

Welcome



Hello,

With such a late start to spring, the wildflowers are glorious this season. Reports from friends and customers say that this year is one of the best ones yet for viewing our magnificent flora.

There are many easy to grow wildflowers from our local bush that do very well in gardens. Daniel lists a few on page 3.

Our Diana is a keen gardener, collecting plants from Zanthorrea every week for her garden. She has generously opened her wildflower garden this year, so don't miss it. (Report this page.)

Our new team member Chris is doing a great job keeping our nursery gardens neat and attractive, so call in and check out some of the wildflowers growing in our backyard. Read Alec's review of some of the plants flowering in the gardens on page 2.

Growing your own veges is satisfying and rewarding, so check out page 3 for what to plant in the garden now.

Have fun in your garden this spring.

– Jackie Alec and the team

PS: We are delighted to welcome Alix who joins our team on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Alix has horticultural qualifications and can help you create a wonderful garden.

What's news?

Diana's Garden

On 3rd and 4th October, Diana's garden in Roleystone will be open under the Australian Garden Scheme.

Diana's garden is full of Zanthorrea plants collected over the past 7 1/2 years and is 95% Australian native.



The garden features winding paths linking various garden rooms which include a cottage garden using Australian plants, a local species garden, as well as a white garden inspired by Sissinghurst in England. The garden is full of birdlife and interesting garden art.

Morning and afternoon teas will be served and most of the Zan crew will be there to help on one or other of the two days.

Hope to see you there,

– Diana

PS: Proceeds to support Darling Range wildlife and beyond. For more information, go to www.opengarden.org.au



New team member Alix

Garden Talks

Yummy Yards - Grow your own.

By popular demand, we are holding another Yummy Yards session.

Learn all you need to know about growing vegetables in your own garden, both in containers and in ground using the no-dig method.

17th October, 10am.

Morning tea included.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP on 9454 6260.



Australian plants in containers

There are many reasons for growing Aus natives in pots: lack of soil, small gardens, hostile climate. Find out which plants do well in pots, and how to look after them.

21st November, 10am.

Morning tea included.

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Gardening Down Under

Down-Under

Keep an eye out for a new type of pot on our tube bench this spring. Down-Under pots are designed to be planted into the ground or potted up whole without removing the plant.



The pots are made of pressed sugar cane by-product and are fully biodegradable. Many growers across Australia are using them now and have given good feedback, so we are giving them a try. This new efficient and environmentally friendly technology looks very promising for the future.

Check out tubes of local wildflowers *Lechenaultia biloba* (blue) and the purple *Hardenbergia comptoniana* in Down-Under pots now.

And plant the pot 'Down Under'!

– Samara

PS: Our new 125mm compostible pots are NOT to be planted with the plant. The plant is carefully removed from the pot and planted with soil improver, before the organic pots is crushed and composted.



Chorizema cordatum along path

Our Garden Open

This year we have put some effort into making our display gardens better. They have always had interesting plants, some from the 1970's, but now we have defined them with a brushwood fence edge. With some increase in maintenance by our new staff member Chris plus a good year for rain, they are looking great and well worth a visit. Bring a picnic to share in the gazebo, or in the atrium if it is wet or windy. There are plenty of seats and tables.



Chris in the display gardens

We were late with our everlastings this year and although one batch will be flowering in October, some along the new brushwood fence are just up and it will be interesting to see how well they can do for November and December blooms.

Amongst the many flowering plants out there, keep an eye out for:

Philotheca (native daphne). This plant used to be called *Eriostemon*, and there are many forms including 'Flower Girl' and 'Cascade of Stars' that are now in full bloom. These lightly fragrant flowers last well as cut flowers in the home.

Chorizema cordatum (heart leaf flame pea). The bright orangy red flowers are all through the gardens. Each plant only lives 10+ years, but they re-seed well and ours are all re-seeds now. We leave them to grow unless they are totally in the wrong place.



Eucalyptus preissiana in flower

Eucalyptus preissiana (bell fruited mallee) up near the brushwood fence is only 2m high but has lots of big yellow blooms this year. As a mallee it can be cut down to any size you want and will make 3m in 20 years if you don't prune!



Hardenbergia and Banksia ericifolia

Hardenbergia comptoniana (native wisteria). These climbers are looking great as usual. Look out for the pink flowered form of our local one! There is one on the bird feeder near the front of the Parents Retreat, one mixing with a purple one just behind the retreat giving what looks like two colours on one plant. Another beauty is trying to out-flower a *Banksia ericifolia* up near the scary triffid.

So come and visit our gardens soon.

– Alec



Wonderful Wildflowers

Many of the beautiful local species flowering in the bush at the moment are available at the nursery for you to have in your garden.



Hypocalymma angustifolium

We have good stocks of *Hypocalymma angustifolium*, *Conostylis candicans*, *Verticordia plumosa*, *Hardenbergia comptoniana*, *Melaleuca fulgens*, *Thysanotus multiflorus*, *Dampiera coronata* and others.



Conostylis candicans

We are great advocates of planting species that are local to your area as they are ideally suited to the local soil and benefit local birds and insects. Spring is a great time to really take notice of what grows in bushland in your area. Ask nursery staff for help choosing the right plants.

We are also stocked up on many currently flowering species that whilst perhaps not local, will still thrive in either the hills or the coastal plain, will benefit local wildlife and enhance your garden environment.



Grevillea olivacea

Try *Grevillea olivacea* as a tough, quick screening plant that birds love; *Thryptomene saxicola* as a drought tolerant, showy small shrub; *Anigozanthos 'Rampaging Roy Slaven'* for a strong growing strappy kangaroo paw with a bright orange flower and *Eremophila glabra x decipiens* for a low, spreading shrub that will power through the coming summer.

– Dan



Hypocalymma 'Coconut Ice'



Hardenbergia comptoniana

In the vegie garden

What to plant now.

Spring is an exciting time in the vegie garden. The lettuce and silverbeet are plentiful, the broccoli prolific and the beetroot is ready to pull up.



And best of all it is time to plant those summer favourites - tomatoes. There is a huge range of tomatoes available. Look out for 'Tumbling Ted' that suits hanging baskets. Grafted tomatoes require stakes especially in windy spots, but reward with very long fruiting and often fruiting into the next year. Other plants to put in now include: eggplant, cucumbers, zuccinis and pumpkins if you have plenty of room. When the weather warms up plant corn and melons.

I like to plant lettuce all year round and find cos is the best variety in the hot weather. Some gardeners like to shelter the lettuce from the hot sun and winds with a little shade cloth.

Silverbeet can be planted all year round if watered each day, and asian greens such as bok-choy crop quickly and are fantastic for stir fries.

– Jackie

PS: My birthday present from Alec this spring... 4 bales of pea hay, and an Aerobin composter. It couldn't be better!

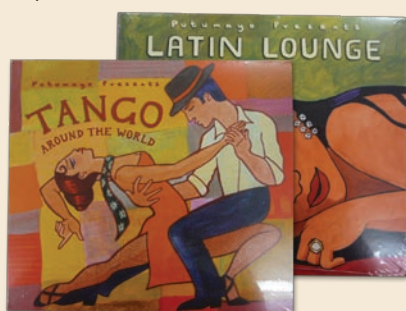


New gifts to delight

Putumayo World Music

"Putumayo world music is guaranteed to make you feel good" Dan Storper, Founder/CEO Putumayo world music

Zanthorrea now stocks a range of CD's featuring beautiful music from around the world, titles include Acoustic France, Music from Wine Lands, Tango, World Lounge and many more...at \$29.95 each.



Since 1993, Putumayo has contributed more than \$1 million to non-profit organisations, such as Search for Common Ground, which do good work in the regions where the music originates.

The first seven customers to buy a Putumayo CD will receive a free sampler CD.

Red Tractor



The ever popular designs of Jams Tales and Red Tractor, both of which are inspired by rural life, are back in stock. We have a great range of

their beautifully illustrated cards including designs featuring 'Monthly notes for the garden' currently in stock are September, October and November. \$4.95 Other cards feature recipes like yummy 'Sweet orange jam'.

We also have a range of note pads entitled 'Jam Tales, preserved memories' Printed in Australia on 100% recycled paper using vegetable based inks. \$13.95

Jason Products

Made in New Zealand. An exciting new range of placemats and coasters featuring Australian flora and fauna and Aboriginal dreaming designs.

- 6-set of coaster \$18.95
- 6-set of placemats \$39.95



A four placemat and eight coaster set featuring two designs, leaf and bark montage and natural field \$24.95

A set of four, fun ladybird glass coasters come in a wonderfully crafted wooden box \$18.95

Other new products include..

from Annabel Trends

A new range of drawer sachets, t-towels and eye pillows covered in a bold Australia print. \$9.95 - \$14.95



from Embellish

Wall decoration art, alert frogs and paperweights, which are made from glass and feature Australian owls, frogs and dragonflies. Each come beautifully packaged in their own snug fitted box \$14.95



A gentle reminder that Christmas isn't far away and we have many more exciting gifts heading our way, keep an eye peeled...

- Lorretta

Yates Nature's Way

Yates Nature's Way insect & mite killer Natrasoap Gun is an easy to use soap based spray for control of mites, aphids, thrips, mealy bug and whitefly on fruit trees, vegetables, ornaments and pot plants.



Natrasoap is low toxic for you and your garden, biodegradable and non-residual, with no withholding period on food crops.

- Muriel



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