

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### We're Back!



*Black Cocky demolishes some delicious flowers*

Inverawe re-opens for the 2017-2018 season, 9.00am, 1 September. During the winter break we've tidied up, pruned, planted, done all the usual stuff, plus we've created a turning bay for wheelchairs on the Rabbit Hill Path to make that more comfortable and we've been landscaping what will become a bird friendly area with steps and a handrail for easier access. We're also deploying some more signs to make navigating the garden a tad easier.

### Plus, a Bit More.



*Bronzewing*

Our first workshop is "Create a Bird Friendly Garden" on Sunday 17 September, bookings essential \$30 pp Gardening Australia Magazine were kind enough to mention the workshop in their events column, and used the image of the Black Cocky at the top of this column to highlight it. With 102 species on our list, we might just be doing something right.

### And Now for Something Completely Different...



*It wouldn't be spring without Wattle!*

### As Winter Fades



*Philotheca (Eriostemon) myoporoides - Fairy Wax Flower*

Fairy Wax Flowers are in bloom. The species name - *myoporoides* - means "like a myoporum" and with their dainty flowers and oil glands on the underside of the leaf, that's true, they do have a resemblance to our signature ground cover, myoporum. The somewhat pungent smell when leaves are crushed probably spares them being eaten. The only pest we've noticed is wax scale in very dry summers, particularly on older plants. They strike readily from cutting.

### On our Winter Sojourn...Kaydale Lodge



*Waterfall and Ferns, Kaydale Lodge*

On our holidays we try and fit in a visit to Kaydale Lodge, in the north of the state. It's a wet, high country garden quite different to Inverawe. I love it. Did I mention the Pear Walk? They've got a Pear Walk! And the Zen garden? Just fabulous. Bulbs. Autumn colour. Kaydale includes a tea room, and accommodation. Go there. Anytime is good time

### Talking Rubbish

A young fellow picked up 7 bags of rubbish for us, some bits of plastic and several cartons, all blown down from the Channel Highway. The job is not quite finished yet. When it is, Baretta Tip, here we come! Not everyone cares about the environment.

## A Bit About Grevilleas



One of the many Grevilleas in Grevillea Park

Grevillea Park is at Bulli, NSW, within walking distance of Bulli Railway Station. Totally run by volunteers, they are open just a few weekends a year, so check the website. We timed our visit to Sydney to coincide with one weekend. It is well worth a visit if you can possibly arrange it, with what might be Australia's best collection of Grevilleas.

## We've Got Grevilleas, Too



*Grevillea ripicola*, The Collie Grevillea

The Collie Grevillea is a sprawling shrub that flowers for most of the year. It is native to the hills behind Collie, in SW WA. We have several of them. Because of their long flowering season and dense growth habit, birds love them.

### The Bleeding Obvious: Things I've learnt

Spreading groundcovers grow downhill so plant at the top of the slope. Fine pine bark mulches cake and become water repellent. Course pine bark throws large chunks onto paths, creating a hazard. Use medium pine bark. Euc bark mulch is lovely but expensive. All mulch gradually slides down steep slopes and onto the path below. It's called the law of gravity. Plants won't grow where you want them to grow. They only grow where they want to grow. Prune after flowering. Make sure your compost doesn't become a weed seed delivery system.

## Workshops

We want to get more people growing native plants because they not only give year round colour, they sit softly on our fragile environment. To help people do that we run a series of workshops each year. Our 2017 - 2018 workshop dates are:

### Create a Bird Friendly Garden, Sunday 17

September 2017, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Find out how you can encourage birds. A walk and talk around Inverawe's 22 acres, includes printed notes. We'll talk about plant selection and discuss landscaping tips. *Repeated, Sunday 4 March, 2018*

**Propagating Workshop**, Sunday 8 October. A hands-on workshop where you will plant seeds, take cuttings and learn how to propagate natives with simple techniques. 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Includes printed notes. *Repeated, Sunday 18 February 2018*

**Bird Spotting Workshop**, Sunday 12 November, 2017, 9.00 am start, to about noon. We'll start with a few tips on seeing and hearing birds, then embark on the grand bird spotting tour of Inverawe. Suitable for complete Newbies or the experienced birder. We'll give you a spotter's list of our 102 recorded species and we'll see how many you can score on the day! *Repeated 21 January 2018*

All Workshops \$30 per person, bookings essential, ph 03 6267 2020, all workshops include morning or afternoon tea.



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