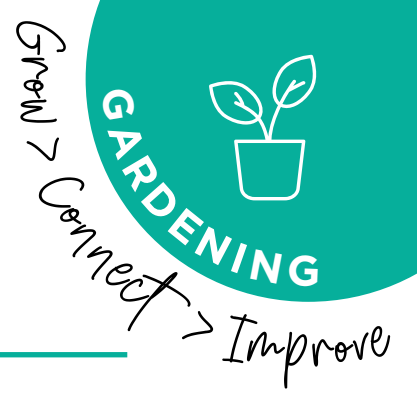




Week Four



Gardening Ideas

Grow some Broad Beans (Hopefully not magic beans)

Many moons ago Mabelle gave me some broad bean seeds from her seed collection. They grew beautifully and I duly saved seed for the next year. That was before she became S.P. Her tip to planting them was to soak them over night to start the softening process and then plant. You can plant now in April if you think they will be able to stand a frost (mine did last year and we had severe frosts) otherwise plant in early spring.



Too early to prune roses

Some gardening experts recommend that you can start pruning your roses as they finish their autumn flowering. I feel this is too early in most parts of Victoria as any new growth is very susceptible to frost burn. Leave the hips on the branches and you will have some happy parrots and small birds feeding on them. What looks more beautiful than a big rosella parrot swinging on the branch and eating his lunch!

