



FRIENDS OF KELLY'S BUSH
Newsletter Summer 2021

Dear Friends

What another unusual year it's been for us all! One of the positives has been the great weather, which has given us so much opportunity to get outside and enjoy walking through our lovely leafy suburb and special bush.

In spite of the disruption this year, you may have noticed some members of our bushcare team doing their best to keep a few of the worst of the weeds at bay. The Ehrharta grass, Fishbone ferns and Privet have not had a free ride, and it has been delightful to be greeted by the walkers coming through the bush, many of whom are very appreciative of our efforts.

The pictures in this newsletter celebrate our superb flowering bush, bursting forth at the moment, regardless of human circumstances, encouraged by some welcome rain and all the recent sunshine.

We've also been very excited about our latest additions to the bush which are now starting to flower. Flannel flowers have been missing from Kelly's Bush for many years after they were picked to extinction by locals, but now they're back! We're hoping to extend the area of planting to encourage them to spread and it's a real joy to see them.



Old Man's Beard

Renovation of the walking track!

As you may have seen from the recent announcement by Hunters Hill Council, the walking track through the bush will be upgraded shortly as funding has been allocated for works across some of our most popular open spaces, including Kelly's Bush!

We're grateful to Mayor Ross Williams for his help in highlighting this issue and delighted that this overdue upgrade is finally happening to make the walking track safe for all.

Kelly's Bush 50th Anniversary Celebration - now 31 Oct 2021

As you are no doubt aware, after a couple of false starts for our 50th Anniversary celebration, we've now decided to bite the bullet and hold a 'cut-down' event to ensure we can still mark the anniversary before the end of the year - and before anything else happens!

Instead of the big occasion originally planned, with music, food, community stalls and walks, it will have to be a much smaller event, as outdoor gatherings at that time will still be limited to 50 people.

However, although some of the seat allocation will be taken up by those associated with the original battle and the ongoing care of Kelly's Bush, there will be space if you'd like to join us, so please email kellysbushfriends@gmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your place.

The event will start onsite at 10am and consist of a short ceremony formally unveiling the memorial table (already onsite at the Weil Park entrance) by our last remaining 'Battler', Dr Joan Croll, speakers, presentation of the art competition prizes and the planting of a memorial tree.

We're sorry that our plans have had to change yet again but hope to see you there to celebrate this important anniversary.



Flannel flowers



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CAN YOU NAME



THIS PLANT?

We've got a little quiz for you! If you know the name of this plant simply email kellysbushfriends@gmail.com

If you guess correctly, you will be in the running to receive a copy of our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet of the *Common Flora of Kelly's Bush* worth \$20 plus a limited edition commemorative badge!

Just leave your preferred contact details and we'll contact you if you're the lucky winner!



Yet more beautiful colour!

BECOME A BUSHCARER?

Do you or any of your friends or neighbours have an interest in preserving our amazing local bush? In caring for Kelly's Bush, you will also benefit from a rewarding and healthy hobby.

If you would like more information about bushcare in the area, please contact Hunters Hill Council's Bushland Coordinator on 02 9879 9400 or email VollmerJ@huntershill.nsw.gov.au

If you'd like to 'try before you buy' you can always join us any Monday at 8am at the Weil Park entrance to Kelly's Bush. You'll be made very welcome.

We usually enjoy a cup of tea around 10am so you can also just along come then and have a chat!



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Jan – Dec 2022

It's that time of year again and this is a gentle reminder to please pay your 'Friends' membership for calendar year 2022 as soon as possible.



Native geranium

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Donations welcome and carefully used!

Until next time....
Maureen
Secretary

Kelly's Bush is a symbol of our lost land. Take away Kelly's Bush and you take away one more assurance that, in man, is left a possibility for the future. The unborn Australian will ask for his birthright and be handed a piece of concrete.

Kylie Tennant 1970