

FRIENDS *of* GEELONG BOTANIC GARDENS INC.

ABN: 21 699 253 561 INC NO. A13509G



TREASURERS REPORT 2021-2022

Before I present details of this financial years report I wish to thank Judy Fyfe for the massive amount of assistance in undertaking my role as Treasurer for the Friends. Also for the assistance and great work of Sally and Tracey, our office staff. It has been a pleasure working with them all.

As you are aware we operate under two main funds. Our working account for everyday income and expenditure and our Gift Fund comprising of monies generously donated to the Friends and used for the purchasing of items which enhance the gardens environment.

Our general operations have resulted in a deficit of \$27,255.00 The main reason being the overall effect of Covid and its ramifications.

Last financial year we received a number of assistance financial grants from the government to assist with lost income.

Our income this year is much lower due to less grants, less income from plant sales and limited profits from activities that have not been able to be held as in previous years. All of these have been due to Covid restrictions and inhibitions in our general community.

We do however expect income for this coming financial year to improve as we are able to resume fund raising activities and these will be conveyed to members and community as they are organised, through the internet, What's On magazine and additional advertising.

Our Botanical Art classes have experienced a small drop in enrolments running with a small profit and as the cautious approach diminishes, it is anticipated there should be more growth.

The Gift Fund has enabled us, with the cooperation and involvement of the very communicative garden administration and staff to finance a number of valuable improvements to the gardens at the total cost of \$20,552.00. Some of these have been touched on by Denise our President but they are –

A label printer for the Gardens.	\$2189.00
Hansen Gate Refurbishment.	\$1298.00
Hansen Gate Arch Refurbishment.	\$1355.20
Stonework for Conservatory Pond.	\$1571.70
Capping for pond.	\$ 234.50
Chairs for Visitor Facility.	\$3400.00
Automatic Door for visitor facility	\$5885.00
Restoration of the Urns.	\$4620.00

Future restorations and programs currently in the pipeline will also be assisted by the Gift Fund as decided by Committee.

Our 2021-2022 finances have been audited by our accountancy firm Davidsons a copy of which may be inspected in our general office during open hours.

Barrie Satchell. Treasurer 2021-22.