



Welcome



What a wonderful wet start to winter. Hopefully the rain will continue, filling up the dams and replenishing the aquifers. It's a great time to refresh the garden with winter planting. Many species are in flower with quite a few new and interesting varieties coming through.

Alec and Jackie have been in UK at the Chelsea Flower Show, so the team have helped put together this newsletter. It makes very interesting reading.

We hope you enjoy the rain and your winter gardening.

– Alec, Jackie and the team

Farewell Dan

Over the five years Dan has been at Zanthorrea, he has shared his knowledge and enthusiasm for Australian native plants. He has done an excellent job as our plant buyer and with Ross, managed the nursery while Alec and Jackie were away. Dan has some exciting plans for his future, including travel and further study. We'll miss you Dan.



Hakea laurina, Dan's favourite

Winter Flora

Winter Wonders

Looking for winter colour?

There are many plants bursting into flower through these cold winter months. Here are some of my favourite grevilleas. Ross

Grevillea 'Mt Tamboritha' is just starting to open. This dense woolly groundcover flowers from winter to spring. It tolerates a range of soils but likes to be well drained. It is also one of the grevilleas that can grow and flower well in a shadier position.



Grevillea 'New Blood' has a strong vibrant flower colour staying low to the ground at 25cm high and will spread to 1.5m. Frost hardy.

Grevillea 'Coral Baby' - New!



This new hybrid will grow to about 40cm high and 80cm wide with a mass of soft pinky flowers. More suitable to heavier acidic soils, but still likes good drainage.



Photos, Ross Hooper

Garden Talks

Aussie Plants for Cottage Gardens

Saturday, 30th July, 10am

After a recent trip to Chelsea Flower Show, Jackie is excited about cottage gardens. Our Australian plants can create the look with far less maintenance.

Enjoy a cuppa and biscuits

Gold coin donation to Kanyana

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Early Spring Bushwalk

Saturday 27th August, 10am

Join Jackie for a walk in our local bushland. There are wildflowers galore at this time of the year. Some hills, but we'll keep a gentle pace.

Sturdy shoes recommended.

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Winter flower photo competition

Think you take a pretty good picture? Send in a winter flower photo to Zanthorrea and we will showcase them in a gallery on our facebook page. The best 3 pictures win a \$50 Gift voucher to spend at Zanthorrea Nursery. (Celebrity judge to be confirmed.) -Ross

Either drop in your photos or email them to info@zanthorrea.com.

Please include your name and phone number, or email address.



Vanilla Grevillea (G. trachythea), named for the flowers that smell like vanilla.



Into the garden

Kids in the garden

Children love to run, play and explore. Your garden can become a place of discovery and wonder for them to enjoy.

My oldest boy Anthony (7 years) spends hours 'working' in the garden. He moves rocks, he rakes and digs to create his own garden spaces in which he grows a variety of veges and flowers. He is so proud when he pulls up a carrot or picks a tomato. He gets excited seeing the bees in his marigolds and wants to learn more about them and the other insects that he finds.

My youngest boy Rhys (14 months) also loves being out in the garden. His favourite activity is feeding the chooks and watching the native birds fly through the garden. One of his first words was 'bird'.

I have encouraged the birds into my garden by planting flowering native plants such as Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon' and 'Honey Gem' as well as a wide variety of small trees and shrubs such as Eucalyptus 'Silver Princess' and wedding bush (*Ricinocarpus tuberculatus*).

Involving your kids or grandkids in the planting and maintaining of your garden may begin a lifetime love of gardening and the outdoors.

-Andrea



Anthony, Andrea and baby Rhys

Samara's vege garden

Time to plant:

Root vegetables, leafy crops, broad beans, onions, leeks, peas, potatoes.

For something different try:

Kohl Rabi – comes in white or purple, the swollen base of the stem is peeled and eaten. With mild flavoured crunchy flesh it is lovely raw in salads or cooked in stir fries.

Artichokes – a beautiful perennial with attractive silver foliage that grows easily in the vege patch or pots. The flower buds are harvested in spring and can be cooked whole, stuffed or marinated. If left into early summer, stunning purple flowers cover the plant and last well as cut flowers. (Check out our display pot.)

TIP: Before sowing seeds or planting seedlings, replenish the soil with manure or compost, rock dust and an organic fertiliser, for a bountiful spring harvest. -Samara



Samara's Lemon Butter

With the lemon tree covered in fruit why not try making lemon butter.

4 eggs and 3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup lemon juice

125g chopped butter

* Melt lemon, sugar, butter over a low heat.

* Add one egg at a time & whisk in.

* Stir continuously until thick.

* Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

Now it's time for lemon butter on toast with a cup of tea

The Chelsea Flower Show

It was wonderful to see the crowds of visitors admiring the stunning Australian garden at the Chelsea Flower Show. Congratulations to the Melbourne Royal Botanic Parks for winning a GOLD medal for their display "The Australian Garden".

The design included features of the red outback, rippling sand dunes, still water and a winding path. Eucalypt trees, grevilleas, kangaroo paws, *Eremophila nivea* and many smaller flowering native plants complemented the display.



Strolling through the show, we were surprised to see other Australian plants featured. In the pavillion we saw wollemis, native hibiscus, dwarf bottlebrush, fan flowers and rock daisies, also Eucalyptus and *Stenocarpus* trees. It was clear that the rest of the world enjoy the beauty of our Australian plants.



TIP: There is still time to plant everlasting seeds for a spectacular wildflower show in the garden. Just spread seed in a weed free patch of garden, and watch them grow!



The best picks of winter

Diana's favourites

There are many beautiful and hardy plants in my garden. Amongst the best are:

* **Grevillea longistyla** at 3-5metres tall would have to be my favourite grevillea with its deep green glossy leaves and reddish stems. It is so generous with its flowers. Mine have their pink / red flowers for 9 months of the year.

* **Acacia pravissima 'Little Nugget'** is such a good foliage contrast plant with its unusual triangular shaped grey green leaves. Not a prolific flower but a lovely dense bush to a metre plus.

* **Eremophila 'Fairy Floss'** has been fast growing and easy to grow in some very average soil. Its lemon then orange buds open to pretty pink flowers which are a great favourite with the honeyeaters.



Kanyana Plant of the Month.

Eremophila 'Kalbarri Carpet'

Alec planted a row of these in summer edging our driveway. They are in dry heavy soil with very little water to establish and we have been amazed how well they have grown.

And don't the birds love them!

\$1 from the sale of each Eremophila 'Kalbarri Carpet' will be donated to Kanyana Wildlife Centre.



Why Plant Starter Plants?

Starter plants are an efficient, cost-effective way to get your garden started or to fill some gaps. Some people even prefer starter plants because they adapt to your conditions from a young age.

Starter plants do require some additional attention, particularly in their first summer. Some extra hand watering will help them along.

Winter is an excellent time to plant. Don't forget to improve your soil with aged compost or soil improver.

We have a great range of strappy leaved plants and ground covers. Add some colour with chorizemas, lechenaultias or chamelauciums. Choose a small eucalypt like Eucalyptus pyriformis, preissiana or forrestiana.

At \$3.00 per plants or less for purchases of nine or more, starter plants are a great addition to your garden. – John



Sustainable gardening

At Zanthorrea, we use and recommend plant care products that have a low environmental impact.

Ask one of the team for a greener product for your garden.

Healthy gardens.

Healthy people

Healthy environment.

For more ways to help the environment in your garden, go to

www.sgaonline.org.au

Something different!

Maireana oppositifolia, commonly known as the bluebush for its interesting grey-blue foliage can get to 1m x 1m, tolerating light and heavy soils. They love those hot and dry spots wherenot much else will grow! They also tolerate some salinity.



Hardenbergia comptoniana
Zanthorrea Mauve'.

Finally we have cuttings taken from the much asked for beautiful climber in the gardens. This form of native wisteria puts on a very nice show with its light pinky purple flowers in late winter through spring. Quite vigorous, it will cover that garden arch or fence in no time! Hurry - limited stock supply!

- Danielle



Now in stock

Red & green kangaroo paws are now available in punnets of 6.

Great for mass planting in the garden. Don't forget to stir in a little soil improver when planting.

Great value at \$3.95 per punnet.



New Gifts

Apple Green Duck

This beautiful range of re-usable shopping bags comes in different designs, made from either jute, cotton calico mix, or a linen cotton mix. They help us care for the environment by replacing plastic bags with affordable, fashionable, vibrant and bold patterned bags. Prices range from \$3.50 - \$19.95



Blue Wren soaps and lotions

Introducing the new range from Banks & Noble, inspired by the Splendid Blue Wren and Australian native grasses, beautifully packaged, all natural Australian produced body soap, 'cleanse and refresh with a natural soap enriched with essential oils and vegetable based ingredients'

Soap in embossed box \$7.95

Hand & body lotion 150ml \$14.95



Stationery and cards

Our stationery range includes: * Jotta's 'Garden Plots & Plans' with a square underlay sheet for your garden plans. (A5) \$19.95.

* Australian Fauna Letter Set \$19.95 from Melbourne based Zetta Florence. This set features fine illustrations including the blue wren, parrot, kangaroo, dingo, rainbow bee-eater and emu chick.

Select a card from our beautiful range. There are new cards featuring beautiful patterned material, modern prints or exquisite drawings. Look for new releases from old favourites like 'Buttonworks' and Wendy Binks.



Cute Eco-torches

Wind them up to store and increase power. Available in ladybird and bumble bee designs. \$9.95



Slip on some sloggers

Just a reminder, Sloggers are in stock, ideal for the wet weather, just slip on and look good. Available in two styles, patterned \$69.95 and plain \$54.95



Soothing heat packs

Cuddle up with a heat pack, and sooth away winter aches and pains.

'Cuddle Pillow' from Simply Lavender is filled with lupins and lavender and 'Wheat Pack' is filled with lavender and wheat. \$24.50. Simply heat in microwave for 1-2 minutes and check temperature before use.



Thurlby also produce a range of heat packs featuring Australian bush and aboriginal designs From \$18.95

Zanthorrea Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are a popular gift. Simply phone 0894546260

or email info@zanthorrea.com to organise a voucher.



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