



# Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden, Inc. Newsletter October 2015

Growing Plants Growing People

No. 36

## FMBG Monthly Meeting Venue

Join us at our meeting venue at Arnolds Creek Community Centre 19 Claret Ash Blvd, Melton West Vic 3337

Contact: Janet Dyke 9743 2733 / 0408 170 070

## November Meeting 7.30pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Presenter Don Journet on the Plant Trust.

Very relevant as we look to register our collections of dryland eucalypts and eremophilas



## FMBG Patron

Jane Edmanson OAM



Category Winner

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Sustainable Cities Awards 2013

[sustainability.vic.gov.au/KABV](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/KABV)



Winner 2011 Powercor Melton Business Excellence Awards



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## Executive Committee

The Executive Committee Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Monday 7.30pm at the Bentley's house

## Help Build the Garden - Regular Activity Groups

- **Gumnuts:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 9.30am-noon
- **Lakers:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10am-noon
- **Creekers:** Thursdays 9.30am-noon
- **Safaris:** Tues & Thurs 9.30am-noon
- **Sandgropers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 9.30am-noon
- **Nursery Team:** Every Tues 10am-1pm
- **Odd Jobbers:** Tues & Thurs 10am-noon

Meet at Depot for all activities

## Garden tour on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September by Gisborne Garden Club

It was a cold day but we enjoyed morning tea together and the group had time following the walk to purchase plants at the Nursery. We also received a sizeable donation from the group which will help build the garden.

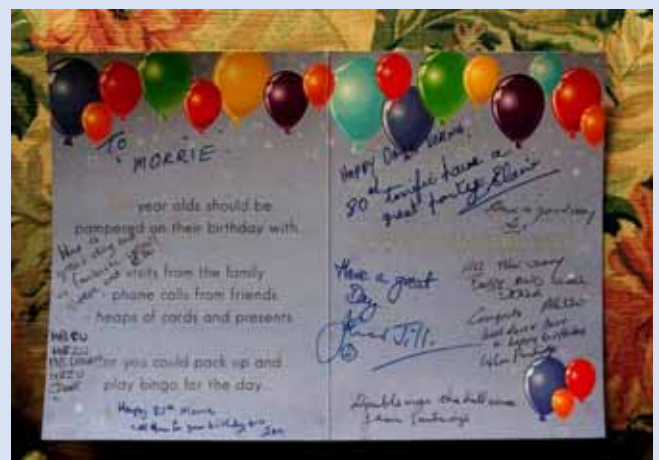


Some of the visitors on the tour.

## Morrie Forte

### Happy Eightieth Birthday!

Morrie said "Many thanks to all for your good wishes on the occasion of my 80<sup>th</sup>. A totally enjoyable, memorable night with family and friends. Kindest regards to all at MBG."



Card sent to Morrie from FMBG

### The Victorian Volcanic Plains Aboriginal Plant Usage Garden

This is a Lions Club of Melton and Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden funded project that also received a Western Water Community Grant in 2014 to help purchase the plants.

This garden survived on the low Melton rainfall over summer after being planted July to Sept 2014. The province of the seeds are from Melbourne's west and plants were purchased from Newport Lakes Native Nursery.



Grassland section Thursday 10 Sept 2015



Drumsticks (*Pycnosorus globosus*)

### FMBG Nursery Plant Sales

Tuesdays from 10.00am - 1.00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

10am-noon or other times by appointment

Melton Botanic Garden Nursery

21 Williams Street, Melton

Native plants grown in the Melton Botanic Garden

A range of plants including Eremophila and Eucalyptus varieties

Plants suited to growing in Melton gardens

Some decorative succulents

#### Prices

Forestry tubes \$2, 70mm pots \$4 and 90mm pots \$6

### Flowers in Western Australian and South Australian Display Bed



*Rhodanthe chlorocephala* or Paper Daisy



*Ptilotus nobilis*

### Western Australian and South Australian Display Bed

Paper Daisies looking good in the display bed. Photos do not do this bed justice, you need to go and see it!



### Hedge Wattle (*Acacia paradoxa*)



*Eucalyptus Torwood*  
Natural hybrid from *E.torquata* and *E.woodwardii*

**New sign on Freeway**



Real estate sign facing the Western Highway kindly designed, printed and installed by The Professionals Ryder Real Estate Melton

**MBG Green Bins**

Sharon Vis the Council Waste Management Education Officer says "I so want this pic to be used as a green waste promo!

(And just the one bin for landfill, bewtiful)

Perfect for the MWRRG for the Back to Earth campaign. I will send some more bin stickers your way.

Go Melton Botanic Garden!"



MBG bins outside the depot ready for collection

**Victorian Volcanic Plains  
Aboriginal Plant Usage Garden**

An article on this garden appeared in the Melton Leader Tuesday 29 September 2015 on page 11. Gilberto is curator of this garden bed.



A Western Water Community Grant to the Lions Club of Melton helped to provide most the plants for this Victorian Volcanic Plains Garden at the Melton Botanic Garden. The garden is looking spectacular right now.

**FMBG at Horticultural and Gardening Festival**

FMBG had an outside stand at the Horticultural and Gardening Festival at the Melbourne Showgrounds. We thank our sponsors who made the FMBG stand possible. We promoted the Melton Botanic Garden, our sponsors and our plants.

Sponsors board used on the FMBG stand at the festival



Visitors admiring *Eucalyptus caesia* subspecies *Magna* or *Silver Princess*



**Plants of  
Melbourne's  
Western Plains**  
Members \$15  
Non-members \$20



We have new stock of a great book for those interested in native plants. On sale at the FMBG Nursery at \$15 for FMBG members and \$20 for non-members

### Watchdog keeping an eye on the Garden



Jen Eldridge has brought our attention the rocky outcrop with an uncanny appearance of a vigilant dog lying in the grass, keeping a watchful eye on the garden among the grasses.

*'Lucked it in with the sun and shadows being just right when we were passing. Have to give credit to my niece, Lyn, for noticing.'*

Sometimes needs the eye of a child to notice things right before our own eye!

### Your Executive Committee

President:	John Bentley (9743 3819)
Vice-President:	Alan Partridge (9743 5761)
Treasurer:	Margaret Peters (5367 3328)
Secretary:	Janet Dyke (9743 2733)
Assistant Secretary:	Alan Partridge (9743 5761)
Executive members:	Jill Bentley (9743 3819)
	Dave Peters
	Steve Parker
	Jen Eldridge
Safety Officer:	John Bentley & Dave Peters
FMBG librarian:	Jean Partridge (9743 5761)

## FMBG Corporate Members 2014/15

### Alan Mance Nissan and Mitsubishi

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## Facebook and Twitter Fans

If you use Facebook and/or Twitter you may want to keep up with information via the Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Group. Type "Melton Botanic Garden" into the search box and you should be able to find us

## Membership

### Membership fees are due by 30 June each year

Have you renewed your membership or encouraged others to join FMBG?

We welcome all our new members and your membership helps support the development of the botanic garden and we hope you can participate in our activities.

FMBG is local, regional and international. We have members in Switzerland, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, UK, USA, and now Denmark. Please encourage some new memberships from your contacts. We had 206 members in 2011-2012 and 218 members in 2013/14. **In 2014/15 we have achieved our greatest financial membership total ever, reaching 250 members comprising individual, corporate and associate memberships. Well done everyone.**

Please help to sign up a new member to keep up a strong membership base.

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

The Membership/Renewal form is available on the FMBG website.

You can also pay by direct bank transfer to FMBG.

**Account Name:** Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Inc.

**BSB:** 033-121 **Account Number:** 20-8503

**Please ensure that your name appears under the transaction details. In addition, also submit the form or email to [friends@fmbg.org.au](mailto:friends@fmbg.org.au)**

New memberships are approved each month at the Executive meeting.

*For membership information please contact Jill Bentley on 9743 3819 for information or to drop in a payment. If you are housebound we can arrange to collect your payment and form*

*FMBG can give presentations to groups and host guided tours of the garden*



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

### Newsletter:

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