



Dear Owners,

please find enclosed the Greyfriars 2021 Newsletter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clint Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Clint Johnson

Greyfriars Newsletter September 2021

Spring is springing and both the garden and the board are awakening from a dormant winter lockdown. The lockdown is a trying time for everyone and we're looking forward to when it's over. In the meantime, we have the garden to enjoy, and it's lovely to see people out there enjoying it. So, for some news.

Steel Frame Windows

Thanks to residents who responded to our call-out in the last newsletter about the condition of their windows. We had six responses, which revealed faulty winders and latches, deteriorated putty, rust, draughts and leaks as the problems.

We have found a contractor who can help fix these problems. He'll visit when lockdown finishes, then we'll do a project plan and provide information about costs.

If you didn't respond to our call-out, please tell us about windows that aren't working with photos and a short description to directors@greyfriars.com.au.

Costs

Internal parts of the window and frame are the responsibility of shareholders, including repair or replacement of winders and latches, putty and treatment of rust on the internal side of the glass.

Repairs to hinges, replacement of putty and treatment of rust on the external side of the glass is the responsibility of Greyfriars.

The Garden

Bruce the gardener is gearing up for some garden rejuvenation and new plantings. First, he has to clear out weeds and dead plants, so it may look a little bit bad before it looks good again. The aim is to create structure and cohesiveness as well as keep it a bit bushy and rambling.

The central garden area will get more natives. The eastern car park garden will get two new tall deciduous trees, which will provide a view and let the winter light in. The eastern fence line garden will get a couple of screening bamboos. The tangled thicket at the front will be tidied and get some new natives.

The cordyline palms in the laundry corner will be replaced with a tall screening bamboo, to create a view and provide screening from the building next door for residents.

Bruce is onsite most Fridays from around 11.00. If you feel inclined for some gardening, you are very welcome to see if he wants help with anything.

Brown Water

If you have brown water running from your kitchen or bathroom taps, let us know at directors@greyfriars.com.au. It means you have galvanised iron pipes, which need replacing. This is Greyfriars responsibility and we will arrange to replace your pipes with Tapfix.

Greyfriars WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp is good for sharing news easily. We will try out two groups for us to talk Greyfriars bizzo. We'll share news and info, but not bombard you with messages. Etiquette is to keep it friendly, and they are not a forum for complaints. To join one or both groups, text Pam on 0407 841 472.

- **Garden Gurus**

The Garden Gurus group is for working bees, garden projects such as the veggie patch, outdoor furniture and other garden stuff.

- **Greyfriars Chit Chat**

For sharing general Greyfriars news, such as Christmas and other social catch-ups, events (gigs, art openings) and occasional announcements.

Rubbish and Compost

Glen Eira Council is now collecting green waste weekly, and recycling and rubbish fortnightly. Also, Council no longer allows compostable bin liners in green waste, as they are a contaminant. They advise using newspaper or paper towel to line your compost caddy.

Letterboxes

Greyfriars has had two cases of identity theft resulting from mail stolen from unlocked letterboxes. Identity theft can upend your life and take months to resolve. Keep your letterbox locked and empty it regularly.

Things in Stairwells

Please remove any plants or other items from stairwells. They cannot be there because they are a hazard.