



## Welcome



### Zanthorrea turns 50!

It has been 50 years since Zanthorrea first opened to the public back in the spring of 1975! There have been many stories told over the years as the business has grown. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers, suppliers and staff for their support over the past 50 years. Have a look at page 3 to see and read the story of how Zanthorrea started out.

This spring we are pleased to show some of our wonderful wildflowers and cultivars that are available. It is a great time to get excited with Australian plants! Happy Gardening, Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



It may be a little late to sow seed of everlasting daisies, but don't worry there are some lovely plants available in pots. These can be planted out in the garden or patio pots for a lovely spring display. As the flowers die back, the seeds may be collected for sowing next year. :)

## News



### Kalamunda Garden Festival Spring 2025

On Father's Day 7<sup>th</sup> of September, we took Zanthorrea up to the Kalamunda Garden Festival with a display of lovely flowering plants plus the special Wollemi Pine.

The weather presented some challenges as the heavy rain created muddy paths, but all who visited had smiles on their faces and were enthusiastic to see what plants were on offer and hear from the amazing line up of speakers. Congratulations to Andrew and Mandy for putting together such an excellent event.



You may not have guessed it, but our most popular plant from the Kalamunda Garden Festival was the *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*. It has also been our top seller at Zanthorrea in some years. Whilst it is not a big showy plant, it flowers almost all year with very cute little yellow button flowers. It is also a hardy ground cover that can cover a large area. It is one of our favourites. Ross

## What's On



### Plant Breeding at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens

Join us at Zanthorrea for a special presentation by Digby Grown, senior plant breeder at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens. He will give us an insight into the breeding of all the amazing hybrids released by Kings Park, and a peek at the new ones yet to be released.

**Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Time: 11.30 to 12noon**

**RSVP on: 08 9454 6260**

**Gold coin donation to Kanyana**



### Creating Habitat Gardens

Creating gardens for our native fauna to use for food and shelter is extremely rewarding. Join us for a presentation by Ross on how we can create gardens that attract, feed and protect our special native animals.

**Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 10.30 to 11am**

**RSVP on: 08 9454 6260**

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## Flowers in Spring

### Staff Favourites

Right now, the nursery is overflowing with colourful flowering plants just waiting to be discovered. We asked our staff to take on the (almost impossible!) task of choosing their favourite spring-flowering plant. Here's what they chose:



soils and is suited to both full sun and part shade.

#### Pam's pick: *Hypocalymma angustifolium* (white myrtle)

Delicate and dainty, this versatile shrub produces masses of soft white flowers and is a magnet for butterflies—perfect for adding charm and life to the garden.



Whether you're after colour, pollinator-friendly plants, or something resilient, spring is a joyous time to find new additions for your garden.

### Pressed Flowers

"Once upon a time, I thought native plants were... well, a bit ugly. I know—shocking! But these days, I couldn't feel more differently. What I've truly fallen in love with are the small flowers. Their delicate shapes, and the astonishing variety of colours that never fail to inspire me.

I have a background in arts and crafts, so I started wondering how I could share that beauty with others. That curiosity led me to learn how to press flowers, and



preserve them in resin. (I'm even turning some into earrings, maybe they'll find their way into our shop soon!)

If you'd like to try pressing flowers yourself, it's easier than you might think. You can simply slip your flowers between the pages of an old book and weigh it down. Or use layering of newspaper, cardboard and again a decent weight to press the flowers.

Flowers take a minimum of two weeks to dry, depending on



the moisture content. Some flowers press and keep their colour better than others, so don't be discouraged if it takes a little experimenting. Once you have your pressed blooms, the possibilities are endless. Use them to decorate birthday cards, bookmarks, resin art, sun-catchers, or simply arrange them in a frame.

Make sure you have permission to collect the flowers you want to press - and then go wild!" - Bri



#### Matt's pick: *Eremophila nivea* 'Spring Mist'

With its striking purple flowers against silvery foliage, this hardy beauty is as tough as it is beautiful. Growing to around 1.5m x 1.5m, it thrives in well-drained soil and a full-sun position.



#### Clare's pick: *Olearia homolepis*

A useful choice for coastal or cottage gardens, this shrub works well alongside *Conostylis* sp and *Kennedia prostrata* for a seasonal combination.

#### Ffion's pick: *Chorizema cordatum* (heart-leaf flame pea)

A reliable option for bringing colour to the garden in spring, with its beautiful orange and pink pea flowers. It grows well in most





## 50 Years of Zanthorrea

*This spring Zanthorrea celebrates 50 years in the local gardening community. This is the story of how a small hills nursery selling potted native plants evolved into an award winning destination garden centre.*



### Jean's nursery in the hills:

In the early 70's, Jean Hooper established a small cottage nursery in her back garden to meet the needs of her busy Garden Design Service. Back in 1975, Australian native plants were difficult to source, so Jean, a qualified Horticulturist, decided to grow her own. On weekends Alec and I would drive up to visit Jean in the hills, and to give her a hand in her busy nursery. We helped with weeding, turning the compost and occasionally potting. It was an inspiration for us. In return for our labour, Jean would cook a lovely meal and we would sit together in her kitchen and chat. One day we discussed how popular her Garden Design plants were. We laughingly said imagine if we had a real nursery!!

**Plans:** We made plans to sell our respective houses. Alec had some land in Esperance that he had purchased with an endowment, so he sold that too. Alec and I enrolled in Mt Lawley Tech to study Horticulture, two evenings a week. We started

searching for a suitable block of land to build a family home and establish a plant nursery.

After much searching, we heard of the land released by the Bell Estate on the corner of Ridge Hill Road and Watsonia Road. This 6 acre property was purchased in February 1975. It was a degraded



bush block that had several car bodies, heaps of dumped rubbish and with a gravel track through the middle had obviously been used for trail bikes. It also had lovely bushland at the back and south of the property, some of which we left natural. The land had a gentle slope to the road, that was perfect for drainage and hygiene.



### Establishing the nursery:

Jackie continued to work full time teaching, while Alec, a carpenter, built the structures. Jean began to grow the plants. Alec bought a Massey Ferguson tractor and flattened the old car bodies and to prepare the ground for the nursery. We borrowed a caravan so that we could live on site until our home was built next door. This involved daily drives up the hill for showers!

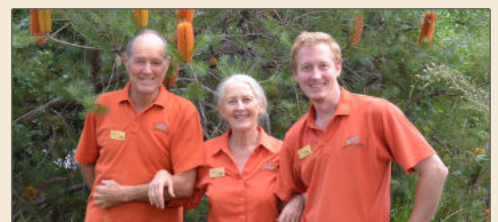


**Opening day:** On 1st September (Jean's Birthday) we opened the doors to our first customers. We swept the shop, watered the plants and put on the kettle while we waited for our first customer.



Exciting times. Customer numbers slowly grew and we always joked that to bring a customer in, all we had to do was put the kettle on!

Soon after we hired our first employee Gary Dempster, a bright and knowledgeable young man who was passionate about native plants. Over time the team has grown to over 20 enthusiastic horticulturists and garden consultants.



**Our mission:** Our nursery may have grown in size, but our mission remains the same: A happy team working together, to create a relaxed and enjoyable place for customers, caring for our environment and supplying the healthiest plants in Perth.

- Jackie





## The Spring Giftshop



### Marshall's Western Australian Honey

This boutique, family-run apiary in Karragullen produces raw, small-batch honeys with a true sense of place. Each jar of monofloral honey has its own distinct flavour and story, shaped by the bushland it comes from. Varieties include Jarrah, Blackbutt, Redgum, and Parrot Bush. Available in 250g and 500g jars. Prices vary by variety.

your species. Choose from four for cosy corners or evening regional editions or collect the full ambience. \$49.95. set. \$21.95 each.



### Twigg Puzzles

Designed by a puzzle-loving family on the Sunshine Coast, Twigg puzzles are full of character. Each one features hand-drawn, whimsical pieces that fit together to reveal vibrant artworks by local and international artists. Made from quality wood, they're as lovely to display as they are to piece together. Prices start at \$32.95.



### Spring Wildflower Colour Guides

Eddy Wajon's handy field guides make spotting WA's spring wildflowers easy and joyful, with vivid photos, simple descriptions, and helpful maps. Wildflowers are grouped by colour rather than scientific name, so there's no need to know your genus from



### Crackle Glass Light Ball

Add a little sparkle to your space. This crackle-finished glass globe is filled with warm fairy lights, creating a soft glow that's perfect



### Studio Ceramicware

Bring a gentle pop of colour to your kitchen with these ceramic mugs, bowls, and espresso cups. Available in denim blue, surf blue, and rose pink, each piece has a unique hand-glazed finish that makes every beverage or snack feel a little more special. Prices from \$5.95 to \$13.95.



### Groot Pots

These little pots are quirky and fun. You can plant the heads with small succulents or indoor plants, for a fun addition to a window sill or alfresco table. From \$19.95.



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