



# FRIENDS OF WARRNAMBOOL BOTANIC GARDENS

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Maintaining and developing Warrnambool Botanic Gardens as an outstanding Guilfoyle garden

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## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*



150 reasons to Celebrate!

In this edition of our newsletter you will find an invitation to our annual end of year Christmas party in the Gardens on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This event will also serve as the launch of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so the plans for an eventful year to come will be revealed. There are other milestones and achievements to celebrate as well, come along to find out full details.

Family, friends and guests of members are welcome to join us for some bubbles and good cheer to toast the end of the year and begin the 150<sup>th</sup> year of celebration. Please let us know numbers attending a few days prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> to allow us to cater for all.

Hope to see you all there,  
Janet Macdonald.

## *THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2015*

An award ceremony was held at Dunkeld Community Centre on Friday 20 November. Federal member for Wannon Dan Tehan MP presented each Wannon recipient with a certificate recognising their contribution to their community. The Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens were delighted that foundation member Marie Johnstone received an award for **Long Term Commitment to Community Service**.

In presenting Marie with her award, Dan Tehan said;

*Marie was a foundation member of the FOWBG when it was established in 1989 to support Warrnambool's bid for Premier Town. She has continued to serve on the committee ever since, including one term as President. She has been the historian, archivist, and research officer over that time and produced a booklet on "The History of the Friends 1989-2009".*

*She has also worked for more than 20 years in the local group, fund raising for the charity "Save the Children."*

*In addition, her informal volunteering has been consistent, caring and constant.*

Dan also made reference to the great work the Friends had done in preserving and promoting The Lone Pine at Warrnambool.

Marie has been a steadfast 'friend' for 26 years. She has been a 'guiding friend' and a generous contributor to all activities. Thank you Marie, for your hard work, enthusiasm and support.





150 years of WBG's will be celebrated over 12 months - 2016

### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Photographic Competition & Exhibition - A Guilfoyle Garden: Guests & Greenery**

1 August 2015 - 31 May 2016

Please go to our web site for all information and entry form

#### **Family in the Gardens**

12th November 2016 - more details in following newsletters

### TO WATCH

**Restoration of the Well - 150th garden bed**

**Commemorative postage stamp - Fluker post - Special art installations**

Our year will start with a fabulous event - gather your friends and buy your tickets - note tickets are limited so don't miss out.

Go to [our web](#) site to purchase your tickets

## Night In The Gardens

Please gather your friends and join us at this once-in-a-lifetime Gala event to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our magnificent Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

7pm till late

Marquee at the Gardens

Featuring Popular Melbourne Band Popcorn

Feast at our Chef-manned Grazing Stations

Dress Eveningwear

Ticket purchase [www.wbgardens.com.au](http://www.wbgardens.com.au)

\$100 per person inclusive of food, drinks & fabulous entertainment

Purchase your tickets now - only 300 available - closing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016



The committee of Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens invites all members & friends to our Christmas celebration and the official launch of the Gardens 150th anniversary year

Thursday 10th December at 5.30pm

RSVP - Janet 0409 624059 or Mandy 0438 620343 or [friends@wbgardens.com](mailto:friends@wbgardens.com)



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Our newsletter is published spring, summer,  
autumn and winter.

If you would like to contribute to our publication  
please forward material to the above address.

Membership: Payable at/or by the AGM  
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## GUIDED WALKS

Guided walks are conducted by our  
volunteer guides every Second and  
Fourth Sunday of the month  
commencing at 2.30pm, weather  
permitting.

Walks can be organised on request  
Walks proceed from the main entrance  
gate in Cockman Street

Please note: If you would like to have  
your Newsletter sent by email please  
send an email [friends@wbgardens.com.au](mailto:friends@wbgardens.com.au)  
and we will put you on the email list

## HISTORY SNIPPETS - from Trove

### December 1912

An ambitious musical effort in the form of an open air sacred  
concert in the Botanic Gardens is being organised for  
Christmas night, in aid of the gardens' rotunda fund. The  
programme will be contributed by the three principal local  
church choirs, a combined town and district orchestra, three  
bands and a number of leading local vocalists.

### December 1912

On Christmas night a concert by the combined choir,  
band, and orchestra was held in the Botanic gardens, in  
aid of the gardens band-rotunda. It attracted a record  
attendance. The receipts are expected to amount to over  
£90

### February 1935

A proposal to allow motor cars to be driven through the  
Botanic gardens is being considered by the city council.

### August 1906

The formal ceremony of, planting a rose garden at the  
local Botanic Gardens was carried out by the mayor and  
mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Mackay). The rosery was  
planted with 175 trees, including a large number of new  
varieties.

## MORNING IN THE GARDENS

We hold this gathering every first Wednesday of the month  
commencing at 11am. We have had representatives from local  
garden groups, flower clubs, floral arrangers and many more.  
All welcome, do come along, enjoy morning tea and a chat

## GIFT CERTIFICATE

The gift of a certificate is a thoughtful way to introduce your  
family and friends to the Gardens.

Please contact a committee member, email  
[friends@wbgardens.com.au](mailto:friends@wbgardens.com.au) or call Mandy on 0438620343

## GARDEN CARDS

Cards depicting scenes of the gardens are for sale, \$10 for a  
pack of 5 cards or \$2 each - excellent Christmas presents

## FACEBOOK

Don't forget to visit the WBG [Facebook](#) page.

## BOOKING AN EVENT IN THE GARDENS

Are you thinking of holding an event in the Gardens? Go to  
our [website](#) to get information and to download an application  
form. You are also able to book by going to the gardens or  
WCC during work hours and obtaining a booking form.

## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their  
membership for 2015-16

### EFT

BSB: 083 957

Account Number: 048342632

Refer: Your Name (*this is important to enable us to match our records  
with your payment*)

Family \$25, Single \$20 Corporate \$100