



Maintaining and developing Warrnambool Botanic Gardens as an outstanding Guilfoyle garden



NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I reported in the last Newsletter our focus this year was Pick My Project, our successful submission for a nature based play space. We had anticipated more progress by this time, but there have been frustrating delays. We now have a concept plan, but will have to await approval from Heritage Victoria before proceeding. It all takes time.

On a positive note we now have the well cover awaiting installation. It will be put in place after our Curator John Sheely returns from his work as a volunteer at Kew Gardens. To work at Kew Gardens must be the top of the wish list for any curator/gardener/tree lover and botanist, and John fills all categories. We look forward to his account of his time there when he speaks at our AGM Wednesday August 14th.

A bus trip to Mawallock in April proved very popular. Mawallock's garden of about seven acres is in the English Landscape style and was designed by William Guilfoyle in 1909 for the Russell family. In 1920 a lake designed by Sir John Monash was created. It is fed by a natural spring and the garden reflects the abundance of water. A lovely garden and a very enjoyable day.

Heritage week was celebrated by a walk and talk in the Gardens followed by tea and cake. Well that was the plan, but the rain persuaded us to reverse the order of proceedings.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM where we can bring you up to date with the work accomplished and that still to come. See you there.

Pat Varley



Mawallock



"What is in the box?"

The dome for the well is waiting for John's return

JOHN SHEELY - CURATOR WBG'S

John has been travelling to botanic gardens around the world. He has also undertaken voluntary work entailing 2 weeks in the arboretum & 2 weeks in general horticulture at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew with Richard Barley, Director of Horticulture, Learning & Operations.

Kew has offered a variety of horticultural and arboriculture experiences that are relevant and valuable for work in Warrnambool.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew is a 330 acre UNESCO World Heritage site, with the world's largest and most diverse collections of living plants. Richard comments in his correspondence that he is sure John will enjoy and learn from his time at Kew, and Richard will be very pleased to continue to build a strong relationship with Australia's botanic garden colleagues. Prior to John's time at Kew he has traveled through gardens in Barcelona, Netherlands and Germany with Trevor Bullen



John's first view of Kew Gardens





Art installations ideas. Photos sent by John from Royal Botanic Gardens Kew



AGM



Our Guest speaker will be John our Curator who will fill us in on his travels and time spent at Kew Gardens

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2019

**Venue: Hammond Centre Christ Church
Henna Street
AGM: 5pm
Light refreshments: 5.20
Guest Speakers: 5.45**

If you would like to propose a member of the Friends to a position on the committee please complete this form and return to the Membership Secretary - address below or by email, by 7th August 2019

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AGM 2019/20**

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The web site now has a secure SSL certificate ensuring it is safe for all to visit.

There is so much to be learned about the gardens by visiting the site, please click [HERE](#)

GUIDED TOURS

To organise a tour please contact a committee member or email friends@wbgardens.com.au

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A major project completed this year with thanks to the Warrnambool City Council and the Community Development Fund.

We have a new look web site.

www.wbgardens.com - go to the plants dropdown tab. All major trees have been identified with thanks also to the WCC and the plant identification completed in the Masterplan update. It is fun and interactive along with being able to take a virtual tour of the gardens.

As you will see this is a work in progress with much more scope.

PICK MY PROJECT VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT

347 votes received - funding of \$198,000

A unique and creative play space will be established for all ages using natural and recycled materials which sit comfortably in the heritage listed gardens.

This project is well into the planning process

