



Ballarat **Botanical** Gardens

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Dear Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens Committee Member

**BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS STATUES, FENCING AND FERNERY
RECONSTRUCTION PUBLIC MEETINGS MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2003**

As you may be aware from media announcements, two public meetings are to be held to provide information about the future management of the Gardens statue collections, the options for redevelopment of the Fernery and plans for fencing the Wendouree Parade frontage of the Gardens.

The public meetings will provide a mechanism for the general public to hear recommendations from a working party appointed by Council to investigate options for the storage, display and replacement of the Stoddart statue collection.

Opportunities to comment on the proposed fencing design and operational arrangements for night time closure of the gardens will be provided before a planning approval is sought.

The fernery is in need of repair and options for its redesign and potential extension to house the Stoddart statues will be discussed.

You are invited to attend either of the sessions as follows:

* **3pm Monday 22nd September The Robert Clark Centre**

7.30pm Monday 22nd September The Trench Room Town Hall Sturt Street

I encourage you to participate in these meetings, so that feedback can be provided to Councillors to assist them in some of the most strategically important decisions that will be made in relation to these gardens in our time.

Yours sincerely

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Manager Lake Wendouree & Botanical Gardens