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Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden (FIPBG) General Meeting Monday 15th October  
2018 7:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country (Denise)

1. **Apologies:** Fiona Gray, Lois Clarke, Judy Lambert, Debbie Lewis-Bizley, Fenton Beatty and Barbara Stack.

2. **(Denise) Lessons from Borneo**

Lloyd and Denise have recently returned from a visit to Borneo and outlined how the Botanical Gardens were managed there. They were especially taken with the canopy walkway as a way of providing access for people with a disability. Denise illustrated the talk with a selection of photographs.

3. **Jenny Cronan – Senior Recreation Planner – NB Council**

Jenny spoke about Special Community Garden Groups. Five specialist groups have been set up including, The Bible Garden, Katandra Sanctuary and Stony Range. She made the suggestion that FIPBG work together on special projects. A meeting has been organised to connect people with a common interest and provide an opportunity to work together.

Venue: Dee Why Civic Centre – Flannel Flower Room – Civic Parade

Date: Wednesday 14 November

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

RSVP: <https://commgardenmeeting.questionpro.au>

Future Action:

- It was suggested that volunteers in FIPBG will require special training, including OH&S. (Gordon)
- Who can be a work supervisor, a council employee or trained volunteer? Need to follow up this with the Council. (Lloyd)
- There is a need for FIPBG to link up with Council operated activities to assist with volunteer recruitment i.e., Manly Jazz Festival and Gilbert Park Food Fair. (Louise)
- We need have greater community connections to highlight the work of FIPBG i.e., a new arrivals to Northern Beaches Pack. (Jenny)

- Will the Pre School be removed from the park? A DA has been approved to expand Kangaroo Street Pre School to cater for the proposed demolition of the Park Pre School. (Jenny and Lloyd)

#### **4. Sandy Hudspith – Working in the Garden Update.**

The concept of volunteers assisting in the maintenance of the garden is “progressing”.

FIPBG will join the Botanical Gardens Association and Garden Club of Australia that provides the most cost effective liability insurance. The Council has been approached for a date for the first ‘working in the garden day’.

#### **Future Action:**

- There is a need for a ‘working in the garden’ induction program. (Gordon)
- Let’s start small by weeding an area like the car park or scented garden. (Gordon)
- Can we garden ourselves? There must be a supervisor present who has been trained. (Lloyd)
- We would like the first working day to be this year if possible. (Lloyd)

#### **Worm Farms:**

- Nick Farrar outlined the activities of his local business that cultivates and supplies worm farms.
5. Fiona Gray (Events) has requested a volunteer to help her with future events planning.
- We hope to have a Park Event organised before Christmas but we may have to put it back to February in the New Year. (Lloyd)
  - There was a suggestion for a sausage sizzle. (Gordon) This is more of a fund raising activity i.e., Bunnings but need activities that will bring people into the Park. (Lloyd)
6. Website development – (Liz)
- Manly Environment Centre has agreed to hand out information flyers.
  - There is a need to create a map, as many people do not know where the Ivanhoe Park is. This issue will be followed up, by liaising with Council. (Jenny)
7. New items
- A manager has been appointed to supervise the maintenance of the Park following the survey that indicated that some trees were being damaged. (Lloyd)
  - Financial Procedures Manual 2018 was tabled. As is part of the requirements for not-for-profit organisations to be transparent and accountable. This document sets out the parameters for the collection, disbursement, reporting and recording of FIPBG financial activities. (Roger)

Meeting closed at 8:25pm