



## Hello

## Australian Open Gardens



Recent studies have proved what addicted gardeners know, gardening is a healthy pursuit, not only for the fitness benefit. An hour or two of fresh air in the natural beauty of the garden can lift the spirits.

Interest in Australian plants is growing and it's easy to see why. Most are drought hardy and easy to grow, but most importantly they are beautiful. Look out for new varieties of popular native plants.

We love growing our own veges. Peas carrots and silverbeet are so much fun to grow, and such a feast to eat. A large pot make a fabulous munch 'n crunch garden, and the kids love to help.

There are many benefits of gardening with the children: Sharing the sheer joy of seeds germinating, picking flowers, pulling carrots, or digging over a patch of ground. These activities are a great exercise that families can share.

We are very excited about the opportunity to take part in the Australian Open Garden scheme - see details of this special event!

Come visit Zanthorrea soon and walk through our award winning gardens.

*Best wishes,*

*Jackie, Alec and the team*

### GARDEN TALK

#### Frog Friendly Gardens

Provide a good habitat and freedom from predators, and the frogs will come!

Find out to encourage frogs back to your garden

**Saturday July 1st, 10am**



### AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDEN

#### The Gallery Garden

Inspired by the beauty of Australia's rich flora and diverse landscapes and a love of art, Kathy's garden boasts over 300 species of Australian plants.

**August 19th and 20th,**

**10am to 4pm**

**28 Abbott Way, Wilson**



*Kathy Hubble*

### AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDEN SPECIAL EVENT

#### Zanthorrea's Display Gardens

Experience first hand this award winning display garden. Wonderful wildflowers, resident birds and frogs, and quirky local art enhance Zanthorrea's display garden. Join us for guided walks, talks and refreshments

Proceeds aid Kanyana and the Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

**Sat. August 26th and**

**Sun 27th August, 10am to 4pm**



*Paul Godwin, our garden expert*

### GARDEN TALK

#### New plants from old

Alec will wield the axe and demonstrate how to divide kangaroo paws. (A popular session so please RSVP 94546260)

**Sunday 30th July, 10am**

#### Bring the children to our holiday workshops

*How to grow flowers from seed*

**Wednesday 12th July 10am.**

Gold coin donation to Kanyana

*Grow a munch 'n crunch garden*

**Saturday 15th July 10am**

\$5 and take your garden home!

Numbers limited so please RSVP 9454 6260



## Fabulous Flora

### Wollemi pine, the dinosaur plant

It may be one of the major botanic finds in history! The recent discovery of the Wollemi Pine is akin to finding a live dinosaur right in your backyard.

The Wollemi was discovered in 1994, in a remote area of Sydney's Blue Mountains by David Noble, a NSW National Parks and Wildlife officer and keen bushwalker. Its discovery has prompted great scientific interest worldwide.

During extensive trials, the Wollemi pine has proved hardy and reliable and suitable for larger gardens. With its attractive dark green foliage it is perfect as a specimen in a pot.

Retailers have been selected to display and sell Wollemis throughout Australia.

Part proceeds aid conservation of rare and endangered flora.

To find out more, visit

[www.wollemipine.com](http://www.wollemipine.com)

or call the Customer Service number: 1800 615536



Laurel with pots of Wollemi pines



*Eremophila nivea*

### Rare beauty

There are many plants which are now hard to find in their natural habitat. Some are declared flora, others simply threatened by land use and clearing.



*Prostanthera magnifica*

Fortunately plant breeders in Australia have recognised the need to preserve these rare gems, and use modern techniques to ensure they can grow easily in our gardens.

Selective breeding, tissue culture and grafting have resulted in many varieties of Australian plants which are attractive and easy to grow in our gardens.

### What's new

Gardeners are always looking for something different, and there are many new and exciting Australian plants available now. With climate change and dry conditions, attention is turning to drought hardy Australian plants.



*Grevillea 'Autumn Waterfall'*

### Grafting for reliability

Some Australian plants are not reliable on their own rootstock, especially in heavy soils. These temperamental plants are now available as hardier but more expensive grafted specimens:

*Prostanthera magnifica*

*Eremophila nivea*

*Verticordia grandis*

*Grevillea 'Billy Bonkers'*

*Eucalyptus 'Summer Red'*



*Grevillea 'Billy Bonkers'*



## A Natural Balance in your Garden

### Natural Pest Management

To deal with pests effectively the first step is to identify the problem. Your accredited garden centre has horticulturists on duty to help you identify what is causing damage to the plant.

Using a sledge hammer approach to garden pests is costly, damaging to the environment and to your health. We recommend using the least toxic solution possible.

In most cases, it is possible to solve garden problems using natural methods.

### Prevention is better than cure

#### ❁ Improve plant health

Healthy plants are less affected by pests and diseases, so build up the health of the garden by improving the soil and adding organic fertilisers. An organic mulch will reduce stress from high temperatures and insulate the soil from cold in winter.

#### ❁ The right plant for the right position

Many problems in the garden are caused by placing plants in the wrong position - shade lovers in the full sun, or sun lovers in shade. Dry area plants may rot and develop fungal problems in boggy spots, and plants from wetter climates usually struggle in our hot dry summers.

#### ❁ Hygiene in the garden

Pruning crossing branches, or dense foliage to let in the sun may be all that is needed to combat fungal disease or insect attack. It is wise to clean secateurs between bushes. Raking fallen leaves and branches, and disposing of them will prevent the spread of disease.



### Gardens in balance

When selecting a product to treat garden problems, choose one which will have little or no impact on the rest of the garden. Dipel, a biological control, kills only caterpillars. Multiguard, an iron compound, kills slugs and snails.

Some pesticides are organic and serve as a repellent. Garlic chilli pyrethrum are helpful in keeping pests away from precious plants. Beat a Bug is a product with all three and may be kept in the garden shed to spray on plants when there are aphids, thrips or other pests around.

Jackie



#### Broccoli and onions

PS Time to divide your kangaroo paws. It's easy. Join Alec to learn how.

Demonstration

Sunday 30th July 10am

### Home made mixes

The following recipes come from organic gardener Jean Hooper

#### Garlic Insecticide

100g chopped garlic

1 tbs kerosene

Cover and stand for 48 hours

Mix: Half a litre warm water with 30g pure soap shaved. Add to garlic and strain.

Use at 15mls per litre for spray.

Controls most insects.

#### Fruit fly lure

Mix together:

1 litre water

3tbs sugar

1 1/2tbs cloudy ammonia

1 1/2 tsp vanilla essence

a few drops detergent

Take a prepared trap and pour a depth of about 3cms lure inside. Replace cap and hang 3 to 4 traps in each mature tree. The detergent destroys the surface tension so the fly can not stand on the water.

(A simple trap can be made from 500mm plastic cool drink containers.)

### What's flowering now?

*Acacia pulchella*

*Banksia menziesii*

*Boronia megastigma*

*Brachyscome multifida*

*Chamelaucium hybrids*

*Calothamnus quadrifidus*

*Chorizema cordatum*

*Correa 'Dusky Bells'*

*Grevillea 'Ellendale Pool'*

*Hakea laurina*

*Hardenbergia comptoniana*



## What's New?

### Recipe for delicious fun

- 1 large Tuscan pot
- 1 bag organic potting mix
- a punnet of leafy greens
- a packet of baby carrots

1. Fill pot with potting mix
2. Space out and plant leafy greens in the centre of the pot.
3. Use a finger to draw a line 60cms from the edge of pot.
4. Mix carrot seed with clean sand or potting mix, and sprinkle mixture in the circle you have made.
5. Gently water the pot, and put in a sunny spot.
- 6 Water every few days unless it rains.
- 7 As carrots grow, they may be thinned out by removing some of the seedlings.

Yum! Enjoy.

### Other ideas for pot gardens

#### Herb pot

Plant four herbs, one in the middle and three around the outside.

Use either rosemary, oregano or marjoram in the centre, and short lived parsley, chives, coriander around the edge.



#### Pansy fun

Plant a punnet of pansies in the centre then surround with white lobelia.

### What's new?

#### Quick Card Kit

Makes three handmade cards in a moment. Instructions and materials supplied. \$6.95



also available...

#### Paper Flower kit

With our paper flower kits, you can create floral arrangements to your hearts content. Have a blooming great time. \$12.45

### Australian Fine China

In stock now we have a wonderful assortment of Australian Fine China, including the lovely new range of Aussie frogs from Sara Attanasio.

Large plates \$18.95

### Premium sloggers

Now it's easier to pop out into the garden to pick the parsley. Simply slip on your comfy sloggers and your feet will be home and dry.

With cute colours of Cranberry, Plum, Sage and Blue, you will want to wear them all weekend!

Still only \$54.95

PS The popular Snugeze slippers are back in stock. Treat yourself or a friend to a warm and woolly winter. \$31.95



Tall china mugs \$14.95



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