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An update from the Executive Committee

Well, we didn't take too much time off in January, plenty of planning meetings but again Covid is restricting so much of what we can do and when.

Here's what we can tell you about what's coming up:

Another plant sale: Plants are being propagated and we've booked a slot on The Corso for Saturday, March 19 for another plant sale so mark your calendars!

Seniors Festival 2022: Our Grant Application for participating in the Seniors Festival 2022 has been successful so we'll be mounting an event sometime during the three weeks of March 21-April 8.

Successful Volunteers Grant: We've also received another Volunteers Grant from the Federal Government to purchase even more vital equipment.

Propagating and Growing Plants: We're looking to train anyone interested in propagating and growing plants for us, firstly for fund-raising sales and perhaps in the future, for planting in the Garden.

An upcoming tour: A guided tour of Kimbriki Recovery Resource Centre is being investigated. Not only will we learn all you need to know about their recycling and recovery but we also visit their Eco House and Garden. Stay tuned for updates.

Kudos: As you know we work very closely with Northern Beaches Council so we'd like to share with you a couple of greetings and thanks for our combined efforts:

From Steven Lawler, Executive Manager Parks & Recreation

Season's Greetings,

I am writing to wish the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden all the best for this holiday season and to thank you all for your tireless efforts towards conserving and improving the Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden.

The Friends' thoughtful advice and ideas were essential in developing the Ivanhoe Park Landscape Masterplan and Plan of Management that we approved this year. I look forward to working with the Friends to bring our shared vision to light.

I also acknowledge and commend the important role the Friends are playing in keeping our community connected through a shared interest in the Garden. These social connections are needed more than ever in these current times.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Trish Chaney, Community Liaison Coordinator

Friends of Ivanhoe Park – Merry Christmas,

I wanted to thank you for another rewarding year, although it's been challenging with the COVID lockdowns and extreme weather events!

Wishing the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Executive and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I'm looking forward to working with you again in 2022.

Kindest regards.

Our February Get-together – something completely different

Something a little different at this month's Get-together – a presentation from Tony Lewis where we discover that "More than Paper comes from Trees."



Most of us know about the use of trees to produce timber which is used as a building material. However many are less aware of the other major use of wood, that is, as a source of raw materials for conversion to paper and textiles.

In his presentation, Tony will address the structure of wood and the processes by which the cellulose component is separated from the "glue" which binds the fibres together.

He will talk about how the cellulose fibres extracted from wood are converted to paper; how this cellulose may be further converted to textile materials. These range from simple health care products such as first aid dressings to more complex structures such as fabrics used in a wide variety of applications including the manufacture of the clothes we wear.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A and a quick update on other happenings with our organization and in the Garden.



About Tony:

Tony completed an honours degree in Textile Chemistry followed by a PhD in the same field at the University of NSW.

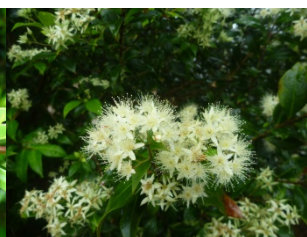
Following graduation, he went on to work for Bradmill Industries in the fabric manufacturing industry for a short period before joining Johnson and Johnson as Chief Research and Development Chemist. There he was responsible for many areas of textile development including cotton products, non-woven fabrics, surgical dressings and disposable nappies.

He later worked as Technical Marketing Manager with Dupont Australia in the Hydrogen Peroxide Division where he provided technical assistance to paper producers on the bleaching of raw materials used in a wide range of paper products.

Tony is also the Fundraising & Grants Coordinator and Working Bee Coordinator for Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden

Bunnings' incredible plant donation for our Working Bees

We owe a huge thank you to Bunnings' Balgowlah who has again supported our continuing work in the Garden by donating plants: *Syzygium* (Lilly Pilly), *Leptospermum* (Tea tree), *Callistemon* (Bottlebrush), and *Backhousia* (Cinnamon Myrtle). We're currently working with the Council gardeners on the best locations for planting.



Thank you Bunnings Balgowlah!



And that's not all: They have also generously donated a barbecue and various barbecue tools. Do we see Sausage Sizzles in our future?



Article in Eucalypt



The Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens, one of our affiliates, published an article about us in their November 2021 Eucalypt Magazine. If you would like to read the article and in fact, the entire magazine, click [here](#).



Coming back from Covid

*Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden
Manly, New South Wales*

So many of us have been in the same boat with Covid lockdowns. It has been tough on our members and on our Garden - Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden. We really need to get back in there and take care of it and it looks like this will happen soon.

To that end, we're busy ramping up how to get our monthly working bees running with the current restrictions. We developed a QR check-in code that we will ask our members to use when we restart our working bees this month. We are currently allowed to have up to five fully vaccinated adults working at one time (there will be one garden supervisor and four members) so we are planning on having more than one working bee a month to accommodate everyone who would like to garden. And, of course, we still have to navigate how to confirm that a session is fully vaccinated.

Things are progressing! But we're not stopping there because we really owe it to our loyal members to re-engage with them after four months of nothing much going on.

We had our first monthly get-together, albeit via Zoom, and we're planning on continuing Zoom meetings until it is safe for us to meet face to face.

We're continuing working on The Tree Project - a member driven initiative started at the beginning of the year. It involves having members research high value and rare trees in our Garden that is then developed into a pastoral database. Every month in our Newsletters we feature a Tree of the Month which is then uploaded to our website.

During Senior's Festival Week in April we were able to hold an event where we introduced visitors to the history of Manly, Ivanhoe Park and the trees of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden through a slide presentation which was followed by a guided tour through the Garden. Because of this success we are planning on holding more tours of this sort when restrictions ease.

Liz Howe who also compiled the picture of Friends at work



The Tree of the Month Project – a familiar native



It resembles a weeping willow, its leaves smell of peppermint when crushed, its clusters of white flowers attract our native birds and it's commonly seen lining streets and in neighbourhood gardens. This familiar native is the Willow Myrtle, our tree of the month.

Willow Myrtle

Agonis flexuosa

Agonis comes from the Greek *agon*, "a cluster" for the arrangement of the flowers and fruits; *flexuosa* is Latin for "full of bends" for the zig-zag course of the stem

Also known as: Western Australian Willow, Swan River Peppermint
The Noongar peoples know the tree as *wanil*, *wonnow*, *wonong* or *wannang*



The Noongar peoples have lived in the south-west of Western Australia for more than 45,000 years and have used the Willow Myrtle leaves as an antiseptic as well as sapling trunks being used for spear shafts and digging sticks.

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

Dates for our upcoming Get-togethers and Garden Working Bees

2022 Monthly Get-togethers

Held the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Month	2 nd Wednesday	Time
February	9 th	7.00-8.30pm
March	9 th	7.00-8.30pm
April	13 th	7.00-8.30pm
May	11 th	7.00-8.30pm
June	8 th	7.00-8.30pm

2022 Garden Working Bees

Saturday Working Bees

Month	Saturday	Time
February	19 th	9.00-11.00am
March	19 th	9.00-11.00am
April	16 th	9.00-11.00am
May	21 st	9.00-11.00am
June	18 th	9.00-11.00am

Midweek Working Bees

Month	Wednesday	Time
February	23 rd	9.00-11.00am
March	23 rd	9.00-11.00am
April	20 th	9.00-11.00am
May	25 th	9.00-11.00am
June	22 nd	9.00-11.00am

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