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Life
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Celebrating new beginnings

I am delighted to present our spring/summer edition of Life Magazine. Spring is the season of renewal and fresh beginnings – a time when flowers bloom, animals awaken, and the sunshine provides new vigour and life to everything around us. Much of this edition, focuses on the beautiful spaces we are proud to care for and on our commitment to the long-term sustainability of our natural environment. I invite you to learn about some of the initiatives taking place across our grounds, which are just the beginning of the journey towards creating a strong, healthy and sustainable future for our community spaces. During this time when disruption is the new normal, we have built resilience through our response to challenges. We now take a lesson from spring, through

renewed optimism, hope, connection and the certainty of a way forward.

Jane Grover, CEO

[Read the full spring reflection from our CEO](#)



Never fear, the ladybugs are here

As spring arrives and flowers begin to bloom, so too do garden pests like aphids. This is a pesky problem for any garden-lover, and of course for us, as the proud guardians of over 30,000 roses at Springvale alone. Enter the ladybug, lacewing, and parasitic wasp: the natural predator of the aphid. Learn about how these 'friendly bugs' are leading the front line in the seasonal fight against aphids and about our plans to create a self-sustaining ecosystem that will eliminate the need for insecticides entirely.

[Learn all about our helpful critters](#)



A fresh look in time for spring

Last month we were excited to open our doors to our refreshed Pietà Mausoleum, now featuring a modern, updated carpet, in soft slate tones. We thank the community at Bunurong Memorial Park for their patience during the upgrades and thank our teams on their amazing work in creating such a beautiful and inviting community space for reflection and remembrance.



Recycled tech is coming up roses

Did you know that your home computer and the shoes on your feet could be making their way into our rose garden in a few years?

Our Head Rosarian, Rolfe Stok, talks through the discarded tech and pre-loved shoes that are being reimagined as materials to support our 35,000 roses and divert more than 3840 kg from landfill every year.

[Read the full story](#)



All Souls Mausoleum: coming soon to Springvale

Construction of our new All Souls Mausoleum at Springvale Botanical Cemetery officially commenced this month and we are excited to see this wonderful project begin to take shape. A contemplative garden and high-quality design elements offer a peaceful and unique space for our community to visit and reflect. Upon completion, the mausoleum is set to accommodate 440 positions, with the first stage to be completed in mid next year.



A healing sanctuary in your 5k

'It's been a privilege to provide a healing sanctuary to those living within our five-kilometre radius.' This month CEO, Jane Grover, shared her insights with The Age on how our sites have been a welcome haven for the community during lockdown. From lakeside walks to historic monuments, sculptured gardens and rose-lined paths, our sites provide a unique experience for our visitors during their daily outings for fresh air, contemplation and exercise.

Learn about great places to discover in your daily walks

Spotted this spring

Can you name this flower?

With walks now an important and restorative part of our daily routine, we've created an activity to get you out in the sunshine practising mindfulness and enjoying (and learning about) the vibrant arrival of flora.

Learn about these eight spring beauties, and see how many of them you can locate during your next walk (view the list on your phone or print a copy of our downloadable PDF).



[Explore our gardens](#)



Did someone say picnic?

With the weather warming up and picnics now a permitted way to catch up with a friend in the outdoors, we have introduced breakfast and lunch takeaway hampers to get you set for picnic season. These hampers are perfect for a cosy at-home brunch or to find a quiet and reflective space amongst our gardens to connect with a friend or family member. They include many all-time favourites like our signature caramel donuts and a delicious antipasto selection. Take a piece of Café Vita et flores with you - now available at Springvale.



Some sustainable Mojo for your home

We are delighted to stock a variety of Mojo products in our florist, selected carefully for their focus on sustainability. All Mojo candles are hand-made in Australia using reclaimed materials such as wine and beer bottles, so now you don't have to sacrifice sustainability for style.

The legacy of our fathers

This Father's Day, we were proud to bring our community together for a special online Father's Day Remembrance event. It was heart-warming to virtually connect with over 100 families to celebrate and honour our loved ones by openly sharing heartfelt tributes, memories and messages of love.



Celebrating the legacy of our fathers and father figures



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