



28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19 October 2016 ANBG Theatre

MINUTES

1.0 Opening and Confirmation of Agenda

The meeting was opened by the President, Lesley Jackman, at 5.30 pm. The agenda was confirmed.

2.0 Attendance

Present: Forty-nine members of the Friends signed the attendance sheet (Appendix A)

Invited: Judy West (ANBG Executive Director), Peter Byron (ANBG General Manager)

Apologies:

Friends: Lynden Ayliffe, Linda Beveridge, Pam Cooke, David Coutts, Fran Johnson, Mike Johnson, Marion Jones, Penny Sharp, Barbara Tyler.

Invited: Annabelle Pegrum (guest speaker).

3.0 Minutes of 2015 AGM held on 8 October 2015.

No amendments were made to the draft minutes.

RESOLUTION

Moved Glenys Bishop, **Seconded** Kath Holtzapffel that the Minutes of the 27th AGM of the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Inc held on 8 October 2015 be accepted.

CARRIED

4.0 President's Report

The President's Report for 2015-16 (Appendix C) covered the Friends' activities and future challenges in the context of the Friends' Strategic Plan 2010-15.

RESOLUTION

Moved Alan Munns, **Seconded** Dennis Ayliffe that the President's Report for 2015-2016 tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

5.0 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2016 (Appendix D) included the audited financial statements for the Friends (Appendix D1) and the Friends' Public Fund (Appendix D2). The Treasurer, Helen Elliot, noted the accounts are in a robust financial position to enable the aims of the Friends to be met in the foreseeable future.

RESOLUTION

Moved Max Bourke, **Seconded** Warwick Wright that the Treasurer's Report, including the financial statements for the Friends and the Friends' Public Fund, for the financial year ended 30 June 2016 tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

6.0 Report by Executive Director

The ANBG Executive Director's report for 2015-16 included the following highlights:

- Master Plan progress - the launch of the Ian Potter National Conservatory, the construction of the Bushland Nature walk, installation of additional lake pumps and filtration equipment, the purchase of incubators for the Seed Bank.
- New developments underway - the Banksia Garden, the Pomaderris Garden, establishment of a Northern Tablelands and Ranges section, development of a research and conservation garden to grow genotype populations of endangered species.
- Conservation and research projects undertaken by the Australian National Herbarium and the National Seed Bank.
- Visitor experience initiatives - the Native Bee Hotel, the Aboriginal Plant Use Trail, AfterDark events, the Prehistoric Garden Trail presented in conjunction with the National Dinosaur Museum.
- A significant increase in visitor numbers.

7.0 Election of Office Bearers and Council members (for 2 years in each case).

- The election for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and four Council members was chaired by Dr West.
- A nomination was received for each of the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. As the nomination for Vice President was received from a Council member, 5 vacancies were declared for general Council Members. No nomination was received for the Secretary position. Personal profiles for nominees were included in the agenda papers.
- Dr West declared the following positions filled:
 - President- Lesley Jackman, Vice President - David Cox, Treasurer- Helen Elliot, Council members - Christianna Cobbold, Jan Finley, Rita Maclachlan, Jonette McDonnell, David More.
- The President outlined how Council proposes to deal with the Secretary's responsibilities until such time as the position is filled.

8.0 Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer recommended that a new auditor be appointed for 2016-17.

RESOLUTION

Moved Max Bourke, **Seconded** Christianna Cobbold that the appointment of Mr Jeff Brewer, Partner at MGI/Joyce Dickson, as the new auditor for the Friends for 2016-17 be accepted.

CARRIED

9.0 Award of Life Membership

The President awarded life membership of the Friends to Kath Holtzapffel in recognition of her dedicated service to the Friends and the ANBG.

Fleur Kelleher spoke in support of the award outlining Kath's long involvement with the Friends and the ANBG. Kath's numerous contributions include involvement in Growing Friends since its inception with her late husband John; being an active voluntary guide for 17 years, undertaking in depth studies and projects (Gondwana plants, bushfoods, pollination), educational talks to guides, guide for tour groups (garden clubs, international and diplomatic groups, government departments), mentoring botanical interns and supporting ANBG and Friends social events and activities (Photographic Group, summer concerts, Breakfast with the Birds, Grazing in the Gardens).

10.0 Other business

No additional business was raised.

11.0 Meeting closure

The meeting was closed at 6.30pm.