

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden- reopens 1 September

Grevilleas, we have a few...



*Grevillea Rhyolitica*

*G. rhyolitica* recently became available. It is native to the rhyolitic soils of south east New South Wales. First distinguished from related species in Deua National Park it is sometimes sold as Deua Flame. We have found that it flowers for long periods of time. Like all Grevilleas it is picky about micro climate and soil type. This one is in a pot where it will be happy for a year or so. Grevilleas were named for Charles Greville, who discovered Emma Lyons on the streets of London, took her home to meet Mum, where she eventually married Charles' cousin, Sir William Hamilton, so she became Emma, Lady Hamilton...but you know the rest of the story.

### Upcoming Events

**Breakfast with the Birds**, Sunday 12 October (bookings essential). We'll be looking for our 100<sup>th</sup> species!



*Acacia boormanii* (Snowy River Wattle), grown from seed collected on the property.

**Plants Workshop** Sunday 19 October (bookings essential). This will be a full day workshop with lots of hands on practice, covering propagating natives, soil and site assessment, pruning and much more.

**Hobart Botanical Gardens** will have their Spring Festival 4 & 5 October, and a Threatened Species Day 7 September

Ducks or Geese?



Recent visitors survey our salt marsh

Salt marsh might not be everyone's idea of pretty and we have only a remnant fragment of it but it is crucial to the ecology of the Bay. No salt marsh, no creepy crawlies, no small fish who feed on creepy crawlies, no big fish who feed on little fish, no fish dinner for you and me. And these guys? We suspect that they were on day release from a local farm. They have a furtive, escapee look about them.

### Hakeas for Hard Going



*Hakea sericea*, pink form

*Hakea sericea* is a native of Tasmania (as well as the south east Mainland). This pink form is widely available and flowers profusely in late winter, early spring. Hakeas like poor soil and dry going - my sort of plant! They tend to be shallow rooted so can get bowled over in strong wind. The showiest Hakeas are from WA so need excellent drainage. Von Hake was a German botanist, *sericea* means covered in short hairs.

### We Get Publicity...

The Spring 2014 edition of Sanctuary Magazine carries a very nice story about Inverawe Native Gardens. Thanks, guys. Every little helps.

## What Gardeners do on Holidays

Visit other gardens, obviously.



Entrance to the Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Port Augusta, SA

We went on tour in June and visited 13 gardens across four states, including the spectacular Arid Lands Botanic Gardens on Spencers Gulf, Port Augusta, SA. Maleny Botanic Gardens on the Qld Sunshine Coast was pretty special, too, along with many other gardens we saw. We had guided tours of Melbourne Botanic, Cranbourne (VIC) and Mt Annan in NSW. Our guide at Cranbourne ran us back into the City in his brand new Citroen, whilst at Mt Annan the ranger took time out to drive us back to the station in his bus. At Wittunga (SA) we bumped into the secretary of the local action group, who drove us to the garden. We were most impressed at the hospitality of garden folk.

## Plus, What Gardeners do When They Come Back.



All done mulching, now to rake up some leaves...

A fever of work, that's what they do! Winter planting, mulching, weeding, digging in compost, re-furbishing rock walls, raking up leaves, collecting fallen branches, painting, re-dressing our manikins, refreshing many of our signs, adding some more poetry, and a good bit more. The grass has just started to grow again so coming soon to a garden near you - The Joy of Mowing!. Too good.

## Garden Reopens

We look forward to the garden reopening on 1 September. It always looks special in spring. We are open 7 days a week, 9.00 am to 6.00 pm till the end of May. We give ourselves Christmas day off.

## A Moving Experience



Tree fern leaf (*Dicksonia antarctica*)

Twelve years ago we purchased some tree ferns in propagating tubes - they were maybe five or six cm tall. Assured they would grow but one centimetre a year we confidently planted them under our balcony. With at least two metres of head room we figured that would not be a problem for at least a hundred years. Wrong move. They grow much faster than that. The one on the end was growing out toward the morning sun, threatening to capture passers-by in its fronds. With great trepidation we moved it to our rainforest slope. If that works, we will almost certainly move a few more next winter. There's a moral to this story somewhere but I can't think what it is.

Your hosts at Inverawe Native Gardens are Bill and Margaret Chestnut. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!



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