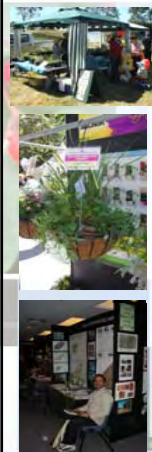


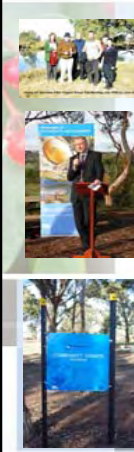
## Promotion & Fundraising



- Melton
  - Djerriwarrh Festival, Diggers Rest, Platypus Festival, Bunnings, Woodgrove
- Regional
  - Talk to Sunshine Garden Club by Jill in February
  - ABC Gardening Australia Expo 2008/09
  - Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show 2009 and an FMBG hanging basket entered in the competition
- Presentations to Groups
  - Melton Garden Club, Melton & Bacchus Marsh Australian Plants Society, Melton Information Centre staff
- Attendance at functions and events
  - Wyndham and Melton Landcare Groups forum, Vision for Werribee Plains breakfast and many others
- Bunnings BBQs and plant sales
- All these help get the message out about the Melton Botanic Garden
  - Thanks to everyone who has participated in promotions and fundraising

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## Grants



- MSC
  - Marquees ~\$3000 (thanks to Jill Bentley)
  - Ryans Creek \$1,000
- Commonwealth Volunteer Grant
  - Computer and Projector (thanks to Jill Bentley)
- Melbourne Water ~\$13,000
  - Thanks to Allan Benson and Rodney Thomas (MSC)
- Vision for Werribee Plains ~\$19,000
  - Thanks to Allan Benson and Rodney Thomas (MSC)
- MSC Application for ~\$2m (inc. GST) Federal Job Fund which we helped initiate through Rodney Thomas
  - Landscaping, Excavate Dam, Fencing, Car Park, Irrigation, Revegetation, Solar Park, 2 x bridges, Eco-toilet, Asphalt paths, Granitic Sand Paths, Lighting, Revegetation, Playground, Artwork, Signage, Seating/picnic tables
  - Thanks to Rodney Thomas for putting together this submission



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## FMBG Meeting Attendances



10 June 2009	40
13 May 2009	21
8 April 2009	26
11 March 2009	16
11 February 2009	56
14 January 2009	-
10 December 2008	38
12 November 2008	22
8 October 2008	17
10 September 2008	14
13 August 2008	28
9 July 2008	21

Average	27
Maximum	56
Minimum	14



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## Clean-up Day Attendances



14 June 2009	14
1 March 2009	17
8 February 2009	12
12 October 2008	18

Average	15
Maximum	18
Minimum	12

\*August clean-up Day washed out with rain and mud, this would have marked two years of Clean Up Days



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### Grow the Garden Attendances



28 June 2009	12
11 June 2009	10
24 May 2009	10
14 May 2009	8
26 April 2009	10
22 March 2009	10
22 February 2009	11
12 February 2009	7
13 November 2008	8
28 September 2008	11
11 September 2008	7
24 August 2008	13
14 August 2008	11
27 July 2008	18
24 July 2008	16

Average	11
Maximum	18
Minimum	7



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### Historic moment – July 2008

- First plantings by FMBG in the Botanic Garden



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### July 2008



- Neutrog presentation – by Helen Lovell
- Water testing Training
- Purchased Trailer (CW Grant) – Thanks to Janet and Allan for their great work in this acquisition



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### July 2008

- Site meeting with Landscape Design Mike Smith and Associates



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### August 2008

- Annual General Meeting
  - President: John Bentley
  - Treasurer: Margaret Peters
  - Secretary: Janet Dyke
  - Assistant Secretary: Alan Partridge
  - Allan Benson: executive member, fills vacant Vice-President position
  - Tushan Fernando and Jill Bentley on Executive. Tushan resigns in January due to work commitments
  - Safety Officer (vacant – Executive Committee shares the responsibility and tasks)
  - Leo Johnson: Public Officer
  - Don Nardella: Returning Officer

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### August 2008

#### Landscape Design - first draft presented to FMBG



Michael Smith and Associates  
Landscape Architecture & Urban Design

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### September 2008

- Meeting was a show and tell of what is flowering in your garden in spring
  - Great flowers and presentations from members



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### October 2008

- ABC Gardening Australia Expo
- Bunnings Spring Table promotion
- Clean Up Day at Botanic Garden
- Successful trip to Ballarat and Buninyong Botanic Gardens tour and met with Friends groups
- Meeting: Guest Speaker: Graeme Woods - Grevilleas



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### November 2008

- Meeting – Show & Tell Night
  - “Botanic Gardens that have impressed you”
  - Some impressive PowerPoint presentations, talks and videos by members
- Djerriwarrh Festival
- Clean up day



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### December 2008

- Meeting with Landscape Designers
  - At Balwyn
  - Cr Broden Borg also attended
- End of year celebration
  - At Verna and John Reed’s place
  - Many prizes thanks to Lynette Rehling



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### January 2009

- No regular monthly meeting
- Executive meeting at the end of the month
- Bunnings BBQ on Australia Day
- FMBG Nomination in MSC Australia Day awards



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### February 2009

- BBQ at Botanic Garden and Tony Herwerth MSC on Weed Identification
  - 56 attendees including Mayor Renata Cugliari and Councillors Sophie Ramsey and Broden Borg
  - Another cold February evening
- Clean Up Day



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March 2009

- Keep Australia Beautiful cleanup day with MSC
  - Great turnout
- Meeting: Propagation from cuttings
  - with Barb Pye
- Diggers Rest Houdini Festival

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April 2009

- First meeting at DJ Cunningham Centre
- Meeting: What is flowering now and next month?
  - Cathy Powers
  - Focus on the Brisbane Ranges through the seasons
- Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
  - Display and hanging basket
- Trip to CERES
- Melton and Wyndham Landcare and Friends Forum 2009

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May 2009

- Meeting: Wild Herbs & Bush Foods
- Landscape Design Plans and Study Report received
- FMBG Table at Woodgrove
  - Thanks to Margaret, Lyn N, Allan B, Lynette R, Carolyn Mc, and Janet for their time and effort

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June 2009

- Meeting: “Unusual West Australian Plants”
  - Attila Kapitany
- Clean up day
- Received \$1,000 grant from MSC Environmental Services for Ryans Creek
- Address to MSC Budget Meeting
  - Outcome to provide signage and name the area the Melton Botanic Garden
  - Strengthens our relationship and partnership with MSC
- Commenced design of a garden for the Melton Radio Station grounds as a memorial to Roy Gabb
  - Allan Benson, Alan Partridge and Jill Bentley

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### Special Thanks to:

- Everyone on the executive
- Everyone involved in fundraising, publicity clean-up, weeding and planting activities
- Woodgrove for use of venue
- Alan P, Janet, and Allan B for preparing and organising clean up days
- Alan P for taking the attendance at all activities, bus bookings and organising activities
- Lynette R for social dinners, corporate memberships and prizes
- Allan B and Margaret P for ordering and picking up plants
- Thanks to everyone for helping to make 2008/2009 a very successful year



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### Where to for 2009/2010

- Work with MSC on our partnership
  - By discussing and developing a Management plan/MOU and committee of management for the Melton Botanic Garden
- Seeking funding to implement the landscape design
  - Fundraising and grant applications to build the garden
  - Major sums (\$250,000 - 1m plus)
- Sustain and increase membership
  - Co-operation of groups across Melton
- Participation in community events
  - Co-operation of groups across Melton

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### Conclusion

- 2008-2009 has been another active and successful year
- We have run more events, had more public contact, and consolidated our group
- Increased our assets
- Started planting in the Melton Botanic Garden



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