



Minutes

*Monday 18 February 2019 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Manly Bowling Club, Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095*

1. **Acknowledgment to Country** – Judy Lambert
2. **Attendance** – as per attendance sheet
3. **Apologies** – Lois Clarke
4. **Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting** – Moved by Denise Keen, seconded by Liz Howe, moved by show of hands.
5. **Update from President** – Lloyd Keen
 - 16 members (including the 2 members who received OHS induction training that morning) worked tirelessly cleaning up the Sensory Garden on a very warm Saturday morning, February 16, and much more was achieved in 2½ hours than was anticipated. As this working bee was so successful there are plans to continue work in the Garden every 3rd Saturday of the month. Denise Keen added: “This was a great achievement and you can see the difference already.”
 - Labels and tree signage should be ready by April 1.
 - The Northern Beaches Council historian is planning on producing signs of where buildings used to be, including the old tramway.
6. **Update from Treasurer** – Roger Dawson, the Treasurer, tabled the latest budget.
7. **Introduction of Guest Speaker** – Sandy Hudspith

Stuart Read, a horticulturist and educator was due to talk about what modern Botanic Gardens are doing to stay relevant, focusing on Singapore, Spain and Sydney. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen technical issues, Stuart was not able to proceed and will be invited back at a later date.

Sandy did discuss speakers that are planned for future meetings starting with Libby Cameron (March 18) and Melissa Ellis (April 15).

8. Items for Discussion

- The date for the open day event to be known as the Inaugural Garden Festival – Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden will be on Sunday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- There are plans for afternoon tea to be held in the hall above the Alan Roper Pavilion; a sausage sizzle put on by the Scouts; talks by a horticulturist, a historian, and an interactive plant clinic; guided walks around the Garden; plus Bunnings have offered to host face painting. We are currently working on a list of special guests to attend as well as a tree planting by our Patron, James Griffin.

Suggestions for a performance competition, scavenger/treasure hunt, and art/photographic competition were put forward and are being considered.

- Liz Howe urged members to check into the website for news and events. And again asked for special stories about Ivanhoe Park to be submitted.
- Planned trips to other gardens in 2019 – Sandy Hudspith outlined 3 trips for this year. The first would be to Wollongong Botanic Garden, then the Leura Gardens Festival in October, and a Behind the Scenes Tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens. Details will be emailed at a later date.

9. Other Business

The Council-produced flyers for a letterbox drop were given to members to be distributed in the next few weeks.

Meeting closed 8.20 PM