## Welcome

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Spring is in the air and it feels great. This is such a special time of year as the whole garden comes to life with flowers and bird life.

The Winter Wildflower competition has been judged and with so many excellent entries, the judging was especially challenging. See page 2 and on Facebook for the winners and judges comments.

Page 3 has some tips about creating bonsai with Australian plants. Ross has created some amazing shapes with a little pruning.

Christmas overseas post is closing soon. Look no further for gift ideas that are unique and lightweight.

Enjoy the spring outdoors and the special time in the bush and garden.

Best wishes

Ross Alec and Jackie



Everlastings at the Kings Park Gardens

## Newsworthy

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Congratulations to Kings Park Botanic Garden for staging yet another fabulous Wildflower Festival. This year there are a number of new features including 'Dig it with Coffee' at Zamia Café where you can get some gardening tips from a horticulturist and chat with a Kings Park Master Gardener.



Then there are the regular guided wildflower walks and plenty of activites for the children. The festival closes 30th September so you only have a few days left to enjoy the beauty of our own Kings Park.

Of special interest, the 'Backyard Botanical Gardens' surrounding Zamia café have been designed using plants that are easy to grow in the home garden.



Pssst: The long weekend at the end of September is famous for the Friends of Kings Park plant sale. Check out the website.

www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park

## What's On

### Walk the Zigzag

### Date: 5th October 2014

Walk the Zig Zag is a unique FREE annual community event combining the stunningly beautiful Zig Zag Scenic drive in Gooseberry Hill. Walkers meander the 3km scenic journey, enjoying the beauty of the spring landscape, lively entertainment, activities and stalls en route. More info on Kalamunda Shire's website.

### Walk on the wild side

### 18th October, meet at 9.30am in the gazebo at Zanthorrea.

Put on your walking shoes and sunhat, and join Alec and Jackie for a guided bushwalk. This year, we explore the dog friendly bush track at Jorgeson Park. The huge variety of plants include leschenautlia, kangaroo paws, flag iris, buttercups. RSVP 94546260. Enjoy a cuppa for a gold coin donation to Kanyana Wildlife Centre.



### Small plants for small spaces 8th November, 10am.

Join Jackie to discover the new release plants and old favourites that can be used in small spaces, from pots to courtyards to compact cottage gardens. Discuss design features that work best in small spaces.

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# Photo Competition 2014 Results

The results are in for the 2014 'Winter Wildflower Photo Competition', and this year we had a fantastic turnout of beautiful entries. It was not an easy job to judge the competition with over 80 entries, so we must say a big thanks to Rod Lawson Kerr from 'The Print Side of Things' for his time judging.

#### Here are the winning photos



### **First Prize: Brett Jacobs** photo of Eucalyptus macrocarpa

"Great composition showing strong structure. Good choice of subject and good exposure."



Second Prize: Peta Worth

"Great use of Depth of Field to emphasize the detail in the petals and stamen. Beautifully blurred background serves to emphasize the subject as a whole. Once again, a very well exposed image."



**Third Prize: Tina Kordys** *"Well exposed with crisp sharp detail. Well composed and really shows the structure of the flower."* 



### Honorable Mention: Beth Baker

"Another beautifully shot image, which only made the selection harder. Once again, great use of Depth of Field to emphasize the flower cluster and separate it from the background."

### Picks from the team

We don't have room to show you all the staff favourites, but here is a selection from the competition. If you want to see all the entries from the competition be sure to head over to Zanthorreas Facebook page and 'like' your favourites too.



Ross's pick is of this Hakea laurina by Chris De Blank. A fantastic photo of one of the teams favourite plants. They sure attract a lot of birds and bees into the garden!



This photo by Kerry Graham of Banksia meisneri is Alec's favourite as it reminds him of little fireworks!



Danielle loves the bright colours and beautiful form of this Banksia photo by Malinda Kay.

# Sensational Spring

Bush Telegraph

### Bonsaí



Pimelea 'White Solitaire'

Spring brings with it a new 'Plant of the Month' where \$1 from the purchase of every plant will be donated to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation centre. This month's plant is the Pimelea 'White Solitaire'. This compact shrub makes a mass of white flowers. Try mixing it up with some pink Pimelea ferruginea for a spring sensation!

#### **Flowering Performers**

Looking for a spring time favourite? Here are a few hardy flowering spring favouritres from the staff at Zanthorrea.



#### Acacia binervia

Looking for a fast growing, hardy, showy tree that will screen out your neighbours. Well look no further than the Coastal Myall. Fast growing to 10m, with large yellow flowers in Spring. - Ross



Phebalium squamulosum



Diana is the Zanthorrea plant buyer. She liases with our production team, and then sources plants to fill the gaps.

Diana has been at Zanthorrea for over 10 years and has an extensive knowledge of Australian plants. Her own garden was selected to be opened by the Australian Open Garden Scheme, and was much admired by the visitors. Her favourite plant at the moment is Phebalium. -Diana

"PS Phebalium squamulosum: Phebalium from the Greek term for fig, and squamulosum, meaning scaly referring to scales on underside of the leaves."



#### Thomasia purpurea

Thomasia purpurea has Stunning flowers on delicate looking leaves, and that is why it is Jackie's favourite. Don't be fooled - this one is very hardy and grows in sun or even in dry shade. Mixes well with other Thomasia, Chorizema, Correa and Mini Baeckea in a cottage garden.

-Jackie



Australian plants make great bonsais and with a little patience they will bring you Joy, peace and satisfaction! We now have in store a wide range of Bonsai pots from \$5 to \$30. Use a 'Native' potting mix and alternate your feeding with a native slow release fertiliser and a native organic fertiliser. Be sure to keep your bonsai watered well through out the year as they don't have much soil to keep hydrated. Prune the foliage often, and the roots once every couple of years. There are plenty of different techniques you can implement to create a unique bonsai, for more ideas pop in and have a chat to Ross.



Here are some easy plants to get started with Bonsai:

Acacia 'Green Wave' Acacia guinetti Calothamnus hirsutus Calothamnus quadrifidus prostrate Casuarina humilis Leptospermum sericeum Melaleuca violacea prostrate Melaleuca incana nana

### Bush Telegraph

# Gorgeous gifts and goodies

### Eco Products

A variety of eco products made in England from recycled coffee cups, fridge doors, paper, yoghurt tubs and other household waste items. Wall clock \$79.95, sundial \$44.95, rice bird feeder \$15.95, chalk board \$39.95, picture frames \$38.95.

Check out the DIY birdhouse, made from recycled materials that are also 100% recyclable. It comes flat packed so you can easily send!



Decorative wire birds (\$11.95) and large hanging lanterns (\$59.95) have arrived. They are handmade in India under Fair Trade.



### **MES Homewares**

Check out the quirky decorative bowls and ball ornaments made from rolled up recycled paper from magazines. Spring parties will look great with tealight holders and colourful hanging paper ornaments from \$5.95.





### Mokoh

New design in placemats and coasters, with matching Christmas gift tags, Christmas card packs, wrapping paper and blank cards. All designed are made in Australia. From \$5.95.



### **Early Christmas Shopping**

Handmade jewellery by WA photographer Mel Parker. These gorgeous earrings and necklaces are beautifully packaged and light enough to send overseas. Each piece has information on the flower featured and jewellery details.

This year's lovely Christmas cards are also arriving in store.

### Keep It Clean!

New handmade soap by Thurlby Herb Farm wrapped in muslin bags. \$8.95. Spice, citrus and blossom. Team it with a natural bristle nail or body brush by Wild Bath and Body starting at \$8.95.

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### Smelling Fresh!

Live Australia have produced beautifully packaged scent diffusers, refills, candles and incense. Australian made with lovely native animal motifs, starting at \$5.95.



Danielle with new children's books

### Santaleuca Sandalwood

Sandalwood is highly prized as one of the world's oldest natural soothing products. We now have sandalwood shavings in 100gm bags (\$16.95) and handmade eye pillows for \$8.95, made right here in WA! Shavings can be used for eye pillows, car and home air fresheners and even used in smoked food.

"With Christmas getting closer new giftware, pottery and outdoor garden art is arriving each week so make sure you pop in for a visit!"

-Danielle

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