



30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 September 2018 ANBG Theatre

MINUTES

1. Opening and Confirmation of Agenda

The meeting was opened by the President, Lesley Jackman, at 5.30 pm. The agenda was confirmed.

Attendance

Present: Forty-nine members of the Friends signed the attendance sheet
Invited: Judy West, Executive Director ANBG; Dr Sally Box, Threatened Species Commissioner; Tiffeny Horwood, Acting General Manager ANBG, Megan Donaldson, ANBG.

2. Apologies

Colin Allum, Mr and Mrs Martin Boling, Gai Brodtmann, Anne Campbell, John and Maureen Connolly, Les Fielke, Alan Henderson, Ian Hughes, Fleur Kelleher, Yvonne Kilgour, Svetlana Manns, Jill More, Rana Munns, David and Sue Murray, Valarie Oliver, Jennifer and Don Rowland, Barbara Scott and Dierk and Rosemary von Behrens.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of 29th AGM held on 31 October 2017

No amendments were made to the circulated draft minutes.

RESOLUTION

Moved Christianna Cobbold **Seconded** Glenys Bishop that the Minutes of the 29th AGM of the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Inc held on 31 October 2017 be accepted as circulated (Attachment A).

CARRIED

4. President's Report

The President's Report for 2017-2018 (Attachment B) covered the Friends' achievements and activities over the past hectic year. Of note were the completion and opening of the Paperbark Treehouse, the fundraising campaign by Public Fund and growth in Membership. The President also highlighted some of the commitments to future activities of the Friends in the Gardens such as the Banksia Garden for the 50th Anniversary of the Gardens.

RESOLUTION

Moved Glenys Bishop, **Seconded** Dennis Ayliffe that the President's Report for 2017-18 tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 included the audited financial statements for the Friends and the Friends' Public Fund (Attachment C). The Treasurer noted the regular fundraising activities of the Friends and the Public Fund

campaign, she particularly noted the successfully managed Australasian Botanic Gardens Volunteer Guides Conference and reflected on the significant increase in membership.

RESOLUTION

Moved Christianna Cobbold, **Seconded** Barbara Podger that the Treasurer's Report, including the financial statements for the Friends and the Friends' Public Fund, for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Report by Executive Director

Judy West explained that even though she had been Acting Director of National Parks since early in the year she remained closely involved with the Gardens and through the many changes in executive leaders in the Gardens their relationship with Friends had remained excellent.

Highlights of the year included

- Opening of the Paperbark Treehouse
- Commencement of the Seedbank fundraising campaign
- Increase in visitor numbers, especially school visits
- Progress on implementation of the Master Plan
 - Work with the architects to finalise the Ian Potter National Conservatory with construction due to commence in May 2019 and open for the anniversary in 2020
 - Completion of the Pomaderris and the Research and Conservation gardens
 - Northern Precinct Plan which would be a hub for the horticulture and trades depots and would include a new National Seed Bank building
 - New focus of the living collection to analyse and triage high priority species
 - Commencement of work for the Banksia Garden which would include rare and rarely seen species.

Judy took the opportunity to thank the impressive number of volunteers from the Friends and their contributions to the Gardens, she also thanked Lesley Jackman for her contributions as President.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Council members (for 2 years in each case)

The election for President, Vice President, Treasurer and three Council members was chaired by the Executive Director, Judy West:

- Nominations were received for each of the positions of President, Treasurer and the three Council members. Personal profiles for nominees were included in the agenda papers. No nomination was received for the position of Vice President.
- Judy West declared the following positions filled:
 - President – Max Bourke
 - Treasurer – Helen Elliot
 - Council – Lynden Ayliffe, Alan Henderson and David More

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2018-19

The Treasurer reported that she was extremely satisfied with the work undertaken by Jeff Brewer of MGI/Joyce Dickson and, after declaring a personal connection with the firm, recommended that the Friends continue to engage MGI/Joyce Dickson for the 2018-19 financial year.

RESOLUTION

Moved Helen Elliot, **Seconded** Wendy Antoniak that the appointment of Mr Jeff Brewer, Partner at MGI/Joyce Dickson, as the auditor for the Friends for 2018-19 be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Award of Life Membership

The President awarded life membership to the Friends to David Coutts in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the Friends of the ANBG.

Alan Munns spoke in support of the award outlining David's long involvement with the Friends. He noted that David became a guide in 2002 and has been active with the Friends ever since, including playing a key role in Booked Guided Walks, founding of the Photographic Group, as a member and convenor of the Projects Committee, and had holding executive roles on the Friend's Council including as Secretary and President.

10. Other business

Thanks were given to the outgoing President, Lesley Jackman, for her years of service on the Friends Council.

Meeting closure

The meeting was closed at 6.30pm. It was followed by a talk by Dr Sally Box, Threatened Species Commissioner on her role as Commissioner and the work of the Threatened Species Commission.