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Film Luncheon, June 19

To help raise funds for the Friends' next projects, we are holding a film luncheon at the Capitol Cinema on Thursday, June 19 at 12 noon. The film is "Everyone Says I Love You" starring Woody Allen and Goldie Hawn. Tickets are \$12 and include a basket lunch. Please ring Lorraine Richardson 5565-1217 or Judy Phillips on 5562-3320 to obtain your tickets (pref. after hours). Please book your tickets early to help us with catering.

Annual General Meeting, July 16

The AGM of the Friends will take place on Wednesday, July 16, at 7:30pm, at the Tourist Information Centre, Raglan Parade. Mr. Bill Gill, Director of Planning & Engineering, WCC, will chair the meeting.

All positions on the committee will fall vacant at that time and we do urge you to consider standing for the committee to help us preserve these lovely gardens. Positions to be filled include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six committee members. Nominations should be in writing and signed by two Friends, accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. They must be sent to the secretary, Dawn Smith, P.O. Box 1190, Warrnambool, seven days prior to July 16. Please let us hear from you if you would like to join the committee - any help that you can give would be much appreciated.

At the AGM on July 16 we will have Michael Taylor, Heritage Consultant talk on the subject of the conservation of old buildings in this district. This should be of particular interest to us in view of our wishing to restore the band rotunda.

Annual Luncheon, October 16

We are delighted to tell you that Suzanne Price of Trehwella House, Daylesford, has agreed to be our guest speaker on Thursday, October 16. She will talk on bulbs for all seasons and slides will be shown. So note this date in your diary!

Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens (Vic.)

This year Marie Ziebell attended the annual conference of the Association of FBG hosted by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. The theme was "conservation, collections and community". Marie returned with a detailed account of the sessions which took place and the fine speakers who were there. The most important points to come out of the conference which concern us are:

- . Valuable plants and trees should be recorded and their labelling and identification carried out
- . We should look at the cultural role and educational challenge for our gardens
- . Collection policies should be addressed (in our case, for instance, the bamboo collection)

It was agreed that Friends should become involved in these matters as part of their guardianship role.

Annual Subscriptions

We would appreciate it if you could let us have your subscription of \$7.00 for the 97/98 year at the forthcoming AGM on July 16. If you are not able to attend this meeting would you please complete the form below and forward your cheque to Kathy?

Membership is open to anyone interested in the preservation and further development of our fine gardens.

There are several of you who have not paid your subscriptions for over a year. We are sorry to say that if you have a sticker on this newsletter it indicates that you are well overdue and this will be the last newsletter you will receive. We are sorry about this but we find the cost of printing has risen quite considerably in the last few years. If however you still wish to belong as a valued Friend - and we certainly need all the support we can muster! - please send your subscription to Kathy on the form below.

Marigold Curtis
editor
28.5.97

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