



Welcome

Greetings

It's time for gardeners to pull on the wellies and get out into the garden! Winter is the season to plant and forget, as the refreshing winter rains will care for our new plantings.

The nursery is full of fresh plants, all the old favourites and many new releases. Our talented team have inspiring display to entice you to plant Australian plants, so come and visit soon. Happy gardening!

– Jackie Alec and the team

Congratulations Zanthorrea

NATIONAL WINNER



Ross and Alec accepting the award

Zanthorrea was recently judged "Best Medium Garden Centre in Australia, 2004".

Winners were announced at the Nursery and Garden Industry Association (NGIA) conference on the Gold Coast. Alec and Ross were there at the Gala Dinner at Jupiters to accept the award. ("Someone had to do it", says Alec.)

New Staff Member!

Welcome to Annette, our newest team member! Annette is a horticulturist with a keen interest in native plants, and a flourishing native garden at home.

What's on at Zanthorrea?

Three awards at Garden Week!



Sue, Designer of Garden Week Display

The efforts of Sue, ably assisted by Alec and the team, resulted in Zanthorrea taking off three awards at the recent 'Garden Week' – "Best Landscaped Display", "2nd 'Best Display'", and "Most Educational Informative Display".

Go to our website for more pictures of Sue's award winning display.



The Blue Room, inspired by coastal living



The Orange Room featured elements of the Australian bush.

Gardening Talks

Write these dates in your diary, and join Jackie and friends for a cuppa and a chat.



New plants from old: Cuttings

There are many benefits of growing plants from cuttings. It's a little tricky so let Alec show you how it's done.

Saturday 26th June 10am

Frog friendly gardens

Frog are found in gardens which provide a good habitat and freedom from predators. Find out what you can do to create a frog friendly garden

Saturday 24th July, 10am

Winter wildflower walk

Wrap up warm against the cold, for a winter bushwalk to see what is flowering in the Gooseberry Hill National Park. Join us afterwards for hot cocoa and cookies.

Saturday 21st August, 10am

Help is available

We have a list of recommended horticulturists who can design your garden or simply consult (fee for service). Send a SAE or goto the website for details.

Envirobag

Say No to plastic and Yes to our new envirobag, for \$2 only.



What's Flowering Now

Heaven scent

Boronias are now found in many forms such as 'Jack McGuire's' red, 'Lutea' - lemon, and the compact 'Heaven Scent'. Although they can be short lived and fussy, boronias bring such joy with their exquisite fragrance, every gardener should try some. I find they do very well in a large pot on the patio.

Dancing Queen and friends

As well as all the old favourite Geraldton waxes - 'Purple Pride', 'Meringur Mist' and 'CWA pink', there are now many new generation hybrids and selected forms.



Chamelaucium 'Purple Pride'

Soft pink flowered 'Dancing Queen' is a beauty and the first wax with double flowers. 'Madonna', 'Blondie' and 'Sweet Sixteen' 'Ofir' are hybrid forms of Chamelaucium, and 'Jaspar' is a cross generic hybrid from Chamelaucium and Verticordia.

Native wisteria

As well as the dark purple local form, there are many varieties of the eastern states Hardenbergias, in 'Edna Walling Snow-white', 'Free and Easy', 'Bushy Blue', 'Mini Haha'. Grow them up a fence or as a sprawling shrub in your wildflower garden.

Blue lechenaultia



If you live in the hills this blue flowered gem is easy to grow, especially in light shade. Once established, it will sucker and make itself at home in your garden. It looks great in a hanging basket.

Pluming marvelous!

Our latest home grown beauties include two unusual grevilleas.

White plume grevillea (*Grevillea leucoptervis*) is often called "smelly socks" after the strong flower odour. This grevillea is fast growing to 2.5m with long arching flower spikes that carry rusty coloured buds, opening to large fluffy cream flowers in spring. (Look for these along Tonkin Hwy near Kewdale Road.)

Fresh 140mm pots are \$9.95

Grevillea pteridifolia, from the tropics, Kimberleys to Queensland, grows quickly to 3m plus with large orange flowers autumn to mid summer. Plant this beauty where you can give it a deep soaking once a fortnight and use plenty of organic material when planting to keep it growing strongly.

(*G. pteridifolia* is one of the parents of well known hybrid *Grevillea 'Honey Gem'*.)

140mm pot \$11.50

Kanyana

Plant of the Month

Our support for Kanyana Wildlife Centre continues with \$1 from the sale of a select plant being donated.

The current plant of the month is the WA heart leaf flame pea, *Chorizema cordatum*.



Heart leaf flame pea

The heart leaf flame pea is a big seller at this time of year, with its racemes of orange / red pea flowers held above the lush green foliage. It is easy to grow in any well drained soil, fairly fast to one metre, but as with many small fast growing shrubs, may only live 7 to 10 years. During that time it will have produced many seeds and seedlings pop up now and then to replace the parent.

Choose a position that has light shade at least some of the day. A good soak once a month or more will encourage healthy growth.

Plant with a shovel full of soil improver and a teaspoon of Osmocote to ensure quick growth.



Alec with Chorizema cordatum

Great looking plants are available now at \$7.95 and \$8.95. - Alec



What to do in the winter garden

Time to...

- **Fertilise wisely** by choosing slow release fertiliser or going organic and using a little sheep manure or blood & bone.

- **Watch out for snails:** Multiguard is an iron compound, and is a fauna safe way to control these pests. Or, place some stale beer or similar in a Snail Jail, and lure the critters to a drunken end.



Left: Multiguard Snail & Slug Killer



Below: Snail Jail

- **Continue to plant** with compost or soil improver to ensure your garden will survive the dry summer.

- **Plant a tree:** After the heat of summer, plant a tree strategically to give summer shade without blocking the winter sun. Trees can reduce summer temperatures by up to 10 degrees.

- **Time to plant vegies:** cabbage silverbeet spinach and broccoli, baby carrots turnips and leek, potatoes, strawberries, lettuce and parsley, peas and broad beans.



Newly planted Silverbeet

- **Seedling WA daisies:** Several varieties of WA daisies are now available in punnets. Look for 'Crimson Splash', 'Polka Dots', 'Yellow Dreaming' and 'Pink Sunrays'.

Plant these as you would other bedding plants, with a little soil improver and use Seasol every few weeks. Create your own wildflower show in spring.

Propagation from seed

It's easy to grow your own plants from seed. It will save you money and is great fun.

What you need:

- Propagation or Seed Raising mix
- Clean sterile containers with drainage holes
- Seed collected from healthy plants, or from packets.
- Smoked water for hard to germinate seeds.

What to do:

1. Fill pot within 2cms of top. Tamp down.
2. Treat hard seed such as wattles and pea flowers by pouring on very hot water and leave overnight.
3. Spread seed across surface. (Tip: Mix very fine seed with clean sand to ensure even spread.)
4. Lightly cover with more mix to the depth of the seed. Alec likes to use 3mm fine blue metal to cover seeds as it absorbs heat and prevents water splash from bouncing seeds out of their pots.
5. Water with a fine spray and place in a warm spot. (We spray with smoked water diluted 1:10)
6. Once seeds have germinated, and have true leaves, prick out into individual pots. (Use potting mix that has a little slow release fertiliser.)

Easy ones to try:

- Helipterum roseum (Everlastings)
- Hakea species
- Eucalyptus species

The following require hot water treatment:

- Hardenbergia comptoniana (Native Wisteria)
- Chorizema cordatum (Heart leaf flame pea)
- Acacia species (Wattles)



Easy to grow Everlastings

Roo Proof

Many thanks to the gardeners who sent in their lists of roo proof plants. It seems there aren't many plants which kangaroo won't eat.

Aromatic and prickly shrubs are the last to be munched, but by late summer in dry conditions, roos will eat almost anything.

These plants appear to be roo proof:

- Native Daphne (Philotheca spp.)
- Prickly Moses (Acacia pulchella)
- Geraldton wax (Chamelaucium)
- Emu bush (Eremophila maculata)
- Grevillea 'Superb'
- Native rosemary (Westringia fruticosa)
- Hakea laurina

For a detailed list, go to the website (www.zanthorrea.com.au), or send a SAE to Jackie at Zanthorrea, and we will send you the list compiled from Bush Telegraph readers' findings.



Wild & Woolly Winter!

Snugeze: Warm your toes after a cold day in the garden. Treat yourself or a friend to a woolly winter. \$31.95

Premium Slogger Clogs: Brightly coloured, cute and comfortable clogs, perfect for the garden. Just slip them on, slip them off! \$54.95 in sage green or cranberry.



Dandy Lion herbals

Enjoy the comfort of aromatic spices with your hot cocoa. Set 4 Mug Mats \$20.45 and Hot Pot Mat for the teapot, \$18.95.

Rum Toddy Soap

Avoid the hangover, enjoying the comforting warmth of a rum toddy soap. Also available in contreau, and sambucca \$8.95



Handmade children's hats

Dress up wild and keep warm in these quirky hats, available in an assortment of colours and designs. \$19.95

Bobtail skink

As seen at Ecotopia, now found sleeping at Zanthorrea. Durable and realistic at \$28.95 each.



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