

Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Newsletter September 2008

What's On

10th September Wednesday Monthly Meeting 7.30 pm

What's growing in your garden? - Bring along YOUR OWN cuttings to display from your garden or nearby area - Community Room Woodgrove Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

11th September Thursday 10.00 am Grow the Garden - Ryans Creek Planting Day.

Meet at corner of Tullidge St and William St, behind Melton Timber and Home store.

13th September Saturday all day - Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings

This is a major fundraising event. Please contact Jill on 9743 3819 if you can help on the day.

We need some more volunteers!

18th September Thursday 10.00 am - Propagation

Margaret Peter's place (5367 3328) - we need to pot-on or pot-up plants for fundraising plus have a good chat and improve/learn new skills. Call Margaret if you can come along or need a lift.

26th September Friday 6.30 pm Social Dinner

Melton Club - contact Lynette Rehling to book a place 9747 9034 or chiefy2408@optusnet.com.au

28th September Sunday 10.00 am Grow the Garden - Ryans Creek Planting.

Meet at corner of Tullidge St and William St, behind Melton Timber and Home store.

3-5th October FMBG Display Stand at Gardening Australia Expo

Caulfield Racecourse - see info last on page

4th October Saturday all day -Spring Launch at Bunnings

This is a major promotion event. Please contact Jill on 9743 3819 or Margaret 5367 3328 if you can help on the day.

8th October Wednesday 7.30pm Monthly Meeting

"Grevilleas" Graeme Woods guest speaker.
Community Room Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

12th October 10.00 am - Clean Up Day

Meet at Rotunda - Lakeside Boulevard.

Ryans Creek Project

Further planting has taken place along Ryans Creek. We have planted that much we will soon need to start clearing more of the area of weeds.

We sourced some more plants from the Greybox and Grassland Nursery. We are now ordering plants for 2009.



Planting at Ryans Creek 26th August

Photo: John Bentley

This is a joint project with the Melton Environment Group (MEG).

Ryans Creek retains some indigenous Creeklime Grassy Woodland vegetation which needs to be protected and enhanced. It is an endangered EVC.

Next plantings and maintenance days are on Thursday 11th September and Sunday 28th September.

Membership

Single - \$10

Single concession or student -\$5

Household/Concession - \$20/\$10

Corporate - \$50

Please call Jill 9743 3819 for information or to drop in a payment. If you are housebound we can arrange to collect your payment and form.



Main raffle prize for Djerriwarrh Festival
Fuchsia Gum stained glass hanging
Donated by David Shrubshall

To purchase stained glass products contact David at Shrubcat Leadlighting 0403 360 677, mention FMBG to receive a discount or a donation to FMBG.

www.myspace.com/shrubcatleadlighting Propagate for Djerriwarrh Festival

Last year selling of plants was a major fundraising activity and thanks to many members who propagated plants we had lots to sell. So make sure you are on track to help out and start putting those cutting in or dividing plants. If you need pots contact Margaret Peters (5367 3328). The group also has potting-up days for the many plants we are growing for sale.

18th September Thursday 10.00 am

Margaret Peter's place – we need to pot-on or pot-up plants for fundraising plus have a good chat and improve/learn new skills. Call Margaret if you can come along or need a lift.

We also need many more pots. So please recycle your pots by giving them to Margaret P.

Calendar items 2009

We have a number of suggestions of places to visit, guest speakers and events for the 2009 FMBG calendar. The Executive will be compiling the calendar at the October Executive Meeting so if you have ideas for guest speakers, topics and activities please email us or speak to a committee member - botanicfriends@fmbg.org.au

Growing the Garden Days

“Growing the Garden Days” are held on the 2nd Thursday and also 4th Sunday of each month. This allows those who are free weekdays to attend and also provide a weekend activity.

Clean-Up Days

“Clean-Up days” are held on the second Sunday of each second month. We will be doing testing as well. *Next clean-up day is Sunday October 12th.*

Enjoy a meal with friends

Dinner at the Melton Club on Friday, 26th September 6.30pm.

RSVP Lynette either by phone (9747 9034) or e-mail - chiefy2408@optusnet.com.au

Logo Design and Promotion

We are planning to design a new logo for FMBG and will develop new brochures and promotional material.

In the meantime we are having some temporary business cards printed for handing out at promotional events.



Front of Business Card



Reverse of Business Card

Cultural Heritage Awareness Session



Megan, Collon & Annette (left to right)

On 23rd August five FMBG Executive Committee members attended a Cultural Heritage Workshop at Iramoo Sustainable Community Centre followed by a tour of **Bullum Bullum** Aboriginal Place at Burnside led by two Aboriginal Elders Annette and Collon. Bullum Bullum means "white butterfly". On the tour we saw some aboriginal artefacts - stone tools and a bird hide. The content of the afternoon was wide ranging and very interesting. Collon and Annette gave good explanations to help understand Country and this special place we live in. Megan from the Aboriginal Centre gave us a background talk and there was good group interaction with the people from friends groups across the west of Melbourne.

We came away with a deeper recognition of heritage values and the importance of legislation in this role.



If you are interested in attending any future sessions that may be held please email botanicfriends@fmbg.org.au

Diversity & Directions

BGANZ Victoria Plants Forum
23-24 September 2008
Geelong Conference Centre
Eastern Park, Geelong

Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) Victoria invites you to Diversity and Directions a two day forum that will focus on the current and future issues and opportunities regarding plantings in public gardens. This forum will celebrate the diversity of plant material from world bioregional zones and contemporary approaches to creating new landscapes or rethinking those that already exist.

The program will be delivered by inspiring speakers and will be thought provoking and interactive. We encourage you to take up the opportunity to actively participate in workshops influencing the future direction of our planted landscapes.

The Plants Forum is open and relevant to all Botanic Gardens and public open space managers and practitioners, students, members of Friends Groups and plant interest groups.

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Cost \$160
See Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) website for registration:
<http://www.bganz.org.au/networks.html>



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

Next Executive Committee Meeting Monday 6th October 7.30pm

FMBG have a stall at the **Gardening Australia Expo 3-5th October** where we will be displaying the landscape design plans the Melton Botanic Garden – please read the following:



Peter's Farewell Expo Tour

October 3 – 5, 2008 at Caulfield Racecourse will mark the end of an era in gardening - it will be the very last time Melbourne will see the much admired Peter Cundall at the **Gardening Australia Expo**.

For one of Australia's most respected and revered gardening experts, 2008 marks almost forty years of broadcasting on ABC TV and radio and nineteen years as host of *Gardening Australia*.

In one last hurrah, this humanitarian and enthusiastic supporter of organic gardening and the environment will join fellow ABC TV *Gardening Australia* presenters Jane Edmanson, John Patrick and Jerry Coleby-Williams as they bring the program to life. In entertaining and informative presentations, they will tackle a range of topics including climate-compatible and drought-tolerant plants, natural pesticides and organic gardening.

Revel in Peter's enthusiasm and passion for organic gardening as he presents **Pete's Patch** - unearthing the secret behind his long and healthy

life – organically grown vegetables. With a series of organic beds and a six-crop rotation system, he will give you his tips and tricks for growing healthy and nutritious vegies in your own backyard.

Don't miss this great family day out to see Peter don his gardening gloves for the very last time at the **Melbourne Gardening Australia Expo**.

Whether you are looking for information and inspiration, entertainment and education or the latest garden and outdoor products and plants, there will be something for every aspiring or seasoned green-thumb.

Where & When: Caulfield Racecourse,
Caulfield
October 3 - 5, 2008

Open: 9.30am – 4.30pm daily

Tickets: Adults: \$17,
Seniors/Pensioners: \$15,
Children (5-16yrs): \$6,
Children (under 5yrs): FREE,
Family (2A + 2C): \$37.

Tickets available at the door or online at
www.abcgardeningexpo.com.au

Groups: Pre-booked tickets are available for groups of a minimum of 10 people at a discounted rate.
To arrange a group call (02) 9452 7583.

Information: Visit:
www.abcgardeningexpo.com.au or call 02 9452 7575.