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### **What a great turnout for our first Get-together since June!**

We have missed getting to speak with everyone so even though it was via Zoom we were encouraged that so many of you joined in. We are planning on continuing Zoom Get-togethers for the next few months in order to stay in touch until it is safe to meet in person.



During the Get-together, we outlined (and later emailed) our comments on the Plan of Management for the whole of Ivanhoe Park. We hope you responded to our call and submitted your comments too. We also saw that our Facebook post encouraging everyone to have their say was well visited – over 1400 views! We're overwhelmed by this success and we will report on the results soon.

Our Bunnings delivery of tools took place and everything is now loaded into our store room. This purchase was made possible using funds from the Federal Volunteers Grant that we received last year.

Even though we haven't been able to work in the Garden, the Council gardeners have – checking on the irrigation system as well as some major clearing of the understory.

We're busy planning for the time that we can return to the "new normal" as we know you are. Thank you for hanging in there with us.

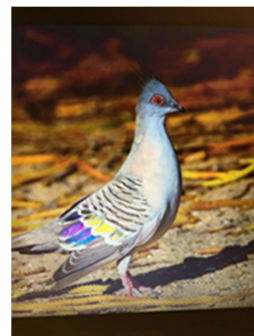
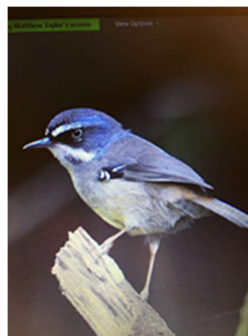
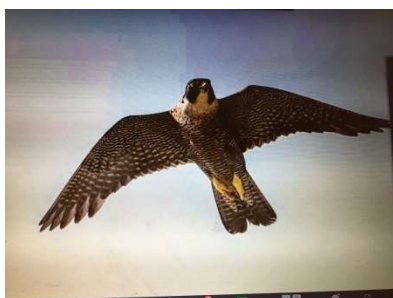
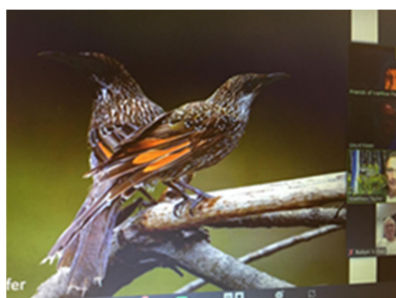
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## A fascinating look at the Birds of North Head

Matthew Taylor entertained us with a photographic exploration of the birds of North Head as well as some realistic sound effects in his talk at our Zoom Get-together.

Matthew, a self-professed Conservationist, bird fan and guerrilla weeder, spoke about the many bird habitats of North Heads. They are heathland/shrubland including Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, open forest; littoral rainforest, beach/harbour foreshore, built environment/exotic plantings and Oceanic.

He then introduced us to the Brush Wattlebird, Peregrine Falcon, White-browed Scrubwren, and Crested Pigeon, just some of the 100 species of birds that inhabit or visit North Heads.



**View Matthew's complete presentation on our website by clicking [here](#)**

## Great news for our Working Bees



Well, like everyone, we're over Covid lockdowns but we are seeing some green shoots of hope.

We all enjoyed working in the Garden pre-lockdown and did really good work and sad that we couldn't keep it up. Our Garden needs us desperately – we haven't had a Working Bee since May!

As you know, right now, up to 5 fully vaccinated adults can gather. And yes, garden! We'll start with smaller groups to ensure that everyone has a chance to get back to work as well as holding more than one Working Bee a month for the near future – one on Saturday and another mid-week.

We'll start again on our regular Working Bee Saturday, October 16, so keep an eye out for our email checking to see who's interested in coming along.

**Those members who are WHS-inducted will have first choice of dates and times**

**If you haven't renewed or joined yet, please email us so we can get you working in the Garden**

**For new members, and members not yet inducted, we will schedule a training day for you**

## The Tree of the Month Project – two from the Mahogany family



*Meliaceae*, or the mahogany family, is a flowering plant family of mostly trees and shrubs. This month we are introducing you to our two examples – the Red Cedar and the Scentless Rosewood.

One genus, *Toona* (Red Cedar) extends north into temperate China and south into southeast Australia, the other, *Synoum* (Scentless Rosewood) into southeast Australia.

Both these trees are known for their valuable timber – one rare and almost extinct, the other, utilitarian to this day. Read on to discover more.

### Red Cedar

*Toona ciliata*

*Toona* from *toon* or *tun*, Indian name for this tree; *ciliata* derived from Latin, meaning having fine hairs, which relates to the fine hairs on the edge of the leaf which resemble an eyelash

Also known as: Australian Red Cedar, Indian Mahogany.

Indigenous names: *Polai* in the Illawarra, *Woolia* on the Richmond River, *Mamin* and *Mugurpul* near Brisbane, and *Woota* at Wide Bay



Often referred to as “Red Gold” during the early pioneering years of Australia, it was heavily and unsustainably exploited in the 19th and early 20th centuries and the species is essentially commercially extinct and availability of this timber is now limited.

### Scentless Rosewood

*Synoum glandulosum*

A monotypic genus of evergreen tree, related to the *Toona* (Red Cedar). The genus was originally described by French naturalist Adrien-Henri de Jussieu in 1830

Also known as: Scentless Rosewood, Bastard Rosewood



The timber is used in local construction as sawn timber for general house framing, flooring, mouldings and joinery as well as used for furniture, shop and office fixtures, panelling, wood turning, and carving, as structural plywood, scaffold planks, wood wool, paper products, particleboard and fibreboard.

Go to our webpage to find out more about our wonderful trees. This link will take you there: [Our Trees](#).



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**Our October 13 Get-together will look at North Head:  
A year after the escaped Hazard Reduction burn on October 18, 2020**



Our speakers, Geoff and Judy Lambert, both members, will look at what went wrong after the escaped hazard reduction at North Heads. They'll talk about the recovery of bushland and its inhabitants almost a year after the fire, as well as giving us their predictions based on other fire research in Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub bushland.

Our Get-together will be via Zoom, starting at 7:00 p.m. and followed by a Q&A session plus an update on Garden happenings in October. A link will be emailed closer to the date.

**Our speakers:**



Geoff Lambert describes himself as a “professional neuroscientist and amateur ecologist.” He’s a life-long bushwalker, with a history of interest in North Head since he moved to Manly in the 1970s. He’s a keen researcher of the history and heritage of the place, its plant and animal life, and the quirks and challenges of conserving this amazing area, given its numerous public land managers, both State and Federal.

His “caught” interest in fire management for environmental outcomes, stems from his wife Judy, who started her career as a pharmacist then moved on to medical research before retraining in environmental management. Judy is proud to have coordinated both the National Heritage nomination for North Head and the State Heritage nomination for Ivanhoe Park.

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**How to report dumping, vandalism and anti-social behaviour**

Lately we’ve noticed (and some of you have reported to us) that a lot more vandalism and anti-social behaviour resulting in so much more dumped rubbish has been occurring, so we wanted to share how to report such occurrences.

- The police can only respond to incidences as they are happening so don’t hesitate to call them day or night on:

**9976 8099**

- For dumped rubbish, graffiti and vandalism, create a case by calling:

**1 300 434 434**

or using the following link:

[https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/?utm\\_source=northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au&utm\\_medium=301&utm\\_campaign=Website](https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/?utm_source=northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au&utm_medium=301&utm_campaign=Website)

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## Have you received your Membership Card for 2021-2022?

If you've renewed, don't worry, it will be hand delivered by members of our intrepid Executive Committee. If you haven't renewed, or joined yet, please do – we need the help of the entire community.

## Dates for our upcoming Get-togethers and Garden Working Bees

**2021 Monthly Get-togethers**  
Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Via Zoom for the next few months**

Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Time
October	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
November	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
December	Let's celebrate	7:00-8:30pm

Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Time
October	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11.00am
November	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11.00am
December	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11.00am

## 2021 Garden Working Bees

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, subject to weather and air quality.

We'd love to see more volunteers working with us in the Garden, so please email us and let us know if you are interested. You do need to be a financial member to be covered by our accident insurance. On the plus side, you will be inducted for free on your first session and you will be joining a happy and dedicated crew who are really making a difference in Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden.

Keep up to date with happenings at Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden  
by visiting our website anytime

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