



## WELCOME

### Greetings!



Can it really be just a few weeks until Christmas? A visit to the garden centre may be just the cure for the hectic festive season.

Now the warmer weather is here, many young plants in the production area are ready for sale: tropical grevilleas galore, the hard to get *Baeckea 'Mt Tozer'* and the unusual chef's cap *Correa (Correa baeuerlenii)*. With potting continuing all over summer, next autumn promises to see many more new varieties ready for planting.



If you are looking for inspiration for Christmas gift ideas, look no further. There's a great range of locally produced goodies at Zanthorrea.

From all of us at Zanthorrea, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

— Alec, Jackie and the team

## WHAT'S ON AT ZANTHORREA?

### Staff news

This spring we said a fond farewell to Lisa Isherwood. Lisa has been with us for four years or so, as gift buyer and in customer service. Lisa's passion is contemporary garden design with native plants, and her business "*Inspired by Nature*" now consumes all her time. We wish you all the best, Lisa!



### Don Burke visits Gumdale

The spectacular garden of Bob and Jan Datson was featured on *Burkes Backyard* in early October. Don described Gumdale as a "seriously good garden". Zanthorrea was featured as the place to find the plants.

Lisa Isherwood spoke with Don Burke about her vision and plant selection for Gumdale.

Bob and Jan held an open garden a few days later, and thanks to the publicity on BB, raised over \$2700 for Kanyana Wildlife Centre. Over 900 visitors attended in three hours.

See the Zanthorrea website for colour pictures of Gumdale.

### Christmas Celebration

Escape the hot and frantic pre-Christmas rush, and join us in the gazebo for our annual Christmas Celebration. By popular demand, the Numguts bush band return this year to play for us. Don't miss the fun, mark your diary now!



Sunday 15th December, 4pm to 6pm. Refreshments will be served. RSVP on 9454 6260

### NGIA announces Best Garden Centre for 2002!

The winners of the annual Nursery & Garden Industry Association awards were announced on 18th October at the *Parmelia Hilton*.

We were delighted to be awarded "*Garden Centre of the Year*", "*Most Creative Display in a Garden Centre*" and joint winner "*Best Environmental Practice in a Nursery Business*".

### Advance Australia Fair

Plant a wattle to celebrate our special day. Pick up your free wattle tree. (Starter plant)

Available during the Australia Day long weekend.

*"Gardening is the purest pleasure known to man."*  
— Francis Bacon, 1625



## THE TOP 10 SUMMER FLOWERING BEAUTIES

With water shortages on the horizon, it makes sense to choose drought hardy plants for the summer garden. They must have pretty flowers, of course, and we need look no further than our own Australian native plants for hardy colourful plants. The following are our top ten summer flowering Aussie native plants.

### 1. Native Hibiscus

*Alyogyne huegelii* — This lovely native hibiscus is a drought hardy WA shrub to 2m, fast growing with spectacular mauve flowers.



### 2. Kangaroo Paws

*Anigozanthos* hybrids add a splash of colour to your garden all summer long. Superb in a pot, and equally beautiful in a cottage garden they are well known drought hardy plants. Long lasting cut flowers!



### 3. Rock Daisy

*Brachyscome multifida* is grown all over the world, and come in a wide range of colours - lemon, pink, mauve and white. This cushion of foliage is well suited to rockeries and hanging baskets, but grows best with twice weekly summer water.

### 4. Dwarf Heath Myrtle

*Baeckea virgata* “Miniature”, a neat rounded shrub, is perfect as a border or trimmed to a low hedge. It flowers with masses of tiny cool white blooms in summer. It is drought hardy in sun or shade and grows to around 80cms.

### 5. Sandplain Bottlebrush

*Beaufortia squarrosa* grows locally in the Perth region. This 1m shrub flowers with fiery red brushes in the harshest of conditions. It grows best in a low fertiliser native garden with light pruning after flowering.

### 6. Summer Calytrix

*Calytrix fraseri* is another local shrub to 1m with showy deep pink flowers. Grow it in your garden as a low maintenance summer feature plant.

### 7. Blue Eyes

*Dampiera diversifolia* — This low ground cover is popular for its unusual blue flowers. It is widely used in hanging baskets and as a ground cover in light shade. If watered regularly it will grow in full sun.

### 8. Straw Flowers

*Helichrysum baxteri* opens its showy white flowers whenever the sun is shining. A low growing cushion of foliage it is ideal in a hanging basket and well suited for cottage gardens. Butterflies love the Australian daisies.



### 9. Fan Flowers

*Scaevolas* are widely grown for their pretty blue mauve or pink flowers. Look for *Scaevola* “Purple Fanfare”, “Pink Perfection” and “Mauve Clusters”. *Scaevolas* are perfect for hanging baskets and ground covers in watered summer gardens.



### 10. Tropical Grevillea hybrids

These top selling Australian plants are everything the gardener is looking for. Spectacular bird attracting flowers adorn these bushy medium sized shrubs. Choose from *Grevillea* “Honey Gem” (gold flowers), G. “Superb” (orange-red) G. “Sylvia” (hot pink) and the unusual salmon coloured G. “Kay Williams”.

### Care of Australian native plants.

It's widely believed that natives do not need any attention - no water and no fertiliser — not true!

While many Australian plants are drought hardy and can survive our scorching summers, most grow best with summer water and slow release fertiliser to promote healthy growth. In addition applying a coarse organic mulch will protect plant roots from the sun and reduce evaporation.

Look for other summer beauties in the *Zanthorrea* Plant List. Call in to pick up a free copy, or visit the website to view online.

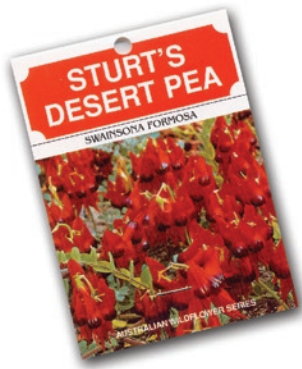


## IT'S COOL IN THE SUMMER GARDEN

Although the temperature is soaring, there is still plenty to do in the garden. Early morning and late evening are the perfect time to wander around checking the watering and pulling a weed or two.

### Grow Sturt Desert Peas

It's easy to grow these Aussie beauties from seed.



Simply choose a sunny well drained site. A large pot works well too with a mix of good potting mix and sharp sand. Place the seed in a cup and pour boiling water over it to break the dormancy. Leave overnight and discard any seeds floating. Plant seeds directly into the soil, three seeds in one spot. Water daily, twice in hot weather when newly germinated. Watch out for snails and insects which find the seedlings delicious.

You may like to sow seeds of a variety of native plants. There is a good range of seeds which grow easily in our region. Use Seed Raising Mix and smoked water for success.

Stay cool this summer!

— Jackie

*"He who plants a garden  
plants happiness."*

— Chinese proverb

### Planting in summer

Sure it takes more work to establish plants in the hot weather, but the reward is more speedy growth. As long as you follow a few simple steps the plants never look back.

1. Improve the soil with organic material when planting.
2. Soak the plants in a bucket of water while you prepare the soil and fill up the planting hole with water too. Add a soil wetter if water does not soak in quickly.
3. Add a teaspoon or two of Native Plant Osmocote to the hole.
4. Back fill the plant and gently "puddle" the plant in.
5. Cover the area with 5cm plus of coarse mulch to stop the water percolating to the surface and evaporating off.

Hot windy days really suck - suck up the ground water that is!

— Alec

### Now ready: WA Christmas tree

#### *Nuytsia floribunda*

It's almost Christmas and our very unique Christmas tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*) is showing off its brilliant orange blooms. We have a big batch of cutting grown plants ready for sale at \$9.95 each, all co-planted with some *Dichondra repens* as a helping host. Christmas trees are semi-parasitic and usually attach onto another plants roots — without, it seems, much detrimental effect on the host. In growing a *Nuytsia* you must have patience, waiting over ten years for flowering to occur. Our '89 model near the nursery bird feeder has not flowered yet! Good luck!

## KANYANA

### Plant of the month

*Grevillea "Kay Williams"* is this month's Kanyana fund raising plant. One of the showy tropical hybrids, it grows to around 2.4m high. Although the label says 1.5m wide, it can grow over 2m wide if left unpruned.



Large spikes of salmon orange flowers occur throughout the year feeding the birds that Kanyana keeps releasing! *G. "Kay Williams"* is ideal as a fairly quick growing screen. The current batch are looking great in 140mm pots at \$9.95 each. One dollar from the sale of each plant goes to Kanyana Wildlife Centre.

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*"Our Nuytsia floribunda,  
Draws fire from earth down under,  
To dazzle our days,  
With incandescent displays,  
And fill us with joy and with wonder."*

— Shirley Wild, Glen Forrest.

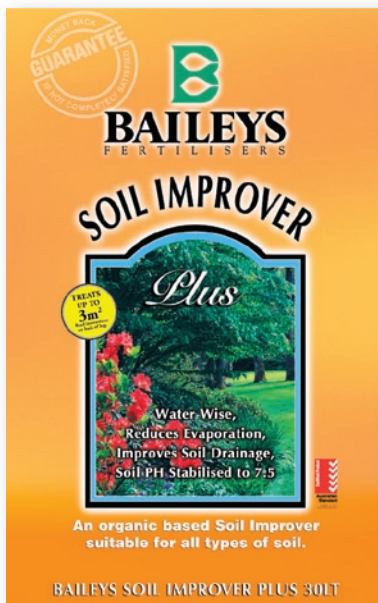


## NEW PRODUCTS

Over the last month or so we have trialled some new products, and we are confident that the new products we are stocking are the best that money can buy.

### Soil Improver

This new soil improver incorporates recycled organic material from the award winning Bio-wise company. Regular testing of this product by the manufacturer ensures a consistently neutral pH which encourages better plant growth across the spectrum.



We recommend a couple of litres, or a good spadeful, is stirred in each time you plant. (Use in place of Groganic.)

We believe this to be an excellent product and it is available at Zanthorrea for \$6.75 or 4 for \$24

### Premium Potting Mix

In our trials, this potting mix returned the best results. It contains fully composted organic material, slow release nutrients and environmentally friendly Grosorb wetting agent, ensuring ideal growing conditions for all your precious container plants.



For real growth satisfaction, it is well worth the price of \$9.75 or 4 for \$36.

### Budget Potting Mix

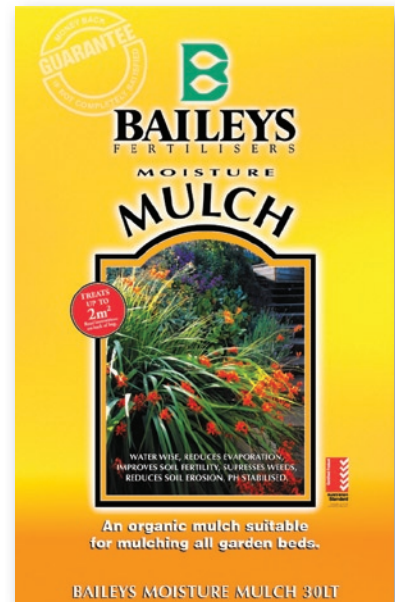
For short term growing or less fussy plants, try the new budget potting mix at \$5.95 or 4 for \$22.

*“Gardening is one of the oldest healing arts; Yet as a science, it is very new among therapeutic professions. This new science is called Horticultural Therapy.”*

— Dr. Diane Relf

### Moisture Mulch

Protect your precious plants in summer with this coarse mulch.



### Fire Retardants

Although they may be damaged by fire, there are some plants which can slow a fire and reduce property damage. Desirable features of such plants are:

- Slow burning
- Evergreen
- Have very little dry litter as fuel
- Have a high ash content
- Are succulent, or have excess water in the leaves

Visit the Zanthorrea website for a suggested list of some fire retardant plants.

### How now, Noo Loo

Work will commence soon, Shire of Kalamunda permitting, on our new wheelchair friendly toilets.



Zanthorrea Nursery is proud to be AGCAS accredited.

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