



**Friends Ivanhoe Park Botanic
Garden Minutes
Monday 16th September 2019**

**7.00 – 8.30 pm at Manly Bowling Club
Raglan Street Manly NSW 2095**

Acknowledgment to Country – Roger Dawson

1. Attendance – 15 as per attendance sheet

2. Apologies –Judy Lambert, Toni Stevenson, Jenny Cronan

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes . Moved by Sue Steggall and seconded by Ishbel Searle

4. Update from Chairman

The chairman Lloyd Keen welcomed all to the meeting.

Lloyd has met with Jenny Cronan from NBC for an update on the garden -where we are at to date. A Botanist is needed to develop a 10 year plan for trees and plantings.

NBC is drawing up plans for the next 18 months and Lloyd will give a report to the members at the next meeting in Nov. Of the original \$900,000 grant only \$100,000 has been spent to date on the surveys etc.

Focus will be

1. tram-track area as this is the best access to the garden
2. Installing new low garden down to the War Memorial Gates
3. Installing plaques re the recent Heritage Listing
4. SMO group are discussing what they will do now with their funds – suggestions have been to publish a booklet, historical art work display, display about heritage listing, memorial walk, plaques inserted in walkways or garden walls.

Working Bees Lloyd advised that the members need to take over running the working bees from the council. The supervisor of the day will liaise with council Head of Gardens each month. We still need somewhere to store tools – NBC does not want a shed as several have been broken into in other gardens – the plan is to ask to use part of the old toilet block. Next Sat working bee will be planting native seedlings in the south west corner of the garden.

Plant Propagation FIPBG have been given access to the council nursery at Curl Curl to grow our own plants. We will need a small group or can work one day a week. David Stead will be the organiser and will send out information on when this will be starting and for interested volunteers.

Treasurer Roger Dawson tabled the report. Our bank account is now with Freshwater Bendigo Bank. Trust account – State Government Grant is now down to \$170, Working Account balance is \$1,696.12. Moved for acceptance by Chris Searle Seconded by Sue Steggall.

Community Grant Our submission was fifth following the voting so did not get any funding. Lloyd will talk to James Griffin about funding due to the problems inherent in the voting system – many people were unable to vote online.

5. Introduction of Speaker

Paul Nicholson Senior Horticulturist at the Sydney Royal Botanic Garden delivered an entertaining presentation about the history of the RBG from the early days of the settlement at Farm Cove until the present. He also spoke about the role of the volunteers and the Friends of the Garden.

Paul offered to take members on the Behind the Scene tour in November or organise a tour of areas of interest.

Other Business:**Bus trip to Leura Garden Festival 4th October.**

There are still some seats available for the trip –please check website for details on booking..

Meeting closed at 8.45pm