



## Welcome



**Hello Autumn!** This is a fantastic time of year for the garden. We get welcome rains to fill our tanks and water our plants. There seems to be something special about rain water, as the plants respond with lush new growth! A perfect time to garden.

At Zanthorrea we have been busy growing and propagating over the warm summer months, and I am pleased to say we have some excellent plants coming through in production. Grevilleas in particular are looking great, and we have a large selection available.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Zanthorrea soon.

Happy Gardening,

Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team  
at Zanthorrea.



### Time to Plant Everlastings!

With the lovely early rain we have had, it is a perfect time to plant everlasting daisies. Just remember to water if we get another dry spell. For more tips, download the info sheet from our website: [www.zanthorrea.com/gardeninginfo.php](http://www.zanthorrea.com/gardeninginfo.php)

PS. Red and Green Kangaroo Paws will be in soon!

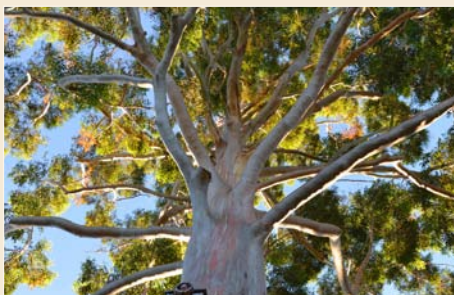
## News



### Bee Survey by Kit Prendergast

Over the warmer summer months we've had Kit undertake a bee survey at Zanthorrea, to see which native bees are flying around.

A summary of the native bees at Zanthorrea will go into our winter newsletter. *Photo: Lipotriches on Dianella sp.*



### March 23, National Eucalypt Day

Do you love eucalypts like we do? Celebrate this iconic Australian species on March 23rd for National Eucalypt Day.



The Illyarrie Gum (Red Capped Gum) was awarded the eucalypt of the year for 2020. Voting is open for the Eucalypt of the year 2021, just visit: [www.eucalyptaustalia.org.au/eucalyptoftheyear/](http://www.eucalyptaustalia.org.au/eucalyptoftheyear/)

## What's On



### Garden Relief Day, March 21st

Celebrate the wellness benefits of plants, gardens and gardening.

**Let's Talk Plants at the Hooper Garden Forum, 10am, 21st March.**

Please join us for a rare Hooper family event, four Hoopers for the price of one donation! Topics covered include: Pruning Natives and Australian Cottage Gardens.



Ross, Jackie and Alec, plus daughter Claire Hooper joining us from her Melbourne backyard via FaceTime, will talk for a few minutes each about their love of gardening, then answer all your questions!

Entry by donation, all money goes to Beyond Blue.

**RSVP on 9454 6260** as space is limited.

Afterwards stay for morning tea, and enjoy the wonderful music by the Black Chooks!

For the kids (and some adults), we have a feel good treasure hunt, with quotes and hidden animals to find.

Please have a look at the silent auction table, and buy some tickets for the fabulous hamper.

**All proceeds go to Beyond Blue.**





## Garden Releaf 2021



*“Now more than ever, we need a little relief from our busy and sometimes stressful lives. Just thirty minutes in the garden leaves us feeling refreshed.”*

Garden Releaf Day is an annual event celebrating the wellness benefits of plants and gardening. Since 2015, garden centres around Australia have raised many thousands of dollars for Beyond Blue.

### Ask a Hooper about their Garden



#### Claire Hooper

It's hard to be an absent minded creative and have a great garden, but I'm getting better all the time at remembering to water, weed and get things planted in the right seasons. And I love nothing more than watching my kids happily potter about in the dirt while I work in the backyard.

#### Ross Hooper

My garden has evolved over the years as I bring home new plants to try out. My favourite tree is a big Marri that just teams with birdlife! Second is an old Kingia that must be almost as old as Perth itself!



#### Jackie Hooper

I love just being in the garden, wandering around with secateurs in a holster. I may end up just pulling weeds, or trimming and dead heading. I find peace watching a quenda digging or a native bee on a flower. When feeling more energetic, I can always find a spot to dig in another plant or two. The garden is my happy place where I can relax and just be.



#### Alec Hooper

I get great satisfaction in watching beds of everlastings grow. My first efforts for this year are up and away. First I made a path through some pine bark, then crushed a few handfuls of last year's flowers into the 7m x 30cm bed. I scratched them in a bit, walked all over them, put a light dose of Seasol and Ecowet. Four days later, a green sward! Full colour in four months.



### Creating a Garden Colour Splash!

King's Park do a wonderful job with their gardens, and here is an example of an Australian 'Colour Splash Garden', spring 2020. The idea here is to choose plants that flower all at the same time, so they make a strong impression.



#### *Conostylis candicans* - grey cottonheads.

The plants in this selection are: *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, *Anigozanthos Bush Ballad*, *Scaevola aemula*, *Brachyscome multifida* and *Conostylis candicans*.

*TIP: To encourage more flowers, remember to tip prune, and feed with sulfate of Potash!*



#### *Anigozanthos 'Bush Ballad'*.

### Perth Garden Festival 2021

The **Perth Garden Festival** has moved to Langley Park in Perth, and is coming up on the 29th of April to the 2nd of May. There is plenty of inspiration and garden ideas to be had. For more info visit: <https://perthgardenfestival.com/>





## Into the Garden



### Is Gardening Really Relaxing?

The Garden Releaf program is aimed at promoting the wellbeing benefits of gardening. We asked Zanthorrea staff:

#### **What do you find relaxing about your garden?**

**Rose:** Every morning when I get up the first thing I do is go into my garden. It clears my mind to walk through and observe the growth and flowering of my favourite plants, particularly watching the grevillea flowers unfold.

**Amy:** I enjoy watching the antics of the birds that live in my garden, particularly the cheeky magpies.

**Lisa:** After a hard day's work in the garden, I enjoy sitting down and looking at what I have achieved. It is a great sense of satisfaction.

**Muriel:** Looking at the soft green foliage of my ferns makes me feel relaxed. Also the wonderful shade of my Peppermint tree.



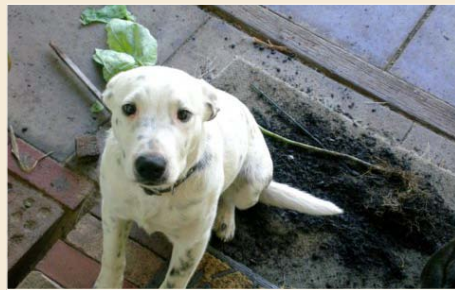
*Guinness with the buried gnome.*

### Gardening with Dogs!

Gardening with my little fur helpers in tow is one of the biggest delights about being in my outdoor space. As many pet owners are vividly

aware though... it has it's own set of challenges. Let me share a few of my experiences:

Firstly we have Guinness... My partner bought me a hideous plaster gnome which I felt obliged to display. So I 'hid' it in the vege garden. Guinness obviously took offence to the intruder and I found a fresh mound in the vege patch. Upon investigation I discovered he had buried it under the parsley - nice job Guinness!



Next we have Turbo, who when younger would love to leave newly planted offerings at the door with a look of pride and guilt.



Lastly but not least... we have Scout, who to date has buried at least \$100 worth of expensive kongs toys (yet to be found) and prefers the company of her stinky blue frayed rope.

If you have a quirky pet story to share, we would love to hear it. Email it through to [info@zanthorrea.com](mailto:info@zanthorrea.com) with a photo and we will post onto our Facebook page.

- Lisa

### Seed Potatoes are Back in Stock!

It is a great time to get potatoes into the garden. Improve the soil with plenty of organic material and manure and watch them grow. You can build up the soil around the stem to produce extra potatoes. Harvest when the plants have died off.



*Grevillea 'Dorothy Gordon'*

### Grevilleas to Feed the Birds!

We have some stunning grevilleas in stock at the moment, and they are a great choice for a bird friendly gardens. The grevillea genus is one of the most diverse, including tall trees, shrubs and ground covers, with almost every colour flower you can think of. Here are a few I can recommend:

- G. 'Dorothy Gordon' -3m, Purple.
- G. 'Red Hooks' - 3m, Red.
- G. 'Showtime' 1.5m, Pinky Red.
- G. 'Flamingo' - 3m, Bright Pink.
- G. 'Honey Gem' - 3m, Orange.
- G. 'Loopy Lou' - 1m, Red to Yellow.



*Grevillea 'Loopy Lou'*





## Gardener's Gifts



### Garden Releaf Hamper Raffle

We have a sumptuous hamper to raffle off again this year for Garden Releaf. Check out all the gardening and giftware items included, it comes to a total value of \$350! Get your tickets in the shop, \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawn 22nd March.



### Read all about your Garden Critters

Are you already enjoying watching the birds and the bees in your garden? Learn more about our fascinating native wildlife in our best-selling books by Simon Nevill.

"Birds of Western Australia" first provides maps and habitat types that our birds inhabit, before going into detail to describe each bird: the appearance, behaviour, nest type and locations where they have been spotted. Lovely colour photos can also help give a quick ID.

"Guide to the Wildlife of Perth and Australia's South West" has been co-written by Simon and 5

other authors with expert fields of knowledge in Birds, Mammals, Bats, Reptiles and Frogs, Invertebrates, Wildflowers and Fungi. Easy to read, again with lovely photographs.

\$39.95 each



### Stylish Sun Protection

We have a great range of Koorungal hats in stock at the moment for men, women, kids and babies. Most of the staff at Zanthorrea wear the hats that we sell, including Rebecca who kindly modelled one for me! From \$22.95



### Nature Inspired Jigsaw Puzzles

Stash away a jigsaw puzzle for a rainy day. They have made a trendy comeback in the past year, even movie star Hugh Jackman is a fan! From \$29.95

### Love Zanthorrea? Get our Limited Edition Travel Mug

Think about your favourite native plants as you sip a soothing tea or coffee from our Zanthorrea branded

Travel mug. Made from high quality durable, shock resistant glass and silicone, which is non-toxic, stain and odour resistant and anti-bacterial. 100% plastic free, designed to last and save wasteful use of disposable cups! Microwave and dishwasher safe. \$25.00 each.



### Useful Face Masks

Our giftware suppliers Annabel Trends and Thurlby Herb farm have started producing washable fabric face masks in their lovely colourful fabrics. Apart from use in Covid situations, I have found mine useful when gardening to keep dust and pollen at bay, particularly when using a blower. From \$12.95.

### New Cards and old Favourites

We have some beautiful new cards featuring magpies, honeyeaters and bee eaters in stock from WA artist Leanne White of Wild Eyed Press. Also back in stock are "Pobblebonk Paper" cards by artist Mary Woodward. Mary's cards are produced on handmade paper, made right here in the Hills.

- Rose



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