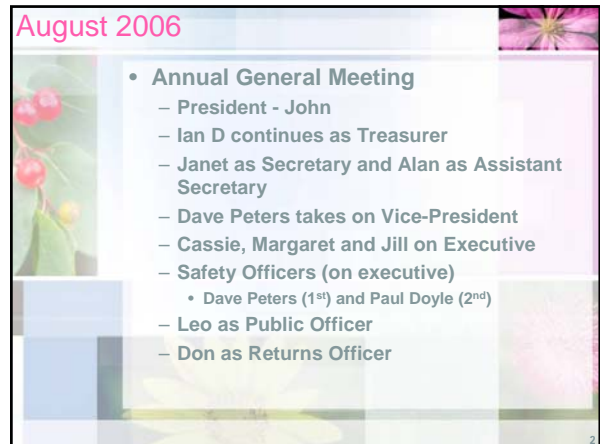




President's Annual Report 2006-2007

A review of the year
Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden

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August 2006

- Annual General Meeting
 - President - John
 - Ian D continues as Treasurer
 - Janet as Secretary and Alan as Assistant Secretary
 - Dave Peters takes on Vice-President
 - Cassie, Margaret and Jill on Executive
 - Safety Officers (on executive)
 - Dave Peters (1st) and Paul Doyle (2nd)
 - Leo as Public Officer
 - Don as Returns Officer

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August 2006

- 1st Clean Up Day at Town Centre Park



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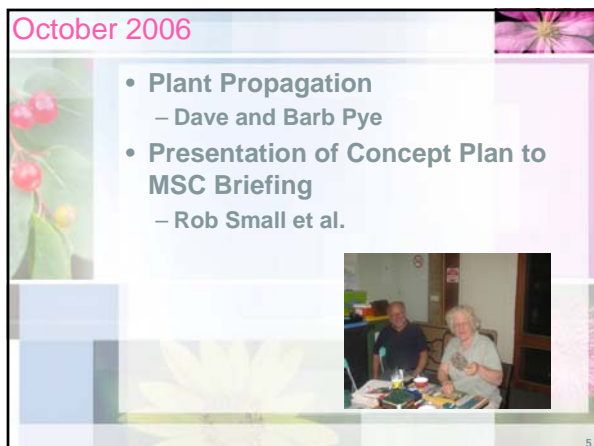


September 2006

- Field Trip
 - Cranbourne Botanic Gardens with M&BM APS
- Library Presentation & Showcase
 - Botanic Garden Concept Plan




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October 2006

- Plant Propagation
 - Dave and Barb Pye
- Presentation of Concept Plan to MSC Briefing
 - Rob Small et al.



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November 2005

- Meeting with Mark Hammett MSC
- Djerriwarrh Festival
- Meetings start at Woodgrove Community Room
- Clean up day

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Djerriwarrh Festival



Raised awareness, fundraising and gained memberships

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December 2006

- End of year celebration
– D & M Peter's Place



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January 2007

- Own domain name launched
 - www.fmbg.org.au
 - president@fmbg.org.au
 - secretary@fmbg.org.au
 - botanicfriends@fmbg.org.au
 - etc.
- Concluded Adopt-a-Park Grant for Concept Plan
 - Evaluation and project completion documents submitted MSC

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February 2007

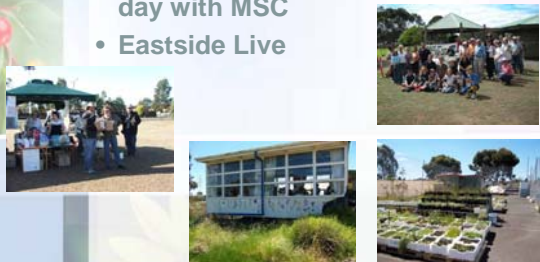
- Town Centre Park Walk
– Led by Alan Partridge



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March 2007

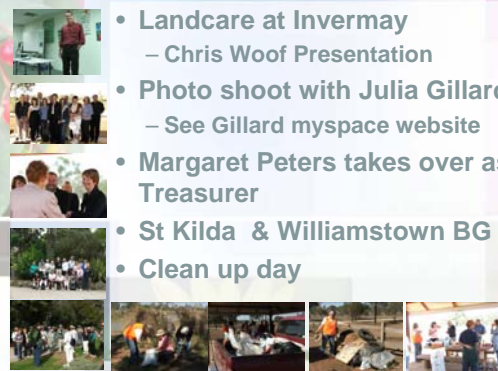
- Iramoo visit
- Keep Australia Beautiful cleanup day with MSC
- Eastside Live



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April 2007

- Landcare at Invermay
 - Chris Woof Presentation
- Photo shoot with Julia Gillard
 - See Gillard myspace website
- Margaret Peters takes over as Treasurer
- St Kilda & Williamstown BG trip
- Clean up day



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May 2007

- **Presentation**
 - Darryl Akers –
 - Melton Environment Group
- **Grants preparation afternoon**
- **APS agree to work with FMBG on Eucalyptus Arboretum design**
- **No funding allocation in MSC draft budget towards Botanic Garden**
 - Action taken to present a budget reconsideration from FMBG to MSC

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Grants preparation afternoon



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Grants Planning and wish list

- Priority 1
 - Landscape Design (\$25,000-50,000)
 - Promotional Material: (strengthening grant MSC)
 - Alan Partridge
 - Clean Up Site Preparation / maintenance: (\$1,000- 15,000)
 - Janet Dyke
 - Concept for Ryan's Creek Enhancement
 - with MEG (John Bentley and Daryl Akers), Adopt-a-Park grant
 - Identification and mapping of existing plants at TCP
 - Rod Thomas (MSC), Daryl Akers & John Bentley
 - Bush Foods Garden
 - Possible Vic Uni involvement
- Priority 2
 - Eucalypt Arboretum
 - with APS, linked to landscape design, John Bentley
 - Freeway Screening Adopt a park
- Priority 3
 - History (do-able now)
 - with Vic Uni – student project, John Smith
- Priority 4 in the future
 - Botanic Garden Information Shelter

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June 2007

- **MSC Budget reconsideration submission successful for landscape design**
 - \$25,000 allocated in the Melton Shire Council
 - Plus Memorandum of Understanding to be developed
 - Successful Public Forum
 - Tony Herweth and Rob Small
 - Clean up day
 - Received \$1,000 MSC grant for brochures

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June 2007

- **FMBG Table at Woodgrove and outside IGA**
 - Thanks to Margaret, Lyn N, Lynette R, Janet, and Jill for their time and effort
 - New memberships, renewals and awareness raised
- **New FMBG sign**



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July 2006

- **Australian Succulent Trees**
 - Attila Kapitany
- **Meeting with Russell Beer and Mark Hammett MSC**
 - re: MOU and landscape design



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Special Thanks to:

- All those on the executive
 - Cassie for her work and involvement
- Lynnette Rehling for fundraising
 - and helpers
- Don Nardella, Victoria University and Woodgrove for use of venues
- Cassie and Ian S for organising clean up days
- Alan for taking the roll at all activities
- Rob Small
- Jill and Elisabeth



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Where to now

- Focus on MOU and landscape design
- Fundraising and grants applications to support activities and projects
- Increase membership
- Increase awareness
 - promotion
- Participation in community events

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Conclusion

- Overall 2006-2007 has been another active year
- We have run more events, more public contact, and consolidated our group
- Strong membership numbers
- Sound financial position



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