



## Welcome



Welcome to a spring full of colour! We have seen a wet July and August bring new life back into the garden, and now that the weather is also warming up the plants are all putting on some new growth.

WA is well known for its beautiful spring wildflowers, and it is a great time to get out and about in the bush and the home garden. It is getting a little late to seed the WA everlasting daisy, but we still have a few in pots for those wishing to grow some. If you are looking for colour in the garden, have a look at page 3 for some of our staff favourites.

All the best for some bright spring gardening. - Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.

*Congratulations to Rose on her recent marriage to Glen, we wish you a long and joyous marriage!*



Welcome to little baby Alec Cheyne Hooper who has joined us in this world weighing in at 3.15kgs. He takes his names from Alec Lionel Hooper and the late Jean Cheyne Hooper.

## Photo Comp

Last year's spring photo competition saw a large number of high quality entries and we are looking forward to running the competition again in 2017. The competition this year is running through the month of October and we will once again have 3 prizes: Facebook likes award, staff pick and judges award.

Terms and conditions are on our website, [www.zanthorrea.com](http://www.zanthorrea.com) and all entries will be showcased on our Facebook page.



*Here are the three winners from last years competition.*

If you want to enter the competition, send in your photo to [info@zanthorrea.com](mailto:info@zanthorrea.com) between 1st Oct and 31st of Oct with your name and we will upload them to our Facebook gallery. Like us on Facebook to see all the beautiful photo entries of Australian flowers.

*"Change over to our email Bush Telegraph and choose to also receive updates on the plant of the month and event reminders."* - Ross

## What's On



### Flower photography Tutorials

We have 2 flower photography workshops coming up in the start of October, at the very reasonable price of \$20 with half donated to Kanyana wildlife rehabilitation centre! The workshops will be run by Erinna Ford, a local professional photographer, who will provide hints and tips on how to improve your photography to capture beautiful wildflower images.

RSVP is essential as spaces are limited: 08 9454 6260. A camera with manual settings is preferable.

**Cost: \$20. 1 hour session.**

**Sunday 1st of October at 10am.**

**Saturday 7th of October at 10am.**



### Getting started with Bonsai

Janine will be presenting a hands on demonstration on how to start your first Bonsai, with tips on which plants you can use (including native plants).

**Saturday 28th of October at 10am.**

**Gold coin donation to Kanyana.**

RSVP: 08 9454 6260.



## Pollinate Me

### Save our pollinators!

*"Without the actions of pollinators, our agricultural economies, our food supplies and surrounding landscapes would collapse."* (Pollinator Partnership, <http://pollinator.org/pollinators>)



Birds, bats, bees, butterflies and small mammals that pollinate plants are said to bring us one out of every three bites of food. They visit flowers to sip nectar or feed off pollen and transport pollen grains as they travel, thus pollinating the plants we depend upon.

Many pollinators are in decline and this is especially obvious in our home gardens. Causes are complex but are attributed to pollution, chemicals and climate change. The decline of the honey bee has received media attention, but the decline of local pollinators is also serious, resulting in Australian plants species being threatened with extinction.



*Grevilleas are great bird attractors*

### Save our pollinators:

\* Plant a variety of bird and insect attracting plants.

- \* Provide water for birds, insects and other wildlife where possible.
- \* Cease the use of chemicals and other pollutants in our gardens.
- \* Discourage predators.



*Conostylis candicans is a tough 'Bits of Bush' plant!*

### Introducing 'Bits of Bush'

By the end of summer, the local bush may look a little dowdy. In autumn these 'bits of bush' spring to life with glorious foliage and soon display a wonderful splash of colour. Our local 'Bits of Bush' are worthy of a place in our gardens. They need no water once established and no fertiliser or aftercare. 'Bits of Bush' support our local wildlife, from birds, reptile and mammals to insect pollinators that are so important for local plants and food plants alike.

'Bits of Bush' for your garden include:

- \* *Acacia pulchella* or *A. lasiocarpa*
- \* *Hypocalymma angustifolium*
- \* *Hypocalymma robustum*
- \* *Conostylis candicans*
- \* *Lechenaultia biloba*
- \* *Grevillea synaphea*



- \* *Patersonia occidentalis*



- \* *Calothamnus quadrifidus*
- \* *Darwinia citriodora*

PS: Bits of Bush planted in spring will require twice weekly water over their first summer.

### Starter Plants

Can I still plant tube stock (starter plants) in spring?

Short answer - Yes!

The soil is moist and will soon be warming up. Plants are ready to burst with new growth.

For tube stock success follow these few tips.

- Plant with soil improver. Use a handful of soil improver mixed in well with your existing soil in the planting hole.
- Water plant in with a weak seaweed solution.
- Use slow release fertiliser for natives.
- Water every second day from planting and through the first summer.

With the above attention the tube stock plants will flourish.

Andrea



*Our local Hardenberia comptoniana have been putting on an amazing show this year. We have some new plants in 140mm pots ready soon.*



## Colour Our World

### One word to describe spring:

#### Colourful

The colours we choose in our garden may reflect our personalities and our desire to create a certain style of garden. They also affect our mood.



Muriel's spring garden.

Greens in the garden are easy to look at, creating a peaceful feeling. Bright colours of red, yellow and orange are exciting and cheerful. The soft palette of cream, mauve, pinks and pale blues are gentle and restful, perfectly suited to cottage gardens. White flowers are calming and elegant and look at home in a more formal garden.

It's fun to plant a mixture of colours to create a natural looking wildflower garden.

#### Turquoise Rose

My favourite colour is turquoise. I think this is because growing up in the Wheatbelt, going to the beach was a really special summer time treat. I still love the luminescent colour of our pristine beaches here in WA.



My first memory of my favourite

colour is having a box of watercolour paints. I loved the greeny-blue one, and my Mum told me it was called turquoise.

When I think about this spectrum of oceanic colour in plants, I think about:

Dianella "Cassa Blue" for its grey blue strappy leaves and crystal blue flowers.

Lomandra "Nyalla" for its greeny grey grassy fronds which sway in the wind like gentle waves.

and

Eremophila "Blue Horizon" for its muted silver blue leaves which remind me of sea spray.

- Rose Cox

#### Amy's Favourite Colour

It probably comes as no surprise to learn that my favourite colour is green! To me it symbolises life, nature and health. We all know that leaves are green, but did you know that there are also some stunning green flowers?



- \* Anigozanthos viridis.
- \* Eremophila subflocosa.
- \* Anigozanthos flavidus.
- \* Melaleuca diosmifolia.

#### Jackie loves Yellow

Yellow brings to mind happiness, optimism, enthusiasm, hope, fun.

It has always been a favourite colour since I bought my first car, an elegant Honda Scamp in 'sunshine yellow'.



Yellow flowers in the garden stand out in a sea of other colours. I love the bright Acacia pulchella (prickly moses), cheerful Xerochrysum hybrids (straw daisies) and the eye popping Pomaderris lanigera. In autumn, the Illyarie gum (Eucalyptus erythrocorys) is a fabulous show stopper.

#### Orange is Lorretta's Favourite

A colour that emits warmth and energy. At this time of year provides an array of colour in the garden.



- Chorizema cordatum.
- Banksia ashbyi dwarf.
- Grevillea olivacea orange.

#### Growsafe Fertiliser

It is a granular mineral based fertiliser with over 60 minerals and 25 microbial species.

It is suitable for all areas of the garden including natives, fruit and vegetables, lawn, trees and ornamentals.

Just check the directions for how much to use and how often.

It is non toxic to pets and animals and at \$31.95 for 10kg it is good value.

- Muriel.



## What's new in the gift shop?

We are only months away from Christmas, so keep an eye on the shelves in the shop as they are full of new gifts with many more exciting products to come!

### Good Riddance

Its 'see ya later' to mozzies and midgies with this range. New products; reed diffuser (\$39.95). 'Baby' essential oil blend (\$20.95) and electric ultrasonic diffuser.

### Future Shelter

This new company is my favourite! A local Perth company producing coasters, wooden serving boards, tea towels and.....ENGLISH MADE BONE CHINA CUPS! These come from one of the last remaining factories in England. We can finally have china that's not made in China! Better still this company prints its own contemporary native flora & fauna artwork onto them right here in WA! \$26.95 each.



### Euclove

Clean the natural way. Eucalyptus, Clove and other essential oils make your home clean and smell delightfully fresh. Chemical free and made in Melbourne. From \$6.95.



### Cloverfields

Fragrant lemon myrtle hand wash, hand/body lotion and room spritz. \$14.95. Bush themed natural soaps \$7.95. All Australian made too!



### Banksia Gallery

This set of 6 hand turned Banksia aroma pods make a great house warming gift. One for each room! This popular range has fresh new Australiana style packaging.

### Red Tractor Designs and Rodriquez

Pair a teatowel with a cup, plate, quote book or even some yummy preserves to make a cute gift! Look for the new Australian made RTD card range and new RTD prints on 100% linen teatowels! These quality teatowels are still made here!



### Imagine Ellie:

This quirky range now features stemless wine glasses with coolers, gift card packs and coasters with their popular quotes, more to come!



### Emma Blyth;

Emma's new artwork is printed on cheery coasters (set of 6-\$46.95), matted prints and art tiles \$42.95. Great WA made gifts!



### Mt Macedon by Maine Beach

Inspired by the grand historical estates and gardens in Mt Macedon, Victoria, these body products have a soft Rose scent with organic rosehip oil, and are presented in soft feminine packaging. From \$9.95.



Paula, our resident English export has given me a list of her favourite 'easy to post overseas' gifts;

- \* Coasters by Future Shelter.
- \* Flat pack Imagine Ellie vase.
- \* Lemon myrtle tea.
- \* Notepad, recipe magnet and magnetic shopper.
- \* Buttonworks wooden Christmas decorations .
- \* Thurlby clothing freshener.
- \* Secateur pouches.
- \* Wildflower calendars.
- \* Imagine Ellie wine glass coolers.

Happy shopping.  
-Danielle



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