Prunus blireana (Double Pink Flowering Plum)

1. Choose the Right Location

- **Sunlight:** Select a position that receives **full sun** to encourage prolific spring blooming.
- **Wind Protection:** Provide a **sheltered spot**. While the tree itself is tough, strong coastal winds will prematurely strip the delicate pink petals right off your spring display.

2. Pick Up Your Supplies from Bunnings

To transform the native sand into a rich root environment, grab these items from Bunnings Australia:

- **Soil Mix / Improver:** 1–2 bags of **Yates Dynamic Lifter Soil Improver & Plant Fertiliser** or a high-quality **Premium Compost/Soil Conditioner**.
- **Soil Wetter:** A bag or bottle of **Saturaid or Eco-Wet** to prevent the sand from turning hydrophobic (water-repellent).
- **Mulch:** A bag of **Pine Bark Chips or Lupin/Pea Straw Mulch**.
- **Root Tonic: Seasol** or **Yates Thrive Natural Seaweed Tonic** to prevent transplant shock. **3. Step-by-Step Planting Process**

1. **Prep the tree:** Submerge the containerized tree rootball into a bucket of diluted seaweed solution while you dig. This pushes out air pockets and hydrates the core.
2. **Dig a wide hole:** Dig a hole **twice as wide** as the tree's current pot but keeping it to the **same depth**. Digging too deep causes the tree to settle and the trunk to rot.
3. **Blend your soil mix:** In a wheelbarrow or right next to the hole, mix **50% of your native Inglewood sand** with **50% of the Bunnings soil mix/compost**. Add a handful of granular soil wetter to the blend to ensure long-term water retention.
4. **Tease the roots:** Gently remove the tree from its pot. "Tickle" or lightly tease the outer roots if they are beginning to coil tightly around the rootball.
5. **Plant and backfill:** Place the tree in the centre. Ensure the soil level matches exactly where it sat in the pot. Backfill the hole with your 50/50 soil blend and firm it down gently with your hands to remove structural air pockets.
6. **Build a water basin:** Use leftover soil mix to mold a **raised dirt ring (a well)** roughly 50cm wide around the base of the trunk. This acts as a funnel, forcing water straight down to the rootball rather than letting it bleed away into the surrounding sand.
7. **Mulch and water deeply:** Soak the area thoroughly with the remaining seaweed water. Apply a **5–7 cm layer of mulch** inside the basin to protect the roots from the harsh WA sun, ensuring the mulch stays clear of the bare tree bark to prevent rot.

4. Post-Planting Care

Because Inglewood sands dry out incredibly fast, you must **water the tree deeply 2 to 3 times a week** during its first spring and summer. Once its root system establishes over the first 12 months, *Prunus blireana* becomes highly drought-tolerant and resilient.