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Plant of the month: Sticky Daisy-bush *Olearia glutinosa*



Sticky Daisy-bush *Olearia glandulosa* is a bushy erect shrub, often single-stemmed from the base. The sticky leaves are smooth, 18-40 mm long; 1-2 mm wide with a prominent midrib underneath. Mauve, pink or white flowers occur in terminal clusters from December to February. It is scattered along the coastline from SA to NSW. At Venus Bay it occurs along the coastal dunes and makes a statement during the flowering time.

Sticky Daisy-bush grows in full sun to part shade in well drained sandy soil. It is an attractive addition to the coastal garden and tolerates prolonged dry periods. It is resistant to salt spray. Hard pruning after flowering is beneficial to maintain shape and vigour. Propagation is from seed or cuttings.

The genus *Olearia* belongs to the large Asteraceae or Daisy family and is reportedly named after a German botanical author, Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1603-1671, although there are other suggestions that it may be after an Irish botanist, O'Leary, or be from the Latin 'olearius', from the olive. The species name *glutinosa* means sticky. For further information please visit FVBP website above. Photo: Lorraine Norden.

