

NEWSLETTER

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This is what you get from an Inaugural meeting, a peice of paper saying it is the newsletter of one of Victorias fastest growing clubs. We hope that these newsletters will be of informative value and that the members will look forward to the day when they arrive in the mail.

The inaugural meeting, held on May 3rd at the Burnley Horticultural Hall was an outstanding success with 280 fern lovers in attendance, thanks to the excellent publicity prior to the meeting.

The following Officebearers were elected:-

PRESIDENT: CHRIS GOUDEY
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PRESIDENTS: ALBERT JENKINS
SECRETARY: MRS. IRENE BOLSTER
TREASURER: PETER FRANKS
COMMITTEE: MESDAMES GLADYS ANDREWS; MOREYN NEWMAN;
and NORMA STAFFORD
MRS. GEOFF ECHBERG; KEITH HUTCHINSON;
and NEIL LAIRD.

MR. NEIL WILLIAMS CHAIRED THE MEETING

Following the show of hands it was decided to hold meetings on Thursday nights, with the second meeting on Saturday May 26th as the Herbarium had already been booked, and at Burnley School of Horticulture Hall on the Second Thursday thereafter.

Annual subscriptions to be as follows:

SINGLE MEMBER	\$8.00	FAMILY UNIT	\$10.00
PENSIONERS	\$5.00	MARRIED PENS.	\$ 7.00
STUDENTS	\$5.00		

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We urgently need volunteers to man the fern display at the Sun Home Show at the Exhibition Buildings on August 18 - 26
If you are able to spare some time exspecially through the day, PLEASE CONTACT IRENE BOLSTER so that we can draw up a roster Phone 792 7229 B.H.
755 1222 A.H.

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The the June meeting Jan Maher, Channel O Gardening expert, gave a demonstration on the planting of ferns in baskets, terrariums and interesting units like mallee roots. Jan kindly gave away many horticultural aids, products and books.

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The programme of speakers for the rest of the year is:

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	Harold Olney	My collection of over 100 tropical maidenheads
September 14	Chris Goudey John Pitchard	Spore growing, collecting Ferns of Lord Howe Island
October 11	Peter Lumney Herbarium	Ferns in the Botanic Garden
November 8	Harry Jackson Idaho nursery	Cultivating ferns
December 13	Alan Morrison	Photographing ferns

IMPORTANT.

Please note that the August the 9th meeting has been changed to August the 16th.. Members are asked to bring their best maidenhead.

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This newsletter hopes to have a letter page so please send in anything comments questions and ideas.

Please bring any of your sick ferns for the Pathology Table.

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