

## Welcome

Hello again,

Autumn is our favourite time of year. There is such a change in the air, cool mornings and the promise of rain. The Easter weekend in Europe heralds the new life of spring. In Australia, we see evidence of new life in our gardens at summer's end!

It is time to get back into the garden. Good healthy exercise and the satisfaction of creating a habitat for wildlife makes gardening one of the most popular pastimes. Planting Australian plants in our gardens ensures we have a beautiful garden with less water and fertiliser.

For summer visitors to Zanthorrea, you may have noticed work in progress. The old shade house has had a make-over, and is now transformed into a beautiful atrium. With a host of new water features and the latest pots, lush healthy indoor and patio plants, we hope the atrium will give you ideas and inspiration.

Best wishes from Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea

### Winners and grinners!

The 2005 NGIA garden centre awards have been announced. Once again Zanthorrea has won the WA finals in the medium business category. National winners will be announced in late March.



## What's News?

### Welcome to new team members



Laurel may need no introduction to local gardeners, after many years at Guildford Town Garden Centre. Laurel, a keen horticulturist, has an interest in the environment and Australian native plants. We are delighted that she has agreed to join our team. Laurel is here to help you with all your garden enquiries on Monday, Thursday and Sunday.



Paul impressed us with his knowledge and enthusiasm for native plants and the environment when he visited with friends early this year. Paul joined our team of qualified horticulturists a few weeks ago. For helpful gardening advice, see Paul on Saturday, Monday and Friday.

### Recycle

Bring your old clean pots to Zanthorrea, and place in the Pot Recyclers bin at the rear entrance of Zanthorrea. Pots are cleaned and re-used or recycled.

### Eric McCrum on Frogs

Be entertained and learn more about frogs from naturalist Eric McCrum. Why are they important, how can we recognise their calls, and how to make a home for them in our garden?

Join us on Saturday  
9th April, 10am  
RSVP 94546260



### Garden Week 2005

14th to 19th April at Perry Lakes  
Don't miss the great displays at Garden Week this year.



(Due to a busy summer building our new atrium, Zanthorrea will not be at Garden Week this year.)

### Great Gardens

Free workshops in your suburb soon!  
Would you like to find out how you can have a great garden, be more environmentally friendly, and have a great time?

Go to the website, or watch your local papers for dates.

<http://www.greatgardens.info>





## Fabulous Flora

### Notes from the jungle

- the outback of the nursery!

There are many beautiful home grown plants ready for sale out the back of the nursery, including a small batch of our local summer flowering lechenaultia (*Lechenaultia floribunda*)

Also looking good is the local flag iris from \$6.95 in a 125mm pot.

Zanthorrea plants are brought up tough in our on-site NIASA accredited nursery. We guarantee them to be healthy and hardy. Look for the sage green pots.



### Kanyana Plant of the month

Zanthorrea is proud to support Kanyana Wildlife Centre.

This autumn, the Kanyana plant is the beautiful *Grevillea 'Ellendale'*. This red flowered spreading shrub is drought hardy and bird attracting, and looks fabulous in bloom in autumn and winter.



\$1 from the sale of each *Grevillea 'Ellendale'* goes to Kanyana. Large healthy plants are great value at \$9.65.

Find out more about Kanyana at: <http://www.kanyanawildlife.org.au>

### What's flowering in autumn?

Sand bottlebrush (*Beaufortia squarrosa*) This local gem is widely used on road verges. Surviving summer with barely a drop of water, it bursts into flower late summer to provide food for birds.



*Beaufortia squarrosa* (sand bottlebrush)

Native fuchsias, or correas appear before the heat of summer is over and flower throughout autumn. Bird attracting and hardy, they come in many colours from red, pink, salmon to yellow cream, even green. Look for these in the nursery flowering now.



*Correa 'Clearview Giant'*

### Bring in the birds

There's been much written about attracting birds to the garden. In fact in many native gardens, our efforts have been so successful that we may be looking for ways to discourage our feathered friends from eating roses and other colourful plants!

If you are looking to add the colour and song of birds into your gardens, choose Australian plants with plenty of colour such as correa, kangaroo paws and grevillea.

Tropical grevilleas need no introduction. They seem to look their best at the end of summer - the hotter it is, the more they flower. These hybrids come in orange ('Honey Gem') salmon ('Superb') hot pink ('Sylvia') cream ('Moonlight') and red ('Ned Kelly' and 'Claire Dee').

Croweas, closely related to boronias, require summer water to flourish. Ideal for pots and cottage gardens, they are available in pink and white and flower over a long period.



*Eucalyptus calophylla* (red gum)

Red gums (*Eucalyptus calophylla*) are looking spectacular this year. Look for creamy topped gum trees as you drive in the hills and bush areas. Some say that heavy red gum flowering predicts a wet winter. We can only hope!

Many small birds rely on insects as part of their diet. Plants with feathery white flowers attract butterflies and other insects which birds and frogs alike enjoy. *Kunzea ambigua*, *Calytrix acutiloba* and *Melaleuca huegii* are perfect for attracting insects.

Pick up an info sheet or check the web-site for more info.

<http://www.zanthorrea.com.au>



## The Australian Garden

### Plants that scratch back

The three basic requirements for encouraging birds, frogs and lizards to your garden are water, food and shelter. Most native gardens provide the first two, but modern gardens do not necessarily supply a place for animals to hide and create a home. Cats, even dogs, chase tease and kill wildlife, as do kookaburras hawks and other predators.

To help attract native fauna to your garden, consider introducing plants that scratch back!

#### Trees:

- *Banksia prionotes*
- *Banksia menziesii* (below)



#### Medium to tall shrubs:

- *Hakea trifurcata*
- *Grevillea dielsiana*
- *Callistemon phoeniceus* (below)



- *Dryandra sessilis* & other dryandras
- *Grevillea rosmarinifolia*

#### Small shrubs and ground covers:

- *Acacia pulchella*
- *Banksia blechnifolia*
- *Grevillea juniperina*
- *Hemandra pungens*
- *Hovea pungens*
- *Isopogon dubius*

### The Simple One – Two – Three to attract frogs to your garden.



1. Water is the key element in a frog friendly garden. Frogs can not survive long without water as they rapidly lose it from their skin in our hot dry climate. Supply water as a pond or simply a large ceramic water bowl. Ensure the water is topped up regularly.

2. Shelter is necessary to encourage frogs as they are tasty treats for predators such as kookaburras and cats. Look for plants that scratch back. Plants to provide shelter for frogs include all the pricklies plus reedy and strappy plants such as knotty club rush, juncus species and dianella.

3. Food for frogs abounds in the healthy garden. Insects and other small creature make up most of the diet of frogs. It is essential that we avoid spraying pesticide in our gardens as by doing so, we are eliminating frog tucker.

The rule for attracting other fauna to the garden is the same simple principle: supply food water and shelter, and sit back and wait...

They will come!



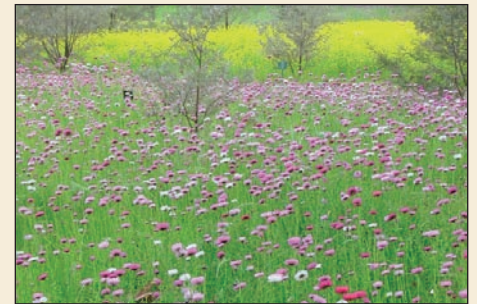
### What to do in the autumn garden

**Prune and fertilise:** After summer, most Australian natives benefit from either a light trim, or in some cases, a harsh prune. Always use sharp clean secateurs.

After pruning apply a little native plant slow release food to provide nutrients which will promote lush winter growth.

#### Time to plant everlastings:

Autumn is a great time to plant everlastings (*Rhodanthe rosea*) and other Australian annuals. Find out how - Pick up an info sheet at the nursery, or visit the website.



#### Time to plant red and green kangaroo paws:

Like the lovely pink and white everlastings, it can be too late to plants these local gems once they are flowering. Best to plant in autumn to enjoy spectacular flowering in late winter and spring. (In the bush, *Anigozanthos manglesii* die back over summer.)

#### Time to plant vegetables:

Potatoes, peas, broad beans, silverbeet, onions, carrots, cabbage.



#### Time to plant shrubs and trees

For best results, we recommend stirring two litres of soil improver into the hole before planting.



## Gifts worth their weight in chocolate!

**Mother's Day, May 8th:** Spoil mum with the latest from Thurlby Herb Farm:



**Sweet Laurel Potpourri and fragrant sachets.** Scented petals, herbs and botanicals

*\$17.45 and \$16.45*

### Feet Treat

Spoil mum, or yourself, with Thurlby's Feet Treat. Massage marbles with spa salts and pumice stone in an attractive gift bag.

*\$19.95*



**Bilby mugs and plates** from Australian Fine China

*\$12.95 and \$16.95*



**Pomander Treat Box**  
With spicy fresh aromas, a non-fattening gift

*\$26.95*



**Sandalwood handmade soap, incense and sachets.**

Fragrant inexpensive gifts for all the family. Beautifully packaged by Thurlby.

*from \$6.45*

For the keen gardening mum, just released additions to the Sloggers range:



**Sloggerwear wide brimmed hat**

"The best hat I've seen for a long while" – Jackie

*\$39.95*



**Sloggerwear tote bag**

Handy bag to keep your secateurs, phone and other essentials close at hand. Don't go into the garden without one!

*\$39.95*



**Trendy pottery for any decor**

Our talented display team have showcased water features and pottery in our new atrium.

### AGCAS What does it mean?

We wouldn't dream of employing an unlicensed plumber or electrician. But how can you be sure that your garden centre is giving the right advice and supplying healthy quality plants? The Nursery Industry Association has developed an accreditation scheme for both retail and wholesale nurseries to give you the assurance you need.

AGCAS is awarded to garden centres Australia-wide once they complete a rigorous process involving internal and external reviews, along with customer surveys. This process is repeated annually, and only garden centres which meet the standard can display the AGCAS logo.



Zanthorrea Nursery is proud to be AGCAS accredited.

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