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NEXT MEETING

Saturday 19th March

At the home of Wayne & Diane Walters

14 Orion Street Sebastopol

12:30PM Competition begonias to be tabled

1 pm Barbecue lunch

Competition judging

Competition Categories

Species, Tuberous, Canes, Rhizomes, Novice,

Single cut tuberous flower (non picotee)

Single cut tuberous picotee flower

Please note change of venue—Robert Clark Centre not available

Wayne's Words of Wisdom

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

We were very sad to hear that Stan's wife, Alma passed away.

Condolences from Wayne, Dianne and all our members.

The last month has been quite hard on the tuberous begonias because of warm nights and humid days. Your tuberous begonias should be staked by now to support your flowers.

I have been experimenting with cuttings in water and charcoal. Some have been potted into three inch pots and they are growing really well. I have taken some others and the main thing is not to take too many cuttings to weaken the tuber for next season. The other thing is for the display purposes make sure to watch the watering and check your plants for mildew. Your plants should be watered in the morning

During the past couple of months two of our long serving members have passed away:

Alma Woolstencroft who, together with her husband, Stan, has been an active member not just supporting Stan but growing her own begonias and supporting the society in many ways for many years. To Stan and family we offer our condolences.

John Ryan who for many years was our Treasurer. John also mailed out the *Begonia Australis* for many years. Failing health both to John and his wife, Lorraine, has prevented them from being active members over the past few years. To Lorraine and family we send our condolences.

Festival information

GENERAL SITE RULES

- **Festival Hours = Trade Hours** – Stallholders must be open for trade throughout the entire festival. Stalls must be fully operational daily from 10am till 5pm on Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Monday 14th March.
 - **No Vehicles onsite after 9am** – All non-essential vehicles must be offsite by no later than 9am during the Festival period. No Expectations.
 - **No pets** – please ensure no pets are onsite.
- Stay within your boundaries** – each site has been line marked, allowing for space out the front of each stall. Surpassing this boundary is prohibited. If you trade outside of your allocated boundaries you will be asked to move back.

YOUR BUMP-IN DETAILS

- The bump-in period is Friday 11th March from 8am till 5pm (unless prior arrangements have been made) – **Please reply to this email with the time you expect to arrive on site to add into our schedule.**
- PLEASE COME TO: McDonald Gate (via Wendouree Parade)
- **ON ARRIVAL YOU WILL BE MET BY SECURITY AND EVENT FESTIVAL STAFF**

Please note: Your car will be held at the entrance gate by security / staff until festival staff can come to meet you at the gate. Staff will then walk you to your site. Only limited numbers of vehicles are allowed inside the gardens at one time. You will only be walked in once the sire is clear and safe. Please be patient during this time and expect to wait.

YOUR BUMP-OUT DETAILS

The bump-out period is Monday 14th March after 5pm

Please note: the entire festival site must be clear prior to vehicles re-entering the gardens. Festival staff will be on-site to advise you on when it's safe to enter the gardens. Please be patient and expect to wait.

ONCE ONSITE, PLEASE NOTE:

- Vehicles movements must be kept to a minimum
- Vehicles must not drive on the grass or garden beds
- Vehicles must drive at walking pace
- Vehicles hazard lights must be turned on whilst driving onsite

Please wear hi-vis during bump-in and bump-out periods

RESTOCKING OF YOUR SITE

Please note: Access to the site for re-stocking during the festival will be limited. Access will only be granted between 8am-9am on Sunday 13th and Monday 14th (unless prior arrangements have been made).

Please advise Festival staff if you require a vehicle onsite on either of these days to re-stock your site.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Online Induction – All stallholders and vendors and their staff/volunteers must have completed the City's compulsory online induction – please see link: <https://www.linksafe.com.au/cityofballarat/>

At the completion of the induction, you will be sent an induction card via email. Please print this and have it on you AT ALL TIMES.

- **OH&S** – Stallholders are responsible for providing a safe workplace and must comply with the Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004 and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (2007).
- **Workcover** – You must have a valid WorkCover Insurance Policy covering all your employees, volunteers and subcontractors.
- **PLI** – You must have a current certificate of currency for no less than \$20 million.
- **Covid Vaccinations** – It is now a requirement for all staff and volunteers to have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination prior to working on a City of Ballarat worksite.
- **Face Masks** – We have been advised by DJPR – all stall holders with 3 sides down on a marquee are classified as indoors and are required to wear a face-mask. Please comply with these rules.

NORTH GARDENS CAR PARK – PERMIT PARKING ONLY.

- Permits will be mailed separately. If you don't receive one but need one, please contact Peter.
- The car park opens at 8am daily and will be manned by a volunteer group. Access will only be given to printed permits on dashboards. Showing the vehicle permit on your phone will NOT be accepted.

NO PRINTED PERMIT. NO ENTRY. NO EXCEPTION

Entry to the North Gardens Car Park is from Zoo Drive, via Wendouree Parade. (North of Pipers on the Western side.)

WHAT NEXT....

- Double check you have completed and sent through all the required documents above – Insurance, Online Induction & Vaccination Status.
- **If you are part of our selling team at the festival please carry out the online Contractor Induction at <https://www.linksafe.com.au/cityofballarat/>**
- **Remember all pots must be new and potting mixes must be commercial mixes not home made using soil.**
- **Please let Peter know if you will be able to staff our site and on which days**