

**Meeting of Council  
11 July 2019  
Dickson Room**



**Minutes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Sponsor / Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda, Attendance and Apologies</b>	Meeting opened by the Chair at 2pm <u>Council</u> : Max Bourke (Chair), Helen Elliot (Treasurer), Lynden Ayliffe, Alan Henderson and David More. <u>Ex officio</u> : Judy West, Megan Menz and Lesley Jackman. <u>Invited</u> : David Coutts, Tricia Morton and Barbara Podger. <u>Apologies</u> : Linda Beveridge (Vice President), Jann Ollerenshaw (Secretary), Wendy Antoniak, Peter Byron, and Lesley King.	Chair	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Council meeting</b>	Minutes of the Council meeting of 13 June 2019 were circulated. RESOLUTION: Moved David More, seconded Helen Elliot that the minutes be approved.	Jann Ollerenshaw	Passed
<b>3</b>	<b>Business arising from previous Minutes</b>			
3.1	Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens (AAFBG) Representation	Wendy Antoniak has agreed to be nominated as a Committee member at the next AAFBG elections due to be held at its AGM in Sydney on 19 July. Helen Elliot will be attending the meeting and voting on behalf of ANBG Friends. Lynden Ayliffe will also attend and vote if Helen is unable to attend at the last minute.	Max Bourke	Agreed
3.2	Building Audiences	Item deferred at Max Bourke's request.	Max Bourke	Agreed
3.3	Selection of new Patron	An introduction to a possible candidate is being organised by Judy West.	Max Bourke	Noted
<b>4</b>	<b>General Business</b>			
4.1	Development matters:	a. Conservatory – Light issues have been resolved and there is a meeting next week in Sydney to decide the final option before moving to the next phase, development of specifications. b. Banksia Garden – Leaves have been laid in paving outside Banks Building, with lighting to come.	Judy West	Noted

		c. 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – a musical work has been commissioned and will be played at the opening of the Banksia Garden. A gin has also been commissioned.		
4.2	Volunteer Recognition and Refurbishment of Growing Friends facility	Format for volunteer recognition has been passed to the IT working group. Linda Beveridge and Maurice Hermann are liaising and he is comfortable with the format being considered. Convenors of various groups should be able to nominate candidates for recognition by Volunteers Day on 5 December. Refurbishment of the Growing Friends' shade house is underway. Plants have taken and shade cloth options are being considered. No action on the cladding will be taken until the Banksia Garden is finished.	Linda Beveridge  Maurice Hermann	Noted
4.3	Botanical Art Group – Wildlife Exhibition	BAG is seeking a \$200 float, up to \$300 for printing, \$100 for miscellaneous expenditure, a credit card facility and an at point of sale system for its exhibition to open on 13 December. There will be no formal opening but drinks and nibbles at Members' preview. RESOLUTION: Moved Helen Elliot, seconded David More that financial assistance be approved	Wendy Antoniak	Passed
4.4	Photographic Group – Sale of Donated Photographic Equipment	An anonymous donation of equipment will be sold by competitive tender with some of the funds raised to be used for the Group's photographic competition in 2020. Options for the balance of the funds raised are still being considered and will be finalised once all equipment is sold. RESOLUTION: Moved Helen Elliot, seconded David More that, in principle, some of the funds be used for the Group's competition pending further details to Council.  The photographic group plan to host a workshop next April and seek Council's permission to use its bank account details on the application forms. RESOLUTION: Moved Helen Elliot, seconded David More that the group use the Friends' bank account	Jim Gould	Passed  Passed
<b>5</b>	<b>Reports</b>			
5.1 and 5.2	ANBG Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seed Bank – architect and expert from Mt Annan are developing space for future cryogenic storage although it will not be progressed immediately. Although there are funds for the building, funds are needed for the fitout – website will display the layout and donors will be encouraged to fund a particular area. \$1.2m is required. Ministerial launch is being considered.</li> <li>ARC Linkage Grant awarded for scholarship researching cold climate plants.</li> <li>Hearing Loop for the theatrette ordered and retuning schedule being developed.</li> </ul>	Judy West	Noted
5.3	ANBG Friends' Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinotrax finishes 28 July and to date there has been a strong increase in visitation numbers. The Gardens indicated that social media has prompted increased visitation.</li> <li>Bushlife and Birdlife exhibition coming.</li> <li>Education programs have increased this year with 15,000 plus student visits.</li> </ul>	Megan Menz	Noted



5.10	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Subcommittee	Ideas for 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends are being developed and centre on evening drinks to coincide with the opening of the Banksia Garden and a cake at the AGM. Friends' Groups have been approached and existing activities are being refocused and rebadged as anniversary events. A <b>draft</b> <i>Thirty Years and Thirty Things to do</i> was tabled for information. Other activities being considered include a function focused on the 20 year old sundial which the Garden History Society want to be involved with, a visit to the National Library to view the Florilegium, and the sale of a limited edition artwork. A logo is also being considered. Council members were encouraged to forward any ideas to Tricia.	Tricia Morton	Noted
5.11	Project Committee	After templates were prepared and parameters of the projects detailed, two of the four projects approved in principle at the last Council meeting were agreed. Two of the three projects requiring some further consideration were also agreed. RESOLUTION: Moved Alan Henderson, seconded Lynden Ayliffe that \$30,000 be provided for ANBG 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary book RESOLUTION: Moved Lynden Ayliffe, seconded David More that \$110,00 be provided for the iconic display of large plants at the Gardens entrance - \$55,00 in 2019/20, \$27,500 in 2020/21, and \$27,500 in 2021/22. RESOLUTION: Moved David More, seconded Alan Henderson that \$60,000 is made available for science communication and ANBG stories. RESOLUTION: Moved David More, seconded Alan Henderson that \$50,000 be made available for the video wall outside theatrette and film	David Coutts	Passed  Passed  Passed  Passed
5.12	Fronds Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August <i>Fronds</i> will go to the printer this week with an article on x-raying seeds.</li> <li>• The deadline for the December issue will be mid October. It will be a longer edition (24 pages) to allow space to cover next year's anniversaries' activities</li> </ul>	Barbara Podger	Noted
5.13	Broadcast Email	Call for requests noted and article on Nordic walking suggested.	Wendy Antoniak	Noted
5.14	Membership Report	Report noted.	Lesley Harland and Pam Cooke	Noted
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Business</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	2pm, 8 August Thursday 2019 – Dickson Room		