



## Spring is here!

Tasmania is known for wild weather during Spring and this year has been no exception. Six years of drought had even exhausted the large water store in our rainforest peat soil, but the past 2 months of record rainfall has now replenished this important part of our ecosystem. Hidden falls is again flowing and the drought stressed rainforest trees are again lush and healthy.

Two wind storms in 2 weeks caused havoc on the walking track so we brought forward our yearly track clearing by a couple of months. Paul spent last Friday clearing 6 large and numerous smaller trees from the Mt Misery and waterfall tracks.

With daylight savings providing an extra hour of light in the evenings, now is a great time to spend the late afternoon relaxing in an outdoor bath with a glass of wine and a glorious sunset.



## HBR Jams, Sauces and Chutneys

Have you tried our breakfast baskets, which feature organic and local produce, including our tasty home made jam? Our range of jams, sauces and chutneys uses organic and local ingredients.

**6 assorted bottles, posted anywhere in Australia, for \$40.**



See the product list on our website, then phone or email to place your order.

## Monthly Prize Draw Winners

Recent winners of a night free Studio Cabin accommodation are:

**July:** Sharnie Freeman

**August:** Cheryl Hure

**September:** Kym Fitzpatrick

If you are a winner, you should have received an email from us with your gift certificate. If not, please contact us.

## Spring Specials

The spring sale prices make it even easier to get away and experience this true nature retreat. Contact us direct by phone 03 6264 2233 or email [info@huonbushretreats.com](mailto:info@huonbushretreats.com) for these great prices.



### *Sunday to Thursday*

**Studio cabins**, 2 night stays \$145 per night for 2 people.

**2 bedroom cabins**, 2 night stays \$195 per night for up to 4 people.

**Tipees**, \$75 per night min 2 night stays for 2 people.

Extra guests \$30 each per night.

### *Friday and Saturday*

**Studio cabins**, min 2 night stays \$175 per night for 2 people.

**2 bedroom cabins**, min 2 night stays \$265 per night for up to 4 people.

**Tipees**, min 2 night stays \$95 per night for 2 people.

Extra guests \$30 each per night.

## Minor Refurbishment of the Studio Cabins

Nearly 6 years after opening, wear and tear is starting to show, so we have a minor refurbishment underway. Repainting of all the studio cabins is happening over the next few weeks, some carpets are being replaced and fresh linen is being rolled out.

The old carpets and linen will be donated to needy people.

## Food Trail Launch

September 11th saw the launch of the Huon Food Trail by Senator Carol Brown at Grandveve Cheesery.

The Huon Food Trail is an innovation of Huon Bush Retreats. With this guide booklet, you play Hunter-Gatherer, discover the region's hidden gems and gather fine local ingredients for your unique Tasmanian feast.

Huon Bush Retreats have created a range of seasonal menus that include premium local ingredients and the little known pathways to their discovery.



Inside this range of special guides you will discover the some of the joys of the Huon Trail and find out just how simple it is to prepare a luscious meal when you have the right ingredients.

These guides are free to Huon Bush Retreats visitors. You don't have to be staying overnight. Or you can download the guides on the links below.

***Huon Food Trial - for Autumn***

***Huon Food Trail - for Winter***

## Orphans

Rory is now a young adult and is finding his place in the wild wallaby community. Using his cat flap, he can come and go pretty much as he pleases, but chooses to spend most of his time outside.

Recently, Rosie joined us and has settled in very well. Raised in a domestic garden, Rosie now loves the freedom and native foods she finds here but still likes a bit of human company. If we leave the door open, she comes in and raids the pot plants. Rosie is easy to pick from the rest of the mob as she has a white patch on her back.

Louie spent 10 days with us, but didn't quite adjust to foraging in nature. Despite supplementary food, she lost weight, so has now gone back to a full time carer. Another month or so to grow a little more and for the spring growth to provide plenty of lush food here in the wild, and she will come back for another try at release.



## Tasmanian Tourism Award Entries

Last year, Huon Bush Retreats came second, to the Overland Track, in Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism. This year we are up for three Tasmanian Tourism Awards.

- **Eco-Tourism:** Tourism that provides a strong ecological experience.
- **Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism:** Huon Bush Retreats is an outstanding example of providing excellent facilities and at the same time having a positive effect on the environment.
- **Peoples Choice Award:** Winning the statewide nomination, by our guests filling in the Tourism Industry Customer Surveys, during the July Sept 2008 quarter, as providing outstanding service and experience. Thanks to everyone who has completed a survey.



The announcement and presentation takes place at Wrest Point Convention Centre on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## Global Eco Tourism Conference

Paul has been invited to present a paper at the Asia Pacific Global Eco Tourism Conference in Alice Springs 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The paper will highlight Huon Bush Retreats' outstanding performance in eco-design.

More details at [www.globaleco.com.au](http://www.globaleco.com.au)



## Huon Valley Kingborough Tourism Association

Michael has been re-elected as Chair of Huon Valley Kingborough Tourism Association. The HVKTA provides co-operative opportunities for individual and groups of tourism related businesses south from Hobart. It also operates the GreenTEA program, conducting environmental audits for tourism businesses in the region.

## Social Networking

### Facebook

You can now become a Facebook Fan of Huon Bush Retreats. Log into [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) then search for Huon Bush Retreats.



### Trip Advisor

You can also add your experiences and read about others on Trip Advisor. Go to [www.tripadvisor.com/](http://www.tripadvisor.com/) and search for Huon Bush Retreats.



## Properties for sale

Several properties surrounding Mt Misery Habitat Reserve are about to be placed on the market for sale. We hope that they will be bought by people who share our passion for protecting and enjoying the natural values of the area. If you would like further information, please email or phone us.

## Upcoming Events

### Womens' Day Circle

Sunday 15 November, 10 – 4  
\$55 inc morning tea, lunch and workshops.

### Sex, Will and Magic Workshop

Sunday 13 December 10am - 4pm. Vegetarian Lunch included.  
Cost: \$75 concession/\$95 waged.

In this experiential workshop we will learn ways to tap the energy of life and sex, using this to strengthen our will and fuel our work. Energy techniques, meditation and chanting will help us access life power, opening our lives to heightened awareness, energetic sensitivity, and a strong, magical will. Strength, love, and beauty will surely follow.

<http://www.thorncoyle.com>.

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