

Council meeting

Minutes April Council meeting

Dickson Room Admin Building

2.00 pm, 10 April 2025

Item	Agenda (responsibility)		Actions
1	Attendance	<u>Present</u>	
1.1	Record of attendance	<p>Council members: Linda Beveridge (LB), Alan Henderson (AH), Rod King (RK), Cathy Robertson (CR), Darrell Porter (DP), Ian Primrose (IP); Beth Tyerman (BT)</p> <p>Ex Officio: Craig Cosgrove (CC); Helen McHugh (HM)</p> <p>Invited Friend: Not present</p> <p>Apologies Chris Mackay (CM), Kerry Moir (KM), Neville Page (NP).</p>	CR
1.2	Councillors' availability and planned absences	<p>Council members reminded to record planned absences in the calendar on shared drive.</p> <p>Noted</p>	CR

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1.3	Approval of Agenda	<p>Motion: Council approves new item 3.6 New members morning Tea and Walk and notes that Item 4.1, the ANBG Director's Report will be the dealt with after Item 2.1.</p> <p>Moved: CR/AH Carried.</p>	CR/BT
1.4	Conflict of interest declarations	<p>Council members are requested to be aware of this requirement.</p> <p>Any to declare?</p> <p>Noted that none were declared.</p>	LB
2	Previous minutes		
	Approve minutes of the previous meeting	Approval of the minutes of the 13 March meeting of FANBG Council. Moved: CR/BT Carried	LB/BT to post on FANBG website.
2.1	Previous actions (not covered by agenda)	None to report.	
3	FANBG Priorities		
3.1	Income Review Working Group	This item is pending.	CM
3.2	Membership system	<p>The Treasurer arranged for the payment of Member Jungle invoice INV-60355 of 19 March 2025 which covered \$438.90 for the One-time Onboarding Fee for Member Jungle and \$2,198.00 for the Acceleration Start-up package.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	RK/ LB
3.3	Website Progress	BT referred Council members to her report, posted on the shared drive. She acknowledged the contributions of Peter Downes and Florentina Floriou in progressing the new website to the testing stage. BT invited all Council members to participate. HM indicated her interest. Council congratulated BT for the progress made.	B/T

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3.4	Walk from ANBG to NAC	LB reported that consultation with Friends of NAC and other stakeholder is underway. CC indicated that he would provide a copy of the previous ANBG Bushland Nature Walk project costings. Noted	DP
3.5	FANBG Policy and Procedures Update	Ongoing	DP
3.6	New Members Morning Tea and Walk	The Report now available on the website. The findings from the New Members survey were included in the report. The recommendations on the frequency of the event and from the survey will be followed up. All involved in the event were congratulated on a very enjoyable and successful event. Noted.	LB
4	ANBG Reports		
4.2	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer's Report	Helen McHugh presented her report, including information about Botanic Gardens Week. Report is now available on shared drive. Noted	HM
5	FANBG Executive Reports		
5.1	President's Report	LB presented her report available on the shared drive. Linda announced that the winning artwork from the BAG exhibition is <i>Bird's Nest Fern</i> by Jenny Mun (cost to Friends ANBG is \$640.00).	LB

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5.2	Treasurer's Reports	<p>Financial reports attached.</p> <p>Request for approval for March 2025 Balance sheets and Income statements.</p> <p>Motion: That the Treasurer's reports be received</p> <p>Moved RK/ AH Carried.</p>	RK
5.2.1	Notice of Banking Change April 2025	<p>The Treasurer proposed that the Friends establish a new NAB account for all completed membership payments.</p> <p>Motion: That a separate Friends Membership Payment Account be established under the Friends NAB account.</p> <p>Moved: RK/ AH Carried</p>	RK
5.2.2	Friends Insurance	<p>Update on Friends Insurance – new policy due in May 2025.</p> <p>Noted</p>	RK
5.2.3	Financial administration	<p>Ongoing. While RK is on leave in May, AH will carry out tasks in association with the Accountant.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	RK/AH/ NP
5.2.4	Lindenmayer Bequest	<p>AH reported on his ongoing consultations with the family.</p> <p>– David Lindenmayer suggested that the Bequest could provide for an annual Bruce Lindenmayer Memorial Lecture. LB reported about the arrangements for the annual lecture were briefly discussed with David Lindenmayer while he was here for a Thursday Talk today and would be followed up in conjunction with the Thursday Talks Team.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	AH/LB

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5.3	Secretary's report	<p>The Membership team reports for March, including the new members list are on shared drive.</p> <p>Arrangements are in hand to order a print run of 1500 Membership Brochures.</p> <p>Motion: That Council approves the new membership applications for March 2025. Moved: CR/ DP Carried.</p>	CR
6.0	Project Committee Report	<p>AH & HM confirmed that the payments for the first year of PhD scholarships have been paid by Friends Gift Fund and forwarded by ANBG to the respective universities. Processing of payments in respect of the second year is awaiting confirmation of satisfactory progress.</p> <p>Noted</p>	AH/HM
7.0	Volunteer Guides	No report this month whilst KM is on leave.	KM
8.0	Friends Groups		
8.1	Botanic Art Group (BAG)	<p>Rainforests Exhibition from 5 April – 4 May</p> <p>Noted</p>	
8.2	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Broadcast emails ● Fronds 	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>April Fronds has been mailed to members.</p>	<p>BT</p> <p>CR</p>
8.3	Flowers Fruit and Foliage	Ongoing	Ben and Ros Walcott
8.4	Friends Nature Journaling	Ongoing	Lesley Page
8.5	Growing Friends	<p>Minutes of February meeting on shared drive.</p> <p>Noted</p>	Maurice Hermann

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8.6	Photographic Group	Report on shared drive.	LB / Phil Green
8.7	Plant Recognition Group	Coming events: 14 April <i>Macrophytes in streams and wetlands</i> The workshop will be led by Dr Jane Roberts, Noted.	LB/ Julia Newton-Howes
8.8	Plant Science Group	Coming events: Special Talk – 12 May guest speaker Dr Alison Pouliot ecologist and environmental photographer. Bookings are now open on FANBG website. Noted	LB/ Lesley Harland
8.9	Social events and activities	LB presented the results of the <i>New Members Survey</i> , prepared by Barbara Podger. A proposal for a second new members event this year will be prepared for consideration by May Council. Noted.	KM & Barbara Podger
8.10	Students' photographic competition	External testing of the portal undertaken by three schools & colleges. Bookmarks about the competition are in April issue of <i>Fronde</i> . Noted. Council endorsed leaflet "Tips and Tricks" for primary students. Copy on the shared drive. Noted.	LB/ Julie Hill

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8.12	Thursday Talks	Calendar of Talks for May to August on the website	LB/ Sharon Abrahams
9	Other business	<p>A. BT requested a copy of the reprint of the Membership. Brochure for posting on the website. Noted.</p> <p>B. In response to a question about Peter Byron's move to another agency, LB explained that at his farewell from ANBG, FANBG presented him with a certificate of appreciation to mark his excellent cooperative relationship with the Friends, a book, and following on from the suggestion that he be given a complimentary Friends membership, this is underway. Noted</p>	
10	Next meeting	Thursday 8 May 2025 2pm in the Dickson Room.	LB
	Executive and Council Meetings	First Thursday of the month 2pm Second Thursday of the month 2pm	

List of attachments to April Meeting Agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft minutes of the March 2025 Council meeting 	Reports not attached and available on shared drive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidents Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIG convenors' reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other reports received after 5pm Monday 7th April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Reports 	

Linda Staveridge
12 June 2025
(note May meeting did not have quorum)
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