

Welcome



Hello,

Hope your garden is thriving in the cool start to summer.

The nursery is well stocked with exciting new release plants as well as old favourites. The Woolly Bear grevilleas have arrived and Zanthorrea has been selected to host the WA launch.

In the gift shop and beyond, Loretta and the team have been busy with Christmas displays and unpacking new product. If you have had enough of busy shopping centres, come and check out the Australian made gifts we have in store.

We are often asked, 'Can I plant in summer'? So many of us are on holidays and have the time so of course we love to spend time in the garden. Read Dan's tips for summer gardening on page 3.

Alec goes mad from time to time with chainsaw and pruner, and sometimes his efforts are well rewarded. Check it out on page 2.

Hope you have time to join us for the Sun Bear Grevillea launch. Please let us know if you are coming.

Best wishes for the festive season.

– Jackie Alec and the team

Stop Press:

We have a lovely batch of Albany Woolly bushes coming in soon, in time for Christmas.

What's news?

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Samara & Dan with fresh Grev. Woolly Bear

Woolly Bear Mian Grevillea

Grevillea callichlaena selection

Mian is a soft dense shrub 1 - 1.5m high and 1 - 1.5m wide with purple blushed new leaf growth and large clusters of rich burnt-orange woolly flower heads which lie in bud for many months before opening in spring to autumn. Honeyeating birds are drawn to them like magnets. Mian loves full sun or light shade and grows well in cold temperate to semi tropical climates, in well drained, moist clay loams, or humus-rich sand. (See pic right)

Garden Talks

Summer Gardening

with Dan & Jackie

While autumn and winter are the best times to plant, it is possible to plant successfully in summer.

Join us for a talk on summer gardening: When to plant, successful waterwise planting tips, aftercare, and what to plant now.

Saturday 9th January 2010, 10am

Morning tea & question time.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP 94546260

Kalamunda Tourism

Did you know we have a wonderful visitor centre at the top of Haynes St, a great place to take visiting family & friends.

"Kalamunda Visitor Centre urgently needs volunteers to enable us to open the centre on a daily basis.

If you are interested in tourism and enjoy meeting people then we are just the organisation for you. Find out more." – Contact Sally on 94547522.

Christmas opening hours

Over the festive season, Zanthorrea will be open every day but Christmas Day, 9am - 5.30pm.

Late night shopping:

Join us after hours until 7.30pm on:

- Wednesday 16th December
- Wednesday 23rd December



Grevillea Woolly Bear Mian



Gardening Down Under

Paw Perfection



Anigozanthos Big Red

The Big Red kangaroo paw pictured here has been in this spot for 8 years and will be in need of dividing next autumn. In early winter it was looking a bit sad - the leaves spotty and blackish - so we cut it back to ground level and applied about 15g MacroCote. Look at the result! If it was a young plant we could start taking off the older flowers soon and this would encourage new growth / flowers right through to February. With this old one that's tight in its position, it will probably only flower until Christmas.

If you want a maximum display out of your paws:

- Deep soak once a week in summer.
- Remove faded flowers at the base.
- Seasol / fish emulsion fortnightly while in flower.
- Divide the plant in autumn when your clump is as large as our Big Red.
- Feed with slow release fertiliser in winter.

– Alec

Summer Pruning

Prune after flowering is a common call, and as many of our native plants flower in summer, this time of the year is a perfect time to sharpen the pruning tools.

There are many reasons for pruning:

- Tip pruning in summer reduces leaf area, thus minimises evaporation from the plant. The result is a hardier plant over summer.
- Hard pruning will renew tired old plants. If the pruned plant is receiving some summer water, it will soon put on new growth and look good as new.



Hard pruning, miniature baeckea

- Underpruning large bushy shrubs exposes the beautiful stems and allow interesting smaller plants to be grown underneath.



Trunk exposed on bushy melaleuca

- Sculptural pruning can add interest to the garden: hedging, topiary or just plain shaping is fun and creates a formal or cottage garden out of a natural bush garden.

So sharpen those tools and get to it!
– Jackie

The summer vegie garden



It's fun to grow veges all year round, and especially satisfying to pick leafy crops and herbs for summer salads. It is challenging to keep the water up so that the lettuces and parsley don't 'bolt' and go to seed.

A few tips:

- Water in the cool of the evening every day.
- Build up the soil by adding good compost or soil improver each time you plant.
- Use wads of cheap straw as protective mulch to young seedlings so that they are shaded a little from the sun.
- If your garden has no shade, you can create some with a makeshift shade house made from weld mesh bent to shape and old 50% shade cloth. Great for lettuce basil and parsley.
- Water every week or two with a tonic such as Seasol to help drought proof your veges.

Time to plant summer crops:

Tomatoes, capsicum, chilli, eggplant, runner beans, dwarf beans, lettuce, bok choi, silverbeet

If you have room to spare, plant these rambling crops: melons, cucumbers zucchini and pumpkins.

– Jackie



Summer Planting



Planting in Summer can be a challenge due to extreme temperatures and minimal rainfall. However, with some thoughtful plant selection and some extra TLC, great results can be achieved. The nursery is well stocked with plants that can be successfully planted in Summer and will enjoy the warm weather.

Among my favourites are the Eremophilas- some beauties include *E. 'Kalbarri Carpet'*- a low spreading groundcover that thrives in full sun; *E. calorhabdos*- a small to medium shrub with bright pink flowers and a strong upright habit. A newcomer to the nursery is *E. weldii*- a small, compact shrub with pretty purple flowers that will grow in a range of soils including coastal. It is recommended as one of the toughest Eremophilas.



Eremophila 'Kalbarri Carpet'

Hakeas are another plant that will do well when planted in warm weather – workmates tire of me praising *Hakea laurina*, but it is a corker in full sun and well drained soil! We have a terrific batch ready to sell.



Hakea laurina

Also consider some unusual grey foliated species that are hardy and love full sun: *Olearia axillaris* is an underrated medium shrub that is great as a silver foliage contrast. It loves full sun and sandy soil and can be used effectively as a screening shrub. *Rhagodia spinescens* is a grey foliated groundcover that is seemingly bulletproof, growing in any soil, full sun or shade. Its cousin *R. baccata* is similarly tough and produces a tasty edible berry.

Tall tropical hybrid Grevilleas have been hard to come by this year. Consider as an alternative the straight species *Grevillea banksii*. While its more glamorous relatives get all the attention, *G. banksii* will do an excellent job for you as a medium to tall shrub with wonderful red or white flowers. It is useful as a screening shrub and will grow in most well drained soils in full sun to part shade.



Grevillea banksii

Finally, an old favourite is again available at the nursery- *Grevillea crithmifolia* prostrate form is a dense,

green groundcover that thrives in full sun and most soil types, particularly sand. It does a great job as a dense and vibrant weed suppressant and when mature can cover several metres.

Remember to use soil improver when planting and ensure regular water through the first Summer-even the tough species I have listed require regular drinks to get established. But when they get going they will be much loved, long term members of your garden. – Dan



Olearia axillaris

Kanyana's Plant of the Month

This month's P.O.M is the beautiful bird attracting *Anigozanthos "Big Red"*. This hardy easy to grow 'roo paw flowers through summer with blooms reaching as high as 2m. We have grown a special batch that are in bud for \$10.95.



\$1 from each plant will go to Kanyana to help support the wonderful work the volunteers do.

For more information about Kanyana Wildlife Centre, go to:

www.kanyanawildlife.org.au



What's new in the gift shop

"Happy Christmas"

The Zanthorrea gift shop is in full Christmas mode, decorated and packed full of goodies this year, with something for everyone. We have a few new ranges, as well as the trusted and well loved stock from wonderful suppliers. Come in soon and browse. – *Lorretta*

Product to Pamper



Pure and Green Organics

Made in Australia, Pure & Green body care products are certified organic, not tested on animals, and contain no palm oil. They use eco safe packaging and bio pack bottles that are biodegradable. Prices from \$13.95

Thurlby Herb Farm

With fabulous natural fragrances and eye-catching fabric, Thurlby products are sure to please. From \$7.95



Chocolate treats

Wild About You

Beautifully packaged and presented: the Pine Box, a hand crafted pine box containing 14 individually wrapped chocolates \$34.95, the Pillow Box, contains 7 individually wrapped chocolates \$16.95, and the Gold Box, a small square box which has 4 chocolate truffles; the Macadamia nut, Quandong, Wild Lime and Wattle seed \$10.95.

For the home

Caroline Mitchell Collectables

Hand made iconic hanging decorations adorned with sequins featuring Australian flora and fauna. \$19.95



An Original Gift present a range of Wooden coasters 100% Australian made. Each coaster is sold individually and features a carved Australian animal on the front with a brief description of the reverse, all made from different Australian timbers. \$5.95



New from Australian Fine China

Cute shaped 'Footed mug' featuring designs by Phillippa Nikulinsky, including Leschenaultia, Native violet, Banksia and Eucalyptus. \$16.95



For the Children

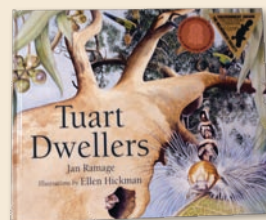
Coris toys – Bold & bright pure cotton Aussie animals, designed by Barbara Sansoni and hand made by young Sri Lankan women.

From \$18.95



Delightful books

Award winning childrens titles, including *Tuart Dwellers* \$26.95, *A tale of Two Honey Possums* \$24.95 and *Guess Who* \$14.95



Garden Gifts

Great ornaments and outdoor gifts including:

Quirky metal pieces from Paul Moro and 'Think Outside'

Colour Rush Australian made plaques & a new range of metal garden art.

Windchimes, bird baths, glazed pots and figurines.



Zanthorrea Gift Vouchers are always popular.



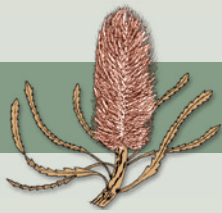
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~ Invitation ~

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Grevillea Woolly Bear® 'Mian'

A new Aussie plant to help 'Free The Bears' Fund.

Longtime FTB member Sue Forrester and her husband Bill Molyneux, owners of Austraflo, the leading Australian native plant development company, are releasing a brand new Grevillea this year to raise funds for *Free The Bears*.

Launched at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show in April, Woolly Bear® 'Mian' will be available in WA nurseries in summer 2009.

Hardy, adaptable, and well suited to a range of soils and climates, 'Mian' has beautiful woolly foliage and furry golden red bunches of flowers. Honeyeaters love it, and it makes a fabulous specimen or hedge plant, and for those who have small spaces, it thrives in containers and tubs.

Sue & Bill named this plant in



Grevillea Woolly Bear Mian

honour of Cambodian Sun Bear Mian, whom they also help to sponsor. Further varieties in the Woolly Bear® range will become available soon, and each will be named for a real bear. The next to follow will be Woolly Bear® 'Hero', named for Hero the rescued 'dancing' bear in India.

Free The Bears Fund Inc

Free The Bears Fund was registered as a non-profit charity in 1995 with an aim to Protect, Preserve and Enrich the lives of bears throughout the world.

To this end, the fund has constructed sanctuaries in Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Vietnam and India. Across S.E. Asia over 700 bears have been rescued from markets, poachers, restaurants and the wildlife trade. The bear is then taken to the sanctuary to live in freedom and peace.

The fund has been welcomed by the Governments in S.E. Asia and is working closely with them to bring about the closure of bile farms in Vietnam and Laos.

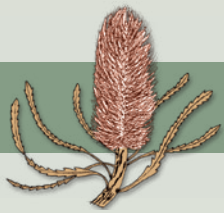
Free The Bears Fund employs local people to care for the bears in the sanctuaries thus helping to address the poverty issues.

100% of all donations and sponsorships go directly to care for the bears.

– Mary Hutton, Founder
Free the Bears Foundation

<http://www.freethebears.org.au/>





Special Feature: Grevillea Woolly Bear[®] Mian

*A new Grevillea ~
with a special purpose.*

*By Sue Forrester & Bill Molyneux,
Australora Pty Ltd, Dixons Creek,
Victoria ***

Out there in the bush

You'd think the chances of finding a brand new species of Grevillea ~ new to science, new to horticulture ~ at the start of the 21st century would be pretty low. After all, surely every bit of Australia has already been walked over by somebody with a keen botanical eye.

But about eight years ago that's exactly what happened. A packet of plant material arrived in our mail box, with a question mark on the slip of paper included. It took about five minutes for us to be certain that what we held in our hands was something completely new to Australia's botanical records.

In a locality not particularly off the beaten track, on a mountain top in north east Victoria, a population of a stunningly lovely grevillea had been noted by an observant orchid photographer, and specimens duly sent to us for identification. It was clearly a grevillea which bore a relationship to the Royal Grevillea (*G. victoriae*), but was in fact vastly different in many characteristics.

Three survey trips later during subsequent years and the mystery plant was given its scientific name, detailed in a botanical paper



Grevillea Woolly Bear Mian

co-authored by Bill Molyneux and a botanist colleague at the Melbourne Herbarium.

The outstanding feature of its flowers ~ apart from their vivid burnt-orange colour and fist-size bunches ~ is their mantle of rusty-gold 'fur'. Thus the plant was named *Grevillea callichlaena*, meaning 'lovely cloak' (calli = lovely, chlaena = cloak or covering).

During the preparation of the botanical paper, we often referred to the plant colloquially as 'Woolly Bear'. The name became a shorthand tag in our many discussions; it was a bit more romantic than 'that new grevillea we're working on ...'

And what about the garden?

With the market demand higher than ever for plants which tolerate dry conditions, attract honeyeaters, and fill a range of landscape design criteria, we very quickly recognized that here was a plant which ticked all those boxes. It slots into that 'small to medium' shrub size, around a metre high and wide, perhaps a little more

but can be pruned very easily. Add to that its neon-bright flowers which match any of the showy members of this genus, and soft grey-green foliage adorned with silky purple new tips, and we constantly asked ourselves how it could possibly have been overlooked since botanical exploration of Australia began?

With a small amount of cutting material, some early propagation trials were made and a few plants struck. At this stage, the thinking was that it would be a fine landscape plant that would readily adapt to gardens and add a great deal to the urban environment.

But as these baby plants developed into sturdy youngsters and industry colleagues were also impressed with their appearance, our thinking stretched.

Perhaps this startling new plant could achieve an even higher purpose than just filling a spot in our gardens?



Mian the rescued sun bear cub

