

# Inverawe Native Gardens

Newsletter – September 2008

## Spring is in the Air



*The west terrace, November 2007, as it was when Charles Woolley was filmed at Inverawe for Hobart Water's TV Waterwise campaign. Inverawe looks good at anytime, but spring is special*

## Opening Specials at Inverawe

To encourage the use of native plants in gardens we're offering a free native plant to each of the first 50 couples to visit Inverawe this season. The garden will be open to visitors seven days a week, 9.00 am to sunset from Saturday 30 August through to the end of May.

## Send a Friend or Come Again

Buy a gift voucher for a friend – for entry or entry plus tea on the terrace. It makes a great gift! Or purchase one of our popular season tickets. You can return as often as you like during the season!

## Meet the Head Gardener

The first of our *Ask the Head Gardener* Series will be held on Sunday 28 September, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm, followed by afternoon tea. Cost \$40, bookings essential (ph 6267 2020). Over the past seven years. Inverawe has emerged as Tasmania's largest, open to the public, native garden. Come and find out all the secrets, and discuss any native plant problems you may have with our Head Gardener. Learn about plant selection, soil types and much more. Bring a bag of soil and we'll do a pH test.

## What's New? This is New!



*Stanley and Mervyn contemplate the next move. The figures have been brilliantly realised by local artist Bronwen Parr.*

In our new sculpture garden, the Players (above) are joined by *Applied Mechanics*, a series of craft wood pieces by sculptor Will Roberts. Will also has a free standing Huon Pine work, *The Pioneers*. A limestone work, *Regeneration* by Melbourne sculptor Bronwyn Culshaw has been relocated to the sculpture garden, as has *Louis, the Weather Prophet*, a ceramic work by Margate ceramicist Lesley Perkins. Our regular pieces are still around other parts of the garden - *Terri, The Worker Elves, Golden Harvest* and *The Hands*, all by Lesley Perkins and *Chrysalis* and *Spring* by Hobart sculptor Bruce Pringle.

## The Power of Pots



*Use pots to brighten up quiet corners*  
Famous UK gardens Great Dixter, Hidcote and the Eden Project use pots to lift otherwise ordinary areas. The pots can be changed to suit the seasons. You'll see us doing much the same when you visit Inverawe. Pots bring drama and glamour to the garden.

### **Banksia Garden Expands**

The Banksia garden, on a slope between the Ridge End lookout and the sculpture garden, now houses 60 Banksias, drawn from 12 species. We're also trialling some Waratahs and a couple of Dryandras. Some established Sticky Wattles and South Esk Pines help give structure.

### **Long Terrace Becomes Shorter**

The long terrace joins the Tea Terrace and the Tank Trap. The Acacias we planted on the upper slope a few years ago are now coming into bloom. We've established a couple of small terraces for visitors to sit and take in the scenery and on the lower slope we've planted a couple of hundred understorey plants. The soil here is sandy and dry, so this really is an experiment in sustainable gardening.



*This blue pincushion daisy looks great in a pot.*

**Blooming Tasmania booklet now in the September edition of Gardening Australia Magazine:** Don't miss your copy. It lists all the gardens that are normally open for visitors.



*This Kangaroo fern thrives in a pot or rockery.*

### **Plant Labels Aid in Plant Selection**

Many visitors wander around with pencil and paper, jotting down the names of plants they might want to try in their own gardens. At Inverawe you can see the plant as it grows in the garden. They all look good in pots in the nursery!

### **Bathing Beauties**

Bird bath number two is visible from the tea terrace. Recently two Blue Wrens were taking a bath whilst a Forty Spotted Pardalote on a twig nearby anxiously waited its turn. They were all cleared out by an aggressive Yellow Throated Honeyeater, who was immediately cleared out by two New Hollands, who had only just arrived when a Brush Wattle Bird cleared them out. The Wattle Bird lost interest in the bird bath and moved on, to be replaced by two Brown Thornbills. It's all go at Bathtub Central.



*Kunzea Badja Carpet normally flowers in late October, early November*

### **What's Inverawe all About?**

At Inverawe we are developing a new Australian gardening style – one that sits easily on our fragile landscapes. It's sustainable, low chemical, low water and low maintenance but that's not the best part. The best part is the colour, drama and tranquillity of a landscaped native Garden.

We've planted 7000 natives and have attracted 84 different bird species. The 84<sup>th</sup> species, the White Fronted Chat, showed up just recently. We must be doing something right. With Spring about to spring, many of the birds are getting ready to nest.

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**Open seven days a week, inclusive**

**30 August to end May,**

**from 9.00 am, to sunset**

**Closed Christmas Day**

**Open Holiday Mondays.**

**Other times by arrangement.**

**Entry fee: \$10.00**

**Tea on the terrace: only \$6.00 extra!**

**Season tickets are available, or buy a gift voucher for a friend**

**Meet the Head Gardener: \$40 phone 6267 2020 for a booking**