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Management Plan Report

At the meeting of Brimbank City Council on 15 August 2017, the draft HV McKay Memorial Gardens Management Plan 2017 was endorsed for community consultation. This Plan supersedes the 1994 Management Guidelines. The Friends Group reviewed the Draft and provided feedback to Council on its content and accuracy and on Tuesday 21 November 2017, Council resolved to approve the new Management Plan. This important milestone makes the culmination of a year's work by the Friends and the Council. Key components and actions of the final draft Management Plan include:

- A detailed history of the Gardens from their inception to present day
- An understanding of the challenges the Gardens face through increased urban densification and changing climate
- A description regarding the character of the Gardens, ensuring these unique elements are retained and enhanced in line with best practice for heritage gardens
- A governance structure to oversee management of the Gardens
- A Continuous Improvement Action Plan
- Maintenance guidelines.

The Friends are happy that the Management Plan has been approved and look forward to working with the Strategic Management Group in the years ahead to ensure that the Gardens continue to flourish.

You can read the Plan at
<http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au>



Come to AGHS walk and talk

2.15 for 2.30pm, Saturday 2 December 2017
HV McKay Memorial Gardens, 120 Anderson Road, Sunshine

As part of activities of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Garden History Society, join the Christmas Walk and Talk event and enjoy the 100 year old gardens and listen to the talks by members of the Friends Group who will describe the early beginnings of the Gardens and later developments - *for good or ill!*

Bring your afternoon tea and enjoy the shade under the majestic trees and enjoy the late Spring displays of plants and flowers. Bring a rug to sit on, invite your friends and enjoy the afternoon. Come by train, bike, car or just walk. Contact Fran Faul on 9853 1369 or email franfaul@gmail.com for more details.

Gardens Festival 2018

The Friends have been successful in obtaining funding of \$12,500 from Brimbank City Council's Community Grants Program to support the Annual Gardens Festival that is planned for March 2018. The Friends' Group Festival Committee, led by Speroulla Christodoulou, has begun planning for the day which promises to be even better than previous years with music and activities for all held in the beautiful Gardens. Further details to come shortly.

Meeting dates for 2018

The Friends of HV McKay Gardens meet monthly at the Sunshine Presbyterian Church Hall, 120 Anderson Road, Sunshine each second Saturday, alternating with an evening meeting at the Sunshine Library, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine on each second Thursday at 6.30pm. Dates for the 2018 are:

Saturdays at the Church Hall at 10.00am - 3 Feb, 7 April, 2 June, 4 August, 6 October, 1 December and
Thursdays at the Sunshine Library at 6.30pm - 1 March, 3 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November