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Updates from your Executive Committee

- **Our cheque from the Grill'd promotion**

Our cheque for \$100 as Runners up in the Grill'd Local Matters promotion has arrived. Our thanks to all who participated.



- **Demolition of existing child care building**

The DA has been lodged and is now being assessed before proceeding to Council for approval. It is a slow process but we will keep you updated on its progress.

- **First Aid Training available to our Members**

You may be aware that a lot of the funds we spend in the Garden come from Government Grants which have been applied for by your Executive Committee based on target spending which is in line with Government direction.

One of these requirements is to bolster our preparedness to help anybody who is working in our Garden and the way we have decided to do this is to offer First Aid training to our members, especially those who work with us in the Garden.

We will pay for the course which takes the form of a one-day in-person class followed by e-learning modules.

We'd like you to consider this opportunity for us as well as for you individually when you are out and about doing things elsewhere, and know that you will be doing us and others a lot of good. Please email us to organise your training and Lois Clarke, our Secretary, will contact you with all the details.

- **Work on pathways**

Considerable progress has been made on the pathways leading onto the recently reconstructed sandstone bridge. The pathways have been redefined and the first level of gravel laid. Beautiful sandstone edging line the garden beds and new sandstone stairs have been constructed.

The weather, of course, has been holding up its completion and the removal of the temporary bridge and pathway.



Save these Important Dates

Tuesday, November 8: Our monthly Get-together at The Manly Club on Gilbert Park from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Check our website for featured guest or event.

Saturday, November 19: The Saturday Working Bee from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 23: Our midweek Working Bee from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 8: Bunnings Balgowlah's Christmas Family Market from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They'll have food, drinks and activities. And we'll be there too so come and join the fun.

Tuesday, December 13: Our end of year Get-together – time to celebrate our achievements. Stay tuned for all the details.

Saturday, December 17: Our final Working Bee for 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Our October Working Bees

Our two Working Bees this month had two main tasks:

- Planting plants from the Vegetation Management Plan
- Installing shelves and workbench in our storage room

We were extremely fortunate that on both days the rain stayed away long enough for us to complete these tasks. Mammoth effort by: Tony, Toni, Lloyd, Daiki, Jake, Alex, Lloyd, Gordon, Lois and Lynn.

The plants:

1. Dwarf Elephant Ear
2. Silver Lady Fern
3. Gardenia
4. Palm Grass
5. Prickly Rasp Fern

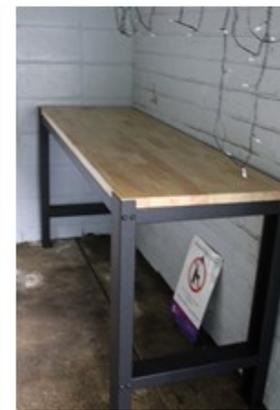
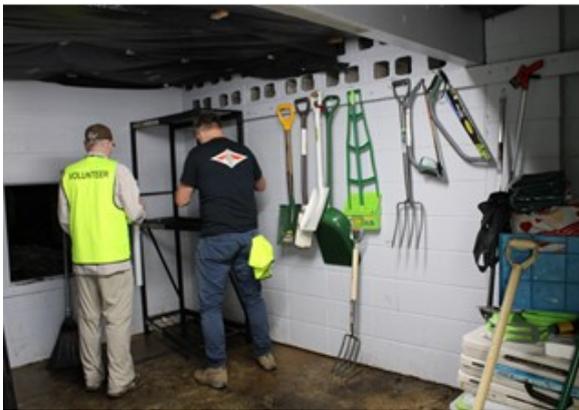


Some of the planting in action:



The storage room:

1. Move everything out of the storage room
2. Mop up the water that continues to seep into our room
3. Assemble shelves and a workbench
4. Move everything back in!



Another successful Plant Sale

Plants were transported to The Corso and set up ready to go at 9:00 a.m. It was grey, rain was predicted so we were hoping for early sales.



We were getting a little worried, not many people were out and about.



But one by one eager Manly-ites snapped up our bargains.



And then Sylvia arrived. She had brush turkeys dig up her large native garden recently and was looking for replacements – she bought 14 of our native trees.



We were encouraged that so many of our interested buyers were so young.



Raffle ticket sales picked up and most of our plants were sold. And then Sylvia and her boys came to pick up her earlier purchases and decided to buy all the plants that were left. Thank you Sylvia!



And last but not least the raffle for two beautiful potted plants was drawn. Congratulations to Vivienne and Tony.



The Tree of the Month Project – an interesting evolution of a botanic name



Our featured tree this month, *Hakea salicifolia* (Willow-leaved Hakea), has an interesting evolution of its botanic name – from Botany Bay to Paris to London. This is because *Hakea salicifolia* was first formally described in 1800 by French botanist Étienne Pierre Ventenat who gave it the name *Embrothium salicifolium* and published the description in *Description des Plantes Nouvelles et peu connues, cultivees dans le Jardin de J.M. Cels*. The specimen was grown in the garden of Jacques Philippe Martin Cels from material collected from Botany Bay in 1792. Then in 1941 English botanist Brian L. Burtt changed the name to *Hakea salicifolia* and published the description in the *Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information*.

Willow-leaved Hakea

Hakea salicifolia

Hakea after Baron Christian Ludwig von Hake, a patron of botany; *salicifolia* is derived from the Latin words *salix* meaning "willow" and *folium* meaning "leaf" referring to the willow-like leaves

Also known as: Finger hakea, Willow hakea



The dense foliage acts as shady shelter for native birds while bees are attracted by its profuse flowering. It is a popular feature tree in streets, native gardens and suburban gardens, as well as being used as informal hedging.

Go to our webpage to find out more about our wonderful trees. This link will take you there: [Our Trees](#).

A Spring Walk on North Head

Judy and Geoff Lambert took us on a virtual walk around North Head to view Spring Wildflowers at our October Get-together. Here's a little of what was presented.



The wildflower walk starts at Bandicoot Heaven on an elevated walkway over ancient sand dunes through the fernland area. October is the best time to see orchids growing in the sandy soil. Flannel flowers are also prolific – they seem to respond to smoke from bushfires.



The left of the track has more diverse species following a controlled burn in 2018 than the right which is dominantly tea trees. The walk continues to the Third Cemetery and North Fort with lookouts on the way. The cemetery is home to a variety of species including a Woody Pear and three orchid species. The walk continues along the fire trail back to the fernland. There are more orchids including a climbing orchid, Sydney Boronia and Flax Lilly. An easy walk along the fire trail leads you back to Bandicoot Heaven.



Spring will finish by November so there's still time to visit North Head Sanctuary Foundation's Bandicoot Heaven. It is located in Building 20 on North Fort Road, at the former School of Artillery and is open every Saturday and Sunday, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

www.norheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au

Around the Garden

Around the Garden recently including checking on the growth progress in the replanted Sensory Garden.



**Our 2023 Monthly Get-together and Working Bee Dates
will be published next month**

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