

# Inverawe Native Gardens

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### The Virtual Tour



*Correa 'Marion's Marvel'*

Since you're not likely to be travelling anywhere, anytime soon, we thought a virtual tour might be in order. Our first port of call is Naracoorte SA, where Marion Beek, an observant gardener, noted this *C reflexa x backhousiana* cross. The birds love it for its dense shrubby habit and abundance of flowers. Like most Correas, it's a real tough guy. Naracoorte? Plenty to see and do, it's SW of Adelaide, close to wine country. Rail museum, art gallery, too good.

### Continuing our Virtual Tour



*Grevillea rhyolitica, Deua Flame*

This Grevillea is native to Deua National Park, on the far South Coast of NSW. The park is likely closed right now as a result of those bushfires. The south coast was an old stamping ground of ours and we were appalled at the extent of the fires. We were familiar with all those places. The Grevillea is generally available, as a species, cultivars and crosses. We think it needs slightly more water than we have been giving it so now we have some good looking specimens in the garden.

### A Real Tourist!



*Grey Backed Silver Eye*

These birds, a tad smaller than Sparrows, are real tourists. Like a lot of other Tasmanians the southern Tasmanian Silver Eyes head north for Winter, ranging as far north as Southern Queensland. Most Tasmanians won't make it much past the local shopping centre this Winter but these guys will head north at the first icy blast.

### And Now for our West Australian Entry



*Corymbia ficifolia*

The genus Corymbia was split off Eucalyptus some time ago, not without some controversy. A corymbus is a cluster, ficifolia means "fig Leafed". They come from a tiny pocket of south west WA. We have a number of them on Rabbit Hill and the intention was a mass flowering but the trees had other ideas. They flower sporadically and never all at the same time. For smaller gardens, grafted specimens that naturally dwarf are available from nurseries. They don't come true from seed, either colour or form. It is widely grown as a street tree in my corner of Tassie. When they do flower they are absolutely spectacular. They are in flower right now!

## And Now for Queensland!



*Butcher Bird*

We were having lunch under the trees somewhere in Southern Queensland when this fellow joined us. There are several excellent gardens in Southern Queensland – Roma Street, right on the edge of the CBD, Mt Coot-tha is just a bus ride away and Maleny is behind the Sunshine Coast.

## Back Home in Tassie



Creeping Strawberry Pine *Microcachrys tetragona*

Our Creeping Strawberry pines are maybe 10cm tall and perhaps just over half a metre in spread. They are both about 20 years old. The “strawberry” is the new pinecone, which turn brown with age. They are a single genus species, at home only in Tasmania’s west. They are plants for patient people.

In these difficult times, birds still turn up to munch on insects and nectar, Pademelons and rabbits continue to prune our plants and thanks to having passed the Autumn equinox, plants that have survived a dry summer will still be with us in September. Thanks to the recent rain, the garden looks relaxed. We are remaining open for self-guided tours although we are not offering “Tea on the Terrace” for the time being. With our 9.53 Ha garden (that’s 95,300 sq metres, folks) it’s reasonably easy to maintain social separation. We are getting just the occasional visitors, both locals, and tourists who haven’t made it back home yet. Like good gardeners everywhere, we look forward to the next season.

## BOOTS (A DIALOGUE)

We're the Boots. *Work Boots*  
I'm right, he's left *He is right, I am left*  
Not Best Boots  
*Weddings and funerals, Best Boots*  
And maybe not Good Boots  
*Trips into town, Good Boots*  
Best Boots live inside  
*Get cleaned as and when, Best Boots*  
Good Boots live on verandah  
*Get cleaned each outing, Good Boots*  
We live on back step  
*Get scraped when he treads in wallaby poo*  
Got steel toe caps, very posh!  
*He drops things on us.*  
We're with him all the way!  
*Needs double sox for us*  
We're elastic sided  
*Stretched with age*  
Got hard soles for long wear  
*Needs inner soles to cushion*  
Eventually, we'll wear out -*Together*  
There's life after work -*As flower pots*  
Get painted red by his Missus  
*I'll be blue, thank you*  
No more trudging around, anyway  
*Get eaten by dog, I shouldn't wonder*  
Here he comes! *We've got to go*  
Hooroo! *Hooroo!*



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1 September to the end of May  
First entry 9 am, last entry 5.00 pm  
Garden closes 6.00 pm  
Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome