



Hello Autumn!



Sabrina and Ross at the Garden Releaf Day in March.

It has been a very enjoyable start into autumn with mild weather and some early rains. It creates the best of planting times, allowing new plants to get established by next summer.

Here at Zanthorrea we have been busy growing and securing all sorts of new and exciting native plants, and we look forward to releasing them in the coming months. One to look out for is the *Lechenaultia* 'Stirling Orange', a great plant for pots or hanging baskets. We hope you enjoy these new plants, and get stuck into gardening!

All the best for a happy autumn.

Ross, Jackie and the Team at Zanthorrea



Golden Everlastings were in short supply last year, but we have secured some stocks that will be available later in the year.

Happenings

Easter Long Weekend April 14 - 18

We are open all Easter, with normal trading hours. Bring the kids in for a treasure hunt in our display garden.

At Easter we celebrate new life, and it coincides nicely with the best time to plant out tubestock. Andrea has been busy stocking up our native tubestock selection, with many new species becoming available weekly.



Garden Releaf 2017

We had a lot of fun this year with Garden Releaf and together we raised \$2596.40 for beyondblue! A big thank you to everyone who helped make this day so special.



Perth Garden Festival April 27 - 30

There is lots to see and do at the Perth Garden Festival, and we are very much looking forward to the event this year. We will have a show garden on display in the NGIWA pavilion.

Wildflower Society

The Eastern Hills Branch of the Wildflower Society holds monthly meetings with guest speakers. They welcome guests, and it is a good way to learn more about wildflowers. For more info, visit: www.wildflowersocietywa.org.au

What's On



Leaf Litter Critters

Saturday April 22nd at 10am.

Join Cathy Car from the Eastern Hills Wildflower Society for a talk on the small, usually unnoticed, animals that live in healthy leaf litter. They play a vital role in helping to create that leaf litter, while using it as a home for themselves.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



Angus Stewart - Australian Plants

Monday May 15th at 10am.

Angus is coming over to WA! Straight after a conference on propagation, he will be talking at Zanthorrea. This is a great opportunity to learn from his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for Australian plants. We hope you can join us on this Monday morning.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



What's 'in' at Zanthorrea

Hidden Gems

I thought it would be nice to showcase some of our less famous native plants: The quiet achievers in our nursery! Give them a go and you will be sure to have some new favourites.



1. *Grevillea 'Chetwynd'* (*Grevillea juniperina*)

A super hardy shrub with prickly foliage that has withstood my dog running into it several times. The muted grey-green foliage is a perfect foil for the bright, fuchsia coloured flowers in spring/summer.



2. *Phebalium squamulosum*

Don't be put off by the funny name, the medium sized forest phebalium has the ability to grow happily underneath large trees. Absolutely beautiful when in spring the whole shrub is a cloud of tiny lemon-yellow star flowers. I think it would be lovely in a fairy garden.

3. *Regelia ciliata*

Tough as old boots! A bushy shrub with architectural foliage contrasted by delicate mauve pom pom flowers in summer.



Regelia ciliata



4. *Calothamnus graniticus*

These seed grown granite claw flowers are a variable, medium to large shrub which forms a sculptural statement. Soft pine like foliage is presented on arching curved stems. Red "one-sided bottlebrush" flowers form in autumn and winter, providing food for the birds.

-Rose

Seed Potatoes

It is potato planting time again! We currently have the following varieties available:

- Kestral
- Delaware
- Nicola
- Royal Blue
- Kipfler
- Maris Piper (newly available this season. This is an English favourite for chips, baking, roasting and fluffy mash)

Arriving soon will be: Ruby Lou, Dutch Cream, Norland, King Edward and White Star.

If you are new to growing potatoes, we have a planting guide available in the shop. To feed your potatoes

we recommend the Growsafe garden fertiliser, it will add local WA minerals and trace elements for tastier and healthier potatoes.

- Muriel



Ross's Tastiest Mash

Use four Royal Blue, Dutch Cream or Maris Piper potatoes: 1 carrot, a pinch of tumeric, garlic and salt. Once cooked soft, drain water, add a spoon of butter and a dash of milk & mash. Garnish with basil and cracked pepper. Yum! - Ross



Water Plants

Now in stock is a fantastic range of water plants, some that are Australian native and some that are edible. Many of the plants prefer to be submerged in a pot: We would recommend using a terracotta pot, with a mix of Bailey's potting mix and 20% river sand, cover the top with some rocks or stones to stop the soil escaping.

Plants include: Water Parsley, Nardoo, Pennywort, Milfoil and Water Ribbons. - Lisa



My Autumn Garden

Garden Pollinators

Pollinators are the hard working, extremely important and often forgotten or ignored visitors in your garden. They can take many forms such as bees, birds, flies, wasps and butterflies. Attracting them to your garden can bring many benefits, including biodiversity and a reduction in pests.

Here are just a few great plants you can add to your garden to bring in the pollinators



Butterflies: Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare', Xerochrysum bracteatum, Brachyscome multiflorus.

Blue Banded Bees: Dianella revoluta, Scaevola aemula.



Hoverflies: Everlastings, Pimelea 'Magenta Mist'.

Birds: Grevillea 'Superb', Banksia ashbyi, Correa 'Dusky Bells', Kangaroo Paws 'Big Red', 'Yellow Gem', 'Bush Ballad', Eremophila maculata.

Bees: Eucalyptus victrix, Grevillea 'Ellendale Pool', Hakea lissocarpha, Callistemon species.

Plants from South Australia

Over the months of summer it is too hot for us to ship plants in by truck across the Nullabour, but now that it has cooled down, we have access to some special plants again.



Finger Limes.

We should have stock of Microcitrus 'Chartreuse' and Microcitrus 'Crystal' by Easter. A popular plant with chefs these days. They produce small cylindrical fruit filled with tiny balls of tangy citrus flavoured liquid. Grow them in large pots or in the ground.



We also expect to have limited stock of the beautiful Acacia 'Lime Magik' and the rare and endangered Banksia brownii from down near Albany.

After the long road across Australia, we like to give the plants a couple of weeks in our holding area, just to make sure they are suitable for sale. If you want to reserve any plant, just give us a call and we can hold them aside for when they are ready for sale.

- Diana

Exciting Everlastings

It's that time of year once again. With the autumn rain and warmth still in the soil, it is the perfect time for sowing everlasting seeds.



As a general rule, plant with the first April rains for the best germination time. You can plant right through to August, but some extra water is required to keep them growing through the drier, warmer weather.

Top tips for sowing:

- Try to eliminate weeds.
- Improve soil by digging in soil improver and well rotted animal manure.
- Rake area leaving grooves for the seeds.
- Scatter evenly and use the back of a rake to lightly cover the seeds.
- Water well.
- If snails are present use a bait or a beer trap to remove grazers!

If you want your everlastings to last longer apply regular water and a liquid fertiliser which will encourage healthier growth and larger flowers.

To save seed for next season wait until flowers are fully open and store in a brown paper bag in a cool, dry place.

Pink and white seeds available now: 10g at \$10.95 each, 20g at \$20.95 each and 50g at \$40.95. Golden Everlastings available later in the year.

Mass plant for a fantastic display, sit back and enjoy. - Lorretta



Gardener's Gifts



Bellaberry Chocolates

Keep an eye out for the humorous Easter themed packaging. Dark and milk chocolate. \$8.95.



Kathy Hubble Nest

We have some new nest art pieces in for a twist on a traditional Easter gift. Admire the hand decorated clay eggs nestled amongst a collection of materials inspired by seagulls. \$64.95.



Beau Est Mien

(which means 'beautiful is mine')

Quirky and detailed prints are hand-made and hand-coloured with water colours, using traditional print making techniques such as dry point, etching, and screen printing. They produce cards, tea towels, notebooks and gift tags. Priced from \$5.95, all made right here in Perth.



Annabel Trends

Watering cans perfect for indoor plants. \$19.95.

The popular Sprout gloves are now available in long sleeve! \$34.95.

Sweet garden tool gift packs perfect for Mother's Day. \$37.95.



Vanilla Mozi

This popular natural mozzie deterrent cream is now available again. Packaged in tubes (125ml/250ml), it is ideal for carrying around in bags. From \$19.95.



WILD

New range of diffusers, hand salve and hand wash using essential oils and made in Australia. Lemon Myrtle, Ironbark and Wild Lime. From \$24.95.

Lanolin hand cream and soap, leaves a beautiful soft scent. From \$6.95.



Linen Press

Kookaburra and Banksia; a new design in the linen range. From \$8.95.



MES homewares

New cover pots and planter bowls in soft pink, sage green, white and black.



Little Mates Books, the A-Z Collection.

Journey through 26 beautiful Australian stories of friendship and fun. From Amazing Ant to Zippiest Zebra Finch! \$4.95 each book. Massive range of new childrens and adults books also arriving in store soon!
- Danielle



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