



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Member,

The next event for the Friends will be *Spring into Gardening* an annual event staged by the City of Stonnington for local residents. It's a day to meet you neighbours and garden enthusiasts and is an important day for the Friends to promote the importance 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.

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

While we have received average rainfall in June and July, August was below average and importantly we have just had our warmest winter on record. This brings our attention to how Victoria Gardens, especially the trees, will survive the summer. In early 2009 an irrigation system was installed around the 1885 London Plane trees so additional water can be applied. Council has also installed a water tank and have recently conducted drilling tests to search for underground water. Hopefully we won't experience the temperatures we had in late January and early February, but weather forecasters are unfortunately predicting similar conditions in 2010 to those in 2009.

Mark Phillips, Senior Arborist with Stonnington Council is responsible for the management of trees in Victoria Gardens, and other parks and street trees will speak at the next Friends meeting (Mark was unable to attend the AGM). Mark has extensive experience in local government working as a consulting arborist / horticulturist. He has worked for the City's of Melbourne, St Kilda, Footscray, Prahran and Stonnington over the past 20 years.

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING:

DATE & TIME: Thursday 17th September 2009 at 7.45pm

LOCATION: Prahran Club, 258 High Street (corner of Hornby Street), Prahran

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION OF MEETING

Agenda Items:

Roster for Spring into Gardening

Raffle

Peter Legge email 20/6/09, Backup of FOVG information, Google documents, Walking guide booklet

Other Business

Christmas party:

Peter & Jenny Legge have kindly offered their home as the venue for the -

2009 Christmas Party, 29 Trinian Street, Prahran on Friday 4 December 6.30-8.30pm