



FRIENDS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS INC
19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 12 February 2008 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 John Connolly, Maureen Connolly, Winifred Maindonald, Janet Hadley Williams, Barbara Scott, Les Fielke, Isabel McBride, Margaret Boots, Barry Dexter and Shirley McKeown.

Item 3 Confirmation of minutes of 18th AGM

The minutes of the 18th AGM, held on 13 February 2007, were adopted as circulated.

Moved Kath Holtzapffel, seconded Warwick Wright.

Item 4 Presidents Report

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

Alan Munns moved that his report be adopted. This was seconded by Barbara Podger and carried.

Item 5 Treasurer's report

Beverly Fisher presented her report for the year ended 30 September 2007, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. This report covers the Friends and the Public Fund for the year ended 30 June 2007.

Beverly Fisher moved that her report be adopted. This was seconded by David Coutts and carried.

Item 6 Report by Director of ANBG

Anne Duncan presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Don Beer moved that the Director's report be adopted. This was seconded by Lesley Harland and carried.

Item 7 Election of Office Bearers and Members of Council

The President asked Anne Duncan to take over the Chair for the election of office bearers and Council members.

Anne Duncan informed the meeting that there were four positions up for election at this meeting. These were the Treasurer, and three Council members. Each of the positions would hold office for two years. The Secretary informed the meeting that the nominations that had been received for these positions were :

Treasurer	Beverly Fisher
Council	Louise Muir, Don Beer, Les Fielke

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

Alan Munns resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. Alan mentioned that David Mellowship, a long serving Council member who had been both Vice President and Membership Secretary, had not renominated for election to Council. Alan asked that the minutes note the Friends' appreciation of David's long and efficient service.

Item 8 Appointment of Auditor

Beverly Fisher moved that the auditor, Gorrell Long Robertson, be reappointed for the 2008/09 year. Seconded by David Coutts and carried.

Item 9 Any Other Business

Life membership

Alan Munns presented a proposal to the meeting that Barbara Daly be appointed a life member of the Friends. The notes for Alan's remarks are attached to these minutes.

Barbara Daly's life membership was moved by Alan Munns and seconded by Barbara Podger and carried.

Help with programs

Alan Munns informed the meeting that the Friends are looking for someone to help with this years What's in a Name? competition and invited offers of such assistance. Alan also indicated that additional help with the Newsletter subcommittee was sought, especially someone who is familiar with Adobe pagemaker and desktop publishing.

Links with other Friends groups

It was suggested that contact with Friends groups and other groups interested in native plants should be pursued to continue to raise awareness of the importance of the ANBG in these times of pressure on resources and examination of the future role of ANBG.

Statement of appreciation

On behalf of members Don Beer thanked Alan Munns for his leadership over the past year, especially in view of the difficult challenges that had emerged with the funding of the Gardens during the year.

The President closed the meeting at 6.45pm and invited members to stay for a talk by Rosemary Purdie on Plants of Central Asia (Western China and Tajikistan).