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## Next Meeting

**Saturday 20th November**

**At the Robert Clark Centre Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

**11:30am: Committee Meeting**

**12:30pm: Christmas Luncheon**

**1:30pm: Annual General Meeting**

**Bring proof of your Double Vaccination**

## Hall Use

Just to share with you all that, in accordance with the most recent changes to the Victorian State Government Covid restrictions, the RCHC meeting room numbers remain at 20 per meeting including guest speakers etc.

Currently, **the maximum number of 20 participants in the RCHC Meeting Room remains unchanged whether people are vaccinated or unvaccinated**, due to the size of the room & density limits.

Any requirement to check the vaccination status of meeting participants will be the responsibility of each tenant group.

QR check in, masks, sanitising hands, & social distancing are still required.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Donna

As I understand it recent announcements mean only double vaccinated people can now meet together at the above rate and proof has to be shown. This is a government requirement! Peter

## Begonia News from Wayne

Hi everyone. We hope you are all well and if not get well soon.

Your tuberous begonias should be growing very slowly because of the cool weather.

If they have not started they should be put in a good premium mixture straight away.

Later this month or early in December you can take some cuttings and put them into water what I will be doing. You can put in some charcoal as well. I tried late last season but in early season they should be a lot better now. The main thing is not over water them.

We will be having a Committee meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. first.

Christmas lunch will be provided. Just bring something for the hamper Thank you.

Think about standing for office.

We wish you all the best for Christmas and have a very happy New Year.

Take care everyone.

**Help for Begonia Addicts** by Brad Thompson  
Adapted from *The Begonian*, Volume 63 March-April 1996

I know some of you are dealing with a Begonia Addiction, but I've come up with this 11 step program to help you. If you follow this program you will definitely be cured of the begonia addiction, and you won't have to suffer any more.

**Step One:** Recognize your addiction and admit that you have lost control of the situation. Learn to hate yourself for loving those wonderful begonias.

**Step Two:** Water, water, water! Since be-gonias hate to be overwatered this should eliminate about half of your addiction right there.

**Step Three:** Never, ever fertilize your be-gonias. That way they will never get large and spectacular, so you'll lose interest in them because they just sit there.

**Step Four:** Never, never, ever spray for mildew or bugs because then your be-go-nias will look nice and healthy and you might want more of them.

**Step Five:** By all means never hang out with other Begonia Addicts. They will infect you again with their tales of great varieties of begonias you don't have.

**Step Six:** Don't ever read anything about begonias. You might learn information about how to grow them successfully and get hooked again.

**Step Seven:** Don't ever, I mean never, try new culture methods. You might discover why you are having trouble growing be-gonias and then you'll be tempted to backslide and buy some more.

**Step Eight:** This is very important. Never go to any begonia club meetings. because that's where other Begoniaholics hang out. They'll show you all these beautiful pictures, have inspiring speakers, show slides. and have great plant tables - all the things that will suck you right back into those evil ways that got you hooked in the first place.

**Step Nine:** Never visit other begonia growers. They'll give you cuttings and pass on all that propoganda about how nice begonias are. Don't let any of them come to your house either - they'll always bring things for you to grow and they're always so friendly that your resistance will fall.

**Step Ten:** This is one of the most im-portant. Never. Never. Never ever go to any begonia shows or sales. There will be all those nicely grown plants and you'll be impressed and want to have some for yourself (they probably hooked you at a show in the first place!) and lose all control You will never be cured if you fall for the old: "Just come to the show and look around, you don't have to buy anything."

**Step Eleven:** Whatever you do. don't join a Begonia Society! Then it will be too late for you and you'll get that fabulous magazine every quarter and learn all about begonias and you'll want more. There will probably be no hope for you then. If you've already succumbed to joining and are receiving *Begonia Australis* find the willpower to send in a change of address and have it sent to someone else who doesn't live close to you (so you won't be able to have a change of heart and borrow it). If you're already reading it this warning it is probably too late: but maybe you can find a neutral friend to help you.

I hope that this program will help you with your addiction. If you have decided that it is already too late and you are just going to go for all the gusto you can get, then read the eleven steps but do the op-posite and you'll be in Begonia Bliss, as only a true Begoniaholic can be ■



It is with sadness we write of the passing of Doris Carter on Saturday, 6th November after a short illness.

Doris was a wonderful person and loving partner of Peter. She is now with her Lord

Stan has recently spent time in Warrnambool hospital after breaking his hip while visiting Alma in the Timboon hospital. Hopefully by the time you read this Stan is back in Timboon. We wish Stan a speedy recovery.

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