

## Welcome



It's autumn, an exciting time in the garden and the best time to plant.

After a fabulous growing season, we have a wonderful crop of home grown plants, fresh and ready for autumn planting. As well as our healthy Zanthorrea plants, we have found an excellent grower in SA who can supply unusual species as well as rare grafted specimens.

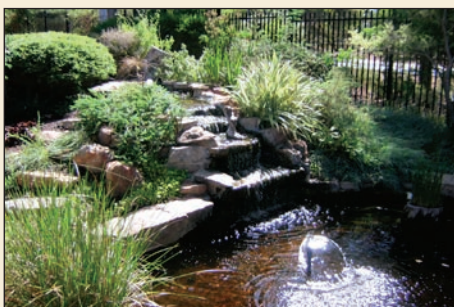
Although spring is celebrated for its array of flowering plants, the other seasons have plenty to offer. Sue's article on page 2 lists plants for every season. Alec writes about special plants available now, and for more information, the website is updated regularly and now has an on-line database complete with colour pictures.

With Easter just around the corner, and Mother's Day close, there are many new treats in the gift shop. (Jackie went crazy ordering at the recent Sydney Gift Trade Fair!)

Come and visit soon. There's something for everyone.

Best wishes,

*Jackie Alec and the team*



## What's News?



### **Congratulations to the winning team!**

For the third year in a row, we were judged state winners in the Medium Garden Centre category of the AGIA awards. After national judging in mid-March, we now wait to see who will be judged Best Medium Garden Centre in Australia.

### **Yay! Well done Dan, Horticulturist!**



Congratulations on attaining a Certificate of Horticulture.

### **Open Garden Special Event**

Zanthorrea has been selected to take part in the Open Garden Scheme. Over the weekend of August 26th and 27th 2006, the nursery gardens will be open to the gardening public. There will be talks from the experts, guided walks, music and food. It will be a great day out. Proceeds from this Special Event will go to support our local Kanyana Wildlife Centre and the Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

*Zanthorrea display gardens, left*

### **Pruning workshop**

*Saturday 8th April, 10am*

The art of pruning in the Australian garden.



Join Paul, our expert gardener, for a demonstration of pruning techniques. Learn about how pruning can make all the difference to your native garden.

(RSVP 94546260)

### **Wise About Water**

*Saturday 20th May, 11am*

Josh Byrne from Gardening Australia will be at Zanthorrea to present a talk on "Wise about Water."

Learn how you can save precious water in your garden.

(RSVP essential on 94546260)

### **Don't miss Garden Week 2006**

Thursday 27th April to Wednesday 3rd May.

There are lots of exciting events, talks and demonstration from local experts with a special visit from Peter Cundall of Gardening Australia fame. Don't miss it!

PS: Jackie and Sue from Zanthorrea will be presenting talks on Australian plants and design.

### **All Easter Weekend**

Bring the kids for the annual Easter Bilby Egg Hunt.



## Colours for all seasons

### Flowers For All Seasons

'Lots of colour' is a common request from my design clients. Spring is the most spectacular flowering period in the bush and the Australian garden, but thoughtful plant selection can provide a continuous show throughout the calendar.

It is a really nice effect to have a staggered flowering period, rather than everything flowering at once as this can look too busy and not so restful to the eye. Use your seasonal selection of flowering plants as highlights placed around the garden in a balanced and harmonious way.

I am enamoured of Eremophilas at the moment. They are really useful for summer flowers, which is usually a period of relative dormancy among our flora. Our scorching summers are the equivalent of a northern hemisphere winter in terms of downtime for plants.

Have a look at the list below for a selection of seasonal colour.

– Sue Torlach  
*Wild about Gardens*

### Autumn:

- *Banksia prionotes*
- *Banksia hookeriana*
- *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*
- *Hakea laurina*
- *Grevillea 'Ellendale Pool'*
- *Callistemon 'Reeves Pink'*



*Banksia prionotes*

### Winter:

- *Grevillea olivaceae*
- *Chamelaucium 'Purple Pride'*
- *Grevillea 'Gilt Dragon'*
- *Correa pulchella*
- *Acacia drummondii*
- *Astartea 'Winter Pink'*



*Grevillea 'Gilt Dragon'*

### Spring:

- *Ricinocarpus tuberculatus*
- *Philotheca myoporoides*
- *Westringia 'Wynnyabbie Gem'*
- *Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade'*
- *Conostylis candicans*
- *Anigozanthos manglesii*



*Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade'*

### Summer:

- *Eucalyptus ficifolia* (+ grafted)
- *Sollya heterophylla*
- *Beaufortia squarrosa*
- *Eremophila glabra*
- *Anigozanthos 'Yellow Gem'*
- *Hemiandra pungens*



*Eucalyptus ficifolia*

For more colourful seasonal ideas, go to [www.zanthorrea.com.au](http://www.zanthorrea.com.au)

### Plant a wildflower show

By the time the lovely pink and white everlastings are flowering, it may be too late to plant seed. The seeds germinate in autumn and early winter, growing on through winter to flower early spring. Once the weather warms up, these annuals set seed and are finished for the year.



*Everlastings in flower*

For a great show next spring, simply mix a large pack of seed in a wheelbarrow with a bag of Baileys soil improver. Ensure the area is free of weeds, and rake lightly. Spread the mix evenly, then wait for the rain. If snails are present in your garden, sprinkle Multiguard, a pet friendly snail bait.



## Special Gems for Plant Lovers

### Imported plants

Although we grow many healthy plants in our NIASA accredited nursery, we are now looking further afield to add to our range.



We sometimes have to buy our WA plants back from the East. Over the years, we have regularly brought in tubes for potting and growing on in our nursery.

This year we have some very special plants from Australian Native Wholesalers, Mt Gambier, another NIASA accredited grower.



*Alec with grafted verticordia*

Grafting onto reliable rootstocks can often get some otherwise tricky plants to grow well for you. In this field we have *Grevillea 'Billy Bonkers'*, *Eremophila nivea*, *Prostanthera magnifica*, and the very expensive *Verticordia grandis*!

Amongst others we are pleased to have in are the small tree Blueberry ash (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*) and Lemon myrtle (*Backhousia citriodora*).

Come and have a look!

– Alec

### Go nude this autumn!

At last we have a good batch of *Grevillea nudiflora* up for sale. This southern beauty covers 2metres plus of ground in five years. with only 20cms in height. A bright green carpet edged with small red and yellow flowers that attract western spinebills and other feathered frineds. They look good all year round in our stock gardens but plants are generally in short supply after winter.



*Grevillea nudiflora*

### Plenty more!

There are many other species of grevillea anxious to make a home in your garden - have a look at the lovely *Deua grevillea* and our own hybrid 'Flatout'.

– Alec



*Jackie with Deua grevillea*

### The Good Looking Garden!

Autumn is the perfect time to plant, or so the experts tell us! It's less commonly stated, but it is also the best time to renovate and improve the appearance of our garden.

So on with the hat and garden gloves, and into the garden.

### Prune and rogue

Walk through the garden with an impartial eye, and then either trim, prune back hard or remove the plants which have suffered over summer. They spoil the garden and look sad. most will recover beautifully from a good prune once the winter rains arrive.

### Fertilise and mulch

Fertiliser applied in autumn is so much more effective than summer feeding. The penetrating rains will ensure that the plant uses nutrient before it washes away. Slow release granules are less likely to end up in the ground water. Otherwise a little organic fertiliser such as Richgro Plant Food will perk up your plants.

Mulching garden beds is a quick way to enhance the plants. Rake the paths and top up surfaces such as gravel or sawdust to make the garden look fabulous.

### Dig in

It's time to dig in your vege garden, and what's more fun than growing potatoes. It's also time to plant silverbeet, peas and broadbeans, baby carrots and onions, and many varieties of lettuce.

### Cook in

Herbs to enhance winter cooking include the popular parsley, marjoram, sage, thyme and chives. Grow some mint in a pot. Don't forget to plant rosemary for remembrance on Anzac day.

– Jackie



## Chocolate Free Zone

Alas, no Chocolate boxes, but many ideas at Zanthorrea for non-fattening Easter and Mother's Day gifts.

### Creatures great and small

No birds? The singing birds are back! Press their middle and they sing. A great gift for Easter.



Fairy Wren, \$12.95

### What's in your pocket, little pocket puppet?

Pocket puppets to delight kids of all ages. Look for the baby in the kangaroo's pocket, and a fish in the platypus's. Many more to discover! Educational and fun. \$13.95



PS: There are lots of other cuddly Aussie creatures on display.

### Gloves Fit for a queen (or king)

Want to look your best in the garden? Looking for a pair of gloves which will last? Check out the new range of gloves from Quality Garden Products.



**Weeders:** Breathable washable sensitive and durable, in pretty pastel colours. \$13.95

**Leather traditions:** Premium leather with protective cuff, the creme de la creme of outdoor gloves. \$33.75



**Wonder gloves:** Comfortable durable flexible washable and totally waterproof - the ultimate in hand protection. Great colours. \$13.95

### Australian Fine China

The best range of local fine china in the hills, including new releases and old favourites.

Special Easter treat: The bilby mug. With or without chocolate, a lovely gift. \$12.95.



## Safe Solutions

### Organic solutions to garden pests:

At Zanthorrea, we choose to recommend environmentally friendly solutions to garden pests. Before reaching for the poison bottle, talk to our team of horticulturists about safer alternatives.

**Natrasoap:** a soap based spray for control of mites aphids thrips mealy bugs and whitefly on fruit trees, vegetables and ornamentals.

**Success:** Derived from a naturally occurring soil bacteria, Success controls caterpillars on fruit and vegetables in the home garden. Fast acting insecticide, with a low toxicity to beneficial insects, birds and mammals.



**Multiguard snail and slug kiler:** Using an EDTA iron complex, Multiguard protects plants from snails and slugs. Its low hazard formula makes it safe to use around pets and wildlife.

For more information on organic solutions, go to the Sustainable Garden website:



<http://www.sgaonline.org.au>



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