



Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden, Inc.

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What's on in May

12th Wednesday 7.30pm Meeting:

Cathy Powers - Western Australia Trip

13th Thurs & *30th Sunday 10-noon Grow the Garden *Moved to 6th June

Ryans Creek - Melton Botanic Garden

22nd – 24th May Association of Friends Botanic Gardens (AFBG) - Conference in Mildura

30th Sunday Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Contact Jill Bentley 9743 3819

What's on in June

6th Sunday Grow the Day with help from Cubs and Scouts 10am-12noon

Ryans Creek - Melton Botanic Garden

9th Wednesday 7.30pm Meeting:

Guest Speaker from RICHGRO, producers of garden products

10th Thursday 10-noon Grow the Garden

Ryans Creek - Melton Botanic Garden

13th Sunday 10am-noon Clean Up Day & Waterwatch

Melton Botanic Garden meet at rotundas

25th Friday 6.30pm FMBG Social Dinner

To book please contact Lynette 9747 9034

27th Sunday 10-noon Grow the Garden

Ryans Creek - Melton Botanic Garden

FMBG Monthly Meeting Venue

Monthly meetings are usually held at the DJ Cunningham Centre in Exford Rd, Melton South (Melways 342 K3) at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday night of each month.

There is parking, easy access, good meeting space, kitchen and toilets.

May FMBG Meeting 12th Wednesday 7.30pm Cathy Powers

Speaker, photographer and plant hunter



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Plants from a recent trip to Western Australia

DJ Cunningham Centre, Exford Rd, Melton South,
Melways 342 K3

For information contact Jill Bentley: 9743 3819

FMBG Executive Positions

The changes in our amended constitution mean FMBG now have an Executive Committee of eight. Please start to consider if yourself or anyone you know could suggest would like to nominate for an executive position. The AGM is only 3 months away – so put your thinking and motivation caps on.

Executive Committee

Next Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday
25th May at 7.30pm – meeting at Bentley's place.

Propagating for FMBG Plant Sales

We have plant sales throughout the year.

If you wish to assist with propagation and growing some plants please contact Margaret Peters on 5367 3328

FMBG logo badges

Keep wearing yours to meetings, in public etc – we are being noticed!

Eucalyptus Arboretum Working Party

The second meeting of the Eucalyptus Arboretum Working Party was held on Thursday 6th May. Meetings of each of the Sub-groups Site Preparation and Plants have met and made recommendations or issues for the Working Party to consider.

David Pye is doing an impressive job as Project Manager.

This project is a partnership between the Australian Plants Society Melton & Bacchus Marsh Group, Melton Shire Council, and FMBG.

The working group (or project team) is looking at feasibility, costs, funding, plans, production and acquisition of plants, landscaping, weed control, project timelines, etc.

An Expression of Interest (EoI) for a major grant has been submitted to Vision for Werribee Plains. If the EoI is accepted an application for a grant will need to be prepared. A grant of \$250,000 from V4WP requires matching contribution of \$250,000. The pathways for the Eucalyptus Arboretum alone costed at commercial rates is between \$200,000 to \$300,000 depending on construction material. If we have people with links to groups who could contribute time and equipment this cost could be significantly reduced. This is just one of the issues being tackled.

If you would like to receive information or contribute to the Working Party or sub-groups please contact David Pye.

The project timeline shows the arboretum is a three year project.

The project requires several thousand plants including not only 550 Eucalypts but 20,000 understorey shrubs, grasses and ground covers such as Eremophilas, Acacias, Grevillias, etc.

Project Manager: David Pye 5428 9369 or dabpye@gmail.com

Website of the Month -

Our June guest speaker is from Richgro garden products.

See: www.richgro.com.au

This should be a good evening.



Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Sustainability Awards Presentation to Judges

FMBG were nominated for the KAB Sustainability Awards in the category "Community Government Partnerships".

On Friday 30th April Jill, Allan and John gave a presentation showing how we met the award criteria to the judge. Winners are announced at a ceremony in mid-June. Fingers crossed.

Many thanks to Brett Luxford and Linda Bradburn from Melton Shire Council for their assistance in the preparation of the nomination and our presentation.

All the best to Daryl Akers on his nomination for the Dame Phyllis Frost Award. Daryl is an FMBG member, President of the Melton Environment Group and Secretary of the Pinkerton Forest Group (and more).

FMBG Library

Jean Partridge is the FMBG Librarian and is currently organising and labelling the collection. We have books, DVDs and magazines in the library. The library is on display at the regular monthly meetings.

Many thanks to Neutrog (neutrog.com.au) who have given the FMBG library a complimentary signed copy of Jane Edmanson's new book "From the Ground Up".

Search for a Patron

On the Planning Day in January we identified finding a patron for the Melton Botanic Garden as a key activity.

FMBG is calling for suggestions. We have not determined any criteria so keep your mind open and thinking caps on then send us a name(s) together with a reason why they would be suitable.

Suggestions to: friends@fmbg.org.au
or John @ 9743 3819



Fuschia Gum (E.forrestiana) Melton Botanic Garden

Support FMBG and help create Sustainable suburbs in the West



Do you want to save money on bills and be more sustainable at home but don't know where to start?

Climate change is now an issue that affects everyone. Sustainable Suburbs is a home improvement program run by councils in the Western Region of Melbourne to help you save money on bills by improving the environmental performance of your home.

This council program offers participants:

- FREE home assessment - water, waste and energy
- FREE information sessions
- FREE light globe and showerhead exchange
- DISCOUNTS on a large variety of quality products and services
- REBATES from state and federal governments
- RELIABLE information that is easy to understand

As a **special offer** for Friends of the Melton Botanic Gardens, Envirogroup will donate \$10 for each member who signs up for the free home assessment.

All you have to do is register for your FREE home assessment and select Friends of Melton Botanic Gardens in the "How you heard" field.

Register online at:

www.envirogroup.com.au/sustainablesuburbs

OR call 1300 206 113 and mention "Friends of Melton Botanic Gardens".



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Sunday 30th May 8am-5pm

Your help would be greatly appreciated at anytime during the day

Please Contact Margaret 5367 3328

Grow the Garden Days 10am-noon

The next Grow the Garden Day is Thursday 13th May. Some plants have arrived and are ready to be planted.

We have cancelled the scheduled Grow the Garden Day on Sunday 30th May as we have a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser that day. By re-scheduling to Sunday 6th June we will have 30 Cubs and Scouts helping to plant and weed as part of their badge work.

At the Grow the Garden Day on 18th April we also held a BBQ afterwards followed by a garden walk. This was a very successful day as we had a new member come to her first Grow the Garden Day and someone take up membership at the BBQ.

FMBG Logo Style Guide

We have received the FMBG style guide, stationary and logo images in .eps, .jpg, .psd & .wmf formats.

The style guide has various layouts showing how to use the logo in publications and printing so as to maintain the integrity of the logo.

Larger type



Horizontal long version



Solid Black



STYLE GUIDELINES



These style guidelines provide correct usage of the FMBG (Friends of the Melton Botanical Garden Inc.) logo.

To maintain a consistent & professional use of the logo, please follow these guides.

The logo is made up of typeface & graphic elements. These elements are to stay as they have been designed, not to be moved, altered, resized or changed in any way.

Melton Botanic Garden

Layout Plan 2009



Membership

Renewals are due by July 1st – Have you renewed?

Please encourage some new memberships from your friends and family. With more recent memberships **we have reached 145 members for 2009-2010.**

Single-\$10, Single concession or student-\$5,
Household/Concession-\$20/\$10, Associate-\$20,
Corporate-\$50

New memberships are approved each month at the Executive meeting.

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.

2010 Calendar

Our major speaker for 2010 is **John Patrick** from ABC Gardening Australia. He will be with us in September. Another great speaker in July is **John Arnott** Director of the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens Cranbourne in Melbourne. We have also managed to secure **Richard Allen** to speak in October about his new book "Australia's Remarkable Trees".

Please get a copy of the calendar from the website or at meeting

Facebook Fans

If you use Facebook you may want to keep up with information via the Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Group.

Type Melton Botanic Garden into the Facebook search box and you should be able to find the group.

You can now build a Botanic Garden in Farmville.

FMBG Corporate Members 2009 / 2010

Melton Home Timber and Hardware

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	Dave Peters(5367 3328)
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If you have stories or photographs from activities in the Melton Botanic Garden please send them to: editor@fmbg.org.au

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