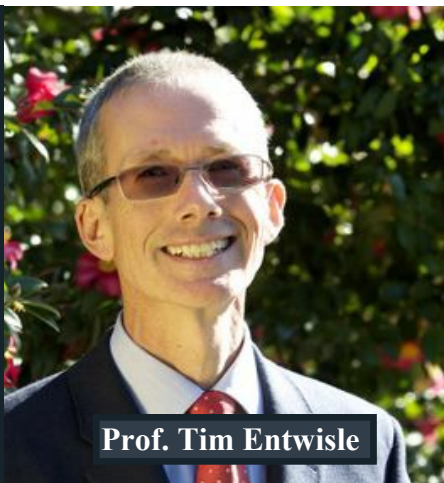


NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013

BREAKING NEWS:

The Friends NOW have a Patron!



Prof. Tim Entwisle

Prof. Tim Entwisle, Director and Chief Executive of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne has agreed to take on the role of Patron of the Friends of the Ballarat Botanic Gardens! He brings a wealth of experience and expertise.

Tim is a highly respected scientist and scientific communicator with a broad interest in plants, science and gardens. Tim has been Director of Conservation, Living Collections and Estates at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew.

He has worked as a scientist and senior manager in botanic gardens for over 20 years, and before that as a Post-doctoral Fellow at The University of Melbourne. While working as a botanist and later Manager of Research at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne he co-edited and contributed to the four-volume *Flora of Victoria*. He then moved to Sydney to become head of science and eventually Executive Director of Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust, a role he held for eight years before moving to London.

Tim is the author of over 70 scientific publications, including three books.

Outside work Tim enjoys kayaking, reading (pretty much anything that is well written) and walking (pretty much anywhere). He also retains a life-long interest in Dr. Samuel Johnson and indie music.

Tim is almost a 'local' having been born in Nhill in 1960!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A warm welcome to the winter newsletter and also to our new members; the membership is now 311 and steadily increasing.

The Friends are thrilled to announce the appointment of Professor Tim Entwisle as our Patron, we thank him and are looking forward to our association in the years ahead. Members will have the opportunity to meet before too long. In his letter of response he says, *"I would be honoured to be Patron of the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens and to contribute in whatever way I can to help your botanic garden flourish."*

The Friends take pleasure in dedicating our Library, The Jessie Scott Library, is the new name and dedicated a founding member (see page 8).

Congratulations and thanks must go to Terry O'Brien and the Guides for coordinating a successful and happy U3A course, which we feel sure will become an annual event. Also for the production of the new Statues brochure available now for everyone to enjoy.

More thanks are given to Jenny Burrell for her wonderful contribution in designing our original website. The new website is now operating and we are looking forward to its continued growth.

As you will read there are many interesting things to come in the months ahead and we hope you will enjoy taking part. Keep warm, peruse good gardening books and prepare soups from the vegies of the winter garden. Elizabeth Gilfillan

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GUIDING FRIENDS:

Ballarat Botanical Gardens was one of the places to visit during the Ballarat Heritage Weekend 11-12 May 2013. The focus this year for this event was "Stories of Entertainment" and so the Guides with the assistance of the History group spent some time exploring some of the forgotten and the changed entertainment features in these gardens.

The guides are used to talking about the early struggles George Longley had establishing the garden and pointing out the Blue Gums and the Fernery and the role they played in protecting the new garden but perhaps we haven't focused so much on the difficulty of attracting people to these new gardens in the early days. The city was 3.5 kms away with no public transport. There were none of the grand trees and statuary that attract us now.

Zoological collections were one of the ways to build up attraction to the Botanical Gardens. There was strong interest in natural history and animal acclimatization. An eagle chained to a post in 1863 was the start to the collection for our early menagerie. Large aviaries and caged birds soon followed. Blackbirds, thrushes and English goldfinches had been "loosed" into the gardens. We had fenced areas to observe deer and pheasants. A visit to the gardens was a space to observe and experience nature.

Several attempts to have white swans on Lake Wendouree failed because of attacks by the native black swans. In May 1888 the Ballarat Council was told that the last male white swan had been run over and killed by a horse tram. This was allegedly due to the "criminal carelessness" of the driver. The council demanded that the Ballarat Tramway Co Ltd reimburse the cost of the dead swan. The Company ignored the request!

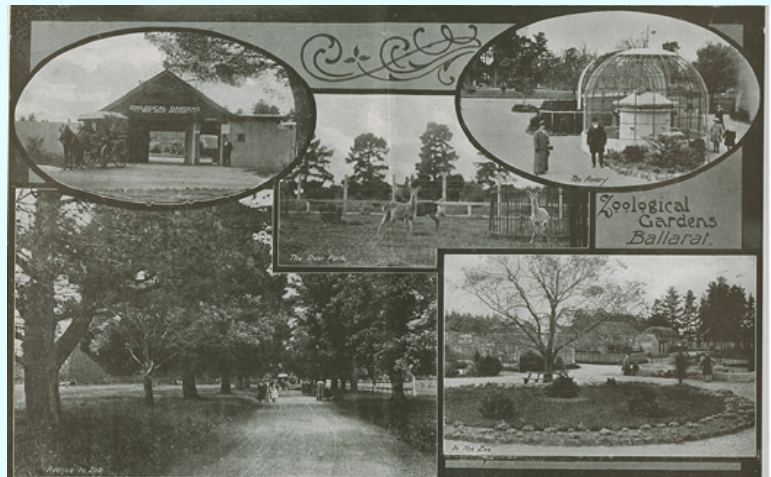
The Ballarat Branch of the National Trust also focused on the role of animals in the gardens during the Ballarat Heritage Weekend with a squirrel spotting activity they developed for younger children. Squirrels were released in the gardens in 1937.



We have no photos of these squirrels in the gardens. Does anyone have one? Any assistance to locate one would be good for the records.

The opening of the zoo in 1917 allowed an expanding range of species in cages and aviaries.

No one on our Heritage Weekend Tours wanted a return of this phase of the garden's development (remember the monkeys in cages!)



However in new economies such as China and India the integration of flora and fauna in a conservation centre is the way forward for some of their new national parks.

The zoo ended in 1959 and so did the maze. There was interest amongst the Heritage Weekend Tour groups for a revitalisation of the maze area. The mix of suggestions included a paved maze and a wooden partition maze. The Big Play Day late last year recreated the maze very successfully with straw bales.

Our first maze commenced in 1862 was modelled on the Hampton Court Maze. There are lots of possibilities to consider if we want to redevelop our maze, including audio installation

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such as has been done at Hampton Court.

Mention of the Swing boats and the penny arcade at the Almeida Pavilion also brought back memories for many. The Soundshell was constructed in 1962, with funds donated by the Begonia Festival.

Entertainment in the gardens has been shaped by the times we live in. We may not promenade like we did in the past but we still love a walk through the gardens. Kids still climb the lions and it is a great location for events and gatherings.



Wandering through the maze in 1957

U3A course

The guides conducted this 6 weeks course (2 hours each Tuesday morning) and it provided a great opportunity for people to get to know more about the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. Guides have put a lot of work into resourcing this course and received very positive feedback from participants. We plan to run it again next year and perhaps for other audiences as well.

Speakers at Up-coming Meetings

At our June meeting we will have had David Glenn from Lambley Nursery in Ascot. September will see David Grant, Vegetation Planning and Management Officer, City of Ballarat, speaking to us.

Our meetings are a way to get to know more about the gardens and so if interested please consider joining the Guides. It's a great way to learn more about the gardens!

Terry O'Brien

There's one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbour's.

Help Needed

FBBG needs helpers for the news letter mail out. Four helpers needed per seasonal newsletter. Volunteer as little as once a year to help the group. Please contact Genevieve at the George Longley Centre on 03 53429354.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER FOR FBBG MEMBERS!

FBBG is now excited to offer members electronic payment. This will commence with the payments for the October bus trips and be available for new membership and renewal of memberships later in 2013.

Payments to FBBG will then be via, cheque, bank order, cash and direct payment.

- When making a Direct payment ensure you use your surname and first initial as your identification.
- Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens
- BSB 663108
- Acc. Number: 125334615

What About the Fernery?

When it reached its completion in 1889 the Fernery in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens must have been awe inspiring with its towers and Decoration, extending from the Claxton memorial on the Parade to Gillies St. Inside could be found ferns, camellias, Japanese maples, fuchsias, rhododendrons, azaleas and a grotto. The mainly wooden structure suffered the ravages of time and in 1920, after several alterations, the demolition of some parts and refurbishments, the central portion collapsed.



Various plans were put forward to manage the situation but were not acted upon. Eventually, in 1958, local architect, Valentine Lohse, restored the remaining structure with a steel frame and wooden battens.

The 1995 Masterplan recommends the traditional presence of such a structure in the Gardens. In 2003 a public meeting, following the vandalism of the Stoddart statues, a reconstruction of the Fernery with an associated statue house was considered.



The Batten Fernery in the 1880s

Council in 2005 funded the investigation of a design concept for the refurbishment of the existing fernery. A design concept was produced by Council's Heritage Architect & Landscape Architect utilising the existing frame & enlarged footprint to house the statues. Feedback from the statue conservators was that the artworks ideally should be repositioned outside.

In 2006 concept No.2 was prepared by consultant's Land Design (Jackson Clements Burrows Architects) with this in mind, the Friends put aside \$50,000 to assist in the development of a fernery and in 2006 \$15,000 was given to carry out forward planning.

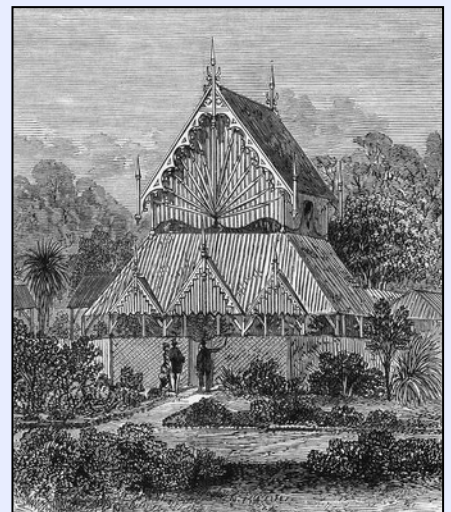
In 2008/9 Council allocated funds for the advancement of design and planning in Capital Works which did not proceed. At the 2009 AGM then Mayor, Judy Verlin, thanked the Friends for this donation and expressed the hope that plans for such a development would be in the 2009 -10 budget. The Committee and members were very disappointed when this did not occur.

The Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens group was formed in 1982 and concern associated with the present Fernery structure has been a recurrent subject of discussion with the Council by the Friends since then. Over that time further deterioration has eventually seen the closure of the majority of the Fernery and what remains of its collection.

"Sic transit gloria"

In the Friends' view the time has come for a complete reappraisal concerning the Fernery, new plans and a new beginning.

John & Joan Garner, Elizabeth Gilfillan



WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD HAPPEN TO THE FERNERY?

Please LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK by telephoning the Friends (53429354), writing to P.O. Box 33W, Ballarat West 3350 OR speaking to a Committee member.

Plant of the moment:

Macrozamia revoluta -

Class: *Cycadopsida*,

Order: *Cycadales*,

Family: *Cycadaceae*

Cycad-like plants are survivors of a group of plants dating back to the Devonian period, 100 million years ago. During Europe's tropical past, *Cycadaceae* flourished. Coal from their forests provides the power today. Most of the order *Cycadale* disappeared during the Cretaceous period leaving only one surviving family, *Cycadaceae*, comprising nine genera made up of eighty species.

Cycadaceae are woody palm-like trees. They are rarely taller than 3m and mainly occur in the tropics. Exceptions are found in Cuba, South Africa and Australia where species can be as tall as twenty metres. There are also species whose stems remain underground (A 'fern' sent by Dr Stanger to England from Natal in 1851 proved to be a cycad, *Stangeria paradoxa*.)

The tall varieties resemble palms, and the small resemble common ferns. They are termed dioecious, producing male or female flower cones which can weigh as much as forty kilos. Their stems remain covered with the remains of the persistent leaf bases, which give a guide to their age. Female plants develop vegetative or reproductive leaves in alternate years. They are wind pollinated.

In the genus, *Cycas*, fifteen species of *Macrozamia* are found in southern and eastern Australia, two species of *Bowenia* in Queensland occur in dense patches in eucalypt forests and fifteen species of *Encephalartos* grow in Africa. (In desperate times, *Encephalartos* is used to make sago.) *Cycas revoluta*, the centre-piece to the bed in front of the Robert Clark Horti-cultural Centre, is grown commercially on the French Riviera for its leaves.

(Source: *Plants of the World the Higher Plants 1*, H.C.D. de Wit)



Fernery Project: As we advance towards a positive outcome, representatives from the Friends have attended two meetings with City of Ballarat to discuss proposal number three for the Fernery. A presentation of two options for the concept design and associated technical drawings has been made. The Friends would like the members to give their feedback on the proposal so far..... points for discussion are:

- The footprint and form of the concept has "in principle support from Heritage Victoria"
- The future use and relationship between the Horticulture Centre, Conservatory and the proposed Fernery need to be explored in a holistic manner
- Potential "other" uses of spaces created, including
 1. Meeting space, and Education Centre 100 - 150 people
 2. Visitor information
 3. Cafe
 4. Non-fern plant collections
- The need for a new name for the project/building that captures the fact that the construction is more than only a Fernery
- Discussion around FBBG now taking a lead in the project with assistance from the City to carry out Public Awareness and Fundraising campaigns initially, and secondly to engage architects to develop concepts for internal design and function and develop revised costings.
- Discussion of future stages, planning approval, project management, tendering and construction phases.

Concept drawings are available for viewing at the Conservatory or George Longley Building.

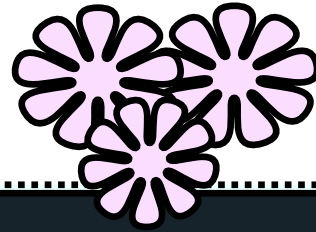
(See page 4 on how to provide feedback)

Growing Friends

Growing Friends continues to be a buzz with energy and enthusiasm as winter closes in around the Botanical Gardens. Plant sales remain steady regardless of the elements. Members should drop by and view the plant collection on sale. Pots of colour, (Primulas, Pansies and Ranunculi) are all available to brighten a winter garden.

Preparations for spring sales and ordering for summer make for exciting times with the growing friends. Happy gardening.

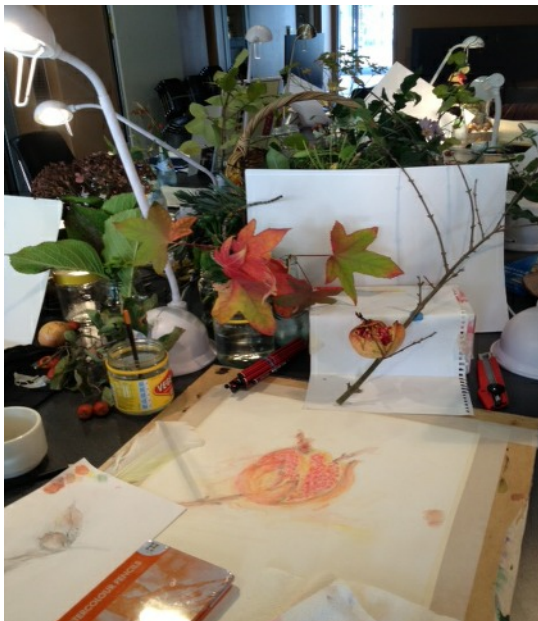
Yvonne Curbach



HAVEN'T GOT ONE YET?

Copies of "*An Eden of Loveliness*" are available from FBBG for \$40; Members \$35. You can even buy one at the Conservatory too!

Botanical Art



In May, a stimulating workshop oriented on the study and drawing of poisonous plants was conducted by Geraldine Roberts. Nine students took part over the two days and continue to paint on the cold wet Mondays of this term. An enlightening way to enjoy the wonders of nature whilst keeping warm inside!

For enthusiasts there will be two trips later in the year. We plan to visit the new Gallery of Jenny Phillips, acclaimed artist, and attend an exhibition at RMBG "Forest to Foreshore".

LABELS - LABELS - LABELS - LABELS

A new type of plant label is being tried out in the Salvia beds. The labels are smaller and more discrete.

Approximately 20 different species were acquired originally from the Salvia collection at Geelong Botanic Gardens. Identification of the plants has proved challenging and we still don't have absolutely positive identification of a few. This is a work in progress. Thanks in particular to Louise Stinson from the Friends of Geelong Gardens and Sue Rattray from Lambley.

Joy O'Brien

BotaniKIDS -- Idea for the Holidays

MAKE A HAIRY HOUSE!



Instructions

Create a house with sponges. Buy cheaply from chain stores. Cut and stick together with pins or toothpicks.

Dampen the sponges well and sprinkle lawn seed on the roof and on the base. Place on a tray with a little water in it in a light position indoors. Wait for the seeds to germinate. Keep sponges damp.

Shows the idea of seeds and growth. Hairy cottage can then be used with miniature toys for play. Make a series of them to create your own green village! Can also be cut using scissors for a spot of lawn mowing!

Julie B

Education - BotaniKIDS Report: : Julie Bradby

In February we ran our first session for the year for toddlers and their Mums, Dads and Carers. It was well attended and just so happened to fall on Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) so of course we made pancakes. Yum! We even had heaps leftover for the garden staff morning tea!

But of course that was just to get us wound up for the The Begonia Festival as we were once again invited to stage most of the children's activities at the Festival.

We planned, resourced and designed three activities for the Festival with the help and guidance of Heidi Zukauskis from Ballarat City Council Events Dept.



“... it was a sensation!..”

We organised two ‘Stay and Play’ type activities, Super Sandpit and Backyard Blackboards and one ‘Create and Take’ activity the *Decorate a Garden Tile*.

The *Super Sandpit* was undertaken by one of our BotaniKIDS committee member Heather Boyd on behalf of Eureka Community Kindergarten Association, a partner organisation who worked under the auspices of BotaniKIDS, and Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. It was a sensation! Heather did a phenomenal job and organised and created a wonderfully creative playful atmosphere. The children loved it and the parents could take time out and relax. A wonderful addition to the Festival.

The *Backyard Blackboards* was an activity run by the BotaniKIDS team. The boards were painted with starter images of various storybook or garden themed ideas and gave the little artists a springboard for their artwork. We had many families came back the next day. A feature of the setting was a backyard feel to the decorations with bunting old bikes and even a scarecrow. Bunting was beautifully illustrated by Mount Clear PS Preps.

The *Decorated Tile* activity was designed and resourced by BotaniKIDS and run very ably by another of our invited partner organisations, the Girl Guides. A pallet of terra cotta tiles were imported from Italy for the event (we tried very hard to source locally) and were partly funded by *Carpet Court* in Ballarat. The whole pallet of tiles were decorated, except for a few boxes!

The Festival was a huge undertaking by such a small organisation and even smaller Educating Group but with the kind help of many of the Friends, our partner organisations and Heidi, Jeff and Kate at BCC Events we felt we successfully provided wonderful child centred activities .

We had a new member Trish Twaits who worked along with us for the entire three days for eight hours each day, I hope we haven't put her off! What a wonderful effort.



We look forward to another busy year and in fact just this week have just hosted four local Playgroups who requested they conduct some sessions in the Gardens. This was a very positive thing for BotaniKIDS, the Friends and the Gardens. We handed out our brochure and spoke to the many young families about the Friends, while we played collected and created. What a delight it was seeing the little ones toddle off into the Gardens with their baskets collecting their nature treasures! It's what it is all about, I'm sure you would agree! Please feel free to support us in any way. We do need your help. Contact us via the Friend's email address.

Jessie Scott Born Ballarat 5 June 1909 Died Ballarat 5 July 2004

JESSIE SCOTT WAS born in Ballarat and attended Macarthur Street State School then Queen's Church of England Girl's Grammar School, before attending the Ballarat School of Mines where she studied art..

Jessie was a first class gardener and knowledgeable horticulturist. In her lifetime she created a fine and fertile tilth out of the block she and her husband Gordon bought on the rough mining site that became their family home and where they brought up their three children. This garden furnished her for many decades with the beautiful flowers arranged on so many occasions at the Town Hall and the Art Gallery, as well as St Peter's Church (in vases under a pulpit named for her forbears) where she was a regular worshipper. She knew the botanical names to most of her exotics and many of the Australian natives. Her interest in horticulture led to her becoming a member of the Ballarat Horticultural Society in 1928 (Life Membership was accorded her in 1982) as well as a foundation member of the FBBG. She was a member of the Victorian Rose Society and the Alpine Society as well as several other specialist associations. She was also actively involved in a multitude of organizations including Apex, the Victoria League, Ballarat and Queen's Grammar School, the Ladies Art Association, the Children's Home, McCallum House, Sovereign Hill as well as many other worthy causes.



Everywhere she went she wheel-barrowed potted plants for church fetes, the Children's Home and our own Growing Friends. These were all propagated in her potting shed in her spare time. Her car boot was a veritable mini nursery.

Her husband Gordon Scott (MLA) served for many years as Councillor at the City of Ballarat, becoming Mayor in due course. Jessie served beside him as Lady Mayoress. Gordon died prematurely in 1965, aged 55, and Jessie stood for Council in 1971. She was elected unopposed, becoming the first woman Councillor in the City of Ballarat and Mayor in 1976. She was also the first woman to serve on the local Water Board and the first woman President of the Begonia Festival. Of her many achievements she was proudest of her Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and her MBE awarded in 1978. She was also awarded the Zonta Club Woman of Achievement in 1988, the John Pascoe Fawcner Medal for Distinguished Service to Horticulture in 1989 and given a Bi-Centennial Medal in 1989. In 2001 she was featured in the Victorian Women's Trust Publication: *'Ordinary Women – Extraordinary Lives'*. She continued to serve on many community committees well into her eighties.

During her period as Mayor she was actively involved in many community projects. She was instrumental in the restoration of the Burke and Wills Fountain as well as the removal of the Floral Clock from Sturt Street to the Botanical Gardens. Her campaign for rose beds along Sturt Street West led to it becoming known as the 'War of the Roses'. As a community beautification project she initiated the planting of daffodils in and around Fairyland. A room in the Town Hall is named in her honour.

Towards the end of her long life, son-in-law Peter Dale, asked her how she would like to be remembered. She answered, "With something that grows."

Her family donated part of Jessie's extensive library to the FBBG. This commenced the real growth of our library. It is now named **'The Jessie Scott Library'** in memory of this truly remarkable member, our friend, Jessie.

Kathleen Hobson and Lorraine Powell

Are you a regular reader of local media?

The Friends still require newspaper articles that mention the FBBG and its members to be collected for our archives.

This is a simple task which could be shared by a small group of friends. If you would like to be involved it would require only a small amount of your time.

Please contact a Committee member or Genevieve on 03 53429354 at the George Longley Centre.



Kate Roud: Guest speaker at Friends May General Meeting

Kate is currently the gardener-in-charge at Mawallok, Beaufort. Mawallok is an Alsop designed Arts and Craft homestead, with an associated 2.8 hectare William Guilfoyle designed garden.

She has been employed by the Mitchell family there since 2011. Kate started out her working life in stage management in London; from there she joined the National Trust as a trainee gardener after seeing by chance an article about new careers. Her training covered all aspects of practical gardening and lasted three years.

Initially Kate was stationed at Sissinghurst Castle garden, but moved to Sheffield Park Garden in East Sussex in 2004, staying another two years in that position. In 2006 she worked at Croft Castle in Herfordshire until she came to Australia in 2009. For two years she worked at the Garden of St Erth in Blackwood prior to moving to Mawallok.



Kate Roud from Mawallok



CURATOR'S REPORT

Recent works in the gardens over the last few weeks of the financial year have included turf maintenance on the main lawn, landscaping at the front of Pipers Restaurant and resurfacing of some of the scoria footpaths.

The main lawn had been in need of de-thatching and levelling over the last few years, the lawn had been impacted by events such as the Begonia Festival and Summer Sundays and had also never quite recovered from the effect of the drought. I have discovered the best way to encourage rain is undertake turf renovation works; it doesn't seem to have stopped raining since the project was started! (*The birds from the Lake are having a wonderful time too! See recent picture at left. Ed.*)

Landscape works at Pipers Restaurant have been completed by horticulture apprentices employed by the City of Ballarat. They have worked as a team preparing the site, laying turf, installing edging and re-laying gravel surfaces; these works have improved the visual connection between the gardens and the lake.

Stage one of maintenance on the scoria paths has been completed, a number of the paths have been resurfaced and reformed. These works have made it more comfortable for visitors to negotiate the gardens during winter. Completion of stage two will be undertaken during the next financial year.

The winter display has been installed in the conservatory during the last weeks of June, plants include Cineraria, Cyclamen and Primula.

Peter Marquand



Gardens Clubs of Australia 2013 Convention

DON'T FORGET: In September (15 to 18) we are hosting the "Gardens Clubs of Australia 2013 Convention" in Ballarat. Put it in your diary!

Brochures are currently being produced. The Committee and Friends will be needed to assist in a variety of ways for the duration of the Convention. The opening will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall.

Helpers will be needed to act as 'welcomers', handle registrations, bus 'captains', and to pack 'bags of goodies' for the delegates. Mike Sorrell is preparing a Quiz and is looking for questions (preferably of a 'botanical nature').

BALLARAT GARDENS IN **SPRING**

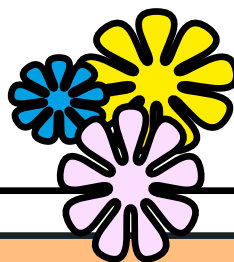
October 25 to 27 2013

How exciting to see some steady rain for our very thirsty gardens, dams and catchments. A very 'old fashioned' start to Ballarat's winter. Program details are coming together for this, our **6th Annual Ballarat Gardens in Spring**, with our promotional brochure and advertising opportunities being currently developed and extended.

As you are aware tickets are limited for our popular Speakers Luncheon scheduled for Friday 25th October, so be sure to mark this in your diary now. Guest Speakers are being finalised and will be announced soon– stay tuned! (*See page 12 – Ed.*)

Again a selection of gardens will be opened in Ballarat, some for the first time. This year's gardens are in Ballarat East and the Lake Wendouree areas. It's always a delight and treat to visit other private gardens and share their wisdom and appreciate their creativity and hard work.

We thank Jan Todd who has resigned from our Committee – now living away from Ballarat (no doubt starting a new garden) and welcome a new member, Kylie Blake. You may have visited Kylie's open garden last year in Scarsdale - a very resourceful, enthusiastic and creative gardener indeed! Thanks to all involved with this year's organising and we look forward to all the Friends support in Spring.



Helen Todd
Committee

10% Discount applies to purchases by Friends from the Robert Clark Conservatory!

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**13-15 Wallis St
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**104 Leith St
Ballarat**

OFFER 3



**GROWMASTER
BALLARAT**

**10%
OFF**

**9527 Western
Highway
Ballarat**

OFFER 4

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Ridge
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FRIENDS' VISIT TO CLOUDEHILL GARDEN AND NURSERY ON APRIL 29



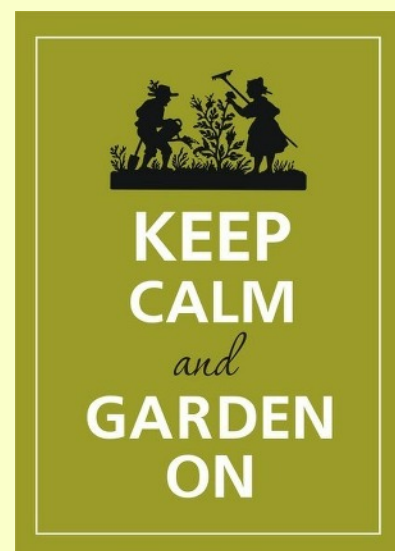
L to R: Pam Coghlan, Moira Everist, Kath Hill, Lorraine Powell and Elizabeth Gilfillan enjoying the day at Cloudehill.

Our visit to "Cloudehill" at Olinda, in autumnal mode, was most enjoyable, providing inspiration for all gardens, be they large or just a few pots. The terraced design, on a steep block with shallow stairs between tiers, ensured easy access to the different rooms where layered plantings of trees, shrubs, flowers were very attractive, with height, shape and colours carefully selected to provide overall harmony.

Hedges and restrained topiary defined areas and provided emphasis around the elegantly designed garden. Enthusiastic gardeners from our group enthusiastically packed the baggage department of our coach with lots and lots of pots from the Nursery, ensuring each would have a patch of "Cloudehill" at home.



Jennifer McGregor Clark



Photos supplied by Raoul Dixon

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Meetings and Events:

- Thursday, August 22 * We warmly welcome members to our General Meeting at 10 am in the Robert Clark Centre. Guest speaker will be Patrice O'Shae from Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens, Daylesford. Refreshments will be served after.
(* Please note the change of date.)
- Thursday, October 17 '**George Longley Day' 5 pm** - members are invited to join us when we remember the founding Curator in the George Longley Building. Refreshments will be served.
- Friday, October 25 **Spring Lunch & Events;** Robert Clark Centre and Conservatory (Andrew Laidlaw Guest Speaker!)
10 am - 3.30 pm
- Monday, October 28 '*Duneira*', Macedon & Cameron Lodge Visit (see flyer)
- Monday, November 11 **Melbourne Herbarium Visit** (see flyer)
- Thursday, November 28 Xmas BBQ 6 pm. Robert Clark Centre

MEETING TIMES 2013

Meetings are held in the George Longley Building at the rear of the Robert Clark Centre:

Committee - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3.30 pm

Growing Friends - Tuesday each week 1 pm--4 pm, and the second Sunday each month, 1 pm--4 pm.

Plant Sales at the above times and 9 am -5 pm daily from the trolley out-side the Conservatory.

Guiding Friends - 4th Tuesday each month 10 am.

History Group 1st Tuesday each month 4 pm.

Educating Friends -
2nd Tuesday each month, 10 am.

Plant Labelling as required.

Botanical Artists ("BAGS") - see inside

Educating Friends Activities 2013

Tuesday, July 9 – Holiday Activity
Tuesday, August 13 – Coffee and Cake
Tuesday, September 24 – Holiday Activity
Wednesday, October 23 – **Big Garden Day**
(22 October booked for preparation)
Tuesday, November 12 – Coffee and Cake
December 4 – Christmas Activity 11 am to 3 pm

*Grass is just a flower
bed in waiting!*

Spring edition of '*Wellingtonia*' 2013
will be produced
mid-September and sent out late
September