

**21 AUGUST 2021**

**VOLUNTEERING AND EVENT CANCELLATION DETAILS DUE TO CURRENT LOCKDOWN**

**Changes to Volunteering at the Gardens:**

- No volunteering (this includes committee on site, growers, nursery watering, gardeners, guiding, library) We'll just see how the next two weeks unfold and notify you all when volunteers and staff are able to come back into the Gardens.

**Changes to Events and Activities:**

- Cancellation of all events (that means Winter Lunch for this Thursday has been cancelled until next year) The Historic Homes and Gardens scheduled for 16 September has also been cancelled.  
The office will issue refunds to any events that are cancelled in the future due to Covid restrictions.
- The AGM will now be exclusively on Zoom. Please make sure you RSVP your Zoom attendance to the office by this Wednesday. A Zoom link and instructions will then be sent to you by the end of the week.

**Botanic Art Classes:**

- All current classes scheduled for Term 3 will now be facilitated on the Zoom platform. A decision will be made closer to Term 4, on whether Term 4 classes will be face to face or via Zoom.
- An email will be sent to the Friday Class shortly with zoom links, times and instructions.
- Students and Tutors from the Saturday and Tuesday Classes will receive the zoom links for the remaining classes for Term 3.
- Any refunds will be calculated and issued at the end of Term 3.

**Changes to the Geelong Botanic Gardens:**

The Gardens will stay open to the public for those who are exercising or walking their dogs. Gatherings and picnics will not be permitted under the Vic Gov Covid Restrictions.

The office will be closed; however, staff will work from home with remote access to the computers. You can contact the office by email only, for the following two weeks [info@friendsgbg.org.au](mailto:info@friendsgbg.org.au) Tracey and Sally will either email you back or ring you from our mobiles.