

BOTANICAL GARDENS

First grant in 1858 - Therefore 1983 is 125 years.
Present Parish plans show last gazettal as 1885 - therefore
1985 is century.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS.

No. 5 "The Government have granted to the Municipal Council of
16/7/1858 Ballaarat for the purposes of a Botanical Garden, about 80
 acres of park on the west side of Yuille's Swamp, previously
 occupied by the police paddock."

"Purchase of fence, Police Paddock and Survey Camp - £ 203.5.0"

No. 6 "The Municipal Council offered a premium for the best design for
16/1/1859 laying out the grounds, and have had the grounds surveyed
 according to the most approved plan, and should the Government
 grant a fair proportion of the revenue, as compared to Melbourne
 and Geelong, towards improving the public gardens, the Ballaarat
 Botanical Gardens will, it is to be hoped, become a source of
 attraction and enjoyment to the inhabitants of Ballaarat."

No. 7 "Bye-Law No. 21 - For the management etc. of the Ballaarat
16/7/1859 Botanical Gardens (Not Gazetted.)

The Municipal Council invited the co-operation of gentlemen of
practical ability and conversant with the knowledge of botany,
in forming a committee for the management of the Ballaarat
Botanical Gardens; and during the past half-year 7½ acres of
ground has been fenced in, trenched, as also a ¼ of an acre
for a propagating ground.

The Municipal Council have great pleasure in acknowledging the
receipt of seeds and shrubs from the Melbourne and Geelong
Botanical Gardens, as also donations of plants etc. from
W H Bacchus Esq., and of other gentlemen.

The Municipal Council feel assured with the valuable assistance
of the gentlemen who have given their professional assistance
in laying out the grounds, that the nucleus of one of the most
valuable institutions of the colony has been favorably established
and its future success will depend upon the amount granted
in aid of the institution by the Government. The Municipal
Council have also availed themselves of the assistance of the
Committee in planting Sturt Street with trees."

"Botanical Gardens - £ 428.0.6" (Expenses)

No. 8 "A grant in aid of improving public gardens amounting to £ 200
16/1/1860 was received from the Government but with such trifling aid,
 after paying the salary of the gardener, the Committee had
 very little to devote for the improvement of the grounds;
 unfortunately the greater portion of the plants had been destroyed
 by grasshoppers."

"Botanical Gardens A/c - £ 189.11.7" (Expenses)

No. 11 "Botanic Gardens - £ 362.14.7" (Expenses)
16/7/1861 (N.B. spelling)

No. 12
16/1/1862 (Headed "Botanic" Gardens, not "Botanical")

The Committee during the past half year have had tree guards put up, and the ground prepared for planting the long avenue with trees. They have also fenced in and prepared the ground for a maze, and other fencings for planting shrubberies in the Reserve."

"Botanic Gardens - £ 199.6.5."

No. 13 "Botanic Gardens - £ 192.15.0"
16/7/1862

No. 14 "Botanic Gardens - £ 201.17.5."
16/1/1863

No. 15 "Botanic Gardens.
16/7/1863 The Municipal Council have to congratulate the ratepayers that through the energy of their representatives they have obtained from the Government the sum of one thousand pounds for improving the Ballarat Botanic Gardens."

"Botanic Gardens - £ 167.3.0."