

# GARDENING IN THE BIG DRY WORKSHOP

## EVALUATION REPORT SUMMARY

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2008  
HAMILTON & BALMORAL

**Total Number of Participants:** 171

**Total Number of Evaluations completed:** 135 (79% of total participants)

**Gender:**                      **Male:** 17              **Female:** 103              **Incomplete:** 15

**Age**

15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Incomplete
3	-	7	17	33	36	37	2

**Percentage regarding Geographic Location**

26 % Local	72% within 1 hour	2% over 1 hour
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### RATINGS as a percentage

<b>1.</b>	<b>Venue</b>	Excellent 66%	Very Good 34%	Average -	Poor -
<b>2.</b>	<b>Catering</b>	Excellent 56%	Very Good 33%	Average 1%	Poor -
<b>3.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	Excellent 70%	Very Good 28%	Average -	Poor -

### Carolyn Blackman's presentation

Excellent 93%	Very Good 7%	Average -	Poor -
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*Comments included:*

- She is a superstar.
- Excellent knowledge, tremendous energy, top presentation.
- Not once did the mind wander. So interesting & down to earth.
- Invigorating presenter, 5 stars.
- Really enjoyed the day, excellent speaker, the first time my husband hasn't nodded off.

### Rate improvement in knowledge and skills, as a result of this workshop

○ Significant improvement	64
○ Some improvement	52
○ Improvement	16
○ No improvement	2
○ Incomplete	1

**Do anything differently as a result of today's presentation – comments included:**

- Plan according to site, not passion.
- Use zones, incorporate succulents as ground cover.
- Review some mulch materials.
- Zone plan and plant.
- Some re-allocation of garden space to "gardening in the dry".
- Pulse watering.
- Grow more natives & succulents.
- Increase mass plantings.

**Other comments**

- Bring Carolyn back – *2 comments*
- Would love Carolyn to come to Warrnambool.
- Composting workshop – *4 comments*
- Grey water systems.
- How to collect and preserve our indigenous species.
- Discussion groups
- Community garden, school sustainable garden to be established