



Welcome



As Spring performs its last floral show we make our way into the festive season, Summer! A great time of the year with long hours of daylight allowing us to garden early in the morning and many hours after work.

Christmas is just around the corner and if you are looking for a unique gift, Australian Christmas tree or a WA Christmas tree, we have plenty to tantalize in store.

Stop the press! We recently won the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce **'Small Business of the Year 2011'**!



Poinsettia in a pot

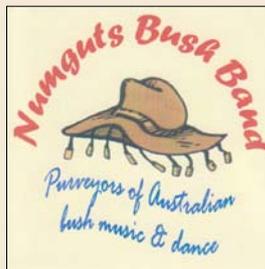
There are lots of Poinsettias coming in for Christmas this year! These make an excellent splash of colour for an outdoor table or pop it in one of these pots to make a superb Chrissie present!

News worthy

Christmas Celebration!

Join us for a Christmas celebration for all the family. By popular demand the Numguts Bush Band return this year to play for us. Bring your chair, pillow or blanket and your dancing feet!

Sparkling apple juice and Christmas cake will be provided.



RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana

Time: 3pm till 5pm

Date: 11th of December

Merry Christmas!

From all of us here at Zanthorrea we wish you a warm Merry Christmas and a happy new year of gardening!



WA Christmas Tree (Nuytsia floribunda)

We have been successful in germinating a batch of Nuytsia's from our very own tree in the nursery. Tubestock of this showy tree are available now at \$5 each, but stocks are limited.

Talks



Gardening is Child's Play!

Children love being outdoors and outdoor play is a great way for kids to learn, let off steam and get a healthy dose of fresh air. Join Lisa Passmore for a talk on gardening with children.

9.30am, Saturday 7th of January

Gold coin donation to Kanyana

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A New Holland Honeyeater in a Hakea

Flora for Fauna

Creating a garden that attracts birds, frogs, butterflies and lizards is a lot of fun. Join us for a talk on how to bring the wildlife back into your garden.

9.30am, Saturday 11th of February

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The **Landscape** Calendar is full of beautiful pictures and makes an excellent postal pressie for overseas friends and family. \$16.95



Summer Gardening!

Vegetables for the warmer months

Summer is a good time for growing vegetables! Plant out your tomatoes, zucchinis, capsicums and eggplants now. Corn will still crop if given plenty of water through summer. Leafy crops can be grown all year, but may need a bit of protection from the sun and a little extra water. Try planting them to the east or the south of your tomato or corn bushes to protect them from the afternoon sun.

You can also start your own veges off by seed! Either direct sow seeds like beans, carrots, radishes and melons straight out into the veg patch, or use one of the seedling houses like shown below to maximise germination!



Pot on your own for Autumn 2012

Summer is a challenging time to plant tubestock in the garden. Their small root systems will struggle in the summer heat unless they are hand watered daily.

An alternative is to pot them up in preparation for planting out in the cooler and wetter months of autumn and winter. You will need some native plant potting mix, clean pots (eg 140mm) and some slow release native plant fertilizer (eg MacroCote). Locate your freshly potted tubes under dappled shade or in an area with some morning sun and afternoon shade. So as well as enjoying the plants growing in pots, come autumn, you will have some larger, nicely rooted plants to have an instant impact in your



garden.

For the more adventurous, you may choose to try and germinate seed of native Australian plants. Follow the specific germination directions on the seed packet and be patient. Some seeds may take weeks or months to germinate. Good ones to try are Sturt's Desert pea, kangaroo paws, eucalypts, hakeas, hardenbergia or kennedia species to name a few.

-John

Funny Fruit and Veg!

Sometimes our home grown fruit and veg doesn't quite come out the way it should look! This year we harvested some weird and wacky looking carrots from our veg patch. Instead of the perfect shape they came out stumpy and gnarly. A carrot only needs the slightest obstacle in a sandy soil and it will fork out in all directions! Many other fruit and veg can do unusual things because of environmental reasons. Send in your photo of a wierd or wacky shaped fruit or veg and we will put them up in the shop or on the facebook page for all to see!

-Danielle



Shady Summer Gardening

Summer is often seen as too hot to garden, not just for the plants but also for us. With summer water restrictions it can be a hard job keeping plants alive with hand watering.

This doesn't have to be the case for all your garden. Try focusing on your shady areas as these will not have that intense UV or evaporation rate. You will find these areas can be planted all year round with a minimal watering effort. I would still recommend hardy plants like, *Brachysema celsianum*, *Grevillea 'Ellendale Pool'* or *Acacia lasiocarpa* to name a few.



Brachysema celsianum

TIP: Growing more trees or tall shrubs will greatly cool down your property and makes it more pleasant to garden all year round. -Ross

Waterwise Gardening

Stay waterwise this summer and there will be enough water for everyone!

- Add Soil Improver when planting.
- Select drought hardy plants.
- Use a soil wetter.
- Mulch generously with a chunky mulch, like pine bark.
- Reticulate! "I find Shrubber systems are the best for a native garden" - Ross.

For more information, check out the Water Corporations website:

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



Flora for Fauna

For the Bandicoots



Grevillea bipinnatifida 'New Vintage'

'I have Quendas (bandicoots) living in my garden, they are my digging companions! I think they feed on worms and grubs in the soil and appreciate areas that have just been dug up. If I disturb them they disappear, at speed, under the nearest shrub for protection. Both the One Sided Bottlebrush and the Fuchsia Grevillea offer excellent protection for these little friends!'

-Diana

For our feathered friends (Birds)

There are many wonderful wildflowers for the birds, providing both nectar and insects for them to eat. Add prickly shrubs to provide shelter, so they can escape from predators. Plants like grevilleas, bottlebrushes, beaufortias and melaleucas work really well to attract birds into the garden, but don't forget to plant a couple of trees like Eucalyptus torquata or Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Rosea' aswell!



Beaufortia purpurea

For our amphibious friends (Frogs)

Frogs love a bit of water, a water plant, a log sticking out of the water and low shrubs that attract insects. Have all four and you will have frogs in your garden too. Also be aware that frogs are very sensitive creatures, so avoid using poisons in the garden.

Lepidosperma longitudinale (Pithy sword sedge) has thin flat leaves and can grow in a pot submerged in water providing excellent protection for our amphibious friends. One of my favourites for a frog garden!



Frog on Lepidosperma longitudinale

Bring in the Butterflies

Butterflies can really make an already stunning day in the garden magical! To get them into your garden you will need to plant some of the shrubs they prefer for their nectar. Try some *Brachyscome multifida*, *Kunzea ambigua* or any of the *Calytrix* species.



Brachyscome multifida

Pop it in a pot!

Too hot to garden out in the full sun? Why not grow a few natives in pots and colour up your courtyard!

'Our local blue bell makes an attractive pot specimen, especially if you can give it something nice to climb up like this trellis!'



-Ross

Hardy prostrate native shrubs have a lovely structure and can add character to your porch. Try an *Acacia* 'Green Wave' (shown below) for its beautiful structure or *Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty' for its stunning display of flowers in winter.



-Lisa

Kanyana plant of the month

Decembers plant of the month is *Scaevola* 'Mauve Carpet', a low ground cover with a mass of mauve flowers all through summer.

*\$1 from each sale will go towards the great work done at Kanyana Wildlife centre.





Christmas Ideas

Locally made artwork

Looking for a gift made locally, check out these beautiful pieces!

To the right is a sculpture by Paul Moro. Choose from pieces made to rust and others made to stay shiny! \$44.95



Blue wrens on a Gum tree sculpture



Kim Lyons Pottery

Hand painted and hand spun, this hanging pot is the perfect pressie for the pot lover. \$26.75



Pauline Mann's ornamental animals

Creative, quirky and cute! There are many different hand made animals, each one unique. From \$7.95

For something different



Owl Candles

Scented Owl Candles \$5.95



Ee-i-ee-i-O nurses!

These nurses are real charmers! choose from the attractive Man or Lady Nurse. \$156 each



Colourful Watering Cans and Bottle in a bag

Kids love these small sized watering cans for their bright colours, light weight and easy to handle for small hands! Get'em into gardening! While they are at it, enjoy icy cool refreshment with the Bottle in a bag! (bottle not included)



Fairy Wren Tea

Towel & Tea Cup

The Blue Fairy Wren is absolutely splendid! So is the artwork that has gone into many of the gifts in store. Fairy Wren Tea Towel and Tea Cup

\$24.95 each



Australian Fauna Decorations

Almost time to put up that christmas tree, why not decorate it with something unique, colourful and representing the diverse fauna of Australia!

Embroidered Decorations \$19.95



Christmas Cards

There are more cards instore than you can poke a stick at, many of them Australian made.

Gift vouchers are a welcome gift and are available in any amount you like. Also we can post them out to in time for Christmas Day!



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