

Nominees for ANBG Friends Council, 2022

President

NEVILLE PAGE

I joined the Friends in 1992, together with my wife Lesley. In May 2004 I helped to set up the Friends Public Fund, and was appointed foundation chair, a position I held for 10 years until 2014. I joined the Friends Council in 2019 and became President in 2020.

I have a passion for the Gardens which I satisfy through my membership of the Friends. I have previously held a number of volunteer roles including Council Member of Charles Sturt University, Treasurer of Ausdance and President of the Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra.

Secretary

VACANT

Treasurer

ANNE HOLMES

Retired last year from a career as a project manager in the information technology industry for both the public and private sectors.

Over the years, have undertaken role of Secretary and filled various positions on Committees for Dog Breed and Dog Obedience Clubs. Enjoyed competing in dog conformation shows and obedience trials, and learning Dancing with Dogs with my dogs.

General interests are gardening both native and exotic, reading, mahjong, board and card games.

Since 01 Apr 2022, I have fulfilled the role of Treasurer for the Friends ANBG. This has been a very busy time for me with Helen Elliott providing her invaluable guidance and support as I learnt the requirements of this role.

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Ordinary Council Members

1. ALAN HENDERSON

I am an enthusiastic but not botanically well-informed Friend of the ANBG. I was a Trustee of the ANBG Public Fund for four years, ending March 2020, including two-and one-half years as secretary. I have been a member of Council since 2018 and convenor of the Projects Subcommittee of Council since March 2020.

In my paid working life. I was an APS officer mainly in Treasury and Prime Minister and Cabinet, eventually at the level of Deputy Secretary in PM&C and Defence. My final job was part-time chairman of the Commonwealth Grants Commission which allocates the GST revenue among the states and territories.

2. CHRISTIANNA COBBOLD

I have been a member of the Friends for 10 years and have previously served on Council from 2014 to 2018. I was convenor of the Guides for 4 years and have been a member of the Social Events and Activities Committee for many years. I am currently the convenor of the committee. I have volunteered at many Friends events over the years and been part of the organising of events as well, such as Wake up with the Birds, Summer Concerts, Friends 30th celebrations, Sundial event and walks for Friends such as the recent Fungi and Bryophytes walks and the upcoming Bird and Butterfly walks. I am an active guide in the Gardens and volunteer several times each month to conduct guided walks, booked walks, Flora tours and Family Secrets tours. I am a member of the Plant Science group and regularly attend Thursday Talks. As well as my long experience as a Guide and a Friend, I bring extensive experience in senior management roles in the public and private sectors in my professional life and in several other voluntary organisations.

3. MASUMI ROBERTSON

I have been interested in Australian native plants since our move to Australia (Canberra) in 1989 and the Australian National Botanic Gardens has been an important source of information and inspiration.

I am now retired, having previously worked for the CSIRO as a research scientist in plant molecular physiology at Plant Industry. My

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interest in Australian native plants includes identification, propagation and cultivation.

I think that the Australian National Botanic Gardens is a place of significant importance, both scientifically and culturally, and deserves our support. I have been asked to contribute as a Council Member, where I think my scientific experience would be of some use in assessing potential projects and in analysing educational and technical activities.

4. VACANT