



Pure white Waxflower hybrid 'Marlene' honours 60 years of the Western Australian Botanic Garden.

The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Western Australian Botanic Garden at Kings Park, a much-loved institution that supports learning, research and the conservation of WA's unique flora. Opened in 1965, the Western Australian Botanic Garden now showcases more than 3,000 species for conservation, preservation, scientific research and education.

As part of the 60th anniversary celebrations, a striking new white waxflower hybrid, KPW 66, is being released under the variety name 'Marlene'. As a temporary nod to the anniversary, it will also be affectionately marketed as Waxflower 'White Diamond'.

Digby Grown, Senior Plant Breeder at Kings Park and Botanic Garden, has been a leading figure in Australian plant breeding for over 40 years.

Helix Australia, the commercialisation partner for the Kings Park waxflower breeding program, is enthusiastic about the potential of Waxflower KPW 66. Managing Director Adrian Parsons says "this pure white waxflower hybrid offers strong commercial potential as both a mid-season cut flower and pot plant hybrid".



'Marlene' (Waxflower 'White Diamond'.)



Adrian Parsons - Managing Director Helix Australia, Hon Matthew Swinbourn - Minister for Environment, Community Services & Homelessness and Digby Grown - Senior Plant Breeder, Kings Park & Botanic Garden



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