



Greetings

We can't believe it is almost Christmas. Our decorations are all hand made by Lorretta and the team and look fabulous.

New gifts are coming in every day, and we are well stocked for Christmas gift giving.

December is the perfect time to spruce up the garden, getting it ready for summer entertaining. See page 2 for some wise waterwise tips and keep your garden alive and well this summer.

In the heat of summer, we gravitate to the patio where we can plant up pots and containers with herbs and veges, potted colour and summer flowering native plants. See page 3 for Ross' notes on patio planting.

Our production team are always busy over summer growing new varieties and old favourite plants ready for autumn planting.

There are plenty of reasons to visit Zanthorrea over summer. hope to see you soon.

We wish you a joyful Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Alec Jackie and the team.



Harry says Merry Christmas

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At the State Nursery Industry Awards last night, Zanthorrea was again awarded:

"Best Medium Garden Centre in Western Australia 2011."

What's news?

Garden Week 2011

7th – 11th April at Perry Lakes

2011 is the 40th Anniversary of Garden Week with many exciting highlights planned.

We are delighted that Zanthorrea this year will be exhibiting at Garden Week. Hope you can come and say hello.

Congratulations Zanthorrea

Winner 'Retail Business of the Year' and to Jackie Hooper Winner 'Business Person of the Year.' at the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce 2010 Business Excellence Awards.



Jackie with her award

Garden Talks

Patio Perfect

It's easy to grow native plants in containers. Jackie will show you how to keep them looking good.

Saturday 15th January, 10am

RSVP 94546260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana



Ross with pot of colour

Pruning Native Plants

Ross will demonstrate different pruning methods to help keep your native garden looking good.

Saturday 12th February, 10am

RSVP 94546260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana

Christmas Sundowner

Join Alec Jackie and the team for a Christmas Celebration.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the nursery after hours.

Relax and listen to the music of team member Fletcher.

Jamie and Freddie from Big Island will demonstrate cooking with a range of Australian gourmet products.

Free SGA calendar to the first 50 through the door (One per family)

Thursday 9th December, 5pm until 7.30pm

RSVP essential and numbers limited so please call now to book your place. 94546260

Merry Christmas



Waterwise Gardening

Summer Survival

Water

This year the reservoir of moisture in the ground never filled up, so it will be a tough time for bush plants in summer. New plants will need a bit of extra water, even ones planted as early as May would like 10L per month this summer. For late spring or summer plantings, try to get 4L per plant twice a week.

Water delivery should be as slow as possible to encourage moisture down 20-30cm. If it takes an hour to deliver 4L to a plant, even somewhat non-wettable soils will take it. If you use wetting agents you may get a good result in as little as 15 minutes. As a check, run your reticulation for the usual time, then dig down near a new plant to check if there is any moisture at 20cm deep. If not then apply more, deliver slower or use a wetting agent.

The old fashioned trickle feed with micro-tube take offs were very effective for slow delivery but had a habit of blocking up and needed checking now and then. Adjustable drippers are less prone to blockage but put the water on at a faster rate, so soil wettability needs to be better. Sub-surface drippers are great, with a feeder every 30cm and if installed properly are trouble free. This is the system we are moving towards for watering our display gardens and will soon have them all watered this way. Though they are called sub-surface we put them on the surface and cover with mulch.

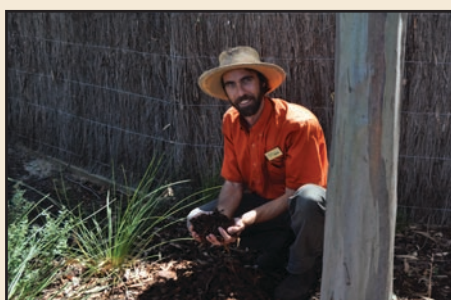


Waterwise Hakea francisiana

Mulch

'Cover with mulch' is an often heard statement from all the experts (Including us!) And it doesn't matter too much what sort of mulch, so long as it has a large particle size and will not 'wick' the moisture to the surface to be evaporated. We like the chunky pine bark mulch as it is effective, light, easy to use and is a sustainable by product of the plantation industry. I am happy with a 30-50mm but many people recommend it at 100mm. Just think that any mulch is better than none and you can always add more later.

Alec



Fletch adding mulch to the garden

Summer Pruning

There are many reasons to prune in summer. Most plants have finished their flowering spell and may be setting seed. Cuts made into hard wood will dry quickly with no need for sealers. And it's time to remove fire prone dry branches.

There is a perception that Australian native plants have different pruning needs and gardeners may be nervous about chopping in to their native plants. However the basics of pruning apply to all plants.

Tip pruning

Tip pruning involves trimming the top few cms of the bush. It has a number of functions. It reduces the leaf area to help stress proof the plant. Tip pruning stimulates healthy bushy growth, and produces a more

tidy look. It can be done any time of the year, but best after flowering to avoid cutting off next season's flowers.

Hard Pruning

Hard pruning requires sharp tools, some strength and courage! It's a useful technique for reinvigorating aging plants. Many plants respond brilliantly to hard pruning, grevilleas, bottlebrush, mallees. However for some plants, hard pruning will spell the end.



For more information come listen to Horticulturist Ross in January, or check out the pruning notes on the website.

Jackie

Kanyana Plant of the Month

Austroromyrtus dulcis

This tasty bush tucker plant is easy to grow, forming a spreading low bush with pretty white flowers in summer followed by tasty grey speckled berries. \$10.95. Also available *Austromyrtus* 'Coppertops', that sports reddish new growth. \$10.95.

\$1 from the sale of these plants goes to support Kanyana.



Austroromyrtus dulcis

"He who plants a garden plants happiness." Chinese proverb.



In the Summer Garden

Summer Colour

There are many summer flowering plants that can inject some vibrant colour into your garden during the warmer months. With a little extra water, the following plants can be put in now to provide you with great floral displays for many years to come. Remember that a plant can make a lovely Christmas present and we even gift wrap for free!

Eremophila calorhabdos- A very hardy, upright shrub with bright pink flowers during the warmer months. Will establish well over Summer with some regular drinks and bring birds into the garden with its nectar rich flowers. Many other *Eremophila* species available too.



Diana with *Eremophila calorhabdos*

Hemiandra pungens- A favourite groundcover at Zanthorrea, loved for its hardiness and vivid mauve or white flowers in Spring and Summer. A prickly customer, good for keeping dogs and cats (and humans) at bay!

Melaleuca nesophila- A tall shrub or small tree with pinky/mauve flowers during Summer. A native to the south coast, its name translates to 'island loving' in Greek, meaning it is especially at home in sandy coastal gardens.

Eucalyptus erythrocorys- Another Zanthorrea favourite, this small, irregular tree provides brilliant colour in Summer. The red bud caps are striking enough, but they slowly fall off to reveal amazingly yellow

flowers that last through Summer. Loves sandy soils.



Eucalyptus erythrocorys

Crowea 'Poorinda Ecstasy'- This Summer flowering *Crowea* is great in part shade, but will also adapt to full sun. The pink flowers are a pretty addition to any garden and they stay a manageable size of between 1-1.5m. Pruning increases bushiness.



Crowea 'Poorinda Ecstasy'

Plenty of these and other hardy plants are available in the nursery over Summer. Just remember to water regularly and use plenty of chunky mulch.

Dan

Patio Perfect

The Backyard Patio, often forgotten over rainy winter months is a great place to entertain family and friends. Coming into summer is the best time to spruce it up and have it looking great for the festive season. Here are a few ideas:



Albany woolly bush as a Christmas tree

Growing plants in pots.

If you have the Poly roofing that cuts out the sun by 50% then you can grow almost any plant on the patio in a pot. A couple to try in either pots or hanging baskets: *Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare'* and *Grevillea 'Mt Tamboritha'*.



Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare'

If there are some plants you wish to grow next year in the ground why not grow them larger over summer in pots, then when autumn hits you can plant them out in the ground for trouble free water wise gardening.

Make up a herb pot for your BBQ cooking. As the saying goes "One large pot can hold many herbs", There is nothing better than picking fresh herbs to use on your cooking, weather it is rosemary on a steak, basil on tomato salad or oregano on a wood fried pizza, Yum!

The smells of a backyard are important too. If you have a few pots free try a Native *Daphne (Philotheca myoporoides)* near the door for a nice fragrance.

Sounds can add a pleasant touch to the patio. A water feature with gently running water can be relaxing, or by getting some wildlife into your backyard you can get frog croaks or bird calls. One way to get frogs in is to set up a frog bowl. Ask us how in store.

Control mosquitoes by adding native fish to any pond. Pygmy perch are a good fish (good at hiding too) and won't eat your tadpoles if you have a frog pond.

Ross



Gifts

Christmas shopping

Come relax and wander around the nursery for inspiration.

Zanthorrea has plenty of lovely gift ideas from an inexpensive wrapped plant to delicious local produce and fabulous garden art.

Think Outdoors...Ee-i-ee-i-o

This eclectic range of hand made sculpture is full of fun and character. 100% derived from 44 gallon drums, it gives a fresh new look to recycling.

New additions have arrived, Henry the Horse (sml \$260.00 med \$330.00) and Billy the Goat (sml \$280.00 med \$355.00) Sid the Sheep now has a baby brother (\$290.00)



Red Tractor

Christmas card 10 pack \$17.95. 12 pack \$18.95

Part proceeds from the sale of these cards go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Packs feature 'Seasons Greetings', 'Australian Plum Pudding', 'Twelve days of Christmas' and 'Peace' design



What's New

Mokoh Design

Local handmade cards, magnets, tea towels and other gifts including DIY owl making kits, also ready made owls available. Designs feature Australian Flora and fauna.

Christmas hanging owls
small \$19.95 Large owl \$29.95



Coris Soft Toys

In 1958, Barbara Sansoni, a colourist, artist and textile designer created the Barefoot concept out of a need for a rehabilitation program for young Sri Lankan woman, who had limited schooling and skills. Today, Barefoot is a premier textile design company exporting worldwide.



Barbara Sansoni's handmade toys are lovingly created to the highest quality workmanship. They are visually stimulating for children because of their bright colours and tactile because of their creative use of fabric textures. The toys are made from 100 per cent colourfast cotton filled with kapok.

Unique Christmas Decorations

Looking for a small gift or an original tree decoration. These are guaranteed to please and delight. Perfect for posting overseas.

Caroline Mitchell designs with Australian motifs \$19.95

Matchmates tree hangers. \$5.95

Origami House creatures \$4.95

Jeremy Boot Design

Beautiful fine china mugs with gorgeous designs, including blue wren, scarlet robin and galah. New designs just released: boobook owl and and pelican. \$24.95

Also available: blank cards \$5.95 and prints signed by the artist \$75.

Free blue wren gift card with every Jeremy boot purchase over Christmas period.



More Garden Gift ideas

- * Windchimes, made in Australia.
- * Bird feeders from Kim Lyons.
- * Quirky metal art from Paul Moro.
- * Wall plaques from Colour Rush.
- * Glazed & terracotta bird baths.
- * Wrapped plant.

Lorretta

Zanthorrea Gift Vouchers

Our vouchers are a welcome gift. We can accept credit card payment over the phone and post out to you.



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