



## **Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc.**

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### **Recent Events and Activities**

The main events since our last newsletter have been –

#### **Official Celebration of the Pond Restoration Sunday 27 November 2011**

This was a highly successful celebration. The Friends assisted by manning a marquee and stall. We also ran a successful children's activity. The celebration was attended by members of Hobsons Bay City Council and by members of the HBCC Landscape Advisory Group. Many Friends attended and some new members signed up.

#### **Story Time in the Gardens - Bush Christmas 16 December 2011**

The final activity of the Friends in 2011 was on Friday 16 December on the Golden Elm lawn in the Gardens. These events are run in conjunction with Hobsons Bay Libraries. Once again Anja Lee and Russel Barrett produced a stimulating and engaging event for preschool children and their parents.

#### **Story Time in the Gardens – Pond Life 16 January 2012**

The first event of the year was to have been held by the pond but had to be moved to the Uniting Church Hall because of rain. There was a smaller turn up because of the weather but those that came enjoyed the experience.

### **Grants**

The Children's Activity/Education Sub-committee has been successful in its application for a Volunteer Grant of \$2000.00 from Hobsons Bay City Council.

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

#### **Story Time in the Gardens – Where the Wild Bugs Are - 24 February 2012**

This is scheduled to be run in the gardens from 10.30am to 11.15pm. Members are cordially invited to come along and participate.

#### **Coffee Meeting of Children's Activity/Education Group - 29th February 2012**

All interested members are invited to attend the first subcommittee meeting for the year at **Siren's Restaurant at 10:30am** to coordinate activities for 2012 – looking at past successes, the 'to-do'-list for the present and what is planned in the future.

## **2012 Paint the Gardens – 1 April 2012.**

Following the successful 2011 event, preparations are well under way for 2012. The Paint the Gardens Art Competition will be held this year on **Sunday April 1** in the Williamstown Botanic Gardens. It will be one of the first events in the Art in Public Places program. It will run from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Judging will take place from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, with the presentation of prizes at 4.30pm.

**Entry conditions** will be similar to last year's event, the main points being

- There is no entry fee.
- We would prefer entrants to supply their own easel.
- Only one entry is permitted for each participant.
- Each entry must be ready to hang (i.e. have d-rings and string attached)
- All work must be 2D and no larger than 55cm by 66cm (22 by 26 inches)
- All work must be original and relate to the Williamstown Botanic Gardens.
- The medium used can be pencil, charcoal, pastel, watercolour, acrylic or oil.
- Entries in the young person (under 16 years of age) category cannot be entered in the open competition.

**Entrants must register by Friday March 23, 2012.** No late entries will be accepted.

All entries will be displayed in the gardens on Sunday April 1 from 11am. This year there will be the following prizes-

- First prize \$500.00
- Second prize \$250.00
- Young Person's prize \$100.00
- People's Choice Open prize \$250.00
- People's Choice Young Person's prize \$100.00

Hobsons Bay Council has again agreed to be the major sponsor of this event. We have received generous support from local businesses for the prizes.

Our sponsors are –

- Banjo Plumbing
- Bendigo Bank Williamstown
- Bonny Gardens
- Clark, Toop & Taylor
- Ferguson Street Provisions
- Fitzgerald Optometry
- Friends of William Botanic Gardens
- Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services
- Patsy Toop

In March we will be asking members who can assist on the day to indicate their availability. We will need people to assist with set up and a variety of jobs during the day.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

The next committee will be on Monday March 5 at 7.30pm – venue Ladies Bowling Club.

### **Annual Subscription Renewals**

We invite any members who have not renewed their subscriptions to do so.