



## Welcome



### Winter is Here

Welcome to the winter edition of the Bush Telegraph. Can you believe it, we are up to our 150<sup>th</sup> issue of the Bush Telegraph, which has now been running for over 37 years! An amazing milestone, so thank you for reading along with us. :)

Winter is a beautiful time of year with long nights, cold wet rainy days, transitioning to warmer rainy days in August. It is also the time to see stunning WA wildflowers. So a great time to get out into the bush for a walk and discover all the local plants.

We hope you enjoy the read, and we look forward to welcoming you to Zanthorrea again soon.

Happy Gardening,

Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



### Early Bush Telegraphs

Are you looking for a bit of history and nostalgia? We have our old Bush Telegraphs back to 2001 available online on our website.

<https://www.zanthorrea.com/bush-telegraph/>

## News



### Perth Garden Show 2026

We had an amazing time at the Perth Garden Show this year. Thank you to everyone who came down and visited our site. We put on a display of Kangaroo Paws, hybrid grevilleas and Kings Park's Favourites range of WA species.



In amongst all the plants we displayed the fantastic artwork by Paul and Kaye Moro of Rusty Roo. The metal flowers in particular were a massive hit, and really made the display stand out! For those that like to plan ahead, the dates have already been set for 2027: 16th-18th April. Pencil it in the diary as it sounds like 2027 is going to be an amazing show with speakers, display gardens, activations and lots of plants!

- Ross



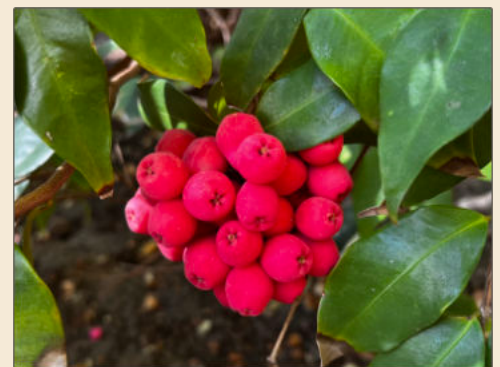
## What's On



### Bonsai Workshop Display

We have the Bonsai Workshops group showcasing some amazing Australian native Bonsai plants at Zanthorrea. Come and have a look at what you can achieve, and have a talk to the experts who have looked after these magnificent plants for many years.

**11am - 3pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. At the Zanthorrea Gazebo and lawn area.**



### Australian Edible Plants

Join Janine for a look at Australian edible plants. Learn how you can grow them in your home garden and use them in cooking.

**10am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

**RSVP: 08 9454 6260**

**Gold Coin Donation to Kanyana**



# Biodiversity for the Home Garden



animals, creating naturelinks across the city – biodiversity-friendly pathways that enable our wildlife to move between conservation reserves to get sufficient resources to sustain them. And of course you have the joy of seeing them in your garden. Win win!

covered in couch grass. The soil was compacted, dry, and without reticulation, making it a challenging space to work with. Slowly but surely, she tackled the project in bite-sized sections, gradually bringing the area back to life with a carefully chosen selection of native plants.



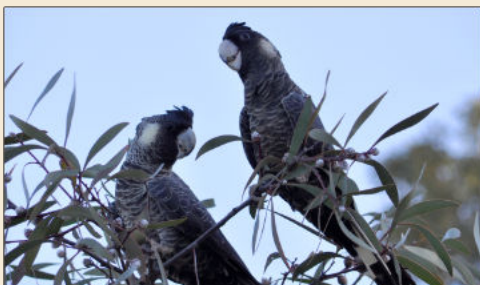
## Biodiversity Score Card

You have been creating your native garden on your verge or property and it's looking great – but could it be even better? Or maybe you are just in the planning stages and are looking for inspiration as to what to plant? Check out the fun and informative Biodiversity Score Card! Just one of the many resources provided by NatureLink Perth. NatureLink Perth is a community of practice who seek to advance and share knowledge to better enable conservation and community engagement with nature.

The Biodiversity Score Card ensures your garden will score when it comes to sustaining biodiversity - with a checklist against key elements of biodiversity - structure, function and species composition. You can use this easy, fun and informative resource when planning new projects (or upgrading existing ones) for your garden, verge, greening project at your school or in a public place - anywhere that could benefit from biodiversity (...that's everywhere). Give it a try! - Dr Jane Chambers <https://naturelinkperth.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NLP-Biodiversity-Score-Card-Web.pdf>



Today, the verge is home to a beautiful variety of WA native species. Among her favourites is the stunning Banksia prionotes, one of the very first plants she added to the garden. Other standout plants include: Eucalyptus orbifolia and websteriana.



With more and more land cleared for housing, our wildlife is becoming increasingly isolated in smaller and more fragmented conservation reserves, creating significant concern for their future survival. But there is hope! Your garden could provide habitat critical for sustaining our local native plants, birds, insects and

## Native Verge Gardens

If you visit the store and have a chat with Janine, chances are she'll mention her gorgeous verge garden. Over the last seven years, she has transformed it into a thriving, connected nature strip filled with native plants.

Janine's large verge sits on a corner block and was originally



Over the years, Janine has delighted in seeing wildlife return to the area. Many different bird species now visit the garden, and she especially enjoys watching the black cockatoos drink from the birdbath while munching on the banksias.

Note: Place birdbaths and black cockatoo feeding plants back from the street to help avoid collisions with motor vehicles. - Janine



## Gardening this Winter



Grevillea, Lillypilly, Wattle, Eucalyptus and Callitris. Interest in the art of Bonsai is rapidly increasing in Australia and across the world. There are now bonsai clubs in Albany, Bunbury, Mandurah, South Perth and Herdsman. The Bonsai Workshop appreciates the opportunity to display some of our native trees and talk to the public about the art of Bonsai at our up coming exhibition at Zanthorrea on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. - Pam

<https://www.bonsaiworkshopwa.com/>

### Hakeas for WA Gardens

Hakeas are hardy Australian plants from the Proteaceae family, with 115 species found naturally in Western Australia. Adapted to poor soils, drought, and fire, they play an important role in erosion control and wildlife corridors. Their spectacular flowers provide nectar for birds, bees, butterflies, and insects, while dense foliage offers valuable shelter for native wildlife. While many gardeners know the Pin-cushion Hakea, many lesser-known species are equally deserving of a place in WA gardens.

#### **Featured Hakeas**

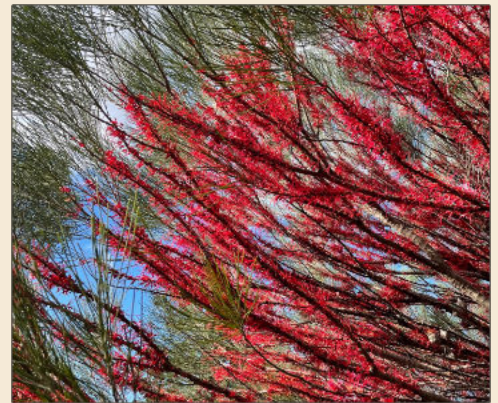
**Hakea varia:** A tough, adaptable species suited to clay, loam, sand, and gravel soils. Frost tolerant and ideal for hedging, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat.

**Hakea petiolaris:** The Sea Urchin Hakea is one of Ciara's favourites for attracting Black Cockatoos. This species produces seed relatively quickly and matures faster than many other hakeas. Naturally occurring around granite outcrops, it also grows well in loam, clay, and gravel soils. It prefers a well-drained sunny position and rewards gardeners with spectacular architectural flowers and valuable food sources for wildlife.



**Hakea trifurcata:** The Two-leafed Hakea is widespread and hardy, thriving in most well-drained soils. Excellent for erosion control, windbreaks, and habitat planting.

**Hakea amplexicaulis:** The Prickley Hakea is an important understory plant in south-west forests. Tough, drought and frost tolerant, and excellent for wildlife shelter.



**Hakea orthorrhyncha:** The Bird Beak Hakea is Clare's favourite, and for good reason. The striking flowers are outstanding, while the woody fruits attract Black Cockatoos in late autumn.

This species grows well in sand, loam, and gravel soils. The only challenge is patience, as it can take several years to begin flowering. Once established, however, it becomes a spectacular feature plant. Clare says that during winter this plant is rarely without birds visiting it.

Hakeas combine beauty, resilience, and biodiversity, making them invaluable plants for both gardens and wildlife-friendly landscapes. - Clare

### Bonsai Australian Plants

The Bonsai Workshop's objective is to foster and stimulate interest in the culture and development of Bonsai through hands on activity.



Some of our members are having great success in creating Australian native bonsai by observing where they flourish and how the older established trees appear and then applying the fundamentals of bonsai to replicate a smaller scaled version. There is increasing interest in the use of Australian Natives as Bonsai with a collection of Australian Native Bonsai in the National Arboretum in Canberra. Some of the native species used for bonsai include Ficus, Melaleuca, Casuarina, Allocasuarina, Leptospermum, Callistemon, Kunzea, Banksia,



# Winter in the Giftshop



### Scented Warrior Artist Collection

New to the gift shop, these beautifully packaged candles, diffusers and melts feature the detailed botanical artwork of Perth Hills artist Stacy Gardoll. Her paintings are full of colour, texture and intricate detail, making each piece as lovely to display as it is to use. Choose from fresh Lemon Myrtle & Lime or the warm, earthy scent of River Birch and Green Fern. Candles \$65, diffusers \$49.95, melts \$19.95.



### Robert Gordon Chicken Collection

We've welcomed Robert Gordon back to the gift shop with a collection featuring the artwork of Australian artist Emogen Clark. Oversized stoneware mugs, matching plates and a children's dining set are decorated with hand-drawn chickens inspired by Emogen's own feathered friends. The children's set includes a plate, mug and egg cup,

presented in a sweet barn-shaped gift box. Mugs and plates \$24.95 each. Children's set \$59.95.



### Catherine Manuell Design

New to the gift shop, Catherine Manuell Design showcases collaborations with Australian artists across a colourful range of bags and accessories. Featuring bold prints and practical designs, these pieces are made for everyday use. Prices start at \$24.95.



### Lucinda's Everlastings

Plant now to enjoy a sea of pink and white blooms in spring. Whether you're filling a garden bed, verge, paddock or pot, these hardy annuals are easy to grow and make excellent cut flowers. Grown, harvested and packed by hand on a family farm in regional Western Australia, Lucinda's Everlastings are available in generous packet sizes, making it easy to create a colourful display at home. 10g \$13.50, 20g \$24.95, 50g \$49.95.



### Sloggers Footwear

Back in stock for winter, Sloggers are a favourite with gardeners for good reason. Available in splash shoes, clogs and waterproof boots, they're comfortable, practical and easy to clean after a day in the garden. Prices start at \$89.95.

### Rain Chains

Designed to guide water from your gutter, rain chains create a gentle flow while bringing movement and interest to the garden. Available in a range of designs, all priced at \$39.95.



### Rain Gauges

Keep an eye on winter rainfall with our range of decorative rain gauges. Cast iron designs by Perth-based Mr Gecko, they feature birds, dragonflies and other garden-inspired motifs. Prices from \$29.95.



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