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Report from our Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was well attended with everyone enjoying our new meeting location in The Lounge at The Manly Club on Gilbert Park.



This year marks five years since the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden was formed, and in spite of Covid closures and more recent weather events, a lot has been achieved:

- The whole of Ivanhoe Park was successfully added to the State Government Heritage List due to the involvement with Northern Beaches Council of all the Ivanhoe Park stakeholders including the Friends.
- The old stone bridge over the creek in the centre of the park has been reconstructed and the approached paths are scheduled to be replaced.
- The Council has completed the Development Application involving the Child Care Centre.
- The Friends took over the storeroom space supplied by Council and the Scouts, in time to store all the tools and equipment we have bought with a grant. It has proved very useful to those members working in the garden and has helped to attract more volunteers.
- A second midweek Working Bee was added to our normal Saturday Working Bee schedule.
- For the second year in a row, we held a very successful Seniors Festival event. Building on that success we are looking to do the same later this financial year.
- The recent plant sale was a brilliant success. Everything sold and the funds are in the bank. Much of the stock was grown by Sandy Hudspith, our Vice President, who organised the sale.
- Our Tree Project group has been asked by Council to help identify unnamed trees in the Garden.

Reports were given by each member of the Executive Committee and if you did not receive copies and would like them, please let us know.

Current Executive Committee Members all nominated to re-stand for their positions and as no additional nominations were received from the members, they were all re-elected.

President – Lloyd Keen

Vice President – Sandy Hudspith

Secretary – Lois Clarke

Treasurer – Roger Dawson

Fundraising and Grants Coordinator – Tony Lewis

Marketing, Website & Facebook Coordinator, Newsletter Editor – Liz Howe

Membership Coordinator – David Stead

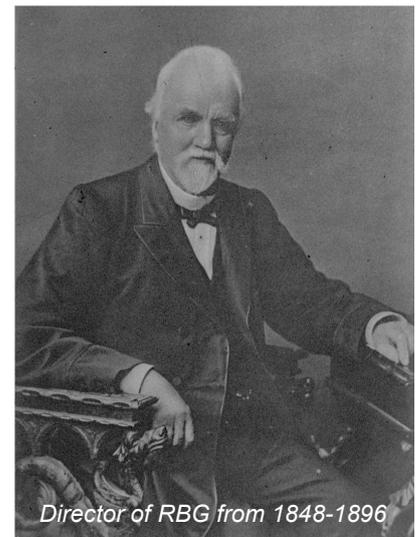
Garden Coordinator – Tony Lewis agreed to continue as Garden Coordinator

Update on the Ivanhoe Park Tree & Vegetation Management Plan

Robert Smart, our Guest Speaker, currently the sole Director of Alterra Design, Pty. Ltd. and the consultant retained by Northern Beaches Council, spoke about his brief on the Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Tree and Vegetation Management Plan.

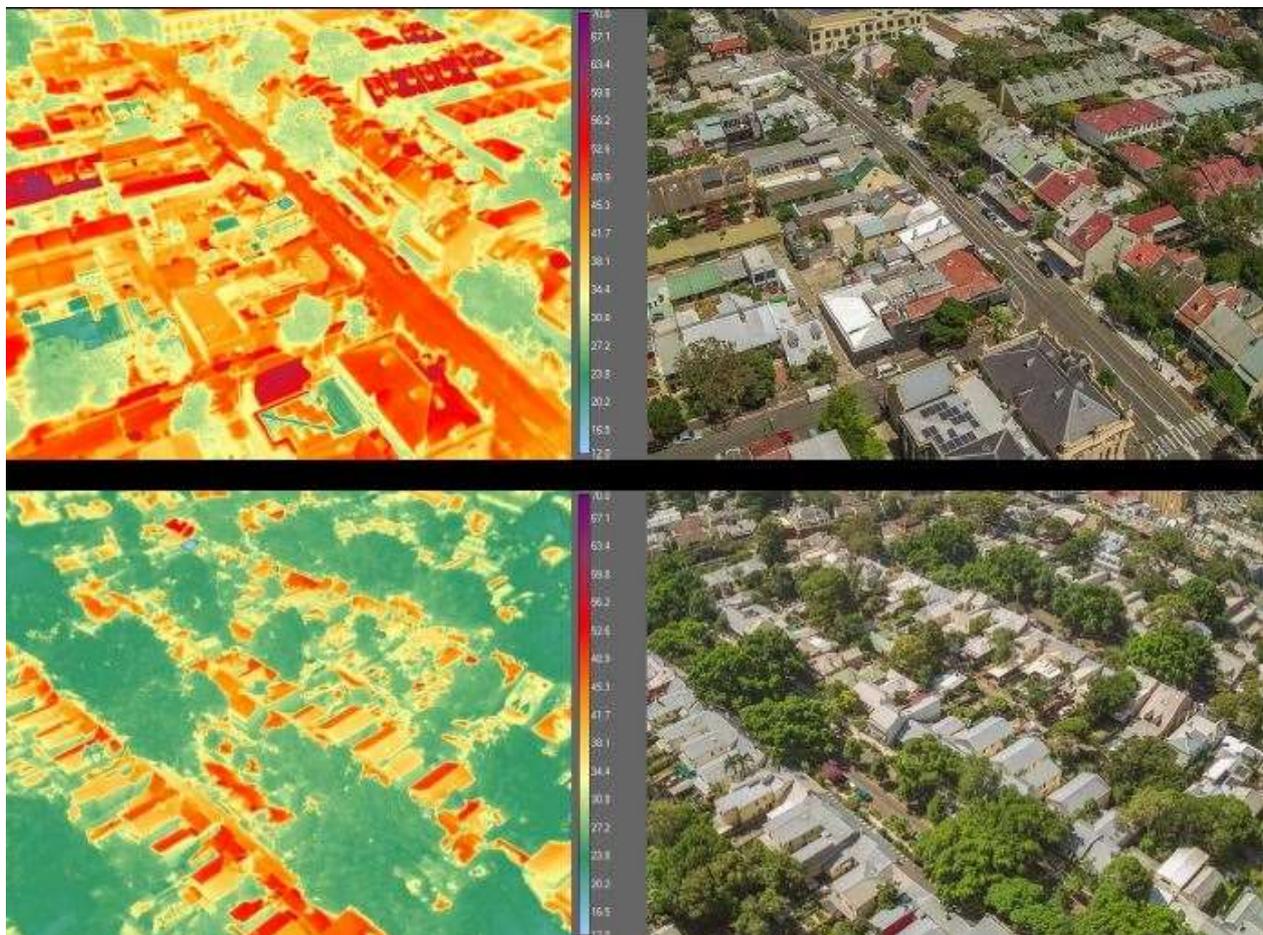


Rob pointed out that Ivanhoe Park is the largest green space in Manly and that it is of historical and State significance reflecting Royal Botanic Gardens Director Charles Moore's plans and Sydney landscape history.



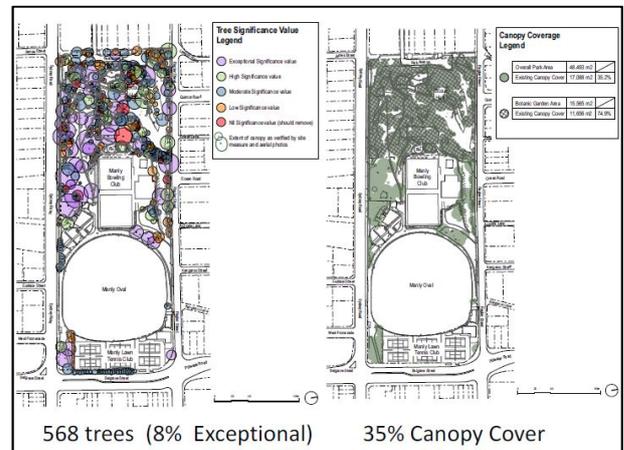
With historic trees from the 1800's in a secluded valley with a high canopy cover situated in a heavily urbanised area, Ivanhoe Park plays an important role in connecting people to nature particularly because of the trees.

Rob discussed the known health benefits of outdoor spaces and urban greening promoting the reduction of heat islands, managing storm water run-off and reducing wind damage. Trees cool the temperature of surrounding areas. With climate changes such as increased temperature and changes in rainfall we need to plan ahead with suitable species – planting trees now for the next 150 years.

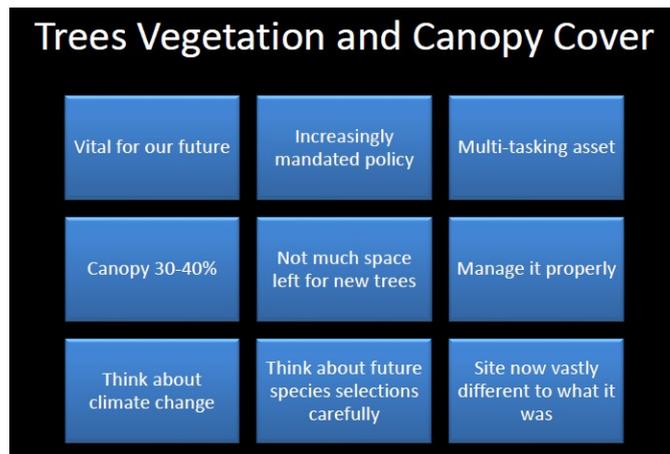




With his team, Rob conducted a vegetation review of the identified trees in Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden looking at problems and issues for existing trees. His survey ranked trees into five categories: exceptional (historic trees), high value, moderate value, low value and no significance. Of the total 568 trees, 8% are exceptional and 10% high value. There is no longer a lot of original local vegetation which is typically low heathland and scrub.

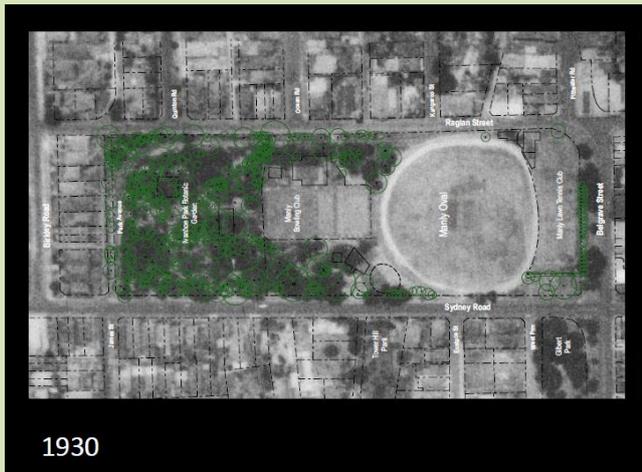


The key aims of the survey are to identify what needs to be done such as:



- the removal of weed species and overgrown vegetation;
- strategic replacement of significant trees (like for like);
 - reviewing understory plantings;
- removing trees that are a risk to people visiting the park;
- long term planning and planting over the life span of trees;
- identifying ways to assist native birds and animals benefit from the garden;
 - protecting the trees from damage;
- open space areas need suitable grass species to cope with the shaded environment.

Rob also took us on a fascinating aerial journey of Ivanhoe Park through the ages. Here are just some of those images.



[Robert Smart's complete presentation can be viewed here](#)

Around the Garden – The old stone bridge reconstruction has been completed

The stonemasons have finished the reconstruction of the old stone bridge. The pathways are next on the list of the Council's to-do list. Great job!



Thanks for your contribution to the Grill'd promotion – we were runners up!



Grill'd Restaurants have let us know that we were runners up in their July Local Matters promotion. Hope you enjoyed eating your way to our \$100 prize! We did and thank you!

**And another thanks for supporting the DA for the demolition
of the existing childcare centre**

We'd like to thank the overwhelming number of you who joined us in making a submission in support of the demolition of the child care centre. The Application has now been lodged and we will keep you updated on its progress.

**How Powerful Owls live and breed in our cities –
The topic at our Get-together on Tuesday, September 13**



Powerful Owls are charismatic and uniquely Australian birds increasingly found living alongside people. Unlike many threatened species, Powerful Owls breed well in our east coast capital cities, particularly Sydney – we even have one residing in Ivanhoe Park.

However life is tough for Powerful Owls and there is a lot we can do to help as Holly Parsons of BirdLife Australia will tell us.

The Powerful Owl Project is a science-led community-based initiative from BirdLife Australia that has monitored and researched the ecology of urban Powerful Owls across Greater Sydney since 2011. They educate land managers and the general community about building habitat to conserve Powerful Owls and other urban birds and advising on appropriate land management practices associated with fire and vegetation management for this vulnerable species.

So come along and hear all about these truly amazing birds, what we are learning about them and how we, and you, can help them.

Dr Holly Parsons is the Urban Bird Program Manager for BirdLife Australia. She has 20+ years' experience researching urban birds, educating people about the birds that live where people live and helping to conserve them.

**From 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at The Manly Club on Gilbert Park.
Grab dinner or a drink beforehand then meet us in The Lounge.**

Our July and August Working Bees

July – Saturday's Working Bee

Saturday's Working Bee saw 8 volunteers working hard in sloppy conditions – Toni, Tony, David, Ron, Tania, Simone, Chris and Lynn.

Tania and Chris tackled a monster of a Monstera, clearing it from the rock shelf near the Sensory Garden.



Lynn manned the table outside our storage room, signing everyone in and handing out tools and, of course, answering questions from passers-by. Ron and David distributed tools and then culled Clivia from the path edge on the upper path from Raglan Street while Simone trimmed and weeded the Sensory Garden.



After the soil was prepared, the culled Clivia was replanted in a bed in the upper garden.



Tony took photos, encouraged passers-by to join the Friends of the Botanic Garden and assisted Ron and Dave with planting the Clivia.

July – Wednesday's Working Bee

Unfortunately, and now becoming commonplace, Wednesday's midweek Bee was cancelled because of heavy rain.

August – Saturday's Working Bee

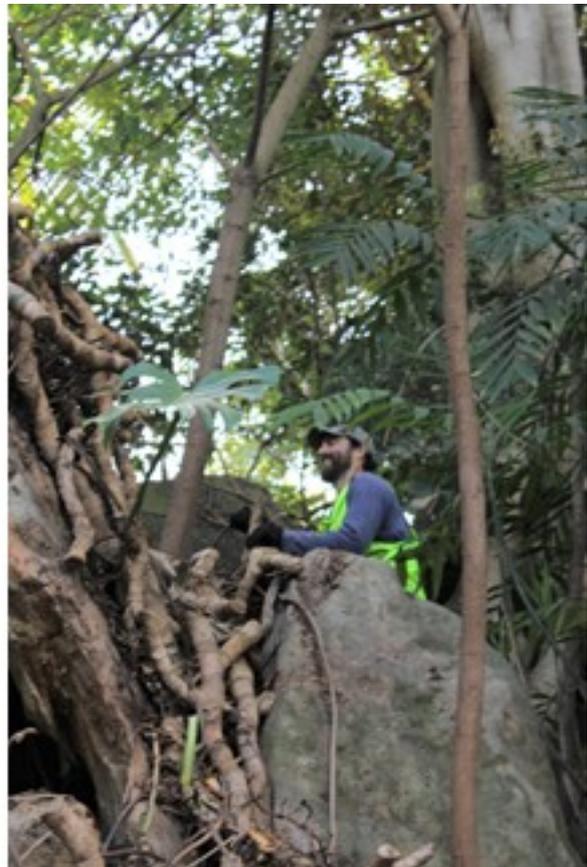
The weather was on our side and a large number of enthusiastic volunteers joined us. The first order of business was the WH&S induction of Susan, a long-time member but first time gardener, and brand new member, Jake.



Work continued on clearing the monster Monstera from the rock shelf that was started in July.



Tania and Jake put their backs into it, literally.





An incredible job!



Tania followed one of the roots from the rock shelf and pulled it up – an unbelievable length!



On the other side of the pathway from the cleared rock shelf, and adjacent to the Sensory Garden, David took charge of new plantings.

First a number of *teucrium fruticans* (tree or shrubby germander), a species of flowering plant in the mint family *Lamiaceae*. This spreading evergreen shrub has glossy aromatic leaves and pale blue flowers in summer.

Next *melastoma affine*, a hardy evergreen shrub with mauve flowers in spring and summer. The flowers are followed by sweet blue-black berries that stain, which is why its common name is Blue Tongue.

The rest of the crew – Toni, Susan (and Daisy), Tony and Gordon – weeded and cleared dead palm fronds.



Tania and Jake then joined Simone in the Sensory Garden where work started in July to prepare the beds for new plantings in the spring.



Trees were pruned and if dead, removed.



Hedges along the pathway which also succumbed this winter were cut back.

August – Wednesday's midweek Bee

The number of volunteers who rocked up on one of the few sunny days we've had was small but they made massive inroads in and around the Sensory Garden.

Chris and Tony continued the hedge clean up and removed the heliotrope that had died.



Gordon, Ron, Tony, Chris and Toni weeded and raked and swept.



Chris added to the already massive pile of plant matter. Toni's weeding yielded a bed also ready for some new plantings. And lastly, we checked on the Clivia that were replanted in July and we saw that they were already flowering.



Great work by a great team of volunteers!

The Tree of the Month Project – an historical misnomer



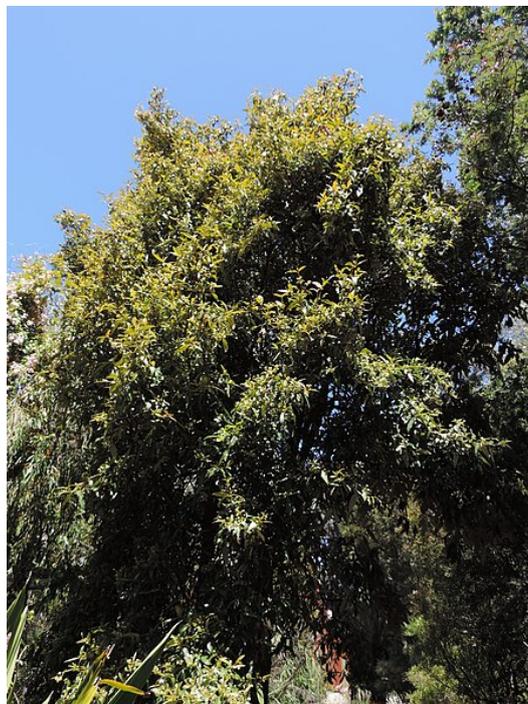
This month, meet the Black Wattle tree that is not actually a “wattle.” It was given the name by Sydney’s early settlers because of the close resemblance of its flowers to those of *Acacia* when they were using its timber for “wattle and daub” huts.

Black Wattle

Callicoma serratifolia

Callicoma from Greek – *kalos* = beauty and *kome* = hair (referring to its attractive fluffy flowers); *serratifolia* from Latin – *serratus*, saw-toothed and *folius*, a leaf referring to the serrated margins of the leaf

Also known as: Silver-leaf Butterwood; *Talgerruing* (an indigenous name reported to be from the Camden region)



The wood of the Black Wattle burns very hot, such that it was used (with some caution because of the heat generated) as fuel in bakery ovens.

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

From September onwards, we are moving our Get-togethers to the 2nd Tuesday of each month as well as to a new location The Lounge at The Manly Club on Gilbert Park

Month	Date	Time
September	13 th	7.00-8.30pm
October	11 th	7.00-8.30pm
November	8 th	7.00-8.30pm
December	13 th	7.00-8.30pm

2022 Garden Working Bees

Saturday Working Bees 3rd Saturday of the month

Month	Saturday	Time
September	17 th	10.00-12.00am
October	15 th	9.00-11.00am
November	19 th	9.00-11.00am
December	17 th	9.00-11.00am

Midweek Working Bees Wednesday after the Saturday Bee

Month	Wednesday	Time
September	21 st	10.00-12.00am
October	19 th	9.00-11.00am
November	23 rd	9.00-11.00am

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