

Inverawe Native Gardens

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

Wattle Bird Homes in



Juvenile Yellow Wattle Bird has a Good Feed

Yellow Wattle Birds are endemic, uniquely Tasmanian. They breed at Inverawe and are lively, engaging birds. Recently Wildlife Carers Calum and Mahalia released two that had been rehabilitated from the north coast. I wonder if our Wattle Birds recognised long-lost cousins? *"Look George, there's Jim and Sally! It's been such a long time. Heard you weren't well? You look great now!"*

There a Daisy, Here a Daisy, Daisies Everywhere!



A Daisy a Day...

Our wet Spring germinated thousands of Paper Daisies. The Daisies' desire is to have one long stem, one flower on top, and then to fall down, dead. Our job as gardeners is to stop that happening by pinching out the central bud before it opens. That will encourage bushy side growth, and many more flowers. Deadhead spent flowers. I learnt all this as a little shaver, following my father around his garden. With any luck pademelons will turn up and help out. In my father's garden, possums helped out.

Family Life in the Garden



Padymelon Mum and the youngster

Whilst Mrs P poses demurely for the camera, young Paddy is clearly more interested in his (or her) next feed. Those leaves there look delicious! We've seen a healthy crop of youngsters this season.

Small Group Workshops

We have a new approach to workshops: small groups. This will facilitate social distancing in these troubled times. Each workshop will be two to two and a half hours and will be designed to suit participants. Topics might include planning, maintenance, soil preparation, planting, encouraging birds. Limit of four per workshop and the cost per workshop is \$120 – so if you dredge up three friends to attend, split the \$120 cost between participants. To arrange your workshop, ph 6267 2020.

The View!



The view from the Tea Terrace

What a Potty Idea!



Kangaroo Paws, and Friends

Kangaroo Paws grow easily in pots. We cut them back in late Autumn (just above ground level) and by late October they are back in bloom. If they are bursting out of the pots, sub-divide in Winter. Don't be too greedy when you divide them – one becomes two, next year two becomes four and in just a few years you will have more KPs than you can cope with. They are fairly disease free if well-watered and well drained – feed them a couple of times a year – we use liquid fish fertiliser for natives. Birds love them so over time those tall erect stems will start to lean over, as in the left of the image, above. Paddy only occasionally munches young leaves.

Snowberries



Snowberries, Gaultheria hispida

We grow this small Tasmanian shrub in a pot, our summers being too dry. In summer it is covered in these white, pink tinged berries, about 1cm in diameter. They feel as if made of plastic. One morning when we come out, all the berries will be gone. We don't know whether the mystery diners have fur, or feathers. We just hope we get to enjoy this magic plant for a few days.

And Another Thing...

Our two Wildlife Carers returned and released three Eastern Rosellas. They shot out of their carry cases like rockets. So pleased to be here!

BUMBLE BEE

I'm a Bumble Bee,
not a showy bee
like a
Honey Bee
or a cryptic bee
like a
Native Bee.
I'm a

Big, bumbling, bumptious, boisterous, busy, buzzy,
beasty Bee
See my fur coat?
We work in all weathers.
What's that? Buzz off?
Very funny, very original.
I've heard all the Bee jokes.
My ancestors were migrants,
maybe like yours.
Came here for a reason,
maybe like yours.
With our big feet
we shake pollinate tomatoes.
It's important work.
What did your ancestors do?
Important work?

It's said we're exotic.
It's said we wreck
the environment.
You can talk!

See you in the garden sometime!



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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