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### Pretty Polly daisies arrive

Europe's best-selling Marguerite daisy has just reached Australia. *Argyranthemum 'Polly'* has masses of pure white flowers from spring to autumn and needs no pruning or deadheading to keep it flowering. 'Polly' grows quite happily in the garden or in containers, as long as it's placed in a sunny spot. Water in after planting and keep moist until it is established. Perfect to brighten up courtyards and balconies.

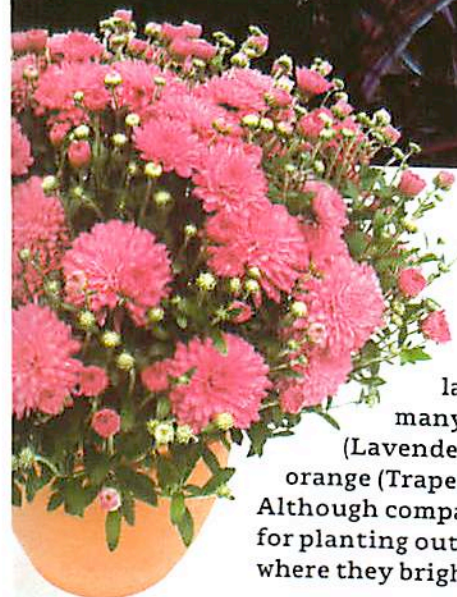


### Clothes pegs

Plastic pegs that don't go brittle in the sun could be hanging on your washing line if new research proves successful. Scientists from the Australian National University have found that pegs degrade not because they are exposed to light or heat, but because of defects formed while the plastic is made. These defects make it easier for the plastic to break down in a runaway chemical reaction that leads to your pegs crumbling or breaking. According to research in the journal *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*, removing the defects at the manufacturing stage is the key to longer-lasting pegs. **Anna Evangelini**

### LIGHT UP YOUR PATHS

Solar lights are not only eco-friendly, they are also safer to have in the garden as there is no risk of cutting through wires when digging. HPM Solar Petria Pathlights are made of stainless steel with a white LED light, and are reminiscent of traditional gas lanterns. The lights are held up by a stake, come in a twin pack and are available at hardware stores from \$32.



### EXTRAVAGANT 'MUMS'

Forming large domes of flowers up to 70cm tall, the Extravaganza range of chrysanthemums flowers from late summer into autumn. There are many shades available, including lilac (Lavender Fizz), lemon (Sonata), red (Accolade), orange (Trapeze) and hot pink (Acclaim, left). Although compact, these cultivars have been bred for planting outdoors or in decorative containers where they brighten up sunny balconies and patios.



### Help for knees

The Tommyco GEL707 is a kneepad with a difference. Priced at \$70 a pair from Bunnings, it has a removable cover to transform it from a sturdy kneepad, strong enough for rough ground, to a lightweight model with a smooth cover great for delicate surfaces.