



Welcome



Summer for me is long days, where gardening is best done in the morning or evening. Having friends and family around to enjoy the patio and backyard. Colourful Kangaroo Paws and the unique WA Christmas Tree, all put on a fantastic show!

The festive season is in full swing with Christmas and New Years, and a great time to spruce up the garden. One resolution this year could be to increase your Plant Life Balance (page 2), or create a Quirky Potted Plant Garden (Page 3). Whatever your goals are, we wish everyone the best of times this festive season, and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Happy Gardening!

Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



Nuytsia floribunda - The WA Christmas Tree. Great News: We have a fresh batch of 140mm pots growing out the back that will be ready in the coming month. Tubestock will also be available.

News

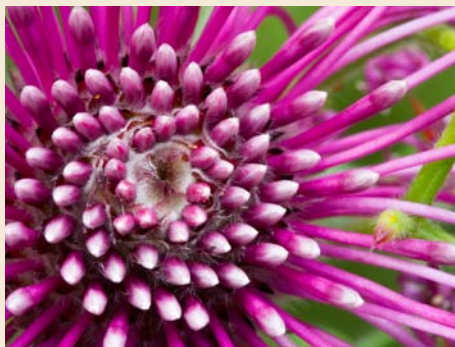
This year's Wildflower Photo Competition received 135 entries, and it was wonderful to see all the stunning photos come in. If you want to see all the entries, we have them all on our Facebook photo gallery. Here are the three winning photos for 2017. Congratulations!



Facebook Likes Award: Bridgitte Reynolds



Judges Award by Erinna Ford: Kelly Gough



Staff Pick Award: Claudette Pope

A big Thank you to Erinna Ford for running the photography workshops. They were well recieved and together we raised \$480 for Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre!

What's On



Quirky Pot Plant Workshop

You can have a lot of fun potting on plants, and it doesn't have to be in a standard container. Come along for a fun workshop with Rose and Jackie to see how you can recycle household items into a Quirky Pot Garden. Bring your own container to join in the fun. Zanthorrea potting mix is supplied. Plants not included.

Open to all ages. Kids under 12 need parental supervision.

10am Sunday, 14th of January.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

Quirky Pot Plant Competition

We want to see all your quirky pot plant creations! For the month of January, send in a photo of your quirky pot plant creation with your name and contact number and we will post it up on our Facebook Gallery. There will be 2 prizes of \$100 vouchers to Zanthorrea, one for Facebook likes and one for the Zanthorrea staff favourite.

To enter, email through your photo to info@zanthorrea.com in the month of January. The winners will be judged and notified February 5th.

Save the date: Perth Garden Festival 2018 is on the 12th to the 15th of April. Zanthorrea will have a display garden and plants for sale at this event. Hope to see you there!



How's your Plant Life Balance?



Plants have an amazing effect on our wellness and the air quality we breath. Reaserch has been done by the University of Melbourne on how increasing the amount of plants in our life can impact on us.

Air Quality

Plants remove air-borne toxins created by paint, furniture finishes and air pollution.

Just one or two plants start to increase air quality significantly in your home or office.



Wellbeing

Plants create feelings of relaxation, inspiration and positivity.

The first few plants give a limited benefit, but once you start to increase a look, wellbeing increases quickly. Variety of sizes and species is the key.

Growing Indoor Plants may be daunting, but here are a few tips for success:

Light

Light is a priority. Different plants have different requirements for light levels. The successful indoor plants commonly have dark green leaves that soak up every beam of light.

Plants with variegated or pale leaves may need a more well-lit spot indoors or on the patio.

Direct afternoon sunlight can be too strong and is likely to scorch the leaves.



Tip: In difficult positions of low light or with airconditioning removing humidity, cycling plants is a good way to keep them alive and happy. Swap the plants out every couple of weeks to a lightly shaded spot outside for a break.

Water

It is surprising that indoor plants are more likely to be overwatered than underwatered. Use a well drained potting mix with good drainage. Weekly watering is usually enough.



If plants are small enough watering outside is perfect and washes the dust from the leaves. Be sure to empty excess water from the pot's saucer.

Humidity

Many indoor plants grow naturally in tropical and sub-tropical climates, so benefit from a humid environment. It's important to keep plants out of direct radiant heat or the aircon breeze.



Feeding

Slow release fertiliser is perfect and unlikely to overfeed. Liquid feed will give plants a quick boost. I love to use Seasol as a tonic, but it's wise take the plants outside for a day or two until the lovely aroma passes!

Australian Plants as Indoor Plants

- Birds Nest Fern (*Asplenium nidus*)
- Rough Tree Fern (*Cyathea australis*)
- Kentia Palm (*Howea fosteriana*)
- Davidsons Plum (*Davidsonia prurians*)
- Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum spp*)
- Viola hederacea (Native Violet)
- Native orchids (*Dendrobium spp*)
- Umbrella Tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*)

Check out the book: 'Grow What Where' for more Australian Indoor Plants.



Download the app to measure your Plant life Balance. Ross and Jackie

Visit <http://www.plantlifebalance.com.au/> for more info on the benefits of plants.



Into the Summer Garden

Quirky Pot Planting

Not all of us want to conform with standard containers for our plants, and in a sustainable way, it is great to recycle old household goods. You really can use an assortment of different containers to create a quirky pot plant. Here are a few tips and tricks to get you started:

Op Shops

Second hand and op shops are a great place to start in the search for plant containers as you can normally find a bargain.



Old Jeans Hanging Baskets:

Got an old pair of jeans that don't fit anymore? Try tying the legs closed and using the belt holes to create a hanging basket.



Coffee Cups:

Unique tea or coffee cups make an excellent little pot for a succulent or small plant. The size is just perfect for the window sill in a bathroom. Drill a hole and use a saucer or be very careful not to over water.

Wheelbarrows:

Wheelbarrows can be used to create an exciting miniature garden, especially well suited to Fairy Gardens. Plus you get the benefit of them being easy to move around. Check out the verge collection days or the tip for old wheelbarrows.



Tin Cans and Strange Ornaments:

There are many other quirky ornaments or collectable tin cans that can be turned into little gardens or pots.

TIP: "Use soil wetter on your pots to stop precious water simply running away." - Alix

White Flowering Summer Beauties

White flowering plants are cooling, peaceful and calming.



Wedding Bush

Ricinocarpus tuberculatus is covered in white flowers at the beginning of summer. It makes an excellent fast growing hedge to 3m.



Creeping Boobialla

Myoporum parvifolium is a very popular ground cover and is mostly grown due to its hardy nature and lovely green foliage. The plants are covered in pretty white star flowers in summer.



TIP: "Use ground covers as cool living mulch for an attractive garden feature." - Lorretta



Sannantha 'Summer Stars'

A form of *S. tozerensis*, and formerly in the *Baeckea* family. The Summer Stars is a tough garden performer, and is excellent for shaping and topiary. They are long lived and may be pruned into small trees after 10-15 years, or pruned to be kept as a medium shrub.



Dynamic Lifter

In WA Yates Dynamic Lifter has been reformulated to have a lower Phosphorus content to comply with WA laws. This means it is safe to use on native plants, though on sensitive plants I still recommend a half dose.

When mixed in the soil Dynamic Lifter is also considered a Soil Improver and will increase water and nutrient retention.

"We have 100 free samples to give away in the month of January with any purchase in store." - Ross



Christmas Treats and Treasures!

We hope you enjoy browsing through our beautiful gifts this Christmas. It was so easy to create beautiful Christmas displays with our lovely products, old and new!

Christmas cards

We have a selection of Australian made cards and gift tags from our wonderful suppliers. Most are printed on recycled paper.



Linen Press

Blue wren: These beautiful tea towels, pot holders, aprons, cushion covers and mitts in a new soft pink and blue design have been a hit from day one. The hand lotions are now available in a larger pump pack and also have a matching hand wash and soy candle to complement. Naturally scented with rose geranium and sweet orange blossom essential oils. From \$11.95.



Maine Beach

We have some gorgeous new candles to add to the Maine Beach collection at \$39.95 each. A fifty hour burn time. Mt Macedon Rose, Italian Blood Orange, Coconut and

Lime. More to come. If you are looking for a small gift we also have the 50ml hand and nail creams in various fragrances. From \$10.95.



Vasse Virgin

Produced in Margaret River and a popular range! We have expanded our body and room product selection from Desert Lime to include Kakadu Plum and Wattleseed & Vanilla. From \$19.95.



Red Tractor Designs

Red Tractor has some awesome condiments to match the quirky quotes on mugs, plates and cards. They have also produced some rainfall charts, zingy lemon scented gum soap and candles that smell just like walking under a lemon scented gum. From \$7.45.



Cactus prints and cactus vases.

Cactus print

Fun and funky cactus print is the go this year. Check out the Aussie made pot holders, oven mitts, heat packs, gloves, socks and cosmetic bag. Also my favourite: The cactus vases and doorstops! From \$11.95.

Brie Harrison for Burgon and Ball

Garden kneelers, gloves, watering cans, peg bags, secateur holster set, garden set. From \$24.95.



Christmas Ornaments

As always we stock a range of Australia Christmas decorations. Look for the new door hangers and tree toppers!



Mugs

Cute hug mugs for little ones or the inner child. Also a lovely gum leaf design with matching placemats.

Note to Vanilla Moz customers: This product has limited availability for the next 12-18 months.

Merry Christmas - Danielle



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