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NEWSLETTER OF  
THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANIC GARDENS INC

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## Chairman's Report

Since the Wingecarribee Shire Council's (WSC) decision to approve the establishment of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens (SHBG) on the old skin shed site on the 24<sup>th</sup> March we have been anticipating the commencement of our dialogue with the WSC.

We began our inaugural discussions with Mayor Duncan Gair on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. The outcome from this meeting will form the basis for the future directions of the working group and guide the cooperation between the WSC and the SHBG Inc.

Over the coming months we anticipate the WSC's Plan of

Management for the Botanic Gardens site will commence. Once this report is finalised the design of the Botanic Gardens can begin in earnest, as can the long anticipated planting.

We are pleased to announce we can now offer **Tax Deductible receipts** for donation over \$2 after successful negotiations with the Southern Highlands Foundation. This will provide a great benefit to our fund raising potential as much of our funding will involve applying for grants which rely on dollar for dollar contributions.

Fund raising will be the

key to the success of our Botanic Gardens and obviously the more money we raise the higher the grant allocations we can attract.

As you can see from this Newsletter Jim Osborne has taken on his role as Chairman of the Friends of the SHBG with relish and we all look forward to the events and activities which are being planned for the coming months.

Thankyou all for your ongoing support and we look forward to many exciting developments in the near future.

Charlotte Webb  
*Chairman SHBG Inc*

### Introduce a Friend

Introduce a friend to show your support of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens and become a Friend today. To join all they have to do is download the application form from our website [www.cwebb.com.au/shbg](http://www.cwebb.com.au/shbg) or contact the Secretary on 02 48614899

### Update your details

If you have changed your contact details or now have an email address, please let us know so we can update our database.

Send an email to [shbg@cwebb.com.au](mailto:shbg@cwebb.com.au) or telephone Chris Webb on 0248614899

## Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Inc Committee

<b>Chairman</b>	Charlotte Webb
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	David Ross
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Webb
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### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANIC GARDENS INCORPORATED

ABN 68 635 660 218  
incorporated in NSW under the  
Associations Incorporation Act, 1984.  
No. INC9879536 (7 April 2003)

### INVITATION

Friends are invited to renew their membership for the 2010-2011 year. We need your continued support to ensure that the Botanic Gardens become a reality for future generations. Please spread the word and encourage your friends, acquaintances and neighbours to become a Friend of the SHBG. Enclosed is a renewal form – it would assist us if you would update details as to how you may be able assist.

## FRIENDS of the SHBG COMMITTEE

The Friends Committee is being established as a sub-committee of Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Inc .

The Friends Committee's primary responsibilities include:

- Expanding community awareness and support of SHBG Inc
- Organising and participating in fund raising activities
- Providing a group of volunteers to assist with the Friends administration and ongoing activities
- Enlisting expertise which might be drawn upon to assist with special events
- Maintaining regular contact with Friends, volunteers and donors

I am pleased to advise you that Judy Keast, Ian Prior and Peter Scott have agreed to join the Committee and bring their skills and expertise to the Committee.

*Jim Osborne*

### FUNDRAISING

We have received some excellent suggestions from Friends and we are planning a program of fundraising functions over the next 12 months.

As the theme for the Botanic Gardens is "*Four Seasons in a Cold Climate*" we are planning our functions around the four seasons. We will advise you of the program as soon as some final details are completed.

### Calendar of Events

- June 20** Walk around the Botanic Gardens Site
- August 7** Inaugural Tree Planting (date to be confirmed)
- November 13** Swing Supper Club

## A WALK AROUND THE SITE 20 June 2010

Friends are invited to join the committee members on Sunday 20 June to walk around the site and familiarise themselves with the area available.

If you have not walked around the perimeter of the walking track you will be surprised at

its size, how pleasant it is, the number of trees already on the site, and the added benefit of the Ponds of Reflection.

The committee will be at the car park, corner of Kangaloon Road and Eridge Park Road, between 2.00pm and 3.30pm on Sunday 20 June.

Please join us and meet up with some of your fellow Friends.

If you, your family and friends are able to join us, we would appreciate it if you email us at [shbg@cwebb.com.au](mailto:shbg@cwebb.com.au) or phone 4861 4899 by 16 June to confirm your attendance.

### SWING SUPPER CLUB

13 November 2010

Our major fundraising event for the year will be the Swing Supper Club to be held on Saturday 13 November 2010 at Centennial Vineyards Restaurant Bowral.

You are assured of a great night out. The evening will include a sumptuous supper, and featuring a jazz band celebrating the 1940's. Naval Officers and Cigarette Girls will add to the atmosphere. There will be silent auctions, raffles, lucky door prizes, caricature artists, fortune tellers and a ballroom dancing demonstration .

More about the Swing Supper Club later, but please make a note in your diary for 13 November 2010. As this will be our major fundraiser for 2010 we will be seeking some assistance from Friends on the night to ensure it is a great success.

The inaugural tree planting of the "Foundation Avenue" is planned for August 7, however this date is yet to be confirmed. We will keep you advised of any change.

**INAUGURAL  
TREE  
PLANTING**