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1	Approval of Agenda, Attendance & Apologies				
1.1	Approval of Agenda	Neville opened the meeting at 2.00pm and sought any additions/changes to the agenda.	Neville Page		
	Attendance	<p><u>Council:</u> Neville Page (President, Chair), Linda Beveridge (Vice President) Marg Nicholls (Secretary), Alan Henderson, Kerry Moir, Masumi Robertson, Beth Tyerman</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Rebecca Pirzl (ANBG Executive Director), Peter Byron (ANBG General Manager, Helen McHugh (ANBG Friends Liaison Officer)</p> <p><u>Invited:</u></p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p>			
	Conflicts of Interest	<p>Neville called for any Conflicts of Interest to the Agenda.</p> <p>There were no Conflicts of interest reported.</p>			
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting				
		<p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>That the minutes as amended of the Council meeting of 12 October 2023 be accepted.</p>		M: M Nicholls S: L Beveridge	Passed
	Matters arising from previous minutes				
		Nil matters arising			
3	General Business				

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3.1	Proposal for enhancement of propagation facilities by Growing Friends	<p>Report on Google Drive</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>That Council agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In-principle agreement to the refurbishment and upgrade of the Growing Friends' propagation facilities as described in submission; b) Agreement to Growing Friends working with Gardens staff on the development of a revised layout for the igloo-based facilities; c) Support for Growing Friends developing a project plan for the project, including the order in which actions should be taken; d) Support for Growing Friends developing phased costings for the project, with the aim of completing the project over a 2-3 year period; and e) Noting that initial advice is that the total cost of the project could be in excess of \$10,000 and possibly as high as \$15,000. f) Provide in the Friends' budget of \$1200 for the acquisition of a replacement laptop computer in either the 2024-5 or 2025-6 financial year. 	Marg Nicholls		Noted
3.2	Schools Photo competition	<p>Report on Google Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FANBG has run a Friends' Annual Schools Photographic Competition since 1997 exception being the COVID years 2020 to 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed to recommence this competition for exhibition at the ANBG in 2024, led by Cecilia 	Linda Beveridge		

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		<p>Melano and Sandra Simpson in conjunction with the Photographic Group and the Botanic Art Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Open for entries 17 March 2024 to 30 September 2024 with specific number of applications per category <input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Group offered judging assistance – 3 judge panel <input type="checkbox"/> Categories specified for Years 1 to 12 students attending an Australian School or College <input type="checkbox"/> Categories are Monochrome and colour for all years and altered images for years 7 to 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash prizes allocated and Highly Commended and Commended certificates. <input type="checkbox"/> One Rangers' Choice (over all categories) <input type="checkbox"/> Communication: A plan for promoting the competition is being mapped out. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition & Presentations: A schedule for presentations to occur November 2024. <p>RESOLUTION: That Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) endorse the resumption of the FANBG Annual Schools Photographic Competition b) allocate the Competition up to \$5,000 		M: L Beveridge S: K Moir	Passed
4	Reports				
4.1	ANBG Acting Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Pirzl starts on 30 October <input type="checkbox"/> Craig Cosgrove acting as ANBG General Manager 	Peter Byron		Noted

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Director Science position advertised <input type="checkbox"/> New Director National Parks to be announced shortly			
4.2	ANBG General Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> As Above			
4.3	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer	Report on Google Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation stats for September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50,756 – (highest September on record) ○ 9,813 to visitor centre <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peter Byron is acting Branch Head until 30 October when Rebecca Pirzl commences <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservatory construction practical completion date now May 2024 ○ Spring plant out well underway ○ 2 additional defibulators installed one at Ducrou Pavilion and one at Top Depot. ○ Spring flush of weeds a priority ○ ANBG visitor satisfaction survey underway ○ Visitor centre new bench seating ○ 2024 New volunteer guide recruitment to advertise in Dec <i>Fronde</i> accepting EOI's until end Jan 2024 ○ Looking for Front Desk Volunteers ○ Friends shelter work underway ○ Banksia Centre improvements ○ Visitor Centre entry exhibition – on track for November –December install 	Helen McHugh		Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plant Science Learning Hub launching date to be confirmed; paper presented to Environmental Educators Conference by H McHugh and S Ingham with positive response by attendees ○ Plant Records collecting wild specimens in the gardens with no herbarium voucher for determination ○ Omeo Storks Bill planted into section 240 (part of Rare Bloom project) ○ Nursery team success in propagating Small Purple Pea for transplanting into NSW and ACT 			
4.4	President's Report	Report on Google Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> EBulletin published <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Rob King with MYOB and preparation September 2023 Treasurer's Report <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting with Rod King re Treasurer's Duties <input type="checkbox"/> Compile Friends 2023 Annual Report <input type="checkbox"/> Issue invitation to Council members and Special Interest Group Conveners to nominate members for Volunteer Recognition Awards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations due end of October 	Neville Page		Noted
4.5	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Balance Sheet for 30 September 2023 <input type="checkbox"/> Income Statement for 30 September 2023 Council notes that the Treasurer will seek out of session agreement from the Council on maturing term deposits.	Rod King / Neville Page		Noted

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		<p>RESOLUTION: That Council supports the appointment of MGI Joyce Dickson for a further year as Financial Auditor and that the AGM be advised accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report to 30 September 2023 be accepted</p>		<p>M: L Beveridge S: A Henderson</p> <p>M: N Page S: L Beveridge</p>	<p>Passed</p> <p>Passed</p>
4.6	Public Fund	<p>Report on Google Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current Management Committee has three qualified persons with one qualified member to resign one month after upcoming AGM <input type="checkbox"/> At first Council meeting after AGM Council to appoint one or two new Management Committee members, to ensure compliance with obligations as a Registered Environmental Organisation 	Neville Page		Noted
4.7	Project Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted in Presidents report and FANBG Liaison Officer report	Alan Henderson		Noted
4.8	IT Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Design and construction of the website is continuing	Christianna Cobbold		Noted
4.9	Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project is continuing <input type="checkbox"/> New membership form has a mistake in an email address which is being corrected. 	Beth Tyerman		Noted
4.10	Volunteer Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Some slots not filled but expect return to full participation <input type="checkbox"/> Everything else is going along well 	Kerry Moir		Noted

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5	Friends Groups				
5.1	Botanic Art Group	Report on Google Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Two works from Botanic Arts Group's 2023 annual exhibition presented by Friends for ANBG's permanent collection: <i>Hakea laurina</i> by Jacqui Gillilands and <i>Acacia leprosa</i> 'Scarlet Blaze' by Annette Dahler 	Wendy Antoniak		Noted
5.2	Communications	<i>Fronds</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Next <i>Fronds</i> is December closing date 26 October 2023 E-Bulletin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Next to go out on Wednesday 18th October 2023 	Barbara Podger Neville Page		
5.3	Flowers, Fruit and Foliage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing 	Ben Walcott		
5.4	Growing Friends	Copy of background email sent to ANBG on Google Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plant sale raised over \$7,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Request to ANBG re Growing Friends water tank which is tilting and losing water and in danger of damaging outlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advised that Gardens will contract for the work to find a permanent solution and will manage the costs 	Maurice Hermann		
5.5	Membership	Report listing New Members for September on Google drive Report detailing Membership for September on Google drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New members 17 	Lesley Harland		

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewals 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Current membership 2116 <input type="checkbox"/> Current members 2915 <input type="checkbox"/> Lapsed members 213			
5.6	Nature Journaling	Neville provided the following information <input type="checkbox"/> Continues had successful group activity	Lesley Page		
5.7	Photographic Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning for exhibition in November	Steven Playford		
5.8	Plant Recognition Group	Report on Google Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Friend's members very interested in plant recognition, and workshops have been heavily booked including knowledge of ID keys <input type="checkbox"/> Group greatly appreciates support of ANBG in providing Celia Rosser Room and access to print and electronic resources. <input type="checkbox"/> Group grateful for Dr Rosemary Purdie being the Topic Leader for work shops <input type="checkbox"/> Also appreciate contribution of Friends who have helped <input type="checkbox"/> Have a draft program for next 12 months due to the considerable interest	John Busby		
5.9	Plant Science Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Continues to have speakers	John Busby		
5.10	Social Events and Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Wake up with the Birds successful event up to 30 visitors each of the two days <input type="checkbox"/> Visit to Walcott garden very successful with suggestion to have as regular event	Christianna Cobbold		
5.11	Thursday Talks	Report on Google Drive	Linda Beveridge		

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Don Beer Memorial Lecture 19 th October 2023 – Jo White Director Questacon. Booking link https://www.trybooking.com/CJTYV			
6	Other Business	<input type="checkbox"/> As this meeting is the last for this Council the President thanked the dedicated work of current Council members <input type="checkbox"/> Thanks were extended to Sue Serjeantson for stepping up to take up casual vacancy and her contribution as Council member <input type="checkbox"/> Thanks were extended to Marg Nicholls for stepping up as casual Secretary and her contribution in the role <input type="checkbox"/> Council notes that N Page will assist C Cobbold in Public Officer responsibilities as / or if required.			Noted
7	Next Meeting	The next meeting of FANBG is 9 November 2023 commencing 2pm in the Celia Rosser Room	Neville Page		Noted

