



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

November 2010

Dear Member,

The Friends, along with about 30 other organisations, participated in *Spring into Gardening* on Sunday 10 October. The day was an outstanding success with the brilliant sunny weather bringing out large numbers of people. Just 7 days later it rained all day and a lake had started to form on the oval.

The Friends display stand and handouts attracted a lot of interest and we gained several new members. We extend a warm welcome to Kellie Dene, Shane Ryan (family), Jolanda Friedrich, Frank Vosnidis, (family), Tey Ismail, Anne Beischer, Kate & Andrew Stewart, Simon Duncan, Rowena McDonald, (family), Liana & Katya Slipetsky, June Blanchett, and Rosemary Hancock. The raffle had ticket sales of \$195. A special thank you to Ann Dawe of *Annabel Trends* for donating gifts for the raffle. Also a thank you to members who helped with the display, Nobby Seymour, Peter & Jenny Legge, Peter Saville, Jennifer Withecomb and Ann Dawe

Victoria Gardens, like many of Melbourne's parks and gardens are now looking outstanding, and very green. The rainfall in October was well above average, and November has continued to be wet with almost 100mm falling in the past 3 weeks. The trees have responded well to this wetter and cooler period. An interesting "tree" was planted in September in the Lumley Playground to replace the removed Box Elder (*Acer negundo*). It's a *Dracaena draco*, Dragon's Blood Tree, an endemic plant from the Canary Islands. A specimen of this tree at Icod de Los Vinos on Tenerife, is reputed to be more than 1000 years old. Some of you may remember a large plant in High Street, opposite Airlie Ave. This giant succulent has a low wide spreading crown and mature plants can be seen at Rippon Lea, & Royal Botanic Gardens. Victoria's largest example is in the Koroit Botanic Gardens.

For those who will not be able to attend the Christmas Party we send you best wishes from the Friends and thank you for your support during the year.



2010 FOVG
Christmas Party

Friday 3 December , 6.30 – 8.30 pm
at the home of Peter & Jenny Legge, 29 Trinian Street,
Prahran

- There will be a raffle for a bottle of Moet and Chandon, tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.
- Please bring a plate of food to share and a bottle of your favourite drink.