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### Our Annual General Meeting reviewed A Year of Successes, Challenges & Our New Normal

24 members and guests attended our Annual General Meeting on July 20.



And that included our three levels of Government.



Zali Steggall, OAM, Federal MP, spoke of how her office and Grants Officer, Wendy Camelotti, assisted us in our proposal to receive Federal funds under the Volunteers' Grant. Assessed by an independent committee it was unanimously accepted and the funds will be used for gardening and safety equipment for our volunteers. She also reminded us of the importance of areas like Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden being special as are all open spaces to our environment and thanked us for our commitment and promised to join a working bee in the future.



James Griffin, State MP and our Patron. Not only did his initial financial support three years ago make the formation of the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden possible, he was instrumental in gaining the listing for Ivanhoe Park in the State Heritage Register. He thanked us for our efforts over the last year and especially the work done by the Working Bees in the Garden, and acknowledged that even though the Botanic Garden is not well known, this is changing with the long term aim to make it a beautiful local space.

Candy Bingham, Deputy Mayor, Northern Beaches Council, talked about our ongoing and successful collaboration with Council and residents for the past three years and admitted that although she was a local, prior to working on the successful application for funding to develop and deliver the Masterplan, she had not been aware of the existence of the Botanic Garden. This support by Northern Beaches Council is only one part of its current endeavour of developing a Conservation Management Plan to identify areas that need preserving across the whole council area.



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Although a representative was not able to attend the meeting James Griffin wanted to thank them for their support to local Community Groups. We also expressed our thanks as we were the recipients of a sponsorship grant last financial year and again this year.

After reports from the outgoing Executive Committee, we watched the presentation entitled A Year of Successes, Challenges & Our New Normal.

Below are the highlights but you can view the entire presentation [here](#).



## **Our Successes**

- Stage One of the Masterplan implementation was completed with sandstone stairs replacing the rough trail from the Manly Bowling Club to the open grassed area at the end of the old tramway
- Successful sponsorships and grants from the Federal Government and Bendigo Bank
- Ivanhoe Park is now listed in the State Heritage Register
- Monthly Get-togethers are less formal, more social, with great speakers and diverse topics
- Our Working Bees have made a noticeable impact in the Garden
- We initiated great new ventures – native plant sales and offsite tours

## **Our Challenges**

- Continuing drought and devastating bush fires with water restrictions curtailed our Watering Bees
- Choking smoke haze created unhealthy air quality so Working Bees were cancelled
- The Covid-19 global pandemic meant lockdowns so no face to face Get-togethers as well as the postponement of special events
- Garden vandalism and anti-social behaviour became a real issue

## **Our New Normal**

- Staying safe and healthy by following government guidelines
- Social distancing and limiting numbers at Get-togethers
- Finding new ways to celebrate and above all, having fun - like joining one of our Working Bees!

## **A Positive Future**

- Increasing frequency of Working Bees next summer
- Looking to celebrate the finalization of the Tramway with an Open Day Festival
- Commencing the rebuild of the central part of the Garden
- Updating, repairing, and repositioning the walkways through the Garden
- Planning several smaller events in the Garden
- Lining up great speakers for future Get-togethers
- Expanding our native plant sales
- Setting up walking tours for interested locals and tourists through the Garden and other historic areas in Manly

**And of course recruiting new members**



## Meet the 2020-2021 Executive Committee



Denise Keen  
Public Officer



Lloyd Keen, President, with a  
happy door prize winner



Lois Clarke  
Secretary



Tony Lewis  
Fundraising  
& Grants  
Coordinator



Liz Howe  
Website &  
Marketing  
Coordinator



Roger Dawson  
Treasurer



Sandy Hudspith, Vice President, selling native  
plants to David Stead, Membership Coordinator,  
for future planting in the Garden

And thanks to Isobel, the concierge at our monthly Get-togethers

## Vandalism Report and what's being done

Lately, every Working Bee, our efforts have not been limited to collecting plant debris but also to an escalation of debris left by noisy late night gatherings, usually fuelled by alcohol, usually on the weekends and during school holidays.

But the worst, most disappointing and shocking event occurred one weekend night in May when vandals perpetrated unbelievable plant destruction throughout the Garden.

Many of you reported and recorded the damage and we thank you.

We began working with the Council and local police who have provided a letter from the Crime Prevention Office, Northern Beaches Local Area Command, advising on what residents should do if witnessing unsocial behaviour. The letter has been distributed to houses in the vicinity of the Garden as well to all our members and friends.

There is still more we can do and we are looking into it, but it is now up to the community to take action, because we can't do this without your help and support.

You can read the letter [here](#).

6 July, 2020



Dear Resident,

Northern Beaches Police Area Command have received reports of trespass and malicious damage incidents occurring in and around the Manly Oval and Ivanhoe Park Botanic Gardens. These offences generally occur on Friday and Saturday nights. Youths appear to be congregating in the area consuming alcohol and illicit drugs resulting in offensive behaviour, damage to property and leaving dangerous/harmful litter in the area.

Police are requesting your assistance in the form of eyes and ears of the community. If you see any persons causing damage or behaving in an offensive manner, please contact Manly Police Station immediately on 9976 8099 or '000' if there is an emergency.

Northern Beaches Police are committed to the ongoing investigation and detection of offenders for these crimes. It is with your assistance that we work together to make this community a safer one.

Thanking you,

Crime Prevention Officer  
Northern Beaches Local Area Command

Northern Beaches Local Area Command  
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## Look at the ground we covered in the July Working Bee

It was a gloomy, wintery day but even though we socially distanced from each other, we soon warmed up because we had so much to do.

There was weeding, loads of planting and a ute full of mulch to spread.



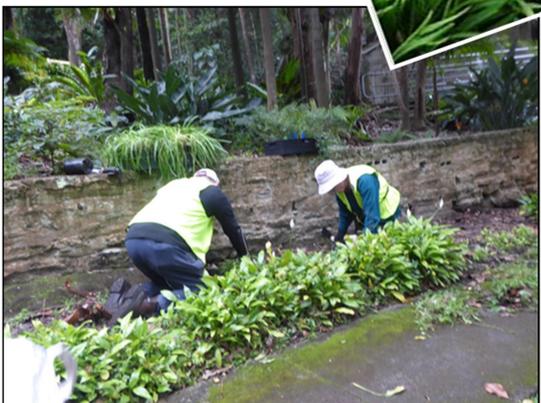
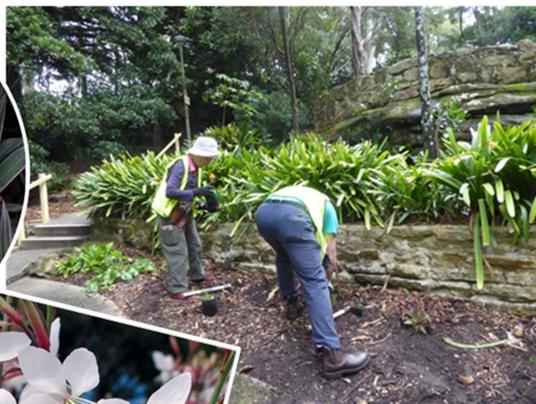
In the terraced area near the Scout Hall and along the pathway leading towards it, we planted some much needed colour:

- ***agapanthus orientalis*** or miniature Baby Blue Agapanthus
- ***tradescantia spathacea***, more commonly known as Rhoeo and Moses-in-the-Cradle
- White Butterfly Bush (Gaura Belleza White) or ***oenothera lindheimeri***

The native garden received quite a few new additions too:

- ***prostanthera incisa*** which is native Mint Bush
- Gorse bitter pea or ***daviesia ulicifolia***
- ***leptospermum squarrosus***, a peach blossom tea tree that will grow to 1-3 meters
- Apple Berry (***billardiera scandans***), a small shrub
- ***hibbertia aspera*** commonly known as trailing Guinea Flower

Our thanks to our 14 avid gardeners and, of course to the energetic Choco, who did not hesitate to pick up branch debris and actually deposit her finds next to the piles already gathered.



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## We're taking bookings for our Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden Tour



We have all been waiting to get out of quarantine and now is our chance. On Saturday, September 5, the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden have organized a wonderful tour of the local wildflower garden at St. Ives for members and guests.

In September, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden will be alive with colour and texture. Who knows a lyrebird or swamp wallaby may be seen.

We have arranged for a Ranger to accompany us and give us an informative talk as we walk through some of the many gardens. The cost will be \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members and that includes a delicious morning tea and the guided walk.

We will be meeting at the Visitor Centre at 9.45 a.m. having provided your own transportation, with the tour to commence at 10 a.m.

After the tour there are a couple of options for lunch:

- Stay and have your own picnic and continue exploration
- Join a group at the Buddha Belly Restaurant <http://thebuddhabelly.com.au/>. Each person will be expected to purchase their own food and wine and pay the restaurant on the day. We will book a group table so check out the menu to see if that's what you want to do <http://www.thebuddhabelly.com.au/menu.php>

A flyer with full details will be making its way to your inbox soon or you can reserve your place now at TryBooking using the following link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKPBS>

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## Around the Garden



New benches are being installed.

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Sadly we will be losing our lovely old Sydney red gum.

This *Angophora costata* at the top south-west corner of the Garden is in decline and poses a safety risk as it leans over the pathway and it could fall and injure a person or damage the path and surrounding gardens.

The Council's Senior Tree Manager of Public Trees has examined the *Angophora costata* and because of the evident root rot with necrotic tissue advancing up the mainstem and canopy dieback, it will need to be removed.



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

#### Monthly Get-togethers

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Time
August	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
September	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
October	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
November	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.30pm
December	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00-8.30pm

Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Time
August	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am
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#### Working Bees

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

*Please note the seasonal start time change*

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## Other News

### Transport & Traffic Survey on behalf of Zali Steggall OAM MP for Warringah

With life cautiously going back to normal and people moving around more, it begs the question: what are our transport and traffic solutions?

The COVID-19 experience has presented us with an alternate version of our daily lives. Many people have been able to continue to work without physically travelling to their workplace every day, in the usual way. Now we are easing restrictions and resuming our lives as much as we can.

My team and I would like to hear the views of everyone in our community on their experience with transport and traffic. On the basis of what we learn, we will work with federal, state and local governments on solutions that will assist our economic recovery now and in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SK3KMJS>

### Garden Clubs of Australia Newsletter and Announcement

**Newsletter:** Included in the newsletter are stories about Ann Williams Award winners, Holroyd & Parramatta Garden Club, Callala Community Garden, Kununurra Community Garden, Facebook and the GCA Calendar. We are chatting about treasurers, photography, open spaces, roses and snails.

#### Announcement:

1. The Australian Garden History Society is planning their 2020 Annual Conference in Sydney on 23–25 October this year and anyone interested in gardens is invited to attend. For more information visit the website [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au).

2. The 2020 Sydney Spring Garden Competition will go ahead. Despite the current climate, the organisers can safely administer this competition, giving Sydney gardeners something to get excited about! The competition will be free to enter this year. The schedule and entry form will be available soon, with expressions of interest currently available at [www.rasnw.com.au/sydneyspringgarden](http://www.rasnw.com.au/sydneyspringgarden).

If you would like us to forward the newsletter and announcement to you, please let us know.

### Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Newsletter

There is plenty to share from this newsletter of July 15, 2020, so if you'd like us to forward it to you, please let us know. Here's the summary.

- AAFBG committees BIG ANNOUNCEMENT
  - Current Grant Ops
  - Grant ops listed by states
  - Short video - Brisbane Friends
  - Short video - Friends of the Gold Coast
  - Short video - Friends of Noosa
  - Newsletter from Ivanhoe & Invitation
  - Friends of Williamstown newsletter
  - Newsletter from SA Botanic Garden
  - Buninyong News
  - New website link for AALBG
  - Link to page Subparparks - funny and true
  - BCGI link to page
  - Justice Connect
  - ACNC
  - Impact Suite
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