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### Updates from the Garden

- **Guided Garden Tour:** In February we hosted members of the Manly Art Gallery & Museum as a part of their *Garden Variety* exhibition. Split into two groups, these very interested guests, led by Tony and Lois, were introduced to the history of Manly, the Botanic Garden, the work we do, and around 26 of our unique trees.



- **Finally, access to Toilet Facilities during our Working Bees:** The Executive Committee elected to hire the Scout Hall for both the Saturday and Wednesday Working Bees. Now we have a place to wash our hands and enjoy our cuppa after the Bees and take shelter during inclement weather. You're welcome!



- **Representing at the Seniors Connect Expo:** In March, Tony, Lois and Liz were at the Seniors Connect Expo introducing the Northern Beaches community to our organization, our Garden and the work we do there by chatting to them and running our slide presentation ***A Walk Around Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden.***



- **Lamingtons are back:** We noticed our Bee numbers were diminishing and we thought perhaps it was because for a few months, the delicious lamingtons from The Bakehouse on Darley Road were not present. Well, they are back and we hope that our wonderful gardeners will be too!



### Important Dates for April & May 2026

**Saturday, April 18:** The Saturday Working Bee – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21:** Our Get-together at The Manly Club on Gilbert Park from 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 22:** The Wednesday Working Bee – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 16:** The Saturday Working Bee – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday May 20:** The Wednesday Working Bee – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Our February & March Working Bees:

### February

**Saturday Bee:** A good turnout for our first Bee of 2026 and great as we had a busy day planned all over the Garden. After the teams gathered, Tania briefed us about the tasks for the day. Ishbel was the administrator for the day so she ensured that we signed in and the tools we took were noted. She was there later with a welcoming cuppa.



Tony inducted our long-time member, Louise, for her first Working Bee. They then replanted our wooden garden boxes with New Guinea Impatiens.



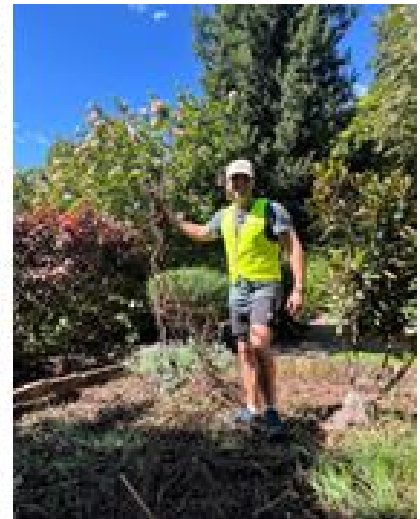
After some torrential downpours and gale force winds as well as burning sunshine, Chris W-S, Ruby and Brandon assisted Scott, our Council gardener, pick up the enormous amount of fallen vegetation and load it onto the truck.



There was more planting to take care of as well: Variegated Liriope in the first bed of our Sensory Garden. Chris M and Jane took care of that!



Jane then moved onto the large overgrown raised bed to assist Ron with the major removal of dead plantings and weeds. Brandon joined in that fun too!



**Wednesday Bee:** Very small crew today but we welcomed our newest member, Kerrie, who was inducted by Tony; Ishbel was administrator for the day; and Ron. Lots of weeding and clean up was ably taken care of.



**March:**

**Saturday Bee:** Another small group for a Saturday. Tania, Chris M, Tony and Chris W-S, Ishbel and Jozy. Work started around our storeroom, clearing dead and sun-burned foliage. We then moved up to the beds and pathways at the Park Avenue entrance for some weeding. Tony picked up logs and added them to our tree circle, Tania pruned the star jasmine along the fence line, then Tony joined Chris W-S gathering fallen palm fronds.



**Wednesday Bee:** An even smaller group gathered but we were doing everything, everywhere, virtually all at once. Ishbel raked and later made us a cuppa. Liz, your newsletter editor, was captured in her natural habitat i.e., camera in hand recording everyone's activities and smiles.



Chris M hauled fallen logs and added them to our tree circle – it is looking brilliant. Tony weeded the native garden beds.



But Chris M could not be stopped. Cutting down and then hauling dead and overgrown palm fronds and adding them to the huge pile outside the Park Avenue entrance, ready for the Council gardeners to pick up.



### The February Get-together

Even though our scheduled speaker cancelled, we had a great turnout with enthusiastic discussions about upcoming projects. Most of us enjoyed dinner and/or drinks – a fun social get-together.



## Supervisors and Administrators needed at our Working Bees

- **Administrators:** Nursing an injury, feeling a little tired; just not that into gardening? Well, we're always looking for members to help with our administrative tasks on the day – signing in gardeners and the tools they need; chatting to passers-by about our work; sometimes checking inventory; and helping with making the cuppa at the end of the Bee.
- **Supervisors:** This is for someone who would like learn more about plants, trees and gardening. You will head up our Working Bees, do some gardening but mainly guide the team and the tasks for the day. You will liaise with Tania, our Working Bee Coordinator, about the tasks to be achieved that day. It is a great learning experience.

If you are interested in either of these roles or have questions, please email us so we can work out a roster for the rest of the year.

## Around the Garden





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