



Welcome



What a summer it has been, very trying for humans, and harsh in the extreme for our garden plants.

Luckily autumn is a great time to plant. We have lots of ideas to help you create a garden that will thrive even in our hot dry summers.

Visit us at Garden Week in April, a good excuse for our city customers to come and say hello. Check out our display near the Water Corp gardens at Perry Lakes.

There is plenty to see back at the nursery, new release plants, exciting new pots and local giftware.

See you in the nursery very soon.

– Alec, Jackie and the team

Welcome John

We are delighted to welcome John to our team. A keen gardener, John has been a customer of Zanthorrea for years. He is pursuing a new career direction and is enjoying working in the outdoors, despite the summer heat! Talk to John when you visit, He'd love to assist with your garden questions.



What's news?

Did you know..?

Zanthorrea was established in spring 1975 by the late Jean Hooper, ably assisted by her son Alec and wife Jackie! Son Ross is third generation at Zanthorrea.

That means we have been here for over 35 years, growing and selling hardy Australian native plants.



Why grow native?

There are many reasons to grow Australian native plants: They are generally drought hardy. They supply food for birds and other creatures. They need very little maintenance once established. Best of all they are unique and beautiful!

In recent years plant breeders have presented us with very attractive compact forms of our favourite native plants that have year round colour and interesting textures. Many of our native plants have been important exports: kangaroo paws, croweas, scaevolas and Geraldton wax to name just a few.

Easter Holiday opening hours.

We are open all long weekend.
9am – 5.30pm

Save Paper

Save paper, and change to the email PDF version of Bush Telegraph. (Easy to store too!)

Email request to:
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Garden Talks

Garden Week at Perry Lakes.

Don't miss WA's premier gardening show that promises inspiration and all things green and growing.

7th to 11th April, 9.30am – 5pm

HMA Talking Gardens

Visit Garden Week to catch Ross presenting his popular talk on "Pruning native plants."

Sunday 10th April, 2pm.

Jackie will talk about "Australian plants for cottage gardens".

Friday 8th April, 12:30pm

Check out the Habitat for the speakers program.



Saturday 16th April, 10am

Gardening with Clay Soils

Join Jackie for a look at clay soils and the plants that thrive in the hills. RSVP 94546260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

Saturday 7th May, 10am

By popular request. Naturalist Eric McCrum shares his knowledge about frogs.

RSVP essential to 94546260.

Eric's entertaining talks fill up fast! Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

Mother's Day – Sunday 8th May

What could be better for Mother's Day than a visit to the garden centre. Plants and garden products make ideal gifts so make your mum happy this Mother's Day.



Gardening down-under

What to do in the autumn garden!

Autumn is the ideal time to plant. But wait! After the first rains is the very best time. The ground is warm and plants establish quickly provided they have enough water. The cool mornings encourage gentle gardening and the urge to plant is strong.

• **Mulch:** Autumn is a great time to mulch. The weeds have died down and it's easy to fork coarse mulch around the plants. Suddenly the garden looks cared for, and you can feel smug in the knowledge that winter weeds will struggle to take hold. (Have you discovered the low cost mulch at mulchnet.com? The coarse pine bark mulch at Little Loads costs more but is a beautiful mulch.)



• **Feed your garden:** Once we have had those welcome autumn rains, we can fertilise the plants that have struggled through the long hot summer. Special native plant food is best as it is low in phosphorus and is less likely to burn.

• **Prune:** Is there a garden in the south west that doesn't need some pruning after summer? Removing dead and dying plants will instantly improve your garden. Tip pruning will stimulate new growth on your weary plants. Some specimens will need some hard pruning to shape and renew them. So sharpen the secateurs and saws and get pruning.

• **Plan:** Now you have pruned and tidied, there will be gaps to fill. Make haste to the garden centre to plan and plant lovely new plants. The winter rains will help you care for them and by next summer they should be well equipped to survive the summer.

PS: Pick up a "Planting Guide" when you buy your plants.

Follow these instructions for guaranteed success.

Tips from the experts

• Check your soil for water repellence. If water sits on top in droplets before soaking in, then it needs a dose of Eco-wet. This soil wetter is organic based and friendly to our environment. It will help ensure water soaks into the plant's root zone.

• Dunk before you plant. If your newly purchased plant has dried out in the pot, dunk it, pot and all, into a bucket of water before you plant.

Dig in: Time to plant spuds.

It's easy to grow potatoes either in ground or in tubs.

As the tubers grow up the stem, we keep adding soil (hilling) to them to force the stem to grow longer. This way we get more and more potatoes. Several new varieties available this season.

Time to plant

Vegies: Silverbeet, lettuce varieties, peas, broadbeans, baby carrots, onions, beetroot.

Herbs: Parsley, thyme, coriander, chives, marjoram, mint.

Don't forget rosemary for remembrance.

Anzac Day 25th April.

Time to plant everlastings

Sow everlasting seeds after the first soaking rains. Prepare the soil by removing weeds, and raking in some organic fertiliser.

Mix the seed first with some soil improver, to help the seeds spread and stick.



Your frog friendly frog pond.

Recipe for a frog pond.

1. Water, not too clean - a ceramic bowl topped up regularly works brilliantly.

2 Reedy water plants - These plants in the pond will give the tadpoles and frogs somewhere to hide from hungry predators, and add oxygen to the water. (*Isolepis nodosa*, *Juncus* spp, *Lepidosperma* spp.)

3. Prickly and reedy plants planted around the outside of the bowl will provide shelter for frogs, and a little shade to keep the water from overheating. (e.g. *Lomandra 'Tanika'*, *Grevillea 'Bronze Rambler'*, *Isopogon dubius*.)

4. Food for frogs and taddies -

Leave the algae in the bowl as it is food for vegetarian tadpoles. Small amounts of bruised lettuce are a good substitute. Attract insects, and desist from spraying for pests! Grow some frogs this winter!

– Jackie





Plants for the Autumn Garden

Small trees, if you please

This autumn why not consider planting a small tree in your garden? We have a good range of small to medium Eucalypts that will fit happily into the average sized garden and not create problems with roots and excessive leaf drop.

Trees are so important to our urban landscape-providing environmental, social and health benefits for all of us. Having a few small to medium sized trees can significantly cool the temperature of your garden, taking the intensity out of the hot summer sun. This makes the garden more habitable for you, your family, pets and local wildlife. Many smaller shrubs will also benefit from some filtered shade.

W.A is blessed with some beautiful smaller trees with stunning flowers and interesting growth habits.

Consider species such as *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*, *spathulata*, *torquata*, Silver Princess, Gungurru, *macrandra*, *ficifolia* and *talyuberlup* to name a few.



Eucalyptus erythrocorys

Even many non-eucalypts can do the job of a small tree- consider *Hakea laurina*, *Melaleuca nesophila* and several varieties of hybrid *Grevillea*. You can underprune these species as they grow to expose their lovely trunks and give them a tree-like appearance.

As well as lots of trees, the nursery is replete with a great range of other plants too. Some notable species include *Grevillea* 'Long John', a favourite of many Zanthorrea staff members. It will grow in almost any soil and takes full sun or quite a bit of shade. A height of 3-4 metres can be expected. Other *Grevilleas* like *G. tracytheca* (vanilla grevillea), 'Honey Gem', 'Robyn Gordon' and *crithmifolia* are all available in good numbers.



Grevillea Robyn Gordon

Banksia praemorsa is another staff favourite that we have available. It comes in both yellow and wine red flowering forms and both make excellent, showy and hardy specimens, especially in coastal gardens. Some lovely *Kunzeas* are available including the well known *K. baxteri*, with its striking red brush flowers in Winter, and also a fine leafed form of *K. recurva*, which should grow very well in hills soils. It produces a pretty pink flower in late winter through spring.



Kunzea baxteri

These hakeas will inspire gardeners who are interested in local plants- *H. prostrata* belies its name, growing to 2-3 metres with time. It makes a prickly barrier plant and produces beautiful, fragrant cream flowers in Winter. Also available is *H. myrtooides*, an unusual low growing *Hakea* with red flowers in winter. Numbers are limited for these two. While at the nursery be sure to check out our good range of citrus up near the seedlings and take a wander through the atrium, which may just provide the right indoor plant to brighten up your house.

– Dan

Kanyana Plant of the Month.



Grevillea 'Royal Mantle' is a showy ground cover with burgundy red toothbrush flowers throughout the summer months. Flat and spreading 'Royal Mantle' is ideal as a verge plant, and once established can survive on very little water. Check out the ones planted out on the roundabout.

140mm pots just ready for sale at \$11.95.

\$1 from the sale of each 'Royal Mantle' will go to Kanyana Wildlife Centre to help with native animal rescue and education.





What's New

Organic Minerals

For a healthy plant you need a healthy soil. A new product to help you achieve this is Organic Minerals from Eco-Growth. It is BFA certified as organic and contains a whole bunch of trace elements and minerals that are missing from our soil. Combine it with a handful of manure and you get a fertilizer providing everything a plant needs. It also contains some beneficial biology that will help to make the minerals more available to your plants. Excellent for your vegetable garden where you want better results out of your soil!

One bag will cover 100 square metres mixed into the soil.

\$32 for 10kg

— Ross



Wilbur the Wonder Warmer

Herbal Heat Pillow from award winning Annabel Trends.



Soothing aromatic herbs help ease stiffness and relax the mind. Use Wilbur hot, or straight from the freezer.

RRP \$29.95

New from Paul Moro

Are you a "rusty" or a "shiny"? Paul Moro's quirky art is available in metal that is designed to rust. Many people love the rusty art and find that it fits perfectly in their garden environment.



Paul has responded to the current fashion for shiny art by producing all your favourites in shiny galvanised metal.

'Rusty' pieces are still available at the nursery, but to view the new galvanised iron pieces, come check out our selection at Garden Week, and decide whether you prefer 'rusty' or 'shiny'!

Putumayo Kids

Putumayo Kids presents three new release CDs especially for kids:

Acoustic dreamland, Picnic Playground and World Playground. RRP \$29.95



Thurlby Herb Farm

Fabulous new designs from Thurlby in Walpole.



Sleep Pillow, with a mix of herbs to promote restful sleep \$24.95 and Lavender Eye Pillow to sooth and relax tired eyes. \$18.95 Pantry Pest Repellent, with herbs to ward off insect attack. \$16.45

Handmade here in the west!

Also new from Thurlby: Goats Milk & Olive Oil Soap \$9.95 and Woolly Wunder Wash, handmade soap in a woolly bag. \$10.45

Mokoh Hand printed Bag.

100% cotton and hand printed in WA, this eco-bag features WA placenames. A great gift for visitors as a reminder of their stay. \$14.95

Also from Mokoh

Notebooks - hand-made in Australia, gorgeous motifs. \$8.95



Gift vouchers are a welcome gift.



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