



Welcome

News

What's On



Vegepod Gardening

Vegepod is a gardening superhero, saving you from soil drama and pesky pests! Featuring a raised bed, built-in watering system and greenhouse cover for your plants, it's perfect for small space gardening. Grow veggies, herbs and flowers, without the need for constant weeding or worrying about weather. Vegepod is modular, so you can expand your garden empire without any fuss. Think of it as your personal green-thumb sidekick, making gardening easy, fun and productive. With Vegepod, you'll be harvesting fresh produce in no time!

FireWise Workshop

with Chris Ferreira

**10am to 12noon,
Saturday 19th October.**

\$5 donation will be matched by Zanthorrea and donated to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. Booking essential.

RSVP: 08 9454 6260

This FireWise workshop is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to create fire-resilient landscapes that significantly reduce the risk of wildfire impacts on homes and communities.

Have a Sensational Spring!

Spring is the most showy season in the Australian garden and we are enjoying every minute of it! Many plants that slow right down in winter start growing again and putting on a show of colourful flowers and new foliage. Over winter Graeme has been very busy planting out our display gardens with many new plants. Pop in for a stroll through the gardens and see how these new Australian native plants are settling in. Happy Gardening, Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



Welcome Matthew

Earlier this year we welcomed Matthew to the team at Zanthorrea. He is an experienced horticulturist and you can catch him working his magic on the "hot spot" displays as you enter the garden centre. :)

Vegepod Prize Draw

Check out our Zanthorrea spring vouchers and enter the draw for a medium Vegepod and cover, valued at \$349! An amazing prize that will keep giving with home grown produce!

Participants will engage in a hands-on experience where they will learn to design and implement FireWise demonstration landscapes, incorporating state-of-the-art Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessments, tailored plant species lists, and sustainable landscaping practices. Proudly Supported by DFES. Includes the FireWise Gardening in WA booklet.



Wild Gardens



Brown Bandicoots

Quendas are becoming more common in home gardens due to increased habitat loss, degradation and deforestation. Their agile nature and small stature have made them rather adaptable to urban life, frequently dodging attacks from predators such as dogs, foxes and feral cats.

Quendas are omnivorous



marsupials, eating a range of insects, arthropods, tubers, and roots. Small conical holes in the garden are a tell tale sign of where they have been digging. This digging action creates space for new native plants to colonise while also aerating the soil, but possibly the most important relationship that quendas have is with fungi. As they feed on the underground body of the fungus they spread the spores around the garden through their faeces. Studies have shown that one quenda poop can carry over one hundred types of mycorrhizal -aka beneficial- fungi!

Other services these amazing marsupials provide in our gardens

include decreasing compaction and erosion, mixing leaf litter and seeds into the soil and breaking up the water repellent layer which often forms on the soil surface. Quendas are truly nature's engineers!

Planting a dense layer of under



storey shrubs mimics their natural habitat and allows them to move safely around the garden. Keeping pets inside at night is very important as quendas will avoid areas if they know there are cats or dogs there. Place rocks or logs in water bowls and ponds as escape routes. You can even bury some old terracotta pots under shrubs on their side- this is a great way to create shelter for small animals.

Quendas are essential to keeping our bushland healthy and balanced. We can support them by planting native Australian plants, and offering them a safe place in the garden away from predators. - Ffion



Get Ready for Native Bees

As the weather warms up in spring you will find many West Australian bees start to become active. These are beautiful



creatures and fun to photograph with wildflowers. Scaevolas and Eremophilas are popular with the blue-banded bees. Another favourite is the local *Dianella revoluta* in it's various forms. October is one of the best months to photograph them. You can literally hear the garden buzzing with insect life.



Kanyana Plant of the Month

Keep an eye out for the Kanyana plant of the month as \$1 from the sale of each plant will be donated to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. September's Plant of the Month is **Goodenia ovata** or the **Hop Goodenia**. This fast-growing small shrub is great for quickly filling gaps in garden beds! Bright green, glossy leaves and cheerful yellow flowers through spring make it a lovely addition to mixed garden beds. Prune regularly to maintain a compact growth habit. A heavy prune after flowering is beneficial to keep it fresh and stop it from becoming woody. It prefers an afternoon shade position with regular summer water.

Growing to 1m high x 1.5m wide.



Springtime Fun



For more information on these iconic WA daisies including how to pick and store them visit Lucinda's website at:

<https://everlastings.com.au/>



Creative Floral Fun

Bringing the beauty of your garden indoors is a great way to enhance your living space. Using Australian native plants, you can create floral arrangements that showcase the unique features of local flora.

Start by exploring your garden for plants with different textures, colours, and forms. Species like Grevillea, Banksia, Geraldton wax, and Kangaroo Paw are ideal due to their bold shapes and vibrant colours. Eucalyptus and Acacia foliage add a nice touch of greenery and structure to your arrangements.

If you want to preserve the beauty of your plants, consider pressing or drying them. Everlasting flowers, Eucalyptus leaves, Kangaroo Paw, and Billy Buttons are particularly good for this. Press flowers between baking paper in a heavy book or hang them upside down in a cool, dark place to dry. Once preserved, these plants can be used in home decor, craft projects, or even greeting cards. By using native plants, you can enjoy the beauty of your garden indoors year-round. - Clare

Zan's Research Station

Zanthorrea is now home to its very own research station, supporting a project led by Dr. Conny Hooper in partnership with The University of Western Australia, Kings Park, and Angus Stewart. This project focuses on studying the variegation in a kangaroo paw cultivar known as Stripie, which Zanthorrea has cultivated for many years by subdivision. The research aims to better understand this plant trait, its stability and heritability. Early results suggest that the variegation is relatively stable and inheritable, paving the way for the release of new variegated varieties at Zanthorrea in the near future!

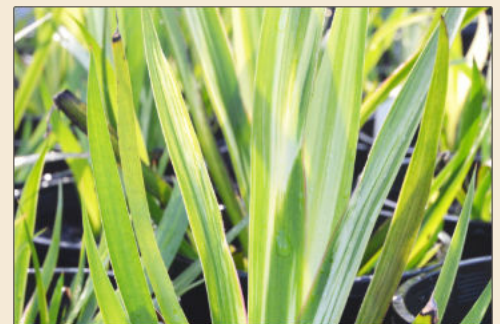


Picking Everlastings

When cutting flowers and foliage, use clean, sharp secateurs to ensure they stay fresh longer. Cut stems in the early morning or late afternoon and place them in water right away. Strip the lower leaves before arranging to prevent bacteria growth, and experiment with different heights and directions in your vase.

For longer-lasting arrangements, keep them in a cool spot out of direct sunlight and change the water every couple of days.

The WA paper daisies are making an amazing show of colour, and now is the perfect time to pick them. You can keep them inside in a vase for many weeks, or hang them and dry them for an even longer lasting flower arrangement.



As an exciting side product, we now have a micropropagation facility on site to grow several hundred Stripie plants for this spring. If you're interested in growing your own Stripie kangaroo paw, contact us today and stay tuned for more science news in the near future!



Gorgeous Giftware



Great Barrier Reef Sea Salt Collection

Ever wished you could bottle up the ocean breeze and keep it in your living room? Say hello to the Great Barrier Reef Sea Salt Collection! From zesty hand & nail crème to dreamy candles and diffusers, each item brings a splash of coastal calm with refreshing notes of lemon peel, spearmint, and reef salt. Prices float between \$12.95 - \$42.95.



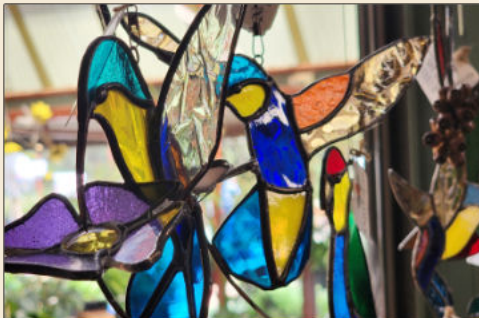
Banksia Vases & Platters

Bring a touch of natural charm to any space with our Banksia vases and platters. Crafted from porcelain in white or beige, each piece features delicate floral embossing, perfect for blooms, display, or serving up something special. Prices start from \$42.95.



Silken Twine Scarves

Handcrafted by Shelley Barton in Bunbury, these lovely scarves feature her original watercolour designs of native Australian flora and fauna. Perfect for gifting, each one comes beautifully boxed with a raffia bow. \$59.95.



Stained Glass Artworks

Catch the sun with these stained glass artworks, lovingly crafted by local artist Carl Kuen in the Perth Hills. Featuring Aussie birds and blooms, they're a colourful delight for any space. From \$89.95.

Herbal Teas

Now brewing at Zanthorrea: a range of loose leaf delights by Herbal Teas Australia. These organic blends are hand-picked to help you unwind, recharge, or simply savour the little moments.

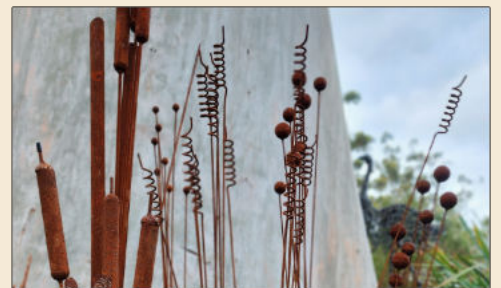


Crafted with love, no nasties, and plenty of flavour. \$19.95 each.



Spring Pots

Bring that spring feeling into your home with these vibrant floral pots! Perfect for brightening patios or indoor areas, they come in a range of sizes and colours to suit any space. With prices from \$9.95 to \$39.95, there's a pot for every plant!



Garden Stakes

Add texture and charm to your garden with our metal stakes! From bull rushes to billy buttons and beyond, these rusted beauties bring height and character to any garden bed or pond area. From \$22.95.



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