



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

Newsletter September 2010

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. It's a day to meet your neighbours and garden enthusiasts and 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.

Spring into Gardening: Sunday 10th October, 11 am – 4.00pm

Having just returned to Melbourne after almost 2 months away, it is wonderful to see Victoria Gardens, and all our landscapes and trees, drenched with lots of rain after so many years of drought. The Gardens are looking lush and very colourful at the moment. A plant providing significant colour is the Kaffir Lily, *Clivia miniata* with red upright flowers and *Clivia x cyrtanthiflora* with salmon-orange flowers. Named in 1828 after Lady Charlotte Clive, 30th Duchess of Northumberland. *Clivia* is a South African plant from the Natal region that has become popular in recent years due to its ability to grow well in dry shade and which requires low amounts of water.

NEXT FRIENDS MEETING:

DATE & TIME: Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 7.45pm

LOCATION: 64 Bendigo Street, Prahran (a return to our former meeting room)

***WE value highly your membership of the Friends of Victoria Gardens.
This is to remind all members to renew your membership for 2010
(Single \$10.00 & Family \$15.00)***

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

Agenda Items:

Roster for Spring into Gardening
Raffle
Other Business

Christmas Party:

Peter & Jenny Legge have kindly offered their home as the venue for the -
2010 Christmas Party, 29 Trinian Street, Prahran on Friday 3 December 6.30-8.30pm