

**August 2009 NEWSLETTER**

**Coastal and front line salt tolerant plants**

This month we feature four hardy drought and salt tolerant plants suitable for coastal conditions. Cupaniopsis, Westringia and Carpobrotus all are capable of withstanding direct salt spray.

***Cupaniopsis anacardiodes* – Australian Native Plant**

Cupaniopsis is a very attractive dark green, densely foliated ornamental tree, native to coastal areas. A hardy salt tolerant tree, suitable for beachside planting or near salt water pools, where it will be frequently splashed with salty water. An added advantage is its non invasive root system. Grows to approximately 8m with a canopy spread of 5-8m. Makes an ideal specimen or street tree.

**List Price \$75.00 +GST 45Lt bag (other sizes available)**



**Special 15% off List price**



***Carpobrotus glaucescens***- Australian Native Plant

A prostrate creeping succulent with long trailing stems to 2m long which roots at nodes along the stems. *Carpobrotus glaucescens* is a thick fleshy smooth leafed plant. Pink-purple striking, daisy like flowers appear from October to January, but can flower sporadically throughout the year. It is found growing naturally in coastal areas from Queensland to Victoria. A useful stabilizer for sand dunes, but also looks great as a rockery plant in a domestic garden. Able to withstand salt spray, strong winds and sand blasts.

**List Price \$4.95 + GST 140mm**



***Westringia fruticosa***- Australian Native Plant

Commonly known as Coastal Rosemary this is without a doubt one of the toughest plants you could grow. It occurs naturally along coastal dunes, therefore very tolerant of salt spray and extremely drought hardy. The dark green foliage has a silvery grey Appearance due to the short hairs on the leaves. The flowers vary from purple to white abundant in November but spot flowering throughout the year. Great for hedging and screen plants with dense foliage all the way to the ground.

**List Price \$7.50 +GST 200mm  
\$16.50 +GST 250mm**

***Phormiums***-

There are many cultivars of Phormium on the market, commonly known as New Zealand flax. Very popular, widely used plant because of its strong architectural form and attractive foliage. Tolerant of coastal conditions and drought tolerant once established. Performs well in full sun and part shade, although the darker leafed varieties do require a bit more shade than the more green leafed cultivars. Great for mass planting in garden beds. In Sydney it is advisable to plant in the cooler weather so the plants are well established before the humid summer months.

**List Price \$14.50 +GST 200mm  
\$18.00 +GST 250mm  
\$35.00 +GST 300mm**