

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

### **A little Bit of Colour**



Robert Brown, Kangaroo Paws and paper Daisies

Looking for colour right through summer? Stop looking. Kangaroo Paws (*Anigozanthos flavidus*) flower right through summer and autumn, until we cut them back in late May. Mixed in with them here are Paper Daisies (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*). Our daisies self-germinate anywhere we dump our compost. Just remember to do a bit of dead heading.

### **Whilst we are at it!**



*Melaleuca nesophila* and the view to North Bruny

These nesophilas start flowering mid-summer and carry through to early autumn. The species get fairly tall (2-3 metres) but cultivars are available that behave themselves in small gardens. Cut them back after flowering to maintain compact growth.

### **A word for our Regulars**

We changed to Mailchimp distribution a few editions ago – our circulation had become too much for our Mum and Dad style distribution. Some readers have scolded me because they like to download and print the newsletter. The good news is I post the old format newsletter on our website a couple of days after you receive this copy, so you can still access a print version.

### **Aristotle and Socrates join the Team**



Recent arrivals settle in

These two characters joined the team at Christmas. You will meet them on the path south to Rabbit Hill. That's Socrates on the left – or perhaps on the right, next to his friend Aristotle. They're as alike as two ducks on a pond!

### **We do Events**



I don't like having a bath with someone staring at me!

Sunday February 24, 1.30pm to 4.00pm we are running "**Create a Bird Friendly Garden**". If you want to attract more birds to your patch, like this little bloke, and you're in shouting distance of Inverawe, this is for you. Birds want what you want – a safe place to live, a good food supply and a safe place to bring up the children. Too easy!

Sunday 24 March we are running "**Plan a Native Garden**". Whether your garden is three pots on a balcony or rolling acres this event will kickstart your native plant journey. Matching plant needs to your needs is the key! We'll discuss all that stuff.

Each event is \$30 per person, bookings essential, just phone 03 6267 2020 and we will sign you up! Events include afternoon tea and printed notes.

## Wings over Inverawe



Are you looking at me?

Sea Eagles are an occasional visitor to our skies and we hadn't seen one for a while. It had a couple of wing feathers missing – so did the last one we saw, some time ago. Same bird, or are missing feathers a Sea Eagle thing? Maybe they're territorial.

A day or two later I was dropping off green waste at the tip when every gull went up, making a terrible racket. There's a fair few gulls at the average rubbish tip, as it turns out. They were objecting to Sea Eagle, just cruising by. I looked around the other people dropping green waste and none of them had noticed. There's a whole world out there, folks.

### What People Say.

From Dublin *"A pleasure and honour to have been here."*

From the USA *"Beautiful and enlightening"*

From the Channel Islands *"Just fantastic garden. It absolutely lives up to all expectations and more. The owners are not only so knowledgeable but also so lovely and welcoming. Thank you"*

From the UK *"Wonderful views, great information – saw the Pademelons!"*

From locals:

*"fantastic, have gained some great ideas"*

*"Great for bird watching!"*

*Wonderful – so much work*

*Outstanding!*

There's a lot more of this in our visitors' book but I'm starting to blush.



*Persoonia pinifolia*, now in bloom

## A Little Bit of Business



*Miss Botttomly*, left, *Deua Grevillea*, with red flowers, right and *Paper Daisies*, foreground.

*Deua Grevilleas* do well for us in pots but tend to palely loiter when planted in ground. There's a reason for this of course. We just don't know what it is.

### The Great Dry.

Hope during the good seasons you've dug in compost and mulched, established ground covers and reticulation systems, dug moats and rills to catch what water there is. Come the dry, decide what you can save, deep water once or twice a week, prune, ruthlessly, after flowering. Some of my earliest memories are of my father bucketing water over his favourites, during a 1950s drought. Good luck!



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