



## Greetings

We have been busy this winter. The new sculpture is now erected, and joins our menagerie of quirky artworks. Zanthorrea's Plant List is now in its 27th Edition, and has been updated. The production team have been stocking the nursery with plenty of fresh new and exciting plants to tempt.

The team have helped put together the winter Bush Telegraph. We hope you enjoy it.

Happy gardening from Alec Jackie and the team.

### Congratulations!

Yes, we did it. We won the national award for 'Best Medium Garden Centre in Australia'.



Jackie and Alec at the awards

Alec and Jackie travelled to Darwin to attend the gala dinner where the prize winners were announced.

### Facebook fans, we need friends!

Zanthorrea now has a Facebook page where we post news and photos.

Go to Facebook to see the album of photos of the carving of the new sculpture.

## What's news?

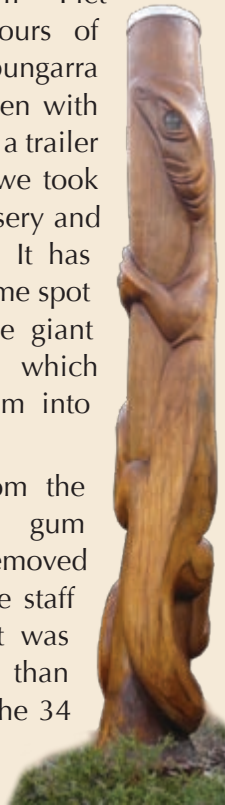
Q: What is this thing called love?

A: It is a perenti dear!

Last issue we showed a picture of the new sculpture being carved. The perenti is now standing up near the gazebo. It took Gordon Mitchell, with help from Piet Baarspul, 150 hours of carving to get the bungarra out of the log. Then with help from a crane, a trailer and the fork lift, we took it through the nursery and set it in position. It has taken over the prime spot being held by the giant metal grasstree, which was relocated 20m into the gardens.

The wood is from the lemon scented gum that had to be removed when we built the staff room last year. It was good to get more than woodchips from the 34 year old tree.

- Alec



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to Diana who has been holidaying in UK. Diana reports: "I was lucky enough to be invited to the Kew Millenium Seedbank at Wakehurst Palace and saw some of our rare Banksia brownii which had been germinated and grown on. At Kew Gardens I checked out one of the Wollemi Pines growing there and what an amazingly healthy specimen! The English climate obviously suits them."

Welcome back son Ross and fiancée Conny (yes, Ross popped the question!) who return from their 12 month overseas adventure at the end of June.

## Garden Talks

### Questions & Answers

*Soup Morning*

*Saturday 10th July, 11am*

Bring all your gardening queries and plant problems to our forum of experts including Claire Hooper who will be visiting from Melbourne. Find out what ails and delights in the winter garden. Enjoy soup and a bun. (Note 11am start.)

\$5, all proceeds to Kanyana.

RSVP essential on 94546260



### Garden Walk

*Saturday 28th August, 10am.*

With Dan and Jackie.

Explore the gardens and discover some of the garden art hidden within. Enjoy a pleasant walk and a chance to ask about the plants and their maintenance. Morning tea supplied. RSVP 9454 6260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

### News from Kanyana

I hear that the wonderful volunteers and the animals have settled in to their new home at Paxwold. Zanthorrea continues to support Kanyana with proceeds from our Garden talks and 'Plant of the month'.

### 6PR Weekend Garden Party

Tune in to 6PR radio gardening over the first two weekends of July as Jackie fills in for Sue McDougall, 7-9am Saturdays and Sundays.



## Gardening Know-How

We asked the team for the most asked questions in the garden centre..

### “Which is the best mulch to use on a native garden.”

The best mulch is one with nice chunky pieces that will create a thick blanket over your topsoil. This will help suppress weeds and minimise water evaporation, but will still let the soil breathe and allow the water to travel down to the root zone. It's best applied at 50mm thickness. Chunky pinebark is a great mulch because it has big and little pieces that will mulch well and start to break down into your soil. It also comes from plantation timber. How sustainable is that? – Fletch



Fletch with mulch

### “Can we bring our dogs into the nursery?”

Absolutely, our nursery is dog-friendly! The black and white lightning streak often seen “rounding up” honkey-nuts in the garden centre is none other than our own Harry, a 4 year old border collie, who I'm sure would love a furry playmate now and again. Hope to see you and your woofers soon!

– Danielle

(PS Well behaved dogs on leads are always welcome – Jackie)

### “What plants can I plant in a south facing garden?”

I have found Baeckea and Thryptomene cope well with winter shade and summer sun. For spots with less summer sun, Correa, Thomasia and Chorizema cordatum are rewarding. – Diana



Diana and Dan

### “When is the best time to divide kangaroo paws? And how is it done?”

Winter is the best time to divide paws and other strappy leaved plants. Wait until we have had decent rains, then dig up the whole clump. Cut the leaves right back and shake off the soil. You may need to trim the roots a little. Using two hands rock the root mass back and forward until you have a number of smaller clumps. These can be placed in a bucket with some seasol and plant hormone (optional). Either pot directly into the ground or settle in pots of good potting mix before planting out later. – Jackie



Danielle and Harry

### “How tall does this plant grow? How fast does this plant grow?”

We are frequently asked how tall a given plant will grow and how fast it will get there. All plants obviously grow to different sizes at different rates, but there are many factors that will influence both outcomes. For example soil type, amount of sun, watering, temperature, pruning and fertilising will all impact on plant performance. It is therefore hard to put an exact height and speed of growth on a plant and we have many horticultural debates on the subject! Varying heights and speeds of growth are one of the joys of gardening and plants are living things impacted upon by many factors. If in doubt, consult our bed marker or a member of staff for help. But remember, don't be afraid to impart your will with a sharp pair of secateurs! – Dan



Dan up a tree

### “How big a hole should I dig?”

Dig a hole at least twice the size of the potted plant you are about to plant out. Fill the hole with water and allow it to drain. If the water does not drain freely, you may need to add some wetting agent. (When planting in sand the hole should be deeper and if planting in clay, the hole should be wider). – Janine



## Winter Planting

### “Is it okay to use soil improver?”

When planting, always incorporate a soil conditioner or compost with the existing garden soil as this tends to encourage plant growth and a healthy root system.



Janine with soil improver

### “How often should I water my newly planted plants?”

You will need to water your new plants every day in summer for 4 weeks and then twice a week until established. Winter plantings usually do not require water unless there is more than one week between rains. You may need to water your plants for the first 2 summers twice a week to establish them.

For more info on planting out, pick up a “how to plant” sheet when next you visit Zanthorrea. – Janine

### What’s new in plants?

There are some lovely plants to look out for in the nursery and winter is a great time to get them in the ground and growing. Thryptomenes, Darwinias, Grevilleas, Chamelauciums and Hakeas are among the pick of the crop at the moment. Thryptomenes are often overlooked but they are hardy, showy and reliable- our ‘Pink Lace’ form are looking beautiful at the moment. Some of the Darwinias available include *D. oxylepis*- a much sought after plant with striking

bell flowers. It prefers a part shade position with some summer water. *D. oldfieldii* is a tough small shrub with fragrant foliage and a pretty burgundy flower. It looks great as a container specimen too. As usual Grevilleas abound at Zanthorrea with most usual suspects available. Try G. ‘Ember Glow’ for something different- it has bright orange flowers over a long period and grows to around 1m high with a spreading habit. Finally, I can’t finish this column without mentioning my favourite plants- the Hakeas. *Hakea francissiana* is one of the best large shrubs around. Just give it a sunny spot with good drainage and watch it grow. – Dan



Hakea francissiana

### From our growing area

#### Macropidia fuliginosa

We have a very good batch of black kangaroo paws ready now, at \$13.95. A most striking flower in winter and spring with black buds showing some green as they open.



Macropidia fuliginosa

It is a rare plant in the wild – called a relic as it has been gradually

dying out even without our negative intervention.

As a garden plants black paws need drainage and lots of sun, just the shot for the modern drier garden. Feed with 5g of Macracote at planting for best results.

#### Anigozanthos ‘Federation Flame’

At last there are some ‘Federation Flame’ ‘roo paws. These paws developed by Kings Park have not been available commercially. This is an orange form of Anigozanthos rufus, a southern plains kangaroo paw with a branching flower stalk to 1m. ‘Federation Flame’ can tolerate a wider range of positions and can be planted in amongst other shrubs in a watered garden, with flowers in spring and early summer.



Anigozanthos ‘Federation Flame’

Two sizes available: 125mm pots @ \$9.45 and 140mm pots for \$12.95.

#### Pileanthus pendularis

#### ‘Coppercups’

Great to have some of these sun loving little plants that grow to about 80cms. The orange form flowers in spring while the pink and red (aff. filifolius) have their very striking flowers closer to Christmas.

Like the black kangaroo paw, give these plenty of sun, drainage and airflow for the best display.

Coppercups in orange pink or red are \$12.95 each. – Alec



## What's New

### The Book Shelf

Winter is a perfect time to curl up with a gardening book or two. And we have many lovely new books to choose as gifts or just to spoil yourself.

Wendy Binks of 'Stunned Emu Designs' has released a new Stripey activity book to suit Primary school aged children.



Lots of fun activities with Stripey the emu. \$10.95

### Mt Romance Larrikin Range

We now stock the full range of larrikin toiletries: Eau de Toilette, Deodorant, Shaving Gel, Aftershave Balm, Shampoo and Conditioner.



This range is enriched with pure Australian sandalwood oil and made here in WA.

### Hotdog adjustable lead.

Fashion for your furry friend!



With a rubber grip and adjustable buckle, this lead is made to last the distance. In many cute colours that will stand out in a crowd! \$19.95

### What's new in Sloggers?

If you have enjoyed wearing your Premium Sloggers, you'll love the new range of Garden Shoe. With a higher back, and even more comfort in the cushioned sole, it will be tempting to wear these everywhere! In two colour ways, summery blues and autumny greens. \$69.95.



(Colourful Premium Sloggers are still available in sizes 6 to 10, \$54.95)

### Classy Woodwares

Check out this new range of superb handcrafted pieces made in Australia.

Boab shaped salt & pepper shakers \$48.40. Hand Juice extractor \$39.60. Jarrah letter opener \$28.60. A very special gift for a special occasion.



### Wild Wall Décor,



From the people who brought you our beautiful timber coasters, comes this lizard wall hanging. Complete with presentation box and information, these wall hangings make a gorgeous gift. \$59.95.

### What to plant in the veg garden:

Winter is a productive time in the veg garden. There is still time to plant spuds, but they need to go in soon for best yields.

Peas and broad beans can go in provided there is a warm spot, and enough insects around to pollinate the flowers. Snowpeas produce well too.

Root crops such as radish beetroot baby carrot and turnips do well planted at this time, also all the leafy favourites: lettuce, silverbeet, English spinach, rocket, kale to name a few.

Check out our organic Heirloom range grown by our own staff member Alix. It's fun to plant different varieties.

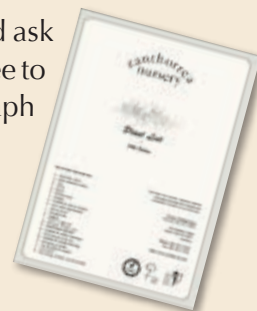
Herbs for winter include coriander, chives, thyme, sage, parsley.

Tip: Samara says serve roasted pumpkin with sage and butter tossed through fresh cooked pasta.. Yum!

### New look Zanthorrea Plant List

After years with the same layout, son Ian with editing help from Dan and Alec, has redesigned our popular Zanthorrea Plant list. This 27th Edition includes a fold out key with a new symbol for plants that are "Rewarding, reliable, recommended!"

Call in soon and ask for your copy, free to our Bush Telegraph customers.



# Zanthorrea nursery

155 Watsonia Road, Maida Vale  
Western Australia, 6057

Phone: (08) 9454 6260

Fax: (08) 9454 4540

<http://www.zanthorrea.com>