

Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Council Meeting Minutes March 9 2023				
Item	Topic	Information	Moved (M) Seconded (S)	Council
1	Approval of Agenda, Attendance & Apologies			
1.1	Agenda	Neville Page opened the meeting and sought any additions/changes to the agenda.		Noted
1.2	Attendance	Present: <u>Council</u> : Neville Page (President, Chair), Linda Beveridge (Vice President), Anne Holmes (Treasurer), Louise Maher (Secretary), Christianna Cobbold, Alan Henderson, Kerry Moir, Masumi Robertson, <u>Ex-officio</u> : Peter Byron (ANBG General Manager) Helen McHugh (ANBG Friends liaison Officer) <u>Invited</u> : Barbara Podger <u>Apologies</u> : Anthony Whalan		Noted
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	RESOLUTION: that the minutes of the Council meeting of 9 February 2023 be accepted.	M: Louise Maher S: Linda Beveridge	Passed
3	Matters arising from previous minutes			
3.1	Botanic Resource Centre	Linda reported that Isobel Crawford will also join the working group that's been set up to investigate how the interests of Friends interested in botany can be met in future.		Noted
4	General Business			

4.1	New Members' Welcome Event	Neville said that preparation for the event on March 26 is well in train. Linda said Council members are invited to attend to help welcome new members.		Noted
5	Reports			
5.1	ANBG Acting Executive Director			
5.2	ANBG General Manager	<p>Peter showed council members photos of construction work at the new conservatory and reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the build is due to be finished in July/August, plants should be installed in October and the conservatory is due to open in November • the new seed bank design is being fine-tuned; construction should take about 12 months • staff movements include Helen McHugh who'll be Friends Liaison Officer for the next few months. 		Noted
5.3	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer	<p>Helen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42,326 visitors in February, the highest number in February since 2004 • good numbers in schools program, with 15,000 bookings so far this year. 		
5.4	President's Report	<p>Neville reported that he has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • taken over MailChimp from David More • sent out the Feb Broadcast Email (if anyone wants to be trained in this process, please let him know) • held discussions with Ella Beer about her \$25,000 donation to establish a new fund in her late husband's name. 		Noted
5.5	Treasurer's Report	<p>Anne reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the February report is on Google Drive • the plant sale reaped \$7620 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there's an urgent need to update the EFTPOS machine. <p>RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report for February be accepted.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That Council upgrades the current three EFTPOS machines at an estimated cost of an extra \$15.30 per month.</p>	<p>M. Anne Holmes S. Christianna Cobbold</p> <p>M. Anne Holmes S. Christianna Cobbold</p>	Passed
5.6	Project Committee	<p>Alan said that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the committee's report is on Google Drive the committee has considered the revised design concept for the new foyer exhibition the committee aims to bring a fully costed proposal to a future council meeting for approval. 	Alan Henderson	Noted
5.7	Public Fund	<p>Neville reported that during discussions with Ella Beer she expressed a preference for her \$25,000 donation to be used for a scholarship program.</p> <p>Neville suggested it would be an add-on to the current scholarship fund.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That a fund be established within the Public Fund titled 'The Don Beer Memorial Fund' to be financed by donations from Friends members and the general public</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That the Council calls on the Gardens to prepare information on the process and timetable for selecting scholarship holders</p>	<p>M. Neville Page S. Alan Henderson</p> <p>M. Alan Henderson S. Christianna Cobbold</p>	<p>Passed</p> <p>Passed</p>

5.8	IT strategy	Christianna reported that the committee has provided a response to the initial design for the new website. The Style Guide is in the process of being refreshed and updated.	Christianna Cobbold	Noted
6	Friends Groups			All reports were noted.
6.1	Photographic Group	Long-term parking permits: the group has been given five unnamed permits to be used when members are required to be on ANBG grounds for more than 3 hours.	Steven Playford	
6.2	Botanic Art Group	Preparations for April-May exhibition are well underway. Similar for the November exhibition.	Wendy Antoniak	
6.3	Flowers, Fruit and Foliage	Nothing to report	Ben Walcott	
6.4	Growing Friends	Plant sale on March 4 very successful. Wollemi seedlings made \$470 of the total plant sales of \$7620.	Maurice Hermann	
6.5	Plant Science Group	Changed date of meetings for March and April due to public holidays. Third Monday of these months. Roger Farrow has retired as convenor and John Busby is now convenor.	John Busby	
6.6	Thursday Talks	Rolling along very well. The program for April to August has been provided to <i>Fronds</i> and will be on the website with additional information in the near future.	Linda Beveridge	
6.7	Social Events and Activities	Activities for the rest of the year have been mapped out. There'll be the same type of walks as last year. A \$5 charge may be introduced to encourage attendance.	Christianna Cobbold	
6.8	Nature Journaling	17 attended March meeting.	Lesley Page	
6.9	Membership	February Report on Google Drive	Lesley Harland	
6.10	Volunteer Guides	IWD walks are on the theme of amazing women. Most of the guides who trained last year are now ready to take walks. Working on conservatory handbook.	M. Kerry Moir	Passed

		RESOLUTION: That the council approve expenditure of up to \$510 for replacement guides' shirts with more than 5 years of service and for the embroidery of two shirts.	S. Alan Henderson	
6.11	Communications	Communications <i>Fronde</i> : Barbara reported that the April issue of <i>Fronde</i> is now underway Broadcast email: Neville called for submissions by next Tuesday	Barbara Podger Neville Page	
7	Other Business		Neville Page	
		Council members who hadn't yet done so were asked by Neville to complete a Declaration for Responsible Persons form.		Noted
8	Next Meeting	Meeting closed at 3.25pm Next meeting: 13 April 2023	Neville Page	Noted

