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Ballarat Botanical Gardens Foundation Ltd 2nd Annual Report

28th September 2020

Exactly two years ago Registration of BBGF occurred in September 2018, it is a pleasure to make the second annual report.

I would like to express sincere thanks to all Board Members for the contribution of their time and expertise to the BBGF, we are all busy people and commitment to our Ballarat Botanical Gardens is greatly appreciated.

Whilst this is the second report it is only six months since the first, but that by no means de values the work which has taken place.

A very comprehensive Policy Statement has been adopted thanks to our Governance representative Mark Schultz.

A Memorandum of Understanding between BBGF and the City of Ballarat has been developed, thanks to Peter Wilson for assistance in formulating the document it is now signed and in place.

Aspiration to develop a Horticultural Apprentice program for our Gardens is becoming a reality thanks to a generous proposition from two Friends donors, it is hoped that this will remain an objective of BBGF into the future.

An electronic Donation card tap point facility has been installed in the BBG Conservatory, proving to be a good source of income until closure due to COVID, thanks to BBG Friends President Robert Selkirk for assistance with installation of this facility.

During an extraordinarily busy financial year our thanks to Daina MacLeod who has kept our financial records with great professionalism.

Project funding within our Gardens is of high priority, the Fernery redevelopment being of major interest. The BBGF supported in principle the application to Botanic Gardens Victoria Grants program for Landscape funding of Fernery Stage one. Stage two development yet to be finalised and discussion with the City of Ballarat continues.



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Looking to the future. The year 2020 has been like no other in living memory, however we will emerge stronger and wiser in the years ahead. The Ballarat Botanical Gardens will feature as a major asset in the Ballarat community serving as an inspirational, educational and tourism resource draw card, the BBG Foundation support this enterprise. There will be challenges ahead with tightening of budget funding, the role of your BBG Foundation will be of vital importance.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you all for your very valuable support and encourage you to continue supporting your Ballarat Botanic Gardens.

Elizabeth Gilfillan
BBGF Chair