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## Seasons Greetings!



The long days of warm weather are here, and we hope you are finding time to enjoy gardening in the cool of some shady trees!

On page 2 we look at some of our favourite shady trees and also tips on overcoming some of the challenges posed by gardening in the summer season.

There is plenty to do at this time of year, including some fun gardening such as creating colourful 'Roo Paw displays and enticing garden centre pieces. We have some lovely large grevilleas back in stock, so pop in and have a look at these tough, colourful performers!

Christmas is just around the corner and Danielle has been busy sourcing some fantastic Australian gifts to fill our gift shop. Janine has filled the atrium with beautiful metal art. There are plenty of gift options for the whole family.

From all of us at Zanthorrea,  
Have a wonderful  
safe festive season!  
Cheers, Ross, Jackie  
and the Zan Team.

*"Zanthorrea is closed for Christmas day, but open again on Boxing Day and on the Monday public holiday in lieu."*

### Australia Day 26th January

Australia Day is a great time to share with family and friends, celebrating all that makes living in this great country special.

TIP: If you are having a backyard party, pot up some Aussie beauties in the green and gold colour scheme! Anigozanthos 'Bush Gold' and Hibbertia obtusifolia work really well together in a pot.



### Garden Releaf 2016

Save the date and join us to celebrate the healing qualities of gardening: **April 9th and 10th 2016**

It's well known that gardening helps chase the blues away! In partnership with Beyond Blue, Zanthorrea and many garden centres throughout Australia will hold a weekend of celebration in April next year.

**Gift vouchers to any value are available at Zanthorrea. Purchase in store or order over the phone.**

## What's On



### The living gift

Join Janine for a hands on demonstration of how to create a living gift that makes the perfect present for friends or family.

**10am Saturday, 19th December.**

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP on 9454 6260.



### Kids gardening with Jackie

Kids love to garden, and a great place to start is growing their own in pots. Jackie is holding 2 workshops in the school holidays showing the kids how to pot on vegies or flowering seedlings.

**10am Wednesday, January 6th.**

**10am Monday, January 11th.**

\$2 coin donation to Kanyana. The kids get to keep what they pot on!

Numbers limited.

RSVP on 9454 6260.

*Zanthorrea Calendar is out now!*

*Use your voucher to score a free copy or purchase additional for \$7.95..*

# Merry Christmas!





## Hot Hot Hot!



### 2020Vision

The vision is to plant 20% more greenlife in cities by the year 2020.

In our cities and towns, we are experiencing unreliable rainfall, heat extremes and ever increasing cost of water and power. Trees and greenlife in general have been found to have many benefits, both to the occupants and to the economy.

\* We all know it is cooler in the shade, but it is surprising that trees can drop temperatures by up to 8°C, reducing air conditioner use and carbon emissions by an estimated 12-15% per annum.



\* Trees literally act as the earth's lungs supplying oxygen and removing pollution. Productivity has been found to increase in work environments with greenery, one study cited a 17% increase.

\* Contact with nature has been found to have health and psychological benefits: reducing stress, improving attention, having a positive effect on mental restoration and increased longevity.

These are just some of the reasons that cities and towns of Australia are joining the quest for 20% more greenery by the year 2020.  
<http://2020vision.com.au>

### Cool Summer Planting

Though autumn is the perfect time to plant, many of us have more time and enthusiasm to garden in the warmer months. With regular water plants grow well during summer.



*Scaevolae are great for summer colour!*

### For successful summer planting:

- \* Plant in the cool of the evening or early morning.
- \* First dunk the plant in its pot in a bucket of water so that it is thoroughly wet before planting.
- \* Before planting, prepare the soil with soil improver mixed in and add water to the planting hole.
- \* Water daily for a month, then gradually wean off the new plants until twice daily watered.



\* Cover the soil with chunky mulch to reduce evaporation and cool the soil while inhibiting weed growth.

\* Check for water repellence. Pour a bucket of water on the soil, then watch how long it takes to soak in. If longer than a few minutes, then apply a soil wetter such as Ecowet.

Summer planting is rewarding provided you have time to watch over the new plants. Have fun and stay cool in your summer garden!

- Jackie

### Our Favourite Shade Trees

On a hot summer's day, our Australian shade trees are a real blessing, both for us to sit down and relax under and to block the sun's heating effect on our homes.

### Here are some of our favourites:

**Eucalyptus victrix** - Danielle's favourite for its fast growing nature and beautiful white trunk. Grows to 7m.



**Eucalyptus torquata** - Ross's favourite for its light shade allowing under planting and also for its beautiful long flowering. 5m.

**Eucalyptus eximia nana** - Diana's pick for its huge clusters of showy flowers and also for its dense foliage and light pretty bark. Grows to 5m.

**Eucalyptus rudis** - Lorretta's choice as it supports a massive amount of insect life and grows really well in winter wet areas. 9m - 15m.

**Agonis flexuosa** - This one reminds Amy of summer holidays at her favourite camp spot on the Blackwood River. A great dense, weeping shade provider. 5m - 6m.



**Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'** - Alec's favourite as it fits in small spaces, and is easily pruned to shape. A beautiful bird attractor with showy red flowers. 3m - 4m.





## Summer Delights



### Kangaroo Paws

Summer is an amazing time for Kangaroo Paws in the watered garden. The large flowering forms of 'Big Red', 'Yellow Gem' and 'Orange Cross' flower all the way through to February, so it is not too late to get them in now. The dwarf varieties like 'Bush Ballad', 'Bush Gold' and 'Bush Pizzazz' can flower for most of the year. Just prune away the old flowers to make way for the new ones. Improve the soil and water well over summer, ideally keeping the water off the foliage to reduce disease.



*Anigozanthos 'Yellow Gem'*

### Working with colour palettes

Gardens are a lot about colours and vibrancy, and it is worth giving some thought as to what type of colour scheme you want to work with. One way you can do this is to choose a paint brochure as they show which colours work well together. Then you can match them in with the colours of your house. Otherwise you can choose the plants that will

match and complement what you already have in the garden. There are many plants that will fit in to the scheme and to add extra definition you can paint old pots or benches to match.

### Creating a 'Centre Piece'

Creating a centre piece in your garden is a great way to add definition and interest. They are special features that are well worth the extra effort in creating them.



### Here are a few ideas:

- Metal garden art is an easy option, and there are plenty to choose from. Install on a block of stone or wood for extra impact.
- Large pots are perfect for making a statement. They can be planted up with single special trees or arrangements of succulents, kangaroo paws or ground covers for an attractive show.



- Tropical grevilleas like the Grevillea 'Moonlight' and Grevillea 'Pink Surprise' make fantastic centre pieces as they flower most of the year and respond well to pruning.

- Another option for the patient gardener is to make topiary plants out of slow growing hedging plants like the *Baeckea virgata* miniature or some of the lilly pillies.

- Climbers on a piece of structure, arch or artwork will also create interest. Try the *hardenbergia* for the biggest splash of colour. - Ross



### Spirit of the Anzac

We have new stock of Grevillea RSL 'Spirit of Anzac' in 14cm pots bred by Kings Park and released this year on Anzac Day. It is a cross between 3 grevilleas:

*Grevillea banksii* prostrate from Queensland, *Grevillea treueriana* from the Flinders Ranges and *Grevillea asparagoides* from WA's Wheatbelt. - Diana



### Desert Delight

The *Ptilotus* 'Joey' is a selected form of *Ptilotus exaltatus* or Mulla Mulla, and is native to the north of WA. We have a beautiful batch of these plants in full flower and they look stunning. They are not long lived, but will be a pretty performer in a pot or a rockery.





## Christmas Cheers!

*"Tis the season to be jolly and to get cracking on those Christmas presents!"*



Here are some of my favourite gift ideas new to our gift shop:

\*Blue wren Robert Gordon plates and vases are made in Australia! From \$26.95



\*Coconut and Tahitian Lime hand & body creme and hand & nail creme by Maine Beach. (Australian Made) From \$22.95



\*Quality long sleeve leather gloves made in Australia by Eastborne Art. \$39.95



\*Kim Wallace Ceramics: Special Australian hand-made ceramic vases, platters, plates and mini bowls. Starting at \$7.95



\*Fair Trade 75m hemp twine in various colours for the garden or decorating presents. \$10.95

\*Buttonworks new wooden coasters, made with Aussie wood right here in Oz! \$27.95



My absolute favourite! Room diffusers and candles in scrumptious Christmas scents, made in Australia by Wild Bath Body Home. Check out the gingerbread diffuser! \$24.95 each.

*"Children's books: there are so many fantastic titles available!"*



New Christmas decoration in stock: Gorgeous and a little different!



Fair trade brass & leather bird ornaments \$7.45

Fair trade star lantern tealights in antique bronze and silver glass, from \$24.95

Rustic gold bells from \$14.95

The ever popular glass globes with many uses! From \$6.95

French style glass phials- perfect for labeling gifts or hanging off the tree. \$7.45



Thurlby Herb Farm aromatic Christmas stars. Add fragrance to your room with decorations, \$9.95.

Brushwood wreaths from \$10.95.

Fair trade wire bird ornaments \$15.95.

- Danielle



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