

President's Annual Report 2007-2008

A review of the year
Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden

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August 2007

- **Annual General Meeting**
 - President - John
 - Treasurer – Margaret Peters
 - Janet Dyke - Secretary
 - Alan Partridge as Assistant Secretary
 - Dave Peters takes on Vice-President
 - Tushan Fernando and Jill Bentley on Executive
 - Safety Officers (vacant)
 - Leo Johnson as Public Officer
 - Don Nardella as Returning Officer

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August 2007

- **One year Clean Up Day celebration**

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September 2007

- **Field Trip**
 - Wattle Walk Riddells Creek

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October 2007

- Trip to Colac Botanic Gardens
- Bunnings Spring Table promotion
- Commonwealth Water Grant \$5200

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November 2007

- **Frances Overmars**
 - Pinkerton Landcare & Environment Group
- Djerriwarrh Festival
- Clean up day

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December 2007

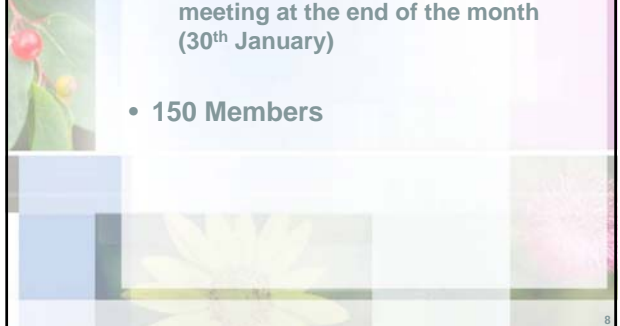
- End of year celebration
– Nikakis' Place near Mt Kororoit



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January 2008

- Phew a month off
– No wait there was an executive meeting at the end of the month (30th January)
- 150 Members



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February 2008

- Walk and BBQ at Botanic Garden Site
- Clean Up Day



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March 2008

- Keep Australia Beautiful cleanup day with MSC
- Eastside Live (very very hot)
- First Social Dinner at Melton Club



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April 2008

- Barb Pye
– what's flowering now?
- Diggers Rest Market
- Clean up day
- Iramoo Plants



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May 2008

- Presentation
– Update & panel on landscape design
– Rodney Thomas and Jill Bentley
- Trip to Melbourne Botanic Gardens
- Water testing training
– Iramoo



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June 2008

- “Birds of the Long Forest” – Marilyn Hewish – Victoria University Melton Campus
- Clean up day
- Received \$2,000 from MSC for plants for Ryans Creek revegetation



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June 2008

- FMBG Table at Woodgrove – Thanks to Margaret, Lyn N, Lynette R, Janet, and Jill for their time and effort
- Mike Smith and Associates announced as Landscape Design Architects
- Commenced water testing



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July 2008

- Neutrog – Helen Lovell
- Water testing Training
- Purchased Trailer



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July 2008

- Site meeting with Landscape Design Mike Smith and Associates



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Historic moments – July 2008

- First plantings by FMBG in the Botanic Garden



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Special Thanks to:

- All those on the executive
- Everyone involved in fundraising and publicity activities
- Victoria University and Woodgrove for use of venues
- Alan P, Janet, Tushan and Ian S for preparing and organising clean up days
- Alan for taking the roll at all activities and organising activities
- Thanks to Alan B, Alan P, Margaret P, Janet D, Daryl Akers, Jill B for organising and making the plantings happen



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Where to for 2008/2009

- Focus on MOU and landscape design
- Fundraising and grants applications to build the garden
- Sustain and increase membership
- Participation in community events
 - Co-operation of groups across Melton

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Conclusion

- 2007-2008 has been another active and successful year
- We have run more events, more public contact, and consolidated our group
- Strong membership numbers
- Sound financial position
- Started building the Melton Botanic Garden



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