

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### Flowers a Little Late, Birds Early



*Brush Wattle Bird, at home on the Grevilleas*

Most plants are flowering a week or two later this season but the birds were nesting right on cue. We've had baby wattle birds, constantly demanding food from their parents, and we've had baby New Hollands as well. The Grevilleas are now in full bloom along with lots of other species. The birds are very pleased.

### It's Tea Tree Time Again!



*Leptospermum "Outrageous"*



*Leptospermum "Pink Cascade"*

The pictures say it all, really. Leptospermums (Tea Trees) for all occasions.

### Our Party Trick



*Vase, not completely concealing the Head Gardener*

When a local group arrive our party trick is to have a great big bunch of flowers, just like this, as a lucky door prize. Because this is a native garden, there's always something in flower. We can do this, 365 days a year. Plant more natives!

### Hardenbergia Comptoniana



*Hardenbergia comptoniana, from WA*

*Hardenbergia comptoniana* from WA is a better flowerer than its relative, *H violacea* (Happy Wanderer). Both are regarded as delicious by our resident Pademelons but fortunately *Hardenbergia* is a vigorous climber that fairly quickly gets out of the danger zone.

### A Fern By Any Other Name...



*Microsorium diversifolium*

Native to South East Australia, including Tassie, and also New Zealand. *Diversifolium* because it has two different types of leaf, and *Microsorium* because the back of the ferny leaves have lots of brown spore pustules. It likes cool, shady, moist places.

## "Biggles" Meets his Match



"Biggles" in amongst the Paper Daisies

"Biggles" the Bear met an identical cousin the other day. Our "Biggles" is a Care Flight Bear. His cousin was visiting from the United States and had brought a couple of humans along as camera crew, recording Cousin's adventures around the world.

## Workshops



A recent workshop group at Inverawe

We want to get more people growing native plants because they sit softly on our fragile environment and give lots of colour so we run workshops:

**Bird Spotting Workshop**, Sunday 12 November, 2017, 9.00 am start, to about noon. We'll start with a few tips, then embark on the grand bird spotting tour of Inverawe. Suitable for complete Newbies or the experienced birder. We'll give you a spotter's list of our 102 recorded species

**Behind the Scenes Workshop**, Sunday 25 February 1.30pm to about 4.00pm, includes afternoon tea and printed notes. There are techniques to every trade and the Head Gardener learnt all his the hard way but you don't have to!

**Create a Bird Friendly Garden**, Sunday 4 March, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Find out how you can encourage birds. A walk and talk around Inverawe's 22 acres, includes printed notes. We'll talk about plant selection and discuss landscaping tips.

**All workshops \$30 per person, bookings essential - ph 03 6267 2020**

## Paddy Helps Out



Paddy on the edge of our drying lawn

Our resident Pademelons help out by keeping the grass cropped. It's about ten years since I used the mower on our drying lawn. Unfortunately Paddy gets a bit carried away and eats some of our garden plants as well. Nobody's perfect, least of all Paddy.

## What People Say

*A tribute to an amazing couple of people - Barry and Marilyn, 18 October*

*We thoroughly enjoyed exploring your garden - thank you - stunning property -hats off to both of you Ollie and George, 11 October*

*What a combination - Australian beauty and Scottish hospitality Mandy and Bill, 16 October*



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