

Welcome



As I sit typing, the rain is pouring down. Happy happy plants! Our new rainwater tanks are almost full and we feel good to have water for summer.

The team have once again risked ridicule and helped us with a feature on plants for every purpose. Check out the pics on page 3.

Trees are in the focus as Planet Ark tree day is just around the corner, so join us in celebrating trees.

The new office / staff room is finished and for now at least we can rest and get on with every day nursery life, so we look forward to welcoming you, umbrella in hand.

Warm winter wishes,

– Jackie Alec and the team

Staff News

Ross leaves Zanthorrea early July for a long holiday visiting Europe, South America and USA. We wish him and his partner Conny 'Bon Voyage' and look forward to their return.

Welcome to new team member Chris, who applied for 12 months work while studying. This was good news for us as Chris has taken on some of Ross' duties at Zanthorrea, and already is a valued team member. (See page 3)

Another temporary farewell is to Gaby who is taking 6 months long service leave. Gaby promises to return at the end of summer. We'll miss you Gaby but have fun!

What's News?

News from Alec

A couple of weeks at Ningaloo reef recharged our batteries. You can see by our photo that Jackie and I enjoyed our couple of weeks at Coral Bay, a good break before the complex task of moving into our new staff room and office. Now at our tea breaks we look at the garden centre through a floriferous pincushion hakea.

Exceeding the glory of the hakea is the patch of *Banksia ericifolia* in full flower near the children's play area. These plants are over 20 years old. Nearby are a few *Banksia spinulosa* also old and in flower.



Banksia ericifolia

What's new?

From our accredited production area we have some nice little *Correa* 'Fat Fred'. As easy to grow as most *correas*, 'Fat Fred' has a bright red fat bell flower in autumn and winter. They grow over knee high and will flower even in fairly heavy shade.



Correa 'Fat Fred'

There are still a few prostrate *Banksia media* available. This plant grows naturally near the south coast and will develop into a low mound less than 1m high by 2m wide with bright yellow flower cones held above the foliage to show off well.

Another great batch of *Chrysocephalus* 'Silver & Gold' are now onstream and ready to flower in your garden. A silver leaf ground cover 1m wide with yellow pom pom flowers held above the leaves.

See you soon.

– Alec

Garden Talks

"My home is in a tree"

Saturday 8th August, 10am

Join Eric McCrum for a light hearted look at the creatures that live in a tree. Stay and chat over a cuppa.

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Eric McCrum at Zanthorrea

Wildflower Wanders

Saturday 12th September 9.30am

Back by popular demand. Come and explore the bush near the nursery with the wildflower experts. Learn how to identify the plants you see. Morning tea when we return!

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Celebrate Trees

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There are many reasons to plant a tree and winter is the perfect time to plant.

- Trees are nature's carbon store and take carbon dioxide out of the air converting it to health giving oxygen. Planting a tree is a sure way to offset carbon production.
- Trees are nature's air conditioner in summer, reducing air temperature by many degrees. They provide shelter for less hardy plants as well as offering us welcome relief from the sun.
- The branches of trees provide perches for birds, and food and shelter for many living organisms. They form the structure of a wildlife friendly garden and contribute to biodiversity in the suburbs.

Easy to grow trees include:

- *Eucalyptus torquata* (below)



- *Eucalyptus platypus*
- *Agonis flexuosa*
- *Eucalyptus macrandra*
- *Melaleuca linariifolia*
- *Acacia coriacea*
- *Banksia menziesii* (below)



No room for a large tree in your garden? Even tall shrubs planted in small gardens will have a positive effect on environment and habitat. Small trees / large shrubs for the home garden include:

- *Grevillea 'Sandra Gordon'*
- *Agonis 'After Dark'*
- *Hakea laurina*
- *Eucalyptus vitrix*



Flowers of the *Hakea laurina*

Shade Tolerant Plants

We get asked every day to suggest plants for shady positions. Every garden has them, whether it be tree canopy shade or down the side of the house, but there is usually a plant that will grow there and do well. Most plants grown in the shade will grow not as dense as they would in sunnier positions and may be reluctant to flower and bear in mind that some shady spots can be dry too, which requires extra careful plant selection. But with some thoughtful choices you can still have attractive plants in shady areas, indeed many Australian plants prefer growing out of direct sun and will thrive where you least expect.

Some plants to consider include:

Low shrubs:

- *Correa* (most species)
- *Chorizema cordatum*
- *Brachysema celsianum* (dry shade)
- *Eutaxia obovata*
- *Rhagodia spinescens* (dry shade)

- *Grevillea 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'* (dry shade)



Chorizema cordatum

Medium shrubs:

- *Thomasia discolor*
- *Thomasia purpurea*
- *Philotheca myoporoides*
- *Prostanthera* spp.

Tall shrubs:

- *Grevillea hookeriana*
- *Grevillea 'Ivanhoe'*
- *Grevillea barkleyana*
- *Ricinocarpos tuberculatus*

Grasses:

- *Lomandra 'Wingarra' & 'Tanika'* (dry shade) (below)



- *Dianella caerulea*
- *Isolepis (Ficinea) nodosa*
– Dan, Plant Buyer

Planet Ark National Tree Day

Sunday 2nd August

Go to their website to find out how you can help plant more trees.

<http://treeday.planetark.org>





The Long and Short of Plants

Plants come in all shapes and sizes and there is sure to be a plant to suit every position.
To illustrate we called on the team:



Low Growing Plants

Alec & Jackie demonstrate plants that grow to 1m:

- *Grevillea 'Gilt Dragon'*
- *Westringia 'Jervis Gem'*
- *Correa* - many varieties



Tall Plants

We needed a ladder for these and Lorretta of course:

- *Hakea francisiana*
- *Grevillea 'Misty Pink'*
- *Banksia menziesii*



Climbing

We sent Dan up a tree to show you what climbing plants can do.

- *Hardenbergia comptoniana*
- *Hardenbergia violaceae*
- *Sollya heterophylla*



Medium Plants

Jolene shows off plants that grow between 1 and 3 m:

- *Calothamnus quadrifidus Grey*
- *Westringia 'Wynabbie Gem'*
- *Kunzea baxteri*
- *Dodonea viscosa Purpurea*



Prostrate

Ross didn't need much convincing to demonstrate prostrate plants:

- *Hemiandra pungens*
- *Eremophila biserrata*
- *Myoporum parvifolium*



Clumping

We clumped together three of the team - Chris, Dan and Diana. What a lovely clump!

- *Anigozanthos manglesii*
- *Ficinea nodosa*
- *Lomandra 'Tanika'*



Gift Ideas - Naturally

Pip Squeak Puzzles

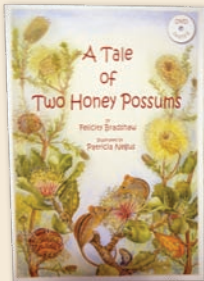
Designed and made down south in Denmark, these surprisingly tricky puzzles come in two sizes and depict a range of Australian flora and fauna. \$12.95- \$14.95



Books

'A tale of two Honey Possums'

A beautifully illustrated book brought to us by Felicity Bradshaw. Illustrated by the renowned artist Patricia Negus and includes a DVD, this book provides both an informative and fun tale, good for any age. \$24.95



'Banksias' by Kevin Collins, Kathy Collins and Alex George is now available in paperback. A wonderful gift and a great read for anyone with an interest in Banksias or Australian flora.



Copies fly off the shelf so be quick, orders are welcomed.

\$49.95

Jeremy Boot

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- Lorretta, Gift Buyer

Eat your garden!

We now have a great selection of citrus trees.



Citrus are an easy to grow evergreen small tree that can easily fit into even a small garden. They flourish with ample summer water and twice yearly feed. With mulch to keep their roots cool in summer and a light prune, they will reward you with delicious fruit.

What to plant in the vege garden

Leafy crops are great value and easy to grow while the rain is watering our gardens. Cos lettuce is perfect for salads and for delicious winter stir fries, grow some Bok Choy and Silverbeet. Spanikopita, a mediterranean dish of feta cheese, eggs, herbs and silverbeet / spinach encased and baked in buttery filo pastry is a winner in our house.

Root crops can be a little slow but get them in now and harvest them small for tasty spring casseroles: carrots, turnips, parsnips, leeks, onions and potatoes.

Broccoli is good to grow in winter as there are few aphids around. The young leaves are good in a stir fry too.

So enjoy and eat your garden!

- Jackie



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