

# Inverawe Native Gardens

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### Inverawe Opens for the Season!

Inverawe opens for the 2010-2011 season on 1 September. We are open 9.00 am to 6.00 pm, seven days a week till the end of May. What's to see? Plenty, including our resident birds!



*New Holland Honeyeaters take a dip.*

### New Features to check out

We've opened up the northern end and down in our sculpture park we have a brand new work, another fine piece by local artist, Andrew Murphy. "The Myth of Trees" joins his other work, "Endangered Species".



*Andrew Murphy installs his new work, "The Myth of Trees". "Endangered Species", is background right.*

### Take a Personalised Tour into Garden History

We now offer a personalised, two hour guided tour of the gardens, emphasising the contribution made by early botanists who were right here. Details on the website [www.inverawe.com.au](http://www.inverawe.com.au)

### Gardeners' Holiday

What do gardeners do on holiday? Visit other gardens! During winter we visited the National Gardens in Canberra and were pleased to learn that their water problems are at last being solved by a pump line from Lake Burley Griffin. We also visited King's Park in Perth and the Banksia Farm at Mount Barker, WA. What a stunning project that is! We stayed at the Banksia Farm and were made to feel most welcome by owners Kathy and Kevin Collins.

### Say it with Flowers



*A recent selection from the garden*

We are often asked to speak to various groups and we always take a bunch of flowers along, because in a native garden there is always a wide selection of plants in bloom. Right now the wattles are superb. They will be followed by Grevilleas, Callistemon and much, much more.

### Poetry Competition rolls on

Entries in the fifth annual Inverawe Nature Poetry Competition for poems up to 28 lines, on a nature theme, close October 11. First prize is \$1000. There are awards for an emerging (ie, unpublished) poet and for a Tasmanian resident poet. Entry forms are on the website, [www.inverawe.com.au](http://www.inverawe.com.au) and follow the link to the poetry page.

### Make Friends with Inverawe

For \$25 each year you can become a Friend of Inverawe. This allows you twelve months unlimited entry during opening times. Bring two friends with you and they pay just \$5 entry each. Get a \$2 discount on plant sales, and receive a monthly E-bulletin to supplement our quarterly newsletters. We will also have a special friends' get together with a guest speaker...but most of all you will have made a statement about how we can tread softly, work with the environment not against it and still have great gardens. Phone 03 6267 2020 for further information.

### Long Terrace Gets a Makeover

Our contractor, Col Hughes, the man who can do anything, has built a set of 29 stairs just north of the Tank Trap and constructed a cross track that links the stairs with the Rabbit Hill Track. He also put in two sets of trellis screens to help divide the long terrace into garden "rooms". Well mulched understorey plants have been added which will eventually thicken out and make a better habitat for small birds. Aunt Barbara, one of the two tea ladies created by Bronwen Parr and Marcus Higgs, has been given a new outfit. Come and see for yourself!

### Inverawe to participate in Wildflower Show

Don't miss the Wildflower Show, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8, 9 and 10 October at City Hall, Macquarie St, Hobart. Inverawe will be there. Come and see us – we will have a colourful stall and special offer!



The 2008 show. Photo: Bruce Champion/APS Hobart

### Engineers do it Safely

"You're an engineer, aren't you?" a recent visitor asked the Head Gardener. The Head Gardener admitted that he was.

"I thought so", said the visitor. "Your tripods have all got four legs!" (These are climbing frames on which we are training native Clematis and Blue Love Creeper). The Head Gardener suggested that four legs are a tad more stable than three.

"And", the visitor continued, "your paths are well benched. They are so easy to walk on."

### All our Own Work...

Main paths are 80 cm wide, benched, gravelled and edged with timber. Stairs have a maximum rise of 20 cm each with wide treads and are fitted with hand rails for safety and comfort. Posts are sunk to a depth of 60 cm and concreted. In steeper areas posts are 90 cm deep and back stayed with star pickets. Rails are screwed in position. 40 seats are strategically placed to help visitors enjoy the garden at a leisurely pace, while appreciating the views.

The new northern area and the regeneration area have more natural bush tracks to give an authentic bush feel to the experience.

### Gift Vouchers a Real Hit

With Christmas coming up (no, really!) think about buying an Inverawe gift voucher for a friend.

### Events, Events, Events

We are running a two hour native plant workshop at 1.30 pm on October 17 – normal entry price but you must book. Ph 6267 2020

The poetry competition prize presentations and readings will be on at 1.30 pm on 14 November.

We will be running other events. Look for them on our website.

### Bumping into Baudin

One of our interpretation panels talks about the contribution made by French Explorer, Nicolas Baudin. His ships were anchored off Dru Point for several weeks in 1803 and would have been visible from our lookout on Rabbit Hill. Baudin also called into what is now Albany, WA, where we bumped into him.



A bust of Nicolas Baudin, overlooking King George's Sound, Albany WA

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



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Open seven days a week

1 September to the end of May, from 9 am to 6 pm  
Closed Christmas Day,

To see the garden during June July, August,  
please give us a call.

Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome

Tea on the terrace: only \$6.00 extra!