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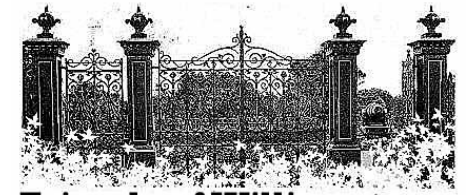


The seaside botanic gardens at Williamstown have been popular with generations of residents and visitors who have strolled its paths, admired its displays of flowers and shrubs and picnicked in the shade of its trees.



**FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSTOWN
BOTANIC GARDENS INC.**

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OUR HISTORIC GARDENS

The Williamstown Botanic Gardens are included on the Victorian Heritage Register because of its historical, aesthetic, scientific and social significance.

- The Gardens are **historically** important as one of Victoria's earliest and most intact botanic gardens. The gardens have considerable significance for their strong association with eminent 19th century landscape designer Edward LaTrobe Bateman and for their early connections with Ferdinand von Mueller and Daniel Bunce.
- The Gardens are **aesthetically** significant for their excellent design and for the remarkably elegant execution of that design within a small flat site. The strikingly intact Victorian layout, early tree plantings, the palms, the pinetum and the pond, structures and herbaceous and woody plantings from the Edwardian period all contribute to the picturesque landscape.
- The Gardens have **scientific** (horticultural) significance for their collection of plants, particularly the dominating palm and conifer themes and the large quantity of plants remaining from the Edwardian and Victorian periods.
- The Gardens are **socially** important for their long and continuous relationship with the citizens of Williamstown, who were largely responsible for their creation and early development and who continue to use them as a place of recreation.



Williamston Botanic Gardens are maintained by the City of Hobsons Bay.

FRIENDS SUPPORT THE GARDENS

The Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc. is a voluntary organization established in 2009 in advance of the Garden's 150th anniversary in 2010. It is one of around fifty groups throughout Australia that support and promote a variety of botanic and other public gardens.

The aims of the Friends are to:

- encourage and support conservation, development, wellbeing and public appreciation of Williamstown Botanic Gardens
- represent the interests of the Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens throughout the City of Hobsons Bay and the wider community
- advocate sustainability and long term development of the Williamstown Botanic Gardens
- support the work of the City of Hobsons Bay in maintaining these gardens.

As well as becoming supporters, members are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Friends. These are planned to involve local people of all ages in cultural, educational and horticultural programs that:

- foster a sense of community ownership of the Gardens
- increase awareness of sustainable gardening
- promote understanding of the historical and scientific significance of the Gardens
- celebrate the Gardens as valued community asset.

There will also be opportunities for members interested in 'hands-on' activities to participate in work such as recording plant material, labeling of plants and plant propagation.

Become a Friend of these important and beautiful Gardens and help ensure they remain a place of pleasure and interest for future generations.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I would like to become a member of Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc.

Membership category Individual (\$20)
 Household (\$30)
 Concession (\$15)

Title.....First Name.....

Surname.....

Address.....

.....P/code.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Household names.....

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I would prefer to receive newsletters by email

I am interested in

- Research Propagation Guiding
 Promotion Education Art Committees

I enclose payment of \$.....for annual membership fee (cheques made payable to Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc.)

OR

Payment has been made directly into the Bendigo Bank account of the Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens Inc.
BSB 633-000 Account No 138141809

Please mail completed form to:

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