



Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden, Inc. Newsletter October 2015

Growing Plants Growing People

No. 36

FMBG Monthly Meeting Venue

Join us at our meeting venue at Arnolds Creek Community Centre 19 Claret Ash Blvd, Melton West Vic 3337

Contact: Janet Dyke 9743 2733 / 0408 170 070

November Meeting 7.30pm Wed 11th

Presenter Don Journet on the Plant Trust.

Very relevant as we look to register our collections of dryland eucalypts and eremophilas

FMBG Patron

Jane Edmanson OAM



Garden tour on Wednesday 9th September by Gisborne Garden Club

It was a cold day but we enjoyed morning tea together and the group had time following the walk to purchase plants at the Nursery. We also received a sizeable donation from the group which will help build the garden.



Some of the visitors on the tour.



Category Winner

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Sustainable Cities Awards 2013

sustainability.vic.gov.au/KABV



Winner 2011 Powercor Melton Business Excellence Awards



Winner 2012 Powercor City of Melton Business Excellence Awards

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Monday 7.30pm at the Bentley's house

Help Build the Garden - Regular Activity Groups

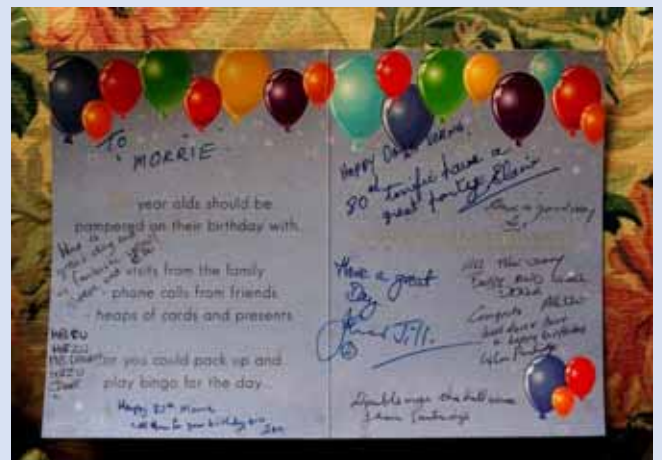
- **Gumnuts:** 1st & 3rd Weds 9.30am-noon
- **Lakers:** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10am-noon
- **Creekers:** Thursdays 9.30am-noon
- **Safaris:** Tues & Thurs 9.30am-noon
- **Sandgropers:** 2nd & 3rd Weds 9.30am-noon
- **Nursery Team:** Every Tues 10am-1pm
- **Odd Jobbers:** Tues & Thurs 10am-noon

Meet at Depot for all activities

Morrie Forte

Happy Eightieth Birthday!

Morrie said "Many thanks to all for your good wishes on the occasion of my 80th. A totally enjoyable, memorable night with family and friends. Kindest regards to all at MBG."



Card sent to Morrie from FMBG

The Victorian Volcanic Plains Aboriginal Plant Usage Garden

This is a Lions Club of Melton and Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden funded project that also received a Western Water Community Grant in 2014 to help purchase the plants.

This garden survived on the low Melton rainfall over summer after being planted July to Sept 2014. The province of the seeds are from Melbourne's west and plants were purchased from Newport Lakes Native Nursery.



Grassland section Thursday 10 Sept 2015



Drumsticks (*Pycnosorus globosus*)

FMBG Nursery Plant Sales

Tuesdays from 10.00am - 1.00pm, 2nd and 4th Sunday

10am-noon or other times by appointment

Melton Botanic Garden Nursery

21 Williams Street, Melton

Native plants grown in the Melton Botanic Garden

A range of plants including Eremophila and Eucalyptus varieties

Plants suited to growing in Melton gardens

Some decorative succulents

Prices

Forestry tubes \$2, 70mm pots \$4 and 90mm pots \$6

Flowers in Western Australian and South Australian Display Bed



Rhodanthe chlorocephala or Paper Daisy



Ptilotus nobilis

Western Australian and South Australian Display Bed

Paper Daisies looking good in the display bed. Photos do not do this bed justice, you need to go and see it!



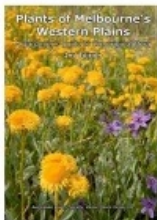
Hedge Wattle (*Acacia paradoxa*)



Eucalyptus Torwood
Natural hybrid from *E.torquata* and *E.woodwardii*



Visitors admiring *Eucalyptus caesia* subspecies *Magna* or *Silver Princess*



**Plants of
Melbourne's
Western Plains**
Members \$15
Non-members \$20



We have new stock of a great book for those interested in native plants. On sale at the FMBG Nursery at \$15 for FMBG members and \$20 for non-members

Watchdog keeping an eye on the Garden



Jen Eldridge has brought our attention the rocky outcrop with an uncanny appearance of a vigilant dog lying in the grass, keeping a watchful eye on the garden among the grasses.

'Lucked it in with the sun and shadows being just right when we were passing. Have to give credit to my niece, Lyn, for noticing.'

Sometimes needs the eye of a child to notice things right before our own eye!

Your Executive Committee

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If you use Facebook and/or Twitter you may want to keep up with information via the Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Group. Type "Melton Botanic Garden" into the search box and you should be able to find us

Membership

Membership fees are due by 30 June each year

Have you renewed your membership or encouraged others to join FMBG?

We welcome all our new members and your membership helps support the development of the botanic garden and we hope you can participate in our activities.

FMBG is local, regional and international. We have members in Switzerland, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, UK, USA, and now Denmark. Please encourage some new memberships from your contacts. We had 206 members in 2011-2012 and 218 members in 2013/14. **In 2014/15 we have achieved our greatest financial membership total ever, reaching 250 members comprising individual, corporate and associate memberships. Well done everyone.**

Please help to sign up a new member to keep up a strong membership base.

Single-\$10, Single concession or student-\$5,
Household/Concession-\$20/\$10, Associate-\$20,
Corporate-\$50

The Membership/Renewal form is available on the FMBG website.

You can also pay by direct bank transfer to FMBG.

Account Name: Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Inc.

BSB: 033-121 **Account Number:** 20-8503

Please ensure that your name appears under the transaction details. In addition, also submit the form or email to friends@fmbg.org.au

New memberships are approved each month at the Executive meeting.

For membership information please contact Jill Bentley on 9743 3819 for information or to drop in a payment. If you are housebound we can arrange to collect your payment and form

FMBG can give presentations to groups and host guided tours of the garden



If you have stories or photographs from activities in the Melton Botanic Garden please send them to: editor@fmbg.org.au

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