

# Down to Earth Deryn Thorpe

## DIEBACK CONFERENCE

The devastating dieback soil disease phytophthora has spread into many WA home gardens and a conference next Friday will provide homeowners with information on advances in the management of the disease.

Titled Protecting Your Patch, the conference speakers include *The West Australian* garden writer Sabrina Hahn and Greens Senator Rachel Siewert with talks from government agencies, industry groups, researchers and local government and conservation groups.

It will be held from 8.30am to 4pm on Friday, July 16 at the Kim Beazley lecture theatre at Murdoch University.

Tickets cost \$80 or \$50 concession and are available by visiting [www.glevan.com.au](http://www.glevan.com.au). For more information contact The Dieback Working Group on 9424 2248.

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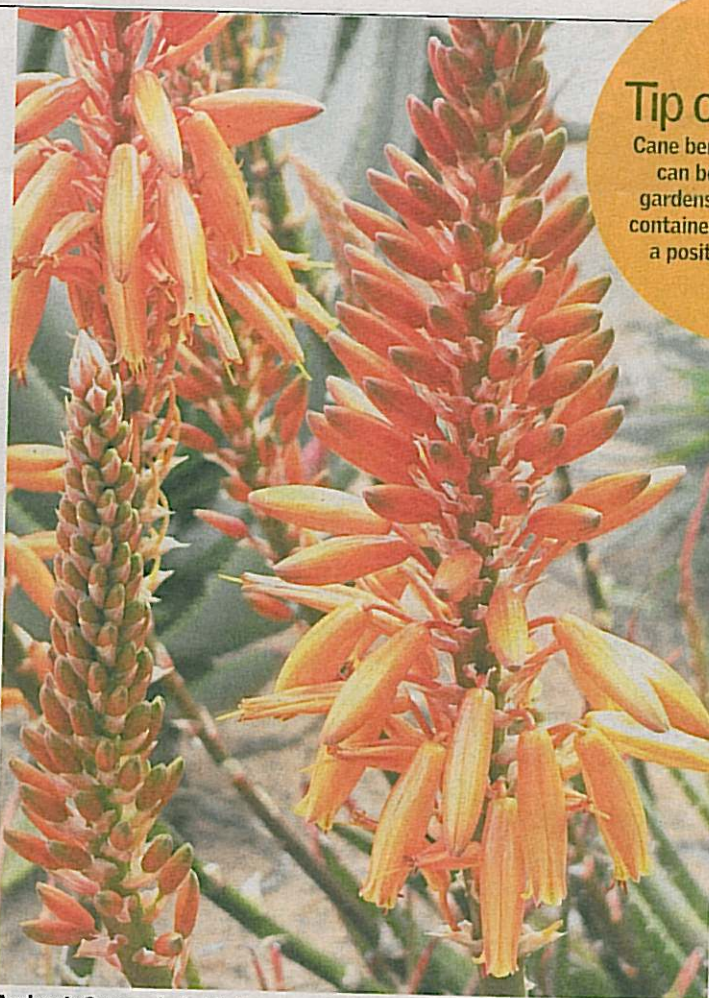
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## NEW PLANT

### Aloe Andrea's Orange

This is the latest release from Aloe-Aloe Horticulture and is a small, long-flowering hybrid aloe succulent which has spears of shiny orange tubular flowers in winter.

Andrea's Orange suits harsh landscaping conditions and has a clumping form to about 30cm tall and wide.

Like all aloes, it prefers full sun or afternoon shade and free-draining soil. It stores water and food within its swollen leaves and roots and is easy to grow but will need some summer water.

Andrea's Orange is tolerant of light frosts and its flowers will attract nectar-eating birds.

## JOBS TO DO NOW

- **Vegetables:** Plant seedlings or seeds of lettuce, onion, cabbage, snow and sugar snap peas and broccoli; feed

