



## Welcome!



Spring is a special time of year, especially if you are a wildflower enthusiast. There is just so much to see, and we are spoilt with all the walks and flower trails on our doorstep. If you don't like to travel, why not grow your own wildflowers in the home garden or in pots on the balcony. We have plenty of nice plants coming into flower this spring including the showy Kangaroo Paws.

Have a most enjoyable spring, Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team.



### Welcome Ben to the Team!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ben who joins us on the team at Zanthorrea. He brings with him experience and a passion for native plants and has previously worked at Kings Park.

*Congratulations Danielle on your new baby girl, Grace! We wish you all the best on your year of maternity leave.*

### Spring Wildflowers

You don't have to go way out bush to enjoy the stunning WA wildflowers. Jorgensen Park is just out from Kalamunda CBD, it is the start of the Bibbulmun track and backs onto the National Park. Jorgensen Park itself is dog friendly and has a lot of beautiful walks. It used to be a golf course, but off into the scrubs are some excellent wildflowers!



*Riley enjoying the wildflower trail with an Isopogon dubius.*



*Hypocalymma robustum*



*Kennedia coccinea*

**For more local wildflowers walks check out these locations:** Maida Vale Reserve, Pipehead Dam, Lesmurdie Falls top and bottom, Bold Park.

*For the hills plant ID's download the 'Local Flora and Bushlands' publication from the Shire of Mundaring website. - Ross*

## What's On



### Building a Native Bee House

Making native bee accommodation can be fun. Join us to learn how to encourage native bees into your garden and provide a nesting area for them. Janine will give a hands on demonstration using recycled and upcycled bits and pieces.

**10am Saturday the 12th of October.**

**Gold coin donation to Kanya.**

**RSVP: 08 9454 6260**



### Creating a Fairy Garden

Join Janine to learn how to create and maintain a miniature fairy garden, including which plants will work well and how to attract fairies with mini landscapes. Learn how to make and create your own garden.

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## Three Top Genus

### Grevilleas

The grevillea flowers are known for their bird attracting properties. They have a diverse range of uses: from groundcover, hedge to shade tree.



#### Grevillea 'Cherry Pie'

This grevillea is a hybrid of *G. longistyla* and *G. elegans*, and has ripe cherry red flowers. It is also a tough performer in the garden, growing to 2m high in sun or part shade. Also useful for hedging.



#### Grevillea 'New Blood'

A beautiful ground cover with large red flowers autumn to spring. This form of *G. juniperina* will form a dense green foliage, 1.5m wide by 25cm high. They also make an excellent pot specimen hanging over the edge.



*Grevillea synaepae*

### Grevillea synaepae

The Catkin grevillea is a local one to the Perth hills and a unique little plant. It forms a small shrub of prickly foliage and has sweet cream yellow flowers in spring. Grows to 0.5m to 1m high and wide.

*Looking for the largest grevillea: try Grevillea robusta, the tallest one is 40m! You can expect around 12m - 20m in Perth soils.*

### Callistemon - Bottlebrush

The bottlebrush family is a versatile genus that can grow in a variety of different soil types, full sun or part shade. They are not sensitive to high P fertilisers. In short they are a tough plant for non gardeners. They can be a little slower growing, so sometimes it is worth giving them a little extra fertiliser and water in summer to speed them up.



#### Callistemon 'Hot Pink'

A compact, rounded shrub that flowers prolifically with these bright pink flowers in spring and then again in autumn. Great for informal hedges or screens, or even as a feature plant in the middle of groundcovers. Grows to 2m high.



*Callistemon 'Western Glory'*

### Callistemon 'Western Glory'

Western Glory is a selection of *Callistemon citrinus*, and has vibrant mauve - pink flowers from spring to summer. They grow between 2m - 4m high and 2m-3m wide. We have a full size plant in the gardens near the trolley bay and it is just getting ready to show us just how colourful the flowers are!



#### Callistemon 'Little John'

Now this one is one of the oldest selections of bottlebrush around. In fact we have a 20 year old tree in the garden, but don't be fooled, it has been pruned right down to the ground and is now a lovely 50cm ball! Little John is long flowering and bird attracting.

### Kangaroo Paws

One of my favourite plants to plant in spring is the Kangaroo Paw! Water and feed well leading up to Christmas to be rewarded by a stunning display of colour. There are many to choose from, including dwarf 50cm 'Bush Fling' to tall 1.5m *Anigozanthos flavidus* varieties. Just be careful with the black Kangaroo Paw as it doesn't like as much fertiliser as the other varieties.



*Anigozanthos 'Yellow Gem'*



## Spring Gardening

### In Ground Worm Tunnel

We all want to do our bit for the environment and reduce our food waste to landfill, but we don't all have room or time for a compost bin. That is when an in-ground worm tunnel can be a great option!



Here are the simple steps to build your own:

- 1) Drill holes (at least 10mm drill bit) in the side of a 150mm piece of PVC pipe and bury this in the ground with 10 cm sticking out above.
- 2) Add a heavy lid to keep vermin out or PVC cement a screw cap on.
- 3) Pop your scraps in daily.

There you have it a DIY worm tunnel! Bury multiple around the garden so you can alternate the scraps for the worms. For more information check out Angus's website. [www.gardeningwithangus.com.au](http://www.gardeningwithangus.com.au) and follow the links.

- Kelly



The **Melaleuca violacea prostrate** is a beautiful low shrub, and one of the best Australian native plants to turn into a Bonsai. Responds well to pruning and flowers on old wood.

Available in 140mm pots -\$12.95.

### Planting Vegetables for Spring

Did you know some vegetables grow better together with other vegetables. If you have room to do multiple garden beds, why not try the following combinations.

**Tomato and Basil** - Also goes well together on toast.

**Capsicum and Chilli** - Just remember which is which, or have a fiery surprise.

**Lettuce and Carrots** - feed with plenty of manure and mulch with Lupin mulch or pea straw.



When planting out a vegetable garden, be sure to improve the soil, as this will give you a much better crop. Sandy soils will benefit from a clay or 'Sand Remedy' product being added, and then plenty of soil improver and manure to enrich it. Once you have a nice rich soil, it is good to note that fruiting veges may need extra Potassium, and leafy veges like some extra nitrogen added. The other way around can have a negative effect on crops.



### Kanyana Plant of the Month

Every month we choose a new plant to be Kanyana Plant of the Month. \$1 from the sale of each plant will go to the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre where they tend to sick and injured Australian animals. For the month of October, we have chosen the Eucalyptus pulverulenta. It makes a lovely small gum tree with silver foliage. The foliage can be used to make an orange-brown dye.



### Qualup Bells

They might have finished their main flowering now, but planting a Pimelea physodes now will give you an amazing flowering show for next year! These are grafted so they will be a stronger, longer lasting plant.

\$54.95 in a 200mm pot.

### Kids love gardening...





## Spring Gift Ideas



We congratulate Danielle on her beautiful baby girl, and welcome Rose to the role of gift buying. If you are chasing any special orders from our range in the gift shop, feel free to pop in for a chat with Rose.



### An Oldie but a Goldie

Have you seen Oddball's Aussie Animal Cookie Cutters in our shop? We have been selling these for years! A great gift for creative kids and a bargain at \$7.95. Australian made too!

### Enviro-conscious Gifts

New to the gift shop are "Wrappa" Beeswax wraps. Made in South Australia using 100% organic cotton and locally sourced filtered beeswax. Perfect for wrapping a sandwich or covering a bowl of food instead of using clingfilm. \$34.95 for a pack of 3.



Zanthorrea stocks a range of folding re-usable shopping bags. Currently we have some fun jungle print designs at \$14.95 each. Folding down into a tiny pouch, I always keep at least one in my handbag.

Also coming soon to the shop are sets of produce bags: a convenient way to pack your groceries at the supermarket. Set of 5 for \$22.95.

### New Book - Eucalypts of Western Australia: The South West Coast and Ranges

By Malcolm French and Dean Nicolle.



How well do you know your local trees? We should all get to know them better considering the vital role they play in our local ecosystem, and for the beauty they add to our environment.

Malcolm French has been studying WA Eucalypts since 1980's and this his latest book will be launched at this year's Ravensthorpe Wildflower Festival. He has teamed up with

long-time friend and Eucalypt enthusiast Dean Nicolle to produce this book which features detailed photography and plant information features for identification and interest. Available now and in the shop for \$49.95. Call to reserve a copy.



Back in stock: Santaleuca's Sandalwood roasted nut treats.



### New! Earrings by Perth design company: Future Shelter

Designed and crafted in Perth from Allocasuarina fraseriana (Sheoak) timber, each pair is unique. Designs include Waxflower, Wattle, Swan and Quokka. \$34.95 each.



Also taking on a new role from Danielle, is Claire now ordering the pots. There is a great selection in store with some new designs.



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