Profiles for Nominations for Friends' Council

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. She is convenor of Thursday Talks, co-convenor of the Students Photographic Competition, a member of the Plant Recognition Group, and a Volunteer Guide.

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.

Chris Mackay

Chris has recently joined the Council, to fill a short-term vacancy. He and his family have long used the Gardens for recreation and education purposes.

Since retirement from business, his interests are to support and strengthen activities such as the Friends of ANBG. His focus is on ensuring the Friends Council maintains its strength to encourage the public interest in the ANBG and, particularly, education about, and conservation of Australian native plants.

Chris has relevant experience in not-for-profit community organisations and as a volunteer officer in those.

Catherine Robertson

The Friends of ANBG is a large and highly successful not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting the ANBG through both practical and financial means. It also provides amazing opportunities for its members to participate in scientific, horticultural and artistic special interest groups.

Since 2018 I have enjoyed working with the members of the Fronds team. For many years before that, I was simply a just member who was inspired by visiting this beautiful place and after a delightful stroll through the Gardens, enjoying the delights of the cafe.

In preparation for my nomination, I have briefly studied our Constitution and can aver that I promise to uphold the rules and values of the Friends.

My experience includes: foundation President and life member of STEP and executive member of both FOG and ANPS.