



## Welcome

It's been a wonderfully wet few weeks, enough to inspire gardeners to don their wellies and plan, plant and prune!

Rainfall is still below average and we are told that water will continue to be in short supply. What better time to replant your garden with hardy Australian plants.

Last year's Australian Open Garden event was a huge success with a wonderful carnival atmosphere and thousands of dollars raised for our local charities. We hope you can come this year and ensure it is even better, the more the merrier!

Best wishes,

– Jackie Alec and the team

PS: We are a dog friendly nursery. Well behaved dogs on short leads are welcome to visit with their families.

Harry, our young Border Collie, roams freely, so if you are nervous around dogs, please advise a staff member who will take Harry to the staff room for a spell!



## Australia's Open Garden Scheme

### Welcome To Our Display Gardens

25th and 26th August 2007

10am - 4.30pm. Adult entry \$5.

Experience first hand our display garden that is looking especially stunning in early spring. Join our talented team of garden experts for talks and garden inspiration.

Wander through wonderful wildflowers and share the experience with the resident birds and frogs.

### Saturday 25th August

Saturday has a wildlife theme as Kanyana bring some of their animals friends to visit. Kanyana volunteers will be selling lunch and morning / afternoon teas to help raise funds for wildlife rehabilitation. There will be delicious food tasting from Big Island between 11am and 2pm and wine tasting from Cosham Winery. Don't miss Eric McCrum's Wildlife talk!



### Sunday 26th August

On Sunday the Kalamunda & Districts Bush Fire Brigade will be in attendance. Show your support for this worthy group of volunteers by purchasing their famous hot beef rolls or morning / afternoon teas. Enjoy live music, and a taste of award winning Cosham wines.

Don't forget your voucher to go into the draw for a wollemi pine.

Part of each entry fee is dedicated

to funding garden related projects through the AOGS. All other proceeds from this event go to Kanyana Wildlife Centre and our local volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.



### Parking for the Open Gardens

For visitors with a disability, or with frail aged friends, please use the limited parking within the nursery carpark.

If you are simply shopping for garden supplies, then you may need to park here too.

For visitors to the open gardens, there is parking on the gravel verge and along the street, or for locals, you may choose to walk.

### Garden tours and talks

Talks from our experts and guided walks through the display gardens will inspire you to grow our wonderful wildflowers.

See page 2 for the timetable of talks and tours. Present your entry ticket for admittance to the talks.

### What if it rains?

Hurray! We need the rain.

There is plenty of shelter at Zanthorrea and umbrellas to borrow. Don't let a little rain stop you. Come and join in the fun.

### A huge thank you!

Thank you to volunteers from the Hills Garden Club who are helping to sell entry tickets at the door.





## Zanthorrea Display Gardens

### Background

The Zanthorrea display gardens began humbly in 1975, as a 'stock garden', a source of seeds and cutting material for our small propagation nursery. Favourite species were planted by enthusiastic team members and the gardens grew to showcase rarely seen native plants.



In recent years, sections of the garden have been renovated through pruning and re-planting. The addition of local art complements the natural environment.

Since horticulturist Paul joined Zanthorrea several years ago, he has further developed the gardens with a passion to create a truly wonderful wildflower garden.

Paul has judiciously pruned mature specimens and there are now many examples throughout the gardens of heavily pruned plants that create interest, and a backdrop for other plantings.

Some sections of the gardens are quite new and will give you an idea of how a new planting will look in two or three years. Pink and white everlastings look stunning interplanted with mature plants.

There are different mulches, a range of garden design styles, and some very interesting and unusual plants to discover.

So Join Paul, Alec and the team and be inspired by the botanical wonders of Zanthorrea's Australian native display gardens.

– Jackie Hooper

### Statistics

**Area:** 2000 squ. metres

**Rainfall:** 800mm average

**Soil type:** Soil type varies but generally is sand or gravel over clay.

**The block:** Purchased in 1975, the land was degraded with dumped rubbish and weeds. Some remnants of original flora have been retained west of the display gardens.

**Supplementary water:** The gardens use recycled water collected from the nursery run-off and filtered through a slow sand filter. Currently, recycled water is applied weekly throughout the summer. New plantings may also receive occasional hand watering. Older areas of the gardens are not watered.

**Gardener:** Since February 2005, Paul Godwin has worked enthusiastically to further improve the gardens, pruning and re-designing sections. Some areas are newly planted and will look stunning in years to come.



### Notes from our gardener

"The display garden at Zanthorrea is surely one of the best kept secrets in the gardening world of WA. For around 30 years since the nursery opened, loyal customers have watched its development from a humble collection of plants for gathering seed and cuttings to the botanical wonderland it is fast becoming. It was with feelings of great excitement that I began working with this garden just over two years ago."

– Paul Godwin

### What's on Saturday 25th August:

**Garden talks in the gazebo:**  
(20mins duration)

**11am Paul Godwin**

*"Design and maintenance" - the secret to a beautiful garden.*

**1pm Eric McCrum**

*"Wildlife in your backyard".*

**3pm Jackie Hooper**

*"Flora for fauna" - how to create a wildlife haven in your backyard.*

**Guided tours:** Meet at the gazebo  
12 noon, 2pm, 4pm (20mins)



Eric McCrum at Zanthorrea

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*"New Releases" - Discover what's new in Australian plants.*

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## Be Inspired

### Take A Walk Through The Gardens



Themed gardens include:

#### 1. Gazebo Garden

Two of the oldest trees planted in the nursery are near the bird feeder - a 32 year old, 35 metre tall rose gum (*Eucalyptus grandis*) and a 19 year old 3m WA Christmas tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*).



#### 2. Barrett's Grove

Closely planted pink whitewoods (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon* Rosea) are giving a vertical look accentuated by low grey foliage understorey. The trees will require regular pruning to create a hardier version of the silver birch grove.



#### 3. The Australian Formal Garden

Clever geometric layout with various topiary specimens: a stylish wedding arch framing a view to a Paul Moro sculpture, with more traditional ball shapes and low hedges, all using Australian plants.



#### 4. Bee City

Kathy has created coloured vertical sleepers with narrow holes drilled into them. Native bees make their home in narrow spaces such as they find in corflute and straws. *Acacia* 'Limelight' at the base are outstanding plants. Opposite bee city, view the 'scientific' armillary sculpture by Peter Graham.



#### 5. Outback Garden with Red River Bed

Striking "river bed" flowing out of outback style plantings interspersed with a truly spectacular mat of pink and white everlastings. The tank and windmill symbolise the dry in-land. Grey *eremophila* and eucalypts blend with grass and *verticordia*. The slender mallee with bumpy fruit is *Eucalyptus pachyphylla* from the Great Sandy Desert.



#### 6. Banksia Garden

Though past his prime, old man *Banksia ericifolia* of 25 years shares his garden home with the trendy *Banksia* 'Birthday Candles'. South of the banksias bed you may spot the "tree in a tree", *Acacia fimbriata* 'dwarf' 1.5m up in an old jarrah tree stump.



#### 7. Jarrah Grove

Enjoy this tranquil area where a couple of mature jarrah trees were coppiced 60 years ago. The tree shaded seats provide a resting place where you can view the birds who are attracted to the various understorey plants. Try out the quirky lizard seat made by Peter Graham.

– Alec Hooper

PS Look out for the giant dinosaur... coming soon to Zanthorrea. (A giant undertaking, so we wait patiently for its arrival.)







## Gifts for you and your garden

### Sweet Tomato & Chilli Chutney

from Stephano de Pieri

This hand made product is made naturally from local produce. A delicious gift, if you can bear to give it away!

\$14.95

PS We have a delicious selection of locally made preserves at Zanthorrea.



### Ceramics from Guritno

Australian artist Guritno captures the essence of Australian culture, landscapes and animals in his unique and colourful artworks.



Mug featured: RRP \$24.95

Porcelain platter small: RRP \$19.95

### Environmentally friendly products

Our SGA trained team can help you make good choices.

#### Save water:

Look for plants that can survive summer with just a drop of water. Look for code H in our free plant list.

#### Save our bushland:

Watch out for drought hardy plants that may become invasive weeds in bushland.

#### Save our rivers:

Choose phosphorus free fertilisers, and use all fertilisers sparingly.

#### Think local:

Local plants provide food for local wildlife, and require very little if any water or fertiliser.

#### Reduce waste:

Bring a box or bag when you shop, and reduce plastic use.

#### Save fuel:

By choosing locally made products, freight costs are less, and there is often less packaging required.

For more about sustainable gardening, go to

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

### Moro Garden Art



Quirky garden art from local artist Paul Moro. Look for blue wrens, frogs, emus, possums, new cows and sheep, and all your old favourites.

### Wax Lyrical!

Spicy candles and natural candle holders, made with love in Queensland. Look for cinnamon, chocolate, coffee, coconut and other in a variety of ball and pillars shapes.

From

Wax Artex



### Bell Art

From the studios of Meryl Bell comes this lovely range of stationery. Notelet cards, fridge notepads, Writing sheets and Potpourri in 'Crimson Gold'.



### Baby Wollemi

Buy your special wollemi pine and watch it grow.

The new 100mm starter size @ \$35 should be available by the Open Garden Weekend



PS We have many post-friendly gift ideas for overseas family and friends.

### Just Released

Western Weeds - a guide to the weeds of WA. (second edition)

DBMJ Hussy et al

This important book describes the plants that may become invasive weeds in WA. It's surprising to note that garden escapees make up the bulk of the non-agricultural weeds. RRP \$35.



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