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Seasons Greetings!



Ross and Jackie accepting the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Environment award from Peter Stewart.

A warm welcome to the festive season of Summer. Christmas is just around the corner, and that means it is a great time to tidy up the backyard, plant some colour and look for tasteful gifts that family and friends will appreciate. We love jazzing up the nursery and hope you enjoy the fresh new displays.

If you're at home this school holidays, why not involve the kids in a gardening project. There are many activities they can do: Raised veggie patches, pots or hanging baskets, native bonsais, and miniature fairy gardens.

We have some great talks lined up in January including Matthew Lunn and Lisa Passmore and we hope you are able to attend.

With the long days of summer, it is a fantastic time to enjoy the backyard with family and friends. We hope you have an enjoyable Festive season, stay safe and see you again soon.

Ross, Jackie and the Team at Zanthorrea.

"Zanthorrea is closed for Christmas day, but open again on Boxing Day and on the Tuesday public holiday."



Garden Releaf - a helping hand

There are numerous benefits that spending time in a garden can have on a person's health and wellbeing. Colourful flowers, fragrance, the movement of bird and butterflies, the sound of birdsong lift the spirit and delight the senses. Simply being surrounded by greenery is known to have a beneficial effect on wellbeing.

Save the Date: Sunday March 19th.

For the third year, Zanthorrea is hosting a Garden Releaf day to raise funds for beyondblue and awareness of gardening's positive effect on wellbeing. More info will be on facebook closer to the day. Beyondblue offers assistance to Australians living with depression or anxiety.



2016 Photo Competition

Our Spring flower photo competition (now closed) has received an amazing number of beautiful entries. To view all the entries and find out the three winners, visit our Facebook page.

What's On



Waterwise Gardens

We are very pleased to have Matthew Lunn join us to talk about how to create a waterwise garden. Sponsored by the Water Corporation, this is a free event to attend. Places will be limited.

Saturday 14th January, 10am.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260



Natural Remedies for Garden Pests

Pick any garden pest and invariably you will find a natural remedy for it. Natural pest control is not only less expensive than buying and applying chemicals but it's safer for you and for the environment. Join Lisa Passmore for a workshop to learn the techniques and recipes for effective and safe control of garden pests.

Saturday 28th January, 10am.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



Summer Proof

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Plant choice

Choosing plants that are suitable to the area will make a big difference to how well they survive and grow. If you can, group plants together based on their water requirements. Here is my selection of waterwise plants for full sun:



Hardenbergia comptoniana. This tough climber can grow in full sun or part shade, but will always try to grow up towards the light. If there is no structure to grow up it forms an attractive ground cover. One great feature aside from the stunning bright flowers in spring, is its ability to grow back from a really hard prune, allowing you to train it how you choose.

Eremophila youngii 'Dusky'. This emu bush is native to dry deserty conditions. As Perth becomes drier, we have to choose plants that can live without much rainfall. 'Dusky' can survive without summer watering, once established.



Grevillea crithmifolia prostrate.

There are many great grevilleas out there, but if you want a real toughy, then this is it. It will spread to roughly 3m wide and can grow in sandy limestone soils or clay.



Acacia spectabilis. Mudgee Wattle is very quick growing and makes an amazing show of fluffy yellow flowers in winter. After a couple of summers, the water can be turned off completely if you choose.

Protect your plants

I can't stress enough the importance of soil preparation. Especially if you are planning to plant in summer. Make sure there is plenty of organic matter (soil improver) mixed into the hole. This will help to hold water and nutrients. Minerals and clay can also be added to sandy soils for added water holding capacity. Avoid over fertilising in summer as more food means more growth and means more water.

Mulching is a great way to keep the soil cool (by about 5 degrees), but also helps to stop evaporation. Always use a chunky wood based large particle mulch.



Strength in numbers

Plants cool down their surroundings, so just by having additional plants, you will increase their survivability.

Re-wetting a dry pot

In the heat of summer, pots can quickly dry out. When this happens, the soil may become hydrophobic (afraid of water).

Unfortunately when this happens, simply hand watering them can be ineffective as the water just runs down the side of the pot and out the bottom.



For smaller pots, try soaking them in a bucket of water. Notice how much heavier they are when you pull them out. This shows how much water the soil can hold, and also how dry it can get. A good way to re-wet larger pots is to use a soil wetter and water a few times over the day. The soil can not absorb water quickly, so slow watering will allow it to soak in. - Ross



Kangaroo Proof



"Kangaroos can be responsible for a large number of plant deaths, but with careful plant choice and utilising some measures of protection, this can be minimised."

As Summer kicks in, there is less food source available to the Kangaroos, so they will become more bold and visit your garden for a munch.

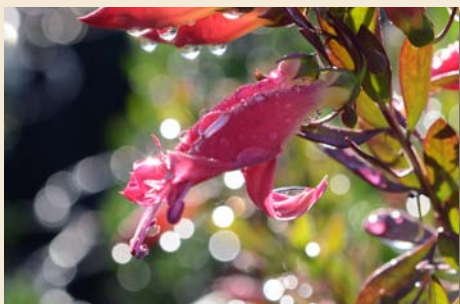
Plant choice

Generally plants with a strong scent or ones that are very prickly are avoided. Here is a selection:



Hybrid kangaroo paws like: Anigozanthos 'Clear Red' and 'Yellow Gem'. Avoid the Red and Green - Anigozanthos manglesii.

Bottlebrushes: Roos avoid Callistemon 'Endeavour', 'Kings Park', and 'Western Glory'.



Eremophila maculata 'Pink Passion'.

Eremophila 'Pink Passion' is a lovely colourful small shrub and is also good for feeding the small birds.



Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' is a low growing Hakea, that may be a little woody and straggly, however 'Burrendong Beauty' is incredibly showy when in flower.



Melaleuca fulgens and M. incana. These two lovely small plants work well in the same conditions and are rarely touched by the nibbling mouth of a Kangaroo.



Kunzea baxteri is both a tough and kangaroo proof plant. That along with its showy bee and bird attracting red flowers make it a valuable addition to any garden.

Protect your plants

You have to be very persistent to keep kangaroos from eating your plants, and a kangaroo proof fence is not always a viable option. Wire barriers can be constructed out of chicken wire, but they detract from the look of the garden. There is a product called DeTer that is on the market and has been shown to keep them off plants, but will need to be re-applied regularly.



Prickly Acacias to deter Kangaroos

Strength in numbers

Kangaroos do have their favourites, but by increasing the amount of plants to eat, your favourite plants have a greater chance of avoiding the chomp. Mixing in Kangaroo Proof plants, especially prickly ones, can create a barrier.

For more on Kangaroo proof plants, go to our information sheet.

http://www.zanthorrea.com/info/Kangaroo-Proof_Plants.pdf

Thank you to Elizabeth King for her feedback on our info sheet.



New Plant of the Month Labels

Keep an eye out for our new Kanyana 'Plant of the Month' labels. \$1 from the sale of each plant will be donated to Kanyana's Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.



Christmas Cheers!



Children's gifts at Christmas!

Matilda's Bush Christmas;

mug \$15.95

"Santa is coming to Western Australia" book \$9.95

"The Bush Santa" \$14.95

Wheelbarrows, tools and more.



Fragrant delights!

For him or for her, natural body fragrance from The Australian Natural Soap Co \$29.95

Eucalyptus room diffuser from Maine Beach \$39.95

"Good Riddance" mozzie and midgie cream 100ml \$20.95, 250mL \$42.95, essential oil \$20.95 (There is a a baby/sensitive skin version; safe for babies 1 month and over!) We also like this product simply as a moisturiser!



Happy Christmas cards

Christmas cards:

Wildflower photography Christmas cards, 6 pack \$24.95, made locally.

Red Tractor cards featuring Australian birds, 10pack \$19.95



Keep it handy:

Keep these fold away back packs and shopping bags handy. A great gift in new blue wren prints, from \$11.95 Nail files are useful@ \$4.95

Gorgeous handbags, made in Australia by Eastbourne Art.



Decorations:

Nests by talented Kathy Hubble. Each nest is individually handcrafted with love and 100% unique!



Bristlebrush Designs create 100% natural, renewable and eco friendly decorations and ornaments, made from the Buri Palm.

Handmade felt bird decorations: These are carefully crafted by talented artisans in Nepal. This range has a focus on fair trade and the use of natural products.

Gumflower trivets by Buttonworks: large \$44.95 small \$29.95

Just tooooooo delicious!

Enjoy eating and sharing:

Fudge by local company Golden Whisk! \$6.95 75gm

Sparkling Honey and Ginger Water by House of Honey, so refreshing! \$12.95 Nougat by Thurlby Herb Farm \$11.95



Summer holidays!

Van Go Collections: an awesome range of 'van inspired' mugs, tea towels, toiletry bag, tumblers, plates...SO RETRO!! Perfect gift for those travelling.



Mozi: Enjoy being outside even more with this range of tableware in gorgeous gum blossom, galah and cockatoo designs!

Merry Christmas... Danielle



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