



RETAIL NEWSLETTER

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TRADING HOURS

The warmer months are the best time of year to visit Warratina Lavender Farm however we always try and have some form of lavender in bloom for photo opportunities. Group bookings any day of the week available upon request.

OPEN 9AM - 4PM DAILY
CLOSED TUESDAYS ONLY

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Warratina Lavender Farm has its own **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages to read all the latest news, events and product features!

Simply search 'Warratina Lavender Farm' and click **'LIKE'** on Facebook

If you take a photo when visiting Warratina please use the Instagram hashtag

#warratinalavenderfarm

PIC OF THE MONTH

Thank you to **@kellychenlj** who posted this beautiful shot on Instagram recently. Mention Warratina Lavender Farm using the hashtag **#warratinalavenderfarm** for a chance to be featured in our newsletter!



NEWS & EVENTS

- WITH ANNEMARIE MANDERS

Welcome to the latest edition of the Warratina Lavender Farm newsletter. As the cooler weather rolls in we are preparing the lavender fields for the winter dormancy. The weeding program is almost completed and weed prevention spraying has commenced.

The homestead display gardens are in the process of being cut back for winter. Light fertilising of all gardens and the continual raking of autumn leaves seem never-ending! Pruning of all lavenders, with the exception of the French dentatas, is well underway. This is done by using power-driven hedge shears. This is a way of preparing the lavender plants for dormancy. We have included some helpful tips below for preparing your own lavender.

Don't forget arranging something nice for mum this Mothers Day. We are offering a specials menu in the Lavender Cottage Tea Rooms for the day that you can view on our website. To make your reservation or any general enquiries please call the farm on (03) 5964 4650

PREPARING LAVENDER FOR WINTER



As winter approaches you may find your lavender plants may go dormant for a few months, or they may stay evergreen. In either case, the methods for caring for them during the winter season are relatively the same.

- Improve garden beds if your lavender is growing in poorly drained soil. Winter rains can rot improperly established lavender roots.
- Add mulch to help get lavender through soaking or cold winters. Apply a 2-inch layer of small gravel or sand between and around lavender plants.
- Slow down your watering routine as the colder months approach. Lavender prefers dry soil, and what moisture it does need will likely be provided by winter rain.
- Divide older lavender plants in preparation for spring growth. Drive your spade through the centers of plants that look woody at the center, and replant the now-smaller lavender plants.
- Examine the branches of lavender during the winter to determine if the plants have gone dormant. Dormant plants will turn brown along the branches.
- Harvest throughout the winter months if your lavender has not gone dormant. Save heavy-duty pruning for spring.
- Keep an eye out for unusual cold snaps or prolonged periods of rain. Either forecast may be cause for potting up lavender and bringing the plants to a sunny window for a few months.

One final note is to use fertilizer sparingly on lavender. Too much nitrogen can lead to plants that have fewer of the volatile oils that lend the fragrance and taste. If your soil is seriously depleted of nutrients, feed the herbs in early spring instead of winter.

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH

SUNDAY 14TH MAY

Spoil mum this Mothers Day with a special visit to Warratina Lavender Farm. The Lavender Cottage Tea Rooms are offering a Specials Menu for the occasion featuring a selection of delicious meals and desserts.

Call 03 5964 4650 to make your booking

LAVENDER HONEY

A little Lavender Honey mixed with some freshly squeezed lemon juice and hot water can help relieve cold and flu symptoms this winter. Available in 45g, 140g, and 360g jars **From \$5.00ea**



PATCHWORK SHOW

The annual Patchwork Exhibition is back! Come and see a selection of local quilts on display and for sale at Warratina Lavender Farm from **13 - 28 May**. Sponsored by 'Quilt Yarn & Sew' 382 Warburton Hwy, Wandin North. Entry fee and donations to the local Country Fire Authority. Exhibition entry: \$5 adult - \$4 concession - children under 12 free. For all enquiries and group bookings please call 03 5964 4650



ABOUT WARRATINA LAVENDER FARM

Warratina Lavender Farm had its beginnings in 1991 when Annemarie Manders decided on growing lavender for a hobby on a little plot on land which had once been an old cherry orchard. Today the farm has over 10,000 lavender plants and caters to tourists from around the world with warm hospitality and beautiful products.

Warratina Lavender Farm is situated in tranquil of the Yarra Valley at the foothills of the beautiful Dandenong Ranges. Walks can be enjoyed through the fields of lavender and display gardens. See how the plants are commercially grown and explore the beautiful range of products available in the gift shop and enjoy a meal at the Cottage Tea Rooms.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

MINI HEAT PACK

Filled with lavender and wheat, these marvelous mini Lavender Heat Packs relieve aching shoulders, sore backs, menstrual pain and even cold feet. Also ideal for little ones aches and pains.

Simply heat in the microwave until the desired temperature being careful not to overheat and burn the wheat.

Available in mauve corduroy

\$17.50ea



MIND BODY SPIRIT

If you live in Sydney come along and enjoy an exciting fun-filled day at Australia's largest health and wellbeing show at the at Darling Harbour International Conference Centre from **25 - 28 May**. Visit over 200 exhibitors, attend inspirational seminars, try some body pampering, watch free stage performances, join a free meditation session and much more. Warratina Lavender Farm can be found at Site E47



WINTER WARMERS

The Lavender Cottage Tea Room is the perfect little café to sit down and relax and enjoy a delicious meal and hot beverage on a cold and miserable day. All throughout autumn and winter, the tea rooms will be serving a delicious Winter Warmers menu to tantalise your taste buds, nourish your soul and warm your belly. Hearty soups, lasagnas, Devonshire scones and more. Call the tea rooms on 03 5964 4650 to make a booking



DISCOUNT COUPON

FREE LAVENDER SOAP

Mention this coupon in the Lavender Cottage Tea Rooms and receive a complimentary 25g Lavender Soap when you spend over \$50 in a single transaction on meals or giftware.

Offer expires 31/6/2017

LAVENDER COTTAGE TEA ROOMS

The Lavender Cottage Tea Room offers a delicious menu available throughout the day. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see regular updates of freshly made specials by the Warratina chef. One of our summer best-sellers is our Lavender ice-cream along with Lavender Lollies, Teas and Lavender Shortbread being a hit with all of our international visitors. Adjoining the Tea Rooms is our Lavender Cottage Gift Shop featuring a wide range of lovely lavender-themed items and Warratina Lavender Farm products. We hope to see you at the farm during the summer months!