

FRIENDS OF THE MCKAY MEMORIAL GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

September

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Memberships Due

The Friends manage to do quite a bit of work on the smell of an oily rag but somethings require cash. We need funds to maintain our status as an incorporated body, essential when applying for grants, for postage and other small expenses. In addition we would like to join the Historical Gardens Association. All of this requires funds. Please help us out by renewing your financial membership or by becoming a financial member if you are not already a member. We offer the most modest fees in town.

Fees:

Adult (12 months) \$5:00
Concession (12 months) \$4:00
Children free.

Fees can be paid at any Friends meeting
or
by postal order to Friends of the McKay
Gardens PO Box 1021 Robinson VIC
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Update on redevelopment.

The second stage of the redevelopment of the Gardens is now complete. New paths have been installed, along with seats and a drinking fountain.

In addition, this year we can expect the installation of drip-line irrigation around all the trees for summer. We are also expecting the



replacement of twenty trees that have been lost to the gardens in recent years and the restoration of planting along the 'straight six'. This will make a big difference to reducing wind and increasing shade during summer. Finally, council will be shortly be installing interpretative signage in the Gardens.



Hopefully this will increase the local community's understanding of the history Gardens. All in all, things are looking up. Spring has arrived and the Gardens are worth a visit.



Next Friends Meeting.

The next Friends meeting will be held on 26th of September, 10am -12 noon at the Church meeting rooms, McKay Gardens. Everyone Welcome. The Friends still desperately need people who can help with the production of newsletters (as this production

indicates) website, research, archiving, media etc, etc. If you have some spare time we would appreciate your help. Contact us at: contact@mckaygardens.org or just attend one of our meetings.

Put this in your calendar

Centenary Celebrations.

Sunday November 29th 12 – 4pm
McKay Memorial Gardens,
Anderson Road, Sunshine.

- Afternoon tea
- Music – Sunshine Brass band, Sunshine Pipe band, the Legless Lizards
- Display of historical images/video
- History Walk
- Tree planting

Bring the family, bring friends, bring a picnic, enjoy the newly restored gardens. Relax and listen to the music. Take a stroll around the history markers. Enjoy some afternoon tea. Help us celebrate the centenary of the McKay Gardens.

Everyone is welcome. No charge.