



Gardening Tips for November 2025

1. The real chrysanthemum flowering season has gone but they are growing. It is worth shortening new growth to about 12 cms or 5 inches to thicken plant for next flowering. Can continue doing this till late December. (*R.G.C. Monthly Notes c. 2000*).
2. You can lightly prune AZALEAS in November to thicken up the plant and thus get a better flowering in the spring of next year.
(www.queenslandgardening.com)
3. How to tell between cane toad and native frog eggs in your ponds? Cane toads lay long, gelatinous 'strings' with black spots (the baby tadpoles). Native toads lay in clusters of jelly attached to water plants or foam that floats.
(*Qld. Council of Garden Clubs*).
4. During our spell of hot weather plants really suffered so our instinct was to fertilise – NOT GOOD. Nitrogen in fertilizers aims to stimulate growth – not good when plant is starved of moisture. To survive plants go into survival mode (dormancy) and don't absorb nutrients. They are wasted. Much better to concentrate on keep water up to them. (www.gardenbetty.com)
5. For those wanting roses it is really too late here to plant if you want a good flowering this year. If you have roses water infrequently but deeply to encourage deep root growth. Water in the morning at ground level – wet leaves encourage disease. (www.ahigardens.com.au)