

Newsletter

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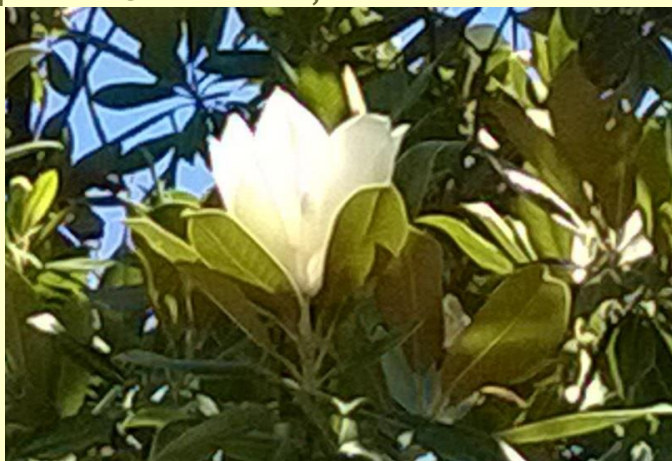
Well-watered Gardens in February 2018

President's report

We hope everyone had a festive season and enjoying the beginning of a new year. For us the year has well and truly started with the Friends working feverishly to drive new projects and see through current projects. We have a diverse committee that draws on the varied talents and skills of its members to get things done, often varied and at the same time.

Currently, we are ensuring the 'council approved' Garden Management Plan is implemented in a timely manner, planting days are organised and upkeep of the Gardens, including structural maintenance, is happening. Our largest project at this time is the Heritage Garden Festival. A free event held annually in the Gardens with activities, food and entertainment for the whole family. Come and join us on Sunday 4th March 12noon - 5pm. We would love to see you there!

Speroulla Christodoulou, President



Magnolia time in the Gardens

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Come to the Gardens Festival

The Friends have been busy preparing for this year's HV McKay Memorial Gardens Festival that will be held in the Gardens, 120 Anderson Road, Sunshine, on Saturday 4 March 2018 from noon to 5.00pm

HV MCKAY MEMORIAL GARDENS
FESTIVAL
120 Anderson Rd, Sunshine
SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

FREE



12noon - 5pm
MUSIC GAMES
MARKET FOOD

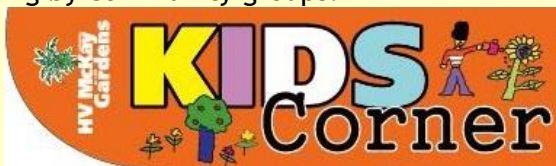
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Come to the Gardens Festival



- **The ENTERTAINMENT Tent** - with music, dancing and singing by community groups.



- **The KIDS Corner** - with games, competitions, activities and face-painting for kids by Fairy Caitlin.



- **The FITNESS Corner** - with Yoga, soccer, lacrosse and barefoot lawn bowls.



- **The FRIENDS HERITAGE Tent** - with a heritage photo display, tours, and information desk.



- **COMMUNITY GROUPS and FOOD STALLS** - Sunshine Scouts Sausage Sizzle, 'The Bean Master' (for coffee), and the Essential Oils Man.



Latest News

The state of the Gardens

As you'll see when you visit, the Gardens are looking wonderful - even in the height of a hot summer - largely due to the hard work of the two council gardeners Camillo and Skye and the regular supply of water from the newly-installed watering system.



Council slow to implement Management Plan

In November Brimbank Council accepted the draft Management Plan, but we are yet to see any implementation of its recommendations, including the convening of the Strategic Management Group, the first step in getting the plan underway. We are currently waiting for Council to respond to a number of our concerns re tree health, inappropriate access to the Gardens by vehicles, and progress on Council plans for curvilinear paths to be constructed within the Gardens. We also await a response regarding when the vehicle crossing at the south corner of the bowling green area would be removed and replaced by new kerb to deter vehicle access to the Gardens at this point, as stated in the Management Plan.

News from Selwyn Park

Nearby to the Gardens, west within the neighbourhood of Albion, is the historic Selwyn Park. One of the centrepieces of Selwyn Park is the Eco-Living Community House and Community Gardens. At present a local community group is establishing a new Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House at the site. Follow progress at: www.facebook.com/kororoitcreeknh/

Coming up - Community bulb planting in April

The Friends are keen to have a community bulb planting morning in the Gardens in late April - once we have confirmation from Brimbank Council. Everyone is welcome to help, and, if you like, you can bring your favourite bulbs to make the Gardens bright and happy in Spring.

Watch our Facebook page and next Newsletter closer to the date for details.



Meetings

Meetings of the Friends are held monthly alternating on the following days:

Saturdays at the Sunshine Presbyterian Church Hall, 120 Anderson Road, Sunshine at 10.00am - 3 Feb, 7 April, 2 June, 4 August, 6 October, 1 December

Thursdays at the Sunshine Library, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine at 6.30pm - 1 March, 3 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November



Why not join us & renew your membership?

New members are always welcome!



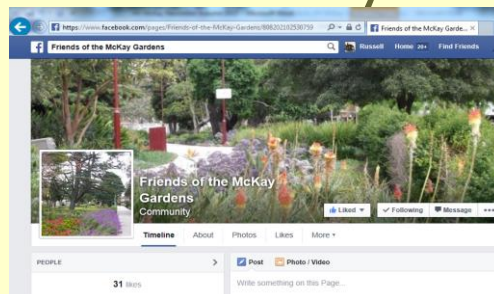
The annual subscription is just \$10.00, and you can join by contacting the Secretary, Melinda at:

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or by sending your name, address, phone and email with a cheque for \$10.00 payable to: Friends of the HV McKay Memorial Gardens c/- PO Box 154 Sunshine VIC 3020

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