

### Fundraising

- Bunnings BBQs
  - December
  - May
- Plant sales
- Raffles

### Grants

- MSC
  - Hear FMBG – PA System ~\$3000
    - thanks to Jill Bentley
  - Ryans Creek Tree Signage \$1,000
    - thanks to Allan Benson and Jill Bentley
- Melbourne Water ~\$22,000
  - Thanks to Allan Benson, Jill Bentley and Tony Herwerth (MSC)
- Vision for Werribee Plains ~\$19,000
  - Funded project July-June 09/10 Ryans Creek
  - EOI submitted for \$250,000
- MSC Application for ~\$2m from the Federal Job Fund
  - December we were informed this was unsuccessful

### Annual General Meeting

- August 2009
  - President: John Bentley
  - Vice-President Allan Benson
  - Treasurer: Margaret Peters
  - Secretary: Janet Dyke
  - Assistant Secretary: Alan Partridge
  - Jill Bentley and David Peters on Executive.
  - Peter Sells fills vacant Executive Position June 2010
  - Safety Officer: Dave Peters
  - Leo Johnson: Public Officer
  - Don Nardella: Returning Officer
- November 2009
  - Special General Meeting unanimously passed all proposed amendments for changes to the FMBG constitution

### FMBG Meeting Attendances

Month	09/10	08/09		09/10	08/09
July	19	21	Average	22	27
August	20	28	Maximum	33	56
September	33	14	Minimum	17	12
October	17	17			
November	21	22			
December	30	38			
January	-	-			
February	25	56			
March	19	16			
April	18	26			
May	17	21			
June	19	40			

### Meeting Highlights

- Guest speaker or activity each month
  - Debbie Reynolds, Barb Pye, Cathy Powers, Richgro, Alex Smart, Nora Peters, Daryl Akers and members

### Clean-up Day & Waterwatch Attendances

Month	09/10	08/09		09/10	08/09
August	19	-	Average	15	15
October	24	18	Maximum	24	18
December	9	-	Minimum	9	12
February	15	12			
KAB March	15	17			
April	13	-			
June	10	14			

### Grow the Garden Attendances

	09/10	08/09
Average	11	11
Maximum	19	18
Minimum	6	7
Days	17	15

\*24 Cubs and Scouts - June GTGD  
\*9 Catholic Regional Students in 2009

### Skilling FMBG Members

- OHS Training
- Seed Collection Workshops
- ... and more

### Open Day

- Great day with over 250 visitors and 45 FMBG volunteers
- Thanks to Jill and the team this was a big success for FMBG
- Funded by Melbourne Water Grant and FMBG

### Field Trips

- October 2009  
– Organ Pipes National Park and Woodlands Park
- March 2010  
– Ballarat Botanical Garden & Lambley Nursery

### Social Dinners

- These have become a regular 3 monthly fixture on our calendar of events
- Good interaction, bonding and just getting together

### Association of Friends of Australian Botanic Gardens Conference

- 6 members attended the conference in May
- Good contacts made and valuable information received
- Gave a presentation about the MBG and set up a display

## Eucalyptus Arboretum

- This project is a partnership between the Australian Plants Society Melton & Bacchus Marsh Group, Melton Shire Council, and FMBG.
- David Pye is the Project Manager
- Three meetings of the Working Party
- Sub-groups
  - Plants
    - Chair Barb Pye
  - Site Preparation
    - Chairs David Pye & John Bentley
  - Funding
    - Chair John Bentley



## Melton Shire Council

- Briefing Meeting July 2009
- Departure of Rod Thomas to City of Geelong Council
- Brett Luxford
  - FMBG Liaison
- Broden Borg, Sophie Ramsay, and Bob Turner for their support of FMBG
- Budget submission for funding of toilet, fencing and car park at FMBG
  - Result was MSC will investigate a temporary toilet, provide a loose surface car park and some fencing from recurrent funds



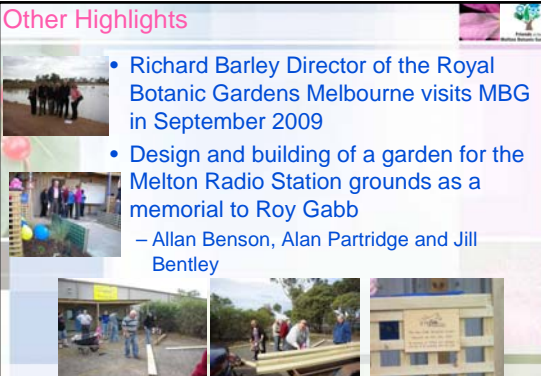
## Other Highlights

- Hong Kong members visited MBG and Bunnings sausage sizzle in May
- KAB Sustainability Awards
  - FMBG was a finalist in the category "Community Government Partnerships"
  - MSC won the most Sustainable City Award which FMBG contributed towards



## Other Highlights

- Richard Barley Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne visits MBG in September 2009
- Design and building of a garden for the Melton Radio Station grounds as a memorial to Roy Gabb
  - Allan Benson, Alan Partridge and Jill Bentley




## Logo Launch


- February 2010

25 attendees including Don Nardella MP, Councillors Sophie Ramsey, Bob Turner and Broden Borg and Logo designer Sam Harmer

A damp and cool February evening



Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Inc.



## End of year celebration



- December 2009
  - At Alan and Jean Partridge's place
  - Many prizes thanks to Lynette Rehling



## Special Thanks to:




- Everyone on the executive
  - Without this dedicated group we would have difficulty being successful
- 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
- Our corporate members and business that have donated prizes
- Allan B and Margaret P for ordering and picking up plants
- Jean Partridge as the FMBG librarian
- Retiring Executive Committee Members
  - Allan Benson and Dave Peters
- To our younger members who help out (under 40)
  - Aaron B, David P, Nikki P, Myles B, Elisabeth B
- Everyone for helping to make 2009/2010 a very successful year



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## To sum up




- 2009-2010 has been another active and successful year
- We have run more events, had more public contact, and consolidated our group
- Increased our assets
- Started planning for more substantial development of the Melton Botanic Garden



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## Finally



- Focus on the vision
  - See and envisage the long term
- Celebrate along the way what we are achieving
- Promote the message
- Continue your support
  - In whatever way you are able to contribute

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