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[Mr LEANE \(Eastern Metropolitan\)](#) -- I congratulate the Ringwood community garden on receiving a nomination in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Taste of Summer open garden as part of the Maroondah City Council's 2008 Australia Day Community Event of the Year awards. Having visited the garden last week, thanks to Ralph Powell, I commend everyone involved in that great facility which gives a number of people in the community the opportunity to enjoy the proven therapeutic activity of growing their own plants. The garden has recently put in concrete pathways to make it easier for people with disabilities to also enjoy this activity.

I feel that I should declare to the house that Mr Powell gifted me the best zucchini I have ever seen. I included it in a pasta sauce and it was delicious.

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Mr Powell also gave me some rhubarb that ended up with a well-known cook from the Chadstone area, Gemma Venier, who plans to put it into a rhubarb and apple pie, and I am looking forward to that.

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