

We stock a large range of marron equipment to cover all your marron farming needs.

Our range includes diffusers, weighted tubing, poly pipe, probiotic solutions for aquaculture systems, marron nets and marron pellets.

Come in and talk to our friendly staff and let us help you with your marron equipment requirements.



DIFFUSERS - \$ 30.80
WEIGHTED TUBING 30m - \$ 189.20
MARRON PELLETS 40kg - \$41.80
each or \$39.60 each for a full pallet
(PRICES INCLUDE GST)

LOOK AFTER MUM AND DAD!

A man and his wife were celebrating 50 years together. Their three kids, all very successful, all agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honour.

"Happy Anniversary Mum & Dad" gushed son number one, a surgeon, "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and didn't have time to get you a gift."
"Not to worry" said the father, the important thing is that we're all together today."

Son number two, a lawyer, arrived and announced "You and Mum look great Dad". I just flew in from Los Angeles between cases and didn't have time to shop for you".

"It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter, a marketing executive, arrived. "Hello and Happy Anniversary! I'm sorry but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they finished dessert, the father said: "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to send each of you to university. Throughout the years your mother and I knew we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and all said, "You mean we're bastards?"

"Yes," said the father, "and miserable ones at that".

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STONE FRUIT IS FINISHED AND APPLES NOT FAR AWAY

It is with a sigh of relief that the last bin of fruit is delivered to the shed, the pickers paid off and sent on their way and spare time or a holiday is big on the horizon. As you the grower begins to relax, do not forget the trees that have done a lot of hard work also.

Post-harvest fertilizing is very important and often overlooked. The trees have used up many resources in producing the crop and it is important to replace these prior to dormancy. The yellowing of the leaves in autumn (senescence) is the result of the tree pulling the nutrients in the leaves back into the tree frame, but a top-up is required.

With crop removal many elements are removed from the ground and orchard. To make sure the tree is in good condition for a good flowering in spring, nutrients that have been removed need to be replaced. Boron is very important for the fertility of flowers and is best applied post-harvest. It is not until after flowering that the leaves appear and photosynthesis occurs. Nutrients are once again drawn from the ground the cycle commences once again. Spring is too late to apply because there are few leaves to take it up. Other important trace elements are Zinc and Manganese. The Donnybrook district is deficient in these two trace elements. Very little is required but they are very important to replace.

On red apple tree, nitrogen is feared by some growers due to it making fruit green. All trees require some nitrogen and post-harvest is the ideal time to apply. Calcium Nitrate is the best form as it is non-acidifying to the ground and adds calcium to the soil. To complete the post-harvest feed, some phosphorus and potassium in the form of MAP or MKP. This is best applied through the fertigation system so it get to the roots quickly before dormancy begins. Using a granular fertilizer relies on rainfall to wash in or running the sprinkler irrigation.

If you want a recommendation sheet for fertiliser rates, give John a ring on 0429 888 565.



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EARLY SEASON BREAK

With a fantastic start to the season, now is a great time to start thinking about pasture seed.



Come in store to get our seed price list or talk to John or Glenn for advice on a solution to meet your pasture needs. Ring John on 0429 888 565 or Glenn 0407 389 516 to query variety availability.

WINTER OPENING HOURS

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Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm
Saturday 8am to 12pm