

Inverawe Native Gardens

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden **Open 1 September, seven days a week till the end of May**

A Bird in Hand...



Native Bronzewing

Our day-a-week garden assistant of the last two years, Jock, has flown the coop, pursuing adventures interstate. His parting gift was a magnificent book, *Where Song Began, Tim Low, Penguin Books*. In it I learnt that pigeons have small heads because they only have small beaks. They don't need strong jaws, like Parrots, because they don't crunch seeds. And here I thought they had small heads because they had small brains! That's me told! We wish Jock well, wherever he wanders. He is a class act.

It's Correa Time, folks.



Correa reflexa "Clearview Giant"

Autumn (and Winter) is Correa time. They are tough guys, surviving in dry going and poor soils. They like just a bit of shade. Birds love them. The species name, *reflexa*, because the leaf comes up from its central stem then reflexes, bends down at the edge. There are numerous species and cultivars which all come away easily from cutting. Well, not all. Most. There is a pink form of alba which...Pah!

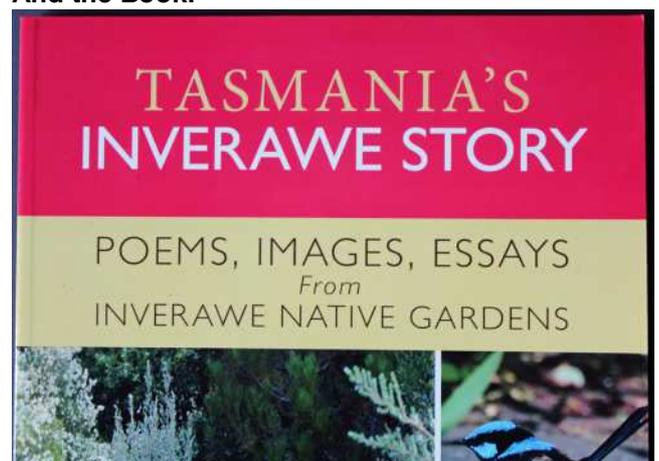
Twenty-one Years and Counting.



Eric the Elf

March 16 was our 21st anniversary of arriving at Inverawe. It was 22 acres of woody weeds, strewn with piles of rubbish thrown over the fence by passers-by and lengths of fencing wire from long forgotten paddocks. A barbed wire fence separated the household garden from the rest. We got rid of Hawthorn, Blackberry, Boneseed, Canary Broom, and much, much more. We constructed kilometres of pathway, tonnes of pleached rock walls, stairs and handrails and planted more than 12,000 Australian native trees and shrubs. Our aim was and still is, to encourage gardeners everywhere to plant more Australian natives, by showing just what is possible. If we can do it, so can you!

And the Book!



Inverawe Story: The Book

Next time you visit the garden buy a copy of the book. Just \$15, a good read, or a gift for a friend. It tells the tale of us coming here, and a good deal more.

Using the Landscape



Looking South, from near the Main Entrance

What drew us to Inverawe all those years ago was the view. The most important landscaping idea is not to muck up the view. You need foreground, mid ground and an “eye-puller” in the distance, plus a “frame” which calls attention to the eye-puller. The frame here is the V shaped dip in the shrubbery, left, which frames the Bay and the ridge opposite, which are the eye-pullers. It helps if you have a path that turns a corner and disappears. “What’s around the corner?” people think. The same rules apply however big or small your garden, and whether you grow natives or exotics.

Workshops, or rather, not



These wise owls thought our workshops a real hoot!

We have suspended our popular workshops, whilst we wait for the pandemic to be behind us. We wouldn’t want to get it all organised and then cancel. We could negotiate a special deal for a small group of people – two or three, that sort of thing.

Not All Acacias Stick to the Rules



Acacia retinodes, in flower right now- not Wattle Day!

A floribunda also flowers sporadically through the year – they just do their own thing.

About Tigers...



**Tyger, Tyger burning bright
In the forests of the night
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?**

- William Blake

Was there a bit of the William Blakes about early settlers attitude to Tassie Tigers? Hunted to extinction because they allegedly hunted lambs, there is a bit doubt about that now. You have read, no doubt, about the project to re-create Tassie Tigers. Will Tassie Tigers again stalk our land? The image, above? That’s Maloney, our Tiger, perfectly created by talented artist, Lesley Perkins. Come and meet Maloney, some time soon. He doesn’t bite, as gentle as a lamb. But hurry, we are open to the end of May, closed June July August, re-open, 1 September for the spring!



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Garden closes 6.00 pm

Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome