



## Welcome



What a wonderful season of wildflowers this spring. A trip to Kings Park Botanic Gardens is rewarded with inspiration and entices the enthusiast to venture out to explore wildflower country. Many of the wildflowers you find can also be grown at home, and we have some terrific plants growing on in our production area that will be ready soon. This month we will release a new plant to our range: Grevillea 'Little Jean' (pg 2). We think it is a beauty.

Whether out in wildflower country or at home in the garden, we hope you find plenty of joy this spring.

Ross, Alec, Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea.

PS: Thank you everyone for using hand sanitiser, washing hands and physical distancing.



We are pleased to welcome a new addition to the Hooper family, baby Sonja.

## News



### Baby New Holland Honeyeaters

We were privileged to have the New Holland Honeyeaters nesting in our tubestock area this spring. It was very cute to see the young babies hatch out. These birds are very common and getting more used to living close to humans. Provide plants for food and shelter and you will be sure to have them zooming around your garden.



*A young Honeyeater, fluffed up to stay warm.*



### Verigrow Liquid Fertiliser

New to our fertiliser range is the Verigrow liquid fertiliser. Made from the waste wool of the sheep industry, it is rich in nitrogen and amino acids for strong leafy growth. Great for your leafy green vegetables and herbs. For more info:

[www.veratin.com.au](http://www.veratin.com.au)

## What's On

We are back to giving talks at Zanthorrea! As we are still in phase 4 of restrictions easing, we still have to keep to the 1.5m distancing rule. Numbers are limited to 30.



### Grow your own Terrariums

Join Janine to learn how you can make your very own beautiful terrarium for your outdoor table.

Saturday, 17th of October at 10am.

**Gold coin donation to Kanyana.**

**RSVP: 08 9454 6260**



### Growing Plants in Ponds and Water Bowls.

Water Bowls and ponds can add a special element to a garden. By introducing water plants we can attract frogs to the garden and filter the water for fish. Join Janine for a look at how to set up your first water garden.

Saturday, 14th of November at 10am.

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## Plants of Interest



### **Grevillea 'Little Jean'**

This cute little hybrid of *Grevillea humifusa* was developed at Zanthorrea and named after the late Jean Hooper. 'Little Jean' is a very useful and hardy plant only growing to about 40cm high. Bright red flowers on a soft blue-green foliage. You can even use it for a low hedge. We have a limited first release of 200mm pots with more 140mm potted plants available later this spring.



### **Anigozanthos 'Frosty Red'**

Formerly called *Anigozanthos 'Clear Red'*, this is a lovely form of the *Anigozanthos rufus*. It has strong upright blue-green foliage and deep red flowers in spring. Flowers can reach up to 80cm high.



### **Grevillea 'Red Hedger'**

A select form of the variable *Grevillea thelemanniana*, which makes an excellent hardy native hedge. It has a lush green foliage with a dense nature. Grows 1m high by 1.5m wide, but can easily be hedged smaller if required. We find the *Grevillea thelemanniana* is a strong performer in both sun and shady spots, and great for bringing in the birds to the garden.



### **Thomasia macrocarpa**

The large fruited thomasia has lovely soft foliage and grows to about 1.5m high. A hardy local plant for shady positions, tolerating periods of drought.



### **Styliidium bulbiferum**

The flowers on these trigger plants are very sweet. Local to our hills soil, and looking bright and cheerful this time of year. Perfect for mini gardens.



### **Youlk - *Platysace deflexa***

What a reward it was to harvest the tubers from our display Youlk. I was surprised how many we collected after just one year! As a bonus you don't have to sacrifice the plant and it will grow more, year on year. The Ravensthorpe radish truly is a useful bush tucker plant and easy to grow in a well drained soil.



### ***Tubers collected from around the root-ball.***

You can eat the tubers raw, but they are also perfect for salads, in San Choy Bau or roasted as you would carrots.

We have a nice range available for sale now in 140mm pots, and plenty more growing on.



*Youlk San Choy Bau recipe available at Zanthorrea. Pop in to collect yours.*



## Spring Gardening

### Sorry, we don't have that!

The horticulture industry has experienced a large upswing during the Covid restrictions with many people staying home and putting time into their garden. It has probably helped the mental wellbeing of quite a few people. One downside is that none of us in the plant growing business could predict this and so supply could not keep up with demand. It often takes a year to get even a small plant ready for its time in the garden!

### Here is the time frame of 'life of a plant in production':



• The little Hakea seeds were planted 5 weeks ago and now they are ready to go into their own 50mm starter pot.



• These acacia cuttings are now ready for potting - 8 months from starting. Of course others are faster, scaevola can be ready in eight weeks in summer, these are the ones to try at home if you want to have a play at cuttings.



*Eremophila 'Pink Passion'*

• At last, after 13 months, this eremophila is rooted down but still a bit small for sale, and the eremophilas are among the quickest growers in propagation.

So unless we started it a year ago, or one of the wholesale growers has it, we often can't help with requests for particular plants. Luckily, the nursery is starting to look fairly full again and we can usually come up with a suitable alternative.

I hope you have a great spring!

- Alec



### Time to Propagate

If you are finding it hard to source a particular plant you have in the garden. Why not try propagating it yourself. We sell mini green houses and rooting hormone, and now is a great time to create some new cutting clones! ~ Ross



*Mini Greenhouse.*

TIP: Make sure you keep your little cuttings humid but not soggy. A daily misting spray with some water will be plenty.



### Big Pots!

We have sourced some large terracotta pots that would be suitable for growing a small tree, or feature plant. They would normally be around \$600 for this size pot, but we have them in at \$405.95 as a once off. Call the nursery for availability.

*Too big to move? We do have delivery options to the Perth metro area, so give us a call for pricing.*



### Controlling Fungus Gnats for Indoor Plants

These little bugs can be a problem with indoor plants, especially in damp conditions. They lay their eggs in the top of the potting mix and can lead to root rot.

### Three low toxic ways of control are:

- Diatomaceous Earth mixed in the top of the soil. It sticks to the gnats and dehydrates and immobilises them.
- Use a neem oil solution soil drench and re-apply as needed.
- Use sticky yellow traps to remove adults. Also helps with ID'ing them.



## New to our Shop



### Feature Books: Wild Eyed Press

'Wild Eyed Press' is a publishing company based in Nannup. Their aim is to publish Australian authors and artists with a focus on children's books which raise public awareness and concern for Australian fauna and the sustainability of their fragile habitats.

Zanthorrea has been stocking their books for many years. Popular titles include:

"William the Wild", "William the Wild goes camping", "A Possum's Nest", and "Mama and Hug".

"William the Wild goes camping" features lovely illustrations of local fauna in their natural environments, by WA Artist Leanne White. The text is easy to read with melodic rhyming rhythm. \$14.95 each.



Alperstein Designs cups and plates.



### Alperstein Designs

We are now stocking a beautiful range of ceramics by Alperstein designs including mugs, teapots, plates and bowls as well as other kitchen items like melamine salad servers and metal teaspoon sets.

Items are decorated with Indigenous artwork by Artisans from the Northern Territory and Eastern States of Australia. Royalties from the products directly benefit the artists and their communities.

We are currently stocking work by Alma Granites and Judy Napangardi Watson from the Warlukurlangu Artists group as well as work by Sheryl J Burchill and Mick Harding. Warlukurlangu means "Belonging to Fire". Prices start from \$15.95.



Roogenic Herbs and Herbal Teas

### Roogenic Bush Tucker Herbs and Herbal Teas

'Roogenic' is a Fremantle based company that specialises in Australian native culinary herbs and blended herbal teas. They embrace the idea of spreading Australian culture through tasty authentic, organically grown and wild harvested ingredients, often with amazing health benefits. They work with indigenous communities and small farmers across Australia. Beautifully packaged for gift giving, why not try some dried Quandongs, Native Basil, Saltbush, or "Native Happiness" Herbal Tea. Prices from \$16.95.



### Lucky Socks

Need some good luck? Why not get a pack of Men's lucky socks. \$39.95 for a pack of 6 pairs. - Rose



### Gift Vouchers

Zanthorrea gift vouchers make a welcome gift. The vouchers can be of any value. Phone through and we can process for posting directly.



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