



## Welcome!

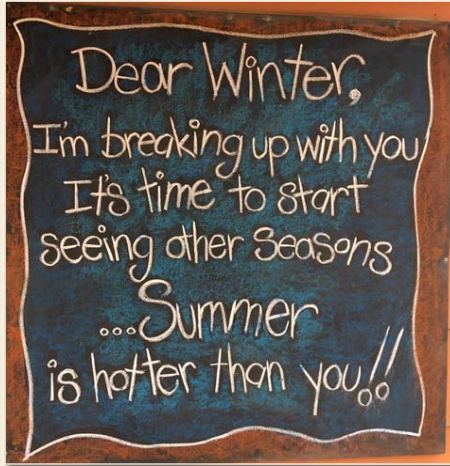


I love the winter rains, pitter pattering on the roof, filling the rain tanks and bringing new life to the garden. It is a very green time of year (yes the weeds too), and an enjoyable time to be out in the garden. There are also many native plants that choose to flower in winter, so if you are looking for a bit of colour there is plenty to excite like the *Chorizema cordatum*. This year we have two different colours to choose from: Bright orange and pastel yellow.

You will also notice many new plants in the nursery gardens as Graeme chooses winter to do the majority of planting. This way the winter rains can water them in and get the plants well established before summer.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Happy gardening, Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



### NEWS re native bees

Congratulations to Lisa Edwards and "WA Loves Nature" on the production of their very informative video on Native Bees.

Did you know Western Australia has around 800 native bee species?

This video shows how you can help them:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=874860249526330>



### Native Bee Hotel Competition.

If you are inspired to build your own native bee hotel, check out the above video for ideas.

Please email a pic of your bee hotel to [info@zanthorrea.com](mailto:info@zanthorrea.com) and we will post it on Facebook. There will be two prizes: "Most Facebook likes" and "Staff pick".

Prize: \$50 voucher so you can choose your native bee attracting plants. **Drawn 1st of August.**

## What's On



### Pot up a Plant

Join Jackie for a school holiday activity to suit primary school age children.

Pot up either a pansy or a lettuce seedling and take it home to watch it grow. **RSVP essential**, Maximum 15 per session.

**Gold coin donation to Kanyana.**

**Saturday, 13th July 10am.**

**Monday, 15th July 10am.**



### The Birds and the Bees.

Attracting birds, bees and other animals to your garden adds an extra dimension. Join Janine to learn more about fauna friendly gardens.

**Saturday, 10th August 10am.**

**Gold coin donation to Kanyana.**

**RSVP: 08 9454 6260**

### Everlastings

There's still time to plant these beauties. The rain will ensure they germinate and grow well.

Plant either from seed or as a seedlings in an improved soil.



## Common Questions

### Can I resurrect our overgrown kangaroo paws?

After a few years, kangaroo paws can start to look untidy, especially in summer dry gardens.

The good news is they may be returned to their former beauty.

There are a few methods, and all are best done at this time of the year before they start to regrow.

**The 'Alec' method:** Simply use saw or whippersnipper and take the foliage down to ground level. Clean up the debris, fertilise the remnant and watch them grow back.



**The 'Jackie' method:** Spend 10 minutes or so removing all the dead material, pruning off damaged leaves and tugging out old spent parts of the plant. Satisfying but time consuming. Then feed and water.

**Paula's solution:** Dig the whole clump up in winter, clean up the plant and divide into several new plants. Prune back the leaves, trim the roots, plant out or pot up, water and fertilise. (Or simply replace it!)



For more information on kangaroo paws, visit:

<https://www.gardeningwithangus.com.au/growing-kangaroo-paws/>

### What is the best fertiliser for my Australian native garden?

Garden fertilisers have evolved from purely chemical-based to the mineral-based, bio-active versions of today. They are aimed at not just the needs of the plants but the needs of the soil and the life within it. These fertilisers not only feed the plants but are a probiotic for our soils. Healthy soils=healthy plants.

These types of fertilisers are great for the health of our gardens. We stock two brands: Grow Safe and Troforte.

If you would prefer a certified organic fertiliser for your garden we also stock a selection of the Richgro Organics range. These too are a perfect way to add an organic boost to your garden. - Alix.



### Why can I smell boronia and my friend can't?

Of our team of 17, some can smell boronia and the others say they can't. It's a curious phenomenon that boronia is at once a compelling perfume and for some of us an elusive one.

One of the very interesting facts about the scent of the boronia is that some people can't smell it at all. It's estimated that between 12% and 20% of people have 'boronia anosmia'.

I find I detect the scent it when passing, then up close I find I can't smell it all. Jackie

### **Can you smell boronia?**



### What are the names of some other Australian fragrant plants?

There are a surprising number of fragrant native plants to add another dimension to your garden.

Winter is a most wonderful season for fragrant plants. Plant them near pathways to enjoy scented foliage, and near windows to bring the wonderful perfume indoors.

Lemon myrtle -

Backhousia citriodora

Lemon scented darwinea -

Darwinea citriodora



Native daphne

Philotheca myoporoides

Red boronia

Boronia heterophylla



Native mint bush

Prostanthera ovalifolia

Native frangipani

Hymenosporum flavum

Lemon scented tea-tree

Leptospermum petersonii



## Winter Gardening



### Bring back the "Old Timers".

No, we are not talking about Alec and Jackie, we are talking about those plants your grandma planted with success, that we've been selling for over 40 years. Oldies but goodies. For example:

*Grevillea thelemanniana*

*Baeckea virgata* (syn *Sannantha*)

*Melaleuca fulgens* (photo above)

*Anigozanthos flavidus*

*Eucalyptus 'Silver Princess'*



### Plants New this Winter:

*Pterostylis curta* (Blunt greenhood orchid) Their flowers are translucent white with a fine green stripe, from July to October. The leaves form as ground hugging rosette.

*Pterostylis nutans* (Nodding greenhood orchid) This hardy native orchid can produce an extensive colony. It has nodding translucent green flowers from July to October.

Be aware: Native orchids pop up in winter, grow and flower, then die back and rest over the long hot summer. They usually grow again next season.

For guaranteed results, we recommend growing them in a pot

at least for the first season so you are familiar with their new growth. They can easily go missing among the garden plants. - Diana



### New Products

#### Troforte for natives.

Now in stock is the newest addition to the Troforte range, 'Troforte for Native Gardens', available in 3.5kg @ \$29.95 and 10kg tubs@\$75. The lower phosphorus levels make it better suited for sensitive plants such as grevilleas and banksias.

#### New for our native bees:

Stackable hexagonal insect hotels made from FSC timber. Check out three options including hollow bamboo for nesting native bees and parasitic wasps bees, solid wooden blocks with drilled holes for parasitic wasps and native bees, and assorted pine cones for ladybirds and lacewings. \$18.95 each. Muriel



#### Ryset Insect Hotels

Leaf cutter and resin bees are great pollinators. They will lay their eggs in the bamboo tubes and fill them with food for the next generation. Predatory wasps will stuff the tubes

full of greenfly larvae, aphids and caterpillars to feed their emerging young. Ladybirds and lacewings which predate on aphids will shelter in the chambers during cooler weather. Each will help in creating a diverse ecosystem to improve the health of your garden. - Muriel

### What's Flowering Now

Winter is a great time for flowering native plants. Here are a few coming into flower now:



#### Anigozanthos 'Kings Park Royale'

This new release kangaroo paw bred by Kings Park Botanic Gardens is set to be a real show stopper with its unique purple/red flowers. It grows to 60cm high in a full sun position. If growing in a pot use a good quality potting mix.



#### Grevillea 'Nancy Otzen'

These beautiful red and cream cluster flowers from winter to spring. This grevillea is a winner for attracting birds into the garden, providing them with nectar and a dense foliage for protection.

This grevillea grows to 1.5m x 1.5m and is a reliable performer.



## Winter Inspiration

**Its time for some winter indulgence!**



Cheyenne boots. These waterproof ugg boots made in Europe are the best thing on these cold mornings and nights. Happily walk around your garden with toasty toes and dry feet! Made from PVC they are fully waterproof with a brushed finish you wouldn't know they weren't suede! Sizes 36-45.



Relax after all your hard work and enjoy a bath with these superb smelling bath bombs, salts, body scrubs and soaps from Soapmaid. Hand made in Melbourne they also make a fabulous gift!



**Braw Paper Co Mugs**

Sit back with a cuppa in one of these mugs from Braw Paper Co, these gorgeous designs are made and hand printed here in Perth. They also have a matching range of ceramic coasters and cards featuring landscapes from WA and local flora and fauna!



Treat your senses with these new home and body fragrances! 'Desert Wood' natural perfume by Dindi has notes of sandalwood, rose and frankincense. 'Santal Spirit' by Mt Romance has musky amber tones complimented by vanilla, cardamom and of course sandalwood. A range of fresh, uplifting room and body spray will soon be available in the Maine Beach range. Watch in store!



These are such unique little gifts from the Songbird Collection, these paperweights and necklaces actually feature a fun whistle on their tail. There are also cute matching earrings to choose from.

They are skillfully and ethically hand-made by a team of artisans in Chiang Rai, Thailand.



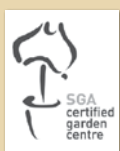
Spend some time inside greening up your space, we have a massive ever-changing range of indoor pottery and we can help you choose the right plants to match. Struggling for ideas? Check out the 'My Plant Life Balance' app for design ideas. Simply take a snap of your space and add your greenery and pots to it from a selection of options provided specifically to suit your space.



Are you looking for a fun activity for the school holidays? Fairy gardens are wonderful for all ages. Janine is our resident expert, and she has created a few display plants to give you some ideas.

It's easy to create a scene using a large old shallow pot. Use small plants, either living or even snipped pieces into potting mix. Succulents are especially easy to grow. Bring your creation alive by adding a few pieces from our fairy garden range.

- Danielle



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