

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

I know It's been Dry in Margate but Really!



*Sturt's Desert Pea - Swainsona formosa*

I purchased a pair of these crowd stoppers in Woolworths a couple of weeks ago. One of them has set seed, so I have great hopes for the future, as long as none of the usual crowd eat them. The Desert Pea is the South Australian floral emblem and a bus group visiting from Adelaide didn't like my chances of keeping the plant alive. We'll see.

### Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright...

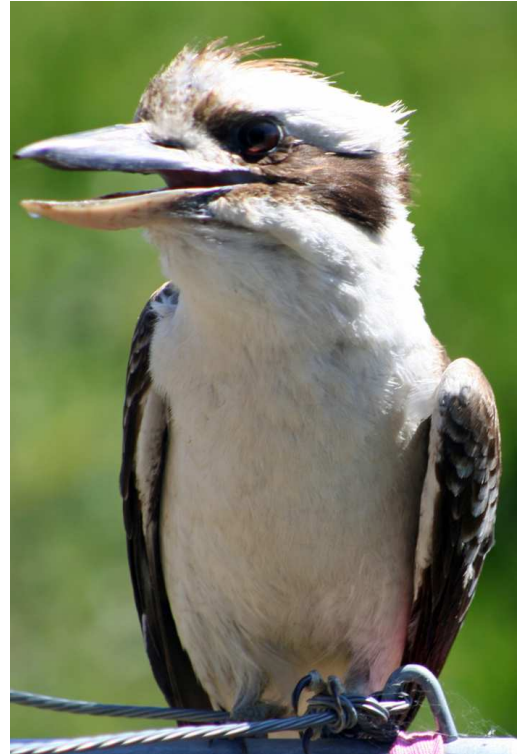


*The Tasmanian Tiger, with creator, Lesley Perkins*

Our latest acquisition is this superb Tasmanian Tiger, created by artist Lesley Perkins. I visited Lesley in her studio when the Tiger was being created. She was surrounded by downloaded images of tigers and was researching questions most of us never think about. How many stripes did they have? Did they have pads on their paws, like dogs and cats? Was the head dog-like, kangaroo-like or bear-like or something in between? Catch up with Tiger soon!



Birds of a Feather



Two American birders called in a while ago. They got a number of sightings in the morning and after lunch I joined them on a sweep of the grasslands. They saw white faced heron, black swans, and a flock of black cockies demolishing a wattle tree, plus fugitive glimpses of a yellow throat, and two of these guys. They were well pleased but it got better. A sea eagle landed in a tree across the river. Two happy birders. We are running a **Breakfast and then the Birds event, November, 15**. Details on our website

### No, Not a Callistemon.



*Kunzia baxteri, with Ms Bee approaching, left*

*Kunzia baxteri* is native to south west Western Australia. It produces these bottle brush type flowers over long periods of time. Very eye catching!



### Carpobrotus Rossii - Native Pigface



*Carpobrotus rossii* is a native with attitude

Native Pigface flowers through summer. Its leaves are said to be edible but it's a bit like eating wet string. It propagates easily from cuttings, and likes to colonise sandy soil. It can make do without much water and is native to most of southern Australia including Tasmania. At our **Propagating Workshop, 29 November**, I'll be suggesting participants take cuttings of this (amongst others) - it always helps if your first venture into propagating is successful! Details of the workshop on our website

#### What People Say.

People put some nice comments in our visitors' book. From two South Africans: *A wonderful walk with lots of birds, great views and amazing flora.* From two Queensland visitors: *Absolutely stunning, such a pleasure to visit.* From a New Zealand visitor: *Good for the soul, a well loved garden.* Some French visitors: *A journey in a world of peace and beauty, thanks.*

#### In Other News...

On our June trip to WA we were shown around by Pat and Paul Bebbington. Pat is a Master Gardener at Kings Park and Paul is a Friend of Kings Park. We met volunteer guide, Jennie Hunt, over there and in October we were able to show Jennie around Inverawe. We're looking forward to showing Inverawe to Geoff Bartlett, of the Blackwood (SA) Action Group. We met Geoff a couple of years ago when we visited Wittunga Gardens. We got off at the wrong Railway Station and Geoff befriended us. Geoff's group has since organised an on-board announcement to ensure train travellers get off at the right station. But then we wouldn't have met Geoff.



*Leptospermum outrageus* - a NSW cultivar

### Flag Iris



*Diplarrena latifolia*

*Diplarrena latifolia* is a lower growing, less well known relative of another Flag Iris, *Diplarrena moraea*. *Latifolia* likes it wetter than we can provide so we grow ours in a pot.

#### And the Book: Tasmania's Inverawe Story

At \$29.95 (plus postage - there's an order form on our website, or call in to the garden, it's also available at selected outlets) it makes a great Christmas present. We still have a few left. Quite a few really. The book tells the story of the development of Inverawe, in story, poems and images. Our garden visitors say that their favourite poems include *The Singularity of Sock*, and *The Eagle*.

#### See you in the garden!



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