



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

Newsletter September 2012

Dear Member,

This is the first Newsletter for 2012, due to my absence for several months. Despite attempts to get new members into the positions of President, Secretary, Public Officer and Treasurer at the 2011 AGM, and again in the November newsletter, these calls have gone unanswered.

The **2012 Annual General Meeting** has been arranged for **Tuesday 9 October** at 64 Bendigo Street, at 7.45pm. **Members are advised that this will be the FINAL meeting (and demise of the Friends group) unless we have new nominations for office bearers to carry the Friends into the future.** Over the years the Council has deferred to us as a consultative body and where possible have sought to implement our recommendations. It would be a great loss to the community to lose this influence. **Your support at the AGM is critical for the survival of our Friends group.**



You will have recently seen Tree Removal notices on the High Street and Murray Street gates. The notice is for the removal of a declining Bhutan Cypress and Arizona Cypress near the Depot entrance, a Willow Myrtle in poor condition east of the old fountain base, and 4 Glossy-leaved Privet trees west of the High Street entrance and in the east shrubbery south of the large Chinese Elm.

In early August the two declining London Plane (*Platanus x acerifolia*) trees at the southern end of the sunken oval were removed and 2 advanced trees were replanted on the 17 August 2012.

(Photograph: Steve Watt)

The next event in the Gardens is ***Spring into Gardening***, an annual event staged by the City of Stonnington. For the Friends to support this activity a committee will need to be formed at the AGM.

Spring into Gardening: Sunday 14th October 2012, 11 am – 4.00pm

If you are unable to attend the AGM, but wish to nominate for the Committee or are available to assist with ***Spring into Gardening*** please call John Hawker on **0438 510 522**.

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING: Annual General Meeting

DATE & TIME: Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 7.45pm

LOCATION: 64 Bendigo Street, Prahran