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1	Approval of Agenda, Attendance & Apologies				
1.1	Approval of Agenda	Neville opened the meeting at 2.00pm and sought any additions/changes to the agenda.	Neville Page		
	Attendance	Welcome to Rod King new treasurer.			
		<u>Council</u> : Neville Page (President, Chair), Linda Beveridge (Vice President) Rod King (Treasurer,) Marg Nicholls (Secretary), Alan Henderson, Christianna Cobbold, Kerry Moir, Masumi Robertson.			
		<u>Ex-officio</u> : Peter Byron (ANBG General Manager) left 3.00pm, Helen McHugh (ANBG Friends Liaison Officer)			
		<u>Invited</u> : Beth Tyerman (Website SIG), Barbara Podger (<i>FronDs</i>)			
	Conflicts of Interest	<u>Apologies</u> : Sue Serjeantson; Anthony Whalen (Acting Executive Director ANBG)			
		Neville called for any Conflicts of Interest to the Agenda.			
		There were no Conflicts of interest reported.			
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting				
		RESOLUTION			
		That the minutes as amended of the Council meeting of 10 August 2023 be accepted.		M: M Nicholls S: A Henderson	Passed

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	Matters arising from previous minutes				
2.1		<p>Policy Template. The Policy Template was omitted for inclusion into the Council meeting papers at its 10th August 2023 meeting. An updated report and the Policy template was included for the September council meeting.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: That, effective immediately, the document entitled "Policy – Template" will be the standard to be adhered to for all current and new policy documents of the FANBG.</p>	Marg Nicholls	M: M Nicholls S: L Beveridge	Passed
3	General Business				
3.1	Key Priorities Review	<p>2021 – 2022 Key Priorities document on Google Drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principally administrative feedback to date from Linda and Marg • No other feedback received on key priorities or projects • Several hours work to bring the document up to date. • It is proposed to hold over until after AGM and new council in November to be included as a priority one 	Neville Page		Noted
3.2	Arrangements for AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated checklist published on Google Drive • Revised Council Nomination form • New Appointment of Proxy form 	Marg Nicholls		Noted

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4	Reports				
4.1	ANBG Acting Executive Director	Apology			Noted
4.2	ANBG General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony finishing on 15th September 2023 • Peter Byron acting Executive Director ANBG from 18 September. • New exec director to start 30 October 2023 • Expansion to include Parks and Science; Drone section • Scholarship program application close 27th Oct. Good applications • ACT ministers for Environment and Planning to visit ANBG 15th September • Presentation to Parliament on threatened species • Conservatory anticipated to open March 2024 	Peter Byron		Noted
4.3	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer	ANBG Friends Liaison report for August listed on Google Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar year visitation up 3.17% to 353,146 • Double number student visitation in August • Judy West to be featured of ABC Gardening Australia 15th September 2023 • Save the date 28th November 2023 Volunteer recognition • New Volunteer Guide intake to take place early 2024 • National Wattle Day Celebrations • ANBG visitor satisfaction benchmarking survey run by SA University to occur first three weeks October 	Helen McHugh		Noted
4.4	President's Report	Report on Google Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy month with Friends activities 	Neville Page		Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held with incoming and outgoing treasurer regarding transition • Acquired 2 laptop computers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plant identification workshops and plant science group. ○ Treasurer • General administrative actions • Publication eBulletin • Stephen Playford regarding template for Calendar 			
4.5	Treasurer's Report	<p>This report was prepared by the past Treasurer Anne Holmes.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance Sheet for 31 August 2023 • Income Statement for 31 August 2023 <p>RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report to 31 August 2023 be accepted.</p>	Rod King	M: R King S: A Henderson	Passed
4.6	Public Fund	<p>Progress report and financial status on Google Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total assets \$132,237 (accumulated, unallocated donations to date) • Funds used to support ANBG with environmental and educational projects 	Neville Page		Noted
4.7	Meeting botanic interests of Friends	<p>Background paper (draft) on Google Drive</p> <p>At its February 2023 meeting the Friends of the ANBG Council passed the resolution</p>	Linda Beveridge		Noted

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		<p><i>That a work group of Friends' Members be formed to undertake discussion with the ANBG Management to prepare a joint report for Council on how the interests of Friends interested in botany can be met in future. Such work group to initially comprise the following persons: Linda Beveridge, Dr Masumi Robertson, Neville Page and Dr John FitzGerald.</i></p> <p>This draft report provides background on Friends' interests in Botany now and into the future.</p> <p>The draft background paper and the proposal are joint paper by Friends and ANBG.</p> <p>Plant recognition group proposal (draft) on Google Drive</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of ANBG encourage their young members to use the Plant Science Learning Hub. 2. Friends of ANBG to promote and encourage student/early career members to apply to the Volunteer Botanical Training Program. Select sessions of the annual Volunteer Botanical Training Program made available to interested members via expression of interest facilitated by Friends Liaison. 3. The Friends of ANBG establish a Plant Recognition Group (PRG) that would operate closely with the Plant Science Group for a trial period of 6-12 months. 4. The Management Arrangements with ANBG be: 		<p>M: L Beveridge S: M Robertson</p>	<p>Passed</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANBG to provide free of charge venue for meetings subject to availability. • Free public plant ID service can be used as per the usual processes. • Consideration of visitor access to the ANH for occasional access to specimens where needed. Requests to be made to Friends liaison. Approval will be subject to capacity. • Requests for ANBG or CANBR/ANH staff involvement to be made through the Friends Liaison. • Access to publications at the ANBG library as per usual processes • Conduct relevant activities in agreement with ANBG management <p>Linda gave big thank you to all involved</p>			
4.8	Project Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information was provided for Presidents Report. 	Alan Henderson		Noted
4.9	IT Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal report given • Provided voluminous feedback to Website developer and considering revisions • Membership brochure redone by Sharon Abrahams using new Friends style guide, has perforated tear off section. Good paper stock. 	Christianna Cobbold		Noted
4.10	Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased interest in the online Spring Native Plant Sale page • Thursday Talks also frequently visited on the website 	Beth Tyerman		Noted

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4.11	Volunteer Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wattle walks – last of themed walks for year • Themed walks very successful • Schools holidays – Secrets of Australian Bush on Flora Explorer • Professional Development excursion Bendora Arboretum and Namadgi national park • Happy the ANBG progressing on Volunteer Guides intake in 2024 	Kerry Moir		Noted
5	Friends Groups				
5.1	Botanic Art Group	Progress on November exhibition	Wendy Antoniak		Noted
5.2	Communications	<p><i>Fronds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started planning for 1 December issue which will include information on the AGM • Welcome items or ideas for articles. Please advise if going to send anything. • Deadlines- regular reports 23rd October and What's on 27th October • New membership brochure printed. Thanks to Sharon Abrahams for layout of the brochure according to the updated Friends Style Guide. 1500 copies printed for \$581.90 • "Extras list" for Fronds to be sent out possible to review the listing of who should be receiving free copies of Fronds • All communications to use Style Guide. • Will prepare a communique to advise of the Style Guide. 	Barbara Podger		

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		E-Bulletin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events for coming month • Inviting people to nominate for council • Notice for AGM 	Neville Page																
5.3	Flowers, Fruit and Foliage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing reported 	Ben Walcott																
5.4	Growing Friends	Neville provided the following information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant sale is planned for 16 September 2023 	Maurice Hermann																
5.5	Membership	<p>Report listing New Members for August on Google drive</p> <p>Report detailing Membership for August on Google drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members 38 • Renewals 9 • Current membership 2102 • Current members 2894 • Lapsed members 213 <p>RESOLUTION: That, with immediate effective, Subscription Rates for new members be as follows.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subscription Category</th> <th>Proposed 2023-24</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ordinary Member</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expiring 1/11/2024</td> <td>\$60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expiring 1/11/2026</td> <td>\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Household Membership</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expiring 1/11/2024</td> <td>\$80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expiring 1/11/2026</td> <td>\$205</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subscription Category	Proposed 2023-24	Ordinary Member		Expiring 1/11/2024	\$60	Expiring 1/11/2026	\$150	Household Membership		Expiring 1/11/2024	\$80	Expiring 1/11/2026	\$205	Lesley Harland Neville Page	M: N Page S: M Nicholls	Passed
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5.6	Nature Journaling	Neville provided the following information Continues to meet on 1st Monday of month	Lesley Page														
5.7	Photographic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning exhibition in November 	Steven Playford														
5.8	Plant Science Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The workshop was a great success 	John Busby														
5.9	Social Events and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cryptograms walk Wake up with the Birds Catering for AGM 	Christianna Cobbold														
5.10	Thursday Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going along nicely, average attendance gradually increasing 	Linda Beveridge														
6	Life Membership responses																
	Life Membership 2023 nominations	Non-voting attendees requested to leave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life membership will be award to two persons at the AGM 	Neville Page		Noted												



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7	Other Business				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends and ANBG accepted invitation to participate in Canberra Festival of Nature which has a focus on Australian flora and fauna • Friends' nominated activities are on the Festival website landcareact/festival • Small number of Friends participated in planting out native plants garden at Floriade • Festival sponsors include hosted Landcare Act and ACT Govt 	Linda Beveridge		Noted
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting 				
		The next meeting of FANBG is 12 October 2023 commencing 2pm in the Celia Rosser Room	Neville Page		Noted