



A Welcome Autumn



It is a wonderful change of cool weather and gentle rain that can only mean one thing, Autumn is here. It is a great time to revamp the garden. The soil is still warm, and there is rain on the horizon to keep the new plants growing well. At Zanthorrea, there are plenty of fresh plants, both new releases such as Grevillea 'Spirit of Anzac' and all your tried and true favourites.

Thanks to the team, their friends and family, and our wonderful customers, the Garden Releaf weekend raised \$2606 for beyondblue! Talks by garden designers Sue Torlach and Lisa Passmore were enjoyable and informative. See page 2 for a summary.

Planting the right plants in your soil type can make a big difference. Check out the plants our team recommend on page 3.

Happy gardening, Jackie & Alec, Ross and the team at Zanthorrea.



We welcome a new team member this month. Claire is a horticulturist with a keen interest in gardening with Australian native plants in her hills garden.

Easter Weekend April 3rd to 6th

Zanthorrea is open all Easter weekend. Bring the kids in for an Easter egg hunt in our display gardens. Find all the cardboard eggs to earn a free chocolate egg.



"Plant your everlastings now for a stunning spring show!"

Perth Garden Festival

**Thursday April 30th – May 3rd,
9.30am – 4pm at McCallum Park.**



There is a new venue for PGF (McCallum Park), plenty of parking and public transport, many more display gardens and plants for sale. It looks to be an excellent show! Zanthorrea will be down there with a display and we would love you to visit us and see our design.



Planting Tubestock

Autumn to Winter is the best time to be planting tubestock out into your garden. Check out the wide range Andrea has in stock.

What's On



Perth Garden Festival tour

Meet Jackie down at our Perth Garden Festival display for a tour of the exhibits. **1st May at 10.30am.**

RSVP to 9454 6260.

Stay on to listen to Jackie's talk on 'Cottage Gardens with Australian Plants', 1st of May at 1pm at the Seminar Stage PGF.



Mothers Day morning tea

Bring mum in for coffee & cake on Mothers Day. All proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Sunday May 10th, 10am til 4pm.



Succulent Art

Join Janine for an interactive demonstration on how to create fabulous succulent art.

Saturday May 23 at 10am.

RSVP to 9454 6260.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



Garden Releaf 2015



Garden Releaf was a huge success raising \$2606 for Beyond Blue. Many thanks to the team, their friends and families who helped.



Congrats to the winner of the 'Guess the blue M&M's' competition, Izac Martin for his exact guess of 411 and also congrats to the winner of the hamper, Joss Seymour.

For those who missed Sue and Lisa's talks, here are some snippets from their presentations:



Tips for creating relaxing gardens:

- Use an abundance of plant life, plant densely, layer the garden and add colour and texture in foliage as well as flowers.
- Create habitat and attract wildlife to bring life to the garden
- Provide shade and protection from the wind so that the garden is a pleasant place to spend time.
- Grow some herbs, vegies and fruit trees, even just a small amount.

So it's clear that being active in the garden and also just looking at or being in a garden has huge health benefits. The aim is to create a retreat in the garden – a quiet spot where you can sit down, relax and soak up nature's healing vibes.

Garden designer - Sue Torlach

www.wildaboutgardens.com.au



Blue plants for a cool garden

Blue is the colour of the mind and is essentially soothing; affecting us on a mental and cognitive level. Strong blues will stimulate clear thought and lighter, soft blues will calm the mind and aid concentration. Interesting, blue objects have the effect of appearing further away. So in the garden blue flowers and blue features serve to give depth and an illusion of distance making spaces appear larger.

Blue I'm told is the world's favourite colour. Here are some of my favourite blue plants:



Scaevola 'Crinkle Cut'

Discovered on site at Zanthorrea, this delightful scaevola features glossy crinkle cut leaves and masses of flowers through summer. Grows well in pots or in hanging baskets. Full or part sun. H 15cm W 50cm.



Hemiandra pungens

Okay so I am taking some liberties here with my definition of blue... some would argue this is more purple than blue. Commonly called snakebush the Hemiandra is both a pretty and useful garden plant. The spiky leaves make it an excellent plant to protect wildlife. This form is a very hardy ground hugger. Full sun H 5cm W 80cm



Lechenaultia biloba blue

This small Australian shrub has wonderful bright blue flowers for extended periods through Winter and Spring. The blue flower colour is highly desirable and rare for native plants. Tip prune after flowering to maintain an attractive plant shape. Position: Full sun H 25cm W 35cm



Orthrosanthos multiflorus

Commonly known as morning iris, this plant makes a great filler with other strappy-leaved plants and ground-covers. H 50cm W 50cm.

Garden designer - Lisa Passmore

www.inspiredbynature.biz



Choosing the right plants



Choosing the right plants for your soil type can make all the difference to gardening success. Here are some suggestions from the team on what has worked for them.

Sandy soil

Perth's sandy soils are renown as being some of the poorest soils in the world, so the key to gardening in a sandy soil is to improve, improve and improve. Add clay and minerals, soil improver and organic matter and use a soil wetter.

Here are three plants that worked well for Muriel:



Grevillea longistyla

- A beautiful fast growing screen
- Easily pruned to size
- Nectar rich bird attracting



Acacia guinetii

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- Soft grey foliage for a contrast
- Surprisingly tough
- Impressive amount of flowers

Eucalyptus caesia 'Silver Princess'

- Lovely weeping habit
- Attractive flowers and nuts
- A great small tree for the birds

Gravelly soil

Generally gravelly soils are good for plants to grow in, though it can be hard to dig through all the iron stone. Mulch to cool the hot soil.

Here are three plants Graeme recommends for gravelly hills soils:



Calothamnus quadrifidus

- Great habitat plant
- Comes in a red or gold flowering form (only red currently available)
- Responds well to pruning

Agonis flexuosa

- Good shade and climbing tree
- Fragrant leaves when mulched or mowed
- Cascades of white flowers in spring



Verticordia plumosa

- Attractive mauve flowers
- Insect attracting is good for birds and frogs
- Low maintenance, minimal pruning required

Clay Soils

Clay soils can often be very challenging, both for plants to grow in, and for us to dig. Some clays can be broken up by gypsum, while others may just need to be planted when the soil is wet.

Here are three plants that worked well for Kurt in clay soils:



Hibiscus tiliaceus Rubra

- Fast growing screen in clay
- Flowers contrast nicely to foliage
- A tough plant once established



Eucalyptus victrix

- Nice white trunk
- Good sized small tree
- The Coolabah, an Aussie tradition

Syzygium 'Big Red'

- Quick growing for clay soils
- Low water requirements once established
- A clean modern plant



Autumn Gifts



Earth Greetings cards

Cute new card designs arriving soon from earth friendly card producer Earth Greetings. Designs in birdlife, congratulations and Happy Birthday. From \$5.95 each



Artwerx Australia

New designs in the high quality marine grade stainless steel, made in Australia. Check out the lovebirds and the kangaroo!



Rustic Birdhouses

Colleen hand makes these bird houses and insect hotels from products destined to go to the tip. Each one is completely unique and makes a very special gift. They also have a tiny carbon footprint! \$109.95.



Thurlby

These soaps look and smell good enough to eat! Cinnamon and coffee or orange and poppyseed! \$7.95 each. WARNING: They may look like it but these soaps are NOT edible!



Annabel Trends

Cheerful 7 litre watering cans in funky new designs! Crazy rabbit and cockatoo statues in bright colours! Long sleeve gloves in new colourful patterns!



MES Homewares

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New plant bags in 3 different designs made from recycled paper and used rice sacks. Each bag folds down flat and comes with a protective plastic insert so that live plants can be grown inside them.

Cute bird, apple and pear ornaments made from cement make great garden additions or a handy paper weight!



Linen Press:

These 120g soaps are a neat Australian gift, a soft citrus fragrance with beautiful Australian flora and fauna packaging. \$3.95 each.



Books

'Garden Rescue' by Mary Horsfall. A book that looks at how you can manage pest and diseases on the home front in an environmentally friendly way. Also tips on how to rescue the garden from the effects of fires, floods or just simple neglect.

\$39.95, arriving soon.

-Danielle



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