



# Welcome



#### Greetings,

With a record breaking wet start to winter, we have the opportunity to replant our gardens with waterwise species. Australian native plants are amongst the world's loveliest plants and lucky for us, most of the WA species we find in nurseries have very low water requirements.

Several weeks ago, the new Zanthorrea website was launched. The online database is now available, complete with colour pictures of many of the plants. A huge project which is still to be fine tuned, the database will give detailed information about the plants available at Zanthorrea.

The new atrium is proving popular as is the coin operated coffee machine. Use your voucher to sample real coffee when you visit. Shelter from the rain and enjoy the huge range of indoor and patio plants, bird feeders, pots and garden art.

#### We look forward to your visit,

– Jackie, Alec, and the team at Zanthorrea

#### **Our New Website**



## Wattle I plant?

What better way to brighten up your winter garden than to plant an Acacia or wattle as they are more commonly known. With their cheery yellow flowers they add a splash of colour through winter and spring. Best of all, they don't need much water to keep them alive over the hot dry months.

(The wattle is our national emblem, and September 1st is officially Wattle Day.)

http://www.wattleday.asn.au/ horticulture.html



Kalbarri Wattle

#### Wattle and Asthma – Fact or Myth?

Wattle pollen often gets the blame when people have hayfever or asthma. However, researchers who specialise in allergies say that, although some people are sensitive, allergic reactions to wattle are uncommon! This view is supported by the Asthma Foundation of NSW.

(from www.bluemountains.org.au)

# Visit the new Zanthorrea website at the following address:

#### http://www.zanthorrea.com.au

In particular, check out our new online plant database with searchable information on over 500 native plant species!

# What's News?

#### Last chance

To see Kathy's gorgeous garden before she sells it! Inspiration for those poor souls struggling on Bassendean sands.

Saturday June 11th, 9am to 3pm, no charge!

28 Abbott Way, Wilson.



#### Kathy with Grevillea dielsiana

PS: Help me put pressure on Alec to grow my favourite (in flower now until early summer) Grevillea dielsiana. – Kathy

#### A growing hobby

Growing plants from seed is very rewarding. Join us and find out the tricks of the trade. It's easy and lots of fun.

> Saturday, July 16th, 10am RSVP. 94546260

#### **Great Gardens**

Free workshops in your suburb soon!

Would you like to find out how you can have a great garden, be more environmentally friendly, and have a great time?

Go to the website, or watch your local papers for dates.

http://www.greatgardens.info



#### **Climbing through winter**



Hardenbergia comptoniana

Winter is here and the native wisteria (*Hardenbergia comptoniana*) is again taking over our display gardens – with our blessings! Each year we let them climb through and reach the top of many a nice shrub, there to show off racemes of purpleblue pea flowers.

After flowering they can be cut off to give the shrubs air and sun. (If left for a few years they can smother some shrubs.) The wisteria may be cut off just above the ground if you want strong control, and it will grow back for next year's flowering. From the rootstock it can easily grow 3m in a year!

Other good climbers we have in stock include the kennedias.

Black coral pea (*Kennedia nigricans*) is faster and bushier than the native wisteria with 10cm leaflets and black / green flowers in spring. It only lives about 10 years but does a lot of work in that time, plants to 10m across are quite common.

Dusky coral pea (*Kennedia rubicunda*) may be even faster if the soil is a bit heavier. Dark red flowers in spring, also with large leaves and a maximum lifespan of 15 years.

# Fabulous Flora

Kennedia beckxiana, from the south coast, is rare in its natural habitat but I don't know why as it seeds and grows freely. This kennedia has the largest flower of all, over 40mm, of light red and green. It really goes like a train!

We sell a lot of snakevine (*Hibbertia scandens*) because it is so reliable in so many positions. It's fast if given good soil and some summer water, and will, at a slower rate, tolerate sands, rocks, sun or shade, wet or dry. It even makes a good ground cover under trees where root competition stops most plant growth. Large yellow buttercup flowers are a feature for most of the year.



Pandorea jasminoides

The pandoreas are long lived climbers with many colour forms. P. jasminoides can have white, pale or dark pink trumpet shaped flowers throughout the warmer months while P. pandorana has bunches of smaller white, mauve spotted or orange flowers in spring and summer. Like the snakevine, pandoreas grow best if given soil improver and summer water, but will survive with very harsh conditions.

(Look for Lady Di, Southern Belle, Ruby Bells, Snow Bells)

– Alec

#### What's flowering now?



Chamelauceum uncinatum

- Banksia 'Birthday Candles'
- Chamelaucium uncinatum
- Correa mannii
- Chorizema cordatum



#### Chorizema cordatum

- Eucalyptus caesia
- Grevillea 'Ellendale Pool'
- Hakea laurina
- Kunzea baxteri
- Hardenbergia comptoniana
- Hypocalymma angustifolium
- Thryptomene saxicola



Thryptomene saxicola

- Lechenaultia biloba
- Astartea 'Winter Pink'
  and many more!

Bush Telegraph

# The Australian Garden

#### New plants for old

Are your kangaroo paws looking too big for their boots? (Should that be too big for their beds...) They probably need dividing. It's not difficult to do and will keep you warm and entertained for an hour or so.



Alec dividing kangaroo paws

Step by step:

1. Wait until after flowering has finished, then cut down all spent flowers and foliage to around 50mm.

2. Dig whole clump and prune roots and soil to 50mm.

3. Grasp mat of rhizomes in two hands and twist back and forth to find the natural breaking point. (With a large clump, you may need an axe to get you started.)

4. Pull off old and damaged leaves, leaving only a small number of leaves per clump.

5. Pot plantlets in good potting mix and water in with a Seasol solution.



Anigozanthos 'Big Red'

#### Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty'

(*Hakea crassinervia*) Conservation status "extinct", this plant was last seen in the wild near Perth the 1960's. The plants in the nursery originate from the Burrendong Arboretum in NSW.

Fabulous in flower, 'Burrendong Beauty' grows to 1m high by 2m wide in around three years – perfect for rockeries or as a ground cover. It is drought hardy and will grow in all but the heaviest of soils.

Hurry to plant one of these. They are selling fast!



Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty'

#### Big Red bonanza for Kanyana

Anigozanthos 'Big Red' has been our best selling plant for the last year and should make lots of \$1 donations to help Kanyana to help injured fauna.

'Big Red' is strong, disease free, fast and flowers red to 1.5m in summer. Our new batch of plants are selling at \$7.95 and \$9.95. \$1 from each plant sold goes to Kanyana.

You can always fit a few of these into your garden, and be helping birds and animals at the same time.

(Find out more about Kanyana at www.kanyanawildlife.org.au )

#### What to do in the winter garden?

Wild Winter Weeds!

Heavy early rains and bright sunny days have produced a bumper crop of winter weeds. Hand pulling is great exercise (the ultimate home gym!) but there are two easy ways to reduce this chore.

1. Cover the ground with a mulch to 10cms. An ideal organic mulch has coarse particles of varying sizes to allow water to penetrate. Pea gravel from an accredited soil supplier, also quartz chips and other stone will also prevent weed seeds germinating.

2. Spray the weeds with glyphosate, sold as Zero, Glykill or Round-up. Avoid waterways and if frogs live in your garden, look for a frog friendly form of glyphosate. Avoid spraying precious garden plants as this spray kills all plant material on contact, but fortunately is not residual in the soil and very low toxicity.

#### Winter pruning

For longer flowered grevilleas, prune off the autumn flowers. Use clean sharp secateurs to avoid damage. Plants which are regularly pruned or trimmed respond by producing more leafy and floral growth.

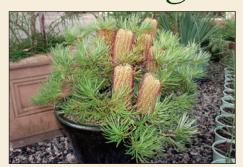
# Last chance to plant everlastings for a wonderful spring show.

Simply mix the seed with a spreading agent. (We use soil improver.) Rake the bed and remove weeds, then spread seed evenly. The rains will do the rest. Apply foliage fertiliser once the seed germinate for strong stems, and watch out for pesky snails. They find the seedlings very tasty.



# Bush Telegraph

# Plants you've been waiting for Snail bai



Banksia 'Birthday Candles' and Banksia 'Cherry Candles'

Two easy to grow dwarf banksia with large candle flowers in winter Grow them in a pot to attract lots of attention.



## Black kangaroo paw

(Macropedia fuliginosa) are now in stock looking fantastic and ready to flower.



## Callistemon 'Little John'

Looks amazing in flower, and makes a hardy small hedge. We struggle to keep up with demand for this beauty but have a fresh batch just up for sale.

# Winter in the Gift Shop

## **Snail bait houses**

From Garden Trend. Hide the snail bait in these attractive snail houses. Say goodbye to these garden pests, \$38



## Multiguard

An iron compound, Multiguard is considered safe for animals. Keep it out of the rain in a snail house! \$3.95



## Cheery daisy wall plaques

From Terracotta Works. Brighten a dull corner with these attractive plaques. \$59



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## Hand made scented candles.

Shame we can't scratch and sniff! These lovely candles come in realistic fragrances including chocolate, cappucino, cinnamon and coconut.

## Snuggeze

From the makers of sloggers come these top quality slippers. Your feet will thank you. \$31.95



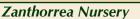
## **Best-ever soft toys**

For the young and young at heart. Look for Funnyfeet emus and the cuddliest kangaroo and joey ever. (Not too early to think about Christmas.)



Bri and friends

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