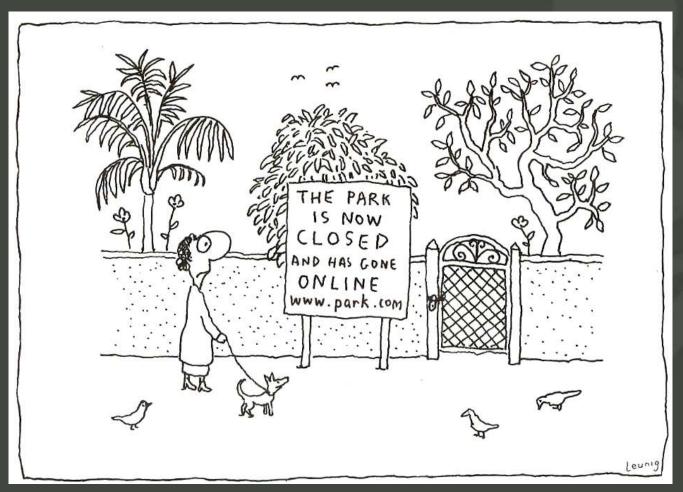
Connecting with Social Media





Workshop

- Overview
- ☐ The 140 character challenge (How to be interesting in 140 characters and a hashtag...)
- □ Tools of the trade
- ☐ Round up



Twitter



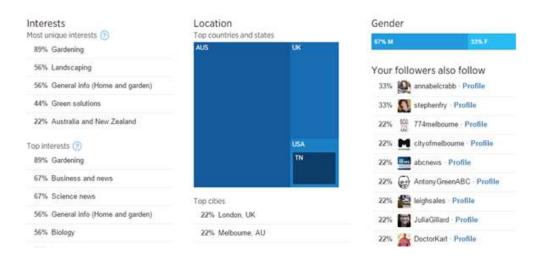




TWITTER ANALYTICS, 21 March 2015



FOLLOWERS





Have to get back further than that to get me in the pic buddy! (Could that be @mmccwill of @RNBlueprint_fame?)
pic.twitter.com/W9VKcxUvWW



2:21pm - 16 Mar 2015 - Twitter for Android

6 RETWEETS 4 FAVORITES



I'm fading a little this morning sorry. Still gorgeous and stinky, but do come today! pic.twitter.com/wLJTwJimN3





#titanarumfact *IF* I was to let @RBG_Melbourne carve into me you'd see rows of tiny male & female florets/flowers pic.twitter.com/iyO7Rhqvwg



7:30am - 17 Mar 2015 - TweetDeck

4 RETWEETS 5 FAVORITES



Terence Amerson favorited

TitanArum @RBGTitanArum 6d
Not sure this is my best angle but
looking elegant I think. And BTW,
263 cm today so I'm still growing!
pic.twitter.com/WqvRbQlaPi



Details



Hmmmm. This could be the beginning of the end, this lilt in my wizard's cap.

pic.twitter.com/tHxiOroCvd





Still some admirers although I think I look a bit weird now. Not the sophisticated bloom of the weekend.

pic.twitter.com/LRAmM0q3SI



10:40am - 17 Mar 2015 - Twitter for Android

7 RETWEETS 2 FAVORITES



love you @RGBTitanArum god bless "@RBGTitanArum: Dave, my primary carer @RBG_Melbourne, giving me a last embrace.. pic.twitter.com/mVgla3tgCd"



SAMPLE TWEETS CITING @RBGTITANARUM



Haven't had enough of @RBGTitanArum? Backstory abc.net.au/radionational/... + chat with @mmccwill on @RNBlueprint Sat 9-10 am, @RadioNational.

4:45pm - 20 Mar 2015 - TweetDeck

2 RETWEETS 1 FAVORITE



Shoutout to @RBGTitanArum it's been fascinating following your progress this year:)

12:56pm - 20 Mar 2015 - Twitter for iPad





Robert Chin @RCBiosecurity

@RBGTitanArum Well done T. How many other plants are there that can boast having thousands of people, not just us Hortis, visit them?
Thanks

1:37pm · 18 Mar 2015 - Twitter Web Client



TitanArum @RBGTitanArum 3d #Breakingtitannews: Time to hand over my social media empire to others (message from them coming up...). Until next flower, Selamat tinggal!

Details



Andrew Hastings @AndySHastings

@RBGTitanArum It's been an absolute pleasure! First rate engagement and knowledgability.

9:43am - 18 Mar 2015 - TweetCaster for Android

1 FAVORITE



.@RBGTitanArum MT
@YanYanCandyNg: A 2.63m tall
Titan Arum in @RBG_Melbourne.
A sketch of it's glory. #illustration
pic.twitter.com/vVwW3KwrP1



By Yan Yan Candy Ng @YanYanCandyNg 8:30am - 18 Mar 2015 - TweetDeck



Well done @TitanArumRBGE. A pearler of a bloom and no doubt you smell like a dead possum

7:44pm - 28 Jun 2015 - TweetDeck



TitanArum @RBGTitanArum

Hey @TitanArumRBGE, good luck on the big day mate! Just remember, I got to 2.63 cm above soil level. Pretty bloody good for a colonial

10:07am - 20 Jun 2015 - TweetDeck





Titan Arum Edinburgh @TitanArumRBGE

thanks @RBGTitanArum... I'm so pleased to break the 2m mark, any more will be a bonust

@TheBotanics #NewReekie

TitanArum @RBGTitanArum Hey @TitanArumRBGE, good luck on the big day mate! Just remember, I got to 2.63 cm above soil level. Pretty bloody good for a colonial...

7:25pm - 20 Jun 2015 - Twitter Web Client

Key points for Twitter ("Journalists")

- ☐ Tweet early and tweet often...
- ☐ Follow "your community" to generate followers.
- #hastags can increase visibility of a tweet
- □ Don't only promote events and programs there is a need to mix it up
- ☐ Provide a window into your Garden
- ☐ Technical stuff... like: @johnsmith... goes only to shared followers of @johnsmith and you not to all your followers (so 'embed' @johnsmith or put full stop in front of @)
- ☐ "Have a voice and given something of yourself"

Instagram







friendsrbgcranbourne FOLLOWNG V

Friends RBG Cranbourne Inc The Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Inc. are a group who are keen to support the Gardens & foster its development, m.facebook.com/rbgfriendscranbourne

255 posts

1,519 followers

1,050 following



















Key points for Instagram ("Plant porn")

☐ Good quality images ☐ Think of Instagram as your channel to people who are strong visual communicators Great platform on which to run competitions ☐ Fill in your organisational profile ■ Be consistent in your posting – set up a routine and stick to it ■ No more than two hashtags... ■ Best days to post Thursday to Sunday.*

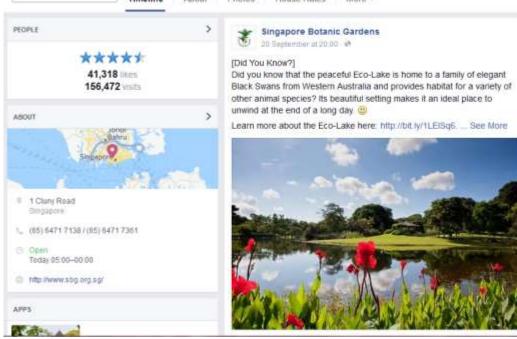
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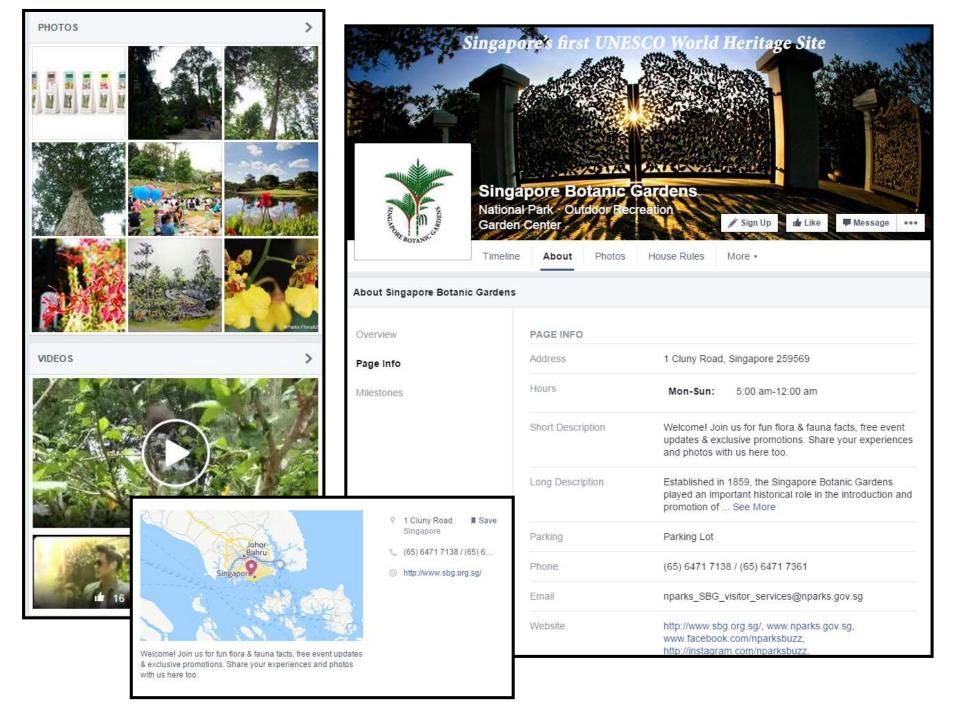


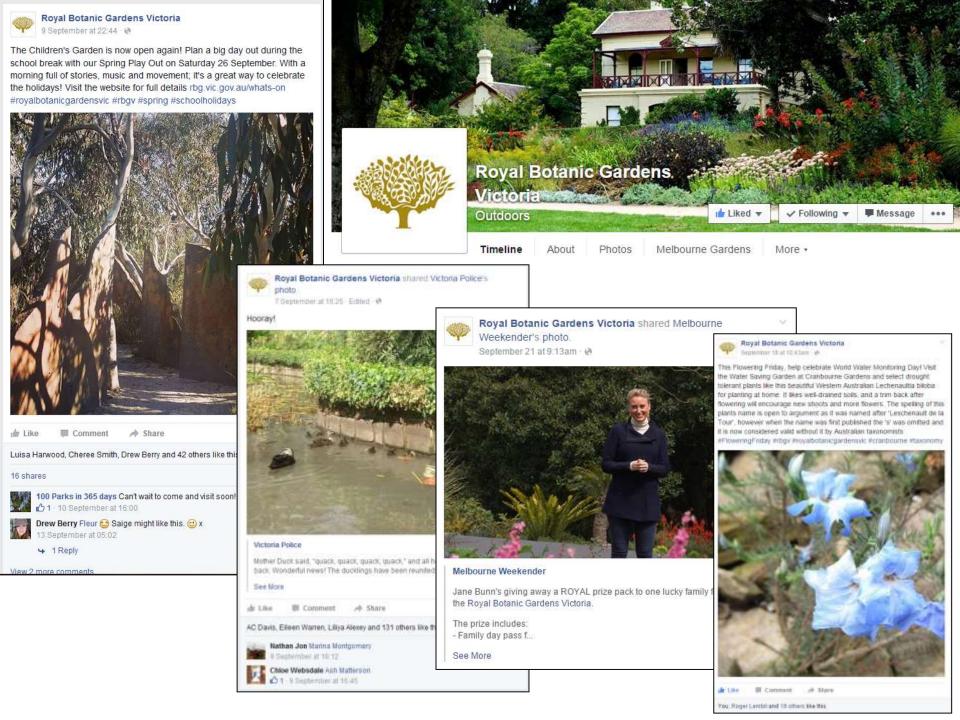












Key points for Facebook ("The World")

- ☐ As with Instagram high quality images are essential
- ☐ Start a conversation, a debate and competition...
- □ Posts that work well
 - ✓ Communicate or inspire feelings
 - ✓ Make us smile or laugh in some way
 - ✓ Interesting, witty or cool (wicked, sick)
 - ✓ Allow your personality to shine
 - ✓ Ask us to share or like to show our support
 - ✓ Allow a community of interest to form; take on a life or their own

Blogs





talkingplants.blogspot.com



Talking Plants

... every plant has a story to tell

Tuesday, 8 September 2015

From little things big green walls grow



I've questioned the value of 'green walls' at times (e.g. Blueprint for Living, Talking Plants on RN), but I've also made a few complementary remarks from time to time. In this post I want to focus on one building, One Central Park in Sydney, with its 150-metre-high vertical gardens designed by green-haired Patrick Blanc.

These green walls were promoted as the *tallest* in the world when installed a few years ago. The *largest* living wall in Europe was claimed by a power company in the UK, when it wrapped its car park in planters. A 7-storey green clad building destined for Brisbane will support a 489 square metre vertical garden that, it says, *rival* some of the biggest in the world.

All fine I guess but the cost of installing and maintaining these walls has been weighted up against their environmental and social benefits. Apart from the engineering needed to keep the plants where they are, there is the huge water budget needed unless you plant particularly wisely.

Angraecum and me



Photo by Jaime Plaza (2007)

Typing plants



By Jerome Entwisle (2015)

Entwisleia bella, Entwisleiaceae, Entwisleiales



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What are 'Plant Portraits*'?

Occasional posts are called Plant
Portraits (in brackets after the blog title
and marked with an asterisk). These are
usually about things other than, but
including at least passing reference to,
plants. Often they will be inspired by a
book or something else in my cultural life.
The idea is borrowed (very loosely and
with due deference) from Milan Kundera's
'Novels, Existential Soundings', in his
Encounters. These essays were as much,
or more, about things other than the book
being reviewed.

Talking Plants ... every plant has a story to tell

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West Australian heath a big inspiration

This is the Tassel Flower, yet another species you'll only find growing naturally in south-west Western Australia. It's not



Similar but different in the south-west, a pair of Dasypogonaceae

Two plants from Western Australia that are not quite what they look like. You might think the top one



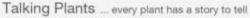
Albany's pitcher plant like no other

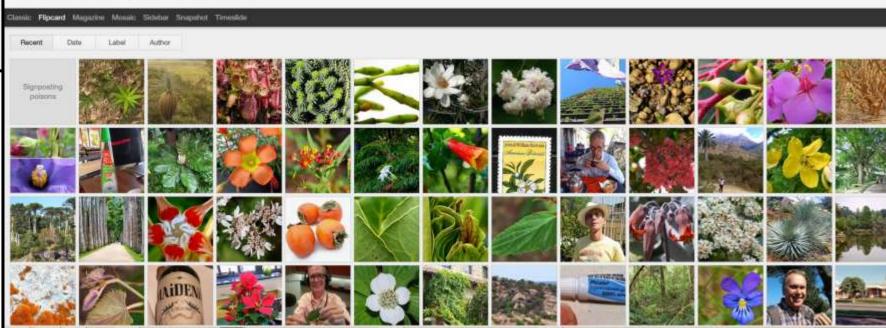
In near coastal swamps from Albany west to the Indian Ocean, you might find one of Australia's four pitcher plants. In August this



Cultivating the gopher spurge, for climate change

I've written about euphorbias that look like cacti, and some that don't. I've also mentioned before







Key points for Blogging

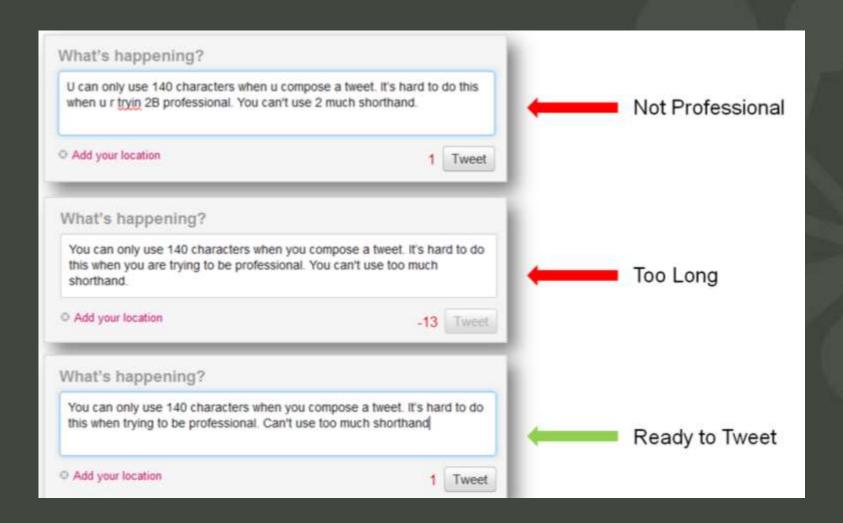
search words

☐ A landing platform to anchor all your social media activity ☐ As with other social media platforms decide how often you will post and stick to your routine □ Images! ☐ Think about your audience and write accordingly ☐ Use lots of links to your own posts and others ☐ Check facts, and make it clear when you are plagiarising or are not quite sure ☐ Titles should be informative and/or have good



The 140 character challenge







Tips

- ☐ Use the heading...
- @name of garden
- ☐ Url back to article
- □ Add a #hashtag
- ☐ Be quirky, create a hook (but not too clever...)



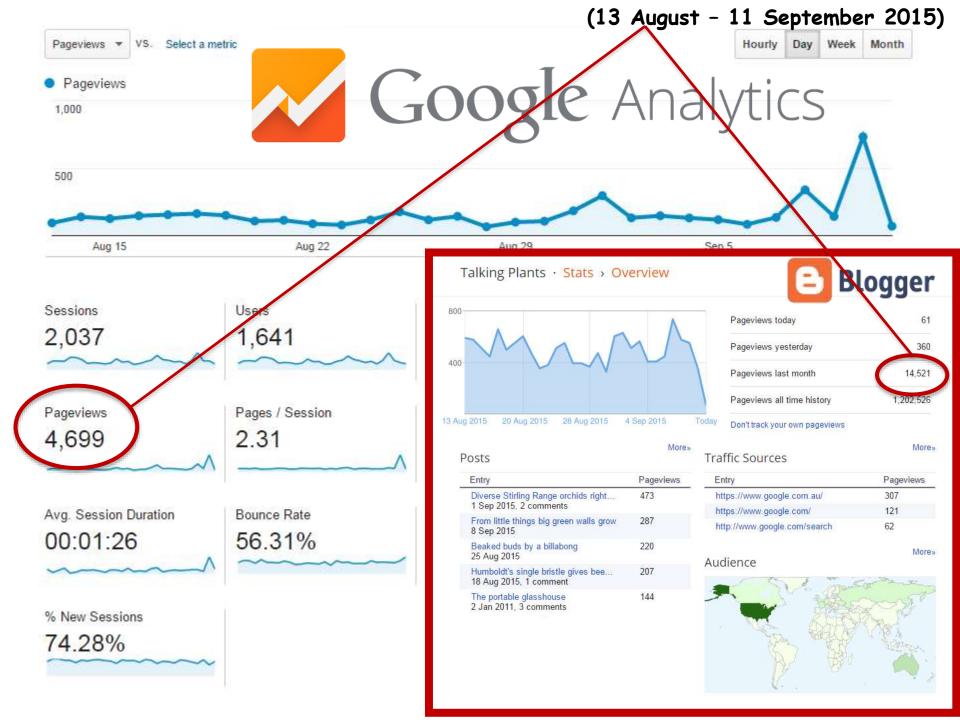
Tools of the Trade



☐ Social media platforms

Twitter.com, Facebook.com, Instagram.com, Flickr.com, Youtube.com... [snapchat.com (1-10 seconds)]

- ☐ Shorten URLs
 Bitly.com, tinyurl.com...
- ☐ Manage streams and analytics
 HootSuite.com, SpoutSocial.com,
 Tweetdeck.com



Facebook Insights



Facebook Likes



Round up