

Council meeting

Final Minutes October 2025 Council meeting

Dickson Room Admin Building

2.00 pm, 9 October 2025

Item	Agenda (responsibility)		Actions
1	Attendance	<u>Present</u>	
	AH chaired this meeting		AH
1.2	Record of attendance	<p>Council members: Alan Henderson (AH); Cathy Robertson (CR); Rod King (RK); Darrell Porter (DP); Ian Primrose (IP); Beth Tyerman (BT).</p> <p>Ex Officio: Matthew Parker (MP);</p> <p>Invited Friends: Nil</p> <p>Apologies: Linda Beveridge(LB); Stacie Hall (SH); Kerry Moir (KM); Neville Page (NP)</p>	
1.3	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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1.4	Approval of agenda	<p>AH noted that the ANBG Director's Report was Item 3.1</p> <p>Motion: Council approves the October Council agenda.</p> <p>Moved CR/RK</p> <p>Carried</p>	CR
1.5	Conflict of interest declaration/s	<p>Council members requested to be aware of this requirement.</p> <p>Nil declared.</p> <p>Noted</p>	AH
2	Previous minutes		
2.1	Approve minutes of the previous meeting	<p>Motion: That minutes of the 11th September meeting of FANBG Council are approved with the addition of "some" before SIGs in Item 3.9 and that part of the motion in Item 5.3.1 V "increase household and group membership rates to \$230, with date of effect 1 November 2026".</p> <p>Moved: CR/ DP</p> <p>Carried.</p>	AH/BT to post on FANBG website.
2.2	Previous actions (not covered by agenda)	Nil	
3	FANBG Priorities		
3.1	ANBG Director's Report	Report on shared drive.	MP

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3.2	2025 AGM	<p>AGM on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 3pm in the ANBG Theatre.</p> <p>E-bulletin notices were sent on 24th September and 6th October. The notices had a link to FANBG website for members to access the provisional 2025 AGM agenda, draft minutes of the 2024 AGM, Auditor's Report and signed financial statements, Executive and Council vacancies, nomination and proxy forms were sent as a link in an ebulletin to members on 24th September.</p> <p>A reminder e-bulletin notice will be sent next week.</p> <p>The AGM Check List is on the shared drive.</p>	
3.3	MOU	<p>The 2025 MOU as agreed by Council is being considered by the Department of Climate Change Energy Environment and Water.</p> <p>Noted</p>	DCCEER Legal Team to advise.
3.4	Membership system	<p>David More's Report is on the shared drive</p> <p>Noted</p>	CR
3.5.	Website Report	<p>CR's report is on the shared drive.</p> <p>Noted</p>	BT/CR
3.6	Walk from ANBG to NAC	<p>Verbal report</p> <p>Noted</p>	DP/LB

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3.7	New Members Morning Tea and Walk, and Survey	<p>There was a very good attendance at this event.</p> <p>Report from Lesley Harland is on the website.</p> <p>Barbara Podger will provide a full report to the November meeting. Noted</p>	AH
3.9	Review of Friends' Policy Manual	<p>DP verbal report.</p> <p>PRG updated procedures on shared drive.</p> <p>DP agreed that the Records Management Policy be included in the current review of the Policy Manual.</p> <p>Noted</p>	DP
3.10	Volunteer Recognition	<p>Nominations for Volunteer Recognition are under consideration, Report will be made by LB to November Council.</p> <p>Noted</p>	LB
4	ANBG Reports		
4.2	ANBG Friends Liaison Officer	<p>Helen McHugh's written report is on the shared drive.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	HMCh
5	FANBG Executive Reports		
5.1	President's Report	<p>The President's Draft Annual Report 2025 is on shared drive.</p> <p>Noted</p>	AH/LB

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5.2.	Treasurer's Reports	<p>Financial reports for September were circulated and are on the shared drive.</p> <p>Council is requested to approve the September 2025 balance sheet and Income statements.</p> <p>Motion: That the Treasurer's reports be received and approved.</p> <p>Moved RK / CR</p> <p>Carried.</p>	RK
5.2.3	Trybooking	Barbara Podger remains the primary signatory on Trybooking App and Rod King to be appointed as the secondary Signatory. Noted	RK/Barbara Podger
5.3	Secretary's report	<p>August membership reports Item 5.3 and Item 5.3.1 September membership reports are on the shared drive.</p> <p>Motion: That the August and September new membership applications be approved.</p> <p>Moved CR/BT</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Motion: that the membership reports for August and September be approved.</p> <p>Moved CR/BT</p> <p>Carried.</p>	CR
5.3.1	New membership brochure and related matters	BT and DP explained there were concerns from the membership team regarding the September Council decision to increase Household and Group membership rates to December Council.	BT

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		<p>Motion: that this matter be considered at the December 2025 Council meeting.</p> <p>Moved: CR/BT</p> <p>Carried</p>	
5.3.2	New members morning tea 21/09/2025 report	An initial report from Lesley Harland is on shared drive. Noted	CR
6.0	Project Committee Report	Awaiting advice from ANBG Noted.	AH
7.0	Volunteer Guides	Nil report this month	KM on leave
8.0	Friends Groups		
8.1	Botanic Art Group (BAG)	Report on shared drive	LB/Judy Hutchinson
8.2	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Broadcast emails ● Fronds 	Report on shared drive. December Fronds in production next week. Articles and news items to be received before 24 October.	BT CR
8.3	Flowers Fruit and Foliage	Ongoing	Ben and Ros Walcott
8.4	Friends Nature Journaling		Lesley Page
8.5	Growing Friends	Report from Maurice Hermann on shared drive.	DP/Maurice Hermann

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		<p>Motion: That Council notes Maurice Hermann's notice of resignation as convener of the Growing Friends, congratulates him on his outstanding contribution during the 8 years of his stewardship.</p> <p>Noted Council was asked to note the following GF members in the following administrative positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Convener: Deb Dennis <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Convener: TBA <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Bronwyn Houlden <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary: Sue Waterworth <p>Noted NB GF plant sale for FANBG members and staff only on 25 October. See website for details.</p>	
8.6	Photographic Group	Nil Report	LB / Phil Green
8.7	Plant Recognition Group	The next Plant Recognition Group workshop would visit the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (Forest 20) at the National Arboretum, which grows different species of eucalypt trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses typically found in the Southern Tablelands region of New South Wales and the ACT. The Group will look at the Fabaceae or pea species planted there. Noted	LB/ Julia Newton-Howes
8.8	Plant Science Group	Report on shared drive Noted	LB/ Lesley Harland
8.9	Social events and activities	Noted	KM & Barbara Podger

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8.10	Students' photographic competition (SPC)	Report on shared drive Noted	LB/ Julie Hamilton
8.11	Thursday Talks	Calendar of Talks for September to November on the website.	LB/ Sharon Abrahams
8.12	Volunteer Ambassadors	Final report on shared drive. Motion: That Council extends warmest congratulations to Pat and Warwick Wright on 25 Years of dedicated service as the Ambassadors of the Friends and the ANBG. Moved: CR/ seconded RP Carried	PW/WW
9	Other business		
10	Next meeting	Thursday 13 November 2pm in the Dickson Room.	LB
	Executive and Council Meetings	First Thursday of the month 2pm Second Thursday of the month 2pm	

Approved
Mary G. Henderson