



Welcome



Spring is here!

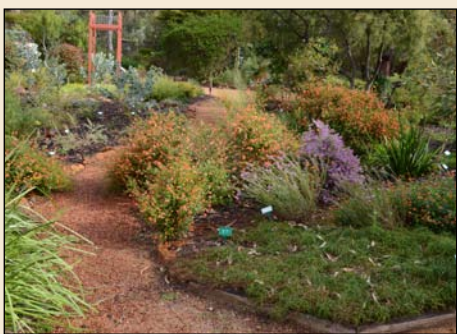
Record breaking rains have filled our rain water tanks, and now with the warm weather we are enjoying the wonderful wildflowers. It is a perfect time to potter in the garden. At Zanthorrea, many new plants and products have arrived in time for the busy garden season.

In the spring Bush Telegraph, we explore where to go to find the best wildflowers. David highlights tip pruning and Ross outlines how to create a native garden pot paradise! Janine is our bush tucker expert and writes about a few easy ones to grow in your garden.

We look forward to welcoming you to Zanthorrea this spring.

Best wishes from Alec, Jackie, Ross and the team.

Congratulations Paula on attaining your Horticulture Certificate.



"Our display gardens are looking terrific and the flowers are out. Pop in and have a wander around!"

What's News

Zanthorrea was established in 1975, so we are two years away from our 40th birthday! From very humble beginnings selling home-grown plants out of our shed, we now have a gift shop, sunny atrium, gazebo, children's playground and beautiful plant area.



Our latest development is a series of storyboards to talk about features of Zanthorrea, from water recycling, accreditation, sustainable gardening, to information about the garden design or sculptures. Take a tour of the gardens and find out more about your local garden centre from our new story boards.



Troforte

Zanthorrea is now stocking the Troforte range of fertilisers, that has been highly praised by nursery professionals. Added microbes help bring the soil to life. The range includes: All Purpose, Flower and Fruit, Lawn and the CRF range. (Controlled Release Fertiliser)

What's On



Outback style gardens

With Sue Torlach, from "Wild about gardens"

The 'Outback' style of garden is gaining in popularity, both for its low maintenance and waterwise characteristics, and for the fabulous spring flower show!

Join Sue to discuss design principles and plant choice.

Saturday 19th October, 10am.

RSVP to 9454 6260.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



The Art of a native pot garden

Join Ross for an interactive demonstration on how best to pot up your native plants. Find out some tips and tricks to give you greater success.

Sunday 10th November, 10am.

RSVP to 9454 6260.

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"Zanthorrea has now been on facebook for over 2 years, and we would like to thank everyone who has followed our stories and joined us to discuss gardening with Australian plants!"



Like us on Facebook!



Spring Gardening

Bush Tucker

Native plants that are edible are a great addition to the garden. There are many to choose from including these special varieties:

Austromyrtus dulcis - This small shrub has a tasty little edible berry.

Astroloma humifusum - The fruit of this little rockery plant has a sweet taste similar to apples.

Enchylaena tomentosa - One of the toughest ground covers around, this one has a soft foliage and an edible red/orange berry.

Native Lime - A bit of a prickly plant with an amazing fruit!

Backhousia citriodora - The leaves of this tree make an excellent tea and can also be used in cooking. The plant itself has proven to make an excellent pot plant for patios.



Limited numbers are available so plant some of these special plants in your garden this weekend.

Janine



Obelisks for climbers

We now have a range of attractive obelisks to grow your climbing plants on.

Tip pruning know-how

Tip pruning is a fantastic way to encourage your shrubs to not only have a beautiful bushy look, but also encourages more flowers and make for a stronger and healthier plant.



David with *Thryptomene saxicola*

The difference between tip pruning and 'traditional' pruning is you are only removing the tips and not back into the hard wood. These two plants I am holding are the same species and age, only one was tip pruned from an early age. You can see the difference. The tip pruned one is beautiful and bushy and will be a much better plant in the garden. - David

"Tip prune little and often and your plants will love you for it!"



Casuarina 'Cousin It'

The Art of the Native Pot Garden

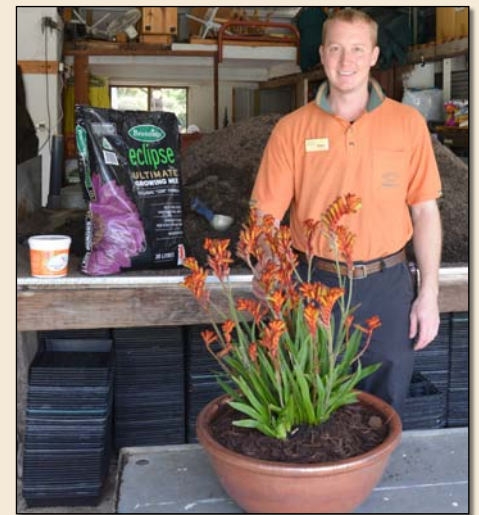
It is often thought that native plants are better off in the ground than growing them in a pot, and while this is true for some, other plants you will have a greater success if kept as a container plant.

By growing your natives in a pot you can control the conditions, soil and aspect the plant will grow in.

As Australian plants come from so many varied soil types (even within the Perth region) you can have success with a plant that would not normally grow in your backyard.

Choose a potting mix that will match the needs of your chosen plant: Anigozanthos, Boronia, Callistemon and Lechenaultia have all proven to do best in the coir mix 'Brunnings Eclipse', while Banksias, Grevilleas, Isopogon, Macropedia and Hakeas all seem to prefer a well drained sandy mix like the Amgrow Native Potting mix.

Choose a pot that will match your plants growing style: tall for a ground cover to spill over, wide base for any tall shrubs or a squat round for a Kangaroo Paw assortment. Be mindful of the shape of the pot as if it tapers in at the top, you may not be able to get the plant out later.



Ross with *Anigozanthos 'Bush Fling'*

Maintain regular watering and feed twice a year with a slow release fertiliser. Prune the foliage once or twice a year and if possible check on the roots every few years, as it is possible to prune roots and repot back into the same pot. -Ross

For more info on Australian plants in pots download the info sheet from the gardening info section of the Zanthorrea Website.



Wildflower Hot spots!

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Alec and I have just returned from a quick trip to see the wildflowers. No, we didn't catch the elusive wreath lechenaultia, but in four short days we saw hundreds of different species as well as carpets of everlastings. There is still time to catch the wonderful spring floral display. -Jackie



Pink Everlasting

Lesueur National Park is a 20 km drive east from Jurien Bay. The one way drive will take you through a wonderland of flora. We made time to take an easy 1.5 hour walk around the hillside. Among the many many species, we found cat's paw, enamel orchids, spider orchids, tinsel lily, pop bush, Darwinia, Isopogon, Diplolaena, and Verticordia grandis.

Spider Orchid --Not available for purchase



Mullewa to Perenjori is famous for the wreath lechenaultias and carpets of everlastings. Take the Mullewa to Wubin road and you may find: cowslip, bee and spider orchids, everlastings, native foxgloves, pop bush, Darwinia, Dampiera, Grevillea eriostachya, Grevillea excelsior, and many more.

Badgingarra National Park has a long walk that starts near the roadhouse and takes you up the hill through a number of different soil types. We found a small stand of black kangaroo paws, several species of cottonheads, many catspaw, several species of Verticordia, Banksia carinoides, more orchids, Lambertia, Darwinia to name just a few!



A beautiful Verticordia

Local wildflower viewing.

There is no need to travel so far to see the wildflowers. There are numerous places around Perth to view wildflowers.



Macropidia 'Midnight'

Kings Park Botanic Gardens. September is Wildflower Festival, but the wildflowers in Kings Park will look splendid right through spring and early summer. Don't miss the grafted Qualup bells, spectacular feather flowers, cottonheads and kangaroo paws. Check out the banksia garden, not far from the huge boab tree.

Zigzag or Gooseberry Hill National Park. Join the happy crowds on Sunday October 6th for a walk down the Zigzag.

<http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/Leisure-Tourism/Whats-On/Regular-Events/Walk-the-Zig-Zag>



Conostylis juncea

There will be plenty of time to view the wildflowers while you enjoy the activities put on by various community groups. Or go it alone and look for white myrtle, lemon scented darwinia, fuchsia grevillea, kangaroo paws, orchids, Dampiera, Conostylis, Acacia pulchella.



Anigozanthos manglesii

Jorgenson Park. Use Google to help you find this dog friendly park, just off Mundaring Weir Road. Many Perth local plants are found here: Pink and white myrtle, Acacia saligna, one-sided bottlebrush, orchids, red and green kangaroo paws, Scaevola, Dampiera, Constylis – far too many to mention.



Hypocalymma 'Coconut Ice'



Spring in the Giftshop



Beautiful wrapping and gifts

Thurlby is back with more of the old handmade favourites including drawer sachets, clothing protectors, heat packs and a new trio soap block. All wrapped in beautiful new packaging inspired by nature, they make a beautiful small gift. Also in are the new fizzy bath cupcakes and 'treat tin's' (small/large) containing popular Thurlby products.



Don Burke's Gardening Adventure

For the Kids

Quirky new series of Australian animal children's books by Conny Fechner, including the popular 'There's A Possum on the Porch'. \$12.95- \$14.95. Also a Kids Garden Adventure Kit by Don Burke. \$19.95. Cordy Roy kangaroo rattle toy for babies by Annabel Trends. \$15.95

Long Sleeve Gloves

Colourful cotton Australian made gloves. \$24.95. Quality scratch protector gloves made of soft but durable goat skin. \$34.95



New additions to the Bookshelf

First is the lovely book 'Birdscaping'. A great in depth book on how to landscape your garden for attracting birds using Australian plants, also providing plant and bird profiles. RRP \$59.95. Arriving shortly will be "Australian Native Plants'-the Kings Park Experience edited by Mark Webb. Hot off the press is 'How To Enjoy WA Wildflowers' by Jim Barrow, a handy small book to take out on wildflower trips. Jim covers where to start looking, how plants evolve in their habitat, their sneaky secrets on pollination and covers a big range of species you are likely to see!



"Zanthorrea continually stocks a large ever changing range of beautiful Australian made cards and wrapping paper. Keep an eye out for new designs!" - Danielle

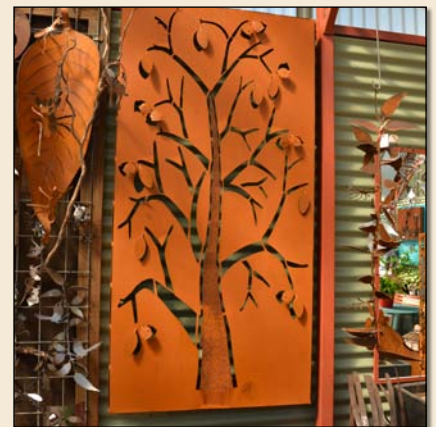


Featured artists: Paul & Kaye Moro

Local Kalamunda artist Paul Moro has been creating this wonderful metal art for over 15 years.

Paul's background is in Industrial design, which he studied at Curtin University in Western Australia.

The original idea for his sculptures came from working in the robotics field and the analogy he made with nature to find solutions to his work. This led to investigations into insects from which his mechanoid raw metal insects were born. He and his wife Kaye now have a fantastic range of Australian themed artwork, and we are proud to have these sculptures at Zanthorrea!



This large tree sculpture is one of Paul and Kaye's favourite pieces, and would look amazing with some back lighting behind it!



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