



FRIENDS OF VICTORIA GARDENS

Newsletter November 2024

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the November Newsletter and thank you to all members who have renewed their membership. As advised in the July Newsletter membership was due on 1st July. Your membership demonstrates the strength of community support for the Victoria Gardens.

Gardens:

For the first time in many years the sunken oval is in good condition after the winter period and has a good cover of grass. Melbourne has experienced a mild Spring, and the Gardens have a colourful display of flowering shrubs and plants. The flowering roses in the parterre, RSL Memorial Garden and beds are a highlight. The Spring weather has been perfect for roses which are always a feature at the Flemington racecourse and the State Rose Garden at Werribee in early November.

Victoria Gardens Volunteers

After a few years of discussion and finalisation of documents with Stonnington Council a time has been confirmed for recommencement of the Garden Volunteer program. Our first working bee has been approved for **Saturday 23rd November 9.00 -11.00 am with details covered in the FoVG email sent to all members on 16 November.**

The key objectives agreed with Council are:

- Community contribution to the maintenance of Victoria Gardens.
- Promoting community involvement with Friends of Victoria Gardens

From a FoVG perspective the key objectives have been to enable members to contribute to the upkeep of the gardens (and by doing so have a greater sense of community), and to attract new members.

It is important to note the first 3 working bees are a 'trial' with Stonnington Council and are only open to financial members of FoVG. If the pilot is a success, then the working bees could be open to the general public.

The future working bees have been scheduled for:

- 14 December 2024, 9-11am (different to what was previously communicated)
- 8 February 2025, 9-11am

We will send reminders and information to members before each working bee.

At the first working bee, the Council Gardener Adam De Zoete will outline the safe working practices and expected behaviour at the working bee in line with Stonnington Council

requirements. He will outline the gardening tasks for the session and supervise gardening activities for the morning assisted by FOVG Volunteer Coordinator John Hawker.

Please contact John Hawker or Brendon Gray via info@fovg.com.au if you would like further information or are planning to join us on 23rd November.



Photographs of Victoria Gardens Volunteers held on 1 December 2018

Instagram:



instagram.com

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofvictoriagardens>

As a member of the Friends, I encourage to follow us on Instagram and to use your phone to take photographs of the Gardens. It is a great way of recording changes, plants, and features in the Gardens. Members may share photos of the Gardens they have taken by sending them to our Gmail account at info.fovg@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Sunday 17th November

- **Time: 3.00pm**
- **Place: 7 Gertrude Street, Windsor**
- **Light refreshments to follow the meeting**

Christmas Party:

Date: Sunday, 1st of December

Time: 3.00-6.00pm

Location: RSL Memorial, Victoria Gardens. The Memorial is located near the High St. entrance to the gardens (on your left once you have gone through the High St entrance)

Format: BYO chairs, snacks and drinks