

# The Begonia Bugle

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**BALLARAT  
BEGONIA  
FESTIVAL**

## Thank you & Congratulations

To you all, thank you for your efforts and hard work pre, during and post Festival. We certainly received very positive feedback from locals and visitors to Ballarat. We are currently finalising all outcomes which we will inform you of as soon as possible via our annual report. Again thank you and we hope you can put your feet up and enjoy Ballarat's beauty in Autumn.

## Garden Competition

Congratulations to the overall winner in the 1999 Begonia Festival Garden Competition  
**Joan & John Jamieson  
Buninyong**  
Special mention to our generous sponsors:  
Central Highlands Water and  
The Courier

## Invitations...

### Bye Bye Begonias

Come along and put the Begonias to bed on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 5pm** in The Robert Clark Conservatory.

Light refreshments will be served. - please RSVP to Lisa

### Morning Tea with the Mayor

All Festival Volunteers are invited to join us at the Town Hall, Sturt Street for morning tea to celebrate the success of the 1999 Festival.



Details of this May get-together will be in the next Bugle Edition



The Robert Clark Centre

Please note that the "100 Years of Begonias" Display will be in The Conservatory until the 9<sup>th</sup> of May - Mothers Day.



**Ron & Joyce Taylor wish to thank the energetic group who assisted with the dismantling of the Floral Carpet**

## Diary Dates

### Arts in the Park 1999

Sundays from 2pm - 4pm  
Ballarat Botanical Gardens



### "Growing Friends" Plant Sales

Every Tuesday 1pm-4pm  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every  
month 10.30am - 4pm  
from Friends Nursery  
Rear of Clark Centre



### "Guiding Friends" Gardens Tour

Second Sunday of every  
month at 2pm  
depart Clark Centre



The 2000  
Festival will be  
held from the  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March

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# 1999 Ballarat Begonia Festival

And so the dusk descends on the best the very best  
Of Festivals and carnivals that was better than the rest

And how did we achieve what no one did before  
So many people of all races crying out for more!

Success is guaranteed when we all work together  
Collectively we combat anything - even the weather!

So what makes up the whole, the sum of all parts  
The flowers, the food, the entertainment and of course the arts

The festival is all of these, of that there is no doubt  
But there is still a missing link - the volunteers you shout!

And yes you're right - they are the core that brings it all together  
They are the heart, the beat, the veins, the strength as strong as leather

There's laughter, the frustrations and the fears  
That this won't work - there's bound to be tears!

But oh the joy, the warmth, the pleasure  
When you know you've created another treasure

There's not one of you above the rest  
As volunteers you all are blessed

It's you we think at the end of the day  
You keep giving more - come what may

And as we say farewell to the Festival this year  
We give you our love, our thanks and say good cheer

Fiona Watson ~ March 1999