



# Seasons Greetings!



*Merry Christmas and best wishes from Alec, Jackie  
and the team at Zanthorrea Nursery.  
Thank you for your custom.*

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# Spirit of Christmas

*Browse in the peaceful surroundings of our gift shop and view the wide range of local handcrafts and unique Australian-made gifts.*

## Eucalyptus Dreaming

Our Eucalyptus Dreaming range with CDs and scents evoke impressions of the fragrant bush, blue skies and silence.

*from \$4.95*

## Tanplaters Products

For a stylish Christmas gift with an Australian essence, check out our Tanplaters products – Eucalyptus leaves coated in nickel and copper – are transformed into shimmering napkin wraps, brooches, earrings, magnets and bottle collars.

*from \$6.95*



## Matchmates & Tablemates

Coasters, magnets and business card holders make fun gifts in Australian bush critter shapes – Koalas, wombats, etc.

*from \$10.95*

## Spirit of Christmas

Bring your senses alive this festive season with our scented range of 'Spirit of Christmas' including aromatherapy oil blends, candles and incense. The spicy blends will add ambience to any gathering and make lovely gifts.

*from \$6.50*

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## WELCOME!



### Greetings.

Where has the year gone? The winter peas all finished, the beans are in and already we are planning for our autumn garden!

It has been a year of changes, both in catastrophic world events and here at home with a record dry winter and unseasonal storms in November. It's no surprise that sales of vegetable seedlings and herbs have soared and sales of water needy annual flowers have fallen. People world wide are staying home where they feel safe and are getting back into the garden.

We feel privileged to be in the garden industry, communing with nature each day and talking with some of the loveliest people in the world - gardeners.

Thank you to all our customers for visiting us often and supporting Zanthorrea. We hope to see you at our Christmas Celebration.

Warmest wishes for Christmas and the festive season.

*-Jackie and Alec*

## WHAT'S ON AT ZANTHORREA?

### Christmas Celebration

*Jackie Alec and the team at Zanthorrea invite you to our Christmas Celebration, Sunday, December 16, 2-4:30pm*  
Enjoy a Christmas drink and slice of cake, while you are entertained by the rollicking music of the Fiddlers Heaven. You may like to bring your favourite chair or blanket to sit on, and escape from the hustle and bustle for a while. Children welcome.

RSVP: 94546260, or email [jackie@zanthorrea.com.au](mailto:jackie@zanthorrea.com.au)



### Growing plants from seeds:

It's easy to grow your own. Join Jackie for this hands-on workshop Saturday 26th January, 10am - 11.30am.

RSVP: 94546260, or email [jackie@zanthorrea.com.au](mailto:jackie@zanthorrea.com.au)



### Bilby Club news



### Bilby Club Christmas Decorations Competition!

Design a Christmas decoration and bring it in to Zanthorrea Nursery to hang on our Bilby Club tree! Everyone who brings a decoration gets a free Christmas lollipop, and Christmas hamper prizes will be awarded to the makers of our favourite decorations in three age categories: 7 and under, 8 to 13, and 14 and over!

Make sure you attach a name, age and phone number to your entry - and don't make it too heavy for the tree!



### Flown the coop!

The pair of ring neck parrots who made their home in our nest laid 6 eggs. Four hatchlings developed into fully fledged birds and flew the coop in early November. We were so excited to see them fly away, but miss the raucous cries from the "bird-cam" in the shop. We hope the parents return soon and start a new family.

*Visit Zanthorrea's website for all the latest news and information.*

<http://www.zanthorrea.com.au>





## PATIO GARDENING

*Even though it is hot out there in the sun, the urge to garden is still strong. Spend some time in the shade of the patio and create some magic in pots and containers.*

### • First the pot:

You can use any container for your plant, but check it out first for drainage and water holding.

Terracotta may need to be sealed to stop drying out. Plants grow very well in plastic pots and these are water efficient too. Concrete pots may leach lime which is not recommended for acid loving plants such as azalea or boronia

### • Then the potting mix.

Choose a top quality potting mix such as "Tub & Terracotta" from Plants Plus. This mix contains Grosorb to assist water penetration. We recommend mixing one to two teaspoons of water saving crystals into the mix to further improve water holding over the dry summer.

### • Which plants to grow?

Potting up annuals such as vinca, petunia and impatiens is very satisfying and a pot or basket of colour co-ordinated annuals will add instant decoration to the patio. Try red and white for a Christmas theme, or cool pastels of pale pink mauve and lemon to keep you cool. These make thoughtful gifts and if you hurry you can make these up in time for Christmas.

Herb pots look brilliant too and can be hung on the wall near the kitchen or back door for instant picking. Try quick growing annual herbs such as basil, parsley, dill, coriander and chives in a rectangular trough. Add some hand

made terracotta herb labels and voila! a beautiful gift for someone special.

### Hardy Australian natives

Gardeners are surprised to learn that many smaller growing native plants are ideal to grow in a pot. From tiny fan flowers (*Scaevola aemula*) to enormous grasstrees (*Xanthorrhoea* spp), it is rewarding to grow a bush garden in a pot.



### Three Aussies in a pot.

A quick result can be achieved by choosing a medium sized pot, and three compact native plants. A kangaroo paw will give height and two smaller plants such as scaevola, leschenaultia, dampiera or helichrysum will add colour and texture.

Some plants are better suited to pots than others. Look for compact habit, slower growth and leafy plants rather than woody species. It's all a matter of preference though, as woody natives such as kunzea and melaleuca are much desired as bonsai and may be pruned to create fantastic shapes and forms.

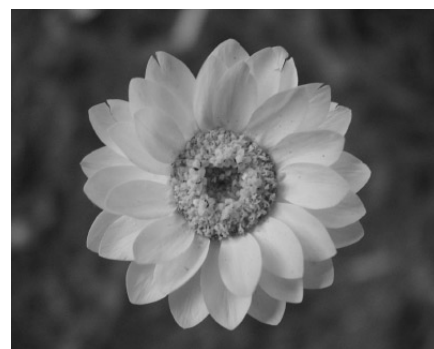


### • The short list:

- *Anigozanthos hybrids*  
(kangaroo paws)
- *Scaevola spp.*  
(fanflowers)
- *Dampiera diversifolia*  
(blue eyes)
- *Helichrysum ramosissimum*  
(yellow buttons)
- *Callistemon 'Little John'*
- *Brachyscome spp.*  
(rock daisies)
- *Eremophila maculata*  
(emu bush)
- *Hibbertia obtusifolia*  
(buttercups)
- *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*

Experiment and be creative. It's great fun and your potted gardens can be enjoyed in your outdoor living areas all through the heat of summer.

- Jackie





## GREAT LAWN ALTERNATIVES

Whilst sitting on the patio watching the lawn brown off – you might well consider its reduction or even its demise. But what to replace it with? Paving or mulch is easy, however for those of you who wish to keep green and even increase the birds, beasties and butterflies in your garden. There are many low plants that can be put in now.



• *Lippia (Phyla nodiflora)*: A walk on, drive on, prostrate lawn substitute with pink (bee attracting) pom pom flowers in summer. Drought hardy!

• *Creeping boobiolla (Myoporum parvifolium)*: Small white star flowers in summer on this green or purple leaf prostrate cover.

• *Grevillea 'Royal Mantle'*: This large leaf flat plant has red toothbrush flowers through summer, and covers over 2m.

• *Grevillea 'Gaudi chaudi'*: Lots of red new growth of big lobed leaves with deep red toothbrush flowers.

• *Yellow buttons (Helichrysum ramosissimum)*: Yellow pom pom flowers above a flat grey green foliage.

• *Grevillea 'Gingin gem'*: Ever popular grass-like effect with small red flowers in spring. Easy to grow in sun or shade. Covers 2 metres in just a few years.

• *Prickles (Grevillea juniperina)*: Comes in several colours, red through to yellow flowers in spring. Stop the barefoot children running through!

• *Grevillea nudiflora*: Beautiful fine foliage with small red terminal flowers, very hardy.

• *Snake vine (Hibbertia scandens)*: Mostly used as a climber but now we see lots used as a deep green ground cover with large yellow buttercup flowers most of the year.

• *Pink tea tree (Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade')*: A hardy low shrub which might need an occasional snip to keep it to 40cms low. Easy to prune and shape into a low hedge. Massed flowers in spring.

• *Old Gold Grevillea*: Chunky slightly prickly plant with two toned foliage and apricot autumn flowers.



*Ella McLeod on the Lippia lawn*

All the above will give the open green sward look and compared to lawn, use very little water.

Do stir in plenty of organic material at planting time, and maybe a tablespoon of Grosorb / Saturaid to achieve a drought proofed plant. Handwatering three times a week at 2m centres requires a fraction of the water that a lawn requires!

Next summer, once established, they can survive on much less.

## FLORA FOR FAUNA

Flora friendly gardening has become popular all over Australia, and the exciting new promotion from the Nursery Industry Association of Australia is sure to create even more interest.

The following website is full of ideas for attracting fauna and includes plant lists and information on where to shop:

<http://www.floraforfauna.com.au>

We now have in stock the following summer flowering fauna attracting beauties:

### • Birds:

– Kangaroo paws

(*Anigozanthos hybrids*)

– *Grevillea 'Honey Gem'*

– *Callistemon 'Little John'*

– Snow in summer

(*Melaleuca linarifolia*)

– Lilly pilly (*Syzygium spp*)

### • Butterflies:

– Rice plant (*Pimelea ferruginea*)

– Rock daisy (*Brachyscome spp*)

– Fairy kunzea

(*Kunzea ambigua*)

– Straw flowers

(*Helichrysum spp*)





## FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

### • Drought proof your garden.

Protect your precious garden against the harsh sun by applying mulch to garden beds, straw to vege gardens, water saving crystals to baskets and pots, and soil wetter to lawns and gardens.

### • Check reticulation

Ensure there are no blockages or water wasted by spraying on paths. Hopefully if we conserve water, we can avoid a total sprinkler ban.

### • Pot up overgrown plants.

Pot plants will survive dry conditions much better with a reservoir of fresh potting mix. Always add water saving crystals to pots and baskets. (eg, Rainsaver)

### • Prune

Prune old flowers from summer flowering plants, and tip prune excess foliage. Plants will grow better and be hardier with a little gentle pruning.

### • Feed your plants

Apply slow release fertiliser to garden beds and lawns. Use Seasol on veges, flowers and pot plants as a pick-me-up tonic.

### • What to plant now:

*In the vegetable garden...*

There's still time to plant tomatoes, zucchinis, beans, pumpkins, capsicum and eggplant. Ensure quick growth by digging in plenty of compost, and mulching with straw. Corn may still crop if planted now, provided you can

give it plenty of water, if not wait for next year. Leafy crops do well in summer with regular water and a little protection from the sun. Plant to the east or south of the corn of tomato bushes.

Pots of veges do well on the patio. Try Tiny Tom tomatoes, chilli or capsicums. We have small pots which will fruit within weeks.

*In the herb garden...*

Herbs are a fabulous addition to summer dishes, and fresh as always, is best. Pots and hanging baskets near the back door work well. Masses of basil, parsley and chives are essential. Coriander, lemon grass and dill will all do well in a pot with plenty of water.

## KANYANA PLANT OF THE MONTH

Kanyana needs all the help it can get and we are happy that our very own Andrea Tate has become one of the carers. We are also happy to put forward Grevillea 'Claire Dee' as our current Kanyana sponsorship plant. \$1 from the sale of every 'Claire Dee' will go to Kanyana to help with the fauna.

Grevillea 'Claire Dee' is one of a bunch of chance seedlings we picked up in Hardy Road, Glen Forrest when our bilby club chief Claire Denise Hooper was just a baby. The parents were Grevillea banksii and Grevillea bipinnatifida, the same as Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon' and Grevillea 'Superb'.

This one stood out for its lighter green leaves and vigorous growth. The vigorous growth sent one of our 'Claire Dee's over 3m high - which surprised Don Burke when he was here as they only grow about 2m in his garden.

They seem to grow equally well in heavy soils or sands, but we would recommend good compost (Grognic) and a teaspoon of slow release fertiliser at planting. We have a good looking bunch ready now from \$7.95 and remember a dollar from each one goes to Kanyana.

-Alec



*Gaby with Grevillea 'Claire Dee'*

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