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In Bloom



Who needs a special occasion? Whether you want to show your love or just give yourself a treat, nothing beats flowers.

Visit **Jodie McGregor Flowers** and you'll discover a stunning selection, certain to bring a spark of happiness to your home.

The award winning Annandale florist is known for its distinctive seasonal creations and was recently named NSW Florist of the Year by the Sydney Flower Markets. During winter some of the more unusual plant varieties take centre stage. Budding magnolia provide a dramatic look with tall dark branches contrasting against soft pink flowers. Elegant cymbidium orchids are another winter favourite. Available as cut flowers or plants, they come in a range of gorgeous colours and are extremely long lasting.

Also making an appearance in winter arrangements are rich red coffee beans, bright orange cumquats and the striking large blossoms of native eucalyptus. Jodie McGregor's also takes pride in their selection of leaves and will often develop wonderfully textured creations by incorporating unusual succulents such as spotted kalanchoe. For traditionalists, flowers such as sweet pea and forget-me-nots are a perennial favourite, evoking the feeling of an English garden. With deep colours and a ruffled velvet texture, celosia create an air of opulence and luxury. Fragrant jonquils and hyacinth are also popular, with a pervasive perfume that can help lift any room. With Jodie McGregor's team of experienced florists on hand to help, building the perfect bloom couldn't be easier. So why wait for Valentine's Day?

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News Review

Developers Argue Against Going Green

The NSW Government's BASIX program is levelled at cutting the environmental impact of new housing development. Currently it requires an energy efficiency level of 20%, but with the bar set to be raised to 40% on July 1, many developers are saying the new requirements are unfeasible. The higher cost of building could push the price of new units up substantially, pricing them well above existing properties. Under the program all new buildings, from freestanding homes to multi-level apartments, are treated the same. Developers believe this to be unfair and after strong campaigning are likely to gain some concessions from planning Minister Frank Sartor. Jeff Angel from the Total Environment Centre believes it important that the government not cave in to unit builders, saying "they do not want to move forwards – they need a shove." Environmentalists argue that rather than complaining the building industry should be promoting the benefits of energy efficient housing.

RECENT SALES

165 Trafalgar Street, Annandale	
3 bedroom residence	\$1.7m
75 Phillip Street, Birchgrove	
3 bedroom residence	\$undisclosed
86 Cecily Street, Lilyfield	
3 bedroom residence	\$970,000
5/21A Gordon Street, Rozelle	
3 bedroom townhouse	\$528,000
1 Hutcheson Street, Rozelle	
3 bedroom cottage	\$810,000
1/18 Liverpool Road, Croydon	
3 bedroom apartment	\$355,000
16 Moore Street, Drummoyne	
3 bedroom residence	\$927,000