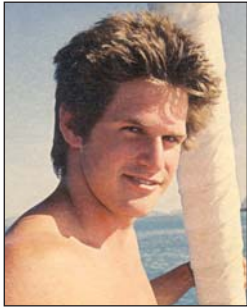
We have won 2nd prize in the following categories:

- Commercial landscape Construction Civil;
- The Water Wise Landscape;
- The Landscape Design Award Hard.

Thanks to all who were involved with this project.

From Dean...

SUICIDE – WHAT A WASTE –
Matt O'Brien, 20 years old.



Matthew's sudden death has gutted all who new him. It has actually caused a ripple effect and greatly upset so many people. At the

farewell there were over thousand people, mainly his mates, all in tears.

Many lives, particularly of his parents and three brothers will never be the same.

Matthew was a brilliant student, top of the university in the second year of medicine. He was great footballer, surfer, sailor and skier.

The formal videos were produced by big brother with screens everywhere. His brother James wanted to play

Stairway to Heaven on the guitar. The problem was he couldn't play the guitar. In one week he learnt. Matthew actually played a Ben Harper song *Amen Omen* on a video. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

Matthew will not have the opportunity to travel overseas, have fun with his mates at parties, can't buy a house, have kids, get married, be loved – or just enjoy life.

What a waste: No problem is ever too big to solve.

We all have our own problems. If it gets too big SEE SOMEONE who will HELP. We all make mistakes, all have ups and downs, all of us have our own problems. Life is like the big dipper. Lots of ups and lots of downs. Enjoy the good times. If it gets too bad, speak to someone – either your mates, your parents, even counselors or "beyondblue.org.au" We've all been there, done that and hopefully can help everyone enjoy life on this planet.

Vasili's Garden

Ever wondered why your plants don't do so well when they are watered with tap water, yet they just thrive when it rains? Well I'll tell you why, it's because of all the chemicals the water suppliers put in the water that eventually start to harm our plants and not to say what it can do to our health.

Magnetic water is the way to go, all you need to do is to attach an OZ MAG magnet to your water line just after the water meter. This magnet will break down all the nasty elements in the water, making the water more wet and pure! I know it's sounds ridiculous but it's true!

Your plants will thrive from it and the taste is fantastic, it's even better than the bottled water you buy from the stores.

No more nasty chemicals for you or your plants. For more information on OZ MAG go to our website www.vasilisgarden.com Vasili's Tips.

Until next time, from me Vasili,
Maresi!

Preventative Maintenance –



It's very similar to have your car frequently serviced versus waiting for something to break down and prove very costly.

There is always plenty to be done, which we cannot normally do. Hopefully now we can.

- ✿ With lawns slowing down, now the time is critical to feed & weed the lawns.
- ✿ Check irrigation systems.
- ✿ Trim plants and fertilize as well as spray for fungicide.

Normark staff news: Welcome back to...

Dale Morcom, who was previously working for Normark as Maintenance manager has come back in a role of sales and admin manager. He's got Bachelor of Science in horticulture, has 7 years of operational experience with Chubb, CFA and Ansett. He's a valuable addition to our staff.

Also welcome to **Andrew**, our new Landscaping apprentice.

We wish them both well

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