

**Special Meeting of Council
23 May 2017
Dickson room**



Minutes

Attendance

Present: Lesley Jackman (Chair), David Cox, David More, Jonette McDonnell, Helen Elliot, Christianna Cobbold, David Coutts
Ex officio: Alan Munns, Louise Maher, Marion Jones, Peter Byron
Invited: Jon Burchill, Craig Cosgrove

1. Confirmation of Agenda

The meeting was opened by the Friends' President, Lesley Jackman, at 1 PM. The Agenda was confirmed as circulated.

2. Apologies

Jan Finley, Rita Maclachlan, Barbara Podger, Glenys Bishop, Lynden Ayliffe

3. General Business

3.1 Treehouse Public Art Project

The President indicated that the purpose of this item was to consider a final decision by the Friends on underwriting this public art project.

Council and invitees were briefed, Jon Burchill, Peter Byron and Craig Cosgrove on the final design and plans for the project. It was noted that subject to NCA approval, the construction should be able to start in July, and if so, the project should be completed in October 2017. Cave Urban's cost estimate remained at \$150,000.

Resolution: Following reports on the outcomes of the meetings on 19 May of the Friends Advisory Group and the Public Art Advisory Committee, and having also noted the views of ANBG management on the Design Development Phase report from Cave Urban, Council endorsed the appointment by the ANBG of Cave Urban for the building of their design for the treehouse gazebo project in the ANBG.

Council confirmed its December 2016 decision for the Friends of the ANBG to underwrite the treehouse gazebo project capped at \$280,000 (GST excl) for the entire project, on the following partnership basis:

- the Friends will pay an initial contribution of \$100,000 and also aim to raise some of the further funds involved through a fund raising drive;
- the Public Fund of the Friends will contribute \$30,000 out of current funds and also provide tax deductibility to encourage additional donations through the Public Fund; and
- the ANBG will provide \$40,000 in cash.
- ANBG will provide additional in kind support for the project.

Council and the ANBG agreed that a public announcement can now be made at their discretion.

**Moved : David Cox Seconded : Christianna Cobbold
Carried unanimously**

4. Next Council meeting : 1pm, Tuesday 6 June 2017 in the Dickson room

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

Lesley Jackman
President.