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Welcome to Winter

Winter is here and with it some welcome rain! We are well below the average rainfall for autumn, so we need every drop of winter rain that falls from the sky. At the same time we need to be conscious of using our water wisely and choosing the right plant for the right position. If you are looking for tips on creating a waterwise garden we are always here to help and enjoy having a chat about your next garden project.

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



Planting out Annuals

Now is a great time to seed your Australian annuals that flower in spring. You can either grow them first in a small pot, or direct seed in the garden. Some of our favourites are the Blue Lace Flower, Pink and White Everlastings and the Swan River Daisy. Remember to mix in some organic matter to the soil, and enjoy watching them grow!

Perth Garden Show

It was fantastic to take Zanthorrea back down to the Perth Garden Show after a few years break. There was a great ambience, plenty to see, and plenty of plants at the show to get excited about. In our display we showcased the Kings Park Favourites range of WA plants, and also the Kings Park bred range of hybrid Grevilleas! From our local artists



we brought down water features crafted by Lee Potter, glazed and painted pots by Kim Lyons, and the metal animals and creations by Paul and Kaye Moro.

A big thanks to everyone who came to the show and made it such a special event. - Ross



50 Year Celebration

This September 2025, Zanthorrea celebrates its 50th Birthday, having opened the doors to the public in 1975. From starting out with Jackie, Alec and the late Jean Hooper, Zanthorrea now has a large team of passionate horticulturists. We look forward to celebrating the 50 year journey of Zanthorrea with our customers and friends, so save the date for the first week of September. More details to follow on Facebook closer to the anniversary. - Ross



New Glass House

After many years of service, our old glasshouse has decided to disintegrate and retire. We purchased a new one to be built by Argosee, who are a leader in greenhouse technology. We now have a brand new glasshouse, purpose built for producing quality plant cuttings. It comes with a fogging machine for ideal humidity, and two benches with one of them ready for a heat bed. We are very excited to start producing more special Zanthorrea plants in this new glasshouse. :) - Ross

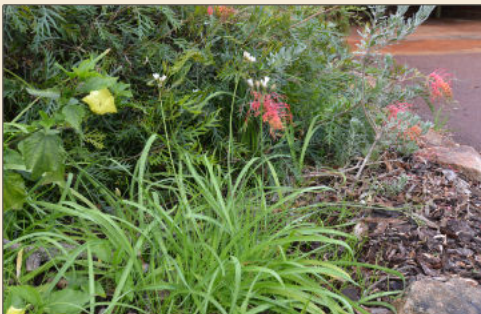


The Winter Garden



Keeping Winter Weeds Down in Your Perth Garden

Yay! Winter has finally arrived and brought some much needed rain and cooler temperatures, which our plants love—but so do weeds. Common culprits like oxalis, winter grass, chick weed, sow thistle and cape weed thrive in the moist, mild conditions. Left unchecked, these weeds can quickly take over garden beds, lawns, and even paved areas, competing with your plants for nutrients and water.



One years seeding is seven years weeding! So prevention is your first line of defence. Applying a layer of mulch (around 5–7 cm thick) early in the season helps smother weed seedlings before they take hold. Choose a coarse organic mulch such as bark chips to also retain moisture and insulate the soil. Keeping your garden beds densely planted with ground covers can further reduce space for weeds to grow.

For weeds that do appear, regular hand weeding after rain (when the soil is soft) is highly effective. A sturdy weeding tool, such as a Hori Hori knife or a Korean



weeding tool Ho mi, can make the job quicker and help you remove roots more thoroughly. Be sure to extract the entire root to prevent regrowth. For more stubborn or widespread infestations, spot-treating with an organic herbicide can help—just take care around your desired plants. Staying on top of weeds throughout winter will save you time and effort come spring, keeping your garden healthier and more productive.

- Clare

What's Looking Good in our Gardens

There are many nice specimens in the Zanthorrea Display Gardens, and every year we find some space to fit a few more in. Here are some of the plants looking good at the moment:



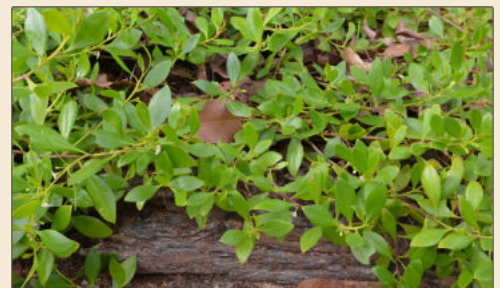
Hardenbergia species

For a climber that grows quickly through the cool temperatures of winter, Hardenbergia takes first prize. These luscious plants can climb up any sturdy trellis or can be used as a ground cover. They are known as Native Wisteria for a good reason, as starting from winter and going through spring they adorn long wisteria-like flower clusters of purple, pink, white, or mauve.



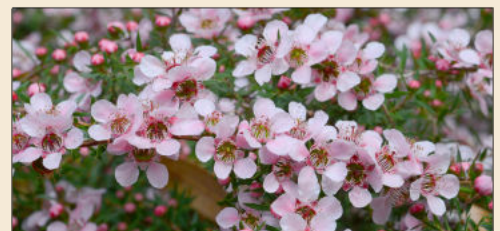
Chorizema cordatum

We have a few of these Heart-leaved Flame Peas speckled in our gardens and we love how they burst into colour in winter. They have a nice two colour flower of pink and orange. A useful choice for understorey or part shade, tolerating some dry conditions.



Myoporum insulare prostrate

Although this plant is not the showiest of Australian native plants, it is incredibly useful! It is a hardy, salt tolerant, adaptable plant that can grow in full sun and part shade conditions. We have it out on our dry verge and also in a shady spot near our chickens. They have a lush green foliage, white flower and an edible purple/black berry.



Leptospermum 'Pink Cascade'

Soon to put on its big show of a mass of pink flowers. We have this stunner up as a little hedge in our Outback Garden. A reliable addition to the home garden.



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Plant Water Availability: Jobs from a Nursery Horticulturist

Rain Shadows

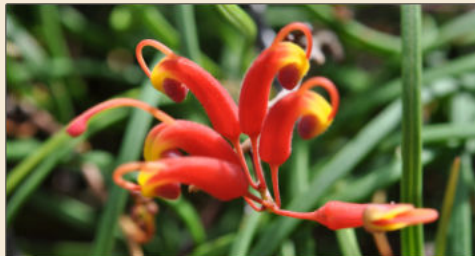
Is water moving evenly toward the plant's root zone? Overhanging branches, large bird baths, and even large plant labels can limit the even infiltration of all applied water. Try pruning overgrown branches back or thinning out weaker branches on the lower third of established shrubs and watch the difference in the way water moves down towards the 'drip zone'. The 'drip zone' is an area around the base of plants that generally extends to the edge of where the foliage ends, containing crucial feeder roots that rejuvenate constantly while seeking moisture and mineral nutrients.

The Edge Effect

Plants closest to the edge of garden beds are prone to losing soil moisture much faster than those deeper in. Hardscaping such as pathways, driveways, and fences refract unbelievable levels of heat during our harsh summers, contributing to plant stress. Alongside the heat factor, Perth is the third windiest city worldwide, and exposure to strong easterly winds and constant gusts will also increase the rate of moisture loss from leaves and younger stems. Plan ahead by using species on



borders that originate from semi-arid, arid, or coastal areas such as desert-loving Eremophila (Emu Bush), Leucophyta (Cushion Bush, Conostylis (Cottonheads), or a low-growing Grevillea such as Gin Gin Gem or Grevillea nudiflora.



Moisture Thieves

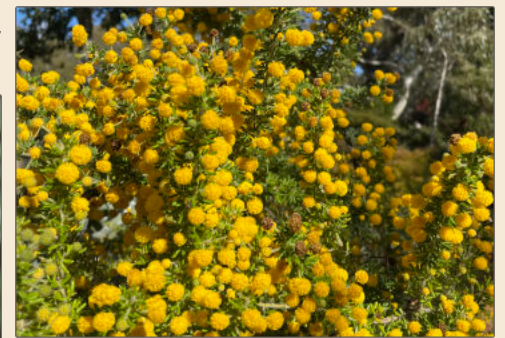
Sap-sucking pests like Mealybugs, Scale, Aphids, and Psyllids can cause a plant to appear constantly thirsty. Look for wilting, yellowing leaves or distortion of the new growth and check thoroughly underneath leaves and stems for the presence of such pests. I prefer to prune pests out from my garden, opening up the airflow and allowing for wonderful predators ranging from Praying Mantis or Cryptolaemus larvae (Mealybug Destroyers!) to noisy Djiti- djiti (Willy Wagtails) and Silvereyes. Winter weeds will also favour sites where moisture isn't being used as effectively or in disturbed soil. It is ideal to avoid tilling the soil unless absolutely necessary and to opt for an even layer of chunky wood mulch or fast-growing ground cover to compete for resources. I would suggest Dampiera diversifolia, Chrysocephalum (Yellow Buttons), or even a vigorous and

wide spreading Lomandra Tanika. Keen observation is key in any garden, so get out there in your gumboots and watch the way water moves the next time it rains in your area.

Ciara H, Horticulturist

June Plant of the Month

For June the Kanyana Plant of the Month is *Acacia guinetii* (Guinet's Wattle), and \$1 from the sale of each plant will go towards Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.



This small, dense shrub is a great choice for native gardens, with the soft, grey-green foliage providing some colour contrast and the large, globular, yellow flowers putting on a cheery display in winter-spring. Prefers a sunny position in free-draining soil, but will also grow in part shade and heavier soils.

1.5m H x 1.5m W



Red and Green Kangaroo Paws

The *Anigozanthos manglesii* is a wonderful wildflower in our local bush and a pleasure to include in the home garden. They are however, not a long lived plant and good to consider them a living bunch of flowers for some spot colour. Winter is a great time to plant them for a show in spring!



Winter Warmers



Straya Art Bookmarks

The ideal companion to your favourite gardening book, these wooden bookmarks are made from Australian hardwood and etched with delicate designs of native birds, animals and flowers. A thoughtful way to mark your page or share with a fellow book lover. \$12.95 each. Matching coasters and keyrings also available.



Sloggers Footwear

From chook pens to muddy puddles, Sloggers are made to keep your feet dry and comfy through it all. These waterproof clogs, boots, and splash shoes come in bright prints and colours, with cushioned soles and grippy treads. Slip them on, hose them off, and get on with your day. Prices start at \$99.95.



Winter Lounge Essentials

Settle in for the season with soft, stretchy PJ pants in four cheerful floral prints. Designed with a relaxed fit, drawstring waist and handy pockets, they're made for slow mornings and early nights. Add some snuggly socks and you've got maximum cosiness. PJ pants are \$39.95 and socks start at \$14.95.



Cat & Dog Mugs

Warm your paws this winter with our playful new bone china mugs, featuring Terry Runyan's quirky cats and cheeky pups. Whether you're team feline or team canine, there's a cosy cup to suit. Each one is beautifully boxed and ready to gift. Prices start at \$15.95.

Herbie the Love Hug

Need a hug? Herbie's got you. This cuddly pal is a heat pack and a cool compress, great for easing sore muscles, cramps, or simply

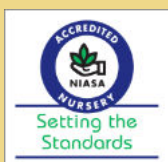


bringing comfort. Warm him in the microwave or chill in the freezer. Removable, washable cover. Available in gold, hot pink, and lime. \$37.95 each.



Steel Fire Pits

What a special feeling it is to sit around a lovely fire in a fire pit and warm up on a cold winters day. If you are looking for something a little different, we have a couple of different style Fire Pits in stock at the moment. The low rusty look is priced at \$124.95 and the larger black, low smoke fire pit is priced at \$169.95.



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