

Inverawe Native Gardens

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

We've got the Garden all set for You!



North West Bay from Inverawe

We re-open 1 September, Wattle Day. There is something about walking round a garden, any garden, that refreshes the spirit. My father grew roses and bedding annuals in his garden. If I see those I am once again a boy, trotting round after him. The other day we visited a garden centre. They were selling the most magnificent Camellias, in bloom, and I was back in my Blue Mountains (NSW) garden, 40 years ago. Right now, at Inverawe, we have in bloom, Grevilleas, Hakeas, Banksias, Paper Daisies and much more.

If It's Spring, It's Nesting Time!



A New Holland Honeyeater collects paperbark

Birds of various species love our paperbarks – it is the perfect material to line your nest with! There are always birds at work in a native garden. With 22 acres of garden to choose from, you're bound to be able to find a secluded corner to sit and watch the passing parade. Or just sit. We'll have hand sanitiser on the go, we're figuring out how to offer tea on the terrace and how to run a "Plan a Native Garden" workshop, Sunday 20 September, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, \$30 per person, Bookings essential phone 6267 2020.

A Good Shine and Polish



Maloney the Tasmanian Tiger

Maloney looks pretty happy. We've removed his leaf litter surrounds and given him a bed of "Tassie Gold" stone chips. The elephants have been given some, too. Margaret has painted nine of our bench seats and they are absolutely sparkling. We've brushed and weeded and pruned and carted stuff off to the green waste, plus, there's been a bit of rain.

The Eyes Have it



Hardenbergia violacea

Hardenbergia violacea is a vigorous climber with an abundance of these flowers in late winter, early spring. It is native to a wide swathe of south east Australia, including Tassie, although garden specimens are probably from Victoria. The genus was named by British botanist George Bentham, after the Countess Von Hardenberg. George noticed she had green eyes, just like the green dots on the flowers! Unfortunately the furry guys think that it is delicious, so it needs to be well protected but you can prune right down to ground level and it will come back. My sort of plant!

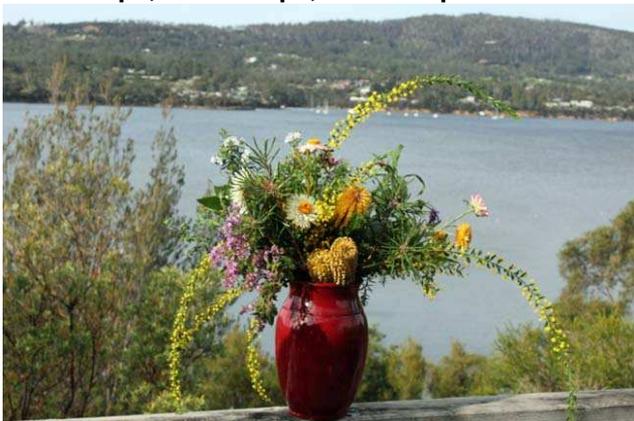
Now Here's an Odd Thing...



Yellow Wattle Bird on a Grevillea

Yellow Wattle Birds have always been around but they have been "up there" in the trees. At ground level we had New Hollands – still here in considerable force – and Brush Wattle Birds. The Brush Wattle Birds are now ensconced in our Banksia slope, 200 metres south, where we can hear their raucous calls. The Yellow Wattle Birds, only found in Tassie, have come down out of the trees and now have frequent "set tos" with the New Hollands, for ownership of the Grevilleas. We've seen plenty of Thornbills in the trees but less variety of other small birds. Maybe it's just winter. If I could fly, I'd have gone on holidays, too. Ah well. I think the Yellow's are breeding here at Inverawe. And Joe Whitty is always around. There's the usual mob down by the Bay, plus the occasional Brown Falcon and Sea Eagle. Clinking Currawongs have moved in.

Workshops, Workshops, Workshops



Look what's in our July vase!

If you would like to grow flowers like these and you're within shouting distance of Inverawe you need to do our next workshop, September 20, 1.30pm start, "Plan a Native Garden" We will cover simple soil analysis, plant selection, planting, pruning and much more. It includes a walk around with the Head Gardener, afternoon tea, printed notes. Bookings essential ph 6267 2020, \$30 pp. Of course, if you're not within shouting distance, I'm working on my next book. If I could only figure out how to organise a virtual workshop...I'm working on that, too. Slowly. There's a fair bit to do in a 22 acre garden.

Hakeas



Hakea sericea, pink form

Most Hakeas are tough guys. They come in two forms – leathery leaves and needle leaves. The needles like the one here do better for us, although the leatheries have showier flowers. The leatheries tend to get black spot at Inverawe, with the exception of *H salicifolia*, from the eastern mainland, which appears to be bullet proof here although for us it's a bit of a shy flowerer. . Like most natives they benefit from pruning after flowering. Native plants have a tendency to get a bit leggy if you don't prune.

And Finally

Stay safe in these difficult times. Spend time in the garden, any garden.



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 Garden closes 6.00 pm
 Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome