

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

### **The Bird Report**



*Young Brush Wattle Bird*

This young bloke looks like it is not long out of the nest. They nest at Inverawe so Mum and Dad won't be too far away. Last month's bird seems to have been an immature, female Grey Headed Butcherbird. Lots of suggestions and feedback, so thanks for that.

### **Bronze Rambler**



*Grevillea "Bronze Rambler"*

Bronze Rambler is a vigorous ground cover, with lots of flowers right through the warmer months, from Spring onwards. It is readily available from nurseries. The birds love it. New Hollands and Yellow Wattle Birds spend a lot of time on it. Recently we removed a hedge of Grevillea Amethyst, which had passed their use by date. The Bronze Rambler was growing below them and with the Amethysts removed, sprang into action. The leading tendril stretches about 5 metres from the centre of the plant, with flowers all along the length of it. If you plant one of these in a small garden, you might have to leave home! It has a slightly less vigorous cousin, Forest Rambler.

### ***Thomasia purpurea***



*Thomasia purpurea*

This is a good infill plant, from WA. Ours is about one metre tall and maybe a couple of metres across. Right now it is covered in masses of these pale purple blooms. We like plants that are not only colourful and hardy but dense enough to shade out the soil, inhibiting weed growth.

### **Want to Create a Great Native Garden?**

We have a workshop just for you! Our workshops comprise a talk, guided tour printed notes and afternoon tea. We cover plant selection and care, being kind to the environment, how to attract birds, and landscape design. All you need to know to get started.

Choose one of these dates:

Sunday 6 November

Sunday 20 November

Sunday 4 December

Workshops run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, bookings essential, Cost just \$40 per person!



*This year's Waratah!*

## Anyone For Tea?



*Leptospermum "Copper Sheen"*



*Leptospermum "Outrageous"*

Leptospermum means fine seed, and "Tea Tree" because Captain Cook's crew (allegedly) made tea from the leaves. They come in a wide range of colours, sizes and shapes, and there are at least some that are suitable for your garden. Not terribly long lived but 10 years is possible. They are tough guys of the plant world.

## A Little Bit of Landscaping



*Grey Road, Spring*

A winding path, to encourage the visitor to wander further, the red arch, centre mid distance to pull your eye through the landscape and bit of colour here and there and as the English garden writer, Monty Don said, "Australia is on the frontier of climate change...you can't go on making European gardens...working with the environment and not against it". Our gardens should sit softly on our fragile landscapes.

## Echidna



*The Spring Echidna*

OK, it's a dud shot but at the first sign of a camera, Echidnas bury themselves. Regular readers will know that each Spring, boy Echidnas go in search of true love. On the way through they knock over some of Margaret's pleached rock walls, looking for breakfast or maybe a midnight feast. How do these spikies approach romance? Very carefully, I should think. With care and consideration for each other, I should think. Just like humans, really.

## See you in the garden sometime!

And if you happen to live within shouting distance of Inverawe, think about a Workshop!



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1 September to the end of May  
First entry 9 am, last entry 5.00 pm  
Garden closes 6.00 pm

**Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome**