



Press Release
***'Brisbane's Treasure, Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha
Views of the Gardens ... Its seasons, gardens and history.'***

The Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens presents the first two episodes of our **Friends' YouTube** series, featuring: Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha; its seasonal changes; the various garden zones; and some history along the way.

In September 2020 the **FBBGSA Board** commissioned the development of a series of drone stories featuring the garden's seasons and growth patterns. The project aims to capture aerial references and growth data for now, and into the future.

Jim Dobbin, the FBBGSA webmaster, the series drone master and video editor collaborated with the gardens curator, Dale Arvidsson, to capture drone footage early in the mornings before visitors got in the way! Many dedicated hours were spent editing and splicing clips together to produce our first 3 episodes for release. **Mary Jo Katter**, founding FBBGSA chairperson, lifetime member and HMAA member, suggested enhancing the project by including specific commentated videos highlighting various featured garden zones within the Mt Coot-tha gardens on a seasonal basis. Mary Jo then volunteered her time and expertise to take on the roles of videographer, storyboard developer and commentator. The FBBGSA Board thank both Mary Jo and Jim for the time and effort they have committed to this innovative project for the Friends.

The FBBGSA Board agreed that the addition of the walk-through videos would build on our wonderful website: '*Brisbane's Botanic Treasures*', which features the history of our oldest botanic gardens '**The City Botanic Gardens**', created by FBBGSA director, researcher and editor, Dr Jeannie Sim.

Future videos in the Friends' YouTube series will feature other zones of the gardens. The videos will provide a wonderful resource for the community, tourists, teachers, students and researchers. We envisage that they will promote the gardens to an international audience and entice visitors to enjoy our green sanctuary, located just 6km from the city centre.

IMPORTANT request: Click on the YouTube header to go to the videos, please view the videos and 'subscribe' to The Friends YouTube channel, we aim to reach 100 likes as soon as possible. Please share?

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On behalf of the board of FBBGSA

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