



# FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

Newsletter September 2021

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## Dear Member,

I am sure you are all aware of the restrictions now in force as part of lockdown 6 due to COVID 19. Once again Stonnington Council has had to cancel the annual *Spring into Gardening* event in October. Hopefully this will be replaced by an event in January 2022, subject to the removal of pandemic restrictions. There will be no Friends meeting in September which is usually held to plan for *Spring into Gardening*.

The COVID restrictions have once again seen Victoria Gardens being well used by the community. The heavy use has placed increased pressure on the Gardens, especially the sunken oval, which will require resowing in late spring. All the woody weed, tree removals and pruning works identified during the 15th June Garden Inspection were completed on 23rd July.



Due to lockdown restrictions Council is continuing to provide a number of garden and environmental programs by remote access. To participate log into;

[Home - My Smart Garden](#)

[Victoria Nature Festival | Victoria Together 12-014.pdf \(agrifutures.com.au\)](#)

	<p>City of Stonnington is preparing a new Domestic Animal Management Plan for 2021-2025. The plan will provide a strategic approach and a framework for the delivery of animal management services across the municipality for the next four years, and aims to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>To help us develop our Domestic Animal Management plan we want to hear from our community on a number of issues. This is an opportunity for people to help inform how we progress with our animal management and improve future services for our dogs and cats.</p>
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Participate by [completing our survey\(External link\)](#) before **Sunday 19 September**.

For more information on the project or pet registration, contact

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#### Gardens:

Victoria Gardens in Spring are looking outstanding with many flowering shrubs and new leaves appearing on the English Oak and Chinese Elm trees. A feature of the Gardens is the orange flowering Kaffir Lily (*Clivia miniata*) and recently planted deep orange and yellow flowering forms, Elvin's Prunus trees near the High Street entrance, deep purple flowers on *Magnolia liliiflora* 'Nigra' beside the depot entrance, sweetly scented Japanese Pittosporum (*Pittosporum tobira*), a small evergreen shrub which deserves much wider cultivation, and the attractive Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) which is covered in many pendulous pink flowers.



*Magnolia liliiflora* 'Nigra'



*Pittosporum tobira*



*Ribes sanguineum*

**Next Meeting:** To be announced once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.