



## Welcome



After four weeks away, it is good to be back. The nursery looks splendid thanks to Ross and the team.

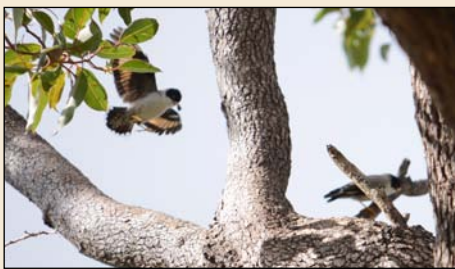
Returning from our holiday, we were delighted to see how bright and healthy the winter garden is. This wet start to winter is so good for the bush and is filling up our rain tanks and dams.

Loretta is also happy to be back at Zanthorrea, and writes about her garden experiences. New team member Rose writes about her mushrooms and Alec and Jackie talk about the surprising plants they found overseas.

Sunday 27th July is Planet Ark's National Tree Day. Join Eric McCrum for an entertaining look at trees & the creatures who live there.

Hope you enjoy our winter Bush Telegraph.

Alec, Jackie, Ross and the Zanthorrea team.



### *Sittella tree-climbers in a Marri*

PS: Farewell to Lauren, who has left Zanthorrea for a career in the landscape industry. We wish you every success Lauren!

## Photo Comp



It is that time again, to take out your trusty camera and search for the perfect wildflower shot. This year we have an exciting first prize of a \$200 Voucher to 'The Print Side of Things', a company focused on canvas printing and stretching! For more details on the photo comp please visit our website, or scan this QR code.



### **Mothers Day Tea Party**

The tea party held at Zanthorrea in May was a great success! The grand total raised for the National Breast Cancer Foundation was \$1503.30.

Many thanks to the staff, friends and family who baked delicious cakes and served them to the wonderful folks who came and supported us.

Andrea's beetroot cake and Paula's gluten free chocolate macaroons were a great hit, so make sure to try them at next year's tea party!

### **Gardening Australia filming**

In early June, Josh Byrne and the Gardening Australia team filmed a segment at Zanthorrea. We have been advised that the segment will be shown on Saturday 12th July at 6.30pm, repeated Sundays at 1pm. The segment can be downloaded or streamed from the ABC website after that time.

## What's On



### **Eric McCrum's 'Magic Life in Trees'**

WA researchers have found over 400 different species on the bark of a single jarrah tree!

Celebrate 'National Tree Day', and join Eric for an entertaining look at the myriad of living things we find in trees.

Sunday, 27th July, 10am

RSVP to 94546260

Tea & biscuits served, gold coin donation to Kanyana

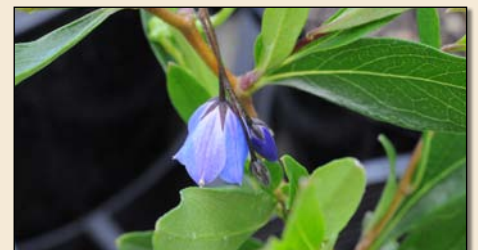
### **Wonderful Spring Colour**

Spring is the peak time of flowering in the wildflower calendar. Garden designer Sue Torlach will show you how to plan a garden to make the most of spring colour.

Saturday, 23rd August 11 am

RSVP to 94546260

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### **Australian Bush Tucker**

SERCUL have produced a new info sheet that has loads of info on the Bush Tucker plants and their uses. Pop in to pick one up, or have a look at our shop copy.



## From the Team

### From sand to assorted soils

Several years ago I bought a block of land in the hills, I was also planning to spend a year in Egypt, so I put my plans into place and said my farewells to Zanthorrea and the Coastal Plains. Two and a half years later and I'm thrilled to be back home and planting again.



The block in the hills has a variety of soils: Beautiful loam on the lower level, sporadic pockets of sand, heavy clay to gravel and sheets of rock that lie hidden just beneath the surface.

As soon as the sale went through I started to plant. The block was vacant with no access to water, so plants had to be tough and survive without any additional help from me. Taking advantage of the Autumn season and after only an initial water at time of planting, the plants were left to their own devices.

I kept a list of all the plants I have planted since 2009, at the moment the list totals 968 plants, some I have lost, some have been eaten, some are hanging in there and some have thrived. Here is a selection of the survivors:



*Thomasia discolor*

- Acacia celastrifolia & denticulosa
- Banksia grandis
- Bossiaea aquafolium
- Calothamnus hirsutus & Calothamnus . quadrifidus



*Eucalyptus rhodantha*

- Many eucalypts including:  
E. macrocarpa, E. nicholii, E. orbifolia, E. rhodantha & E. victrix
- Grevillea synaphea
- Hakea petiolaris & H. laurina
- Kennedia nigricans
- Melaluca 'August Mauve'
- Thomasia discolor & T. purpurea

*"For me gardening is one big wonderful experiment, I always find it interesting to see how a plant grows when its left to its own devices and it is a joy to see the local wildlife they attract."* -Lorretta

### Diary of a mushroom kit

A mushroom kit is great fun for kids to look after. It also provides a different kind of indoor plant to watch grow for big kids like me!



I activated my kit one month ago on 15th May, putting the layers of compost and moistened peat together. 10 days later a couple of patches of mould appeared, so

the kit was then opened to air and light. I am keeping my kit in the laundry where there is a cool even temperature away from draughts. 3 days later I watered the kit a little as it appeared to be drying. I gently sprinkled water across the surface until it appeared saturated and shiny black. 5 days later pinhead mushrooms appeared. On the 6th of June there were 15 mushrooms and a further 10 the following day. Under my conditions the kit seemed to need watering every 3 days or so. On the 16th June I picked another 15 mushrooms. Many more pinhead sized mushrooms are appearing and so I'm sure there will be many more to come. The kit has now paid for itself in value, as well as enjoyment and very tasty fresh produce. -Rose

### What's in a Name

Botanical names may sound a little strange, but they often hold a world of information about a plant.

They can be eponymous: Named after a person, like the genus Dampiera which is named after William Dampier (1652-1715) an English navigator and pioneer with one of the earliest collections of WA plants.

They can be Poetic: Like the genus Verticordia, this word means 'Turner of Hearts'.



*Hypocalymma angustifolium*

Or they can be descriptive: 'angustifolium' means "narrow-leaved" in latin (angustus = narrow, folium = leaf) - Rose



## Aussie Stars

The bush in winter comes alive with colour. These beauties are flowering now.



Red: *Chorizema cordatum*, *Eremophila maculata*, *Grevillea thelemanniana*.

Pink: *Chamelaucium* Hybrids, *Hakea laurina*, *Hypocalymma robustum*.



White: *Hypocalymma angustifolium*, *Hakea lissocarpa*

Yellow / orange: *Acacia pulchella*, *Darwinea citriodora*, *Grevillea 'Winpara Gold'*

Purple / blue: *Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare'*, *Lechenaultia biloba*, *Dampiera diversifolia*

### Australian stars abroad

Alec and I recently enjoyed a month's holiday in Europe. One of the highlights of our trip was visiting gardens and garden centres.



We were delighted to find Australian plants in quite unexpected places.

From the town square in a small Bavarian village to the grandeur of the Petrin Hill gardens of Prague, from the surprise of the Wentworth Gardens in Yorkshire to a doorstep in Linz, Austria, we stumbled across our beautiful Australian plants. We even found a market stall in Amsterdam using dried pink and white everlastings as decoration.

Among the Australian plants we discovered flowering in the early European summer were:



*Chamelaucium 'Eric John'*, *Callistemon 'Endeavour'*, *Rhodanthe chlorocephalus*, *Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare'*, *Alyogyne huegelii* and *Bracteantha Hybrid* (possibly 'Diamond Head').

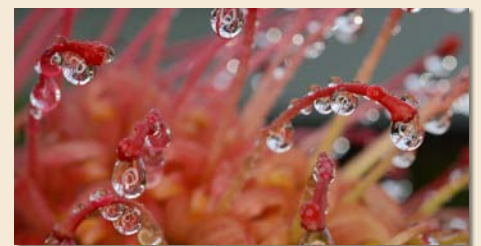


Although the climate is very different with deep snows in western Europe and heavy frosts in most of UK, adventurous gardeners had selected unique attractive Australian plants to grow in pots and hanging baskets. We are so fortunate to have these Aussie stars in our own backyard. -Jackie

## Garden Myth

***"You can't plant in winter as it's too cold"***

This myth is a left-over from the cold climes where snow and frost curtail planting. In the south west of WA, winter is a perfect time to plant. It's true that plants don't grow when the temperature is low, however they do settle in, growing fine roots to support the flush of spring growth. And the winter rains ensure the watering is taken care of.



### Friend or Foe?

The Hairy Flower Wasp is a native Australian wasp that drinks the nectar of flowers and helps plant pollination. They are a solitary insect and do not make a nest. This wasp is not aggressive towards humans by proximity, but will cause a painful sting if aggravated. The flower wasps fly at ground level looking for beetle grubs, they paralyse their prey (Beetle grubs) and lay an egg inside the host. The hatched larva then feed inside the living host. It is a very unique life cycle!



*Campsomeris (Hairy Flower Wasp)*

Conclusion: Friend. While some caution should be taken around them, they are very useful in the control of pest populations and in the pollination of plants! -Ross



## Winter delights from the Giftshop

### Splashing around!

Due in late August are a fabulous new range of colours in the gummies (\$34.95), also plenty of the red, green and black available right now. The gumboots are also plentiful in supply in blue, yellow and pink at \$44.95 each.



### Dont forget the 'brolly'!

The hydrochromatic umbrella's are back in stock for winter, changing from black and white to colourful when wet. They make a great gift at \$26.95 each.



### Vibrant Botanicals

Local photographer Mel Parker has created some beautiful handmade jewellery suitable for young and old. Cards, necklaces and earrings feature her local wildflower photography in a range of silver, copper or bronze plated pewter with different local wildflowers. Necklaces \$39.95, earrings \$19.95 and cards \$4.95



*Vibrant Botanicals & Botanical Australia*

### Botanical Australia

Linen Press has produced another gorgeous range of hand & body cream, hand & nail cream and soap. Packaged in a soft feminine floral pink gift box, Botanical Australia is made with Australian olive oil, grass lily, Kakadu plum and quandong extracts. \$5.95- \$14.95.



### SAKIToMe

Eco friendly reusable bags printed in Australian floral designs, they feature a keyring attachment, an attached pouch for folding into or using as a phone pocket when in use. They are lightweight, quick drying and carry up to 20kg.

### Sandra Hall

Local artist Sandra Hall is back with her beautifully handmade resin frog ornaments. Each frog is carefully moulded and then shaped to fit its own river pebble. A range of local



and Australian frogs: Quacking frog, burrowing frog, motorbike frog, slender tree frog and white-lipped frog. \$59.95- \$99.95.

### Emu Tracks

Back in store is the Emu Tracks range of skin care products. Emu oil has many benefits for the body, the following are just some of them:

- Relief from arthritis, joint pain, muscular aches, sprains, strains and bruising.
- Reduce effects from skin disorders including eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis and nappy rash.
- Reduce redness, pain, itching and scarring from bites, burns, acne.
- Great moisturiser, reduces stretch marks and age spots.
- Contains Omegas 3,6,7 & 9 and Vitamins A, E and F. -Danielle



### New Sloggers Design

Sloggers have released a new pansy pattern garden shoe. \$69.95

### Showa 370 gloves

Showa gloves are back! Ross's favourite for working with soil and rocks. Hard wearing and agile.



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