

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden re-opens September 1

What's New, This Spring?



One of our new signs

We've installed a "Guess the Flower" sign and have moved our "What are we doing here" sign to just north of the Correa Bank, earlier in a visitors' tour. Plus, we've got a new "Salt Marsh" sign, just below the Banksia garden.

Our botanist manikins have been refurbished with new trousers and tops, new hats, a tartan scarf for Robert and a cravat for Jacques. Robert Brown's jacket, a genuine Harris Tweed, is still going strong after 12 months in the open! Dressing a manikin is a bit like dressing a two year old - arms and legs stuck out in unhelpful directions.

What's in Bloom?



Spring display

Inverawe has flowers in bloom 12 months of the year but spring is special. Here we have *Acacia Pravissima* (Ovens Wattle), with Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) in the background above it. To the right of the small statue is *Westringia Wynyabbie Gem* in flower. Almost hidden behind the Wattle, *Correa Marion's Marvel* is in bloom. The ground cover, bottom left is *Myoporum* (Creeping Boobiala) and that will flower in summer. In between are this year's crop of Paper Daisies, "frocked up" at the moment to stop Brother Bunny forgetting his manners. The frocks will come off in a couple of weeks.

What Bird is That?



Sea Eagle, mouth of NWB River

There have been some Sea Eagles around the Bay. This fellow was at the mouth of the River, along with one in immature plumage (shades of brown). We think we've seen three of them circling high over the Bay but too high to claim a confirmed sight. It probably means there's a nest around somewhere but since a Sea Eagle's range is pretty big...

Breakfast with the Birds

And talking of Birds, our next Breakfast with the Birds is Sunday 13 October, at 8.00 am, followed by the grand tour. Bookings are essential. (ph 03 6267 2020). Someone asked when do we feed the birds? We don't, we feed the people who come to see them. The birds manage OK on their own.

Propagating Natives - Workshop

On 20 October we will run a "Propagating Natives" workshop, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. This is an introductory workshop for people who want to propagate natives but don't know where to start. You'll walk away with some stuff to take home and look after. Bookings essential, ph 03 6267 2020, includes afternoon tea.

Going Potty.



Boronia pinnata

This NSW *Boronia* does well in a pot for us. Pots are a useful way of growing plants that just can't cope with your climate or soil.

Art Repairs



Artist Andrew Murphy and "Endangered Species"

Visitors enjoy speculating on just what the sculpture "Endangered Species" is - are they Bandicoots, or Kiwis perhaps? They're whatever you want them to be. Wear and tear over the years made them truly endangered so their creator, Andrew Murphy, did some maintenance. Now they're better than ever!

Spring Fair

If your within shouting distance of Hobart, look for us at the RTBG Spring Fair, October 5 and 6.

Hints of the Week

We put a "Hint of the Week" each week on our Facebook page. A recent hint was:

Your garden hose doesn't like you. It isn't you. It's the hose. If he can kink, or snag, he will. If Hose can hook around a healthy plant and jerk it out of the ground, that will have Hose laughing like a drain. Don't try reasoning with Hose. They don't listen. Don't waste money on an expensive hose. Cheap hoses get the job done. Do buy decent fittings, to curb Hose's exuberance. When you're not using Hose, coil him up in coils of about one and a half metres in diameter and hang him on a hook. Coil Hose systematically, so that he pays out evenly next time. If Hose gets kinky and twisted, lay him out straight on a path in the sun and after a couple of hours, gently sort out his problems. If you're not using Hose for a while, put him away in the shed

Meanwhile, in amongst the Grevilleas...



Barry the Bear in the *G lanigera* garden

Grevilleas are picky about where they will grow but this is a species that does well for us.

Native Hibiscus



Alyogene huegelii - Native Hibiscus

This fabulous plant flowers 12 months of the year, thrives in poor soil and dry going. It looks sensational against Wattles - the yellow and purple are just dynamic. Prune hard in early spring. White and peach cultivars are available too but we have only had success with the species, which is this purple flowered beauty.

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



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