

Christmas wishes!

Alec, Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea wish you a restful and gentle Christmas.

Summer Garden Inspirations

With summer around the corner and Christmas in sight, our focus shifts towards beautifying our homes and outdoor areas.

Australian plants are wonderful candidates for growing in pots. Look for the new range of Terracotta Works pots in stylish colours to decorate the patio.



Thank you to the gardeners who sent in photos to inspire other gardens. Check the display in the shop.



From the garden of Nissa Aked

Starting a new garden or re-inventing an existing one can be overwhelming. These gardeners can inspire us to create our own backyard paradise.

Summer is a great time to plan, so call in to the nursery and talk to one of our horticulturists about your garden dreams. You may prefer to join our garden design workshop and find out how to create your own garden plan.

Hope you can join us for a very casual Australian Christmas after hours where you can shop while enjoying refreshments. (Tuesday Nov 29th)

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and a bountiful new year of gardening!

– Alec, Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea.



Eucalyptus ficifolia - flowering now

Congratulations to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

Kanyana has recently been successful in winning both the National and State sections of the National Bank Volunteers Awards.

The Zanthorrea team congratulate June and Lloyd and the volunteers on their well deserved awards, and is proud to continue our on-going sponsorship.

What's News?

Christmas Sundowner



Join Alec Jackie and the team for a sundowner Tuesday 29th November, from 5pm until dark. The garden centre looks fantastic in the evening with birdsong and frogs calling. Enjoy Christmas refreshments and live music while you browse our Christmas displays. See you there!

Optional RSVP will help with catering

Design your Australian Garden: The success is in the planning

Summer is the perfect time to plan for the planting season ahead.

Join award winning designer Sue Torlach for a workshop on garden design with Australian native plants. Learn about the elements of good design, and the factors involved when considering plant choice.

Wed, 18th Jan & Sat 4th Feb 2006

9.30am 'til 11.30am, including morning tea.

Cost: \$5 donation to Kanyana

Bookings essential as places are limited. To book call Zanthorrea on 94546260.



Sue at Garden Week 2004



Waterwise Gardening – Our Favourite Plants

Even with the recent drought breaking rains, it seems unlikely that the tough water restrictions will be lifted. Most gardeners have changed their gardening practices and manage very well with twice weekly watering.

The following plants were selected as favourite waterwise champions by the team. Their criteria: **no watering required once established...** after two or three summers with once or twice a week watering.



Gaby: *Hakea laurina*
"Gorgeous flowers for the birds"



Laurel: *Eucalyptus caesia*
"Graceful, pendulous waterwise feature"



Sue: *Banksia menziesii Dwarf*
"Fast and dependable with pink shoots, classic flowers and funky nuts"



Jackie: *Ricinocarpus tuberculatus*
"Showy, cooling white flowers on deep green foliage"

Andrea: *Rhagodia baccata*
"Vigorous green spreader with cute pink berries"

Paul: *Grevillea "Ellendale Pool"*
"Soft with pendulous foliage, long flowering"



Dan: *Olearia axillaris*
"Smells nice, brilliant silver foliage"



Kathy: *Grevillea crithmifolia*
"Greener than grass in summer, with no water after the first summer"



Claire: *Westringia "Morning Light"*
"Suits both old fashioned and ultra modern gardens!"

Ross: *Acacia fimbriata dwarf*
"Lovely chunky bush, quick, great new growth"



Alec: *Calothamnus quadrifidus*
"Reliable coast to cap-rock, favoured by birds"

Diana: *Brachysema celsianum*
"Silvery foliage with the red flowers"



Bri: *Grevillea 'Red Hooks'*
"Great foliage, good screening plant"



The Australian Garden

Kanyana Plant of the Month



Callistemon 'Little John'

This month the Kanyana plant is the ever popular Callistemon 'Little John'. Little John is a very small form of Callistemon viminalis with greyish leaves, compact habit to 1m in 7 years, easily pruned to a 50cm hedge with a smattering of cerise red flowers most of the year, peaking about now (early summer).

140mm pots are \$9.65 with \$1 from each plant going to Kanyana.

Find out more about Kanyana at www.kanyanawildlife.org.au

Summer Gardening

The most pressing task over our hot dry summer is keeping our newly installed plants healthy. To ensure they are not heat stressed:

- Check reticulation outlets regularly, pruning back branches which may block the water jets.
- Consider changing to drip or micro irrigation which is not affected by strong winds.
- Remove weeds from around plants, especially couch, which rob the new plants of water.
- Apply mulch to a depth of around 8 cms. Coarse wood chip mulch works best.
- Use a weak solution of Seasol every month or so over summer. Apply to the soil after watering, to aid drought tolerance.

Aussie Stars for Containers

It is surprising to find that many Australian plants are perfect for growing in pots. In fact some will grow better in pots that they do in our hot dry gardens.



Anigozanthos 'Bush Pearl'

Boronias croweas and native daphne provide wonderful perfumes and pretty cottagey flowers. Fan flowers and rock daisies fill baskets and small pots, flowering all summer long. Tall kangaroo paw hybrids make an amazing long flowered show, and thrive with neglect compared to our usual pot subjects.

A good potting mix is essential, either Baileys Premium or the new Richgro Native Soil. Keep your container garden looking good with twice yearly slow release fertiliser for native plants.

So choose a lovely pot, and some Aussie beauties to complement, a few stones as mulch, and enjoy the beauty of our flora on the patio.

STOP PRESS: Bird Cam

Days after the last of the six parrots flew the nest, another pair had taken up residence in the nesting box above the seedling bench. There are now six eggs in the box and the hen was sitting by late October.

For the gardeners worried by ring



Alec with an unconventional pot plant

From the Growing Area

There are plenty of top quality roo paws and wedding bush being taken up and sold lately. For those looking for something different we have some of the large flowered tall Isopogon cuneata at \$9.95. Red 3m Grevillea 'Claire Dee' (our own hybrid) at \$11.50 and some of the summer mauve flowered Lechenaultia floribunda, at \$7.95, a pretty pocket filler at 30cm x 50cm.
– Alec and Ross



Alec with Lechenaultia floribunda

neck parrots snapping off their kangaroo paws, we have several strategies which seem to work. A large fake snake from the toy shop appears to have put them off. We move it occasionally to keep up the pretense.



Niece:

LADYBIRDS
TASTE
FUNNY...

(2) ACROSS (8 letters) +
(5) DOWN (6 letters)

Time to
come in from
the garden
for some real
breakfast



Wife:

I DON'T HAVE
TIME TO OPEN
PRESENTS!

(7) ACROSS
(8 letters)

No zips or laces -
for the time poor!



Son:

JUST GIVE ME
THE MONEY!

(9) DOWN
(5 letters)
+ (8) ACROSS
(9 letters)

Tell him you
pay \$15 an
hour for garden
maintenance



Mother:

ALL I
NEED IS THE
AIR I BREATHE!

(10) ACROSS
(3,6 letters)

Let her breathe a
better class of air!



Sister:

IS IT CHRISTMAS
ALREADY?

(11) ACROSS (9 letters)
+ (6) DOWN (8 letters)

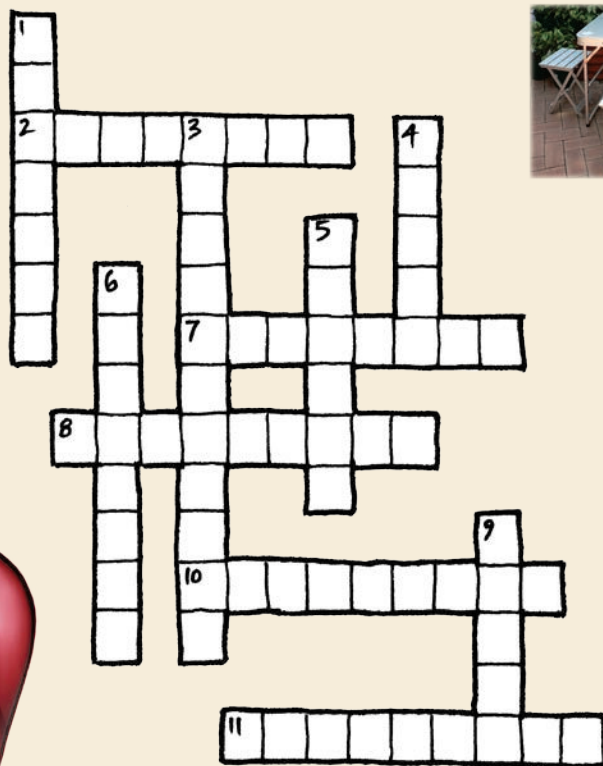
Help her keep
better track next year.



Alec's Cryptic Christmas Crossword!



Alec decodes his family's hints
for the perfect gift selection!



Daughter:

I'M INTO
EXPERIENCES,
NOT
POSSESSIONS!

(1) DOWN (7 letters)
+ (4) DOWN (5 letters)

The aluminium
frame will last
even longer than
the memories!



Brother in law:

IT'S JUST NICE
TO KNOW YOU
THOUGHT OF ME.

(3) DOWN
(4,7 letters)

How could
you think to
give this to
anyone else?



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