

## Welcome



What an amazing spring! The creeks are running, the garden smiling and the wildflowers are looking the best for many a year.

Zanthorrea always look fabulous in spring, and this year is no exception. There are many new release plants to enjoy and new products to make gardening easier. And two new smiling team members are here to help with your enquiries.

In this issue is Janine's Bush Tucker ideas and more favourite plants from the team. Find out what's in flower now, and what to plant in the vege garden.

Hope you enjoy the spring Bush Telegraph.

Ross Alec Jackie and the team

## Congratulations

To the winners of the Winter Flower Photo Competition:

- Clare Palmer
- David Macmath
- Fiona Elliot
- Richard Sawicki

The judge James Demitri was so impressed with the standard of entries he chose 4 Winners! Go to Facebook to see all the entries and to pick your favourite.

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## New Team

### Welcome our new team members

We are delighted to welcome Lisa and Lauren to Zanthorrea. They both come with great enthusiasm of Australian plants and general garden centre experience.



Hi, I'm Lisa, just starting to grow and form roots at Zanthorrea Nursery. I'm not totally new to the industry, having worked at various retail garden centres over the years. Recently I've had a bit of a break, travelling and enjoying exploring the art world.

Having grown up in the Perth Hills, I'm really happy and motivated to be learning more about Australian native plants with the inspirational Zanthorrea team.



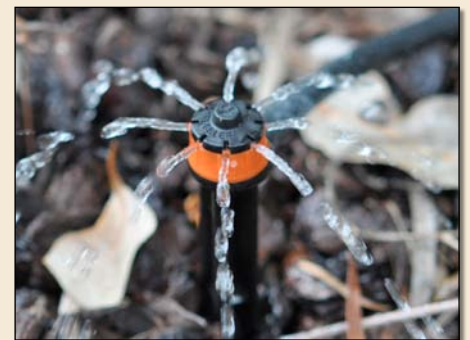
Lauren loves the outdoors and has followed her dream of working with plants. After completing her Horticulture Certificate 3 last year, she worked at a northern suburbs garden centre, before joining the Zanthorrea team. Lauren loves helping create great gardens and her special interest is bonsai with Australian plants.

## Garden Talks

### Simple reticulation systems

Saturday 8th October, 10am  
Having reticulation to your new plants will help them survive their first summer and save you time and money. The best retic system is a simple one. Join Ross as we look at the easiest and most effective ways to deliver water to both your native garden and your vege patch.

Join us for a cuppa and biscuits  
Gold coin donation to Kanyana  
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*Shrubber in use*

### Water wise, garden wise

Saturday 5th November, 10am  
Create beautiful gardens with drought hardy native plants, saving money and time. Join Jackie to share waterwise tips to keep the garden looking good with less water.

Enjoy a cuppa and biscuits  
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## Spring flora: Team Favourites

### John

My favourite is the Wedding Bush (*Ricinocarpus tuberculatus*). I have a screen of about six Wedding Bushes growing in a narrow spot between the south facing wall of my home and the north facing fence. There is limited sun in winter and full sun in summer. They only have a soil bed 60 cm wide, yet grew quickly and vigorously. In winter they look stunning, weeping with the water droplets on their foliage. In spring they reward me with masses of white flowers. Smaller birds nest in them each year. Looking at the evergreen foliage from my office window has turned a potentially cold, harsh, neglected place into something natural and rewarding. I do have to prune them quite hard each year to keep them controlled as some of the taller branches can reach well over 4m.



*Ricinocarpus tuberculatus*

### Diana

#### Thryptomene:

At this time of year, I always think what good value the thryptomene are for their extended winter flowering. My favourite would have to be *Thryptomene saxicola* 'Pink Lace' which starts in early June and goes through into September. The *Thryptomene saxicola* 'Mingenew' is close behind followed by *Thryptomene* 'FC Payne'.



*Thryptomene 'Pink Lace'*

### Danielle

Purple purple purple....

*Thomasia purpurea* is a small shrub 1 metre by 1 metre wide, which is covered in papery-purple flowers at this time of the year. Super tough in hills soils and full sun, even doing well in shadier positions!

*Eremophila microtheca* is another small tough plant to add to the collection. With its small bushy habit (80 cms x 80cm), grey foliage, bird attracting flowers and fast growth – you can't go wrong. It tolerates full sun and most soils!



*Danielle with a Thomasia purpurea*



*Thomasia purpurea and Eremophila microtheca in Danielle's garden.*

### In My Garden (Muriel)

Day off so it's out into my garden. Took a stroll out there, with coffee cup in hand and did a count of different flowers out now. 80!! Can you believe? Its just your average size suburban block down on the sandplains but with varying heights and lots of little plants (there's always room for one more!) I have my own little wildflower display.



*Everlastings in Muriel's Garden*

With this lovely spring weather its time to think ahead and start preparing for summer which means its time to MULCH! First of all I am attacking the weeds out front on my verge. One little area that isn't mulched and planted and I have more weeds there than the rest of the garden. If I get onto them now before they set seed they won't be tenfold next year. I lift the soil round them first with a shovel and that makes them a lot easier to remove. (Who needs to belong to the gym when you are a gardener!)

Now it is time to plant it out with ground-hugging eremophilas. They will need weekly watering this summer but after that I expect them to be drought hardy and survive with the rest of the garden on less than that. Any new plants get hand-watered (a good soak) from my rainwater tank. Time to sit back now and watch all the birds enjoying my garden too!

-Muriel





## What to plant

### Heirloom vegetables:

Spring is upon us! It's time to plant all those fantastic warm weather veges. With heirloom fruit and vegetables there are so many exciting varieties to choose from. This season we have Heirloom Farm's organically grown seedlings available once again. With 50 varieties of tomatoes plus lots of capsicums, chillies, pumpkins, melons, etc, there's heaps to choose from! Come on in and check out what's in stock now. (Availability varies.)

- Alix



### News from Kanyana Wildlife

Kanyana has a wonderful new facility and the team is keen to show it off. Regular Nocturnal Tours are scheduled for the first Friday and the second Saturday of the month. To book alternate dates for groups of 10 or more, contact Kanyana.

BOOKINGS are essential so call the office on 92913900. Kanyana Wildlife Centre is possible due to the wonderful work of the volunteers. If you can spare some time to help, call Kanyana on 92913900.



### BushTucker

Bush tucker plants are great additions to our gardens as they provide tasty treats for unexpected garden guests. There is a large selection of native plants that have medicinal and edible properties.

Tempt your taste buds with our updated Bush Tucker list.

We have a selection of bush tucker plants in stock.

Did you know...

~ the woody fruits of *Hakea prostrata* can be cooked on an open fire? The seeds can be eaten when cooked and have a taste similar to that of almonds.

~ the flowers from *Kennedia prostrata* provide a sweet nectar and the leaves can make a tea like drink with a pleasant flavour

~ that the seeds from *Lomandra longifolia* can be ground into a flour to make cakes.

~ to make a refreshing sweet drink all you need is with the flowers from *Banksia attenuata*, *B grandis* or *B ericifolia*.



*Kennedia prostrata*

Perhaps a cup of tea is more appealing. Then *Correa alba* or *Baeckea virgata* could just be the plant for your garden

Collect a copy when you next visit us or you can download it from our website.

[www.zanthorrea.com](http://www.zanthorrea.com)

### Organic seeds now in stock

Reward your family with fresh vegies straight from your own backyard. We now stock a great selection of organic seeds from Select Organic. These seeds are non-hybrid, open pollinated, tried and true old fashioned varieties



### What to plant in the vegie garden

It's time to plant tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant and chilli.

Leafy veges for spring include rocket, silverbeet and cos lettuce.

Plant melons pumpkin and squash if you have plenty of room, and sow corn if water is plentiful. Have fun!



### What's flowering now?

There is so much in flower this time of year. *Chorizema cordatum*, *Banksia blechnifolia* *Thysanotus multiflorus*, *Grevillea Ellendale* Pool, *Lechenaultia biloba* and many *Verticordias* to name just a few.



*Verticordia chrysantha*



## What's new?

### Colourful Kneelos

Kneelos are the ultra cushion kneeler with memory foam technology. Whether you are gardening or scrubbing the flowers or at a picnic, enjoy your kneelo. In assorted colours, they make a quirky but useful gift.

\$38.95



### For crafty types!

Beautiful presented, these gifts are ideal for stocking fillers, or for making your own personalised Christmas gift tags.



Box of 12 heavy paper tags & string.  
Box of 18 wooden pencils.

Each priced at \$13.45

### Christmas cards

Looking for something different? Arriving soon is the beautiful range of Christmas cards and tags from popular Red Tractor Co, that supports the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We also have new Christmas cards from other suppliers.

### Decorator tableware: Nicola Cerini

These beautifully presented table mats with matching coasters are designed by Nicola Cerini. They are stain resistant and withstand heat up to 100 degrees C.

Boxed in sets of 6, for gift giving

Dinner mats \$26.95

Coasters \$13.95

Team mats and coasters with boxed matching cups @ \$13.95



### Yates Garden Fresh Cookbook

For more than 125 years, Yates has provided gardeners with seeds, reliable gardening products and practical knowledgeable advice. Best selling gardening book Yates Garden Guide now has a companion. The combination of fresh new ideas and tried and tested heritage recipes provide inspiration for using your garden produce in the kitchen. RRP \$45.95



### Grow your own!

Whether you are an experienced vege gardener or growing your first pot of herbs, growing your own is a lot of fun and rewards you with the freshest veges and herbs you can get. A good place to start is with herbs in a pot, and with Yates new 'Grow your own' kits it has never been easier to get started. The kit includes a 200mm pot, seeds guaranteed to germinate, potting mix, instructions and hints for successful growing. Everything you need to get started growing your own veges.

#### Yates Grow Your Own

Varieties include Coriander, Spicy Chilli, Rocket and French Radish. Great value @ \$15.95.



### Confidor Tablets

Yates have released a new product to make pest control of large trees easy! It is a tablet you place in the soil that works systemically through the plant to tackle mealy bug, scale and many other sucking insects.



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