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Don't miss our 2nd Annual Garden Festival
featuring
Art in Ivanhoe Park
on Sunday, March 29, 2020
from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Have you marked your calendar yet?

In addition to Mayor Michael Regan and our Patron, James Griffin, giving us an update of upcoming work planned in the Garden, the CWA providing sustenance with their Devonshire Teas and Cake Sale, the Scouts firing up the grill for a Sausage Sizzle, and our free conducted history and heritage talks running throughout the day, the following are planned:

Art in Ivanhoe Park: artwork by local artists will be displayed in the Artist Precinct, some for sale.

Budding Artists: a place for the kids will be set up in the Playground so they can create their own masterpieces.

Costa Georgiadis: Costa from ABC's Gardening Australia will pop in and go walkabout in the Garden – this is a great chance to meet and chat with him.

Guest Arborist: You can hear about the 100 species of trees that are located in the Garden.

Native Plant Sales: Buy your own native plant to nurture at home.

And there's more in the planning stage: we're hoping to be able to serve coffee and music. Stay tuned!

Helpers wanted for our Garden Festival

We are asking for assistance in publicising the Festival as well as help on the day. Please let us know whether you would like to help and what you would like to do.

You can respond to an email that is scheduled to be sent out soon or contact us at any time at info@friendsivanhoeParkbotanicgarden.com.

There's still time to join us for a specially curated Behind The Scenes Tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens

You have until March 13, to book your spot on this wonderful Behind the Scenes tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

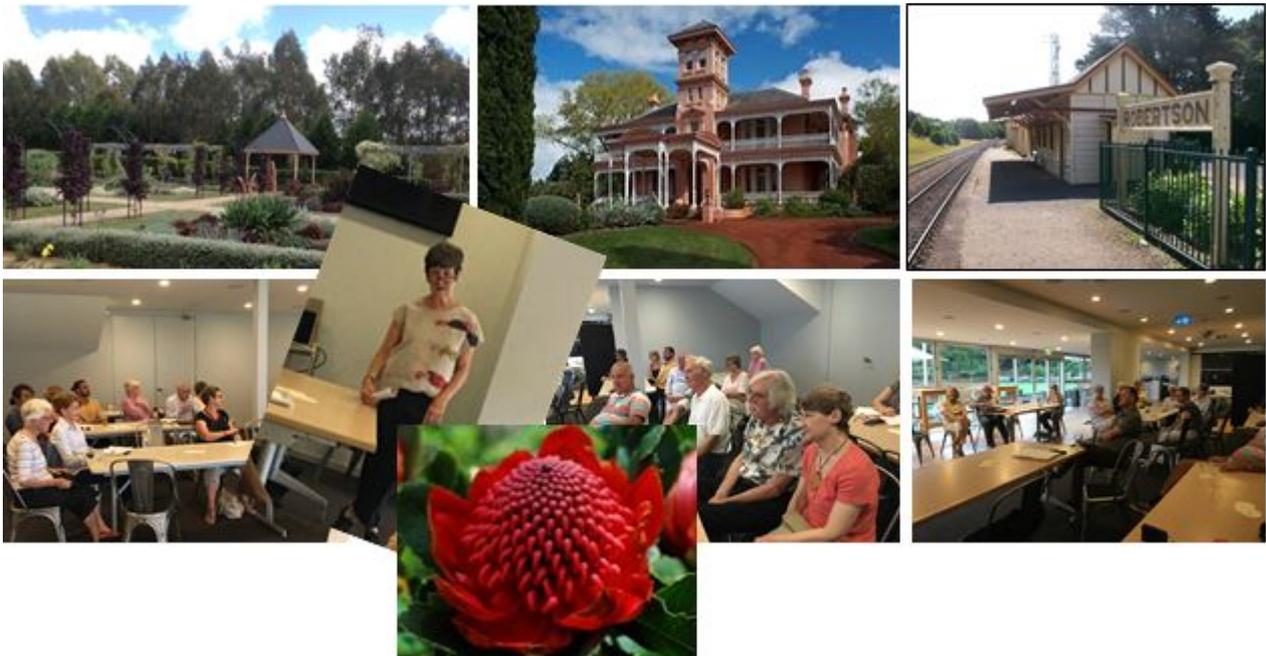
We've attached all the information about the tour and how to book with this Newsletter.

Can't make it this time? Other trips in the process of being planned this year are to Wollongong Botanic Garden in Autumn and Mt Tomah and the Rhododendron Festival at Blackheath in Spring.



Our February 17 get-together speaker, Ms. Tim Jackson – what she had to say

Our guest speaker was Ms. Tim Jackson, former Vice President of the NSW Council of the Australian Institute of Horticulture. President of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens from 2001 to 2003 and life member of the Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Garden. She was a pioneer member of the Growing Friends, and is still involved with the Wednesday team and was instrumental in establishing the Friends' Artisans Exhibition in 2000. As a member of the Horticultural Media Association, she writes freelance gardening articles for various magazines and is still involved in Community Gardening.



In front of a large audience, Tim presented highlights of a recent Southern Highlands Tour that she organized. Her tours usually visit two or three gardens with stops in between to experience local art and cuisine. She also includes a "mystery garden" at the end. This particular tour included historic Retford Park with its flock of emus, sculptures throughout the wonderful garden and a historic collection of watering cans; Oldbury Farm, built in 1822 and one of the earliest farms in the area, that also boasts beautiful landscaped gardens; "The Kaya" Wildes Meadow Garden that features rare and unusual perennials, a Banksia rose archway and colourfully artistic arrangements of flowers; then onto the famous Robertson Railway Station where volunteers care for the extraordinary Waratah Collection; as well as gardens in Berry and Gerringong.

Reminder about our monthly Get-togethers

We have restructured our meetings at the Manly Bowling Club. They will be less formal, more like a social get-together with interesting speakers, a Q&A and then any relevant updates on upcoming events, Working Bees, off-site tours and ongoing Council work in the Garden.

There will be no Agenda or Minutes. Our Newsletter, website and Facebook page will keep you up-to-date should you not be able to attend.

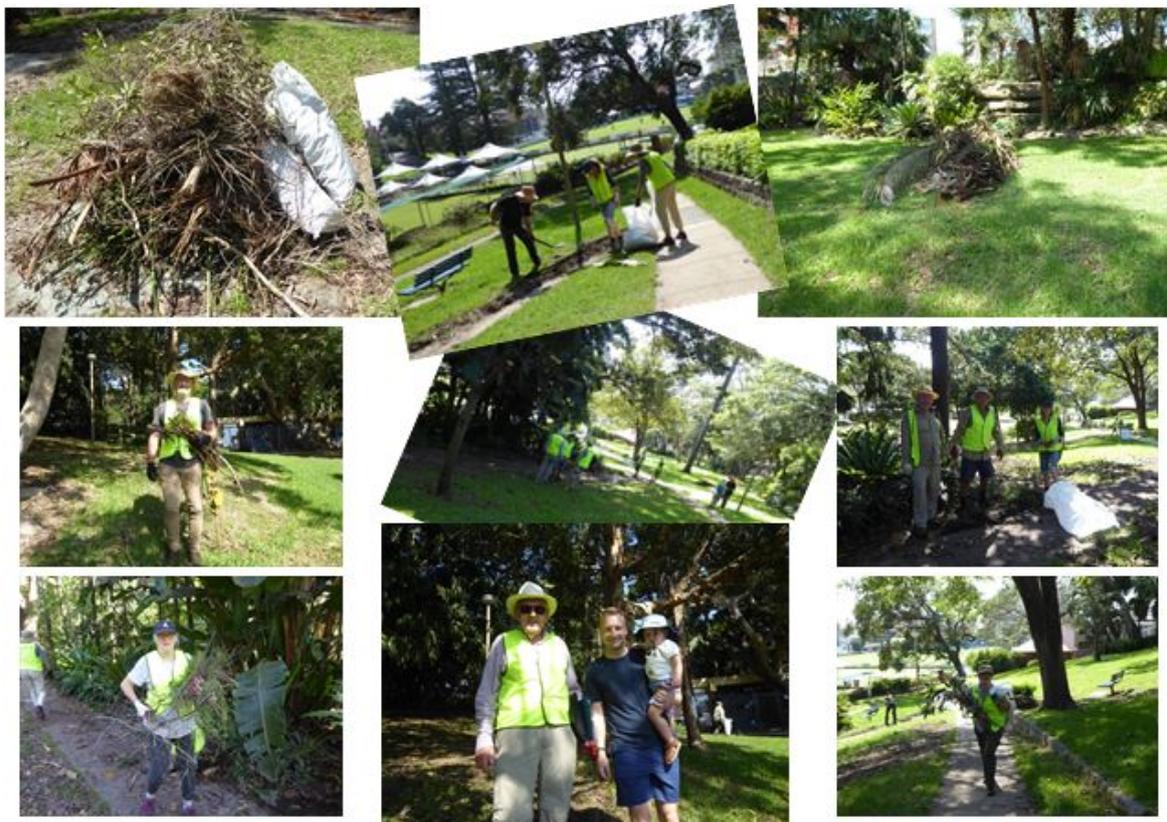
We still meet the 3rd Monday of the month except in January and August. As July is our Annual General Meeting there will be no speaker but we urge all financial members to come and have their say.

So grab a drink, come downstairs and join us at our next Get-together on Monday, March 16, and if you have any topics you want raised, please email us.



February 15 Working Bee

What a load of rubbish! Well actually, it was post-storm debris collected during our monthly Working Bee.



The 20-strong clean up team, including two new OH&S inductees, worked tirelessly to pick up fallen branches and palm fronds, and to clear pathways. Our patron, James Griffin popped by with his son to cheer us on.

Dates for our next Working Bees 2020

Our Working Bees are on the 3rd Saturday of each month, subject to weather and air quality.

And it has been decided that from now on, if conditions are not favorable for a scheduled Working Bee, it will be postponed until the following Saturday.

Our next Working Bees will be Saturday March 21 and Saturday, April 18.

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.



Around the Garden

Have you seen these new signs?

The Masterplan implementation for Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden is on track. Literally!

The signs outline the detailed design for the north-west section of the Masterplan that has been developed working in conjunction with the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden.

The design will celebrate the historic tramline that once travelled along this section of Ivanhoe Park. Landscape works will provide interpretative elements, as well as improved entry, paved areas and shaded seating areas, and will commence in April and be completed by June (weather permitting).



New growth

The plantings in the native Australian garden are showing signs of growth. We did lose a few because of the extreme weather conditions but we continue to monitor and care for those that survived.

A recent stroll through the Garden



**We hope to see you at our monthly get-together on Monday, March 16
downstairs at the Manly Bowling Club from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

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