



Welcome

What's On



Greetings from the team!

Christmas is just around the corner, and we invite you to visit Zanthorrea for relaxing garden inspiration and for a wide range of beautiful gifts.

We are now up to the 100th edition of the Bush Telegraph. That's 25 years of gardening interest. Page 4 has a little history that may be of interest to friends old and new.

This 100th issue has plenty of plant related information to inspire you to spend summer time in the garden. I recommend cool early mornings spent with the birds.

Thank you for your custom and friendship in 2013. Our gift for you is the now famous Zanthorrea calendar, produced by in-house photographer Ross. Calendars are available from mid December, on presentation of the voucher, while stocks last.

Alec Jackie Ross and the team at Zanthorrea wish you a happy Christmas and a bountiful new year of gardening.

Your Favourite Plants

We had a great response to the draw and now we have the best five plants as voted by you:



1: Kangaroo Paws: In particular Anigozanthos 'Yellow Gem'.

2: Grevilleas: Mainly Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon'.

3: Alyogyne huegii

4: Ricinocarpus tuberculatus.

5: Callistemon 'Perth Pink'



Be Bush Fire Aware!

Saturday 11th January, 10am

Learn how to protect your home and garden from bush fire this summer? Come along to Zanthorrea and find out what you can do to lessen the risk of bush fire.

Kalamunda Bush Fire Brigade will be on hand to present a talk and to answer your questions.

Jackie from Zanthorrea will talk about the plant features to look for when planting in bush fire prone areas. RSVP 94546260.

Gold coin donation to Kalamunda Bush Fire Brigade.



Easy Care Cottage Gardens

Saturday 22nd February, 10am.

Would you like a traditional cottage garden, but find it too hard to look after?

Join award winning garden designer Sue Torlach, who will help you plan a water-saving, low maintenance cottage garden using our beautiful Australian native plants.

RSVP 94546260.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana Wildlife Centre.



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from all of us at Zanthorrea





What do I want for Summer?

Five tips for Summer Gardening

In the cool of the morning or evening it is great to get out into the garden and potter about. Here are some tips to keep your garden looking cool this summer.

1: Plants grow quicker in the warmer weather, so remember to tip prune any shrubs you want to keep nice and bushy.

2: Remove any spent spring flowers as this will help the plants put more energy back into the foliage.

3: If you are in an area like us and get the strong easterly winds it is a good idea to prune any of the fast growing screening plants down by 1/3. This will make them less likely to snap in the wind. Don't worry as they will recover that 1/3 very quickly and will be a stronger shrub because of it.



4: Mulch mulch mulch as much as you can. It is not only for looks, but a well mulched garden will survive the hot summer sun much better.



5: Make sure your reticulation is all working and that the soil is wettable. Generally the time spent fixing retic and making the soil wettable pays for it self many times over in hand watering and replacing plants that didn't get enough water.

-Ross

Things I can't do without!

I was in the garden before work last week, and realised there are two things I can't do without: My old kneeling mat and a strong steak knife! The crabgrass seems to grow overnight in summer and the best way of dealing with it is using the knife to cut under the leaf mass. A quick rake and the crab grass is gone.



I asked the team to tell me off the top of their head, what they couldn't do without in the garden.

Diana said without hesitation: Her hat and gloves. Diana, like many of us spent her childhood in the sun, so protection from the sun is a priority.



Amy said she couldn't do without her secateurs and a bucket for pulling the odd weed, and for tip pruning plants.

Muriel's top two gardening friends are her Kamachi secateurs and a scoop for mixing soil amendments and improver when planting.

Ross cites cutting tools and Showa 370 gloves. (He is currently wearing mauve ones – such a fashion statement!)



Alix answered the question with Seasol and Powerfeed. Alix's business is Heirloom Farm and these are essential to keep her organic seedlings healthy.



Both Danielle and Andrea couldn't go past their beloved Kamachi secateurs and are quick on the draw.

I wonder what you can't do without in your garden? - Jackie

Give the gift that grows!

The poinsettias and hydrangeas have just arrived and look amazing.

Ceratopetalum gummiferum (NSW Christmas bush) makes a long lasting Christmas gift and looks stunning in a red ceramic pots.



Three or four herbs in a locally made Kim Lyons terracotta pot would be a welcome gift for someone special.



Garden Tid Bits

Pest of the month!

Cabbage white butterflies are plentiful this summer. The caterpillars hatch out and munch away until there are numerous holes in leafy plants such as cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. For the organic gardeners there are a few tricks to use until the birds and other predators find the caterpillars. Squashing caterpillars and leaving them on the leaf will show the way for potential predators. A spray of garlic, chilli or diluted clay will help repel the butterflies. Dipel is a bacterial control that targets caterpillars and interrupts the breeding cycle.



Summer Flowering Performers

Summer is not always seen as the month of flowers, but there are a few beauties worth pointing out.



Beaufortia purpurea: This small local shrub has reddish purple flowers in summer. Very hardy in sand or gravel, it provides nectar for small birds.

Myoporum parvifolium: White star flowers on a spreading lawn-like ground cover ensures myoporum is one of our most popular summer

plants. There are several leaf forms and all are hardy in most soil types.

Grevillea 'Moonlight': One of the range of large flowered grevilleas, 'Moonlight' will grow to over 3m in 5 years. Once established it is drought hardy and displays its creamy flowers all through the warmer months.



Grevillea 'Sylvia': Growing just like 'Moonlight' this bright pink flowered grevillea will delight all summer long. Great for cut flowers too!



Hybrid kangaroo paws: Anigozanthos 'Big Red' and 'Yellow Gem' have been best sellers at Zanthorrea since records began! And it's no wonder. Provided they receive a little summer water, they will have blooms right through the warmer months. Bird attracting with low water requirements, they are perfect for any garden.



Grow your own Veges

Edible gardening is a growing trend. Producing our own food not only saves money, but more importantly we can grow healthier food, organically and free of harmful chemicals. The veggie patch is a great place to start your edible garden.



Time to Plant: Tomatoes, capsicum, chilli, eggplant, dwarf beans.

Basil, oregano, parsley, chives.

Lettuce, rocket, silverbeet, bok choy, kale, mizuna.

If you have lots of room: zucchini, cucumber, squash, pumpkin, watermelon & rockmelons.

Tips for growing veges in summer.

It can be challenging planting veggies in the heat of summer, but the delicious rewards are worth a little extra care.

- * Prepare the soil, mixing in plenty of organic material.

- * An easy option is to purchase quality veggie garden soil from a local garden supply.

- * Ensure the plants have enough water to keep them growing well. A simple reticulation system is best.

- * Provide temporary shade for leafy crops with old shade cloth or twigs.

- * Fertilise little and often.

- * Grow some summer flowering native plants nearby to attract insects. They will help in the pollination of your veggies!



100th edition: Blast from the past

Twenty five years ago, friend and business consultant John Stanley challenged the team at a staff training session. "When was the last time you wrote to your customers?"

We couldn't let a challenge like that pass! It made perfect sense to write a newsletter to our customers especially as so many felt like special friends and had been visiting Zanthorrea since we opened in 1975!



So in autumn 1989, the first edition of our Bush Telegraph was produced. Hand typed by a local secretarial service with Alec's simple drawings, our first newsletter was printed on an old fashioned gestetner. (Remember those cantankerous machines!?)

Issue 1 had an article on Everlastings by John Colwill, a children's Easter competition, Lynn's famous flowering calendar and a few plant profiles.

Reading back through 100 issues of Bush Telegraph has been a trip down memory lane. The quarterly newsletters have recorded 'Welcome's to new staff members and 'Farewell's to good friends leaving to have babies or simply to venture on to further study or travel. Zanthorrea has been enriched by the many team members who have

spent their working days with us.

We have had some famous writers for our humble newsletter: Plantsman John Colwill, horticultural consultant John Stanley, journalist Michele Phillips, our own comedian daughter Claire Hooper, as well as many specialist plant experts.

Our regular garden talks have included entertaining speakers such as Eric McCrum (many times), John Colwill, Josh Byrne, Sue Torlach, Lisa Passmore, Joe Tonga as well as team members. We have had two 'Australian Open Garden Scheme' fundraisers and many other functions to raise money for Kanyana Wildlife centre, Kalamunda Bushfire Brigade and Kaarakin Cockatoo Centre.



My favourite issues:

* Spring 1995 was our 20th anniversary issue and features sepia tinted photos from our history. Love the picture of 4 year old Ross in a beret, and 3 year old Alec in overalls! Alec's mother, the late



Jean Hooper wrote about our brief history in this issue.

* Spring 2000 was our silver anniversary as Zanthorrea was 25 years old. Printed on silver paper, it highlighted our award win for the Bush Telegraph as NGIWA "Promotion of the Year", also "WA Garden Centre of the Year".

So here we are, 100 issues and 25 years on. Alec brags the Bush Telegraph is the longest running garden centre newsletter in Australia, indeed the universe! And perhaps he's right.



We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy putting it together.

A special thank you to Ross Hooper and the team for their talents and contributions. -Jackie Hooper



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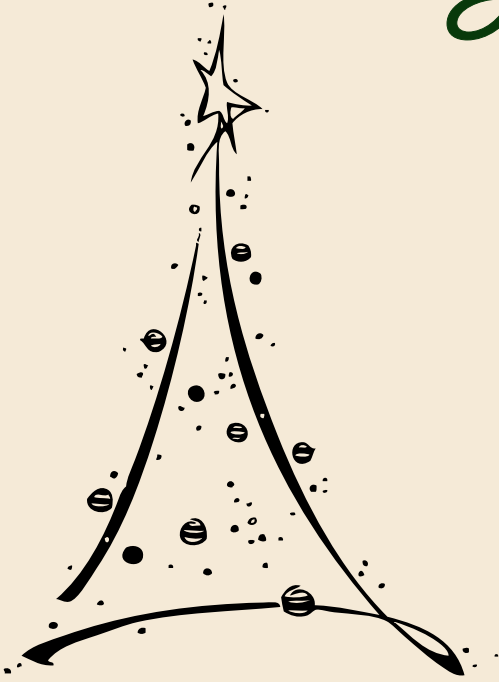
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Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a joyful time of the year, a time we can celebrate life and appreciate all the wonderful people who mean so much to us.

We wish you all the best for the festive season and a safe and happy New Year! -Zanthorrea Team



Hansen Gallery celebrate Christmas with these gorgeous Banksia bell decorations for the tree. \$14.95.

Christmas in the Kitchen!

The Linen Press has released this new Christmas design in the 'Australian Certified Organic Textiles in the Kitchen' range. Featuring Kangaroo, Blue wren and Christmas bells! \$7.95 - \$26.95. Proving to be very popular already. Hurry in!



KW Ceramics

Artisan Kim Wallace creates unique handmade ceramic Christmas decorations and soap or candle dishes. Snowflakes, love hearts, baubles and vintage lace doily designs. From \$9.95 to \$16.95.

P.S. Kim donates 20% of each hearts she sells to the McGrath Foundation.

Robert Gordon

AUSTRALIAN MADE CUPS.....yes you read right! The clay is harvested from Dandenong, Victoria, then the cups are specially handmade for Zanthorrea. Printed in Australia, designs include blue wren, butterfly, red flowering gum and possum designs. Make an ideal cup for christmas nuts! \$19.95. Pate plates available also.



More Tea Please

Lemon Myrtle and Aussie Green Tea, available in 30g or 50g tins. \$14.95 and \$19.95. Lemon Myrtle and green tea have many amazing health benefits, yet also make a refreshing hot or iced tea. Sample tasting available in shop.



Mokoh

Mokoh's Aussie made products include new placemats, coasters, tea towels and cards including Australian Botanical, Aussie Christmas, and funky psychedelic prints! Perfect overseas gift.



More Christmas Gift Ideas

Honey, Honey, Honey!

This product is 100% natural and made in Australia using raw ingredients. The range includes Healing, Moisturising and Lip Balm. These balms were originally used as a family recipe for generations and contain no parabens, no fillers, no fragrance, no preservatives, no chemicals! With wonderful healing properties and rich in anti oxidant.



body creme, luxe body mousse, moisturising soap and duo gifts packs. Beautiful Christmas gift idea.



The House Of Honey

This local Swan Valley company travel far and wide in WA to pollinate and harvest a wide range of honeys. This includes Blackbutt, Banksia, Redgum, Jarrah and other infusions. Packaged in glass jars they are priced from \$5.95 to \$8.95. Also available are different varieties of boiled honey lollies \$11.95.



Wooden decorations for the tree!

Local hills artist Paul and Kaye Moro have produced gorgeous 2D & 3D Christmas decorations. Blue wrens, Emu's, Kangadeer and Koalas. \$4.95 and \$9.95



Buttonworks

Decorations all around! Aussie flowers, animals and birds come in sets or are sold separately. Made from Australian sustainably harvested timbers, they are safe to send overseas. New gifts include the leaf boxes, coasters, place mats and games. \$9.95 to \$47.95

Maine Beach

New to Main Beach is 'Organic Ligurian Honey' body products: With hypoallergenic, moisturising, antiseptic and antioxidant qualities, this range comes in Blood orange,



Vanilla and Kangaroo Island. The spring flora honey is harvested from the rare and sought after Ligurian Honey beehives, which have been secluded from the mainland since 1884! Includes body polish, hand and nail creme, hand and



Australian Botanical Design

New from the Linen Press 'Australian Certified Organic Textiles in the Kitchen' range is this beautiful design featuring Australia's most recognised floral emblems. From \$7.95 to \$26.95

Merry Giftmas

and a Happy New Year!

-Danielle

2014 Calendar Voucher

To celebrate the new year we are giving away a...

Zanthorrea Calendar

Cut off this voucher and present to a staff member in store. Available mid December.

Limit is one free calendar per person, additional calendars \$7.95