

**AUGUST 2012**

It has been an overly long wet winter and some drought tolerant Dianellas and Lomandras have suffered particularly in poor draining sites.

At Humphris we have built up stocks of 2 native 'sedges'/grasses which we feel are better able to cope with wet winters and dry summers.

Chorizandra enodis 'Rumball' is a selected form of a widespread Victorian species. It has attractive fine steely blue-grey foliage and produces brown and cream 'Rumball' like globular flowers. It forms a neat clump and does not have the vigour or invasiveness of the widely planted Isolepis.

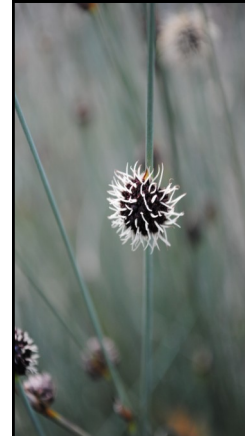
Meeboldina 'Fiddlesticks' is an attractive 'sedge' native to W.A. It has unusual green and brown stems not unlike Casuarinas. It produces attractive chestnut coloured plumes in Summer and Autumn similar to Gahnia. Unlike Gahnias, it does not have sharp serrated leaves and it is tighter, lower and tidier in its habits.

Like 'Rumballs' it is ideal for rain gardens or difficult sites which stay wet in winter and dry out in summer.

Humphris is willing to supply trial plants of each to the first few councils to put up their hands.

Contact me before next Thursday 9th August (when I go on leave for 4 weeks!) and I can discuss this further and organise delivery.

As many of you are primarily arborists, this letter may be more relevant if forwarded to your Horticulture Planners. I would appreciate if you could do so and notify me of their details.



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The photos show plants which are about 6 years old at Kurunga in Mt. Evelyn.



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Regards

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