

Burke's BACKYARD

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winter colour

Aloe-Aloe, (07) 3371 2986,
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Aloe 'Erik the Red' has been bred for its spectacular flowers. Forming a single tall stem from an early age, it will reach 2m tall and just 0.5m wide when mature, producing one or more rosettes of long, sword-shaped green leaves with large, soft and decorative spines. In winter its long, red, torch-like flowers, pictured left, are held above the foliage, and even its buds are deep red. It grows well in both pots and gardens in well-drained soil in full sun, and copes with most Australian dosages of heat, cold and dryness and is even moderately frost-tolerant. The only part of the country where they won't do so well is the hot, steamy tropics around Cairns and Darwin, but they will cope with fairly humid zones such as the East Coast of NSW and South-East Queensland. Needless to say, they love Adelaide, Perth, Melbourne and most main inland towns.



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In Australia's climate superb flowering colour is on offer all year round, and we have some spectacular bloomers for all climate zones.

best climate
not suitable
ideal zone

tough beauty

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New Aloe 'Andrea's Orange' could become a favourite in small gardens or in pots, but this tough yet striking small aloe works well as a flowering perennial in harsh landscaping conditions. It clumps to 30cm high and wide, producing up to five spears of long-lasting, tubular, shiny orange flowers in winter. It will grow best in well-drained soil in full sun, and it is also tolerant of light frosts.

