



FRIENDS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS INC

22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 5.30pm

ANBG Theatrette

MINUTES

Item 1 Opening and Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed members present. A list of those attending is attached to these minutes.

Item 2

Apologies were received from Don Beer, Kath Holtzapffel, John Fitzgerald, Doreen Wilson, Michelle Marginson, Marlena Jeffery, Pauline Wicksteed and Barry Dexter.

Item 3 Confirmation of minutes of 21st AGM

Adoption of the minutes of the 21st AGM, held on 4 February 2010, was moved by Barbara Scott and seconded John Burdett.

Carried.

Item 4 President's Report

Alan Munns presented his report for the preceding year, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Alan Munns underlined that, while there are still considerable challenges ahead, he was optimistic about the future of the Gardens and considered that the new management was working very well with the Friends to achieve important priorities.

Alan Munns indicated that a highlight for the Friends during the year was the 20th anniversary celebration, which coincided with the 40th birthday of the Gardens. To mark the occasion the Friends gave the shade shelter outside the Crosbie Morrison building to the Gardens. The 2011 summer concert season was also considered to be a highlight, partly because of the good attendance by the public but also because of the renewed enthusiasm of Gardens management and staff for this important event. It was underlined that, after some years where Friends projects were very limited, there had been significant funding made available to the Gardens during the year.

A small further increase in membership numbers in 2010 was pleasing and membership stood at 1625 at the time of this AGM.

Alan Munns noted that there are two particular priorities that had not advanced during the year: These were the establishment of an Advisory body to assist management and moving the Gardens towards a statutory body model, to allow greater access to funding outside Government. It was hoped that progress could be made on these matters during 2011 in relation to the release of the new Management Plan.

Alan Munns thanked an outgoing member of Council, Jill More, for her excellent contributions during 2010. He also emphasized the rewards in working as President with Gardens management, Gardens staff, other Council members and the wider Friends membership. While he was not standing for reelection to Council he was looking forward to working with Council in the future as the Immediate Past President.

