

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden: Re-opens 1 September **Famous Botanists Return to Inverawe**



L to R, Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardiere, the Head Gardener, and Robert Brown.

The French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardiere was in South East Tasmania in the early 1790s, and the Scottish botanist Robert Brown visited the area of Inverawe just over a decade later. They each named over 500 Australian species, including many that grow at Inverawe, so we thought it might be nice if they made a return visit, and here they are! Be sure and say hullo to them next time you call. (They might just say hullo right back!)

If it's Spring...



The pink form of *Kunzia ambigua*

From September through to Christmas, all sorts of plants comes into bloom, like this stunning *Kunzia*. There's lots of stuff in bloom at other times, too!

Inverawe Events

For those within shouting distance of Inverawe, Sunday September 23 we're running a "How to Grow Native Plants" Workshop, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm, includes a light afternoon tea and a guided tour of the garden with the Head Gardener. Sunday 30 September we're running a "Breakfast with the Birds" That kicks off at 8.30 am and includes a light breakfast. Bookings are essential for each event ph 6267 2020.

And Another Thing About Spring ...



Grevillea curviloba (white), *G. scarlet sprite*, *G. rivularis*, (mauve) in the background.

We have found *Grevilleas*, like many *Protea* family plants, to be a bit fussy about their requirements but as you can see from this image, they are well worth the trouble. Look around your neighbourhood and see which *Grevilleas* do well in your area. We've learnt the hard way what will grow at Inverawe. *Scarlet Sprite*, above, flowers ten months of the year. *Honeyeaters* fight endless battles for ownership of it.

What, us? Whimsy?



Eric the Expeditioner waits to meet you

Eric the Expeditioner is just one of many pieces we have added to the garden this winter. As well as at least one bear, visitors will find wooden birds (and the real ones that call Inverawe home) mushrooms and other bits and pieces, installed to make the garden more fun to walk around in.

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Winter Planting



Eriostemon myoporoides flowers for weeks in spring

This winter we have put another 700 plants in. We've deep planted Gums on the river mouth, put Swamp Paperbarks in the seasonal wet areas and planted understory on the long terrace and in the northern zone. We've planted a good few of these Eriostemon, which come away easily from cuttings.

Poetry

For those people kind enough to like Bill's poems, a small collection can be found at www.inverawe.com.au/Inverawe_poems.pdf It includes poems not on display at Inverawe. Just paste the address to your browser. You can read them on screen, save a copy, print them, whatever.

Not Just in Spring!



Hakea petiolaris in bloom in Autumn

We have year round colour at Inverawe (and you can too!) as this autumn blooming Hakea shows. Hakeas like poor, well drained acid soils and prefer sunny positions but will tolerate some dappled light. The Hakeas with the most attractive flowers are at home in the dry, Mediterranean sandy granite soils of South West WA, so the nearer you get to those conditions the happier your Hakeas will be. We also have spring flowering Hakeas. Tasmanian Hakeas include *H sericea*, *teretifolia*, *lissosperma*, *nodosa* and *decurrens*, all in the Inverawe collection, and most of these are late winter - early spring flowering.

Flowers all Year Round?

We check each section of the garden once a month to see which plants are in flower. We have flower lists, month by month, going back several years.

Wattle Day all Year Round

Late winter to early spring is the peak flowering time for wattles but, with 30 species of Wattle we always have at least one species in bloom, 365 days of the year.



Acacia gracilifolia, Graceful Wattle, from SA

The Bird Report

Inverawe's many birds declared spring had started around the second week in August, judging by their bustling activity and cheerful singing. The Pied Oystercatchers seem to be nesting on their usual spot on the shoreline, although we are staying away so as not to disturb them. It's particularly important in springtime to keep your cats indoors at nights and only let your dog off lead in gazetted off-lead areas. Nesting shore birds have a hard time of it at this time of year.

And wherever you are reading this, you can encourage birds by whacking in a few plants that belong in your locale, and building a bird bath. Pretty good, eh?

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



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