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Save the Date

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 29 2020 for our 2nd Annual Garden Festival featuring *Art in Ivanhoe Park* for what promises to be bigger and better than our Inaugural Garden Festival.

Highlights will include the unveiling of a plaque commemorating our State Heritage Register listing, free conducted tours, native plant sales, Devonshire Teas and much much more!

Art in Ivanhoe Park will display paintings, works on paper, and sculpture throughout the garden created by local artists.

Stay tuned!

Don't miss our February 17 get-together speaker, Tim Jackson

Tim Jackson, former Vice President of the NSW Council of the Australian Institute of Horticulture will talk about her recent tour of the Southern Highlands and Retford Park, the former home of James Fairfax, now managed by the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

We are planning to take a similar tour later this year.



Around the Garden

Regeneration in action

Our new plantings in the native Garden were doing well but weeks of strong winds, excessive heat and no rain took their toll.

So after a recent spurt of rain, our Executive Committee member, David Stead, spent an afternoon refreshing all the plant guards, replacing broken bamboo stakes, weeding inside the plant guards and removing seven dead plantings.

You'll agree, from the before and after photographs, that our regeneration area is looking so much healthier.



David and other members have been noticing a fair bit of clean up and several piles of weeds and rubbish across the area. Our Council at work. Thanks to them and to David.



Rain

Finally! The skies opened. The rains were torrential and the Garden got a good healthy soaking. As did Newsletter editor Liz Howe's camera!

Dates for our next Working Bees 2020

We will continue our Working Bees on the 3rd Saturday of each month, subject to weather and air quality.

Our next Working Bees will be Saturday, February 15 and Saturday March 21.



Watering Bees have been intermittent, also due to weather and air quality and, more importantly, the water restrictions that have been put into place. Most of the Garden uses bore water so we are currently testing which water sources we can use during these restrictions. The recent downfalls have helped but water restrictions are still in place.

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.

AAFBG's latest newsletter

The Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens publishes a fortnightly newsletter, E-ucalypt News. There are a lot of updates on other member's Gardens (we actually have a lovely mention), the upcoming Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show and their 2020 Conference in Brisbane.

We thought you'd like to check out their latest edition, so we've sent it as a separate .EML attachment that opens in your local email, or you can right click and open in an internet browser.



We hope to see you at our monthly get-together on Monday, February 17 downstairs at the Manly Bowling Club from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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