



Welcome



Welcome to Winter

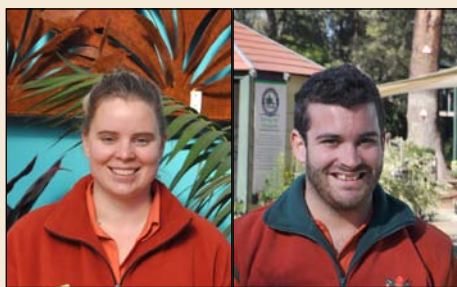
Our nursery gardens are looking beautiful despite the lack of winter rain. There are many plants in flower... already! Graeme has been busy renovating the gardens, so they are well worth a visit.

Put on your winter woolies, bring the kids for an adventure and come visit. The nursery is full of fresh healthy plants from our accredited growing area.

Happy gardening from all of us at Zanthorrea.

Welcome our New Team Members

Amy has almost completed her Horticulture certificate and is passionate about gardening with Australian plants.



David undertook his horticulture training at Kings Park, so is wildly excited about native plants and photography.

Congratulations to Gaby and Samara who each delivered healthy boys at the end of May.

(Welcome to Lincoln and Vasco)

Photo Comp



This year we are once again holding a Winter Wildflower Competition. If you are a budding photographer we would love to see your best winter flower photo. First prize has been kindly donated by Yates, this is a \$200 voucher for Camera House! For more details of the comp please visit the web page below, or scan this QR code.



www.zanthorrea.com/winterphotocomp.php



Kalamunda Community Garden

This is located at the historic Headingley Hill House in Lindsay Street, Kalamunda. The Shire of Kalamunda has provided the space for the community to develop a self managed sustainable garden where community can come together to learn how to grow their own food.

The objectives of the garden include learning how to protect the natural environment, conserve resources, and lead a healthy and active lifestyle while networking with other members of the community.

Find out more about Kalamunda Community Garden at their website:

www.kalamundacommunitygarden.com/

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Celebrate



Planet Ark's National Tree Day

National Tree Day provides all Australians with an opportunity to do something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature. In 2012, hundreds of thousands of Australians planted over 1 million native trees, shrubs and grasses at more than 3300 Tree Day events in 2012.

<http://treeday.planetark.org/about/>



Celebrate the importance of trees. This year Zanthorrea Nursery is sponsoring a tree planting at Kalamunda Community Garden.

Sunday 28th July 10am till 12 noon at Headingley House, Lindsay Street, Kalamunda.

Enjoy brief talks from Lisa Passmore, Chair of the garden committee, and Jackie Hooper on the value of trees. After planting stay for morning tea.

RSVP to Zanthorrea if you would like to join in the fun.

Gold coin donation.



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Into the Winter Garden

SPUD TIME!

Start your little potato factory at home! With school holidays so close, its a perfect time to get kids in the garden. Growing their own spuds is a great way to start. Not only do they get to take proud ownership but they get to reap the rewards on the plate!



The Spud Cage:

Step 1: Shape some chicken wire into a circular cage approximately 30-50cm wide. Support the cage with 2-4 stakes depending on the width. Bury stakes so the top is level with the top of the cage. Stakes will help support weight of the soil so don't bury them too shallow.

Step 2: Line the edge of the cage with straw to about 30cm high. We have used straw but hessian may be easier to handle. Fill with compost to straw level.

Step 3: Bury a few seed potatoes with shoots 5cm below the compost. Space them out evenly. Water in well.

Step 4: As the potato stalk grows and becomes floppy, line with more straw and top up soil level. Repeat till tower is full. Water several times a week.

Step 5: Leave till the plants start to yellow and die off. Providing the soil is left dry and it's not too warm, you can leave your spuds and harvest as you need them! Otherwise dismantle the spud tower and let the kids get stuck into it!

Current Potato Varieties:

Norland- medium sized red potato which stores well.

Kipfler- long yellow fleshed, great for salads.

Delaware- good all purpose medium sized spud.

Nikola- oval shaped great all rounder which has low G.I.

Dutch Cream- a buttery flavoured yellow potato which is great for mash, chips and roasting.

-Muriel & Danielle

Winter Veges

It's a perfect time to grow veggies as the winter rain will water the seedlings. A solution of Seasol and Powerfeed every few weeks will keep them growing fast.

It's time to plant:

Leafy crops such as lettuce, silverbeet, spinach, kale.

Asian leafy crops - bok choy, pak choy, tatsoi, mizuna.

Iron rich broccoli and broccolini.

Root crops - leeks baby carrots, radish, beetroot, and onions.

Peas and broadbeans, and of course there's still time to plant spuds.



Plant herbs - parsley, chives, thyme, rosemary and others to add healthy flavour to winter dishes.

Last but not least, tasty strawberries. Plant or pot virus-free Sumo and Tioga.



Flowering Now

Winter is a great time for flowering natives, here are a few to check out:



Hakea Burrendong Beauty

This is one of the lower growing hakeas, reaching to about 1m high and 2m wide. It develops a mass of flowers, starting late June.



Callistemon Western Glory

Bottlebrushes have been an attractive choice for many gardeners due to their lovely bird attracting flowers. This glorious 3m hybrid has a pinky mauve flower.



Kunzea baxteri

July's plant of the month, is a hardy native that the birds absolutely love! Growing to approx 2- 3m with rich green foliage. They grow naturally near granite outcrops, but can tolerate a wide range of free draining soil types.

One dollar donation from each one sold will help support Kanyana Wildlife Centre.



Garden Renovation



Alec, Graeme and David installing the gate

Formal Garden

Graeme has been doing a wonderful job revitalising the display gardens at Zanthorrea. The most recent upgrade has been an addition to the Formal Garden, a well crafted Lychgate.



Hardenbergia comptoniana "Zan Mauve"

To climb over this impressive gate we have chosen a fast growing climber, *Hardenbergia comptoniana*. These climbers will twine up many metres if there is a structure to hang on and will provide bright winter colours.



New hedge of *Syzygium* 'Orange Twist'

The Outback Garden

The Outback Garden has a selection of the drought hardy plants you find out in the inland bush areas. In these dry areas planting in the winter months is essential as the summers can be very dry.

New plants we have added to our garden are the hybrid waxes *Chamelaucium* x *Verticordia* "Paddy's Pink" and "Eric John" as well as some drought hardy *eremophilas* like the one shown below.



Eremophila "Pink Passion"

Flora for Fauna Gardening

'Flora for fauna' is a really important aspect of our gardens and is vital in giving back habitat to the animals as our city expands. One of our garden beds has now been dedicated to the plants that are more beneficial to fauna.

Plant choices include:

- Grevillea bipinnatifida*,
- Hakea undulata*,
- Kennedia prostrata* &



Anigozanthos manglesii

Three Types of Shady Characters

With winter settled in for the next few months, one of the most common queries we hear is... "What can I plant in shade?" The tricky part of this question is that there are at least three different types of shade!



Dry tree shade – Trees create a dappled shade in winter. The major problem with tree shade is the dryness caused by root competition for moisture. Local plants such as *Chorizema*, *Darwinia citriodora* and *Hypocalymma angustifolium* are at home in dry shade.

Under verandah shade – This is a tricky spot as there is unlikely to be much sun at all. Best to brick pave and use potted gardens that can move with the sun. Plants that cope with such shade include: *Philotheca* spp, *Hibbertia scandens* and *Baeckea virgata* miniature.



South side of the fence shade – This is the worst shady character of all! The sun is in the north all winter, and so the plants chosen must tolerate heavy block shade in winter, then scorching full sun in summer. Plants that cope here include: *Chorizema cordatum*, *Acacia pulchella*, *Thomasia* spp and *Baeckea virgata*. - Jackie



Whats New!

Compact 200 litre Aerobin!

Aerobin have launched a smaller version of their ever popular composter. The 200L Aerobin will take up less space in your back yard, and suits gardeners who struggle to fill the 400L version.



Compact 200 litre size @ \$199
The original 400 litre @ \$379
More info at www.aerobin.com.au

Science and Nature

New products from Heebie Jeebies: The 'hydrochromatic umbrella' - changes colour in the rain!

Thermometers, powerful magnifiers (up to 60 times!) and DIY ladybirds that vibrate around the room.



Hydrochromatic umbrella

Aussie All the Way!



Croc and Blue Wren post cards

The latest Australian made additions to the gift shop are from the company Odd Ball. Based in Victoria they design and make quirky gifts and souvenirs, so if you are looking for something a little bit different to send overseas, be sure to check these out!



Croc and Red Back Spider Cut Outs

They have a range of 3D Australian animal postcards, toast stamps, fly swats, cookie cutters and Australian animal games. All under \$10.



Aussie Toast Stamps

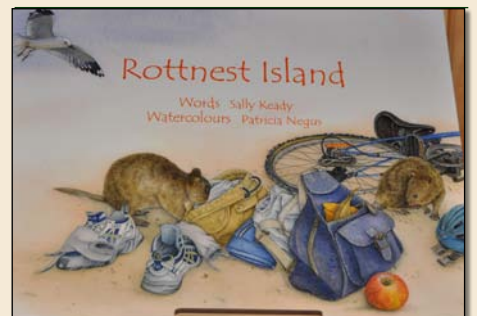
More Aussie Souvenirs

New teatowels from the WA companies Emma Blyth and Mokoh make an excellent gift and can be packed small for posting. Also keep an eye out for the new Mood Australian Jewellery! They will be available in gold plated, nickel and black nickel. My favourite being the gumleaf earrings. ~ Danielle



New Perth Teatowels!

Book Review



Rottnest Island by Sally Keady

Illustrations on every page by the wonderful Patricia Negus, showing mischievous quokkas, hungry seagulls, sunsets, sea life and a whole lot more on every page. Sally Keady goes into every topic of the island you could imagine. There is settlement history, mysteries and legends, fishing, places to stay, eat and shop, flora and fauna. A book not just for the tourist but the locals too! - Danielle



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