

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Pady the Padymelon, Action Hero



Pady plans his next death defying adventure!

On 3 March Margaret was weeding under a large shrub when she heard a thump beside her and a young Padymelon literally fell from the sky, dropped by a Wedge Tailed Eagle. Margaret and the Eagle exchanged stares before the Eagle fled the scene. Pady didn't seem too shaken but Margaret was. Wedgies hovering at close quarters are an awesome sight. Margaret shushed Pady under the safety of a tree but a short time later he was wandering across open grassland, unconcerned. Margaret's comment? "Wedge Tailed Eagles have very large beaks!"

What's in Bloom?



Correa pulchella blooms through winter

This is one of our many winter blooming Correas. Some exquisite cultivars are now available. Other winter favourites are Croweas with star shaped flowers, and cultivars of these are also appearing. Both Correas and Croweas are tough little guys with very attractive flowers. They like dry going and flourish in dappled light under trees.

Winter Works



The Display Lawn from Rabbit Hill

Since this picture was taken we've added some more exhibits, emphasising early transport. We will top dress a few dips and close cut this as a lawn. We've got lots of other projects on the go, too!

Tasmanian Heritage - History Tour

Our part of North West Bay is rich in botanical history - pioneer botanists were here 200 years ago. We led an intrepid group on a history tour of Inverawe recently. We got 100% attendance despite the weather, seven degrees, wet and windy. The best part was the hot cup of tea afterwards, and feeling the underfloor heating seep through your sox!

Breakfast with the Birds



Don Knowler, Clare Power and Ray Quinn keep watch

We had our first "Breakfast with the Birds" recently. We were a bit worried in case the birds didn't turn up but we saw 30 species on the day, including four of the Tasmanian endemics. The Pelicans turned up just as everyone was leaving. Don Knowler, the bird correspondent for the Hobart Mercury, pictured above, found our 93rd species, the Grey Teal. And breakfast? That was pretty good, too. Our next Breakfast with the Birds is 30 September.

It's a Garden!



A selection from Inverawe

Visitor Comments:

"Much more than you can imagine!"

"Far exceeded our expectations"

"Poetry adds another dimension to the garden"

"Your garden is truly an inspiration"

Upcoming Events



One of our recent workshops

For people within shouting distance of Inverawe:

- Native Plant Workshop, 23 September
- Breakfast with the Birds, 30 September
- Native Plant Workshop, 11 November
- Breakfast with the Birds, 2 December
- Artists' Breakfast, 9 December

We will also be appearing at local fetes and fairs!
Inverawe has recently appeared at:

- Tread Lightly Envirofest - RTBG
- Love Living Locally at Kingston
- Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

Sustainability, and all that Jazz

The message we convey at fetes and fairs is the need for low chemical, low water use gardening. Soils on the ridge at Inverawe tend to be water shedding, not absorbing, so we increase rainwater's dwell time by digging rills (small trenches on the uphill side of plants, moats on level ground and swales (shallow trenches) to slow water down, giving it time to soak in. These fill with leaves and other organic material over time, improving the wettability of soils. We'll back this up with mulching in early spring. Careful plant selection is also vital.

Inverawe on Facebook

We've gone onto Facebook - you can find us by clicking on ["Inverawe on Facebook"](#) If that doesn't work, there's a link on our website, or use your search engine to find Inverawe on Facebook. We're not the salmon smokehouse in Scotland, we're the native garden in Tasmania. We're only just getting the feel of it but hope to keep you up to date on what's happening at Inverawe, and maybe share some tips and suggestions for your own garden.

Refreshing Paws

May 31 is the close of our regular season and we celebrate by cutting all our Kangaroo Paws off 5 to 10 cm above ground level, leaves, flower stalks, the lot. A month earlier would be even better. This allows the Kangaroo Paws to rest over winter. They are monocots (grassy things) and cutting them back once a year stimulates fresh growth in spring. That is why you mow your front lawn regularly - to force it to grow. In spring we will give them a feed of liquid fertiliser mixed with seaweed extract and they will be on the charge. This winter we will take our courage in our right hand and lift and separate some of the larger clumps on the eastern terrace. Some folks set fire to their Paws every few years but we are not that brave.

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



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June, July & August, ring for an appointment
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