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VICTORIA BRANCH NEWS: JUNE 2020

Welcome to the Victorian Branch newsletter, June edition. I hope you are enjoying a bit more freedom, now restrictions are easing, and have made the most of any opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy gardens across the state. Perhaps you were inspired by our May Quiz and made a trip to one of our regional gardens? The answers to the quiz are below and we have provided you with a photo challenge as a follow-up this time. Winter is peak flowering time for many camellias and in our 'In my garden' series by committee members, Sarah Wood, our immediate past Vice Chair, shares why her favourite specimen holds a special place in her heart.

On the conservation front, the Moyne Shire Council was thrilled to receive funds to undertake Elm conservation works and you will also find an update on the review of the World Heritage Management Plan (WHMP) for the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, with an opportunity for you to have some input.

We are currently reviewing the Vic branch events

planned for the remainder of 2020 and hope to be able to offer you some events that will meet social distancing requirements. Also, if you haven't heard, I can confirm that the National Conference in Sydney, 'Many Dreams/One Landscape' will be going ahead in late October. It promises to be an exciting way to discover some of the significant landscapes in Sydney.



If you wish to register please follow this link:
<https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/2020/05/2020-conference-registrations-open/>

MAY QUIZ ANSWERS - REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

1. Ballarat
2. Portland
3. Geelong
4. Williamstown
5. Daylesford
6. Castlemaine
7. Hamilton
8. All
9. Bendigo
10. Camperdown

JUNE QUIZ

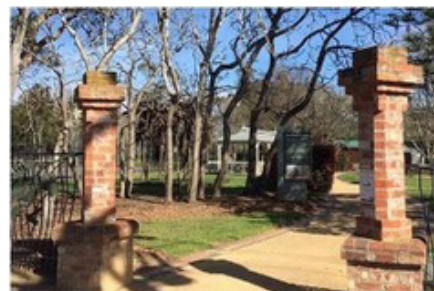
How did you go on the May quiz? Perhaps remembering facts is not for you but you have great visual recall. Below is a collection of six entrances to regional Botanic Gardens. Can you name the Garden?



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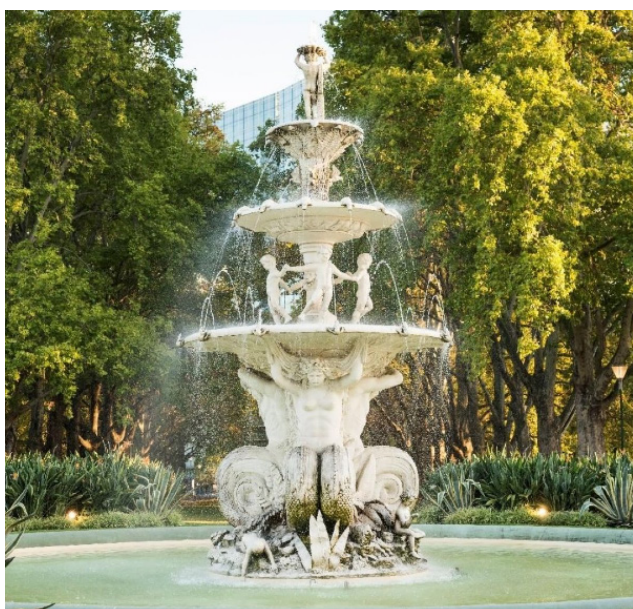
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Photo Credit: Janet O'Hehir, Camperdown Botanic Gardens

THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING AND CARLTON GARDENS (REB&CG)



Community consultation open and closes 27 July

As a World Heritage Listed site, management of the REB&CG is guided by a World Heritage Management Plan, which is due to be reviewed in 2020.

As part of the review of the REB&CG World Heritage Management Plan, community consultation is planned to take place in June 2020. The consultation will allow public feedback on how the REB&CG is managed as a public World Heritage place.

This Discussion Paper provides background information on the World Heritage Management Plan and its component parts, including the statutory and governance requirements, and identifies key questions to assist you in submitting your feedback.

Your valued feedback will inform the draft of a revised World Heritage Management Plan and component documents for the REB&CG – which include a Heritage Management Plan, a Master Plan for the Carlton Gardens, and a Master Plan for the Royal Exhibition Building and Exhibition Reserve – due to be completed in 2021.

<https://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/about-heritage-in-victoria/world-heritage>

ELM CONSERVATION



In 2019, Vic Branch was entrusted with a \$10,000 bequest from Friends of the Elms to distribute to organisations who required support in maintaining their elms. Vic Branch sent letters out to many Botanic Gardens and received numerous applications for funds.

Two councils were successful - Moyne for Koroit Botanical Gardens and Horsham for their botanic gardens. Both recipients were extremely appreciative of our funding support. Koroit Gardens has already engaged an arborist to perform dead-wooding, a contractor for spraying of grass and will be spreading additional mulch around the base of each tree.

Council wishes to again thank the Australian Garden History Society for its generous and completely unexpected financial contribution. These works would simply never have happened without it. The health of the trees will immediately benefit and hopefully they go on to prosper for a long while yet!

Richard Hodgens
Environmental Officer
Moyne Shire Council

NEWSFLASH! BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Friends of the Gardens are very excited that works have begun on the Fernery redevelopment, which is expected to be completed later this year.

Read more here:

<https://ballarat.vic.gov.au/news/works-begin-ballarat-botanical-gardens-fernery-redevelopment>



Mayor Cr. Ben Taylor and Ballarat Botanical Gardens Foundation President Elizabeth Gilfillan share the spade work.

IN MY GARDEN - SARAH WOOD



My Photo Camellia Japonica "Desire"

My love of camellias came from my father, who I never knew, as he passed away when I was three. He had a passion for camellias and when my mother remarried and moved from Sydney to Melbourne, she brought quite a lot of his camellias to Melbourne.

When each of her five children, left home we each received two of our father's collection. I still have my two, which have been moved three times.

Desire is not one of them. That's another story.

For twenty years I did Yoga with the most wonderful, inspiring, extraordinary woman Julie Wentworth. When I started, her room was so bare, and I asked if I might be able to bring her a bunch of flowers from my garden. It became a weekly event, just a small bunch of fresh flowers that were in my garden, after yoga Julie would take the flowers back home to her flat.

At 80 years old, Julie decided that her teaching career was over. She moved out of her flat to ARCARE in Malvern Road, where I visited her once a week with fresh flowers.

This was her favourite camellia. Julie would always say "fresh flowers, what a joy". It was such a joy to me to share my flowers with her.

JUNE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Benalla, 2. Kyneton, 3. Sale, 4. Buninyong, 5. Castlemaine, 6. Albury

Victorian Branch Committee

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We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 3.30pm - 6pm at Burnley Gardens, except for October when the meeting will be held on 3rd Tuesday of the month. We welcome members to join committee meetings at any time. If you wish to discuss opportunities to get involved please contact Robyn Robins robynrobins2@gmail.com, or contact a committee member.

Go to our Webpage www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/branches/victoria/ for more news and updates. Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome and should be addressed to lynda.entwisle@gmail.com with **newsletter** in subject line.