

Minutes

1.0 Approval of Agenda, Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 1 pm. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Apologies were received from Jan Finley, Christianna Cobbold, Rita Maclachlan, Barbara Podger and Judy West

Attendance was

Council : Lesley Jackman (Chair), Jonette McDonnell, David Coutts, Helen Elliot, David Cox, David More

Ex officio : Glenys Bishop, Tricia Morton

ANBG : Peter Byron, Stephen Speer, Rosalie Hampshire, Craig Cosgrove (for Treehouse item)

2.0 Minutes of Council meeting 1 August 2017

One minor amendment was made to the draft minutes under Item 6.6.

RESOLUTION

Moved Helen Elliott **Seconded** David More- that with the above minor amendment the minutes of the 1 August 2017 Council meeting be approved as tabled.

Carried

3 Matters Arising from Minutes of 1 August 2017

3.1 Cool Country Natives

Council noted that the arrangement with Cool Country Natives was now in place and Friends would be informed.

3.2 Florilegium Prints

Council was informed that the Florilegium prints had been restored and reframed and were now in the rare prints and books room in the library. Council noted members were invited to view the prints after this meeting. It was suggested that it might be possible to display them to members at the forthcoming AGM and, possibly, in conjunction with the 2018 Botanic Art exhibition.

4. General Business

4.1 Public Art Project

Craig Cosgrove informed Council that construction is underway, the piers are in and the framework for the walkway is being constructed. There would be some discussion on the landscaping with the Friends in the near future. Things are going to plan and the project should be finalized in November. A launch date may be possible in late November/early December.

Council noted that the Charring party had gone well and a further charring opportunity would be offered in the next few weeks.

4.2 AGM

The President informed Council members of possible options for vacant Council positions.

4.3 IT matters

David More informed Council that discussions are being held with membership on the online payment system. It was agreed that this should not be rushed and would not be put in place for this year's renewals in October. It was felt it needs to be properly tested and the aim is to bring it on line early in 2018.

Council noted that David More was talking with Les Fielke on the membership database and specific proposals would come forward in due course.

David indicated that he was working with the photography group on a bar code system for their exhibition and sales.

4.4 Archiving and retention

Council noted the reports on some updates to the Organization Manual on the requirements of the ACNC and the Review of the documentation on Thursday Talks. Council endorsed these updates.

Council also discussed the needs of Google Drive in terms of structure and procedures. This relates closely to archiving policies and it was agreed that there is more to do on this, especially in relation to the future of hard copy files.

4.5 Planning for ANBG 50th Anniversary

Council agreed that the President, Lesley Jackman, would be the initial Friends nomination as liaison with plans for the Anniversary in 2020. The Treasurer will be the backup. It was noted that there will be a meeting of the Steering Committee on 2 November. Steve Speer said ANBG is looking for ideas and it was agreed that an initial report would be given to Council for the 14 November Council meeting.

5 Reports

5.1 ANBG Executive Director

5.2 ANBG General Manager

Peter Byron covered both Items. Key points were

- The Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department (Matt Cahill) had recently been given a tour of the Gardens
- Detailed design is about to start for the conservatory and a workshop is to be held in Sydney

5.3 ANBG Friends' Liaison

Steve Speer's report was noted. Key points were

- Staff changes were noted
- The long awaited new posters and signage for the BRC would be installed very soon
 - Council underlined that it saw advantage in a small liaison group to work on the future of the BRC

5.4 Major Events Working group (MEWG)

The focus was on the summer sounds for 2018. It was noted that the weekends are now effectively settled as 27/28 January and 3/4 February. On the basis that sponsorship had been promised by ICON water and \$10000 from the Gardens, the Friends were asked to confirm an amount of \$10000. It was proposed that entry fees remain at \$5 per adult, \$2 concession and free for children under 12. It was also noted that a jazz focus is proposed this year. David Coutts will refer Kate Adams to a contact in the Blues Society.

RESOLUTION

Moved David Coutts **Seconded** David Cox- that the above commitments be agreed for the 2018 concerts
Carried

5.5 Social Events and Activities Committee (SEAC)

Council noted that Wake up with the Birds is going well and bookings are coming in. Andy Rawlinson is acting as coordinator this year. Council also noted that the President will talk about this event, and other matters, on community radio shortly.

Council was informed that there will be some special walks for Friends in November, namely
Bushland Nature Trail walk on 4 November
Butterfly walks on 11 and 12 November

5.6 Treasurer's report

Council was informed that the accounts had now been audited for 2016/17 and no problems had emerged. It was proposed that the term deposit of \$280000 be renewed for 3 months and that of \$151000 be renewed for 1 month.

It was proposed that cash for refunds relating to the guides conference be agreed up to \$400

RESOLUTION

Moved Jonette McDonnell **Seconded** David Cox that the Treasurer's report for August be accepted, including the rollovers of term deposits and the guides conference refunds.

CARRIED

5.7 Projects Committee

Council noted the report tabled by David Coutts on current projects. In response to a question by Peter Byron it was felt that it would be good to see some new project proposals in the New year, depending on the outcomes for payments for the treehouse and keeping in mind the possibility of a major project for the 50th birthday in 2020.

5.8 Guides conference

Glenys Bishop indicated

- The draft program is now available in fairly final form
- The budget looks good and it is likely there will be surplus
- \$75 sponsorship is being provided for ANBG guides attending (43) and Capital Wines is providing assistance with wine
- Afternoon tea will now be provided for the post conference tour
- 172 is the limit on numbers and this is fully subscribed, with a short waiting list

5.9 Photographic Group

David Cox informed Council that arrangements for the exhibition opening on 5 October were going well. It was proposed that an amount up to \$400 be approved for purchase of photos to present to the Gardens.

RESOLUTION

Moved David Coutts seconded Helen Elliot

CARRIED.

Council discussed the possibility of getting some new banners and noted the examples tabled by David Cox. It was felt that teardrop banners are not every durable. It was suggested that the banners already held by the Friends be reviewed and this matter be brought back to Council at the October meeting.

5.10 Membership

The August membership report was noted.

It was noted that it was becoming urgent to consider a reprint of the membership brochure. The President will discuss this with the membership team.

5.11 External talks

Council noted an information report on the External talks given by Warwick and Pat Wright and expressed its appreciation of their efforts in this regard.

6. Next meeting

1pm on Tuesday 3 October 2017 in the Dickson Room.

Lesley Jackman
President