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Welcome to this month's **Greener Spaces Better Places** program update. Read on to find out the latest news and highlights to keep you up to date on what's happening and how you can benefit.

NEW REPORT: THE BIGGEST PLANT AND GARDENING TRENDS FOR SPRING 2022 AND BEYOND

The report unveils the next big gardening trends Australians are using in the face of an ever-changing climate and cost of living pressures. Greener Spaces Better Places has released the 2022 Plant & Gardening Trend Report - the only report of its kind in Australia. Developed through a survey of 1,600+ Australians and in consultation with nursery industry experts, thought-leaders and academics across the country, the report details four key trends set to grow over the next year along with expert tips on how to bring them to life and the top performing plants to be purchased in each state.

The 2022 report reveals the majority of Australians (60%) are concerned about climate change and our environment. They are using plants to tackle this issue with plant sales up by eight percent for the year before and 2.4 billion plants sold across the country in the last year.

The trend report has found that, in the face of increasing extreme weather conditions, Australians are turning to their gardens to take tangible steps to adapt and still enjoy their natural spaces. The report shows that in the coming year, Australians will be focused on building back habitats, beating inflation, and reaping the mental health benefits of connecting with nature.

Climate Psychologist Sally Gillespie explained the trends outlined in the report are clearly shaped by the climate and liveability forces around us, show a driving adaptability and a thrifty, practical, 'do-it-yourself' attitude from Australians to embrace these challenges.

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There is a tremendous sense of purpose and inspiration to heal and repair. For a good majority of people, that means being the practical gardener who pays attention, learns, plants pollinators, and gets their hands in the soil. This report clearly shows Australia's love of the natural environment is not shifting but instead how we adapt to the bigger pressures around us - through plants and gardening - is changing.



Sally Gillespie
Climate Psychologist

WHAT'S NEXT?

To read the full report head to the Greener Spaces Better Places website, [greenspacesbetterplaces.com.au](https://www.greenspacesbetterplaces.com.au) > Green My Home > Latest Trends

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TOP FOUR FORECASTED TRENDS SPRING 2022

Trend 1 WET AND WILD

Gardening to embrace the wet and promote biodiversity through wildflowers, micro wetlands and water features.

Trend 2 RESILIENT ROOTS

Beating inflation with a low maintenance grow-your-own approach that considers water, soil, resilience, and focuses on growing and eating what's local to Country.

Trend 3 3D GREENING

Planting below, beside and overhead to cool our homes and neighbourhoods, whilst increasing property value.

Trend 4 GREEN IN & ZONE OUT

Drawing on the proven mental health benefits of plants, such as improved mood and concentration, Aussies will look to nature and the sensory experiences offered in our own gardens as a salve for eco-anxiety.

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