

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Whozat? (Take two)



Juvenile Sea Eagle

Following last newsletter's juvenile Goldfinch, here's a young Sea Eagle, photographed at the mouth of the North West Bay River, some time ago. It was the same size and shape as the adult but dressed in sober brown. Sea Eagles are occasional visitors to North West Bay. Swamp Harriers are more common. Wing shape and the angle between the wings in flight (the dihedral) make the species fairly easy to tell apart.

Tasmanian Heritage Festival



Jacques Labillardiere, left, Robert Brown, right.

Sunday May 3 we will conduct a walk and talk around Inverawe. The title of the talk is *Botanical and Scientific Discovery in an age of Conflict*. The walk will be led by our Head Gardener (the guy in the red shirt, above) and will be based pretty much on the life and times of the other two characters in the shot, Robert and Jacques. Amy Lyons will get a mention, as will the Empress Josephine, plus, for good measure, a second son of the Earl of Warwick. We'll be looking at some of the plant species they named. Bookings essential ph 6267 2020

Flowers? Of Course!



Grevillea lanigera, Mt Tamboritha form

The Mt Tamboritha form of *Grevillea lanigera* is a ground covering plant to around one metre across. At Inverawe it flowers for ten months of the year, just knocking off for a couple of months in summer. For us, it takes full sun or part shade. We've found *Grevilleas* are quite picky about where they grow. I've exchanged notes with growers far and wide and what does well in one area might not like another. Trial and error (and rip-roaring success) is the order of the day. It's not clear whether they actually came from Mt Tamboritha (in Victoria) but then Panama hats don't come from Panama, Manilla folders from Manilla, or Turkeys from Turkey. I think frankfurts came from Frankfurt...not sure about Homburgs...

Wattles Flower When?



Acacia retinodes

Most folk figure that Wattles (*Acacias*) flower late winter, early spring. Some Wattles are stubbornly independent, like this *Acacia retinodes* (Warilda) at our front gate. *Acacia floribunda* also flowers when it feels like it. We have around 30 species of Wattle at Inverawe and there is always one species or another in bloom.

A Few More Flowers!



A recent vase of flowers

Some of our visitors are astonished to discover that native plants actually have flowers. Well, there you go, a vase of native flowers.

Bell Ropes



Margaret rings in the changes

Frank Brown, a member of the International Guild of Knot Tiers visited not too long ago and was appalled at the bell ropes we were using - a couple of casually plaited bootlaces. Frank set to and produced these magnificent bell ropes, being put through their paces by Margaret. The nearer bell rope is bleu, blanc, rouge, the French national colours, an acknowledgement of the French explorers who were here, over 200 years ago.

What People Say

What a wonderful garden...wonderful views Mike and Rosie, Devon, UK

Two honeymooners who loved your garden! Husain and Naeema, Bahrain

Just beautiful! Helen and Marg, Old Beach

Inspiring, so many ideas Judy and Tony, Ballarat

A wonderful garden and a great experience Julie and Peter, Berry NSW

A triumph of dedication Sandy, Goulburn NSW

Beautiful garden and welcoming hosts Denise, Townsville Qld.

Absolutely brilliant work Robert and Fiona, Quirindi NSW

Propagating Workshop



The March propagating group

This group of gardeners learnt the basics of native plant propagation in our recent workshop. Whilst there is difficult stuff that only the experts can do there is also simple stuff for anyone to try.

Another Thing...

In the UK, some time ago, they started eliminating hedgerows. Birds had nowhere to nest, fewer insects to feed on. Hedgerows made a comeback. In Australia farmers are putting in shelter belts and corridors. Wherever you are reading this, you can help too, by putting in a few plants that are native to your area. We're going to save the planet, one shrub at a time. You're part of the solution already!

See you in the garden!



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