



Seasons Greetings



What a fantastic spring of mild temperature and late rain! The garden is thriving in these conditions, and it gives our plants a better chance of survival going into summer. As we head into some warmer weather it is time to do a waterwise garden check. Make sure your reticulation system is working optimally, mulch your garden, use a soil wetter if needed and avoid overfertilising (lots of food makes a plant thirsty!). That way your plants will have the best chance to grow and thrive into summer.

It is exciting to get closer to Christmas and we look forward to sharing this time with friends and family. One of the best places to share this time is on the patio. Patio gardens are a fantastic way to brighten this common space, and there are plenty of options to choose from with Australian native plants. See page 3 for some ideas on patio gardening.

We wish you a safe and joyful festive season, with plenty of time with friends and family... and of course gardening too. Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



We have some special Grevilleas bred by Kings Park that are now out for sale: Grevillea 'Pink Profusion' (Left), Grevillea 'Kimberley Moon' (Middle), Grevillea 'Outback Sunrise' (Right), Grevillea 'Scarlet Moon' and Grevillea 'Showtime'. Give us a call if you would like one put aside. Stock is limited.

What's On



Plants for Small Spaces

As backyards are getting smaller it can be difficult to choose appropriate plants for small spaces. Join Clare to learn which plants you can use and how to maintain a small patio garden.

10am, Saturday 16th of January.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260.



Bush Tucker Gardens

Join Janine to learn which Australian plants have edible parts, and how to look after them.

3.30pm, Saturday 30th of January.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260.

Note: Numbers are limited to 30 people with 1.5m distancing.

Save the Date: Garden Relief Day 2021, Sunday March 21.



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Surviving the Heat

Summer Planting

Although we know it's best to plant in autumn, many gardeners – myself included – cannot resist the temptation to plant over summer. There are so many beautiful summer flowering plants in the garden centre. We briefly forget about the harsh dry conditions our plants will have to endure for the next few months.



Scaevola 'Crinkle Cut'

How can I successfully plant in summer?

- * Choose plants from local or drier areas, and group plants according to water needs.
- * Water both the plant and planting hole before you start.
- * Mix in soil improver at planting.
- * Mulch around each plant.
- * Water daily for a few weeks, then reduce gradually to twice weekly.



Goodenia 'Gold Cover'

How often do I use seaweed tonic?

Seaweed tonics such as Seasol are said to reduce transplant shock, so may be used in a weak solution at planting. Veggie gardens and patio plants benefit from a seaweed tonic every few weeks.



Eremophila maculata

Do I need to fertilise my plants?

Many native plants do not need fertiliser, but some such as kangaroo paws perform better with a little slow release. Apply fertiliser in autumn to plants that need a boost.

How much water do my plants need when planting in summer?

When planting in summer, it is recommended that plants are watered each day for a few weeks while the weather is hot and dry. Gradually as your plant becomes established, watering may be reduced to a good deep soak twice a week. Use your finger to check for soil moisture to avoid overwatering. A well-designed reticulation system will make it easier to keep the plants hydrated.



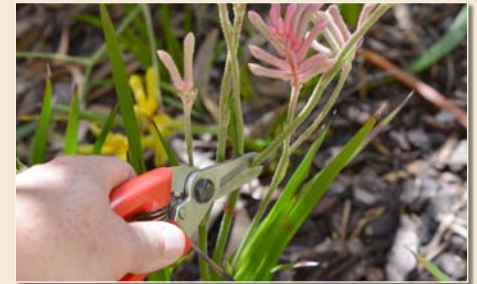
An example of pruning.

To prune or not to prune – that is the question!

The advice from gardening gurus re pruning is to prune after flowering, and with spring flowering plants, that time is summer. Now pruning in summer may create lots of leafy growth that may easily burn during

a hot spell, so heavy pruning is not recommended until autumn.

However, if garden shrubs have an abundance of leafy growth, it is prudent to give a light prune to reduce moisture loss from foliage.



Spent flowers of kangaroo paws can be pruned in summer, to encourage a new flush of blooms. Apply a little fertiliser and a good soak after pruning kangaroo paws.

How do I know if my soil needs a wetting agent?

Check it out by shaping a shallow hole, and adding water. See how long it take for the water to soak in. Some Perth soils are water repellent. Soil wetters such as Eco-wet will allow water to penetrate.

Hint: Buy your plants in tubes (starter plants) and pot up into 140mm pots, ready for autumn planting. Keep in a lightly shaded position and water daily in the cool of the evening.



Jackie's favourite summer plants:

Eremophila maculata, Scaevola 'Crinkle Cut', Anigozanthos 'Bush Pearl', Goodenia 'Gold Cover'.

- Jackie



Patio Gardening

The patio is where we spend many hours with friends and family, especially in summer. Including pot plants in this space is very rewarding. We can use plants to attract birds, or just to brighten up the area with colourful flowers.

The best way to attract birds to your garden is with grevilleas, kangaroo paws and bottlebrush. Here are some of my favourite bird attractors: Callistemon 'Little John', Grevillea 'New Blood', Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon' and Anigozanthos Big Red.



Anigozanthos 'Big Red', en masse.

For bright and showy colour all year, dwarf kangaroo paws are hard to beat. Simply prune off any spent flowers, feed regularly and enjoy. Try mixing a few colours together like: 'Bush Pearl' (pink), 'Nugget' (yellow), 'Bush Diamond' (white) and 'Bush Blitz' (red/orange).



A medley of kangaroo paw flowers.

Maximising your Green Space

If you want to maximise the number of plants in your patio area, you may want to consider hanging baskets or growing vertically with trellis or topiary.



Acacia 'Green Wave' in a hanging basket.

Hanging baskets at eye level will make a prominent feature. You can have them all at the same level, or vary the heights and designs for a collection. Here are a few Australian plants for hanging baskets: Acacia 'Green Wave', Scaevola sp, Dampiera diversifolia or Myoporum parvifolium. They will need a position that receives some direct light, and regular water as hanging baskets can dry out in the wind.

Question: What size pot should I choose for my plant?

A: We find a small increase of pot size is the most successful as a small plant in a large pot may get too wet, or be exposed to too much fertiliser. Look for a new pot double the original pots volume.



Jackie's Cumquat.

Fruit Trees and Trellis

I love dwarf citrus around the patio, in particular dwarf Lime trees. They will prefer a warm position, like on the north or west side in the full sun. I have even seen them grown on a trellis, making a unique feature and for easy harvesting of fruit.



Feature plant: Casuarina 'Cousin It'

A great plant for a pot is the Casuarina 'Cousin It'. They will spill over the edge of the pot, all the way to the ground. 'Cousin It' is a prostrate form of the Casuarina glauca, commonly known as the Swamp She-oak. They can tolerate some water logging, and can live up to over 100 years old!



Vegetables in Pots

Many vegetables and herbs can be easily grown in pots. Basil is one of my favourites that becomes a regular addition to summer cooking. Another idea is to combine a pot, wire obelisk and a cherry tomato seedling, to create a beautiful and productive, edible feature.



Or for a plant with a story, discover the Wollemi Pine. They make an excellent patio pot plant in a protected position. - Ross



Easy Gift Ideas for Christmas



Indoor Planters

Indoor plants are very much on-trend this year. Pair a lush fern or Parlour Palm with one of these gorgeous textured or smooth ceramic pots in a clean white or warm yellow. Prices from \$6.95 to \$57.95. The contrast of the smooth pots with the raised texture gives a wonderful tactile feel.



Fun Xmas Decorations

- * Barney Gumnut: Extra special four piece boxed decoration set \$44.95.
- * Koala or Wombat single boxed decorations by Australian artist Renee Treml: \$10.95 each.
- * Fun coloured heritage watering cans by HAWS: \$23.95.

A Focus on WA

Being cut off from the rest of Australia with the recent COVID hard border, I thought it was time to celebrate some of our best local Suppliers.



Local Artist: Philippa Nikulinsky

Philippa was born in Kalgoorlie in 1942. She started work as an illustrator of natural history in the mid-1970s, specialising in plants from harsh environments. Her illustrations have been included in many books, scientific journals and magazines. Notably, from 1990-2012 she produced the cover artwork for local journal Landscape, while her work has also featured on the cover of Curtis, the magazine produced by the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. She is the author or co-author of books on plants, animals, and their environment.

In stock by Philippa:

- * 2021 Art Calendar \$28.95.
- * Blue Wren and Numbat Earrings \$22.
- * Firewood Banksia book, \$35.



West Australian Body Products

Two of our favourite body care producers are Corrynne's Soaps (who we have been stocking for

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- Rose



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