

# Inverawe Native Gardens

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

**We've changed our opening hours for this season. Check the box at the end of this newsletter. See you in the Garden!**

## Yellow Wattle Bird



These are very large Honeyeaters, and they have recently nested near our Tea Terrace. Two large youngsters seem to have flown the nest in the last few days. They must have been chewing through lots of honey (well, nectar) and insects!

## Unfinished Business



*Wollemi Pine – Male cone*

Thanks to those readers who identified last month's image as a male Wollemi cone. I've collected pollen. Thanks also to those readers who identified last month's mystery shrub as *Richea procera*. The combined wisdom of our 3000 readers amazes me.

## Anyone For Tea?



*Kunzea ambigua*, now coming into bloom. It has a wonderful honey smell. You can make tea from the leaves but it tastes deeply ordinary. .

## Waratah? Yes! Yes! Yes!



*Just Boasting. (Waratah Braidwood Brilliant)*

## Visit Gardens? Why?



*Morning mist, North West Bay*

We've visited gardens widely, Australia, NZ, UK, France, Ireland, a couple in Canada. It tells you a lot about the nature of a society. At Inverawe's Australian garden you can immerse yourself in native plants set in a sustainable garden with low water, yielding flowers, year-round. You can sit and enjoy, drink in the overwhelming view (we do), enjoy a long walk or a pleasant short stroll. Soak up ideas for your own garden, whether that's plants, landscaping tricks, or "bits of business". We've picked up ideas from lots of different gardens. And you don't need a big garden. We were visiting large gardens when our own was a tiny concrete courtyard with maybe a dozen pots. Getting into nature is said to be good for your health – and it is! If Inverawe is too far away just now, find another big garden to visit. Do it now!

## THE SINGULARITY OF SOCK



*Our most popular poem in the garden – lots more poems in our book- “Tasmania’s Inverawe Story”*

He was beside me on the line.  
I know he was.  
But when we were brought in  
and sorted  
he wasn't there.  
She searched the machine  
and the dryer  
but I knew he'd been beside me on the line.  
She looked around the clothes line.  
He was gone.

When all the others had been sorted  
I was put in the underpant drawer  
as befits an odd sock.  
Humiliation.  
The underpants tried to comfort me  
in their growly way  
but they're jocks  
not socks.

I peep out the drawer  
when the washing comes in  
and sometimes think I see him  
but...

I hear the socks  
in the drawer below  
telling tales  
of where they've been,  
what they've done.  
I'm alone in the second drawer

There's no one else who remembers  
climbing Cradle Mount in driving snow  
or that long hot walk down the Kowmung.  
He just vanished.  
Didn't say a word.

Maybe he's in the darning basket.  
That's it!  
Maybe he'll be back one day!  
That roguish charm,  
meanwhile  
I'm here in the second drawer,  
waiting.

## Brother Bunny and the Paper Daisies



*Xerochrysum bracteatum*

Paper Daisies are our signature flower. When they've done we put them in the compost where they deposit seeds. When the compost is rotted down we spread it on the garden and the result is lots of daisy seedlings. Except Brother Bunny has developed a liking for the babies (curse you, Brother Bunny!). We've spent the last couple of days digging them up before Bunny reaches them. We pot them on. By the time they've graduated to 125mm pots, we can replant them or sell them to other lucky gardeners. Mature daisies are not as attractive to our furry guys.



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(Closed Tuesday & Wednesdays)  
1 September to the end of April  
First entry 10 am, last entry 4.00 pm  
Other times by arrangement –  
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Entry fee applies: Concessions welcome**