

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Correas Muscle up Early in Show of Force



Correa alba, pink prostrate form

Correas have bloomed early this year, possibly coming out in sympathy for the Kangaroos Paws, who have tossed it in early, although some of them are making a brave attempt to carry on. Paws can take dry going but don't like it, coming from the creek lines of south west WA. Even the Correas have grizzled a bit in the dry going.

On the Other Hand...



Poas can be very ornamental

The gentle tracery of poas can be very ornamental, setting off more conventional shrubs. Poas also do well in pots, requiring little water. They seed prolifically so you need to be a bit ferocious with self seeded volunteers. You can give them the mother of all hair cuts in late autumn to stimulate fresh growth in spring but you're better off sacking the old clump and promoting a volunteer.



Strawberry Creeping Pine

The Bird Report



A Thornbill, contemplating a plunge

Our water bowls have been in high demand. A family of Thornbills shared this bowl with some Silvereyes. Black Headed Honeyeaters and Yellow throats have been frequent visitors whilst I haven't seen a Crescent all season. A visitor from Cygnet said "*Don't worry, the Crescents are all down our way.*" Yesterday I saw my first Scarlet Robin for the season. Is this a Brown or a Tasmanian Thornbill? Some wise Owl amongst our readers will sort me out.

Garden History Workshop

Sunday 15 May we are running a Garden History Workshop, 1.30 pm to 4.00pm. Bookings essential, ph 6267 2020, \$30 per person, includes afternoon tea. 200 years ago this area of the world was a scientific, botanical hotspot. Early botanists were ready to risk their lives to be the first to make discoveries. Join us on a walk and talk around Inverawe and see some of the plants that they described and named.



The genus Callistemon was first named by early visitor to Tasmania, Robert Brown.

This *Callistemon montanus* is opening slowly for an Autumn show. Brown fruit (right) last season's flowers, grey fruit, foreground, the season before.

Hallelujah, It's the Equinox!



Grevillea juniperina CV Molonglo

The equinox means plants can relax, with longer, cooler nights. The Grevillea heroes that have helped us through summer include Molonglo, as well as "Big Red" and "Canberra Gem". We're putting in more of all of them this winter. The ground covering Grevillea "Forest Rambler" is pretty useful, too, in dry going. The key to moisture retention is cover - canopy, mid-story, ground covers, mulch.

What People Say

Dennis and Maria, Adelaide, *Wonderful, amazing, a great inspiration.*

Ian and Sue, UK, *Stunning trees, plants and views.*

Colin and Jenny, Ballarat, *Magnificent paradise.*

Ellen, from Perth, *Beautiful garden, privilege to see the plants and the wildlife that inhabits them. Lovely people running the business- would highly recommend. Ah, gee. Now I'm embarrassed.*

A Bit of a Chat about Landscaping



The Long Terrace

After 15 years some of our trees are getting up, enabling us to remove lower branches. This puts energy into the canopy, increasing shade and lets the viewer look through the landscape, not at a wall of green. Here the trees are *Eucalyptus ovata*, Black Gum, with some *Acacia delabata*, Silver Wattle, and some other smaller trees. The understory is *Westringia* "Wynyabbi Gem". Distant views of the Bay round out the view, pulling the viewer's eye through the landscape. Pretty simple, eh? Now, if we can just reproduce this over the entire 22 acres...

But wait, There's More!



Barry Bear keeps his head above these Grevilleas

Inverawe is open 7 days a week till the end of May. That will keep us busy until then. Come Winter, we have some chores we've set ourselves. There are areas that need refreshed and if the dry spell is a taste of the future, we'll be using more mulch. On the ridges we'll use logs as mini-barricades to stop the mulch slithering down slope. We'll plant more ground covers and understory, to help retain soil moisture. Each time we put a plant in the ground we'll dig a rill to retain water. There's tree guards that need removed now the trees are a good size. Paths will need regravelled. Might even fit in a bit of a holiday.

See you in the garden!



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