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What's On



Hurray for Autumn!

After one of the hottest and most harsh summers on record we are very glad to see and feel the cooler change that autumn brings. We consider autumn to be the best time to plant due to residual warmth in the soil and refreshing rain to help water any new plants. In our display gardens we have had a few losses too, so we will be eager to find new Australian plants to fill the gaps. Watch this space!

In the production area our plants have been growing well, with many new lines establishing in time for planting season. We have a range of banksias and hakeas grown from seed to add to the diversity, along with lines of special "Zanthorrea" plants grown by cutting. There is plenty to get excited about this season.

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



Time to plant your everlasting daisies for a colourful show in spring!



PSHB

You may have heard about the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer in the news with some large trees needing to be removed from Kings Park and Hyde Park. This is one nasty little pest that DPIRD is hopeful they can eradicate from WA. The borer farms a fungus inside a large range of host trees that cuts off the sap flow, eventually killing the tree. The host list includes our iconic Marri Trees and Red Flowering Gums, so you can imagine the devastation if this pest gets out into the natural environment. Please keep an eye out for any signs of this pest, and have a look at this website for more info.

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer>



Everlastings in Hong Kong

As soon as we get our first decent rain in autumn it is the perfect time to plant Everlasting Daisies. Yui Edwin visited us last year and planted some seeds in Hong Kong in November. They grew well and were flowering in time for Valentine's Day in February!



EnviroFEST 2024

Join us to celebrate all things sustainable at the EnviroFEST at the Caversham Village on Saturday March 23. Zanthorrea will be at the festival with a display of sustainable products and starter plants. We are looking forward to meeting everyone and having a conversation on Sustainability in the Garden.

<https://www.whitemanpark.com.au/whats-on/envirofest>



Perth Garden and Outdoor Living Festival

The Perth Garden and Outdoor Living Festival is back this Mother's Day weekend from Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 of May. There is plenty to see at the festival including landscaped gardens, and many plant stalls. This year Ross will be talking at the Soil Solver speakers stage on "Choosing Australian Plants for a Waterwise Garden". Come along to learn how certain Australian plants have adapted to conserve water usage and can be chosen to create a beautiful garden.

<https://perthgardenfestival.com/>

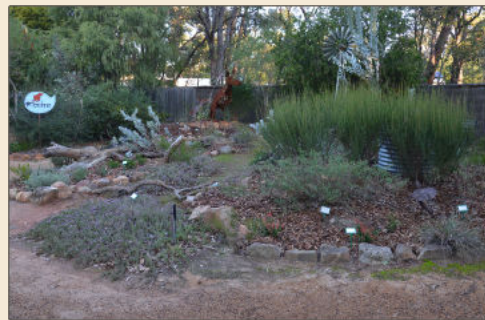


A Drought Hardy Garden

As we come to the end of what has been an exceptionally hot summer in Western Australia, it's clear that our gardens have taken a hit. However, amidst the challenges, we've been inspired by the dedication of passionate gardeners who frequent our nursery. They share stories of both loss and triumph, often highlighting the remarkable toughness of certain plants in the face of such a hot summer.

Many Australian native plants are renowned for their adaptability to arid environments, making them a valuable choice for landscaping efforts. However, it's crucial to recognise that plants don't become drought hardy immediately; it takes time and adequate watering for them to establish resilience.

Many gardeners are itching to get started on new season planting with fresh nursery stock looking amazing.



For planting in March you will need to monitor the weather and be attentive to your new plants:

- Water daily if the temperatures are over 30 degrees C.
- Use a soil wetter to ensure the soil can accept water and is no longer water repellent.
- Mix soil improver into your planting hole.
- Gently with minimal disturbance place your plant in the hole and backfill. Water in with a light shower and then apply a weak application of seaweed to help with transplant shock.

• Mulch around your young plant but not up close to the stem. Here are a few hardy plants that impressed us with their resilience this summer.



Casuarina 'Cousin It' – This unique species demonstrates exceptional drought-hardiness, once established. Its dense, cascading foliage serves as a resilient barrier against water loss. It not only withstands prolonged droughts but also adds lush greenery to the landscape.



Grevillea thelmanniana - Tough and adaptable, this grevillea can endure long periods with minimal water, making it ideal in drought conditions. It is a low-maintenance and resilient choice for gardens and landscapes.

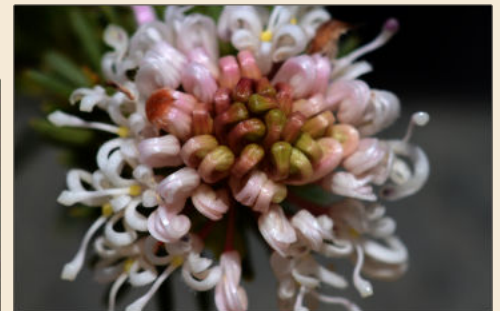


Guichenotia species - are impressively resilient and can endure extended droughts even

in areas with limited sunlight. Its capacity to thrive in dry shade makes it a reliable and low-maintenance option for shaded landscapes.



Silver Plectranthus – are remarkably adaptable, and can withstand drought conditions in shaded areas. Its ability to thrive with minimal water in shade makes it a resilient and low-maintenance choice for gardens and landscapes with limited sunlight.



Grevillea crithmifolia – is such an allrounder. Grows well in most soil types and it thrives in dry conditions with minimal watering.



Banksia blechnifolia – demonstrates remarkable hardiness, thriving in challenging conditions such as poor soils and low water availability. Best grown in open, sunny area, but will tolerate light shade. - Clare



Staff Success Stories



Ciara's Hakea multilineata

I'm based on the Bassendean plain with predominantly gutless grey/white sand. In July 2023, at planting time the 'soil' was massively hydrophobic, very degraded and mostly builder's sand and mystery rubble. I used my own compost, Sand Remedy and GrowSafe fertiliser to ameliorate but it's still been a lot of work to get water in! February 2024: 7 months after planting, and the growth rate has been shocking and exciting. I think I'm watching tiny buds forming too! - Ciara



Ross' Eucalyptus torquata

I have two of these wonderful trees in my garden and they are a definite favourite for me and the birds. Commonly known as the Coral Gum they grow to about 6m in height, in a wide range of soil types including my alkaline sand over clay. The shade these trees provides is only a light shade so allow light to filter through to some under planting. The flowers are a

beautiful pink from spring to summer and the trees gift me spikey operculums for the kids to collect and use for arts and crafts.



Pam's Grevillea 'Dorothy Gordon'

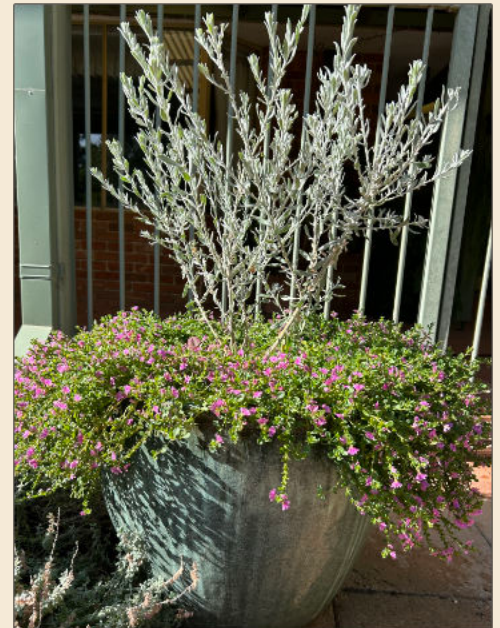
Check out this fabulous Grevillea 'Dorothy Gordon' growing in Pam's garden. She spent time gently pruning it to shape, under pruning and creating this gorgeous feature tree. If left unpruned this grevillea will retain a compact dense shape that grows to approximately 3m in height and 2m in width. The attractive green foliage with bronze tips shows off the delightful purple/mauve flowers. A great choice for informal hedging or screening or a small feature tree.



Grevillea 'Outback Sunrise' in Alec and Jackie's Garden

A plant I would like to give a shout out about is the Kings Park bred Grevillea 'Outback Sunrise'. I planted one in sandy soil (with some soil improver), and with the regulation twice weekly watering it is up to 1.8m in two years. This

is in a hot sunny spot on the south side of a driveway. All through the year it carries some yellow toothbrush flowers with red stamens that attract honeyeaters. Although this plant can grow over three metres mine will have judicious pruning to keep it around 2.5 m. - Alec



Clare's 'Pink Pantha' and Scaevola 'Zan Pink' Feature Pot

When putting a plant combination together in a pot, I often say to customers you need to plant something for thrill, spill and fill. This gorgeous pot is in our pool area, in a full sun position and surrounded by paving. It got very hot this summer, and never skipped a beat. The Eremophila 'Pink Pantha' stands proud and its bird attracting flowers appear through spring into summer. Its striking foliage provides a feature all year round. This is the thrill and fill part of the equation. The spill is Scaevola 'Zan Pink' which provides a living mulch and the eye catching spill. The dainty pink fan flowers often are visited by bees. This is great combination in my book. The tip to keep it looking good is to prune a little and often. - Clare



New Gifts and Ornaments

We have lots of new gift stock arriving at Zanthorrea with Australian themed, Australian made and supporting Australian artists. Have a look at some of these delightful gifts:



We love our Bluey puppets made by **Hansa**. They are great fun to play with the kids. Many other animal puppets are available too, including emus and galahs, from \$61.95 each.



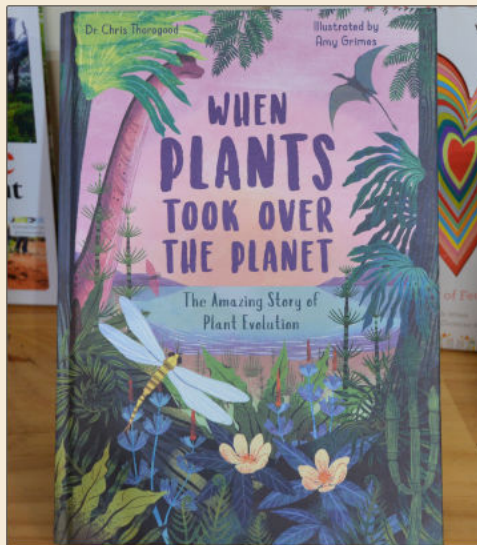
Marini Ferlazzo Art for Wildlife

Here we have some beautifully created art pieces featuring Australian animals where part of the profits goes towards animal conservation around the world. Tins, bags, coasters and placemats, they make a wonderful souvenir for any international visitors!



Pixie Nut & Co

Australian animal and flower wooden earrings. Bright and colourful, these earrings really stand out! They are made in Australia from certified hoop pine. \$33 to \$35 each.



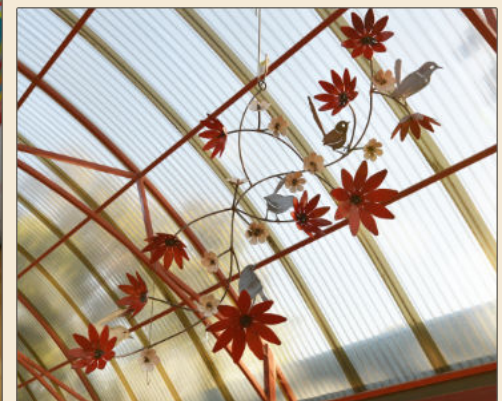
New Books to the Book Corner!

We have lots of new books for young and old looking for a read, including: When Plants Took over the Planet, Hidden in Nature and An Ibis called Elvis. From \$19.95.



Kangaroo Gifts

Have a look at these amazing bags with Australian indigenous art designs! Kangaroo Gifts has a commitment of inclusiveness and prioritises ethical, handcrafted production, featuring original Australian art and celebrating our unique heritage. Royalties are paid ongoing on a profit share arrangement supporting their communities. From \$62.95 each.



Rusty Roo Hanging Metal Artwork

Created locally by Paul and Kaye Moro are these metal flower and wren hanging art features. Each one has it's own unique design. Available in red flowers and yellow flowers at \$299 each.



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