



Wonder-full Winter



A wonderful warm welcome to winter. We have had some decent rains to fill up the water tanks and water in any fresh plantings. Jackie and Alec have been away across the Nullarbor and have seen some of the hardiest plants growing in their natural habitat. (More on page 2.)

Winter is also a great time for our display gardens, as many plants, such as the wattles and peas come out into flower. Graeme is busy putting some new plants into the ground. For those who brave the cold short rainy days, we think now is a great time to plant.

If you are are looking for small plants to fit in to small spaces or to use in pot arrangements, check out page 3 or come along to the workshop in August.

Of course if it is too rainy to garden, why not stay inside with a book and plan the next garden escapade. Featured on page 4 are a few new books to tempt you.

All the best for your Winter Gardening.

Ross, Jackie & the Zanthorrea Team



Chorizema cordatum flowering now!

What's On



Keeping Great Looking Succulents

Join Janine for a hands on look at how to keep your succulent garden looking its best. Covers potting, feeding and watering.

10am, Saturday 6th of August.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260



Planet Ark National Tree Day

Sunday 31st July.

Planet Ark is celebrating 20 years of planting trees. There are many tree planting activities Australia wide, so check treeday.planetark.org to find out what's on in your location.



Small Plants Workshop

Gardens do not have to be large to be grand. Join Ross as we explore some of the special little plants that can enhance a garden, from small trees to small pot arrangements.

10am, Saturday 13th of August.

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Perth Garden Festival 2016

Thank you to everyone who made it down to the Perth Garden Festival this year and visited our stand. We had some fun with our cut out Possum, who now lives at the kid's playground. We showcased the fantastic metal work of Paul Moro and many new release plants now available at Zanthorrea. We are already looking forward to next years show!

Oxfam Trailwalker Sausage Sizzle

23rd and the 24th of July.

Help the Zanthorrea Trailwalker team raise money for Oxfam by joining us for a sausage sizzle and coffee. 10am till 2pm.

We also have a raffle running from July to August and delicious fair trade chocolates for sale. All proceeds go to Oxfam's fight against poverty.



What's in the Winter Garden

Jackie and Alec go Bush

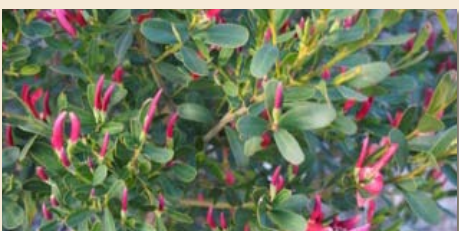
We drove across the Nullabor to Sydney, exploring the Eyre peninsular, Port Augusta and Broken Hill on the way. Spending time in desert and low rainfall areas was a reminder of the resilience of our Australian native plants.



Boronia crenulata was growing wild with pretty pink flowers on the Eyre peninsular and in the gardens at Port Augusta. Boronias have a reputation for being difficult to grow, but this beauty looked quite at home in arid conditions.



Correa pulchella is another somewhat tricky plant and yet grew prolifically in Coffin Bay and in the surrounding National Park. The soil appeared alkaline and rainfall is less than in Perth, yet the vigorous plants were growing up to a metre and a half across and covered in salmon bell flowers.



Templetonia retusa

Templetonia retusa is a common Perth coastal plant that we were surprised to see growing so well in Port Lincoln. It was wide spread near the coast, growing in various forms in different locations. We found a prostrate form on the headland at Venus Bay on the Eyre peninsular. There was also a huge variation in flowering times.



Eremophila weldii

We discovered *eremophilas* in many forms and flower colours, from tall shrubs to ground covers. We were surprised to find that they flower prolifically after rain rather than in a particular season.

See you in the nursery very soon!

Alec & Jackie Hooper

Our Display Garden

Over the years we have made many changes to our display gardens, planting out new plants and pruning old favourites. Here are some of the new additions that are starting to show their best:



Westringia longifolia 'Snow Flurry'

Snow Flurry is an attractive small shrub to 2m high. It gets covered in clean white flowers and is great for low maintenance gardens. Good near pools as it doesn't attract many bees.



Swan River Daisy

We have placed some of these cute little annuals up in the outback garden, watch them all pop open in the coming months!



Lechenaultia superba

These floriferous small shrubs have been flowering for ages, and are still going strong. Remember to regularly feed any plant that continues to flower long periods with potash.



Acacia spectabilis

The Mudgee wattle is a glorious wattle, and the best season for it is Winter. We have some new ones planted up near the Gazebo. They are fast growing and with in a few years will be filling the gardens with beautiful golden yellow flowers!

In the production nursery.

Been looking for, *Banksia Birthday Candles* or *Grevillea Honey Gem*? We have some good looking stock growing on for Spring.



A miniature world



Smaller backyards are becoming more common and many larger backyards are almost full. Have no fear, there is always room to fit in a garden!

Miniature gardens can be a lot of fun, and with only a small area to manage, extra attention can be given to the plants and the detail.

If you want to create a garden setting like the one above that is on display at Zanthorrea, the first step is picking out plants that can be kept of a small size and have a similar requirement of soil and watering.



Lechenaultia formosa prostrate

These flat lechenaultia work well in small pots and seem to flower non stop. Keep a bit of air flow around them as they don't like it too humid.



Baeckea virgata miniature

Tough hedger that responds well to pruning. You will be amazed how small you can keep this plant!

Ideas for small pot gardens

Gardening doesn't have to be limited to the soil, small pot gardens can be quite stunning!



Kangaroo Paws

Either planted as a solo plant, or as a cluster of 3, Kangaroo Paws put on a good show.



Straw Flowers

Xerochrysum, formerly Bracteantha are great for colourful pot arrangements, and can also be used for cut flower displays. Lots of colours are now available.



Small Grevilleas

Small dense grevilleas like this Grevillea 'Soopa Doopa' or the Grevillea 'New Blood' make fantastic long flowering pot specimens. Only one plant required for a stunning feature.



Citrus

There are many citrus these days that can be kept in a pot, one that you don't see so often is the Australian Finger Lime. Now available in 3 colours: Red, Pink and Green. Just give them as large a pot as you can, and remember to feed regularly with a complete fertiliser.

TIP: To keep you plants lasting longer in the same size pot, some root pruning and replanting into fresh potting mix is required. Similar to the techniques used on bonsai.



Bird's Nest Fungi

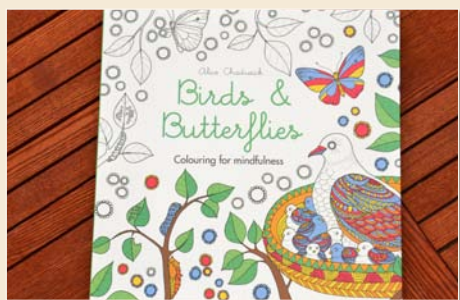
This year we have been intrigued by the appearance of an interesting Bird's Nest fungi. The small, round heads split open to form a cup full of black, egg-shaped spore capsules. These capsules are then catapulted out of the 'cup' by water drops and attach themselves to plants with an extremely sticky tail, which adheres to the leaf. Under the right conditions, the capsules open to release the spores. The fungi causes no harm to the plant, but helps to decompose organic matter in the potting mix, providing nutrients to plants.

-Amy



Good Books for Rainy Days

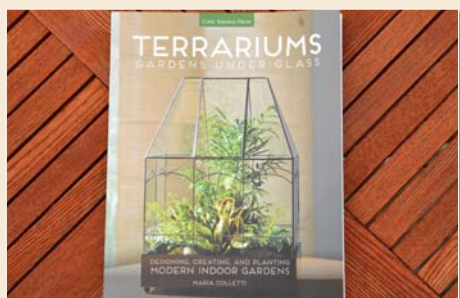
The rain is here and providing our garden and plants with much needed relief, but it does limit the days we can garden. We have some great new books in store to keep us entertained and ready for our next garden escapade.



Colouring books: They aren't just for kids, many are designed for adults too!



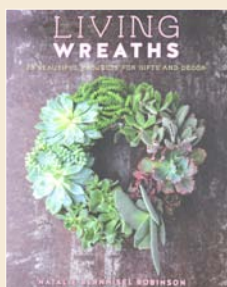
'Garden Made': In this book, there are great projects for children and adults in all seasons.



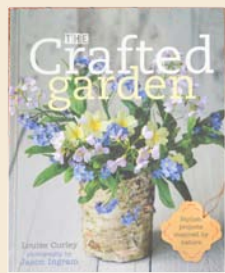
'Terrariums: Garden under Glass' Yes, terrariums have made a comeback and they are bigger than ever. This gives you a practical guide on starting out and maintaining terrariums.

'Bonsai Basics' this is a great long term project. Encourage the kids by getting them to create a whole new mini world in their own bonsai garden.

'Living Wreaths' there are no rules in gardening, don't just stop at succulents when it comes to planted wreaths. You will be delighted with what else you can use!



'Crafted Gardens' Get crafty with things foraged from your own backyard!



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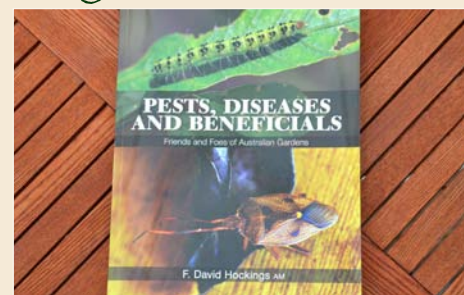
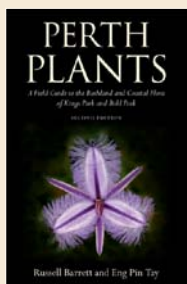
doesn't quite compare to snuggling up with a cup of tea and a new book in hand."

The serious side of things!

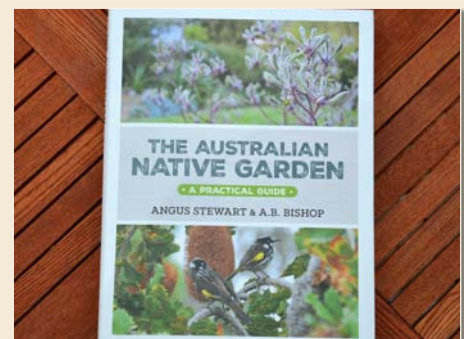
These books are a wealth of information and our team were pretty excited when they arrived!

'Perth Plants: A guide to the plants of Kings Park and Bold Park' This is a great handbook for identification of local species.

Photos and family grouping helps the user locate plants quickly. It also includes the local weeds so you know exactly what you're dealing with!



'Pest, Disease, Ailments and Allies of Australian Plants' We have been using the older edition for many years now on our nursery bookshelf. It's a fantastic book for solving many garden problems and particularly those of native plants. It's great to see this title has been updated with plenty of photo's for quick ID and a more in depth troubleshooting guide. Don't be surprised to see a staff member with their head buried in the book exclaiming "OH! That's what THAT thing is!!!" when you next visit!



'The Australian Native Garden: A Practical Guide' Possibly one of my favourites on the shelf. This book has some awe inspiring photos of native gardens around the country, with info on design and all aspects of growing native plants in the home garden. It is also a great guide to some of the newer cultivars that you will find in nurseries.

Happy rainy days!

- Danielle



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