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Welcome



As the days shorten and the temperatures become cooler, we really do feel the relief that autumn brings. It is also the perfect time to get out into the garden while the soil is still warm and plant out the backyard. We have a Garden Releaf Day coming up on the 22nd of March, to celebrate the benefits of gardening and to raise money for Beyondblue. We hope you can join us on this day.

New to the nursery is a range of Grevilleas bred by Kings Park. Details are on Page 3. Every week it seems we have new plants coming in, so we are sure there will be plenty to excite this autumn.

Looking at the current events of the world, it has never been a better time to grow your own veges. If you are looking to start your first vegie patch, pop in for a chat and we can help you out.

Happy gardening,

Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



Banksia 'Honey Pots', welcoming autumn with wonderful flowers.

News



A visit from the Greenlife Industry of Australia.

On the 3rd of March we had the retail delegates of the Greenlife Industry Australia's National Conference visit us at Zanthorrea. We held the flag up for WA's extraordinary wildflowers and biodiversity.



Pond Renovation

The pond area at Zanthorrea is getting an upgrade. Keep an eye on this space over the coming months to see the progress. We will also post on Facebook once complete.



Native Bee Housing Update

Last year we had a talk on how to make native bee accommodation. I had made a few different homes.... Well the native bees have moved in! It's wonderful to see them buzzing around the garden and using the bee homes. - Janine

What's On



Garden Releaf Day 22nd of March

Come and join us for Garden Releaf Day on March 22nd. We will be celebrating gardening while raising money for Beyond Blue. Hope to see you there!

9.30am: Tea, Coffee and Cakes.

10am: Lisa Passmore on Sensory Garden Design.

11am: Breeding Australian natives by Digby Growns from Kings Park & Botanic Garden.

12 noon: Sausage Sizzle.

1pm: Black Chooks live music.



Make a Vege Starter Pot for the Kids

Come along and Janine will show you how to make your own pot and plant with vegie seeds. Get some tips on how to look after them and soon you can enjoy yummy veges. Kid friendly with parent supervision.

10am Saturday, April 18th.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Perth Garden Festival Talks

Unfortunately the Perth Garden Festival has been cancelled this year. Jackie and Ross look forward to talking at the event in 2021.



Autumn Garden Releaf



Soft Foliage Plants.

Some Australian native plants have prickly or harsh foliage. While these varieties have their place in a habitat garden, soft foliage plants add texture and interest to your garden. They may have interesting leaf shapes, colour contrast and some are fragrant.

Surprisingly, many soft foliage plants will withstand the summer heat. They may wilt a little in the day's heat, but bounce back in the cool of the evening.

Summer Australian gardens may not have spring's abundance of flowers to display, but interesting foliage plants will enhance the garden.



My favourites:

Thomasia discolor has interesting multicoloured leaves that face upwards rather than drooping down. It is an excellent hardy small shrub for dry shade. Dainty pink flowers appear in spring.

Correa glabra. This shiny leaf plant glows in the morning sun. I have found it incredibly hardy and rewarding with yellow tipped red flowers through autumn and winter.

Crush the leaves to release a lemony scent. Many varieties of correas are available.



Philotheca myopoides has a lovely fragrance as I brush by. It has proved drought hardy in my hills' soil and I love the way the sun glints off its shiny leaves. White starlike flowers adorn this native daphne in spring.

Look out for these soft foliage plants:

Adenanthos sericeus, Prostanthera 'Minty', Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare', Verticordia plumosa, Crowea 'Festival', Boronia heterophylla, Lomandra confertifolia.



Wildflowers for Spring

Now is the ideal time to get your annual and biennial plants in for a colourful show in spring.

Anigozanthos manglesii is the floral emblem for WA, commonly referred to as the red and green kangaroo paw. They are easy to grow in a pot or in the ground.

Everlastings Daisies are great fun, and can be seeded now. Watch out for snails as they can eat the young seedlings!



Bush Tucker Plants

We have a great range of bush tucker plants in the nursery at the moment. I have quite a few favourites but this season my Davidson's Plum produced a good crop of fruit. So I made a Savoury Plum sauce that went well with meatballs. Pop into Zanthorrea if you would like a copy of the plum sauce recipe. - Janine



Weird Looking Weed in the Lawn

There are some declared weeds that need reporting to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. As I had a weird looking weed pop up in my lawn, I thought it would be good to share. I sent a photo in using the **My Pest Reporter app**. They took the weed very seriously including a site visit. It has since been treated and a follow up visit in 4 weeks to ensure eradication. It was the declared Skeleton Weed after all. - Janine.



New to Zanthorrea from the north of WA:
Stemodia sp Onslow.



New Plants to Excite

New Grevilleas from Kings Park's Grevillea Breeding Program

Kings Park has bred around 16 new grevillea cultivars over the past 7 years, including the successful 'R.S.L. Spirit of Anzac'.

Some new ones that are now in stock:



Grevillea 'Kimberley Moon'

3m x 3.5m.

Vibrant orange/yellow flowers. Could make into a small tree with some pruning.



Grevillea 'Pink Profusion'

1.5m x 1.5m.

Naturally compact, pinky red flowers.



Grevillea 'Tangerine Dream'

1m x 1m.

Brilliant orange flowers, compact, attractive green foliage.



Grevillea 'Raspberry Dream'

1.5m x 1.5m

Compact and bushy pink/red flowers.

There will be more to follow throughout the year. For more information about these grevilleas, be sure to attend the Garden Releaf Day and listen to the talk by Digby Growns. - Diana

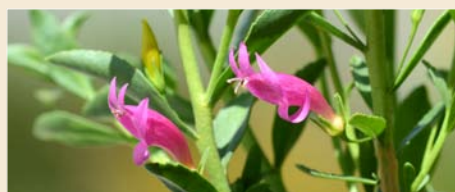


Eremophilas

This iconic Australian genus is known for its drought resistant and desert loving nature. In Perth's drying climate it is well worth giving some of these a go. Here are a few new ones:

Eremophila 'Blue Dome' (as pictured above)

A low dense form of Eremophila drummondii. 0.5m x 0.5m. Great for low maintenance, waterwise, coastal or inland gardens. Tolerates frosts.



Eremophila 'Magenta Miss'

A cross between E. calorhabdos x E. denticulata, this is a tough attractive eremophila. 1.5m x 1.5m. A quick growing shrub that likes full sun and

tolerates part shade. Pretty pink to magenta tubular flowers from spring to late summer.



Eremophila 'Passionate Lady'

One of the larger eremophilas growing to about 4m. Stunning magenta-cerise flowers autumn to spring. Tolerates a hard prune.



Special K... Potassium

Potash is usually associated with boosting flowering and fruiting in plants and, while it does do this, potassium (chemical symbol 'K') has so many more roles in plant health and function. Over a hot, dry summer, adding some potassium to your garden, can be one of the best things you can do to increase drought tolerance and reduce water stress in your plants. Potassium controls the opening and closing of the leaf pores, called stomata, which in turn controls the rate at which the plant loses moisture. It regulates water movement inside the plant, keeping water in the cells and strengthens the cell walls which increases the plants' resistance to pests and diseases such as fungal attack and insect infestations. So, if you have a summer-stressed plant in your garden, consider giving it a Potash boost! - Amy



Gardeners Gift Ideas

Feature book: "A New Image for West Australian Plants"

by

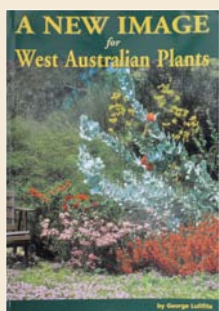
George Lullfitz

Most Perth-local native plant fans will have heard of Lullfitz Nursery.

George Lullfitz started his horticultural career with Kings Park.

He assisted Charles Gardner, the first WA government botanist in collecting seed. All over the state before continuing on to propagate and sell many now popular native cultivars.

George's book provides luscious photographic inspiration as to just how beautiful a native garden can look as well as concise informative tips on maintenance and plant selection.



Back in stock!

Jeremy Boot favourites. Fine bone china mugs \$19.95 and plates \$19.95.

Available in Galah, Magpie, Blue Wren and Boobook owl designs.



Get in quick: Limited edition Maine Beach Tins

A beautifully presented gift tin of hand and nail cremes in 3 assorted fragrances:

Coconut and Tahitian Lime, Ligurian honey and Blood orange, Wild bushland Eucalyptus. \$38.95.



Hanging plants for the indoors or patio.

Just Hanging Around?

Create a new element for your indoor greenery with a funky, on trend hanging planter. Priced from \$13.95 - \$45.95. We have a great range of colours and sizes in the giftshop and Alva's Corner, including: macrame, jute weave, matt and gloss glazes.



Sloggers Galore!

We have just received a big delivery of sloggers shoes and gumboots, so come and check them out. New Sloggers pattern: Bubblebee, \$84.95. If we don't have a size in stock we can order a pair in for you.

- Rose



Beat Outdoor Bug Blues

Don't want to use harsh chemical insect repellants on yourself or your children? Try "Good Riddance". We currently have in stock a "Mozzie and Midgie Mousse" which is suitable for babies or anyone with sensitive skin. It smells divine too! Loved by Zanthorrea staff. 100ml tub \$20.95, 250ml \$42.95.



Garden Releaf Hamper

We have a fantastic raffle with a hamper to the value of \$300. All money raised is donated to Beyond Blue. Drawn 23rd of March.



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