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The early summer weather is perfect to spend time outdoors. We'd like to encourage you to take a break from the hustle and bustle of this busy season to spend a little time in the garden, both yours and ours!

Our team have ideas for summer projects. Find out more on page two.

Are you keen to encourage a love of gardening in the next generation? Book the kids in to Zanthorrea's KidsGrow to pot up a Petunia, during the school holidays.



Our artistic team have created beautiful displays to inspire. The garden centre is chock full of many beautiful garden-themed gifts for all your Christmas shopping needs.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, and a safe and happy holiday season.

Alec, Jackie, Ross and the team.

What's On



Christmas Sundowner

"We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Sundowner. It is our way of saying thank you for your support."

Join us for an evening of mellow sounds from local band 'Booby trap', with punch and sausage in a bun. We are launching the 2015 Zanthorrea Calendar at the sundowner, so be sure to bring in your voucher to redeem your free copy. Extra copies \$7.95.

5.30pm 'til 7.30pm, December 17.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to 94546260 by 12th December.



Kids Grow "Pot a Petunia"

Tuesday 13th Jan, 10am &

Saturday 17th January, 10am

Encourage the kids to develop a love of gardening.

Pot up a Petunia and take it home to watch it grow!

Numbers limited - RSVP essential - 94546260

Gold coin donation, proceeds to Kanyana Wildlife.



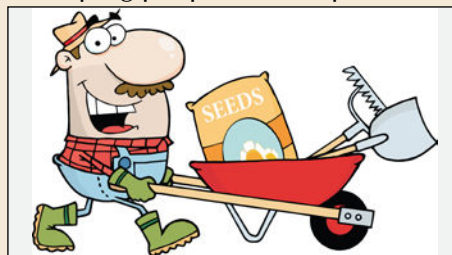
Yes, we sell gift vouchers to any amount!

Garden Releaf

Save the date: March 7 & 8, 2015.



Following the example of the UK Garden Centres we are holding a "Garden Releaf" weekend at Zanthorrea. There will be fun, music and entertainment. Proceeds go to "Beyond Blue" so they can continue the fantastic work they do in helping people with depression.



AGCAS: Australian Garden Centre Accreditation Scheme.

Congratulations to the team on their recent AGCAS results, that earned Zanthorrea the award for the second year running - "Garden Centre of Excellence".

Kathy Bafile, auditor, writes:

"... you scored 99.18% which is 4.31% up on the last audit, and is an astonishing achievement. Congratulations to you and the team at Zanthorrea!"



The project gardener

With the school holidays nearly here it is a perfect time to plan the summer gardening projects. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Vege patch

Use sleepers or a corrugated drum to build up a patch of soil. Use a quality vege mix (Like the one from the Green Life Soil Company) or use an organic potting mix and add blood and bone to feed. Install micro sprinklers to make watering a breeze. Hand water daily when young.



Drought proof the garden

Wetting agents help drought proof your garden, especially in summer. They guard against water repellent soils and break the surface tension allowing the water to penetrate.

Grosorb is a granular wetting agent, easy to apply. Add a small handful to the planting hole, or sprinkle around the surface of existing plants. Water well to activate as it bubbles up on contact with water.

Eco-wet is a liquid wetting agent and can be mixed in a 9 litre watering can or bucket. It brings life to dry grey sandy soils, vastly improving a plants survivability through summer. - Muriel



Renew your kangaroo paws

When the heat of summer sets in, the hybrid kangaroo paws may start to look a little shabby. Prune off any spent flowers to encourage new ones to shoot. Remove leaves that are marked or tatty. Mix 2 capfuls of Seasol and 2 capfuls of Eco-wet wetting agent, and gently pour around the plants. For very old plants, add 2-4 teaspoons of slow release fertiliser or a small handful of organic fertiliser. Water well.

(Remember there are some kangaroo paws that will die back every summer, so ignore these until they re-shoot next autumn – black paws, red & green kangaroo paws,)

Jackie



Grow your own gifts

Impress your friends with these quick and easy garden gifts.

Recipe for a "Potted herb garden":

1 medium sized pot. (Yates Tuscan 300mm would suit)

3 herbs in 100mm square pots.

1 bag of Baileys potting mix

* Part fill the pot with potting mix.

* Tip the herbs out of the pots and place equal distance around the pot.

* Back fill to within a few cms of the top, and water well.

* Place the labels near their herbs.

Cost: Around \$35. Value: Priceless

Recipe for a Basket of Flowers:



1 hanging basket (lots to choose form)

1 six pack of 'Colour Burst' potted colour.

1 bag of Baileys potting mix.

* Part fill the pot with potting mix.

* Tip the flowers out and place equal distance around the pot.

* Back fill to within a few cms of the top, and water well.

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A Christmas Wreath

Make a beautiful living centrepiece for your table. It's easy, simple, and fun to make.

All you will need is a wreath frame, some wire, sphagnum moss, a selection of succulents and just a little bit of patience.

www.fickleprickles.com.au has instructions on their website.

Its a great conversation piece and makes a great gift too!! - Janine



Hot for Summer



Nuytsia floribunda

Every year we are blessed with bright orange blooms at Christmas from this iconic semi-parasitic tree.

There has been a lot of interest in growing these trees, and this year once again we will have a small number of baby plants for sale.

A few things to consider when growing your own:

- They are an extremely slow growing tree, taking 10-15 years to reach maturity and flower.
- Weeding around them must be done by hand as any poison will be drawn through the weed's roots into the Nuytsia.
- Avoid overfertilising and be patient to let it grow, a small amount of blood and bone twice a year is perfect.
- A host is not necessary in the first 2 years as they will latch on to the slow release fertiliser. For a host try dichondra, yellow buttons or best of all a jam wattle tree! -Ross



Albany Woolly Bush as a Christmas Tree

Adenanthos sericeus.

Albany Woolly Bush makes a lovely living Christmas tree. We have advanced plants for \$50.95.



Swainsonia formosa

Sturt's desert peas are now in stock. 'Flinders Flame' is a new improved form. Treated as an annual in Perth, it should flower through summer and into next winter. Plant in full sun with good drainage. \$12.95 in 140mm pots.

Marri disease.

"Gum tree Ebola" or Marri canker is a fungal disease of the bark that causes the bark to die and fall off, leading eventually to tree death. Many Marris (Corymbia calophylla) in Perth and the south-west have been affected.

Shredded tree prunings make a great mulch but we now need to start asking suppliers where the mulch comes from. Fresh mulch containing infected Marri could introduce the pathogen to healthy trees. - Diana



"Using a quality pine bark mulch is the safest option for your garden!"



Herbs for happy healthy chooks

Grow the following herbs in the chooks yard for healthy chickens and tasty eggs: Artemesia, Tansy, Fennel to keep away pests such as lice and mites. Chickweed, Marigold, Mint, Cress, Nasturtium help keep the chooks healthy.



Book Review

"Guide to the Wildlife of Perth and the South West" is the latest offering from Simon Nevill Publications, featuring contributions from several wildlife experts.

I love this new release book. It is on my Christmas list for several of my family. (Don't tell them!) This guide includes important information such as habitat, lifecycle, scientific names as well as other interesting facts. The book also has information on wildflowers, and maps to show where they grow.

As with all Simon Nevill books, this one has great colour photos on each page.

This book is a must for every bush walker's backpack. RRP \$54.95

-Jackie



Merry Christmas!

"We have a fantastic selection of Australian gifts to choose from this year, pop in for a browse!"



Eastborne Art Australian hand made gloves, kneeling mats, doorstops, cushions and teatowels....from \$19.95.



Incense holders by **Michelle's Ceramics**, \$8.95 and incense from \$5.95. Handmade garlic holders by **Michelle's Ceramics** \$34.95.



New **Robert Gordon** Australian made mugs and ceramic jars for someone special! From \$18.95.



Artwerx Windspinners made in Oz, from \$29.95.



Buttonworks mini puzzles-kangaroo and koala \$14.95.



***Fair Go Trading** lanterns, trays, boxes and bells starting at \$9.95.



Banksia cone animal Christmas decorations \$24.95.

"Santa has informed us that he will be sending one of his elves to watch over us all from Dec 1st- 24th. Keep an eye out in store and on Facebook to see what our little friend gets up to!"



Little Innoscents organic baby skincare range from \$12.95.



Jozzies Australian made toys and puppets from \$24.95.

Milly Molly Mandy handmade quirky koalas, Santa's wishlist and hanging gingerbread men!



Books: "Captain Kangaroo Saves The Day" & "Captain Kangaroo puts out a bushfire in the Aussie outback."



Christmas paper decorations in bright colours for the people who like it loud!

Happy Christmas shopping!

-Danielle



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