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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure that I commence the year as the incoming President and I look forward to meeting and working with you.

My congratulations to Marie for the wonderful achievements during her time in office. Fortunately she has consented to continue as the Archivist for the Friends, which will ensure that valuable and relevant material is retained.

The Annual General Meeting was most successful, with William Martin as the guest speaker. His interesting and provocative presentation opened new and challenging ideas.

We have been most fortunate in obtaining a grant from Parks Victoria for \$3,500 to complete the labelling of significant plants and trees, and the completion of the data base.

The preparation for the Federation Fair on November 18 continues. You will find details of the Fair and a request for your assistance, accompanying this Newsletter. We are thrilled and gratified with the enormous public support we have received, with over 70 groups participating. We are working in close collaboration with the Warrnambool City Council representatives and find their help and co-operation invaluable.

This is a very busy and exciting time and I look forward to meeting with you all on November 18 at the Fair.
Billie Rowley

News from the Gardens

The Friends have been very busy during the winter months. The Growing Friends report that the espaliered fruit trees, carefully pruned by Mrs. Robinson, are now shooting and forming blossom. We held two most successful potting days when plants and cuttings brought in by Friends were potted up in readiness for the plant stall on November 18. If any of you still have plants to give us, please contact Lorraine Richardson on 5565-1217.

Guiding Friends continue to show people through the gardens. Groups from 2 to 12 arrive and it is always rewarding to hear their comments on the presentation of the gardens, for example – the beautiful ribbon planting done by the gardeners in every season, or to learn some historical facts new to us.

We were lucky to have a visit from John Hawker, Horticulturist for Heritage Victoria. He gave us much needed advice on future development for the gardens. We discussed the proposed Children's Garden, the maintenance of certain beds, and planting of trees, for example the "Centenary of Federation Wattle" *Acacia leprosa*, kindly donated by Kim Pretlove.

The Fernery has now been replanted under the expert advice of Lorraine Deppeler of Bush-House Nursery. Some 20 new plants have been introduced and those planted in the centre beds feature only Otway Range ferns. Large tree ferns have been cut in half and replanted because their fronds were reaching for the roof. The Fernery will be locked for several months to allow the ferns to get established, however Guiding Friends and the staff have keys to show interested people through. Delicate maidenhair ferns have been chosen for the centre pole – a very "Victorian" touch.

Editor: Marigold Curtis

FEDERATION FAIR

INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

As you are aware the Friends have received funding for a Federation Fair which is to be held in the Gardens on November 18 between 11 a.m and 8 p.m. Over 70 groups have indicated that they will participate which is very exciting. We have received wonderful support from the Council who are working with us.

The activities for the day include entertainment, with Barry Crocker as the guest star, Paul Jennings will have a book launch plus 9 local groups some being the Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra, the School of Ballet, Warrnambool College Jazz band. Exhibitions include Floral Art, a Students Art Competition featuring Federation as the theme, Art and Craft, Wood Work, a Display of Historic Cars and Fashion Through the Ages to mention just a few. Over 30 static displays by various groups and charities will demonstrate the large range of organisations operating in Warrnambool and District. The Hillside Market and other market stalls will enable people to shop.

Food will be provided from many outlets around the Gardens. Children's games will be organised by the Scouts and the Y.M.C.A as well as other groups, a Merry-go-round, plus other rides will be available.

As you can see by this brief outline it will be a very busy day. The response we have received has been overwhelming and extremely gratifying.

At this stage we are calling on you as members, to assist us where possible on the 18th. **We would be grateful if you could fill in the times that you would be available and return the form to us by Friday 19th October.**

We thank you for your interest and support and look forward to meeting you and working with you.

PLANT STALL

We are endeavoring to make this date a yearly event for the selling of plants and produce, this will be our major yearly fund raiser. This year we would like your assistance by supplying potted plants, if you have cuttings etc. that need potting up pots and potting mixture are available. There will be working bees between now and the fair, if you are available to assist please call Lorraine 5565 1217

PRODUCE

Marie Johnstone is in charge of the produce. This stall will be selling preserves, spreads etc. along with biscuits and produce, if you are able to assist in this department please call Marie 55623 239 and she will arrange drop off or pick up times to your convenience.

CATERING

Anne Kelly is again in charge of catering, she is asking for assistance with making slices and small cakes plus assistance on the day, if you are able to help her please fill in the attached form or ring her on 5562 4982

HELP ON THE DAY

There will be a lot of setting up early from 7.30am to 10am and later in the day for packing up around 7pm, plus marshalling during the day, if there are any men folk for a bit of lifting or women able to help in this area please indicate on the form or ring Mandy King 5562 0343

ADVERTISING

Enclosed is an advertising flyer, we would be grateful if you could display this where applicable. If you if you can help by distributing these please let us know how many on the attached form and they will be sent out to you. Or ring Mandy King 5562 0343

As you can see from the report above we are expecting a large number of people to be present on the day so any help from the members would be greatly appreciated, just fill in the attached form and we will be back to you close to the date with times etc.

Billie Rowley Mandy King
President Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2001

NOVEMBER

18th Sunday : **Federation Fair** 11.00 am – 8. Pm

DECEMBER

2nd Sunday Warrnambool Volunteer Network Thank you day
Christmas Party - date to be decided

2002

FEBRUARY

Music in the gardens (2 Sundays to be decided) and Wunta

MARCH

Teddy Bears Picnic

APRIL

Autumn Bus trip

MAY

Luncheon for members – guest speaker

JULY

17th Wednesday AGM

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2001**

RECEIPTS	
Membership Fees	825.00
Donations	615.00
Growing Friends	18.00
Federation Fair	7,000.00
Bus Trip	1,400.00
Wunta in the Gardens	468.70
Sundry Receipts	239.92
Total Receipts	10,566.62
PAYMENTS	
Conference Expenses	232.00
Audit Fees	165.00
Advertising	115.50
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery	492.65
Postage	383.35
Federation Fair	283.74
Fundraising	65.50
Garden Tour Expenses	931.00
Growing Friends	563.50
Garden Club of Australia—Insurance	254.71
Warrnambool Bus Company—Bus Trip	400.00
Sundry Expenses	258.28
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,145.23
SURPLUS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/6/01	\$6,421.39
TERM DEPOSIT	\$12,461.60
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