



Welcome

Hello again



Autumn is our favourite time of the year. The garden comes to life, the bird song in the mornings is deafening and the cooler weather is perfect for gardening.

This issue of Bush Tele features our top ten plants for 2009, a display garden update from Alec, and Diana's tips on growing Australian plants in hanging baskets.

The production team have been busy all summer growing plants for the autumn rush, and Ross is delighted that we can now offer plants in compostable pots. (Look for the muted coloured pots.)

The nursery is chock full of fresh plants and lovely giftware and pots, so come and visit very soon.

Best wishes from Alec and Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea.

PS: Happy Easter!

Welcome Janine and Jolene

We welcome two talented horticulturists to help you plan your autumn garden: Janine who joins us from Fraser Garden Centre and Jolene who served her apprenticeship with the Perth Zoo. Janine and Jolene have both completed SGA training so, like all the Zan team, can assist with queries on sustainable and waterwise gardening.

What's News?

Garden Week 16th to 21st April

Don't miss Garden Week at Perry Lakes. There's much to see and do for garden lovers. Say hi to the team from Zanthorrea at our display.

Pot Recycling

As the price of recycled plastic has fallen sharply, the company collecting old pots has removed the collection bin, and we are no longer able to accept used pots.

Fortunately there are several options available and we are currently in discussion with another company who collect plastic pots and use the material to form handsome new pots.

Watch this space.



Congratulations to our Winners

Congratulations Heather and Frank Mussell of Kalamunda, winners of our Yummy Yards Christmas hamper.



Garden Talks

Australian plants in pots

Join Ross for a talk and demonstration on growing Australian plants in containers. Ross will discuss varieties that suit pots including the elusive wollemis and also show off some Aussie bonsai.

Sunday April 26th, 10am, gazebo. RSVP to secure your place.

(Entry: Gold coin to Kanyana.)



Sustainable Vege Gardening.

Growing food is growing in popularity. How wonderful to pick fresh organically grown produce from your own plot. Jackie will share information about no-dig gardening, composting and what to plant in winter.

Saturday 23rd May, 10am, gazebo. RSVP to secure your place.

(Entry: Gold coin to Kanyana.)

And for the children...

Pot up a pansy for Mother's Day

Saturday 9th May, 10am - 12 noon

Pssst! Dads - Call in anytime between 10am and 12 noon and bring the kids to pot up a pansy for mum. We'll help you wrap your gift. Surprise mum!

\$2 donation.





Garden News and Views

News from the Display Garden

Another large bit of garden art has turned up in the shape of a 5m trifid. Although he looks fierce, don't be afraid as his stumpy legs are staked into the ground! You will see him glaring at you from behind the children's playground.



Only a few plants have been flowering lately so it's a time for pruning and tidying. We have started a bit of planting with a garden next to the trolley bay. These plants will lightly screen our new office building. Planting at this time of year gives lots of satisfaction - quick establishment in the heat - but only if you can get water to the plants any days over 35 degrees.

Beaufortias have been flowering well, with the *Beaufortia aestiva* coming to the end of its run, while the local *Beaufortia squarrosa* is in full flower...Check it out near the new "trifid". *Beaufortia sparsa* is a shy flowerer in Perth but ours have put on a few good blooms this autumn.



Beaufortia aestiva

The red cap gum (*Eucalyptus erythrocorys*) has been showing off well.



Eucalyptus erythrocorys

Our rare but scruffy *Eucalyptus roycei* is flowering opposite the lawn area and the *Hakea laurina* is about to start.

There is a good example of hard pruning (very hard!) with the *Grevillea 'Moonlight'* near our delivery gate coming back gangbusters after an early January chop off.



The 'Moonlight' closer to the road was more mildly pruned in late spring and is now coming into flower.

Good planting! - Alec

Compost - helping save the planet!

"Approximately 60% of the rubbish Australians put in the everyday mixed-waste 'garbage bin' could be put to better use in the garden as compost and could be returned to agricultural land to improve soil quality.

Alarming, such a huge amount of organically-active material buried 'anaerobically' (without air) in landfill causes over 3% of Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions annually by producing methane: a gas with 25 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide! If properly composted instead, this same organic waste could help to abate climate change in yet another way: by sinking or 'sequestering' carbon back into the soil.

And if combating climate change with compost isn't impressive enough, using compost on land reduces the need for water by an average of 30%!"

Information from:

www.compostweek.com.au



Samara and aerobin

May 3rd to May 10th is International Composting Awareness Week.

The major objective of ICAW is to encourage everyone to actively divert organic waste from landfill.

For more information about composting, visit:

http://www.compostweek.com.au/composting_at_home.php



Fabulous Flora

Australian Plants in Hanging Baskets

Have you ever thought of using our fabulous flora in hanging baskets?

- Use a premium potting mix such as Baileys or Native Plant Soil.
- Like all hanging baskets, they will require daily watering in hot weather, but are a little more forgiving if you forget a day.
- Fertilise twice a year with a slow release fertiliser like MacroCote.

Small baskets will only hold one plant but with larger baskets you can mix and match 2 or 3 plants. *Grevillea 'Pink Midget'* goes well with *Myoporum parvifolium* or *Hibbertia vestita*. Large baskets will take the smaller varieties of Kangaroo paws such as *Anigozanthos 'Bush Pearl'*, and these go well with *Hibbertia vestita* and *Scaevola aemula*.

For spots with morning sun:

- *Scaevola aemula* - mauve
- *Hibbertia obtusifolia* - yellow
- *Dampiera diversifolia* - blue
- *Thomasia pygmaea* - mauve
- *Volia hederacea* - mauve & white
- *Myoporum spp* - white / pink
- *Kennedia microphylla* - red
- *Brachysema latifolium* - red
- *Stylidium graminifolium* - pink



Stylidium graminifolium

For hot spots:

- *Grevillea lanigera* - pink / cream
- *Grevillea nudiflora* - red
- *Grevillea 'Molongolo'* - yellow
- *Grevillea 'Pink Midget'* - pink
- *Hibbertia vestita* - yellow
- *Eremophila biserrata* - orange
- *Myoporum spp* - white or pink
- *Hemiandra pungens*- purple
- *Acacia howittii 'Green Wave'*

Have fun!

– Diana



Kanyana Plant of the Month

Correa 'Dusky Bells'

This beauty is one of the hardiest of the correas, and tolerates sun or shade, sand or clay soils. Its dusky pink flowers feed the birds from as early as February each year. Growing to around 60cm high and 80cm across, '*Dusky Bells*' are fantastic in an Australian cottage garden or even a large pot or hanging basket.

\$1 from the sale of each *Correa*



'*Dusky Bells*' goes to Kanyana Wildlife Centre to help the volunteers care for sick and injured wildlife.

Top Ten

After much deliberation, we have settled on a new Top 10 list of plants. This is always a tough task since we have so many wonderful plants available. The aim of the Top 10 is to suggest plants that will grow reliably in a range of soils, from the coast to the hills and will be hardy, rewarding and reliable in your garden with a minimum of work. The Top 10 are especially suitable for the novice gardener or for those who just want a good plant that does its thing with little fuss. We have tried to include at least one ground-cover, small shrub, large shrub, screening plant and tree in the Top 10 so there is a plant to suit almost all situations. The Top 10 is as follows (in no particular order):

- *Anigozanthos 'Big Red'*
- *Eremophila 'Kalbarri Carpet'*
- *Baeckea virgata Miniature*
- *Lomandra 'Tanika'*
- *Grevillea 'Frosty Pink'*
- *Grevillea olivacea*
- *Calothamnus quadrifidus*
- *Ricinocarpus tuberculatus* (Wedding Bush)
- *Hakea laurina* (Pin-Cushion Hakea)
- *Eucalyptus torquata*



Hakea laurina

Look out for the STAR denoting a new Top 10 plant on your next visit to the nursery.

– Dan



Mother's Day - 10th May

Look no further for ideas for a special gift for the mum, nan and grandma in your life.

Proudly Australian made.

Pots and plaques

Gorgeous Kim Lyons pots and stunning Colour Rush plaques are guaranteed to please.



Metal Garden Art

Moro sculptures, from local artist Paul Moro include quirky creatures and cuddly animal hangers to delight.



Windchimes

Carefully tuned windchimes from Tubular Bells create wonderful music. Guaranteed for 5 years - a long lasting gift.



Gardeners' Collection

Gardeners hand soap, hand balm and scrubbing brush presented in an attractive pine box would make a perfect gift for the gardening mum, \$39.95



"The more you garden, the more you grow" – Gardener's Collection

High Vale Biodynamic Orchard

High Vale Preserves are a wonderful gift if you can bear to give them away. Delicious!

Also in stock: Bio dynamic juice from High Vale. Treat yourself to delicious icy cold apple & pear juice from local biodynamic farm High Vale. 295mm \$3.95

What's new?

Yilgarn traders Heirloom seeds

NEW NEW NEW!

Collected from the Drylands Permaculture Nursery in Geraldton, all Yilgarn seed varieties are guaranteed heat and drought resistant. Many unusual varieties to choose from.

Valued at \$5.50 a packet.

Recession busters!

Come browse our new increased range of starter plants. They are great value at \$3 per tube, or \$2.75 once you select 9 or more. Plant in autumn with a handful of soil improver stirred into the planting hole, water well and stand back to watch them grow. A great way to stretch your gardening budget.



Ross with extra bench

Wolli in a pot

The wollemis seem to need plenty of TLC growing in our harsh summer conditions, so why not spoil one and put it in a pot. Wollemis make a beautiful perennial Christmas tree. Just use a good potting mix with a little extra cocopeat, water regularly and prune as needed to keep the height just where you want it.



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