

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

What's this Flower?



This unusual bloom is *Calothamnus quadrifidus*

Calothamnus - Net Bush - is from the south west of WA. It enjoys a well drained sunny aspect. It flowers in spring but is an impressive bush at any time.

Events at Inverawe



Those birds are out there somewhere...

For those of you within a thousand miles of Inverawe, we are running another of our popular "Breakfast with the Birds", 1 December. After a breakfast of hot muffins, fruit salad and tea, join the grand bird tour of Inverawe. We've spotted 97 species at Inverawe. Number 98 is out there somewhere, waiting for you to bag it!

"Sustainable Gardening with Natives", 1.30 pm on December 8, gives you the inside information on how to turn a weed strewn wasteland into a low cost, low maintenance, colourful, bird attracting garden. Both events \$25 per person, bookings essential, ph 03 6267 2020

Spring Community Festival at Hobart Botanic
We had a "guess the flower" display at the recent RTBG spring community festival and many people were able to identify all nine flowers.

Fabulous Season for Flowers



Leptospermum lambertii - Pink flowering Tea Tree

It's been a great season for flowers in the garden, with plenty of rain through October and some warmth providing ideal growing conditions. I'm a little short of information on *L lambertii*. Since we share this genus with New Zealand, it might even be a Kiwi but it is very colourful and free flowering. Tea Trees tend to have a five to ten year life span. The main pests are webbing caterpillars.

If It's November Already...



Myoporum florabundum

Rolling into November, *Callistemon* (Bottlebrush) come into bloom. So does *Kunzia ambigua*, and the red flowering gum *E leucoxylon rosea*. *Myoporum florabundum* (above) is spectacular. Many of our *Grevilleas* bloom from now through summer. *Westringias* always seem to be in bloom. So too are the Native Hibiscus. Notes for these say "prune after flowering" but they never stop!

The Grass Cutting Season

It's coming into grass cutting season. In times past we cut the grass much more frequently, for weed control. Constantly cutting those guys weakens their enthusiasm. It's a long time since Blackberry, Broom, Hawthorn and Thistles dominated. These days we cut for cosmetic purposes, and for hazard reduction coming into the dry season, which sets in around mid December.

Landscaping the Long Terrace



Our latest visual installation

Landscaping the Long Terrace that runs between the Tea Terrace and Rabbit Hill throws up special challenges. It is long and narrow and there is a tendency to see it as a way of getting from A to B rather than as a garden in its own right. We've put a number of installations in place to slow people down, including this latest, above, which we've surrounded with about 30 Grevilleas to set it in context.

We've also installed several trellis fences to divide the terrace into compartments which will each develop their own characters over time. As part of this a great deal of understory has been planted to visually separate the terrace from the slope lower down. Given the vagaries of the weather in recent seasons, this all takes time and plant losses are part of the game.

Propagating with Natives



Dee and Lisa enjoy their work

At our recent propagating workshop the group learnt how to do the easy things that need just a minimum of equipment and little skill. They took cuttings, collected seed, planted other seed, and watched whilst the Head Gardener divided an overgrown pot of Kangaroo Paws with a tomahawk. Most things in hard fruit can be grown from seed, and things in pods respond to the boiling water treatment. A heap of things come away from cutting - *Westringias*, *Prostantheras*, *Correas*, *Eriostemon* and some others. The tricky stuff we leave to the experts, plus, at Inverawe we are always shopping around for variety and face it, we just don't have time to do as much propagating as we would like. Good news for the local nurseries!

Banksias and Other Stuff



Banksia praemorsa - Cut Leaf Banksia.

Our Banksia slope took a pasting last summer - a hot dry summer, after a very dry winter. We had some losses but this *Banksia*, pictured took it all in its stride.

What People Say

Jill and Sue, from Brisbane, commented: "*A beautiful morning - constant intriguing surprises - thanks*"

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



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