

## **Community Garden and Specialist Garden Meeting**

Dee Why Civic Centre, 14 November 2019, 6:30pm

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Recruitment new members and promotion**

- a) How to recruit new members / volunteers. What works and what doesn't work? Can groups discuss their experiences?
- b) Where to find new members / volunteers e.g. schools, colleges, aged groups, club members and associated businesses
- c) How to go about creating a gardening group at a specialist garden?
- d) How to go about plant naming and providing community information on plants?

#### **2. Promotion through Council communication facilities**

- a) The Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden would like to have a tent at Council run events to promote our group. Would other groups like to share a tent?
- b) How can we use Council's communication facilities to recruit members and to promote our activities? Who is the contact/s at council?
- c) Can Council help with public relations? Who's the contact?

#### **3. Socialising and information sharing**

- a) On the belief that many volunteers help at various organisations. Would volunteers like to work at other gardens from time to time (swap). The benefits would be to help each other, network, enrich social connections and learn.
- b) Would members like to attend other group's meetings to share information about their garden and what they are doing?
- c) How the groups can link with Kimbriki Eco Centre

#### **4. Community garden plantings**

- a) Wicking Bed discussion
- b) Building raised garden beds - tips and tricks
- c) How to incorporate companion planting with crop rotation

#### **5. New community gardens**

- a) Manly Community Garden
- b) Fairlight Reservoir community garden

## **Promotion through Council communication facilities**

**How can we use Council's communication facilities to recruit members and to promote our activities? Who is the contact/s at council?**

1. Link your webpage to ours:  
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/parks-and-trails/gardens>
2. Submit your event to our Event Calendar:  
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on>
3. Submit your event to e-newsletter "Cooee" [CooeeNewsletter@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CooeeNewsletter@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)  
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/environmental-programs-and-resources/cooee-natural-environment-online-news>
4. Place your groups details on Council's Register of Community Groups.  
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say/registered-community-groups>

**The Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden would like a booth at Council run events to promote our group. Would other groups like to share a booth?**

It is important to highlight that that many groups apply for a booth at an event, so applications may not be selected. (There can also be a fee).

You can send through an expression of interests to [events@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au) , please include information about your organisation, how you would like to be involved in council events and what kind of events you would like to participate in. From there the events team will add you to the data base and be in contact if they feel an appropriate event arises.

**Can Council help with public relations? Who's the contact?**

Council cannot not help with public relations unless there is an extraordinary circumstance. The marketing team suggest using social media which is fabulous.