



## Welcome



So much has happened in the last three months. Many of us have enjoyed the relief and peace that gardening brings. It truly is 'Garden Releaf'! With reduced restrictions we can now return to some normality. We thank all our loyal customers for their support and patience through these unusual times.

We have been busy growing and sourcing some interesting plants, and even though our stock levels may be a little low at times, we hope there is still plenty to excite.

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



We extend a warm welcome to Clare Palmer who has recently joined our team. Clare is a passionate gardener, qualified teacher and trained horticulturalist. Her passion for Australian native plants has led her to become a Volunteer Kings Park Guide. She is also the current President of the Kalamunda Community Garden. Interested in the KCG visit: <http://www.kalamundacommunitygarden.com/>

## News

### Friends of Kings Park Plants

The much anticipated FOKP May plant sale was another casualty of Covid-19. Lester from Friends of Kings Park approached Zanthorrea to purchase some of the plants grown by volunteers. Due to social distancing rules, it was no longer possible to sell them through the scheduled plant sale. To ensure these plants make their way into WA gardens, Zanthorrea agreed to purchase a large selection.



*Alec with Hypocalymma ericifolium*

Western Australian native plant enthusiasts will be as excited as we are to have this selection of unusual plants. Popular plants such as Guichenotia macrantha and Melaleuca fulgens Scarlet sit alongside lesser known beauties like Bossiaea spinescens and Hypocalymma ericifolium in their own display rack.

These plants have been grown in small batches in 50mm and 70mm deep forestry tubes in the Kings Park accredited nursery. They have named labels with information to help us find the best position in our gardens.

Don't miss this opportunity to find rarely available WA plants grown by the passionate volunteers of Friends of Kings Park. - Ross

## New Plants



### Stylidium Pink-A-Saurus

The Stylidium graminifolium is a striking tufted perennial with spires of pink trigger flowers. perfect as a little filler in the garden, in a pot plant arrangement and for hanging baskets. Grows to 25cm high. Great for attracting bees and butterflies.



### Anigozanthos Bush Spirit

A new attractive Kangaroo Paw from the Friends of Kings Park. It's flower spikes reach up to 90 cm high, with a lovely pink and cream colour. Flowers all year round. Plant in full or part sun in well-drained soils.



*We have a range of new Banksias available over the coming weeks, like this Banksia violacea and a low growing 'swirly' form of Banksia media. Pop in for a look.*





## WA Made



### Kim Lyons Pottery

Nothing beats handmade and that goes especially for decorative pots for our plants.

Kim Lyons is a local potter in Lesmurdie and has been practicing his trade since he was 15 years old.



Making his own clay and glazes to suit his needs, he makes a variety of pots, bird feeders and water bowls that we are delighted to sell here at Zanthorrea. - Kelly.

### Rusty Roo

For 20 years locals Paul & Kaye Moro have been the team behind Rusty Roo. They design and produce an eclectic range of Australian Metal Art. Zanthorrea is proud to be early stockists of Rusty Roo.

At Zanthorrea, there are many

examples, large and small, to choose from. Our display gardens showcase the biggest piece Paul and Kaye have made - the big 2m high Kangaroo.



Moro's work is dotted around Australia and the world. They were very happy to be asked by the Pinnacles Discovery Centre to enhance their outdoor area at the museum with their artwork.



*Our Kangaroo sculpture in the Zanthorrea Gardens, made by Paul and Kaye Moro.*

### Lucinda's Everlastings

Lucinda's Everlastings is based in Kojonup, in the Great Southern region of Western Australia. The everlasting business offers a form of diversification on their wheat and sheep property, which is run by Rob and Jen Egerton-Warburton, and their two daughters, Lucinda and Zara.

The business came about in 2002, with an idea inspired by Jen,

when she was gifted a bag of raw everlasting seed, stem, petals and stalks, by her colleague who also worked in the field of Landcare and native seeds. It was suggested that the seed could not be grown in large commercial quantities. The everlasting seed was scattered about and they found that quickly, they had a gorgeous display of flowers, and were surprised how easy they were to grow. After many trials and tribulations, soon enough, the size of the crop was expanded to cover a substantial area of around 10ha, as planned for 2020.



For the first few years, the seed was hand-sown and picked, but as the business has grown, Jen's husband Rob now uses the farm's seeder, fertiliser spreader, sprayer and harvester for the Everlasting crop production. Jen also uses a purpose built, and complex seed cleaner and packing machine, engineered by her father, to ensure that the product is perfect and the seed is lovely and clean of other material.

In Spring time it is such a delight to see a carpet of pink, standing out from the usual rural landscape. This view alone, makes the business an absolute worthwhile pleasure, and she loves the fact that others can experience the same through her Lucinda's Everlastings products.





## Grafted Plants



A grafted plant is one that has had the top part of one plant removed and attached to the rootstock of another plant. There are many reasons why a plant is grafted.

Seeds may produce a large variation of features in the mature plant, such as flower colour and growth habit. Grafting is used as a way to select the desired features of a plant

Another reason for grafting a plant is to make it more reliable in a wider range of soil, climate and pH. Plants that grow naturally in sandy soils may be difficult to grow in gardens with heavy soil. These plants may be grafted onto a rootstock that is more robust in a wider range of soils.

### Grafted Plant Care

While grafted plants are grown for added reliability, they do require slightly different care to a non-grafted plant, at least initially.

Look for the graft on the stem and monitor it regularly for the first few years. Remove any growth that appears below this graft point to avoid the rootstock taking over, losing the plant grafted on top.

For the first few years, it is beneficial to keep your grafted plant loosely staked, so that it does not break in a strong wind.

We have found that many grafted plants seem to need more regular watering for their first few years as they become established.



### Dwarf *Corymbia citriodora*

A new grafted variety to Zanthorrea, this dwarf form of the popular Lemon Scented Gum is said to only reach a height of 8m, making it a great option for smaller gardens that can't handle the 30m plus of the seed-grown form of this tree. It has a beautiful, smooth, white trunk and a lovely shady canopy, with strongly aromatic leaves, particularly when it rains, and cream coloured flowers in summer. Plant in a sunny position in free-draining soil. We only have a very limited supply of these plants for this year, so if you think you have a spot just waiting for one, please call us to reserve your tree!



### *Corymbia ficifolia*

This is a very popular grafted tree that comes in a variety of flower colours from pink, to orange to the fire-engine red of the 'Muche Red' and fuchsia-red of the 'Summer Red'. These stunning, dwarf trees will grow to a height of around 5m and put on their large, show-stopping flower displays throughout the warmer months of the year. They will attract nectar feeding birds and insects to your garden. Plant in a sunny position in well-draining soil.



### *Eremophila glandulifera* 'Lipstick Pink'

A lovely medium shrub, that grows to 1.5m high with large, bright pink, tubular flowers contrasting beautifully on the grey foliage sporadically throughout the year, with the main flush of flowers in winter – spring. Plant in a sunny position in free draining soil and tip prune regularly to maintain shape. Great feature plant that will attract nectar feeding birds to your garden.



### *Grevillea* 'Ivory Whip'

This is a beautiful grafted grevillea which produces large, delicate, white flowers, with a hint of pink, all year round. Growing 1.5m high and wide, this medium shrub is a lovely addition to your garden that the birds will love too! Plant in a sunny to partly shaded position and free-draining soil. - Amy



*The stunning flowers of Corymbia ficifolia dwarf orange.*





## New to our Shop



### Jewellery by Resinate Designs

These colourful, nature based designs by Melbourne artist Tracey Talko are set in resin. Earrings have surgical steel posts or hooks. Necklaces have stainless steel chains and backing and the bracelets are nickel and silver plated. From \$19.95.



### Yummy Treats from Fremantle Chocolate

Come and get your hands on these before the staff eat them all!

They come in delectable varieties such as Rocky Road, Dark Chocolate Jarrah Honeycomb, Macadamia Medallions and Choc-coated Ginger pieces.

**80g blocks for \$6.95, 150g boxes for \$12.95, 250g boxes for \$16.95.**



### Feature Books

#### Western Australian Plant Names and Their Meanings – A Glossary

Written by F.A Sharr, this book was first published in 1978. This 3rd edition has been updated by WA Herbarium Botanist Alex George to include the names of some 2000 plants that have been added to the State's flora since the 1996 edition. An interesting reference for the inquisitive plant-minded person.



#### Banksias – 2nd Edition

*By Kevin Collins, Kathy Collins and Alex George.*

Kevin and Kathy Collins developed Banksia Farm in Mount Barker, where they have propagated all known species of Banksia.



*Banksia spinulosa var spinulosa, photo by Kevin Collins.*

Together with Alex George, a West Australian Botanist with a special interest in Banksias, they have written "Banksias", a handy book with species guide to the 79 known Banksias as well as information on propagation, the history and biology of Banksias. The 2nd edition includes the most recently discovered Banksia vincentia, and updated descriptions and photographs.



### Funky Modstone Pots

We have a new collection of light weight, modern designer pots by Northcote Pottery, made using a combination of clay and fibreglass, which makes them durable but also easy to manoeuvre.

Prices range from \$69.95

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