



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

Newsletter September 2011

Dear Member,

The next event for the Friends will be *Spring into Gardening*, an annual event staged by the City of Stonnington for the community. This is an important day for the Friends to promote our work and highlight the historical value, plants, and features of Victoria Gardens. In recent years there has been an increasing interest in sustainable gardening and water recycling. Many stands display information on water-wise gardening and plant selection, and if you are a rate payer you are eligible to receive free plants.

Spring into Gardening: Sunday 9th October 2011, 11 am – 4.00pm

I hope you have had an opportunity to visit the Gardens recently. The oval has recovered from its extensive renovations and new irrigation system installed earlier in the year. The Plane trees are forming new leaves and many plants are flowering, including a Paulownia tomentosa, with mauve foxglove type flowers, Viburnum's, Prunus 'Elvins', and Clivea. An interesting clump of plants about the flower near the depot entry is Beschorneria septentrion (False Red Agave). A flower spike of over 1m will appear with green and deep pink tubular flowers from the rosette of grey-green leaves. A native of Mexican dry woodland mountains, it has become popular in recent years.

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING:

If you are unable to attend this meeting but are available to assist with *Spring into Gardening* can you please phone me on 0438 510 522

DATE & TIME: Thursday 29th September 2011 at 7.45pm

LOCATION: 64 Bendigo Street, Prahran

Agenda Items:

Raffle & Roster for *Spring into Gardening*

Other Business: City of Stonnington Works program 2011-12

Book on Victoria Gardens

Committee beyond 2012

***We value highly your membership of the Friends of Victoria Gardens.
This is to remind to all members to renew your membership for 2011
(Single \$10.00 & Family \$15.00)***

Please send your membership fee to; Friends of Victoria Gardens, 9 Irene Place, Prahran 3181

John Hawker, President phone: 0438 510 522 or 9510 5012