

# Friends of Melton Botanic Garden

## Major Achievements 2011



**Friends of the  
Melton Botanic Garden Inc.**

- Commenced planting and infrastructure development of Eucalyptus Arboretum
- Engagement of CVGT Team
- Involvement of APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Branch
- Continuation of Scout and Cub involvement
- Commencement of weekly Ryans Creek Working Group
- CaLM involvement at Ryans Creek with students who do not fit into mainstream schools
- Clean Up Australia Day
- National Tree day
- Promotional Activities
  - Lakeside Live
  - Diggers Rest Country Festival
  - Djerrivarrh Festival
  - Platypus Festival
  - Melbourne International Flower and Garden show
  - Bunnings Spring Launch
- Presentations and Conferences
  - Williamstown Garden Club
  - Sunbury Garden Club
  - Footscray Garden Club Launch
  - Broadmeadows and District Garden Club
  - Wyndham Rotary
  - Presentations within Melton to various groups
  - BGANZ Conference Albury
- Guided Tours of Arboretum and Botanic Garden
- Produced FMBG DVD – used at Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show and elsewhere
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – 3 occasions – good fundraising
- Propagation and Sale of Plants
- APS Plant Sale – May 2011
- Grants and Donations
  - V4WP Grant – \$132,00
  - Melbourne Water Grant – \$20,000
  - MSC Environment Grant for Bat Boxes – \$1,000
  - MSC Collingwood Community Grant – \$2600
  - Commonwealth Volunteers Grant - \$2809
  - Donation of trees from Melton Toyota - \$200
  - Donation from Williamstown Garden Club - \$100
  - 100 Eucalyptus Tree Labels attached to established trees
- Bi-Monthly FMBG Newsletters produced – well received
- Target 200 membership drive launched and successful
- Increase in Membership – both local and global demographics
- Guided tours and visitors hosted by FMBG members
- All Executive positions filled with one new executive member (under 40)
- MSC set aside funding for Public Toilets following FMBG budget submission and presentation
- Good variety of topics with Guest Speakers
- Bus Trips – Macedon area and Geelong Botanic Gardens, Bellarine Peninsula and Lara Nurseries
- End of year celebration
- Grow The Garden Days, Clean Up Days and Frogwatch
- Articles contributed to Newsletters
- Articles in Campsis and Vision for Werribee Plains Newsletter
- Maintained a Sustainable Financial Position
- Melton Botanic Garden listed on Melton Shire Council Website – Information Centre and also Parks
- Powercor Melton Business Awards – won 2011 Sustainability Award
- Melton Botanic Garden Gazetted – VIC Place names
- FMBG Clean Up Photo in MSC Calendar (March 2011 page)
- Won the Melton Icon Competition in a survey conducted by the Melton Leader Newspaper

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