

NEWSLETTER NO 5 October, 2010

Annual General Meeting of Members, October 12 2010

We had a very good turn up to the AGM - eighteen people came including some new members. There were some very useful suggestions about members' participation. A number of members have volunteered to deliver the newsletter to save postage costs and the publicity group now plan to meet to discuss strategic directions and plan their activities.

A copy of the [President's report](#) is attached which summarises the Friends' activities during its first year.

Registration

A volunteer registration form is also attached to this newsletter. This is required by the Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) so that:

- members of the Friends are covered by insurance when taking part in any Friends' activities in the Gardens or on other Hobsons Bay City property
- a complete register of volunteers can be set up. This assists HBCC when applying for grants.

It is important that our members are registered. Would you please fill in the attached form and return it as soon as possible to:

Shelley Wood, Head Gardener

Williamstown Botanic Gardens

Hobsons Bay City Council

PO Box 21

Altona 3018

Coming Events

You should already have received brochures and Upcoming Event slips. A summary follows.

The 150th Anniversary Garden Party

The 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Williamstown Botanic Gardens are being organised by Hobsons Bay City Council and mark the anniversary of the opening of the Botanic Gardens in 1860 after four years establishing them.

The Garden Party scheduled for Sunday the 24th of October will be the centre point of these celebrations.

Hobsons Bay City Council has provided a marquee which the Friends will man and which will provide information on the history of the Gardens and details of some of its outstanding features.

There will be a children's activity "I Spy in My Garden", based on identifying items in the gardens from photos. We would be pleased to see as many of our Friends group as possible along to enjoy the day.

The Friends will be setting up displays at 10.00am and manning the marquee from 11.00 am to 3.00pm. Please contact Sue Murray on 9397 5698 if you can help in the marquee.

Visit to Ballarat

You are invited to join a visit to the Friends of Ballarat Botanic Gardens scheduled for **10.30 am on Thursday the 23rd of November 2010.**

This is the day their Friends meet. We will arrive there for morning tea and Joan Garner, the President of the Friends of the Ballarat B G will welcome us. We will then have a chance to see and interact with all their groups including Growing, Education, History, Guiding and Labelling. We will take our own lunches.

For further details and to register for this event please contact:

Helen Page

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helenpage@bigpond.com

by the 12th of November 2010. When registering with Helen please indicate if you are willing to take a car or if you need a ride. Helen needs to advise the Ballarat Friends of numbers and will organise car pooling if required.

Children's Activities

More of the highly successful Story Time activities for children are scheduled in the Gardens at 10.30am on:

29 October – Animals of Australia,
17 December – Santa Story Time,
14 January – Magic Stories,
25 February – Bugs in the Garden,
29 April. – Teddy Bears Picnic

Membership Renewals

There are still a few membership renewals due. [Click here to download a membership form.](#)

We would appreciate receiving your application to join or to renew your membership. For information phone Friends secretary Geoff King 9397 5672.

If you have ideas for Friends' activities or queries, please get in touch with -

The Friends Committee

PO Box 826 Williamstown 301

or email

williebotgardens@gmail.com

You can view photos of recent activities on our website. When visiting the website, <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wbotanic/index.html> remember to use the refresh button so that you get the most up-to-date version.