

FOREST GARDENS ESTATE NEWS



A COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
FOR
FOREST GARDENS ESTATE
OWNERS & RESIDENTS

JUNE 2008

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the June edition of the Forest Gardens Estate Newsletter. In this edition we will update you on the Interim Gardening Contract and the upcoming Ballot for a Contractor to take over from Daymist who complete their contract with the Estate on the 30th June 2008. Also we have included a Puzzle and a Recipe corner for your entertainment. We received some good feedback after the last edition and are endeavouring to make the newsletter more "user friendly". We would appreciate any ideas, recipes, puzzles, news even an add plugging your services. Anything you feel other residents may appreciate hearing about.

Did you know? The curator at Flemington Racecourse does not prune the roses until late August. They are spectacular every year around Cup Day!

General Update

Notice Board: At last the noticeboard to be placed in the BBQ shelter on the Reserve in Heathcote Drive has been delivered. Over the next week we will see it installed and begin to be used.

Gardening report:

The majority of hedges on common property, beside fences, have been trimmed.

Whitehorse Council has been emailed and rung re inspection of the bollard at the McKenna Road entrance. We are still waiting for them to make an appointment time.

A selection of appropriate trees for replanting once these trees are removed is tabled for discussion.

As in previous years, a pre emergent herbicide will be sprayed on all turf areas over the next few weeks.

Weed spraying, particularly Kikuyu in garden beds, will also take place over the next month.

In addition over the next few weeks the Native Walk will receive some much needed attention. A number of shrubs have died and a number of small trees are in need of removal to make way for more suitable shrubs.

Security: Those residents living close to BBQ areas are advised by the local Police to call them as much as you feel you need to. They are happy to attend, and believe if they come to the Estate often enough the "yobbos" will get the idea this is not the place to hang out.
Please Call 000 or Nunawading Police on 9871 4111.

Note: The Police are paid to protect you!

Interim Gardening Contract

As advised in the last newsletter on the 1st of July 2008 an Interim Contract for the maintenance of the Common Gardens and Lawns will commence. Rick Waterman has agreed to work on the estate for a further four months to 31st October 2008.

Gardening Contract Update

By now you will have received your ballot papers, which will give you the opportunity to vote for your preferred contractor. This ballot is to be **SECRET**; you have the right to make a choice without interference, fear or guilt. This is a business decision about who **YOU** think will do the best job, who will give the best value for the money and who has the best overall vision for the ongoing improvement and maintenance of the Estate.

Section B – Gardening Contract

The ballot papers you have recently received did not contain what is known as Section B. The reason for this is these tasks are traditionally carried out by external contractors and paid for separately by the Owners Corporation with your money. All tenderers were offered the opportunity to give prices on these tasks so the Committee could have a list of suitable tradespeople to call upon when required. These tasks include – tree lopping, graffiti removal, mulching and large-scale lawn repairs. Attached is a copy of the 2 contractors that appear on the ballot paper.

Annual General Meeting

The date of the next Annual General Meeting will be announced in the July Newsletter. It is expected to be held at one of the locations listed below:-

- The Forest Hills Secondary College – Mahoney's Rd,
- The Scout Hall – Mahoney's Road
- The Church Hall – Springvale Road

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Recipe Corner

Quick & Hearty Winter Soup

Ingredients

2 chicken thighs – cut into small pieces
 1+ ½ tsp curry powder, sprinkle of paprika
 2 carrots, 2 parsnips, 2 celery sticks, 1
 zucchini, a handful of beans, ½ onion,
 1 potato, 1 turnip, 4 cups Campbell's
 chicken stock, olive oil

Method: Heat a little olive oil in a soup pot, Add the onion, stir until transparent, add the chicken pieces and stir until browned, add curry powder and paprika, stir until onion and chicken are coated, add chopped vegetables, add chicken stock, stir, cover and allow to simmer for 20 mins. Serves 4 or cool in the refrigerator and freeze for later use.