Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens

AGM 14/10/26 Treasurer's report to the Friends of the ANBG

Audited Annual Report

The Friends records for 2025-2026, including original invoices, receipts, statements and notes, were presented in July 2026 to MGI Joyce Dixon ACT for analysis and auditing. The auditor reported that for the financial year to June 30 2026 the Treasurers report "gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association".

The net worth of the Friends for 2026 was,

Gross Income	$204,552
Expenditure	$221,311
Total current assets	$379,629

Income:. Income for Membership is significantly up on the previous year ($111,550 vs $94,590). This membership income increase came with more Memberships but our charges remained the same. However, for the coming year, Council has agreed to alter the 3 year Household Membership renewal rate.; It has increased by $25 from $205 to $230 and is now closer to the $270 you could pay for 3years at the one year rate of $90.
Income for the Gift fund has been very consistent (~ $34,000) and our income from our Art, Photographic and Plant sales has remained strong at about $14,000 for each event.

Expenditure: We supported ANBG for installation of Water Bubblers ($52,000), for PhD Student Scholarships ($22,5000) and $5,260 for Backpacks and Binoculars available on loan from the Visitor Centre. Printing and Postage costs were $22,987 and included publishing *Fronds*. Our IT expenses more than tripled to $20,423 in preparation for the current change in membership records and payments. This latter change involved updating our Web site and we thank Beth Tyerman for that. Simultaneously, David More, Beth Tyerman and the Membership Group including Lesley Harland set up the new automated membership renewal and application system which is now seamlessly recording our Membership payments and donations for 2026-2027.

Future plans: We have at least $80,000 to spend on new projects without reducing the funds held in our Term deposits. We continue to subsidise three ANBG Student Research Projects and, with arrival of the new Projection Microscope, our ANBG support is already $37,000.

Over the last year I have had great hands-on support from Neville Price, Beth Tyerman and Alan Henderson and I thank them all.

Rod King
Treasurer