



Golden Beach Community Nursery & Open Garden

When planting in coastal areas it is better to select plants that have the ability to cope with salt laden winds. As a general guide plants that have narrow leaves or grey foliage do very well. Plants with large leaves are sometimes poor growers because the leaves capture the salt in the air, from overnight dew, and rain. Some areas that are well back from the foreshore and protected from salt laden wind have better growing conditions. Nutrients leach out of the sandy soil so regular fertilising approx. every six weeks will be beneficial. Sometimes it is just trial and error. Walk around your area and see what is growing well in the gardens of your neighbours.

Plants in tubes do very well and quickly become adapted to the conditions. More mature plants sometimes fail to thrive because the conditions are so different from where they were propagated.

Planting out your pot or tube. Dig a hole twice as big as the plant you are planting. Put aside half the soil and mix it with a good quality organic compost. Put a little shredded newspaper in the hole and add half a bucket of water. Take your plant from the pot and lightly tease out the roots. Put some of your soil in the hole then add the plant and backfill. Make sure to firm down the soil. Surround with mulch and water well.

Even if it has rained your plants may dry out as the rain does not always penetrate to lower levels of the soil. You may add Soil Wetta or a similar product to help retain moisture. Every 6 weeks add a liquid fertiliser or your own worm tea to help keep the nutrients up to the plant.

Happy Gardening!

The Golden Beach garden group meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month – come and join us!

