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A Watershed Annual General Meeting

It was meant to be a celebration and show of appreciation for the two founders of Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden – Lloyd and Denise Keen – as they stepped down after 9 years. Sadly, after we learned that Lloyd had passed away the day before it became a lot sadder.

Tony Lewis, Acting President, opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of service by Lloyd and Denise – his entire speech is attached.

Tony concluded by announcing that the the current Executive Committee had agreed unanimously to make both Lloyd and Denise life members of FIPBG. With Lloyd's unfortunate passing on Thursday September 24, life membership will now only be extended to Denise.

Mayor Sue Heins next spoke about the contribution that both Lloyd and Denise had given to FIPBG and to the Manly community in general through their roles in the Precinct Committee and later the Local Community Forum.

She said that the success of the garden today and improvements that have been achieved was due to a significant extent to the volunteers because of their work in the garden, their collaboration with the Council and promotion of the garden by welcoming visitors, holding events and fundraising activities.

As an acknowledgement of their outstanding record of Community Service, Sue presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lloyd and Denise and thanked them on behalf of NBC and the community.

Denise thanked everyone for their comments on behalf of herself and her family. She talked about Lloyd's passion for Ivanhoe Park and the Botanic Garden and that he had had the vision and expertise to work with Council and Local Members to achieve great outcomes.



We lost a leader but not his enthusiasm, dedication and love for our Botanic Garden.



Voting was then held to elect the Executive Committee:

President: Tony Lewis

Vice President: Brandon Joel

Treasurer: Ishbel Searle

Secretary: Lois Clarke

Communications Coordinator and Newsletter Editor: Liz Howe

Membership Coordinator: Jessica O'Neill

Fundraising and Grants Coordinator: Vacant

Events Planning Coordinator: Vacant

Working Bee Coordinator: Vacant

Scenes from the AGM



An Update from the Garden

We now have new sleek updated signs at the entrances to the Garden – at the Red Gates from the Oval, at the south-west entrance to the Native Garden and, at the recently renovated Park Avenue entrance. Additional wayfinding/directional and historical signs are to follow soon.



Another part of the Masterplan completed. Thank you to our Council.

Important Dates for October

Saturday, October 17: The Saturday Working Bee – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 20: Our Get-together – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21: The Wednesday Working Bee – 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our September Working Bees

Saturday Bee: A warm sunny day and an excited group of gardeners. There was planting, weeding and wow, did our Garden need a bit of a water.

We started by inducting two new members – Graham and Diane – who while familiarising themselves with the Garden picked up rubbish and fallen debris.



Max and Louise tackled weeds in the native garden and on the terraces below



George and Chris W-S prepared our planter boxes and then planted some New Guinea Impatiens to replace the ones that suffered lack of rain and brush turkey attacks.



Rocks were placed in the boxes as a deterrent to further digging. The flowers were donated by our friends of Bunnings Balgowlah.



Meanwhile, Chris M took advantage of a leak in our hose by using the spray to water the rosemary surround the War Memorial. George carried on watering other parched plants in the Garden.



Ian, our Council Gardener, weeded, removed dead foliage and also installed barriers of stone to foil recent attempts at turning parts of our Garden into a mountain bike trail – a necessity because the area was eroded and a large number of plants had been destroyed.



We stopped work early as the heat had intensified and we joined Anne, today's Receptionist, in the cooler Scout Hall for lamingtons, a cuppa and a chat. Well done team.



Wednesday Bee: What a difference a couple of days make – a parched Garden on Saturday, a luscious greening after a drenching awaited our team today.

After signing in we split into teams: Tony and Lois checking tree locations for the upcoming tree labelling project. Chris M, Working Bee Supervisor, assisted amongst the other tasks he took on.



George and Chris M could be found in the garden beds around the bowling club. After the rain there was a lot of debris in the gutters and on some of the plants that needed clearing.



After her Working Bee Receptionist training with Ishbel, Lee pruned one of the overgrown garden beds in the sensory garden.



We then settled into the Scout Hall for a well-earned cuppa.

Around the Garden





Other News

- **Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens:** Read their monthly e-ucalypt newsletter here: <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=b1463fb90d44dd5ed074102f8&id=7c123f8333> and <https://mailchi.mp/0b8b085f20d1/e-ucalypt-news-21552738?e=b6c678fbcc>
 - **Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens** feature interesting podcasts on the home page of their website (www.fbbgsa.org.au)
- **Garden Clubs of Australia:** Always interesting articles: <https://gardenclubs.org.au/>
- **Permaculture Northern Beaches:** Keep up to date on their upcoming events: <https://www.permaculturenorthernbeaches.org.au/events>
- **Bunnings Balgowlah:** Check out their Garden Corner Workshop events: <https://www.bunnings.com.au/stores/nsw/balgowlah>
- **Good for Manly:** For topical talks and news, head here: <http://www.goodformanly.com.au/>

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