

**Financial Contributions to Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park by the Friends****\$262,960**

1992	Purchase Seed Fridge (GBG Nursery)	\$2,300
	Purchase Photocopier (GBG office)	\$3,058
1994	Development of the Master Plan for Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park	\$10,000
1997	Restoration of Japanese Bronze Cranes	\$14,000
	Restoration of the Cabmen's Shelter <i>plus grant \$10,000</i>	\$4,000
1999	Installation of Bunce Bollards <i>plus public subscription \$10,000</i>	\$3,000
	Provision of Covered Growing House (GBG Nursery)	\$5,700
	Rejuvenation of Camellia Collection	\$700
2001	Development of Stage 1 of 1995 Master Plan - 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Garden	\$20,000
2002	Conservation of the Pit Glass House (1860s) <i>plus grant \$9,100</i>	\$2,250
	Development of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Garden	\$20,000
2003	Further Development of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Garden	\$20,000
	Development of Concept Plan - Temperate Garden	\$3,000
2004	Development of Stage 2 of GBG Café Feasibility Study	\$12,000
	Acquisition of sculptures for the Fern Gully	\$1,100
2005	Development of Concept Plan for Conversion of Walter Conservatory to a café	\$20,000
	Installation of the Mosaic Seat at the PlaySpace	\$2,500
	Landscaping at the Temperate Garden	\$9,900
2006	Restoration of Florence Clarke Pelargonium House	\$6,500
	Restoration of Eastern Park Rotunda (c 1916) <i>plus grant \$32,000</i>	\$6,000
2007	Review 1995 Conservation Management Plan of Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park	\$10,000
2005-2007	Acquisition Project of rare plant material including <i>Araucarias</i> and Chilean plants for revegetation of Eastern Park and the Gardens	\$15,000
2010-2014	Restoration documentation for the Ladies Kiosk in Eastern Park (1904)	\$17,000
2011	Provision of Heritage Seating in the Gardens	\$7,434
	Development of Central "Flag Bed"	\$6,245
2013	Landscape Design Concept for Conservatory Restoration	\$4,100
2015	Restoration of the Ladies Kiosk (1904) in Eastern Park	<b>\$37,173</b>

**Contributions to Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park by member donations, sponsorship or public subscription****\$31,000**

1999	Bunce Bollards (public subscriptions)	\$10,000
2002	Computerised Plant Labelling Machine (member donation)	\$15,000
2005	Development of Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage (sponsor)	\$6,000

## Grants obtained by the Friends for benefit of Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park

**\$199,112**

1997	City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) Community Concepts Computer for cataloguing GBG Reference Library	\$2,000
1998	Parks Vic Heritage Conservation Grant Restoration of the Cabmen's Shelter	\$10,000
2000	CoGG Arts and Festivals Grant GBG 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historic Photos Exhibition	\$3,500
2001	Volunteers Small Equipment Grants Audio system, projector, digital camera	\$3,500
2001	Federation Community Project Grant Restoration of Hitchcock and Trail Fountains	\$20,000
2002	Parks Vic Conservation and Heritage Projects Grant Conservation of the Pit Glass House (1860s)	\$9,100
2003 - 4	Catholic Education Grant Develop Education Program for schools	\$2,000
2004	Volunteers Small Equipment Grants Lectern	\$2,012
2006	Heritage Victoria Grant Restoration of Eastern Park Rotunda (c1916)	\$32,000
2014	CoGG Community Concepts Interpretive Signage and labelling	\$35,000
2014 - 2016	Heritage Victoria Restoration Fund Grant Restoration of the Ladies Kiosk (1904) in Eastern Park	\$80,000
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## Financial Contributions to the GBG Reference Library, Art Collection and Meeting Room by the Friends

**\$39,247**

1997 - 2004	Development of GBG Library- shelving, cataloguing, database setup and librarian wages	\$16,534
	Additions to Library resources	\$5,500
1997 - 2004	Fit out and equip GBG Meeting Room	\$10,473
2000	Published reprint of Daniel Bunce <i>Manual of Practical Gardening</i>	\$1,660
2001	Purchase of artworks: <i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i> , <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> , <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> ( <i>detail</i> ), <i>Geranium sp 1</i>	\$4,400
2003	Projection screen	\$350
2004	Lectern <i>plus grant \$2,012</i>	\$330

## Financial Contributions to Education, Interpretation and Promotion of the Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park by the Friends

### \$20,950 (not including Education)

1996	Professional photographs of Geelong Botanic Gardens	\$350
1997	Development of Promotional Video for the Botanic Gardens	\$9,100
1999	Development and publication of the Schools' Education Package'	\$2,100
	Development and publication of the Heritage Rose Gardens Leaflet	\$1,500
	Printing of GBG postcards	\$4,000
2000	Development and publication of Tree Discovery Walk brochure	\$1,800
2002	Purchase 3 'A' frame signs	\$2,100

### The Volunteer Guides

Since 1986, the Guides twice weekly walks and associated activities have been instrumental in promoting public enjoyment of the Gardens. The Friends support these members with training opportunities, equipment, conference registrations etc

### The Education Program *read more [Education](#)*

1999	The City employed a consultant to design an Education Kit. The Gardens Education Program was initially delivered by Volunteer Guides
2002	The Friends employed an Education Officer to provide programs for more than a thousand students visiting the Gardens. This number of students continue to visit the Gardens annually.
2012	The delivery of the GBG Education Program was transferred to the City. The Friends have made a commitment to contribute \$10,000 each year over the period 2013 – 2017 to support this program – total commitment of \$50,000

### Promotion

The Friends continue to promote The Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park with subscriptions to Geelong and Bellarine Tourism and Geelong *What's On*, the website, Facebook etc

### Volunteers in the Gardens *read more [Volunteers](#)*

Friends have many active volunteer roles in the Geelong Botanic Gardens:

- **Perennial Border** - members have actively worked in the Gardens since the late 1980s when the Friends and staff established this significant section of the Gardens. This area is still maintained and supported by the Friends
- **Heritage Rose Garden** – these garden beds are also maintained by the Friends (members who also belong to the Western District branch of Heritage Roses) and this garden is supported by the Friends.
- **Silver Border** -To celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Friends in 2010, the Gardens Staff and Friends established these stunning garden beds near the Conservatory
- **GBG Reference Library**–Friends volunteer to coordinate this library and other reference collections which are held at the Gardens.

### Tea House *read more [Tea House](#)*

The Friends' Tea House opened in 1992 with the Friends providing \$17,000 towards building and establishing it. A further \$22,000 is estimated to have been provided by the Friends for equipment and improvements. The Friends employed staff to manage the Tea House until January 2012, with volunteers providing more than 60,000 volunteer hours. The Friends provided all equipment for the Tea House during its management..

### Friends' Nursery

The Friends established a Nursery in 1993, with \$2,100 for the initial equipment and fitout. Members volunteer each week to raise plants, largely sourced from the Gardens, for sale to the public. Nursery sales are a core part of the Friends' business. The Friends provided \$5,600 for a permanent shelter in 2000 and \$9,000 in 2014 for the display tables in the Nursery. Over 5,000 volunteer hours are involved every year to operate this Nursery.

## **Music in the Gardens** *read more [Music in the Gardens](#)*

Beginning on a small scale in 2000, this very popular Summer Music event brought thousands of people into the Gardens over 15 years. The last 'Music in the Gardens' was held in 2014, involving more than 1,000 volunteer hours and 150 Gardens Staff hours.

## **Geelong School of Botanical Art** *read more [Botanical Art](#)*

This School was established in 2003 and the Friends took over the management in 2007. Classes are conducted during school term, workshops are usually conducted in school holidays and a Biennial Exhibition is held.

The Friends have managed these exhibitions:

2009	Exhibition	<i>Inspired by Nature 1</i> , The Gordon Gallery,
2011	Exhibition	<i>Inspired by Nature 2</i> , The Gordon Gallery
2013	Exhibition	<i>Inspired by Nature 3</i> , Wintergarden

*Inspired by Nature 4* is planned to open at the Wintergarden in October 2015

## **Events, Tours and other activities**

The Friends provide an annual program for members and the public –bus tours, speaker evenings, open gardens and many more activities to interest the wide membership. The quarterly newsletter *Jubaea* is published by the Friends.

## **Financial Support**

The Friends have also been generous in their support of the GBG staff with extensive contributions since 1997 to enable staff members to attend professional development and conferences, including international venues. It is estimated that \$5,500 was provided in the period 1997 – 2004. The Friends also regularly provide support for members and Volunteer Guides to attend conferences etc.

The Friends funded the keynote speaker at the *International Pelargonium and Geranium Conference* in Geelong, 2006.

## **Gift Fund** *read more [Gift Fund](#)*

1997 Established the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens Gift Fund as a Public Ancillary Fund with initial deposit of \$1,500; this enables the public to make donations to benefit Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park. The Friends are Trustees of this Gift Fund

## **Conferences hosted by the Friends**

1994 National Conference of the Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens  
2001 National Conference of the Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens  
2014 Planning commenced to host the National Conference of the Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens in April 2016

## **Exhibitions managed by the Friends**

1995	Exhibition	<i>It's a Rare Thing; Rare and Threatened Flora</i> - Helen Leitch: Friends of Adelaide Botanic Gardens travelling exhibition, Geelong Art Gallery
2001	Exhibition	<i>Heritage and Botanic Art</i> : in partnership with Geelong Art Gallery
2003	Exhibition	<i>Nature Personified</i> – Helen Leitch: Museum of South Australia travelling exhibition, Gordon Gallery
2008	Exhibition	<i>Hidden in Plain View; The Forgotten Flora</i> : National Herbarium of Victoria travelling exhibition, Gordon Gallery <i>plus grant \$2,000 CoGG Community Festivals and Events</i>