



## Potting Up

Native plants develop rapidly in the early stages. Seedlings will be ready for re-potting when they have a healthy leaf growth and roots are beginning to appear at the base of the tube. Plants which have been re-potted, fed and watered well will grow into strong, healthy trees.

### Equipment

- Bleach/water mix for sterilising
- Potting mix - equal amounts of sand: peat: organic material
- 6" (150mm) pot or container
- Native Osmocote

### Instructions

- Wash recycled pots in a sterile solution of bleach and water to kill bacteria and fungi.
- Half fill the pot with moist potting mix.
- Place hand over the top of the tube and turn it upside down.
- Tap the base of the tube and ease it away leaving roots intact.



- Place the plant in the new pot keeping the same soil level as in the tube. Fill in with potting mix 2 cm from the top. Be careful not to bury the stem or it will rot and die.
- Fertilise with 1 heaped teaspoon of Native Osmocote, making sure not to place it too close to the plant's stem (native plants are sensitive to phosphorus and require a specialized fertilizer low in phosphate).
- Water the plant thoroughly as soon as possible.
- Place in a shady position initially, gradually moving on to full sun.
- Gradually reduce the amount and frequency of water so plants become water hardened.