



Welcome

What's on at Zanthorrea?



The recent fine weather leaves us in no doubt that summer is not far away. Using waterwise gardening principles is the best way to have an attractive garden all summer long.

Mediterranean style gardens suit our climate and outdoor living and are popular as easy care, informal gardens. Using Australian plants will create a unique and waterwise Mediterranean garden. See Claire's ideas on page 3.

There's plenty to see at Zanthorrea this spring - new plants, newly planted display gardens, and a meandering wheelchair and pram friendly path through the new gardens to the toilets. The new 'parent's retreat' near the play area provides sheltered seating for mums and dads.

Our new shade house will soon be replaced with an all-weather atrium. Watch for new gifts and water features arriving soon.

We thank you for your support and hope you can continue to enjoy Australian native plants in your garden.

Best wishes from Jackie Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.

King's Park Wildflower Festival

Don't miss this spectacular display of fabulous flora!

30th September – 4th October

2004 Wildflower Society Award

Zanthorrea Nursery was recently presented with the 'Wildflower Society Award' for 2004, in recognition of our contribution to the conservation and preservation of Australia native plants. We were surprised and thrilled to receive this recognition. The plaque, pictured below, features a beautiful painting by Margaret Pieroni.



Sustainable Gardening Australia

SGA was formed to encourage and educate about gardening methods which are environmentally sound. Gardeners can join for a small fee, and receive a regular newsletter. The pilot programme in Melbourne aims to accredit garden centres as places to go for information. Jackie has had talks with Mary Trigger, SGA CEO, to investigate the possibility of bringing this programme to WA.

The website has more information:

<http://www.sgaonline.org.au>

Weedbuster Week

16th to 24th October

Some of our worst environmental weeds were first grown as ornamentals in gardens. To find out how you can help prevent the spread of garden escapees in our precious bush, go to:

<http://www.weedbusters.info>

Zanthorrea Garden Walk

Saturday 2nd October 10am

Join Alec for a stroll through the Zanthorrea display gardens to view the spring-flowering native plants. Stay for a chat and a cuppa.

RSVP 94546260



Mini beasts in your garden

Saturday 23rd October 10am

Eric McCrum, our local naturalist, is always entertaining and a fountain of knowledge. Eric's talk will feature the creatures that live, often unseen, in our garden.

RSVP 94546260

Perfect potting using Aus plants

Saturday 20th November 10am

Find out how to pot up spectacular wildflowers as gifts or to brighten up your patio.

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Professional waterwise advice.



Fabulous Flora

Is it a bilby? Is it a bandicoot? No, it's a Banksia!

For something a little more unusual think about using some prostrate banksias in your garden. These striking plants have ground-hugging stems with stiff upright shapely foliage. The new growth is often a beautiful velvety texture in colourful reds and rusty browns.



Prostrate banksias make great ground covers, border or rockery plants and all prefer a full sun position with good drainage - a definite drought hardy option for the waterwise garden.

One of the more unusual characteristics of the ground covering banksias is the flowering habit, where the flowers sit on the ground doing a fine impersonation of a bandicoot snuffling in the underbrush.



Currently available is the *Banksia blechnifolia* (above). The new foliage is an attractive reddish brown and its woolly branchlets creep along the ground. It is one of the more vigorous of the prostrate banksias. The flowers are reddish-pink in colour, from September to December.



Other species of prostrate banksias that are available from time to time include *Banksia gardneri*, with its bright orangy brown flowers, *B. petiolaris*, a creamy flowering species and *B. repens* which has dusky brown flowers. Enjoy!

– Gaby

Meet Lily... a lovely local

A precious native plant which suits pots, rockery and border planting is about to spring into flower. Not only will it delight plant lovers in the nursery but also bush walkers in the Perth area as it is one of our lovely locals.



Thysanotis multifloris, or fringe lily, is a prolific flowerer supporting dainty purple flowers with fluffy fringed petals. The leaves are strappy in appearance and form a low dense clump 50cm by 50cms wide.

Fringe lily grows in coastal sand and hills lateritic soils. Feed gently with slow release fertilise for native plants.

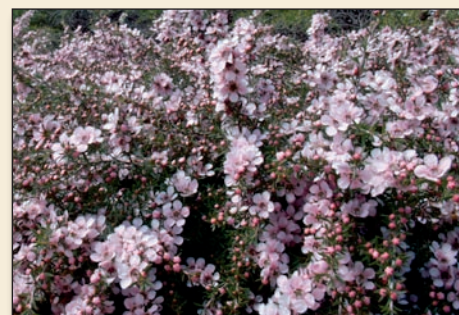
– Vanessa

Wonderful wax flowers

It's easy to wax lyrical about Geraldton wax. A West Australian export to many countries, waxes are widely grown for the cut flower market.

The seed grown *Chamelaucium uncinatum* produces many colours from white to pink and purple. This bushy 2-3m plant grows so easily from seed that it will crop up in disturbed sandy soils, so it not recommended planted near bushland.

Modern waxes are grown from cutting or tissue culture, and because of their huge potential for export, plant breeders have come up with many new forms and colours.



The well known Geraldton wax (*Chamelaucium uncinatum*) has been crossed with other closely related species to give increased petal size and more compact growth. Look for 'Madonna', 'Blondie' and 'Sweet Sixteen'.

Last season, *C. 'Jasper'* was released, said to be a cross-genera hybrid between *C. uncinatum* and *Verticordia plumosa*.

Another recent release is *Chamelaucium 'Dancing Queen'*, a fabulous compact form of wax with attractive pink double flowers.

Simply provide these waterwise plants with an open sunny spot, moderate drainage and they will immediately reward you with armfuls of spectacular flowers.

– Jackie



The Mediterranean-Style Australian Garden



Consider going Mediterranean if:

- Your house has Tuscan-style architecture.
 - You appreciate the combination of sun and water.
 - You are looking for a garden in which to share coffee with a friend!
- The Mediterranean style has a lot in common with the formal or classical garden.

It should bring to mind the old walled gardens in the South of France or Italy - built formally but also slightly overgrown.

Due to a similarity in climate Australian plants are particularly suited to the Mediterranean look.

Hard Landscaping, think:

- Sandstone walls
- Paving
- Brightly tiled ponds
- Classical statues & plaques

Plant Choices, look for:

- Soft, grey foliage
- Vines
- Spiky plants
- Splashes of bright colour



Pimelea ferruginea

Great Aussie Choices

D=Drought tolerant (one drop)
C=Suitable for Coastal, *L*=Local

Groundcovers:

- *Helichrysum ramosissimum* *D C*
- *Eremophila glabra* *D C*

Grassy Plants:

- *Lomandra longifolia* *D*
- *Dianella 'Little Rev'* *D*

Small Plants:

- *Grevillea 'Gilt Dragon'* *D C*
- *Leucophyta brownii* *D C*
- *Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade'* *D*
- *Pimelea ferruginea* *D C*

Medium Plants:

- *Westringia* *D*
- *Olearia axillaris* *D C*
- *Isopogon dubious* *D L*

Large Plants:

- *Adenanthos sericea* *D*
- *Ricinocarpus tuberculatus* *D*
- *Callitris pressii* *D C*

Climbers:

- *Hardenbergia comptoniana* *D L*
- *Pandorea pandorana* *D*

– Claire



Hardenbergia comptoniana

Thank you!

Many thanks to the Bush Telegraph readers who sent in their list of successful plants.

Congratulations to the winner of the draw, David Hutchison of Fremantle.

Spring flowering beauties

There is so much happening in the garden in spring.

Choose from:

- Boronias, in many flower colours
- Waxes - so many to choose from
- Kangaroo paws - tall and dwarf
- Featherflowers in pinks & yellow
- Long leaved fringe lilies, morning iris, native iris and cottonheads
- Native hibiscus - purple white and yellow



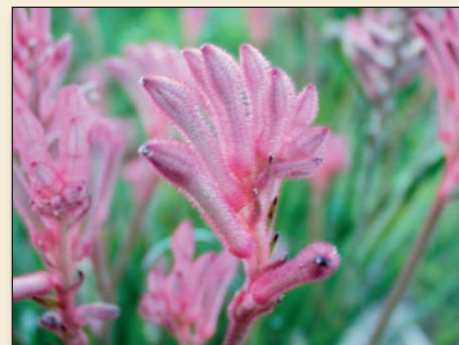
Native Hibiscus (Alyogyne huegelii)

In the pink

Pink, I hear, is the latest fashion colour – soothing, elegant and cheerful, pink is a lovely colour for the garden.

'Pink Cascade' tea tree, Pink myrtle, pink waxes such as 'Dancing Queen', pink featherflowers, thryptomene, astartea, scholtzia, 'Pink Pearl' roo paw and pink fan flowers - so much to choose from.

Look for pink at Zanthorrea when you visit.



Anigozanthos 'Pink Pearl'



What's new in the gift shop

Claire and Jackie have been in Melbourne at the wholesale Gift Fair, sourcing fine Australian made gifts for the nursery. With new products arriving each week and old favourites, there's sure to be something for that special gift.



Windchimes

We now stock windchimes from Tubular bells, as well as the old favourites from Windsong. Tuned to create beautiful melodious sounds, a gift of windchimes will be long remembered.

From Rivergums & Roses, a new gift set of face cloth with matching decorated soap. A wonderful gift at \$18.95, and easy to post.



Australian fine china

New designs of this beautiful range of china include two from Philippa Nikulinski - native wisteria and catspaw - two more for collectors of the famous wildflower series. Also two from the wildlife series - echidna and frilled neck lizard, and look for the Meryl Bell designed "Flora of Australia". I love the wise inscriptions just inside the rim of the cup.



A Gift for the Garden

Claire fell in love with the wonderful glazed pots from Australian company Terracotta works - unusual and classy.



Bell Art

From the studios of local artist Meryl Bell, come many delightful gifts, including boxed wildflower gift cards at \$15.95 and handy fridge notepads with magnetic backs for \$11.95



Metal Art

Paul Moro's rusted metal art is very popular with garden lovers. New designs include possum and koala hangers, and a new frog spike called Fred!

STOP PRESS: Slogger clogs

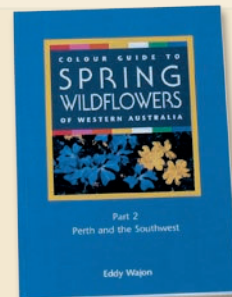
Still a great gift at any time of the year, we have several new colours. As these outshine the original sloggers, we have lots of yellow clogs left - so keep dry next winter and choose your size for only \$15, well below cost! (Sorry, yellow only!)



Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers of WA

(Perth and the south-west)

Would you like to know more about WA wildflowers? This compact book has wildflowers of the same colour grouped together for easy identification. At \$19.95, a great gift for you or a friend.



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