

Inverawe Native Gardens

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

See our two special offers – next page! Your guide to a better native garden, and a talk and tour on the history of North West Bay.

Inverawe Visitor Numbers Show Strong Growth

Inverawe visitor numbers are up 20% this season, compared to the same week last year.



A recent visitor admires the paper daisies.

Business Manager Margaret Chestnut said "It is very pleasing to see strong growth, particularly when indications are that tourism in Tasmania is a bit soft at the moment. We've had strong bounce from the Inverawe segment on ABC TV's Gardening Australia, which was shown in September and repeated in January. We are also getting word of mouth recommendations and repeat business from locals returning with their visiting friends and relatives."

If you haven't seen the GATV segment, go to www.inverawe.com.au and follow the links.

Birds, Birds, Birds



Kookaburras were introduced to Tasmania about a hundred years ago.

Apart from the bloke pictured above an American visitor spotted a Curlew on the shore line, only the second time in nine years they have been seen from Inverawe.

Butterflies Flutter By



We're not butterfly experts but we think this might be a Meadow Argus

There are lots of butterflies at Inverawe this season. They cluster on the very colourful paper daisies. On the other hand, the *Baeckea virgata* a mass of white blooms, is the exclusive preserve of honey bees. And the Birds? They're busy with kangaroo paws, Correas, Grevilleas and a heap of other stuff!

What's in Bloom?



Melaleuca nesophila

In late summer colour in the garden is carried by paper daisies, kangaroo paws, yellow buttons, scaveola, myoporum, ground covering Grevilleas, some of the correas and this week, some of the Croweas are coming into bloom. The plant pictured above, of *M nesophila*, is a real crowd stopper and enjoys dry conditions.

The Seven Steps to an Excellent Native Garden

We grow native plants and we want you to grow natives, too. They're waterwise, low in chemical use, low maintenance, and attract native birds and wildlife. We have compiled our experiences as **The Seven Steps to an Excellent Native Garden**. For your copy, email gardens@inverawe.com.au and we will send it to you as a downloadable PDF file. It's free! All we ask is for some email feedback so we can improve the product. If we can convert weed infested, degraded grazing land into an outstanding garden, so can you!

Picture Gallery



Eucryphia lucida, pink form (Leatherwood)

These two outstanding plants are amongst a number of Tasmanian natives recently donated to Inverawe by Alan Gray, one of Tasmania's foremost field botanists. At present they are in pots but we expect to get them in the ground this coming winter, our planting season. Growing them at Inverawe will be a challenge but nothing ventured, nothing gained.



Gaultheria hispida (Snow Berry)

More on Birds

One UK visitor on witnessing the mass rise of hundred of Lapwings (Plovers) from our grasslands when a Sea Eagle passed over, likened it to RAF planes scrambling from airfields in war time England, to escape German bombers. A couple of weeks ago a raptor, possibly a brown falcon, was seen heading north with a bird in its talons, and being harassed by another bird. It's a jungle out there!

Talk and Tour

On Sunday 28 February at 11.00 am and again at 2.00pm a talk and tour at Inverawe will focus on the contribution of the early French explorers and botanists. The talk will also touch on the early history of the site. Cost is just normal garden entry but you must book by phoning 6267 2020

Rain and Robust Gardens

A robust garden is one that can cope with a wide range of climatic conditions. That's Inverawe. In 2009 the rainfall was 1088 mm (43 inches). That's knocking on the door of rainforest! In 2006 we had 459 mm (18 inches) that's dry forest territory. Plants have to be robust to cope with those extremes. Inevitably there are losses – that's the nature of gardening. How to "robust" your garden? Read about it in the seven steps to an excellent native garden.

Finally...

Don't forget we offer annual entry passes and gift entries – just the gift for a garden lover.

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



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Open seven days a week

1 September to end May, from 9.00 am to sunset

Closed Christmas Day,

To see the garden during June July, August,
please give us a call.

Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome

Tea on the terrace: only \$6.00 extra!