

<b>Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Council Meeting Minutes 2pm 8 June 2023 Celia Rosser Room</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Moved: Seconded:</b>	<b>Noted Passed</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda, Attendance &amp; Apologies</b>			
1.1	Agenda	Linda Beveridge opened the meeting at 2pm, welcomed attendees and sought any additions/changes to the Agenda.		Noted
1.2	Attendance	<p><b>Present</b>  <u>Council:</u> Linda Beveridge (Vice President - Chair), Anne Holmes (Treasurer), Marg Nicholls (Secretary), Kerry Moir, Masumi Robertson, Sue Serjeantson.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Anthony Whalen (Acting Executive Director ANBG), Helen McHugh (ANBG Friends Liaison Officer)</p> <p><u>Invited:</u> Dr. Sharon Abrahams (ANBG representative on the Project Committee); Lesley Harland (Membership), Beth Tyerman (Website Coordinator)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> C. Cobbold, A. Henderson, N. Page (President), P Bryon ANBG General Manager</p>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>			
2.1		<p><b>RESOLUTION:</b>  That the minutes of the Council meeting of 11 May 2023 be accepted.</p>	M: L Beveridge S: M Nicholls	Passed
2.2		<p>Rescission of Resolution of the meeting of 11 May 2023. The rescission and re-introduction is required to provide clarity of the decision.</p> <p>Passed resolution of 11 May 2023  “That the ANBG Scholarship Guidelines as circulated by the General Manager be adopted.”</p>		



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		<p>It was also noted that future fee reviews include a Household fee that is more equitably commensurate with the benefits of all its members to the benefits of membership.</p>																								
3.2		<p>Resignation of Treasurer, Anne Holmes, to take effect no later than 31 August 2023 and earlier should an acceptable nomination be received.</p> <p>The Council thanks Anne for her enthusiasm and commitment in carrying out the role.</p>		Passed																						

		<b>RESOLUTION:</b> That the resignation of Anne Holmes dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 be accepted.	M: L Beveridge S: M Nicholls	
<b>4</b>	<b>Reports</b>			
4.1	Acting Exec Director - Anthony Whalen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservatory still ongoing. Metal infrastructure should arrive in next few weeks. Still on track for completion for end of year</li> <li>• Currently planned for large plants to go in to the Conservatory Oct / Nov avoiding cold or hot months.</li> <li>• New seed bank – redesign process to fit the budget. Concept plan to builders. Turn of soil in Sept with estimate of 60 weeks for completion.</li> <li>• Considering upgrade of offices for Seedbank staff given there is about 1klm distance between offices</li> <li>• Restructure at Parks – more money coming including additional staff for horticultural team and seed bank team. Gardens in better financial state than it has been for some time.</li> <li>• Amelia Martyn Yenson has commenced as National Coordinator of the Australian Seed Bank Partnership</li> <li>• Intentional push from Federal Government to improve plant conservation around Australia.</li> </ul>		Noted
4.2	ANBG General Manager - Peter Byron	See above		
4.3	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer – Helen McHugh	<p>Helen has provided reports on her verbal presentations and requested that these reports be attached to the minutes of this meeting. These cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Science Learning Hub</li> <li>• Calendar of events June to September, particularly Megafauna in July</li> </ul> <p>Helen also reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Plant Trail route and map will be changed on Friday. This is a make good action after construction blocked access to several of the previous stops.</li> <li>• ANBG is currently completing a Key Audit and has asked the Friends Council to provide information on the Keys Issued to Friends as part of the Audit. Responses are due by end of June 2023.</li> </ul>		Noted

4.4	President's Report – Neville Page	<p>Linda read the President's Report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treasurer Anne Holmes has, for compelling reasons, given notice of her resignation from Council and from the Public Fund Management Committee to take effect no later than 31 August 2023. We need to find a new Treasurer. If Council Members are interested in taking on the role, or if they know someone who is interested, please contact me. I will advertise the vacancy in the June eBulletin.</li> <li>2. The June 2023 eBulletin will be published next week. If Council Members have items for inclusion, please email them to me not later than 5.00pm on Tuesday 13 June.</li> <li>3. The Friends Strategic Plan is due for review. I would like to foreshadow a discussion on the Strategic Plan for the July 2023 Council Meeting. We will put the Plan up on Google Drive in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>4. Barbara Podger has pointed out that the date of the Annual General Meeting is usually notified in the August issue of Fronds. The third Thursday of October 2023 is 19 October commencing at 3pm. It was noted by Council that this date is suitable.</li> <li>5. This is the time of year when Life Membership nominations are invited. Further information will be sent to Council members and Convenors of Special Interest Groups</li> </ol>		Noted
4.5	Treasurer's Report - Anne Holmes	<p>This report deals with the financial statements (Balance Sheet and Income Statement) for the month of May 2023. The Treasurer advised that the Botanical Art Group Exhibition raised \$13,260.20. The Friends surplus after paying artists, etc, was \$3,056.47. BAG holding workshops and raised \$2,100 which will be donated to Friends.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> That the Treasurer's Report for May 2023 be accepted.</p>	M: A Holmes S: S Serjeantson	Passed
4.6	Meeting botanic interests of Friends – Progress report	ANBG and Plant Science Group are working on the joint paper to Council.		Noted
4.7	Governance report	This report deals with Council's Strategic Plan 2020 Goal 4 – Governance and management: To provide effective governance and management. The Governance Report highlights some opportunities for improvement.		Noted

4.8	Project Committee - Proposal for Foyer Exhibition	<p>This report outlines the ANBG’s proposal for a conservation exhibition in the foyer of the Visitors Centre with indicative costings of \$82,015 in which the ANBG is seeking support to the equivalent of \$82,000.</p> <p>The Public Funds Committee has recommended that Council and the Public fund Management Committee agree to proceed and support the proposal with a funding contribution from both the Council and the Public Fund Committee to the ANBG totalling \$82,000.</p> <p>This resolution deals with the Council's contribution to the ANBG for Foyer Exhibition. Congratulation were extended to the Project</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b></p> <p>a. Council and the Public Fund Management Committee agree to the proposal to construct an exhibition in the foyer of the Visitors Centre, consistent with the design set out in Attachments A and A1, and that the aggregate contribution toward the project be \$82,000.</p> <p>b. Council noted that the exhibition will showcase the ANBG’s broad role in science and conservation.</p> <p>c. Council noted the recommendation that Friends contribute \$32,000 toward the aggregate amount referred to in (a) above. However this amount is to be finalised at the 13 July 2023 meeting</p> <p>d. Public Fund Management Committee agree that the Fund contribute \$50,000 toward the aggregate amount referred to in (a) above. However this amount is to be finalised at the 13 July 2023 meeting.</p> <p>e. Council agree that the ANBG consult representatives of the Project Committee in finalising the text in Attachment A1.</p>	<p>a. M: L Beveridge S: A Holmes</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e. M: L Beveridge c. S Serjeantson</p>	<p>a. Passed</p> <p>b. Noted</p> <p>c. Noted</p> <p>d. Noted</p> <p>e. Passed</p>
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4.9	IT Strategy report	Nil Report		
<b>5 Friends Groups</b>			<b>Conveners</b>	
5.1	Photographic Group	Nil Report	Stephen Playford	
5.2	Botanic Art Group	The exhibition of photographs and botanic art that have been donated by Friends of ANBG to the ANBG will be 1-19 November. The official opening is being planned for 5:30pm Tuesday 31 October. Council members are asked to 'save the date', please?	Wendy Antoniak	
5.3	Flowers, Fruit and Foliage	Nil Report	Ben Walcott	
5.4	Growing Friends	Nil Report	Maurice Hermann	
5.5	Plant Science Group	Nil Report	John Busby	
5.6	Thursday Talks	Thursday Talks going along well. Program for August to November will be in August issue of Fronds. There will be two special Megafauna Talks; Dr Liz Reed, University of Adelaide, will give a talk on <i>Australia's fossil caves: underground archives of past biodiversity</i> , and Bronwyn Saunders will tell the story of her new book and Diprotodon Herd Insights on 24 August.	Linda Beveridge	
5.7	Social Events and Activities	Nil Report	Christianna Cobbold	
5.8	Nature Journaling	Nil Report	Lesley Page	
5.9	Membership	Report provided on Google Drive. Summary: 2047 current membership which equates to 2824 total members - slightly more than last year.	Lesley Harland	
5.10	Volunteer Guides	Professional development excursion	Kerry Moir	

	<p>In late March 29 Guides went on a professional development excursion to the south coast. The excursion was funded by the ANBG and the aim was to increase our knowledge of coastal vegetation and to learn more about the impact of fire and controlled burning. We visited the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens (ERBG) at Mogo and the Burrawang Coastal Club near Tomakin. We were well looked after at both locations with interesting presentations and walks. Guides were amazed by the extent of regeneration following the devastating fires at ERBG, and impressed by the management of the original vegetation at Burrawang, including the use of cultural burning. Feedback from the excursion was extremely positive and indicated its value in terms of professional development and building cohesion in the group following Covid. The Guides were very grateful to the ANBG for supporting the excursion.</p> <p>In early May 24 members of the Friends of the ERBG visited the ANBG as our guests. They were given morning tea when they arrived and then visited the Growing Friends to learn more about their activities and were then taken on a guided walk. They also visited the exhibition at the Visitor Centre and the bookshop. Feedback from the group has been very positive.</p> <p>Many thanks to Pam Cooke who was the main organiser of both activities, with assistance from many others.</p> <p>Themed rostered walks</p> <p>Themed rostered walks for 12-18 June will be Story of Australian National Botanic Gardens</p> <p>Themed rostered walks continue to be very successful in attracting visitors to the Gardens. For example, in March there were 62 walks in total with 144 visitors. Of these, there were 14 (23%) themed walks that were attended by 64 (44%) of the visitors.</p>		
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		<p>Conservatory handbook</p> <p>Work continues on the conservatory handbook. Four introductory chapters, the text for all the room cards, and detailed information for many plants have been completed. Detailed information on the remaining plants will be completed by 1 August.</p>		
5.11	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fronds</li> <li>• Broadcast Email</li> </ul>	<p>Deadline for material for <i>Fronds</i> is 26 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for material for the e-bulletin is 5pm Tuesday 13 June</p>	<p>Barbara Podger</p> <p>Neville Page</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Business</b>			Noted
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>			
7.1		<p>The next meeting of FANBG is 13 July 2023 commencing 2pm in the Celia Rosser Room.</p>	Linda Beveridge	Noted

