

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Clustered Everlasting

Chrysocephalum semipapposum

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family:	Asteraceae Daisy
Size:	40cm H x 60cm W
Position:	Full sun
Soil:	Dry
Flowers:	Spring – Autumn
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Prune

An Australian native from the Ballarat area, **Clustered Everlasting** (*Chrysocephalum semipapposum*) is a sprawling plant up to 40cm high and 60cm wide.

Location: Clustered Everlasting likes full sun and displays its golden yellow flowers over many months. It looks good in a bed of mixed indigenous and garden plants.

Try Clustered Everlasting where most other plants will struggle, as apart from a yearly prune, it doesn't need much care at all. It is also good for covering the ground and keeping weeds out.

Flowers: The flowers are fairly small, bright yellow daisies clustered at the ends of long, slightly floppy, grey stems. They look quite stunning against the silvery-grey leaves.

Planting: Clustered Everlasting are quite tough and will grow well in your garden if

planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase. Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: When the Clustered Everlasting starts to look a bit straggly after flowering, give it a really big prune right back to within about 20cm of the base. It will form a nice small silvery clump of leaves until the flower stems grow again next year.

Seed: When you prune you might like to leave some of the flower stems uncut until they form papery grey seeds. These can be collected or let blow away in the breeze.

Alternatively, if you lay some of the cut stems in a shallow trough and cover them with soil, leaving about 10cm at both ends exposed, you may find that some of the stems will grow into new plants.