

## Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

### 100 Newsletters

This is an incredible milestone for the Friends.

The Newsletter was commenced with volume one in July 1992.

Marigold Curtis with assistance from others was the first publisher. She took this job seriously and in doing so started an invaluable history of the Friends and the Gardens which has held strong over 30 years.

Marigold used a typewriter and copies were made for the members with the assistance of several businesses associated with the committee. Those early days were before our members had email addresses and computers were not in high use.

Over the years the membership grew and so did technology. The Spring edition of 2004 went digital. Marigold stayed involved until 2017. Mandy King moved the process into the electronic world we live in today. For the Spring 2021 edition Penny Irons was elected newsletter editor and has brought a new fresh look.

Photo copying in the early days produced single pages, which then had to be collated and stapled before being put into an addressed envelope, stamped and posted out. Over time we were able to use the council copier which slowly became more advanced into collating and stapling.

The big advancement to this day is members coming on board with email addresses. The final draft is emailed to the council who copy it in colour ready to be picked up at the front counter. This number has come down to about 10 to be posted from nearly 200 members. So, you would say, not only has the newsletter reflected the changes and advancement of our Gardens, but also shows the advancements of the technological world.

It interesting to note the first paragraph of our first newsletter reads 'This is our first official newsletter to you. We hope you will find it informative and that it will help stimulate your interest in remaining an active Friends of the Warrnambool Gardens' That statement still holds strong today.

Mandy King