



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, which coincided with the 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

Adoption of the President's report was moved by Alan Munns and seconded by David Coutts.

**Carried.**

**Item 5                      Treasurer's report**

Marion Jones tabled the audited financial statements for the year 2009/10. She noted that income was down about \$27000 and expenditure up about \$42000 during the year compared to the year before. The reasons for this were indicated to be:

- Reduced income and higher expenses for the summer concerts in January 2010
- No Friends dinner in 2009/10
- A reduction in plant sales by the Growing Friends due to availability of stock
- Significant expenditure on Friends projects compared to the previous year

Nonetheless there had still been an increase in the operating surplus of about \$7000 at the end of the year, which was an excellent result in the circumstances. The Accumulated Surplus at the end of the year was \$369619 compared to \$362742 at the end of 2008/09.

Adoption of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Marion Jones and seconded by Cedric Bryant.

**Carried**

Marion Jones informed the AGM that the audited financial statements for the Public Fund were available to the meeting and the Treasurer of the Public Fund was present to answer any questions.

**Item 6                      Report by Executive Director of ANBG**

Dr Judy West presented her report to the meeting. A summary is attached to these minutes.

**Item 7                      Election of Office Bearers and Members of Council**

The President asked Judy West take over the Chair for the election of office bearers and Council members.

Dr West informed the meeting that there were seven positions up for election at this meeting. Each of the positions would hold office for two years. Dr West informed the meeting that the nominations that had been received for these positions were :

President	David Coutts
Vice President	Barbara Podger
Secretary	John Connolly
Council	Warwick Wright
	Andy Rawlinson
	Anne Campbell
	Lesley Jackman

As there was only one nomination for each vacant position Dr West declared the candidates listed above elected.

Alan Munns resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

