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## Minutes

*Monday 15 April 2019 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Manly Bowling Club, Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095*

1. **Acknowledgement of Country (Denise Keen)**
2. **Welcome:** New members were welcomed
3. **Attendance:** 19
4. **Apologies:** Tony Lewis, Lois Clark, Louise Jones and Judy Lambert
5. **Acceptance of minutes:** Proposed Liz Howe and Seconded Roger Dawson
6. **Update from Chairman**
  - The Gardens are now approved for Heritage Listing
  - Tree labelling working bee will commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> April between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon
  - Visit to the Royal Botanic Garden to meet with Jimmy Turner, Director Horticultural Management, was arranged and much very useful advice was given.
7. **Update from Treasurer:** There is \$1236 in the bank, some of these funds will be used for the Inaugural Garden Festival on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. Membership is steadily increasing. This is important as the group needs funds to continue to operate.
8. **Introduction of Speaker – (Sandy Hudspith)**
  - Guest speaker: Crosbie Lorimer

Crosbie has led multidisciplinary teams on projects for some of Australia's key public domain landscapes including Hyde Park and Centennial Parklands. Crosbie will talk about his latest project, the Wollongong Botanic Garden upgrade.

Crosbie illustrated how the Wollongong Botanic Garden had worked through their Master Plan using funds as available. The garden is located opposite the University and therefore are building an Academic relationship with the Garden. Crosbie noted the need to create an Academic interest and a plan

which has a person or follow through and own as a project. He highlighted the need for a statement point of arrival and designated activity zones and wayfinding throughout the garden. The Wollongong Garden was constructed in the 1960s and over the years, buildings have been constructed as needed, not always in the best locations. He illustrated the talk with some amazing photos of the vista from the garden.

He also showed some amazing photos of our Garden which we will put on the web page.

## **9. Items for Discussion**

- We now have an insurance certificate through Garden Clubs of Australia. And Lloyds of London.
- Planning for the inaugural Garden Festival is under way for the date of 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers are need for the day to cover various areas of the garden. So far, we have 16 helpers for the day.
  - Flyers were handed out for delivery
  - 6 Tours will be operating, co-ordinated by Roger Dawson.
  - Tents and equipment supplied by Council and others
  - Guests of honour will be Mayor Michael Regan, the Local State Member for Manly and our Patron James Griffin, and Lorraine Emerson representing Garden Clubs of Australia.
  - A Wollomi Pine will be planted to commemorate the day.
  - Refreshments by CWA and the Scouts

**Any other business:** None discussed

**Date for next meeting:** May 20, 2019 at 7:00 - 8:30pm at the Manly Bowling Club with Guest Speaker Melissa Ellis, CEO Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney.