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VICTORIAN BEGONIA SOCIETY Inc No A0018681J

Newsletter
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Next Meeting—Saturday 19 November 2022

at the Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

11.15am Committee meeting
12.30pm Christmas Luncheon
1.30pm Annual General Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Janeen Randle—President, Australian Begonia Society

A Word from Wayne.

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

Our next meeting will be the Christmas lunch and Annual meeting. Could everyone let us know if you are coming as this will help Dianne with the catering. Telephone 0353 356 497. Melbourne Society members are invited—all are welcome. There will be a \$5.00 charge for lunch and afternoon tea for the Melbourne folk.

The Committee meeting will start at 11.15am. Note: Membership fees are due.

Our Christmas hamper raffle will be held, and I ask members to bring something to put in the hamper, and some afternoon tea to share.

Members are to think about standing for Office at the AGM. Janeen Randle—ABS—will oversee the elections for this year. All positions will be declared vacant. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting.

Your tuberous begonias should be potted by now, if not, make sure you are putting them in a good premium mixture and the main point is not to put them into too big a pot and not to over water them until they shoot. By the end of November, they should be potted up into bigger pots. Water them only when they are dry.

If you are not coming to the meeting, have a very merry Christmas and a great new year.
Wayne.

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Ballarat City Council—Biosecurity Requirements

BCC Biosecurity requirements for the Robert Clark Horticulture Centre and Ballarat Begonia Festival are:

- No field-dug material, or second-hand pots; and potting mix must be soil-free.
- Plant material with any visible pests, diseases is not permitted.
- No plant material is to be left at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens—please do not leave plant material in the bins.

For regular meetings:

- Any plant material to be used in the Robert Clark Centre (eg cutting material, display plants) must be transported through the gardens to the meeting room in a plastic bag, and once finished, any plant material used at the RCHC meeting room is required to be put into a plastic bag and taken home.

Peter Carter update

Michael Williams spoke recently with Peter's son David who tells us that Peter is home and under the full time care of his daughter Glenda. He has limited speech and mobility; David indicated that Peter tires very quickly. We continue to wish him well.

Meeting Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle will be held again at this meeting. Can all members please bring an item to place in the Hamper for our raffle.

President Wayne extends Christmas greetings to you all and wishes you all a safe and happy new year to come.



NOMINATION FORM

VBS Elections – November 2022

I/WE &

Being financial members of the Victorian Begonia Society (Inc.)

NOMINATE

FOR THE POSITION OF

SIGNED 1ST NOMINATOR

2ND NOMINATOR

I, ACCEPT NOMINATION

FOR THE POSITION OF

SIGNED

DATE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022-23

VICTORIAN BEGONIA SOCIETY INC.

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

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I/We wish to renew my/our membership and enclose the following amount

FAMILY \$28

SINGLE \$25

ASSOCIATE \$10

NB. Associate Membership only applies for families or people who are members of other societies and only wish to receive a single copy of Begonia Australis.

Please forward to our Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Fennon, 6 Irrewillipe Road, Elliminyt 3250 by 31st December 2022.

Membership must be paid by 31st December 2022

Victorian Begonia Society Inc.

A.G.M. 20th November 2021.

Present: As per attendance book.

Apologies: Stan and Alma Woolstencroft.

Minutes of AGM held on 13th March 2021. Confirmed P. Carter, 2nd C. Matthews, Carried.

Treasurer's Report. M. Fennon moved her report which showed a credit balance of \$5045.46 as at 30 September 2021. 2nd K. Williams. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

Janeen Randle took the Chair and conducted the Election of Office Bearers. Results being -

President: Wayne Walters

Vice- President: Michael Williams

Secretary: Peter Carter

Assistant Secretary: Kathy Williams

Treasurer Margaret Fennon

Committee members: Clarrie Matthews; Wilma Peters, Bill Fennon and Noel Harvey.

General Business:

1. **Barbecue:** A barbecue to be purchased for \$250 and will be stored in the VBS cupboard. A donation of \$100 had been received; and M. Williams will donate a gas bottle.
2. **Begonia Festival:**

P. Carter indicated that he has had preliminary discussions with Sarah Kennedy who is in charge of planning for the 10 day event. Peter indicated that the "gardeners' market" would be held on the long weekend in March at the Botanical Gardens. Council is seeking expressions of interest by 3 December 2021. VBS is seeking 2 x 9m x 3m marquees noting that we may have to pay for the 2nd Marquee if the Council will not provide.
3. **Annual Competition** – will be held in March 2022. Marion Kerr has agreed to judge.
4. **Membership fees** – Membership fees for 2022 are now due.

Meeting Closed 2.40pm.