

NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

October 2020

FRIENDS' EVENTS RESUME

'On-again/off-again' has become the catchcry of the COVID era, and the Friends' Annual General Meeting has been no exception. However, we're pleased to announce that the meeting can now go ahead as planned on Wednesday 14 October, though without the usual social gathering beforehand, and with the earlier starting time of 5 pm. Be sure to let us know you're coming, to help us ensure we comply with physical distancing requirements.

Some of our other regular events can now resume too, all being well. Save the date for a Tavern Talk by horticulturalist Peter Deuter on 12 November. Peter's topic will be water management, in the context of managing our gardens for a sustainable future in a changing environment.

And bring the family to Music in the Park next Sunday, 11 October, when the band Cheap Whine will play popular hits from the 1960s to the present.

More details below.

NEW STOCK IN THE NURSERY – BUT HURRY!

Last week the nursery shelves were replenished with a consignment of 750 flourishing new plants. But, if trade in recent weeks is anything to go by, they won't be there long. Business has been so brisk recently that it has been hard to keep up with demand.



IN THE EDITOR'S GARDEN

My lilac hibiscus is putting on a beautiful show at present. A hardy perennial growing to about 1.5 m high, it produces large mauve blooms from spring through to autumn. It responds well to frequent light pruning, and is both drought resistant and frost tolerant. In stock now at the nursery.

Lilac hibiscus, *Alyogyne huegelii*

MUSIC IN THE PARK: IT'S BACK

There will be a Music in the Park event on **Sunday 11 October**, starting at **1 pm**. The featured band is **Cheap Whine**, with musicians Shane Finney, Christopher Edwards and John Kochman.

Pack a picnic and bring your family and friends, but please make sure you comply with all COVID-19 physical distancing regulations.

TAVERN TALK NEXT MONTH

In November, horticulturalist Peter Deuter will give a talk about water management in our gardens and parks.

Numbers will be limited, so advance booking is essential.

Date: Thursday 12 November

Time: 6 pm for a 7 pm presentation (dinner and drinks at your own expense)

Place: Highfields Tavern

Bookings: peacehaven3@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park will be held on **Wednesday 14 October**.

Time: 5 pm

Place: Nursery Shed, Peacehaven Botanic Park

All welcome, but you must let us know by **Wednesday 7 October** that you're coming.

RSVP: peacehaven3@gmail.com