

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### Potted Colour!



*Xerochrysum bracteatum* CV "Bright Bikini"

In Tassie these Paper Daisies bloom 12 months of the year. They self propagate but over several generations revert to the species colour, yellow. To keep a colour range we purchase a few punnets of the cultivars each spring - they seem to cross fertilise with our own. Put several plants in the one pot, stand back and wait to see what colour mix you get. The botanical name was given them by French botanist Etienne Ventenat from plants growing at Malmaison, Josephine Bonaparte's chateau just out of Paris. Etienne's brother, Louis, was on the D'Entrecasteaux expedition to Tasmania.

### No, not Wattle Day just yet.



*Margaret admires this Acacia terminalis*

A scattering of these autumn flowering Sunshine Wattles (*A terminalis*) form an irregular open windbreak on the Banksia slope. Whilst many wattles flower late winter, early spring, with around 30 species of wattle on the property we can always muster a bunch of wattle blooms.

### Rare Sighting

Our latest Breakfast with the Birds yielded a pair of the increasingly rare 40 Spotted Pardalote. We're open 7 days a week until the end of May. We'll do Breakfast with the Birds again, next season.

### Autumn Tones?



*The view down the bay to North Bruny Island*

The orange tinge of Glasswort on the shoreline is as close as we come to Autumn tones but we do have lots of autumn blooms. We have Correas, Croweas, Grevilleas, Paper Daisies, Kangaroo Paws, Westringias, some Acacias and a few other plants that produce a sporadic flower or two in Autumn.

### Underneath the Arches...



*Two of our new red arches*

Our latest landscaping work is a number of these timber arches, painted red. The idea is that they "float" against the green background and pull the observer's eye through the landscape. The arches shown are on the long terrace south of the main entrance. The trellising, left, divides the long terrace into spaces. On this long narrow terrace where the path is of necessity fairly straight the challenge is to have "little bits of business" that slow people down and encourage them to enjoy the journey. If you've walked this terrace you will have seen our two ladies having tea, amongst other installations. This winter we will plant mid story shrubs that will help visually separate the path from its surroundings, giving a better sense of space. Plant selection will help ensure year round colour. The soil here is hopeless so we will do some soil improvement, too.

## Our 100<sup>th</sup> Species?



Who is this?

We saw this fellow on our driveway entrance the other day and very momentarily got our hopes up that this might be species number 100 for our bird list but no. This is a juvenile Kelp Gull. What it was doing so far away from the Bay we don't know. A couple of days later it was limping, probably having been hit by a car. We hope its gone back to hanging out with its mates on the Bay.

### Propagating Workshops

We'll do more of these workshops next season. Participants have reported successful outcomes - seeds germinated, cuttings striking roots - that's not too shabby! We've had a difficult propagating season. A wet cool spring meant that plant tips didn't achieve the semi-hard status needed until early summer, giving not much time for subsequent root development. Plus, soil temperatures were not high enough for good seed germination and seedling development until late in the piece. Nevertheless we have a full propagating compound, awaiting suitable winter weather, for planting. I've started harvesting seeds for next spring planting.

### Been There, Done That

Inverawe was at the Love Living Locally festival at Kingston, 23 March, and the Treadlightly Harvest Festival at the Botanic Gardens, 6 April. We spoke to lots of people and tested their skill with our "guess the flower" competition.

### Flowers, Flowers, Flowers



*Leptospermum Grandiflorum* "Silver Lighthouse"  
This drought tolerant tea tree is very successful for us

### What People Say

Daniel and Toni from Gladstone, QLD said *"Beautiful gardens! Loved the views and we even saw some wallabies!"*

Well, yes. That's Pady and Co., our resident family of Padymelons. We don't feed them. They just moved in one day. Sometimes they nibble some of the plants but it's a native garden and they are, well natives. Some visitors see them, some don't.

Juan I Bidart from Concepcion, Chile, said *"Really shows the hard work put on the terrain, no doubt. A must see!"*

Us? Hard work?

Mr & Mrs Han, Korea *"Fantastic"*

Richard and Fran, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada *"Wonderful garden!"*

Simon and Dorothy Bradley, Winchester England *"We have had a very relaxing and refreshing morning in your beautiful garden."*

We get visitors from all over. It's their chance to see a truly Australian garden developed in the grand landscaping tradition. Gardens speak for the history and culture of a society. That's what we do.

**Your hosts at Inverawe Native Gardens are Bill and Margaret Chestnut. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!**



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