

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden is Open seven days a week till the end of May

It's Autumn and the Rosellas are Back



Green Rosella munches *Myoporum floribundum*

With Melaleucas, shrubby Myoporum and its ground covering cousin in seed, Green Rosellas have moved in to clean up. The first Scarlet Robin of Autumn has checked in, whilst New Hollands, still around, are in reduced numbers as they scatter more widely over the property. It's weeks since we've seen a Brush Wattle Bird but can hear them in the further canopy. There's been a couple of Clinking Currawongs here for a couple of weeks, attracted by the Myo Berries. Joe Witty (Grey Shrike Thrush) has been at Inverawe forever but we've seen him recently with a friend. Hope it's true love.

Strawberry Creeping Pine



Microcachrys tetragona, Strawberry Creeping Pine

This Tasmanian native pine comes in two varieties – boy and girl. This is the girl pine cone, the boy cones are on another tree and are small and brown. It's too dry in summer here for them so we grow them in pots. These red "strawberry" cones are very attractive to wildlife so they last only a few days.

Banksias in Bloom



Banksia marginata is a true Tasmanian

There are always some Banksias in bloom on our Banksia slope and in Autumn it's Marginata which occurs naturally in Tassie. We've found Banksias fairly tough once they've established. A few of the Taller Marginatas have been bowled over in strong wind over the years – they seem to be surface rooters, like most of the Protea family. The only others we've lost have been within the first few months of planting and that's because they were poor stock (weak growers, pot bound) to start with, particularly if we have a dry summer. Plus, the Head Gardener buys them because he hasn't got that variety and he fancies his luck. Sometimes it works!

Workshops Past and Future



Our most recent – and most popular – workshop is "Plan a native garden". One of the topics touched on is landscape design. This image demonstrates some of the basics – a path to draw you in, colour, and at the centre a red arch with a piece of white behind it that stabilises and centres the view. We're done with workshops for this season but will back up again in the 19/20 season, from September through March. Keep an eye on our website for dates.

What's in Bloom?



Grevillea Bronze Rambler

Bronze Rambler is blooming right now. This ground covering *Grevillea* is a real tough guy. Our is no more than half a metre high and covers several square metres. It's located at the start of the garden walk on an east facing well drained slope. Bronze Rambler is a real crowd stopper. The New Holland Honeyeaters love it.

But wait, that's not all!



Paper daisies

Paper Daisies and Kangaroo Paws are still in bloom although getting to the end of their season. Paper Daisies self seed and germinate in the Spring so we always have plenty of them. Over several daisy generations they revert to the species colour, yellow, so every couple of years we buy some seedling cultivars. They cross fertilise and bring colour back into the flock. Packets of seeds are available and we grow them that way, too.

For Kangaroo Paws we grow the standard *Anigozanthus flavidus* in the ground. The fancy cultivars we grow in pots. Every five or six years the ones in the ground need lifted and divided. At this end of the season the flowers look a little frazzled but the New Hollands still visit so the Paws are still producing nectar. In May we will cut back the Paws, leaves and all, to a few centimetres above ground level. In the Spring they get a good dose of Charley Carp and will be back in flower by mid to late October. They need friable well drained soil and a bit of water during summer.

Wollemi Pine Lives to Fight Another Day!



Wollemia nobilis, The Wollemi Pine

Our Wollemi is about ten or more years old. We planted it in the ground and it became very unhappy. It finally was reduced to just one leaf on a half metre high trunk. I had a chat to it and it might have been dew on its one leaf but I think it had a tear in its eye. It said "*Bill, I don't think I'm going to make it*" so I potted it up and it is doing really well in the pot, with lots of leaves and good growth. Local nurseries have mostly stopped selling them since they just don't suit south east Tasmania.

Finally...

Kathy H of Brisbane wrote: *An absolute delight and great to see Australian natives showcased. Well done!*

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