



*Friends of the*  
**Australian National Botanic Gardens**

## 2023 Council Nominees

### **Nominee for Vice-President**

#### **Linda Beveridge**

Linda is an active member of the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens (ANBG) and its Council, to enhance community awareness of the Friends and ANBG's scientific, conservation and educational functions.

Since retirement from the Australian Public Service, where for 25 years she was in senior officer and senior executive roles, she focuses on conservation of Australian native plants.

Linda also has relevant experience from her career, and as an office bearer and council member of several community organisations in Canberra. She is looking forward to contributing to Council's role for the Friends of the ANBG and the ANBG.

### **Nominee for Treasurer**

#### **Rod King**

As Treasurer temporarily replacing Anne Holmes until the coming election, I believe that, in time, I can handle this task. My previous experience as a treasurer has been less demanding and most recently (2023) as Treasurer for the ACT branch of the Order of St Lazarus which is involved in charity support.

I became a member of the Friends of ANBG over 10 years ago but have had a life-long interest in plants and gardens. After graduating in Agriculture and then further study Overseas I returned to the Black Mountain laboratories of CSIRO in 1972 where I worked for 42 years on environmental regulation of flowering and yield in cereals, on the control of flowering of ryegrass pastures and, in tandem, on the control of flowering of Australian native species. Our production protocols for potted flowering plants were applied collaboratively in some of the large Sydney nurseries and from 1990 to 2008 we published a number of scientific papers on this work.

The work on Rye grass had equal success where, 40 years after it was begun at CSIRO by Dr Lyoyd Evans (FRS, FAA, AM, Aust Medal), together, in 2002 we summarised in an Annual Review of Plant Biology a compelling answer on the hormonal regulation of flowering of this species. Then, before my retirement, these studies were further extended using molecular techniques with Rye grass and with *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a model experimental plant.

## **Nominees for Ordinary Member**

### **Kerry Moir**

I joined the Friends in 1990 but for many years my participation was limited due to other commitments.

I became a Volunteer Guide in 2019 and have been Guides Convenor since October 2022.

I was elected to Friends Council in 2021 and I am a member of the Social Events and Activities Committee.

As a result of my public service career, I have skills and experience in various aspects of leadership and management; product design and project management; plain English writing and editing; adult training; and information and records management.

### **Beth Tyerman**

Beth Tyerman has been a regular Gardens visitor since her university days back in the 1970s. She became a Friend of the ANBG in the early 90s and chose the Gardens as her preferred volunteer place once retired.

She has been a Visitor Centre and Events volunteer for ten years, a Gardens Guide (and Guides' Secretary) for seven years and also has a long-term role as Web editor and occasional archivist for the Friends.

Beth has previously filled in as a Council Member when a position became vacant and is happy to take on the role again to ensure that the relationship between the Gardens and the Friends remains strong.

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