



Autumn Newsletter 2009



*Nursery * Gift Shop * Cafe*



Welcome!

Dear Anything Grows friends and customers,

We are now into week 7 of our new adventure of owner/operators of Anything Grows. We are excited about getting to know more of you and sharing our gardening stories.

I moved to Orange in 2002 after spending many years at Bowral in the Southern Highlands. Both Bowral and Orange have many similar characteristics including

four distinct seasons, streets lined with beautiful old trees and amazing heritage architecture. However, Bowral can not hold a candle to our awarding winning restaurants and wineries; we are truly blessed to live in this beautiful city.

I have spent the past 25 years working for the NSW Attorney General's Department, in Local

Courts throughout the State; some may say I am having the ultimate tree change. I have always been a passionate/self-taught gardener, spending most of my spare time with my husband Phillip and our reluctant daughter's Elise (19) and Emily (16) creating a beautiful garden on our 5 acres at "Eschol" which is located on the outskirts of Orange.



Our new team members...

Phillip and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate that Cindy Toedter, resident horticulturalist, and Sallyann Cocks resident barista/shop assistant/mood manager and decorator, have agreed to stay on with us. Both ladies bring a wealth of both plant and local knowledge to our team. Speaking of our team allow me to introduce the new Anything Grows team.

Phillip Many Orange residents will know Phillip from his time as owner/operator of Ray White Real Estate Orange or as a local rugby referee. Phillip now manages the local Armaguard branch here in Orange, but will be a regular at the Nursery on a Sunday.

Elise Goodwin our middle daughter completed her HSC at James Sheahan Catholic High School last year and is managing the café whilst she has a gap year before heading off to University next year. Elise enjoys hockey and spending time with friends in her spare time.

Fay Coulston (my mum) has only recently retired to Orange from Sydney. Mum has been such a great support to us in the initial takeover of Anything Grows and will continue to be involved, as chief cake sampler, watering, cleaning, and meeting and greeting customers. Mum makes it three generations working at Anything Grows.

Petah Stevens is our eldest daughter who is currently studying Primary School Teaching at Bathurst CSU. Petah will be helping out in the café between classes.

Emily Goodwin is our youngest daughter. Emily is currently in year 11 at James Sheahan Catholic High School and will be working in the café on Saturdays. Emily's passion is dancing, she dances with Colour City Dance Works most afternoons working on her routines or teaching junior classes.



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you can visit anytime"*



We intend to continue with the nursery/gift shop and café concept, and are interested in having some antiques on consignment, should they compliment our existing stock.

I will be sending out a seasonal newsletter, letting you know what is going on in the nursery, gift shop and café. Each fortnight I will travel to Sydney to source plants, trees and shrubs for clients so if there is something special you are looking for let me know and I will do my best to track it down for you.

We have placed our bare rooted tree and rose orders which will arrive in the Nursery during June/ July. To ensure you don't miss out please let us know of any particular

trees or roses that spark your interest. Our Rose catalogue will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and will also be posted on our web site.

As we are new to this business we would love to receive your feed back. Please let us know if there is anything you feel we could do to enhance our service, or alternatively what we are doing well. We would also love to hear any suggestions you may have, all of which will be considered.

For those of you who have not heard we are now opened on a Sunday from 10 to 4:00pm. We will continue to close on Mondays but will reopen Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 5:30pm and Saturdays

from 10:00am to 4:00pm during our warmer months. However, during the colder months, May through to the end of August, will be closing at 4:30pm.

As I previously mentioned, we are looking forward to personally meeting you and encourage you all to complete the box below which can be handed in at the Nursery before the end of May to go into the draw for a \$100.00 gift voucher at Anything Grows.

I hope to see you soon, and remember that a garden is a friend you can visit anytime.

Cheers,

Michelle

**WIN
\$100
GIFT VOUCHER**

Anything Grows "Get to know you" lucky draw

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