

**Meeting of Council
11 February 2018
Crosbie Morrison Room**



Minutes

Item	Topic	Information	Sponsor / Responsibility	Action
1	Approval of Agenda, Attendance and Apologies	Meeting opened by the Chair at 1.10pm. Agenda was approved as circulated. <u>Council</u> : Max Bourke (Chair), Helen Elliot (Treasurer), Jann Ollerenshaw (Secretary), Wendy Antoniak, Lynden Ayliffe, Linda Beveridge, and Alan Henderson. <u>Ex officio</u> : ANBG: Judy West, Tiffeny Horwood and Megan Donaldson; Friends: David Coutts, Lesley King and Tricia Morton <u>Apologies</u> : Lesley Jackman, David More and Barbara Podger.	Chair	
2	Minutes of Council meeting	Minutes of the Council meeting of 4 December 2018 were circulated. RESOLUTION: Moved Wendy Antoniak, seconded Linda Beveridge that the minutes be approved.	Jann Ollerenshaw	Passed
3	Business arising from previous Minutes	None raised.		
4	General Business			
4.1	Development matters:	a. Conservatory – though close to resolving lighting and design issues it is unlikely the Conservatory will be constructed in time to meet a 2020 opening b. Banksia Garden – test beds have shown some species are struggling. The Gardens are continuing to analyse soil profile and moisture to ensure the best results for as many species of Banksia as possible. Stone work underway and screens are being quoted. Banks building to be upgraded. c. 50 th Anniversary – David Taylor is planning events around Banksia Garden, horticultural workshop; ANBG Gin (Underground) using plants from the ANBG is being developed. Anniversary Book by Murray Fagg drafted. Possibility of a commemorative coin. Megan to provide calendar of proposed events for Council’s information and so that 30 th Anniversary of Friends events can be coordinated.	Tiffeny Horwood Tiffeny Horwood Megan Donaldson	Noted Noted Noted
4.2	IT Report	Council thanked David More for his efforts and the tabled report.	David More	Noted
4.3	Friends insurance under MOU	Advice from Department not yet received, Natalie has been tasked to follow up.	Tiffeny Horwood	To follow up.

4.4	Partnership Proposal – Hello Koalas Project	Megan advised that initially the Gardens was bringing 8 Koalas to Canberra for Illuminous Botanicus (Enlighten Festival) and for the month of March with a daytime discovery trail. With Pollen, Jindii, Cool Country Natives and Nature ArtLab sponsoring additional Koalas there would now be twelve. Other Koalas would be at the Zoo, Arboretum, Tidbinbilla and in the parliamentary triangle. In addition to sponsoring a Koala, Friends' volunteers were sought for the four nights of Illuminous Botanicus. RESOLUTION: moved Lynden Ayliffe seconded Linda Beveridge that the Friends support the project with funds up to \$5,000 and agreed that volunteers would be sought.	Megan Donaldson	Passed
4.5	AAFBG stand, Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show	After a brief discussion on the limited capacity for the Friends to join with the AAFBG stand in Melbourne from 27-31 March 2019 it was agreed that the Friends would support the AAFBG by providing brochures and copies of Fronds to the Garden Show and that members would be encouraged to attend the stand. Lynden Ayliffe agreed to liaise with the AAFBG.	Max Bourke Lynden Ayliffe	Supported
4.6	Recognition of Schedule 2 Volunteers	While further detail was needed on some elements of the recognition policy and associated documents a co-hosted recognition event with the Gardens (near Volunteer Day) was supported. RESOLUTION: moved Linda Beveridge and seconded Helen Elliot that the Friends approve the Recommendations and develop a program to support recognition of Schedule 2 volunteers.	Linda Beveridge	Approved
4.7	Key Priorities 2019	At the March Meeting of Council, with input from SIGs, Council members will review the Strategic Plan with a view to develop Key Priorities for 2019.	Max Bourke	Noted
4.8	Thursday Talks Committee	RESOLUTION – moved Linda Beveridge and seconded Lynden Ayliffe that Council endorse the election of Jan Finley as Convenor, Thursday Talks Sub-Committee and thank Doug Laing for his contribution as Convenor for the last few years.	Linda Beveridge	Passed
4.9	Appointment of Vice President	RESOLUTION: moved Max Bourke seconded Alan Henderson that Council, under subsection 6.6 (Casual Vacancies) of the Constitution, appoint Linda Beveridge as Vice President.	Max Bourke	Passed
4.10	Publication of 'More than Just a Pretty Plant' booklet	An early draft of a booklet to accompany the 12 th Annual Art in the Gardens with Friends Exhibition was circulated. RESOLUTION: moved Jann Ollerenshaw seconded Lynden Ayliffe that the Friends support the printing of the booklet with an advance of up to \$4,202.	Jann Ollerenshaw	Passed
4.11	Photographic Group	RESOLUTION: moved Max Bourke and seconded Linda Beveridge that the Friends support the David Cox Memorial Lecture with a \$700 grant. RESOLUTION: moved Max Bourke and seconded Linda Beveridge that Council provide in principle support for a members only Spring Photography Workshop.	Jim Gould Jim Gould	Passed Passed

		RESOLUTION: moved Lynden Ayliffe and seconded Helen Elliot that Council support the printing of flyers and a press release for the Schools Photographic Competition with funding up to \$300.	Lynden Ayliffe	Passed
5	Reports			
5.1	ANBG Executive Director	<p>Judy reported that she has returned to her role as Executive Director but will also remain involved in fund raising across Parks Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gardens has employed a partnership officer (Sara Kimball) who will be introduced to Council next month, • An additional \$4m has been sought for the Seed Bank building design and construction. A project manager has also been sought, • 50th Anniversary Book has been drafted by Murray Fagg, celebrates the decades of the Gardens development and growth, • A capital bid has been put in to design a nature play area. 	Judy West	Noted
5.2	ANBG General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bid for Repairs and Maintenance funding has been developed. 	Tiffeny Horwood	Noted
5.3	ANBG Friends Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Flora Explorer had its debut at Summer Sounds, Guides trained and found it easier to drive. • Sunset Cinema was very successful • Summer Sounds with good weather this year was successful. Lower number of attendees but higher takings received due to increased prices and online bookings. • This year 'show bags' will be distributed at ANU O-week instead of a stall being manned • Enlighten Festival – Illuminous Botanicus will be held over 4 nights • Re-asphalting of the carpark would be shortly undertaken • Nordic Walking Group had applied for a permit to undertake a guided walk in the gardens • Guides Training commences in March with 18 candidates. 	Megan Donaldson	Noted
5.4	Treasurer's report	<p>Income: Icon Water sponsorship received for Summer Sounds, new memberships and renewals lower than this time last year, Photographic Group's exhibition in December resulted in a \$1,260 profit. Summer Sounds, held over two weekends, resulted in income of \$22,967.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: Moved Helen Elliot seconded Alan Henderson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that \$100,000 in an expiring term deposit be renewed for a further three months.</p>	Helen Elliot	Passed

5.5	Volunteer Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is expected 30-35 guides wished to attend the National Guide Conference in Perth. Lesley to put forward a subsidy proposal for Council's consideration. Glenys Bishop has developed a Banks/Solander Walk initially as part of a National Library collaboration Tim Kilby has developed a carpark walk – Fronds article Green uniform shirts were no longer available – a new colour is being sought 	Lesley King	Noted
5.6		(blank due to mis-numbering)		
5.7	Major Events Working Group	Meeting to be held this week, as reported the Icon Water sponsorship of \$5,000 had been received	Megan Donaldson	Noted
5.8	Social Events and Activities	Summer Sounds report noted. RESOLUTION: moved Helen Elliot and seconded Lynden Ayliffe that a vote of thanks be given to Tricia Morton and Barbara Podger for their efforts as Convenors over the two weekends of the Summer Sounds events.	Tricia Morton Helen Elliot	Noted Passed
5.9	Projects Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report presented. Thermal Tolerance of Plants awaiting ARC grant approval Norfolk Island project – report on progress to be provided. Payment of the Friends donation has not as yet been requested by Lydia Guja and/or ANBG. No new projects being considered RESOLUTION: moved Wendy Antoniak seconded Alan Henderson that the Find a Plant App be approved for limited soft release.	David Coutts	Noted Approved
5.10	Broadcast email	Input to Wendy Antoniak by Friday for inclusion in next Broadcast email.	All	Noted
5.11	Membership	Report circulated. Current membership is 2359, including 33 new members.	Lesley Harland	Noted
5.12	Plant Science Group	2018 Report to Council.	Anne Campbell	Noted
5.13	Growing Friends	February Meeting Report	Maurice Herman	Noted
6	Other Business			
6.1	Patron	Arrangements for ending of Lady Cosgrove's patronages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that the invitation to have a stall at Government House open day would not be taken up Consideration of a new Patron to be discussed at next Council Meeting 	Max Bourke	Noted
6.2	Botanical Trainees	Council members are invited to attend the presentation to the 2019 Botanical Trainees, 1130 Friday 15 February, Theatre	Max Bourke	Noted
6.3	Council Meetings	It was agreed, due to the Executive Director's new work arrangements, that Council meetings be moved to 2pm of the 2 nd Thursday of each month.	Max Bourke	Agreed
7	Next meeting	2pm, Thursday 14 March 2019, Dickson Room		